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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hadbert were visitors in San Angelo Thursday.

### P-T-A TO MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 2

The P-T. A. will meet Tuesday afternoon, March 2, at 3:30 o'clock in the High School Auditorium. The Girl Scouts will present a First Aid Drill. Speaker for the program is principal, C. C. Ball, who will talk on "Juvenile Delinquency in Wartime".

### W. S. C. S. Meets At Hall Home

The Women's Society of Christian Service Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. H. Hall with Mrs. J. F. Howell, and Mrs. Ella Wallace as co-hostesses.

The program on Peace was opened with quiet music, "Sweet Peace the Gift of Gods Love," with Mrs. S. M. Loeffler at the piano. Mrs. Howell was leader, and others taking part on the program were Mrs. F. L. Meadow, Mrs. G. H. Davis, and Mrs. Loeffler.

After the program a short business session was held with the president, Mrs. Dee Word, presiding. It was voted for the Society to meet each Wednesday during March.

At the close of the meeting hot spiced punch and pound cake were served to the following members: Mesdames J. T. McClland, C. E. Stites, S. M. Loeffler, Rose Thorp, O. G. Babcock, J. D. Lowrey, F. L. Meadow, M. C. Moore, Clarence Valliant, G. H. Davis, Dee Word, H. V. Stokes, Jane Hamilton, and J. W. Trainer.

# THE WOMAN'S PAGE *Clubs • Parties • Features*

MISS JAMIE TRAINER, Editor Sonora, Texas, Friday, February 26, 1943 The Devil's River News

### "Canada" Topic Of Woman's Club Study

Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary was appointed chairman of Nursing in Sutton County Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club. Nurses for war work are badly needed and Mrs. Cusenbary will head a recruiting committee. Any girl who is interested can get in contact with Mrs. Cusenbary by calling 171.

Mrs. C. C. Ball talked on "Canada, Its History and People."

Mrs. J. H. Trainer, club president, presided at the business session. The president appointed a nominating committee including Mrs. R. E. Duncan, Sterling Baker, and H. V. Stokes.

The club voted to buy \$50 worth of new books for the library. Mesdames Clay Puckett, John Lee Nisbet, and Howard Espy are on

### Miss Ada Steen-Sgt. George Wynn Wedding Read In San Angelo

#### JERRY MECKEL HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Jerry Meckel was honored on her birthday with a party Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Barrow.

Guests included Jim Martin, Bobby Martin, Charles Moore, Aubrey Loeffler, Gene Wallace, J. W. Pepper, J. T. Jackson, Sidney Awalt, Marguerite Howell, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Frances Atchison, Billy Cartwright, Marjorie Dameron, Jo-sette Boughton, Doris Meckel, and George Allen Barrow Jr.

the committee to select the books. Plans were also made for redecorating the interior of the Club Hall.

The Woman's Club has been asked to raise money for a \$250 Scholarship for training one nurse.

Miss Ada Steen became the bride of Sgt. George Wynn at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in San Angelo at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church. The wedding ceremony was read by the Reverend A. C. Donath, pastor of the church.

The bride wore a navy blue dress with a navy gabardine coat and bag, white gloves, and a corsage of gardenias.

Attendants were Mrs. Lawrence Steen of Eldorado, sister-in-law of the bride, and Major Lee R. Clemmons of the San Angelo Army Flying School. Other guests were Lawrence Steen and son, David, Mrs. E. E. Steen and Mrs. Pearl Martin.

Following the ceremony Major Clemmons entertained the wedding party with a dinner at the Hotel Cactus.

The couple left Saturday afternoon for a short wedding trip.

Mrs. Wynn, daughter of Mrs. E. E. Steen, attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Sgt. Wynn, a graduate of the University of Texas, has been Sutton County attorney for several years. He entered the army about six months ago and is stationed at the San Angelo Army Flying School.

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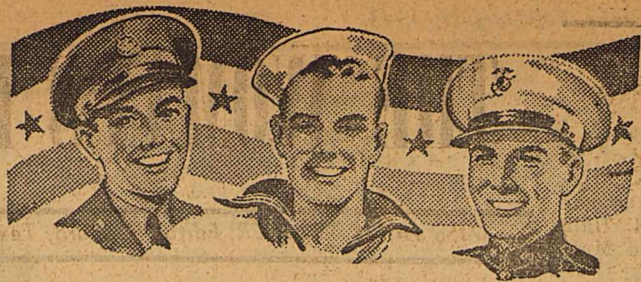
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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature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

Pvt. Oscar Adams, who is now stationed in Truax Field, Wisconsin, writes, "I like it here fine, but it is sure cold. It is below zero now. I started to school on the eleventh I like it alright, but it sure keeps it busy. Just at minute, a guy is asking me some questions. Well, he is through with me so I will try to finish. Here we get all the coffee, milk and butter we want. You know Wisconsin is the biggest dairy state in the U. S. I had started to tell you all about our schedule here, so I'll finish it. We get up at five for reveille, then go to breakfast at six. At seven we start to school. We eat our dinner at ten in the morning, and get out of school at two. After school we have an hour of calisthenics and an hour of sports. So you see after all that, you haven't much time for anything but sleeping."

I am not any nearer home now than when I was in Baltimore. I am looking forward to coming home, although I know I can't, until after I finish this work. They have been talking about us going to school in San Angelo, but I could never be that lucky.

The old wind is really howling here tonight. It is so darn cold it just burns your face when you get out in it.

We will start night classes tomorrow night. I sure dread it.

Well this is about all I know, and it's time for bed. Let me hear from you all often. Hope this finds every one well."



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Johnny Franks, Sea 1/c, writes, "How are you all by now? All right I hope. Did you think I had forgotten? It has been a long time since I've written."

I went to the beach the other day, and did I have fun. I rode everything out there. I am still like a little kid, maybe a little worse. I did have a good time though.

I guess winter is just about over down there. I hope so. Well, I guess I had better close for now."

Marine Pvt. Roy Cooper, whose address is unknown, says, "How are you all today? Hope you are fine. I am You ought to see me now. I weigh 186. I guess it is the chow we are getting because it is very good. I can't say too much, but I am well and in good shape. Don't worry about me."

I went to a dance the other night and enjoyed it.

How did the football come out this year. O K. I guess. I heard that Texas won the Southwest Conference.

I can't think of a thing to say except that I am still o. k. and still like the Marines."

From Pearl Harbor. Vernon Turner Cook, Sea. 2-c, writes, I have not written in the past week be-



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cause I wasn't here. They say they have stopped this air mail system, so I don't guess my mail will travel very fast. It will go by air mail when it reaches the states anyway.

How is everyone at home doing now that the cold weather has about stopped or has it? The last letter I received said it was warm, so here's hoping it still is. If I come home this year it had better be hot or I will freeze.

I am still waiting to get transferred, and am anxious to find out where I am going to be stationed. I am supposed to get a rating when I am transferred. I sure hope I do because that is what I want more than anything except a leave.

Oh yes, while I think about it, I want you to take some pictures of the country around home, and send them to me. Some of the Gobs wanted to bet me that I couldn't find a tree in Texas. They seem to think that it is all sand like the plains are."

Blanton Franks, Sea. 2c is now stationed in Fort Worth. He states "How are you all by now? Fine, I hope. I am in Fort Worth now, and I sure was glad to get back in my home state. I didn't get to see Johnnie before I left. Please tell everyone where I am so they can write me. I guess I'll be home in May. I

## In The Service



COAST GUARD 1

Pvt. Clayton White, writes from Glendale, Calif., "Another day, another \$1.60, and believe me I earned it today for the first time. I had to get down on my hands and knees, an scrub my cubicle. Tomorrow is inspection, and as we say in the army, you've got to be on the beam. In other words, everything must be shining. I'm in inspection maintenance, and today I've done nothing but loaf. I sure am bored. As long as I have something to do o. k., but to just sit around certainly gets tiresome."

Tell dad to try and make it down to see me before the 1st of March because I think I leave near the 4th.

Clayton thinks I'm too fat, does he? He may be right because I now weigh 146 pounds, and just as hard as a rock. This army life will sure make a man out of you.

We had a little contest last night to see who could push a 15 pound lead weight the most. Two boys tried, and one got 64, and the other 63. and of all the others 55 was the best. I ups and go 70 times, muct to my surprise. It rather surprised all of them. The funny part is the two who went 63 and 64 were from Texas too."



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hope so anyway. I don't know any news to tell so I guess I will close. Write me all the Sonora news. I'm always glad to hear from home."

Sea. 2-c Herbert Andrews writes from Kingsville, Texas, "How is everyone at home? I'm doing alright. I will have all of my assignments in Tuesday. Will take my semi-final test Thursday or Friday, then I will have two more tests to take. After that I will be through. You might all hold your thumbs down for me, as I'm on my home stretch. I sure will be glad when I'm through. I've studied so darn hard that my head is just in a whirl."

It's a comical sight here in the recreation hall. Boys are all over the floor sleeping, others are studying, then some are playing games, reading books, and funnies, still others are just gathered around shooting the bull. "Out Our Way" is nothing compared to this. Some of these boys could sleep 24 hours a day and still be sleepy.

It has been boggie down here every morning for the last week or so. We are losing lots of flying time, and have to make it up on Sundays, and at night. That played thunder with our long weekends for awhile.

I am very busy so will close."

## Home From The War

Cpl. Hollis Bricker, who is stationed at Orlando, Florida, spent several days here visiting his father, Clyde Bricker, and Mrs. Bricker.

Lance Corporal Walter P. Truitt spent several days here with his wife. He returned to Fort Knox, Kentucky Thursday.

Cpl. Andrew Randolph, former NEWS linotype operator, who is stationed at Fort Lewis Washington, was in Sonora Tuesday visiting friends.

Pfc. Sam Odom is home on furlough from Camp Bowie. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ban Odom.

Lt. Billy Caldwell, who has been stationed in Canada with the Engineers Corps, is visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell.

Cpl. John W. Bunnell, who is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is here visiting friends and relatives.

Pvt. Keggie Holmig, who is stationed in San Angelo, spent several days here visiting his wife.

Cpl. Alton Hightower, who is stationed at the SAAFS spent the week-end here visiting friends.

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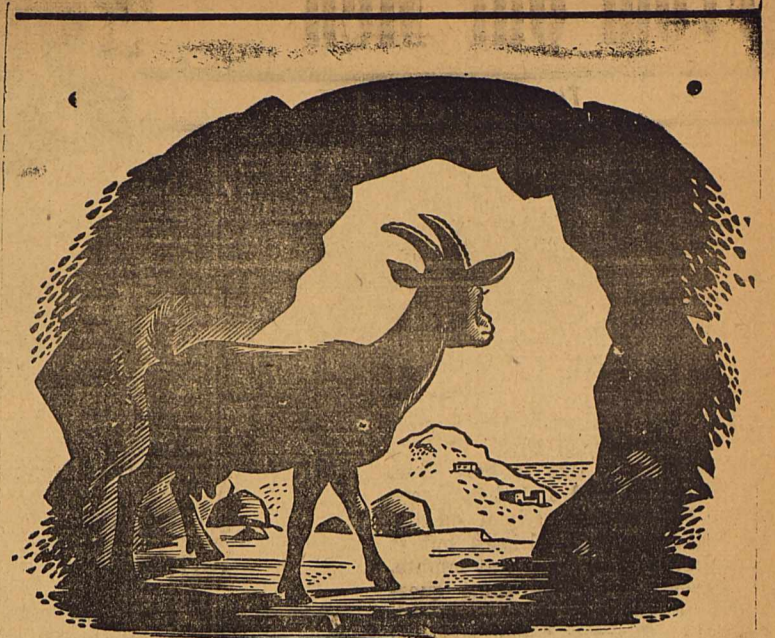
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ALL BRANDS SPINACH, No. 2 Can	11 Pts.	ALL BRANDS Asparagus, No. 2 Can	14 Pts.
ANY BRAND Pineapple, No. 2 Can	16 Pts.	ANY BRAND Peaches, No. 2 1-2 Can	21 Pts.
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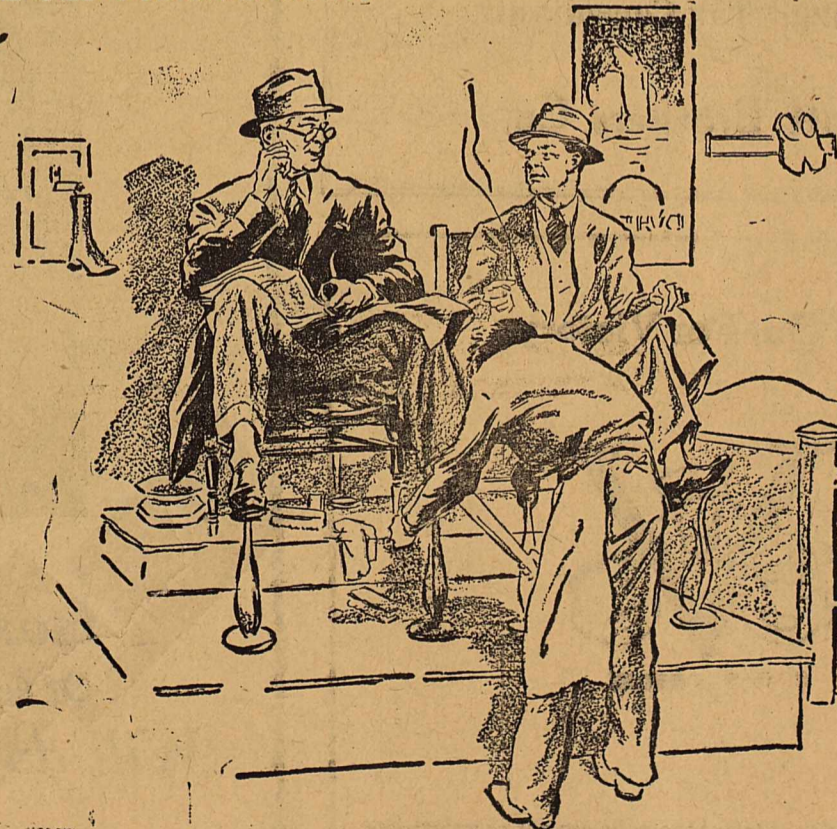
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