

The Devil's River News

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TWELFTH WEEK

Army, Marine Enlistments Now Open

According to information from the local Selective Service board, enlistments are now open for the Marine Corps and the Army, but they are closed on the Coast Guard and Navy. The latter will not open until around February 1. Marine enlistment will close probably in the near future, or just as soon as the State's monthly quota is filled.

Miss Melba Kleitches, secretary of the local board, announces that anyone wishing to enlist in any branch of the armed services, must do so through the local board. Any person who is living here but is registered with another board, may apply for enlistment here, and his papers will be sent in to the board he is registered with.

Texans Asked To Build Battleship

Frank Schofield, War Bond Administrator for the State of Texas advises that several sections of the State of Texas have strongly suggested to him that the Battleship Texas should be replaced.

Most Texans will recall that the old Battleship Texas served as Flag Ship of the U. S. Fleet in the Atlantic from 1927 to 1931. This famous ship was launched in March, 1914, and was completely rebuilt in 1925, being converted to an oil burner at this time. It has been attached to the Atlantic Training Squadron since 1937.

A new Battleship to carry the name of TEXAS to the far flung reaches of the Pacific and Atlantic will cost \$100,000,000, and Texans are asked to aid in the purchase of this giant Man of War.

W. P. Truitt, who is an officer candidate in the armored division at Fort Knox, Kentucky, has been made a Lance Corporal. Only 12 men out of a company of 250 received this promotion.

Scouts To Meet In Junction Jan. 22

NEW OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

The annual dinner meeting of the Ranch District of Boy Scouts will be held Friday, January 22, in Junction. Scout leaders will be in attendance from Ozona, Eldorado, Sonora, Rocksprings, Menard, London, and Junction. Ladies are to be the guests of the Scouts.

The dinner is to be served at the Methodist Church Dinner Home, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Conrad Holekamp, district chairman of Junction, will preside, and the program will include brief reports from the various committees and an address from an outstanding Scout leader.

The nominating committee will submit the list of officers for the year, and upon approval of the group, present the president of the Concho Valley Council. H. C. Grafa of San Angelo, will install the new officers. Don C. Baldwin, Scout executive, and Joe O. Galbraith, field executive, will report on the year's accomplishments.

Each Scout leader in this district has received an invitation from Mr. Holekamp inviting him and his wife to attend the dinner. Tickets for the dinner have been sent to E. D. Stringer, V. F. Hamilton, and Boyd Lovelace and may be obtained from them.

DEADLINE SET ON WAR NECESSITY APPEALS

The last day for appeals for certificates of war necessity of commercial vehicles has been set on January 31. These appeals, should however, be in by January 20, so as to avoid congestion during the last few days.

Appeals are to be presented to the Transportation Committee in the AAA office at the Court House.

Cpl. A. W. Awalt, who is stationed at Camp Wolters, is spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt.

Wool Growers To Meet In Utah Jan. 25

According to C. B. Wardlaw, president of the National Wool Growers' Association, the chief topic of discussion at the association's convention which is to open in Salt Lake City, January 25, will be the possibility of the government's taking over the domestic wools.

Wardlaw believes that most producers would favor the government's taking over the wool, although 1942 marketing was considered successful. Ranchers consider the chief threat to producers in 1943 to be the possibility of an increase in the wool stockpiles in this country during the coming year.

Others who will attend the convention are Vestal Askew, secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and Horace Fawcett and Fred Earwood, president and past president respectively, of the Association.

Social Hygiene Day February 3

The Seventh National Social Hygiene Day will be observed in Texas on Wednesday, February 3, 1943, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer and Chairman on Health and Emergency Medical Service, announced in Austin today.

"With the mass movement of men into Army camps, with war industries doubling and redoubling their production, 'boom town' conditions frequently prevail," Dr. Cox said. "Broken family ties, crowded housing, unprecedented demands on medical facilities, lack of knowledge, and prostitution, favor the spread of venereal diseases, which in turn cost millions of dollars in medical care, lost time, inefficiency, labor replacement and accidents.

"Physical fitness not only of our soldiers, marines, and sailors but also of our civilian population, will determine the effectiveness of our war effort," Dr. Cox stated. "We must realize that the nation's defense depends on a healthy civilian population, able to produce needed materials."

Social Hygiene Day, nationally sponsored by the American Social Hygiene Association will be observed throughout the country on February 3, 1943. Army and Navy, labor unions, health and welfare agencies participate in this nationwide campaign and collaborate on protective measures to fight venereal disease among industrial workers.

"Physical fitness is the foundation of a sound defense—the prerequisite for victory," asserted Dr. Cox. "More and more Americans are coming to realize that among the first enemies to be conquered in its present mighty effort are the venereal diseases. There can be no strong nation where bodies are unfit; most assuredly there can be no military victory where disease acts as an insidious 'fifth column' within the ranks."

Sophomore Class Presents Program

Songs by the student body, led by Miss Marie Watkins, opened the High School assembly program, which was put on Wednesday morning by the Sophomore Class. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was then repeated by the students. Sammie Jeanne Allison played two piano solos, and the High School Girls' Chorus sang two numbers, the "Marine Hymn" and "Funiculi, Funicula".

"The Lamp That Went Out", a comedy pantomime, was narrated by Geraldine Meckel and acted by Anne de Berry, Gene Cliff Johnson, Raymond Johnson, and Jimmy Cook.

District W A A C Quota Set At 52

The San Angelo subdistrict, composed of Tom Green, Concho, Schleicher, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Sutton and Menard counties, has been assigned a quota of 52 in a recruiting drive of three-months duration, for recruits for the W.A.A.C. The quota includes forty-nine whites and three colored recruits.

Any woman between the ages of 21 and 45, living in this district, may apply for enlistment at the U. S. Army Recruiting Sub-station in the Federal Building in San Angelo, according to Sgt. Marcus J. Truitt, district recruiting officer.

Mrs. F. M. Jackson, of San Angelo, has been the guest of Mrs. George Hamilton for the past week.

F. L. Meadow Elected Lion Tail Twister

The Reverend F. L. Meadow, was elected new Lion Tail Twister, at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday. J. B. Nelson was the other candidate, and instead of the usual voting method, both candidates collected fines. The one collecting the least number of fines was elected.

Guests at the luncheon were Ben L. Wheat, Bill Wilson of Houston, H. L. Lackey, Russell Davis, Chid Stone and Charles Davis.

H. V. Stokes presented a new member, Charles Davis. Chid Stone, manager of the new Western Auto Store, is a transfer from the Haskell Lions Club.

J. B. Nelson reported that the American Legion would assist the Lions with send-off parties for the men leaving for service with the armed forces.

George E. Smith, chairman of the Welfare Committee, asked for children's clothes to go to needy families. Old clothes of any kind should be taken to the City Hall, and they will be properly distributed.

A film "Trees For Tomorrow" was shown.

Births, Deaths Decrease In '42

Sutton County statistics, taken from the County Clerk's records, show a decline in birth rate, mortality rate, and marriages in 1942, as compared to the figures of 1941. However, divorces in the county for 1942 increased over the number granted in 1941.

Figures for 1942 are as follows: births, 73; deaths, 22; marriages, 32; divorces, 10. The statistics for 1941 are: births, 88; deaths, 27; marriages, 49; divorces, 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rees Honored On Golden Wedding Anniversary

Honoring their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rees, on their golden wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chipman of Bandera, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rees of Big Lake, and Mrs. A. S. Welch of San Antonio entertained with open house Monday afternoon in the Woman's Club Hall.

In the receiving line with the honored couple were Mr. and Mrs. Chipman, Mrs. Welch, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rees. Others in the house party were Mrs. Rose Thorp, Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. Tom Driskell, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell.

Mrs. H. V. Morris presided at the guest book. During the first hour Mrs. S. M. Loeffler and Mrs. Dave Locklin played several piano selections: The second hour Mrs. Jack Mann entertained with some violin numbers, and Mrs. E. D. Shurley played several piano numbers. The program the third hour included vocal selections by Miss Marie Watkins, two numbers by Miss Watkins' Choral Club, a solo by Miss Edith May Babcock, a reading by Miss Betty Taylor, and piano selections by Miss Watkins and Mrs. E. D. Shurley.

The lace covered table was centered with a reflected arrangement of a miniature bride and groom under an arch of fern and tiny yellow flowers. Small pot plants of various colors were arranged around the reflector. Gold candelabra at each side of the centerpiece held white tapers.

The white cake, decorated with pastel yellow and green flowers, was at one end of the table and the silver service at the other end.

Mrs. Rees, the former Miss Pauline Vaughn, became the bride of Robert Rees, January 11, 1893, at the Vaughn home in Center Point. Following their marriage, the couple lived on a ranch between Junction and Kerrville for four years, then moved to Camp Verde. Later they moved back to Center Point where Mr. Rees was a stock farmer and rancher. In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Rees came to Sonora, and for twenty years he was employed at the Sonora Schools. Mr. Rees retired last year and now does carpentering and cabinet work.

W. S. C. S. OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED SUNDAY

Installation of officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service will be the feature of the evening service at the Methodist Church Sunday.

The public is invited, and a special invitation is extended to each member of the Church.

Pvt. and Mrs. Jessie Kring are the parents of a six pound baby girl, born Monday morning. The baby has been named Linda Faye.

New Justice of the Peace



J. L. Nisbet

Nisbet Appointed Justice Of Peace

John Lee Nisbet was sworn in to the office of Justice of the Peace Monday afternoon by County Clerk, J. D. Lowrey. He was appointed by the County Commissioners Court, in session Monday, to fill the two-year unexpired term of George A. Barrow, who resigned the position to become Post Master.

STUDENTS SEE FILMS ON R A F, CANADA

High School students met in the Elementary School auditorium Wednesday afternoon to see two educational films, "The R. A. F. in Action" and "The People of Canada." Similar films have been shown the students before, and they will receive others periodically during this school year.

Farm Mobilization Day Observed

LOCAL PROBLEMS, PLANS DISCUSSED

Sutton County ranchers and citizens met with local officers of the ACA and county USDA War Board at the Court House on Tuesday, January 12, to observe Farm Mobilization Day, and to hear plans for agriculture in 1943.

Most of the meeting was given to talks by representatives of government agencies working in the county.

The program opened, after a short introductory talk by Joseph Vander Stucken, chairman of the county USDA War Board, with an invocation by Reverend R. A. Scranton. The Reverend F. L. Meadow, made the opening address, in which he stressed the things America is fighting for.

E. D. Stringer, superintendent of the schools, spoke on "The School and the Present Emergency," naming the things the Sonora schools are doing in helping with the war effort. Jack Neill, chairman of the War Savings Bond Committee, spoke on war bond sales in Sutton County, and John Lee Nisbet, chairman of the local rationing board, spoke on "Rationing," giving some highlights of rationing in the past and what we may expect in the future.

Wallace Dameron spoke on "Range Management" as applied to the work done at the A&M Experiment Station, with special attention to the control of bitterweed. Dr. W. T. Hardy spoke on "Livestock Diseases," and Cashes Taylor, chief of the fire department, gave a talk on "Fire Prevention." H. C. Atchison, county agent, spoke on the work of the A. C. A. in the present emergency, and Miss Melba Kleitches, secretary of the Selective Service board, spoke on selective service and how it works. Miss Dessie Parsons, secretary of the A. A. A., made an announcement on deferred grazing.

Joseph Vander Stucken made a report on "Manpower and Farm Machinery." Mrs. Clay Puckett spoke on "The Press."

After the program, an open discussion was held. Speakers answered questions concerning individual problems and the farm plan work sheet for 1943.

U. T. Naval Cadets Now In Training

Austin, Texas, Jan. 9 — First unit of aviation cadets has "hit the deck" at the University of Texas, and classes are now underway in the new Navy Flight Preparatory School.

The first group of cadets began classwork the day after they arrived in Austin, and will be issued uniforms soon. They march to class, march to "chow" at the University Commons, and bunk in the "U. S. S. Roberts," which was Roberts Hall, University dormitory, before their arrival.

Instructors have been selected from the University's regular faculty to teach such subjects as navigation, physics, and mathematics, and a corps of Navy officers and enlisted men are in charge of the school and of general navy indoctrination work.

Language Students Wanted For Navy

College men meeting specified educational requirements, especially with respect to language courses will, in individual cases, be allowed to volunteer through their local draft boards for naval service to meet an urgent need for specific assignments, it was announced by Lt. Commander J. F. Beebe, commanding officer of the Navy Recruiting Station at Houston.

Those who qualify will be enlisted as Apprentice Seaman, Selective Volunteer, U. S. N. and will be transferred to the University of Colorado at Boulder, for course instruction in languages, the recruiting officer stated.

Certain physical waivers are authorized for the particular group such as defective vision, provided there is no organic disease apparent, he explained.

"College men who believe they can qualify for this language instruction course are urged to make application at once. Selective Service their local draft boards are prepared to accept them for voluntary induction in the naval service for this highly important work.

The procurement of these men for the naval service cannot be too strongly emphasized," said Commander Beebe.

Mrs. E. D. Shurley spent a few days in San Angelo last week.



Hissoner, the Mayor, was unable to be with us in S. O. A. G. this week, his reason being that there is a definite shortage of cotton seed cake and bulky feed used as bitterweed feed. According to his story, he has been scouting all over this neck of the woods for substitutes for cotton seed hulls and maize heads used in these feeds. The story should end happily for the rancher with the news that Buzzie has succeeded in his mission, but as yet we believe he is still looking.

At the Farm Mobilization Day Program held at the Court House Tuesday, we heard some real speakers, all of them local citizens. Every man spoke with real authority on his subject and answered the questions in the open discussion that followed with definite information. The encouraging thing learned at the meeting was that each spokesman for an agency of the government in this county could give an account of things that have already been accomplished in his department toward helping in the war effort and showed what is to be done in 1943.

To brag a bit on Sutton County's patriotism, we would like to repeat part of Jack Neill's report at the meeting Tuesday on the sale of war bonds in Sutton County in 1942. Jack, chairman of the War Savings Bond Committee, said last year when the drive was started and he saw the amount set down as this county's quota, he felt that his job and the jobs of those working with him would be anything but easy. As it turned out, the people of Sutton County began buying bonds of their own accord and to such an extent that the end of 1942 saw us \$61,841.60 over our quota of \$250,200. These figures represent maturity value and include the amount of bonds sold at the First National Bank and at the Post Office.

A look at County Clerk J. D. Lowrey's records reveal some interesting things about Sutton County, its history, and the duties of its officers.

Sutton County, which was a part of Crockett County, until 1889, was organized in that year, and the first court met December 1, 1890 in the G. W. Morris house in the City of Sonora, which was founded by R. W. Callahan, Tom Bertroug, and J. Q. Adams.

The first officers of Sutton County were L. J. Dunagan, judge; J. W. Taylor, T. B. Bertroug, E. W. Wall and O. H. Word, commissioners; J. T. McConnell, sheriff, and W. S. Strader, county clerk, who died and was replaced by W. B. Silliman; W. R. Rudicell, tax assessor; L. N. Halbert, county attorney; John McNicol, surveyor; Drs. J. T. Wood and C. R. Mathis, health officers, and J. E. Fulcher, sheep inspector.

The Court House contract was awarded to Z. D. Grafford in 1889 for \$27,706, and Oscar Ruffine of San Angelo was the architect. The County jail was built by the Paula Manufacturing Co.

Local legend has it that court was held in the upstairs room of the Morris Saloon, until the court house was completed. When there was a case to be tried, poker tables were cleared, the meeting called to order, and the law proceeded with the business in hand. Whether prisoners were also kept in the saloon is a matter of conjecture.

Present County officers are Alvis Johnson, county judge, who presides over county and commissioners' court; Leo Brown, sheriff, whose duties include that of peace officer, tax assessor and collector; J. D. Lowrey, county clerk, recorder of county, district court and county court records, and Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, county treasurer, who receives and pays out county funds.

Also E. C. Saunders, surveyor, who surveys county lots and lands; George A. Wynn, attorney, who tries cases in county court; commissioners, Joe Logan, W. H. Karnes, J. V. Alley and C. W. Adams, supervisors of county business, and John Lee Nisbet, justice of the peace, who tries minor offenses and assesses fines for misdemeanors.

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Announcements

From The Churches



Methodist Church

Men's Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
 Social 6:30 p. m.
 League Service 7: p. m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services held every second Sunday
 in each month by Rev. Evans
 H. Moreland
 Confirmation Class 10:00
 Morning Service 11:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

R. A. Scranton, Pastor
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 Training Union—6:45 P. M.
 Evening Preaching—7:45 P. M.
 Brotherhood—Tuesday nights
 8:00 P. M.

Men's Bible Class—9:45 A. M.
 in Old Bakery Building.

W. M. U. Wednesday 3 p. m.
 Choir rehearsal and Prayer meet-
 ing Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
 A cordial welcome awaits every
 one to all the services.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Of MRS. THELMA BRISCOE, County Treasurer of Sutton County,
 Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from November 7 to December 31,
 1942, inclusive:

JURY FUND—1st Class

Balance last Report	966.50
To Amount received since last Report	70.89
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "A,"	47.36
By per cent Commission on amount received	.07
By per cent Commission on amount paid out	.05
Amount to Balance	1,037.39
Balance	989.91

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND—2nd Class

Balance last Report	9,106.32
To Amount received since last Report	1,156.60
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "B"	5,305.14
By per cent Commission on amount received	1.16
By per cent Commission on amount paid out	5.30
Amount to Balance	10,262.92
Balance	4,951.32

GENERAL COUNTY FUND—3rd Class

Balance last Report	10,275.42
To Amount received since last Report	1,472.21
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "C"	2,248.68
By per cent Commission on amount received	1.47
By per cent Commission on amount paid out	2.25
Amount to Balance	11,747.63
Balance	9,495.28

REFUNDING FUND—4th Class

Balance last Report	751.28
Amount to Balance	751.28
Balance	751.28

SPECIAL SERIES B FUND—5th Class

Balance last Report	19,177.42
To Amount received since last Report	19,284.48
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. " "	37,621.07
By per cent Commission on amount received	19.28
By per cent Commission on amount paid out	37.62
Amount to Balance	38,461.90
Balance	783.93

SPECIAL SERIES C FUND—6th Class

Balance last Report	6,698.68
To Amount received since last Report	232.63
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. " "	6,109.37
By per cent Commission on amount received	.23
By per cent Commission on amount paid out	6.11
Amount to Balance	6,931.31
Balance	815.60

PARK FUND—7th Class

Balance last Report	1,856.79
To Amount received since last Report	234.44
By Amount paid out since last Report, Ex. " "	184.04
By per cent Commission on amount received	.23
By per cent Commission on amount paid out	.18
Amount to Balance	2,091.23
Balance	1,906.78

RECAPITULATION

Jury Fund Balance	989.91
Road and Bridge Fund Balance	4,951.32
General County Fund Balance	9,495.23
Refunding Fund Balance	751.28
Series B Fund Balance	783.93
Series C Fund Balance	815.60
Park Fund Balance	1,906.78
	19,694.05

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

14 Corpus Christi Bonds	1,000.00	14,000.00
1 Pecos County Bond		1,000.00
2 Ellis County Bonds	1,000.00	2,000.00
6 Duval County Bonds	1,000.00	6,000.00
2 Eastland County Bonds	1,000.00	2,000.00
1 Sutton County Warrants	2,500.00	2,500.00
27 Bonds		27,500.00

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SUTTON—

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally ap-
 peared Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, County Treasurer of Sutton County, who
 being by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing
 report is true and correct.

MRS. THELMA BRISCOE, County Treasurer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of January, 1943.
 J. D. LOWREY, Clerk, County Court, Sutton County, Texas.

(Seal)

Happy Birthday

Saturday, January 16—

Jim Perry
 Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet
 Tommy Bond

Sunday, January 17—

Raymond Morgan
 Monday, January 18—
 J. R. Caldwell

Tuesday, January 18—

Vincent Rouche
 Wednesday, January 20—
 None

Thursday, January 21—

Mrs. Joe Brown Ross
 Friday, January 22—
 Mrs. Lula Karnes
 Frank Turney

Zone Meeting To Be Held In Sonora

A Sub-zone meeting of the Slat-
 er Zone Women's Society of Christ-
 ian Service will be held at the
 Sonora Methodist Church, January
 22.

Mrs. Godfrey, of Florida, field
 worker of the Women's Division,
 is to be the guest speaker. Because
 of her late arrival by bus from Del
 Rio, the program will be in the
 afternoon.

A covered dish luncheon will be
 served at 12:30 o'clock. All ladies
 of the church are urged to be
 there, and bring a covered dish.
 Ladies from Ozona, Junction,
 and Eldorado will attend.

Miss Betty Taylor attended the
 Fish Ball at A&M College last
 week-end. She was escorted by
 Glen Richardson. Accompanying
 her to College Station were Mr. and
 Mrs. O. L. Richardson.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

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MISS JAMIE TRAINER, Editor

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Wheats Entertain With Open House

Mrs. Nannie Wheat, assisted by
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Wheat, enter-
 tained with open house and dinner
 Thursday at her ranch home.

Attending were Messrs. and Mes-
 dames Paul Turney, Jack Turney,
 Lloyd Earwood, Fred Earwood,
 Armer Earwood, Lotto Turner, Ben
 Cusenbary, Joe Brown Ross, Har-
 old Friess and children, Jack Neill
 and children, Carson West, Dan
 Cauthorn; Mrs. Belle Steen, Mrs.
 Mack Cauthorn, and Miss Ida Cau-
 thorn.

I. B. Boughton Feted With Party

A surprise birthday party
 honoring Dr. I. B. Boughton was
 given Wednesday evening by Mrs.
 I. B. Boughton.

Mrs. Ben Cusenbary won high
 score. W. T. Hardy received the
 traveling prize, and Mrs. W. R.
 Cusenbary the consolation prize.

A brown and red theme was used.
 Refreshments were served to
 Messrs. and Mesdames Ben Cusen-
 bary, W. T. Hardy, W. R. Cusen-
 bary, Joe Brown Ross, G. H. Hall,
 W. H. Dameron; Mesdames Winnie
 Aldwell, Ella Wallace, and J. L.
 Nisbet.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

MRS. EARL LOMAX SPEAKER AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Last Thursday afternoon at a
 Woman's Club meeting Mrs. Earl
 Lomax discussed "The Nutrition,
 and Rationing of Food."

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and Mrs. J.
 L. Nisbet accompanied Mrs. T. A.
 Williams, who has been visiting in
 Sonora, to San Antonio Wednes-
 day. Mrs. Nisbet will go on to
 Houston to spend the week-end
 with her son, Aldwell Nisbet and
 Mrs. Nisbet.



Help Feed AMERICA!

HELP FEED AMERICA FRUIT

Our Government asks every family
 in America with available space, to
 grow some fruit and help in the War
 effort. Home Owners are urged to
 grow more fruit. Fighting men, our
 Allies, and the people on the home
 front need the vitamins, minerals,
 and sugars of fruit for health
 and strength.

Let me show you how you can plant now—enjoy delicious
 fruits amazingly soon—increase the value of your property
 —help hurry our Victory. Call me. No obligation.

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Plant fruit trees and plants you can depend on to live and
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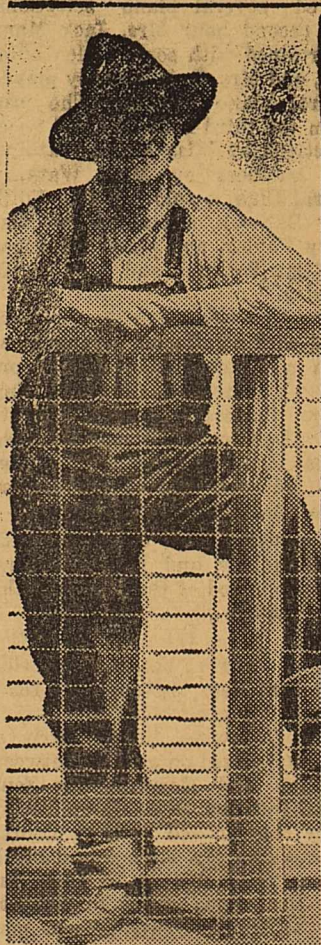
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FEBRUARY 1, 1943

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 with labor so short and equip-
 ment hard to get, but I can
 do it! You can count on that!

Our country has given us farm-
 ers the tools to do it with, and
 we're in this fight to keep
 them, along with our freedom.
 We'll grow the cotton for uni-
 forms and explosives, the grain
 for alcohol, wheat for bread,
 corn for livestock. We'll grow
 enough for you and the armies
 of freedom on every front.

Just keep doing your job, Mis-
 ter. We're in this war up to
 our ears. We've got to
 pull together now, brother,
 one and all . . . or quit!

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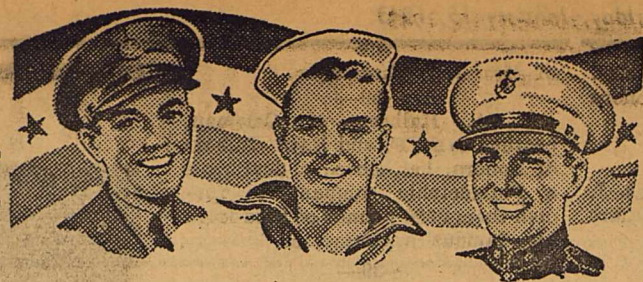
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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

In The Service

Sonoran Finishes Mechanical Course

Rex R. Merriman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Merriman of Sonora, has graduated in aviation mechanics at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. He is now eligible to become crew chief on a bomber and to win the rating as a corporal or a sergeant.

ROLL OF HONOR



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Pfc. T. C. Thiers writes from some place in North Africa, "How's everybody at home? I'm doing fine. We arrived safe some where in North Africa. The climate here is pretty nice. It's pretty muddy, but not so cold. We haven't suffered any, so that's something to really be thankful for. We are on field rations now, but we get enough to eat. Of course it isn't like we've been used to.

The people here can't talk English, and of course we can't understand them. We aren't around them much anyway. I never saw so many kids in my life as there were in the town we landed in, and all they could say was, 'cigarette, candy, and chew gum, please.' They ran along by the side of us until we got on trucks begging for cigarettes. I think we will be able to get cigarettes enough to get by on for awhile anyway. I have several cartons if I can manage to keep them with me.

We've been so busy since we got here I haven't had time to write, and may not get to finish this today. The country here is all farm land and mountains. They farm on the sides of the mountains, and some places are so steep I don't see how they ever work. I've seen a lot of interesting things that I'll tell you about when I get home.

Don't worry about us over here we are doing fine, I think we are very lucky so far, because our officers have all been swell. They are so much better than some I have had, and that means a lot. You don't mind doing anything that



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comes up as long as you have officers that will stay with you and treat you like you are a human being.

I'm sure anxious to hear from all the folks at home. It seems like ages since I've had a letter, and don't know when we will get our mail."

Pvt. Rex R. Merriman, Sheppard Field, Texas, says, "I thought I would drop you a few lines as I haven't written in quite awhile. Things are a little different now. I only like one more night before I finish the Mechanic school. The course has been very interesting and enough fun to go along with the work so you won't get tired of school they were pretty rough on us, but as time went along we got used to it, and then things began to come a little easier."

January 2nd, we hiked with full pack eight miles out in the country to where an airplane was. When we got back we pitched our tents. After we pitched our tents we prepared to pull the engine. We had very few tools, and the conditions were similar to combat zone. Airplanes would fly over close to the ground making us take cover. It was a lot of fun in a way, but the weather was so cold we didn't want to get out in it. By the way, sleeping in those tents with two blankets is just like sleeping in the ice house. Most of us stayed up that night trying to keep warm. After we exchanged engines we packed every thing and hiked back. When we arrived at camp the sergeant told us we were on the shipping list so I guess my next experiences will be in another camp. I will write when I get to my new station. Hello to everyone."

Ensign Peter A. Chase, who is stationed in Miami Orlahoma, states, "I am working my head off at present, and am dead tired. One day I fly mornings, and nites until 12 o'clock or 1 o'clock, and the next day all afternoon."

We are getting this class finished, and I had hopes of a few days leave, but find a new and

larger class will arrive January 18.

Will close for now and don my flying suit. I have been trying to sun, but to no avail."

Jessie Green Barton, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, New York, writes, "I'm feeling pretty good today, but have had a cold every since I have been here, and we're having a little snow today. We changed barracks again today. I'm in B-2 Section 65-E now. We started our training today it will be for six weeks. After that maybe I can get a leave and come home for a few days."

We went up on the Empire State Building Sunday, and it is the tallest in the world. We could see everywhere. It is 103 stories high. I've signed on the visitors list, and I happened to get a Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd from Odessa.

Things are plenty high here in New York.

There were eight Texas boys that left San Antonio with me. I pal around with a boy from Lakey. We work together in the engine room.

There are lots of Texas boys here. I don't think it will be so bad after we learn a little about it."

Pvt. R. W. Hill, who is stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois, writes, "I sure wish that I could have been there for Christmas. I really missed my old home town. I had a swell dinner, but nothing like it would have been at home."

The snow has melted, and it has been raining. I sure don't like the country or the weather. It is not very cold now, but it may get cold later."

I got a letter from Nelson Stubblefield. I sure was surprised to hear from him. He sent me some sand in his letter and said that was his "White Christmas". He said that he went swimming every day down there. I would like to be there, but I had rather be in Texas."

We had a 25 minute blackout



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last night. Search lights were on, and fire trucks going everywhere. I don't know what it was all about, but we had fun while it lasted."

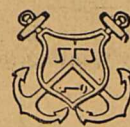
A letter from Francis Wayland Stubblefield, postmarked from New Orleans, says, "My mail is just beginning to come through. I have had about seven letters from Sonora, since I arrived here. Getting mail from home again is just like waking up from a sleep. I'll swear I didn't think so much could happen in the 40 days that I didn't hear from anyone."

I think I am very lucky to be here where I am. There is no actual combat here now. The way the Germans and Japs are losing now I don't think they will have time to launch any new offensives. I wish I could tell you where I am. It is a very interesting place. The towns are not too nice. I imagine you have heard quite a bit about this place."

They have beautiful flowers here. I can't describe them. I don't know about wild flowers because I haven't been exploring yet. I may get enough nerve to attack the jungle some day though. I am going to get a camera soon I hope, and I'll send some pictures home."

At a park in town I saw poinsettias as tall as I am and in a bed about 15 feet long and 8 feet across. The top leaves were all red. The bed was a solid mass of them. Here at camp they have most of the ground sodded and have shrubbery and flowers. They are all in bloom now. I have seen almost all kinds of flowers from zinnias to roses in bloom now. Which reminds me, we had fresh roasted ears yesterday that were raised here. I saw watermelons in town, too. It seems queer. The boys in the jungles trade their food scraps to the natives for fresh bananas. Some place."

T-Sgt. Russell Ponder, whose A. P. O. is New York writes, "I am in North Africa, French Morocco. The climate is the same as California. I have had one pass into (blank). They have large department stores, and shops, the same as in Ameri-



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ca. They are much more modern than they have in England. The white population of this country is French. Once in a while I meet some one that speaks Spanish and that helps me a lot.

This is Thanksgiving day, and we are having turkey etc. I wish I could eat dinner at home today.

I get a big kick out of watching the natives plow, by using one camel and one burro for a team. Never two camels or two burros. There are so many interesting things here. I hope I remember them all to tell you when I come home."

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In the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1942. Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 6211, U. S. Revised Statutes

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts (including \$10,868.20 overdrafts)	\$463,151.56
2. United States Govt. obligations, direct and guaranteed	115,000.00
3. Obligations of State and political subdivisions	383,911.44
5. Corporate stocks (inc. \$6,000.00 stock of Fed. Res. Bank)	6,001.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	624,009.06
7. Bank premises \$13,200.00, furn. and fix. \$2,200.00	15,400.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other estate	3,000.00
11. other assets	13,391.08
12. Total Assets	\$1,623,865.14

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, corps.	1,235,238.70
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, corps.	33,253.96
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	98,613.74
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	22,352.69
19. Total Deposits	\$1,389,459.09
24. Total Liabilities	\$1,389,459.09

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	28,406.05
28. Reserves	6,000.00
29. Total Capital Accounts	234,406.05
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$1,623,865.14

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits	24,000.00
(e) Total	24,000.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets	60,697.99
(d) Total	60,697.99

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SUTTON, ss:
I, GEO. H. NEILL, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. H. NEILL, Cashier
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Born on Friday December 12, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Loss L. Carmichael, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharp returned from New Mexico Monday. They will make their home in Sonora.

Johnnie Jonsson, the sheepman, was in Sonora this week. John says he had a hog killing time Monday, having killed six big ones. Nearly enough meat for the winter.

Ira Wheat Jr. was in Sonora Saturday trading.

Hugh Robinson and Bob Yaws were in from the ranch Monday.

Ed Fowler was in from his ranch Monday wanting to sell some cows.

Mrs. Ira L. Wheat and Mrs. George Hamilton were in Sonora Wednesday shopping.

Mrs. Arthur Stuart and Mrs. J. W. Smith were in from the Stuart ranch Wednesday shopping.

Dick Turner is in town putting up a windmill for W. J. Patterson in West Sonora.

W. C. Mabray was in Sonora Wednesday and took out lumber for his windmill.

George Allison was in from his ranch Wednesday on a visit to his family. George recently bought the Frank Ellis steers.

Casey Hill, who is spending a few weeks at the Middle Valley, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Mayer, was in Sonora Monday accompanied by Mrs. Mayer. While in Sonora, they were the guests

of Mrs. J. L. Burroughs.

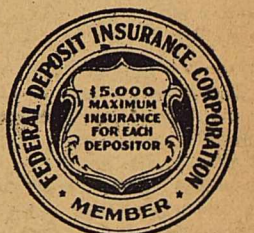
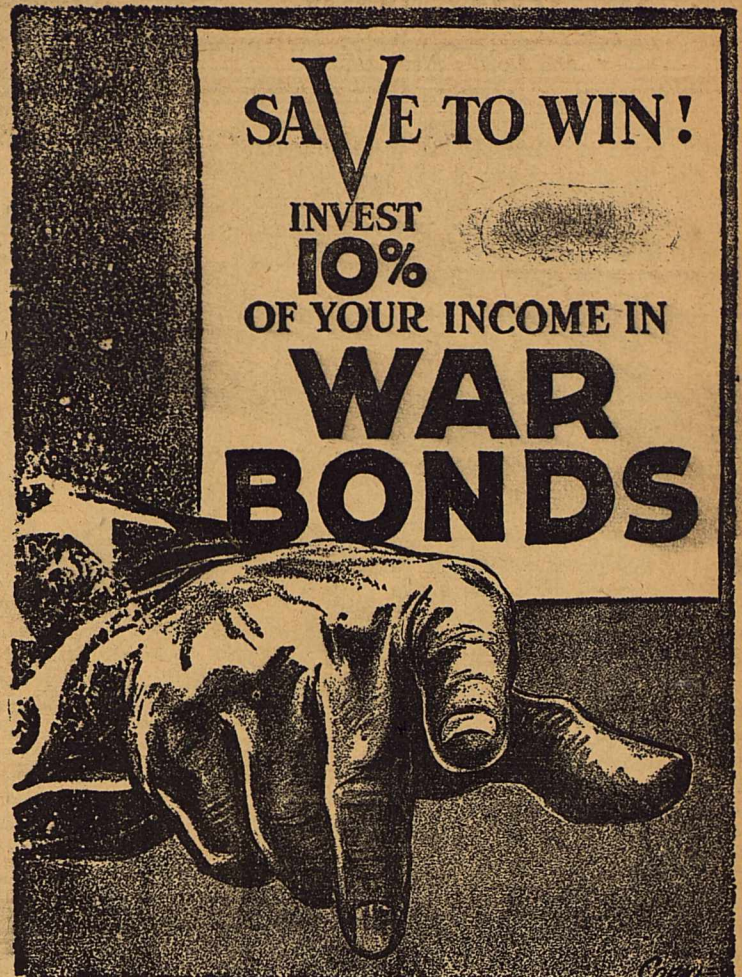
H. A. Halbert, of Coleman, brother to R. F. and Basil Halbert of Sonora, has closed a deal with a Philadelphia company to furnish them 2000 pounds of seed from his famous watermelons.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Murray are in Sonora on a visit to Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Murray arrived a week ago and D. P. came in last Saturday night. They have been making their home in Angeleno Country, East Texas.

The cornice and decorative iron work for the First National Bank building arrived this week and will be put in place at once. The vault doors are on the road and the bank building will be ready for occupancy early in January.

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Miss Marjorie Reba Nisbet, who has been spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nisbet, returned to Stephen College, in Columbia, Missouri, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet accompanied her to San Angelo.

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Friday, Jan. 15 & Saturday, Jan. 16

Texas Oranges - HAMLIN SEEDLESS - - - - - Doz. 25c

SWAN SOAP, Large Bar	11c	FRESH SUTTON COUNTY EGGS, Doz.	40c
RAISINS, 2 Lb. Pkg.	27c	HEINZ CATSUP, Large Bottle	23c
PINTOS C R C BEANS, 5 Lbs.	38c	TENDERONI, 3 Boxes	21c
RED CROWN Vienna Sausage, 2 Cans	29c	LIBBY'S POTTED MEAT, 2 Cans	13c
LARGE LIMA BEANS, 2 Lbs.	25c	GRAHAM CRACKERS, 1 Lb. Box	20c
HONEYSUCKLE SOAP, Bar	5c	BUTTER COOKIES, 2-15c Bags	27c

Spry 6 lb. - - - \$1.55 Spry 3 lb. - - - 79c

Cheerioats, 2 Boxes	27c	LARGE SIZE RINSO, Box	25c
PINK SALMON, 1 Lb. Can	24c	CRYSTAL CITY BLACKEYED PEAS, No. 300 Can	11c
CAMPBELL'S Tomato Juice, 14 Oz. Can	9c	MIX VEGETABLES VEGAL, No. 300 Glass Jar	14c
STEAMBOAT SYRUP, 1-2 Gal. Can	36c	STEAMBOAT SYRUP, Gal. Can	69c
"POPIT" POP CORN, 2 Boxes	19c	LOOSE LEAF Note Book Binders, 2 For	15c

SPUDS, Idaho, No. 2, 10 Lb. 29c

LIGHT CRUST FLOUR, 12 Lb. Bag	65c	GOLD MEDAL FLOUR, 12 Lb. Bag	65c
CALUMET Baking Powder, 1 Lb.	19c	K. C. Baking Powder, 25 Oz. Can	20c

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

NEW CROP Crystal Wax Onions, Lb.	11c
SEEDLESS Grape Fruit, 3 For	10c
DELICIOUS APPLES, Doz.	25c
FRESH CABBAGE, Lb.	4c
FRESH SPINACH, 2 Lb.	15c
Carrots Beets 2 Bunches	13c
Turnips, Onions 2 Bunches	13c
EGGPLANT, Lb.	11c
LETTUCE, per Head	10c

CHOICE MEATS

HALF OR WHOLE CURED HAM, Lb.	35c
HALF OR WHOLE CURED SHOULDER, Lb.	32c
FRESH SHOULDER ROAST, Lb.	30c
TENDER LOIN STEAK, Lb.	38c
CLUB STEAK, Lb.	33c
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