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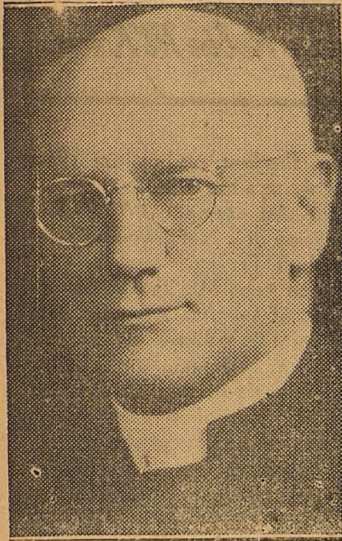
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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

Sonora, Texas, Friday, April 2, 1943

TWENTY-THIRD WEEK

Rt. Rev. W. T. Capers



Rites Held Wednesday For Bishop Capers

EPISCOPAL BISHOP DIES MONDAY

Final rites were held Wednesday afternoon from Christ Church, San Antonio, for Rt. Reverend William T. Capers, bishop of the West Texas Episcopal diocese, of which Sonora is a part, for the past twenty-seven years. The seventy-six year old bishop, who was head of one of the largest dioceses in the nation, died Monday following an illness of only a week.

Bishop Capers is survived by the widow, three sons, Ellison Howe Capers of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; the Rev. W. T. Capers, Jr., rector of Trinity Church of Vicksburg, Miss.; and the Rev. Samuel Orr Capers, rector of Christ Church San Antonio; a brother, the Rev. Walter B. Capers, D. D., of St. Andrews Church, Jackson, Miss.; and a sister, Mrs. William H. Johnson of Charleston, South Carolina.

Bishop Capers' father and grand father were both prominent clergymen. His grandfather was one of the first bishops of the Southern Methodist Church, and his father was a bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of South Carolina.

The bishop was born in 1867 at Greenville, South Carolina, and was educated at South Carolina College, Furman University, Kentucky University, Sewanee, University of the South and Virginia Theological Seminary.

He was ordained deacon in 1894 and a priest in 1895, when he became rector at Grace Church at Anderson, S. C. He also served as rector of Trinity Church, Asheville, N. C. from 1903 to 1905, and as a dean of Christ Church Cathedral at Lexington, Kentucky, from 1905 to 1912.

He was elected coadjutor at a special meeting in San Antonio in 1913 and was consecrated a year later. At the time of his consecration in 1914 he was only forty-seven years old, the youngest Episcopal bishop in the nation. In 1916 he assumed control of the diocese of West Texas, in which position he served until his death.

He first married Rebecca Holt Bryan, who died in 1931, and in 1936 he married Mrs. Louise Meyers of Memphis, Tenn., who survives him.

A recent estimate was made that Bishop Capers, since his consecration, has confirmed more than 70,000 persons. His death is mourned by Episcopalians all over the State as well as by those in his diocese.

Seniors Present Comedy "Pigtails"

Seniors of the Sonora high school presented a comedy, "Pigtails," under the direction of Miss Wilma Elliott, last night at the High School Auditorium.

Members of the class who were included in the cast of characters were Margie Crowell, Justin Odom, Edith May Babcock, Aubrey Loeffler, Betty Taylor, Elena Jean Durham, Lora Dell Try, Nancy Christie, Virginia Adams, Billy Shurley, Sanford Trainer and Doris Nell Prater.

Stage managers for the production were R. W. Wallace and Charles Moore. Others assisted in presenting the program were Jo Beth Taylor, publicity chairman; Hilda Mae Luckie, speech director; Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Marjory Dameron, Wanda Cook and Frances Atchison, ushers; Jo Beth Taylor and Josette Boughton, ticket takers, and Bernice McKee, prompter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt spent the week-end in Mineral Wells visiting their son, Corporal A. W. Awalt, who is stationed at Camp Wolters.

Grace Thomas Honor Student At Sul Ross

Miss Grace Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas of Sonora, was presented as the college woman with the highest scholastic record at Sul Ross State Teachers College in the annual Coronation staged by the BRAND, college yearbook, Friday night, March 26.

Miss Thomas, a senior at Sul Ross, is majoring in Business Administration and is employed in the correspondence division of the college. At present she is president of the local chapter of Alpha Chi, national scholarship society, and is also a member of Schems, women's literary society, and the Spanish Club. In her freshman year at Sul Ross, she was awarded a scholarship cup as the highest ranking freshman girl. This year she has maintained a straight "A" average in her subjects for the first semester, giving her a grade point average of 6.0.

She was chosen by a faculty committee upon her record for four years. As the Scholarship woman, she acted as Maid of Honor to the Queen of Sul Ross, Miss Frances Witting of San Antonio, who was chosen by screen star Spencer Tracy as the college beauty.

Miss Mary Houston of Alice, selected by student vote as the Most Popular College woman, was the other Maid of Honor at the formal Coronation.

County Exceeds March Bond Quota

Sutton Countains exceeded their bond quota by \$81.25 in March by buying \$12,881.25 in Series E War Savings Bonds.

George H. Neill, vice-president of the First National Bank and chairman of the War Savings Bond Sales Committee in the county, has received notice that a nationwide bond sales drive is to be carried on during April. The national quota is \$13,000,000,000 but no State and county quotas have yet been received.

During this drive citizens will be encouraged to buy all series bonds, where before they have been buying the Series E bonds.

Women's Service Quotas Filled Here

Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, chairman of the committee working in co-operation with the recruiting headquarters in San Angelo of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, has announced the filling of Sutton County's quota of two recruits for these services during the month of March.

Miss Ruth Freeman is now serving with the WAACS, and Miss Frances Crook is now on the reserve list and awaiting call to active duty.

COX HELD HERE ON BIGAMY CHARGE

Claude Alvin Cox, 23 of Camp Allison is being held in the County jail on a charge of bigamy.

Cox, who was married to Annie Ruth McBroom of Junction on March 12 by Justice of the Peace, John Lee Nisbet, was also married to Corena Mouser formerly of Junction, in April 1940. The first wife, from whom he was not divorced before his second marriage, resides in Clayton, Oklahoma.

Cox plead guilty in Justice of the Peace Court Tuesday and will be detained in the County jail until the next meeting of the Grand Jury and District Court in September.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, April 3—
Bobbie Nell Gulley

Sunday, April 4—
H. V. Stokes
Mary Wyatt
Mrs. John Lowrey
Mrs. M. F. Logan
Jon Jon McDurmitt

Monday, April 5—
Ray Wallis Stephenson
Wesley Poteet
Mrs. Joe Berger

Tuesday, April 6—
Mrs. George Barrow
Mrs. R. Walter Davis
Ralph Jones
Rev. C. L. Young

Wednesday, April 7—
Eva Barker
L. M. Rouche, Jr.
Tina Ann Taylor
James R. Caldwell
Mrs. O. G. Babcock
Mrs. Bob Vicars

Thursday, April 8—
None

Friday, April 9—
Flora Dell Davis

Red Cross Drive Here Gets \$2,036

QUOTA EXCEEDED BY \$536

The Red Cross Victory War Fund Campaign closed over the nation Wednesday night. The local chapter treasurer, Mrs. Maysie Brown, reported that this chapter had collected during the campaign \$2,036.30, of \$536.30 over its quota.

A committee composed of Mrs. Joel Shelton, Dr. W. T. Hardy, H. C. Atchison, Jr., Mrs. Fred Simmons, Mrs. George Wynn, C. W. Taylor, E. D. Stringer and S. M. Loeffler solicited donations during the campaign. Mrs. Maysie Brown accepted the donations turned in at the First National Bank.

Although the war fund drive ended March 31, donations will still be accepted for use by the local chapter. Eighty-five percent of the amount collected during the drive will be sent to National Red Cross, the remaining fifteen percent being retained by the local chapter.

Post War Problems Discussed By Lions

E. D. Stringer was in charge of program arrangements when the Lions Club met for luncheon Tuesday. He discussed "Problems of Enduring Peace," giving the difficulties all nations, especially ours, will have to confront after this war is won. At the conclusion of his talk, he called on four other club members to discuss individual problems.

H. V. Stokes spoke on our major problems after the war, George H. Neill discussed national economic problems of the post war period, the Reverend R. A. Scranton spoke on the psychological and social problems of reconstruction, and the Reverend F. L. Meadow discussed the question, "Will people want permanent peace enough to solve the post war problems?"

John Lee Nisbet, president of the club appointed G. H. Hall, Lee atrick and C. W. Taylor to serve as program committee for April.

Bayd Lovelace, secretary, read a letter of appreciation from Mrs. C. H. Jennings, which expressed gratitude for the flowers sent by the club at the death of her husband, a former member of the Sonora Lions Club. He also read a communication from district governor, E. C. Hill, stating that the district convention will be held in San Antonio on June 15 and 16.

Visitors at the luncheon were Howard Espy, Aubrey Loeffler, high school student who won the essay writink contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Mr. Smart, deputy State superintendent of schools, and Chief McBee of the Border Patrol.

MRS. I. N. BROOKS VISITOR HERE LAST WEEK

Mrs. I. N. Brooks of Plainview, former resident of Sonora, visited last week in the home of Mrs. Will Perry and Mrs. J. L. Davis. Monday she left for Sheffield where she will visit her son and his family before returning to her home in Plainview.

Major Kyle Gets Purple Heart Medal

Major Wood B. Kyle, of Whitney, Texas, brother of Mrs. Duke Wilson of Sonora, has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for a wound received in action on Guadalcanal. Kyle, who graduated in 1936 from A. & M. College with honor rank both in military and scholastic work, entered the Marine Corps as a lieutenant.

When his commanding officer, Lt. Col. Robert Hill, was flown from Guadalcanal on November 11, 1942 because of being wounded, Kyle was left in charge of his battalion. Of Major Kyle, Col. Hill said, "He's a darned good man, and he's still out there. He was wounded but not seriously, and wasn't evacuated. He was fine and he was going strong."

Major Kyle was moved from the Solomons with a group of other Marines on March 1, and has been at a rest camp since that time. In his last letter to Mrs. Wilson, however, he wrote that he expects to be sent back into action soon. He also wrote that the men are getting restless being out of the fight and want to get back where they can do some good.

Meat Program Discussed At USDA Meet

The deadline for dealers, agents, butchers and farm slaughterers to operate without government permits was announced to be April 1, when livestock dealers, agents, butchers and slaughterers met Monday night at the Court House with Joseph Vander Stucken, chairman of the county USDA War Board. Permits will be issued at the local A. A. A. office.

The meeting was called by Vander Stucken to explain the purpose and operation of the new meat management program. Regulations, which were announced by Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard last week, contain three orders: (1) All livestock slaughterers and dealers must have slaughter permits, and they must stamp their permit numbers on each wholesale cut of meat.

(2) Dealers must obtain permits to buy and sell livestock and must keep records of their operations. Farmers and ranchers will not have to obtain permits, but they will keep records of purchases and sales.

(3) Slaughterers who operate under federal inspection will set aside for war use designated percentages of their production.

Vander Stucken also said that a list of all permits issued by the county USDA War board will be forwarded to the Washington office through the state USDA war board. Those who attended the meeting Monday night were H. C. Atchison, Jr., George D. Chalk, Miss Dessie Parson, Robert Kelly, O. L. Richardson, R. D. Trainer, Seth Lancaster, Vernon Hamilton, Jack Mann, W. L. Davis, G. H. Davis, Alfred Cooper, J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Joe Sanchez, Amador Figueroa and Antonio Garcia.

Troop 19 "Commandos" Give First Aid Demonstration In Angelo

Lead by Patrol leader, George D. Chalk, Jr., the first aid team of Troop 19 took San Angelo last Thursday night without the loss of a man or a piece of equipment. They drove a wedge through the lobby of the Cactus Hotel and dug in at the southeast corner of the dining room where they fought manfully for an hour and forty-five minutes before being able to take the place completely. Each man picked his steak and attacked with the vigor of his pioneer forefathers until the last dish of ice cream surrendered.

After a short period of reconnaissance, they advanced a block and a half to the West Texas Utilities Company district office building where they cornered practically all of the employees of the company. Here they applied the training which had been given them by S. M. Loeffler, chief of all first aid teachers for this area. Within thirty minutes our boys had the whole organization on its feet watching one of the best first aid demonstrations ever made at this place. And to prove that

they knew their stuff, they finished off by completing the demonstration blind-folded.

Without delay, Leader Chalk drove his men toward the Texas Theater at top speed. This attack ended at the top of the buzzard roost where contact was lost with our forces until Boyd Lovelace reestablished contact at a late hour.

Their first message to headquarters after this read: "Let's eat!" With the aid of mechanized equipment, they located the only open hamburger stand in the city and took it bare-handed, even to the last stick of gum. Having no other enemies to conquer, they fought each other all the way home and were last seen charging their own homes, and without the aid of anyone else, each took his objective in short order.

The team sent on this mission were Chalk, Cleveland Nance, Tommy Bond, Dickie Street, Clayton Hamilton and Billy Wright Taylor. They are the winners of Ranch District and Val Verde District First Aid contests.

Vegetables Are Subject Of Letter To OPA

grocers in Sonora concerning the prices and quality of fresh vegetables brought in here by truckers, John Lee Nisbet, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board has written a plea for attention to this problem to the district Office of Price Administration in San Antonio.

Examples used by Nisbet in his communication to the San Antonio branch office are like that of the cabbage shipment received here last week of which he wrote in part. "The last shipment of cabbage received here, was a regular fifty-pound bag from which the grocerman received only twenty pounds of very small, spongy heads which could hardly be considered cabbage at all. This cabbage was harvested before maturity, the large plants packed and sold for cabbage heads.

"... In each of the short weights above, retail prices are going to be extremely high, and it is our opinion that if something is not done immediately to correct the situation, price ceilings and the fresh vegetable business are going to be in a tragic condition.

"... We are interested in being advised just what you are going to do about it."

The problem that arose over the weight and quality of the cabbage shipment received here was only one of many similar cases that have occurred here recently.

C. T. DRISKELL IN METEOROLOGY SCHOOL

Claude Thomas Driskell, senior student at Texas Tech at Lubbock and son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Driskell of Sonora, left Tuesday to report for service with the Army Air Force at Pocomo, Florida. Driskell will study meteorology and, after completing his course, will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

29 Farm Plan Sheets Yet Unsigned

Miss Dessie Parsons of the local AAA branch office has asked that all ranchers in the county who have not signed their farm plan sheets to do so as soon as possible. A deadline is expected for signers and signing before the last few days will remove the possibility of a last minute rush.

Those who have not yet filled out the forms are Alvis Johnson, Mrs. R. L. Hallum, S. H. Allison, Clara Allison, Mack Cauthorn, E. M. de Berry, L. W. Elliott, John Fields, Mrs. Bertha Glasscock, M. M. Stokes, H. W. Turney, Sam Karnes, Sol Kelley, D. L. Locklin, John A. Martin, Jr., J. B. Merck, Ben F. Meckel, Ben Mittle, G. G. Stephenson, Arthur Stewart, Moore and Neill, C. E. Stites, L. R. Valiant, Harvey Walker, Mrs. J. A. Ward and Son, Duke Wilson, N. L. Word and Carrie Wyatt.

A. L. Helps Service Men's Dependents

O. C. Ogden, post service officer of the local American Legion Post, says the Legion is assuming its full responsibility in the war effort in services it can render to service men and their families. Certain government benefits are provided by Congress for the dependents of service men, and the services of the Legion include filing claims for death compensation, six months' death gratuity pay, accrued service pay, National Service Life Insurance payments, hospitalization, and the like.

Dependents of service men, discharged World War II Veterans, and men now in the services are urged by Ogden to come to the local post for any assistance or information they may require.

10 PERCENT OVER QUOTA ALLOWED COTTON RAISERS

Sutton County cotton raisers were informed this week by Miss Dessie Parson, local clerk of the AAA, that they may overplant their 1943 allotments by ten percent without loss of AAA incentive payments, without being liable for cotton marketing quota penalties and without forfeiture of cotton loan privileges. Additional payments, however, will not be made for the acreage planted in excess of allotments, and the increase does not relax provisions which require the planting of at least ninety percent of war crop goals to qualify for payments.

The four producers of cotton in this county are Joe Berger, Lester Shroyer, N. L. Word and A. J. Faught.

DRAFT BOARD TO REVIEW LIST OF UNESSENTIALS

The Sutton County Selective Service met Thursday to review the list of registrants in this county who have dependents but are in non-deferable occupations. This is the first of a series of these meetings which are to be held. Men who are now in non-deferable occupations will, after the review is completed, be given thirty days in which to become engaged in an essential industry. After that time, those who are not in a deferable occupation will be subject to call for service in the armed forces.

Mrs. Manns Hoggett of Mertzon, spent the week-end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrey.

A War Garden Casualty

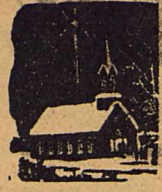


MISS JAMIE TRAINER, Editor

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Announcements
From The Churches



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHANGES IN BAPTIST CHURCH
Evening Preaching 8:30
Training Union 8:30
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 8:30
Brotherhood, first and third Tuesday 8:30
Sunday School Conference, meets Monday night before first Sunday in month 8:30

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Program—
Men's Bible Class 9:30
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:50
Youth Fellowship 7:15
Evening Worship 8:00
Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 8:00
Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday afternoon at the church.
Cordial welcome to all.

Mrs. O. G. Babcock Entertains Club

Mrs. O. G. Babcock was hostess to the Pastime Club last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Berger won high club, and Mrs. S. M. Loeffler high guest. The room was decorated with purple iris. A salad plate was served.

Members present were Mesdames Ella Wallace, Joe Berger, John Bunnell, C. E. Stites, T. W. Sandherr, C. A. Tyler, Rose Thorp and W. E. Caldwell.

Guests included Mesdames T. C. Murray, V. L. Cory, O. L. Carpenter and S. M. Loeffler.

Dock Rape Home Scene Of Reunion

The children and their families of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rape met here at the home of their parents Sunday for a farewell party honoring Carl J. Cahill, who left Tuesday for induction into the Sea Bees, and Pvt. Jack Rape, who is home on furlough from Douglas, Arizona.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richardson and son Rod from Iraan, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dutton and children Duane, Winonia, Vernon, and Jerry from Junction, Mrs. Carl Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Trainer and son David of Mertzon, Mrs. James A. Nettleton of McCamey, Miss Mary Jo Rape and Miss Dorothy St. John of McCamey.

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Airplane Club Meets Friday

Charles Moore, program chairman, discussed the theory of flight and the parts of the airplane, at a meeting of the Model Airplane Club of the Sonora High School, Friday afternoon.

To open the program the club sang "The Army Air Corps Song," and the girls trio sang several popular songs. Sanford Trainer and R. W. Wallace, sergeant at arms, gave a surprise number in which they told several jokes.

The highest ranking officer in the club at present is Alain Boughton, who is a brigadier general. Justin Odom and Dickie Street are Lieutenant Colonels. A member of the club can raise his rank by completing acceptable projects.

Many model airplanes have been built and several good posters have been turned in. The club plans to exhibit its projects in a show window down town in the near future.

SONORA VISITOR COVERS BUSINESS ROUTE BY PLANE

Sonora citizens got a glimpse of things to come Wednesday afternoon when Joe Harrison, traveling agent for a Temple, Texas company landed his small single-motored plane on the municipal field for a short lay-over while making the rounds of business houses he serves in this territory.

Harrison, a friend of E. D. Stringer, said while here that he plans to carry on his traveling business in the future by plane.

ROBERT REES IN CHRISTOVAL SANATORIUM

Robert Rees has been in Christoval receiving treatment for a leg infection the past two weeks. Before going there he was under the care of a San Antonio physician.

Mrs. Rees, who spends part of the time in Christoval with him, reports that his condition is improved.

Mrs. W. B. Dunn, of Forsan, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell.

Mrs. J. A. Kring was called to Lometa last week to her sister, who is seriously ill.

W. M. S. Guests At W. S. C. S. Meeting

The Women's Society of Christian Service met at the Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was opened with a song, and the devotional was given by Mrs. W. E. Wright, WMS member.

A social hour followed. The W. S. C. S. having as their guests the members of the Baptist W. M. S. A salad plate was served to Mesdames Wright, Alfred Cooper, H. V. Morris, J. H. Brasher, Pearl Martin, G. G. Stephenson, Lee, W. E. Caldwell, J. D. Lowrey, J. W. Trainer, Rose Thorp, E. E. Sawyer, Joe Berger, Dee Word, F. L. Meadow, Nellie Allen, J. T. McClelland, G. H. Hall, and O. G. Babcock.

Luncheon Honors Sgt. J. H. Brasher

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer honored Sgt. J. H. Brasher, Jr., who was home on furlough from Greenville, South Carolina, with a luncheon Sunday, at their ranch home.

The house was decorated with cut flowers. Horseback riding, bridge, and taking moving pictures provided entertainment.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Jones, Jr., and daughter Alice Claire, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. W. P. Truitt, Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Sr., Miss Melba Kleitches, and Miss Opal Utt of San Angelo.

Mrs. G. H. Davis attended the funeral of her aunt near San Antonio one day last week.

Mrs. J. H. Brasher, spent several days last week in San Antonio visiting her mother and sisters.

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READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKewn

SOME of the books that make the best reading are those written by men who are not professional writers but who have an interesting story to tell of their own trade. An example is "Trouble-Shooter, The Story of a Northwoods Prosecutor," by Robert Traver.

For almost ten years Mr. Traver has occupied the post of District Attorney in a logging and mining community on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In that time he has devoted himself to all the weird and wildly comic breaches of the law which the human imagination can produce.

Like the country doctor, the country prosecutor is a general handyman for his neighbors. The author's cases have ranged from church-social hairpulling to arson. Once a wild-eyed Finnish worker arrived at his house and announced that he was going to murder his wife, because she insisted on leaving him every Wednesday night to attend a double-feature movie with her father. Another time he walked into his office to discover an escaped lunatic, who was clutching a length of lead pipe, seated at his desk. The maniac announced to him calmly that he was the new Christ and that he had chosen Mr. Traver to be John the Baptist. On still another occasion, he lost an easy case because the opposing lawyer could spit tobacco!

Letters threatening his life he has learned to take as calmly as his morning coffee. On the other hand, some of his best friends are men who have served a prison sentence for which he was responsible. Time and time again, he has been called on as a sort of miracle worker who could solve all and sundry marital difficulties. This is the kind of life that makes you either love or hate your fellows. Mr. Traver loves them—and writes about them with both humor and understanding.

The Book-of-the-Month Club selection for May will be "The Fifth Seal," a novel by Mark Aldanov, a Russian. The book is described as a story of character in the tradition of Tolstoy and Turgenev. The scene is Paris in the 1930's.



Here's a thought for the day, culled from "Insect Invaders" by Anthony Standen. If Mr. and Mrs. House Fly get married in April, by August they may look forward to 191,010,000,000,000,000,000 descendants.

Richard Massock, author of "Italy From Within," heard this story before he left Rome: Said the Italian optimist: "I think we are going to lose this war." Replied the Italian pessimist: "Yes, but when?"

P. T. A. TO MEET

The Parent and Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, April 6, in the High School Auditorium at 3:30 o'clock.

The program will include music by the primary grades.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Trainer, and son David of Mertzon spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. Trainer's parents Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rape, and Mr. Trainer's mother, Mrs. Frances Trainer.

Buy War Bonds & Stamps

When a Feller Needs Another Hand

Butch is in a predicament... one that isn't covered by military training. While he certainly could use another hand, we're betting that Butch will find a way to handle the situation.

In fact, most every businessman, farmer, stockman... every producer in West Texas today... knows just how he feels. They, too, need another hand.

Your Electric Servant has the same problem. Right now, we're being called on to balance good service and low rates against fast-climbing operating costs and shortages of material.

We're doing it, too. Filling every wartime order ahead of schedule in addition to your normal peacetime needs. And besides that, we're balancing a big plate of taxes.

Don't get us wrong. We know the necessity of heavy wartime taxes. We're proud that ours was a sizable portion of the \$620,000,000 in taxes paid last year by America's business-managed electric companies. That was 23c out of every dollar paid for electric service. The total of \$620 million dollars was enough to outfit 1,687,762 soldiers like Butch.

We're proud, too, that there has been no rationing of electricity... and no increase in cost to you!

How is it possible to do this... pay heavy taxes, overcome shortages of material and manpower?

Well, the credit goes to sound, well-balanced business management. And because our trained and experienced organization of men and women are working together as a team.

But while America's electric companies, under business management, are doing all this, government and municipal (politically operated) power systems are not paying a penny in taxes to help win the war.

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Son-of-a-gun has carried articles on the personnel and activities of the city and county governments of Sonora and Sutton County. Our stated purpose at the time was to give the citizens a picture of the work done by these groups, and to carry similar stories on the various organizations in the county from time to time.

An increasingly important part is played here, as all over the nation, in development, cultural and governmental, by the schools. Our school system and the personnel and directors are doing a fine job. This week Son-of-a-gun has gathered a little information on the work they do.

As R. D. Trainer, oldest member and secretary of the School Board says, the teachers are responsible to their superintendent, the superintendent is responsible to the board, and the board, in turn, is responsible to the citizens. By the successful projects executed and the improvements made by our board, we know that each group takes its responsibilities seriously.

In the past thirteen years the Board of Trustees has accomplished an almost fabulous number of improvements. The board voted the bonds in 1929 for the beautiful, modern, well-equipped high school building which was completed in 1930. In 1935 the L. W. Elliott School, built for the Mexican students, was completed. Just four years later, in 1939, the high school gymnasium was built, and an addition was built on the Elliott school. In the same year the teacherage was built. The homemaking cottage was remodeled and new equipment was installed in it in 1941. At this time a garage was built at the teacherage.

Above are the big things the board has accomplished. Every year they buy new equipment, have repairs made, install improvements of all sorts and in all departments of the three schools here.

The seven present members of the board are Bryan Hunt, president, Trainer, secretary, who has been on the board since 1928, Mrs. Wallace Dameron, Mrs. George H. Neill, Joe Berger who has been a member since 1932, J. A. Ward, Jr., and B. H. Cusenbary.

E. D. Stringer, who came here at the beginning of the present school year, September 1942, is the superintendent of the Sutton County schools. He has, in a year of extreme difficulties, kept high standards of education alive here. Starting out with the handicap of being new to the community at such a time and having to replace eight teachers, he has managed to keep the school curriculum going.

If there have been any extenuating circumstances to help Mr. Stringer this year, they were the help given him by the teachers and the principals of the three schools here. C. C. Ball is principal of the high school, Ben Featherston of the grammar school and M. A. Tant of the Elliott school.

The Sonora schools have been affiliated for a number of years with the Southern Association of Secondary Schools, which signifies that all teachers in the schools hold college degrees and that our school library meets the high requirements set by the association.

Sonora high school is an accredited school and has been for many years. That means that it meets all requirements set up by the State department of education, and that graduates of the high school are not compelled to take entrance examinations before enrolling in any state college or university.

The school students this year have, under the able leadership of their teachers, collected over 12,000 pounds of scrap metal and have bought \$3,473.40 of war bonds and stamps. The money received from the scrap metal was used to buy equipment for a commando course which is used in stressing the physical fitness program operating in the schools this year. Besides these activities the schools' different departments organize clubs, the projects being related to their work. The most recently organized club is the Model Airplane Club, the members of which are making model planes for use by the armed forces.

The success of our school system is indebted no little bit to the high type of teachers who have been a part of the system. Four teachers now with the staff are really old times here. Miss Annie Duncan, teacher of history and high school librarian, has been here seventeen years. Mrs. M. O. Britt, whose husband was superintendent of the schools at the time of his death, has been grammar school librarian twenty-three years. Mrs. Rosanna Hildreth, first grade teacher, has served here seven years, and Miss Frances Crook, teacher in the Elliott school, has been here six years. Miss Crook has recently been put on the WAAC reserve list, and probably will not enter active service until the end of this school year.

The Sonora Parent-Teachers' Association has played an important role in the development and improvement of the school system, and soon Son-of-a-gun will deal more in detail with their organization.

The purchase by one major in the Army Quartermaster Corps in New Jersey of 750,000 pairs of dice for soldiers as morale builders has caused quite a little stir up in those parts. Representative Russell of Texas declares that such an action is unpleasane in odor to citizens.

Besides any morale question that maybe involved, it is painful to think of taxpayer's money buying that sort of morale builder. The dice alone are a small item—it's just an example of what wastes may occur.

A recent estimate of the percentage increase of poultry being raised this year in the county over that raised in 1942 has been set at 500 percent. One person interested in the fact said he didn't believe that, if all chickens now set lived to maturity, there would be enough pasturage in the county for them all. This is probably an exaggeration, but there has been a tremendous increase shown. For the first time in many years Sutton County has enough eggs left over from local consumption to ship some out of the county.



I GIVE YOU TEXAS
by
BOYCE HOUSE

Without regard for the legislature, which had set the salary, the executive director of Old Age Assistance has received a \$1,000 increase a year and other officials of the department have received pay hikes too—and it was 11 months before anybody on the outside found out.

Rep. Ennis Favors' committee also has discovered that one man has been holding two State jobs and drawing two State salaries at the same time—\$250 a month as director of appeals and complaints in the Old Age Assistance department and \$7.50 a day as Senate parliamentarian by appointment of Lieut. Governor John Lee Smith.

While all this salary-grabbing has been going on, the pension checks to the old people have been cut \$3 a month.

All these facts taken together are sufficient to turn the stomach of a decent citizen.

When your columnist was editing a "country weekly" for a year up in the northeast corner of Arkansas, a traveling man told me about a fellow in the neighboring state. Passenger fare in Missouri was 3 cents a mile—but, on lines less than 100 miles long, 5 cents a mile could be charged, so this chap built more 99-mile railroads than anybody in the history of the world.

He wasn't much concerned for a fast operating schedule for his trains as he was to hold down construction costs—so, instead of tunneling through a hill or bridging it, he would build around it. Of course, the distance was much greater but he saved a lot of money.

There was a spot on one of his lines where a "jog" of several miles was made to miss a range of hills. Traveling salesmen, knowing this, would drop off the slow-moving train, walk across and

be waiting to climb back on board when the train got around the hills—just to make the train crew mad!

In spite of his economies, the railroad owner had plenty of financial troubles and would get behind in meeting the payroll. One day in Cape Girardeau, he had had quite a few drinks and was walking unsteadily along the street when his heel came down on a barrel stave. The stave flew up and hit him in back of the head. He turned around on wobbly legs, held up a hand and said, "Hold on, boys; I'll pay you off right now."

Always, in the past, whenever a legislator has tried to do something about the loan shark evil in Texas, somebody would say, "The Constitution won't permit that." Well there's a constitutional amendment pending that will permit something to be done and now we will see whether those who always talk about the barrier of the Constitution support the amendment and show that they were sincere in the past, or whether they fight the amendment and thereby show that they just don't want to do anything but are willing for the loan sharks to go ahead and plunder war workers and soldiers. It's as simple as that.

My favorite wolf story is the one that Baron Munchausen related. This great traveler and liar of several centuries ago said he was driving across the Russian steppes in a sleigh when a ferocious wolf gave chase. The baron

Health, Clean-Up Begins Week Of April 4

AUSTIN, Apr. 1—Governor Coke R. Stevenson has named April 4 to 10 Health and Clean-Up Week by official proclamation, and expressing his appreciation for this act, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, declared today, "The old adage that 'cleanliness is next to Godliness' from the practical standpoint is well worth emphasizing."

Cities and towns in Texas will observe this week by conducting clean-up programs of far-reaching range. Scheduled to be included in their activities are cleaning, draining, graveling streets and alleys, cleaning parks and playgrounds, and clearing off vacant lots.

"Destruction of mosquito breeding places and fire hazards, and the proper disposal of garbage and trash will be encouraged," Dr. Cox said, "as well as a thorough spring house-cleaning for cities and homes. Good housekeeping and ordinary sanitary measures demand

lashed his horse into a run but the wolf gained ground until his foaming jaws were so close that Munchausen could feel the animal's hot breath on the back of his neck.

Just as the wolf leaped, the baron ducked and the animal went over his head and, landing on the horses flank, ate clear through the horse and right into the bits—"And," concluded Munchausen, "I drove the wolf on into Moscow."

the prompt removal of all waste matter in and around yards and homes in order to keep the premises clean. This will eliminate fire hazards and help keep the prevent the spread of many diseases, and no doubt much scrap material will be collected which will aid in our war effort."

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ON THE HOME FRONT

The nation's farmers have suddenly become an important factor in the government's drive to stamp out a black market in meat, which has been draining the supply from the armed services, lend-lease and legitimate civilian consumption.

The black market operator not only has been selling meat above ceiling prices and wasting vital by-products, but he has also become a menace to the nation's health, selling meat which has not been properly chilled and which has not been inspected.

In order to stamp out the black market operator, the government has taken several steps which will protect the legitimate slaughterer.

Three orders have been issued by the Food Distribution Administration in connection with the national meat management program. They are:

1. All livestock slaughterers who sell meat, including farmers and local butchers, to operate under a slaughter permit system, and, as an aid to enforcement, to stamp their permit number at least once on each wholesale cut;

2. All livestock dealers to obtain permits to buy and sell livestock and to keep complete records of their operations (farmers are not required to obtain dealer permits but they are asked to keep records of their purchases and sales);

3. All slaughterers operating under federal inspection to set aside for war uses designed percentages of their production.

The permit orders become effective April 1. The set-aside order has been in effect since March 5.

Extension of point rationing on March 29 to cover meats, cheese, butter, fats and oils has raised several problems for the farmer, especially if he slaughters any animals for selling off the farm.

A "farm slaughterer" is defined as a resident farm operator who in 1941 delivered meat having a total live weight of not more than 10,000 pounds. If he is engaged in selling meat in 1943, he must—

1. Secure a slaughter permit from his county USDA War Board (not the OPA War Price and Rationing Board) by March 31. To qualify for a permit he must be operating under federal, state, county, or city inspection, or must certify that he has adequate sanitary and other facilities for slaughtering.

2. Furnish with his application the information called for as to the amount of meat he slaughtered in 1941. If he is unable to do so, he may either (a) accept a quota for 1943 of 300 pounds of meat to be sold or (b) sell the meat from

three animals, including not more than one head of cattle.

Each farm slaughterer is required to collect ration points, according to the official schedule of point values for each ration period, and he must make complete reports on all meat sold or transferred by him. Price ceilings apply to all meats sold, and beef, veal, lamb, and mutton must be graded according to U. S. Department of Agriculture standards.

Regional OPA and Food Distribution Administration officials urge all farmers who are engaged in slaughtering and selling of meat to check immediately with their county USDA War Boards and OPA War Price and Rationing Boards for further information on restrictions aimed at preventing black market operations, obtaining adequate supplies of meat for direct war needs, and aimed at securing the necessary control over the supply of meat so that it can be fairly distributed through consumer rationing.

Farmers who have been meeting increasing difficulties in securing tractor tires received encouraging news from the Office of Price Administration this past week. Tire dealers or persons selling or servicing farm equipment who need rear-wheel tractor tires to serve their customers will be able to get stocks for this purpose, the OPA announced. The amendment to the regulations provides that applicants be allotted enough of these large casings to bring the inventory for each establishment to not more than six. Tubes for these tires are to be allotted on the same basis. Application is to be made on OPA Form 60 to the OPA state director or district manager having jurisdiction over the area in which the establishment seeking the allotment is located.

A developing black market in white seed potatoes, which were being sold for human consumption at fancy prices, has been nipped by government action. Their sale is now prohibited except for planting, and a fixed price carries them 75 cents a bushel above table stock prices.

High protein feeds, needed to secure production of high protein foods, such as milk, eggs, and meats, are so much in demand that supplies of high-protein concentrates must be fairly distributed with no waste whatever, if they are to meet minimum feed requirements this year. There are sufficient amounts of these feeds available, providing that farmers,

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, April 2, 1943

The Devil's River News

40 Years Ago

W. L. Chastain, of Menard, is in Sonora on the lookout for a ranch.

Theo Savell has resigned his position in the Bank Saloon and will devote his time to electioneering.

Lee Huggins was in from the S. G. Tayloe ranch Tuesday to find out how the election is going.

Al Haley was up from his Devil's River ranch Sunday and Monday on important business.

Sam McKee and family were in Sonora Tuesday from their ranch shopping.

C. C. Yaws was in from his ranch on Middle Valley for a few days attending to some business.

Hige Smith the agreeable young stockman, of Schleicher county, was a visitor in Sonora this week.

Texas is best of all. The cattlemen who are leaving the Sonora country do not expect to find any place as good as the Sonora country no matter where they go.

The hospitable ranch of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Brooks, was the scene last Saturday night of much mirth and innocent amusement. The occasion was a moon light picnic and a large number of Sonora people joining Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and family and Mrs. Brook's sisters and the neighbors in partaking of a splendid feast of chicken, salads, cakes, pies, etc. The night was delightful and the company congenial. Those present were loath to depart and were indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks for a very pleasurable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cauthorn were in from the ranch Thursday.

Born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Glasscock a girl.

Mrs. S. G. Tayloe left on Thursday's stage for the San Antonio fair.

C. T. Turney and Uncle Billie Forbes were in Sonora Thursday fixing up some papers in connection with the ranch trade.

Lee Martin, son of Sam Martin of Rudd, was in Sonora this week attending the funeral of his uncle Joseph Terry.

John, Jim, and Lum Hefflin returned from San Angelo Saturday where they had been delivering some hogs to Felix Mann.

feed distributors, and feed manufacturers cooperate in adopting conservation measures.

Dr. H. H. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor of Eldorado, were in Sonora this week visiting and attending the McMillan-Word wedding.

Mrs. Ada Stewart left Thursday for Belton where she will visit her sister Mrs. John McKay for a few months. Mrs. Stewart expects to take in the San Antonio Fair.

Freighters report a congested condition in the freight depot at San Angelo of supplies for Sonora. They say they sever saw the like of it-nearly every package is billed for Sonora.

Buy War Bonds & Stamps

Tayloe and Cornell the lawyers made a professional visit to Ozona this week.

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Mrs. Raymond Pipkin of Rock-springs spent several days here visiting her mother, Mrs. Velma Shurley.

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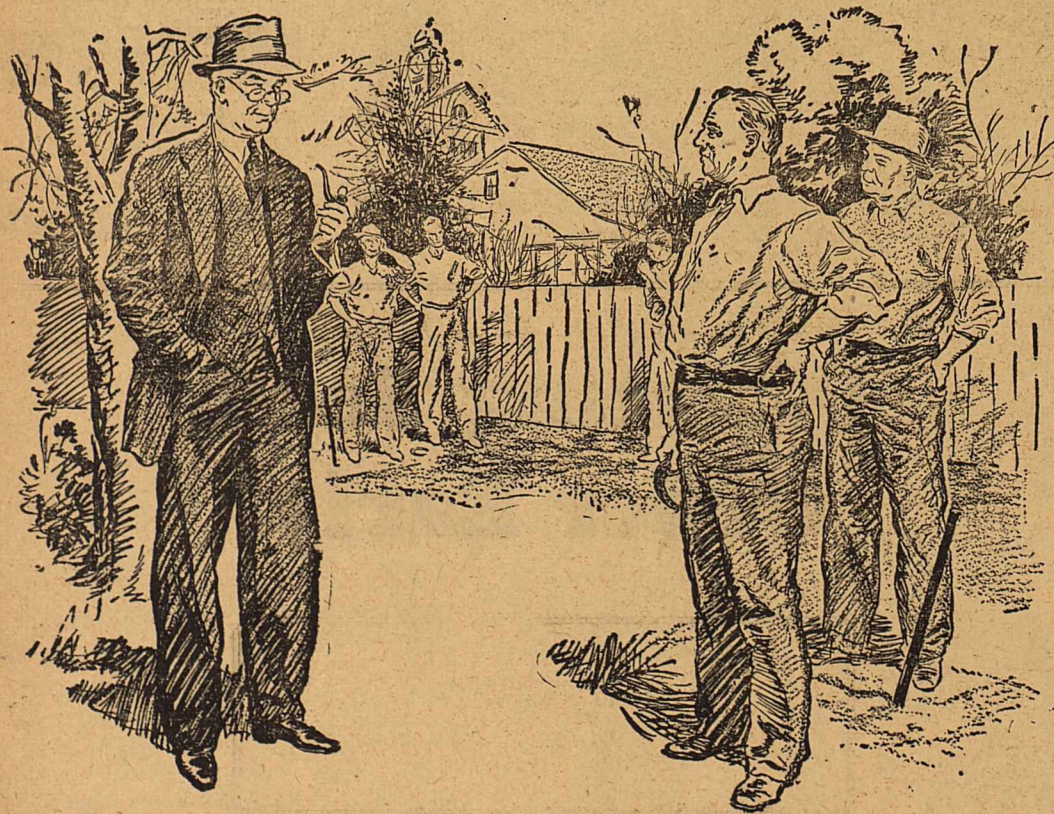
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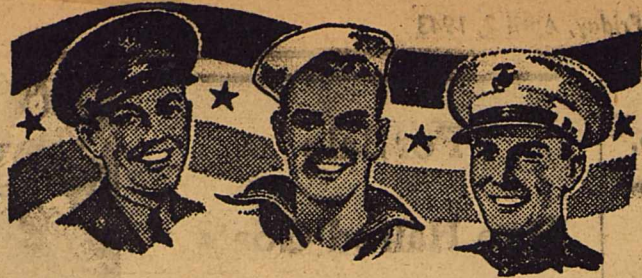
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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"How about joinin' us in a game, Judge?... I'll drop out for a while."
"Sorry, Phil, but I can't today... I'm on my way up to the hospital to see how Frank's wife is coming along. I just dropped by to give you the answer to that question you asked me about synthetic rubber yesterday in the barber shop. I looked it up and found out that the beverage distilling industry's facilities for producing grain alcohol make it possible to include 200,000 tons of rubber

from grain in the government's 870,000 ton synthetic rubber program.
"I also verified the fact that no distiller is making whiskey today. They all stopped making whiskey last year and are working night and day, 7 days a week, producing war alcohol for the government... for smokeless powder, chemical warfare materials, medical supplies, as well as for synthetic rubber. It's a mighty good thing these distilleries were in existence ready to do this important job."



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.

Pfc. Lee A. Joy writes from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, "At last I have enough energy to write.

I really enjoyed maneuvers, and saw lots of new country. I got to see Lake Superior. The sergeant and I took the 4 ton truck and trailer and went to Escanaba, Michigan on Lake Superior, and got a 14 ton bulldozer, and kept it a week and took it back. I drove the 4 ton all the time I was up there, and moved the bulldozer around. The 4 ton has 10 speeds forward and two speeds in reverse.

We maneuvered around Water-smeet and Bruce Crossing, and Ivon River, Michigan. We had 4 feet of snow. The weather was from 20 above to 42 below. Mostly from 10 to 2v below. We lived in lean to's. We would dig the snow out of the ground the size we wanted and put up a frame made from poles for the roof and put pine boughs on the top of them. Then throw snow on top to keep the wind out. The snow would freeze and we would have an ice house. I've slept in a lot of different kinds of houses, but never before an ice house. I didn't sleep cold during the two weeks. Imagine sleeping in a bedroll, when rolled up about 10x16 inches and weighs 10 pounds is made of silk and feathers in two parts. The inner part zips up around you tight, and the outer part zips up over it. I had never taken my shoes to bed with me before. I left them and my sox out the first night. The next morning they were frozen, and I could hardly get them on. From then on I put them in between the two bed rolls and they were nice and warm. Getting up in the morning was all that was bad. I didn't zip both bed rolls up because it made it too warm. We were lucky, no one was injured seriously, only a few blistered feet.

What do you think of having breakfast standing on 4 feet of snow and 42 below zero. We had to wear gloves to eat. I put my spoon to my lip and still have a blister. Cold is worse than a burn. It was rough life. I shaved three times, everytime it was below 20. I would set my mirror in a snow bank by the fire and shave. I hadn't had a bath in 15 days so you can imagine how this shower looked to me.

Our General and Commanding General, and a staff out of Washington really gave us a hand, and



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said we could take it and give it out too. I think I can take anything they dish out now. I could go on, but will quit because its nearly time for lights out. Most Texans think this cold is almost impossible, and you ought to try it. You won't forget it."

Pvt. Roy Cooper writes, "How are you today, Hope you are fine, I am. At last I can tell you where I am. We are now in New Zealand, at a place called the Demain. We have very nice barracks and good chow.

I am beginning to receive my Christmas boxes. They are really nice.

I am having the best time I ever had in my life. I went to a dance the other night, and had a swell time. I have seen some good horse races and many other interesting things. When I get back I'll be glad to tell you all about it.

I think I know where J. R. Hudson is, and I hope to see him before long."

Frankie Franks, M. M. 2c, writes from Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, "How is everyone today, I am doing o. k. I am now in the 84th battalion, and I sure do like it. I am back in the same barracks now that I was in when I went through boot camp. It seems like home to me now. We are going to leave soon. Where we will go I don't know. I think it will be California. They are talking a lot about us coming to Corpus Christi, and I hope so because I will be closer home. I sure like the boys here."

Seaman 2-c Vernon Cook, who is now stationed in New Caledonia says, "How is every one at home getting along. I am doing fine, and have really been through some exciting days lately, and the Commando training is still fine. Don't worry about my being in the commandos because that is not my main duty. That's just in case of an emergency that we will be needed. As you know I am still a radar operator. I was in hopes that I was going to school a little longer,

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but we were shipped out. However I can say I am still on land and like that fine.

This is beautiful country too. You could really go hunting in the jungles. After the war I'll bring you down here. I don't imagine I'll want to see any more of the Pacific Islands then though. Not for a long time anyway.

I've been gone for eight months now, and it seems like twice that long to me. I stay healthy and happy though, and I suppose that is good enough to get by on."

Pvt. Edward Archer, now stationed at Flexible Gunnery School, Ft. Meyers, Florida, writes, "Have I been having fun the last two days. I finished all my schooling here except the flying. We fly eight trips and fire twelve hundred rounds of shells. I'm telling you this is the most fun I've ever had. The first flight I made yesterday my knees knocked so bad I could hardly stand up. When we get out over the gulf we stand up in the rear cockpit of the plane, and fire at a target being pulled by another plane. These ships will fly 300 miles an hour, and I mean fly. You know today I looked over the back seat at the speedometer and we were going 230 miles an hour. I used to think that going 200 an hour you wouldn't see anything, but you know the plane looks as if it is standing still in mid air. It sure is swell. I would not take anything for it. This flying is just like a dream as soon as I am down it all seems as if it never happened, no fooling. I guess I'm one of the lucky ones, for I've never gotten sick and I don't think I will. So many men got sick today that the ones who



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were o. k. flew all day. I would come down and crawl out and get into another plane, and go up again. You can figure what it feels like standing up in a plane going 250 miles an hour. I know you've felt the wind coming in a car window at 50 miles an hour, just compare it to a plane going five times as fast, and five thousand feet above the ground. We tie ourselves down, and still the wind lifts me off the floor of the ship.

Today the lieutenant ask me when I got in his ship if it was my last rounds and I told him it was. He told me if I wanted to he would give me a ride, and boy it suited me. We went up to 5000 feet and leveled off. We were above the clouds, and it is just like a slow mist. It was very pretty. You have seen pictures of clouds, well that is just the way they really are. Then we went up more, I don't know how much, and came straight down to 900 feet. When he started down I left my stomach up there. It sure felt funny, but it didn't make me sick. I can't even begin to tell you how much fun it is. I had rather fly than eat. I stayed in the air over six hours today, and I'd go up right now if I could. I wouldn't take anything for it all.

A fellow was sick today, and the lieutenant asked him if he wanted to stay down. The fellow told him no, that he wanted to go up. The lieutenant said, "Well fellow we have found out who has the guts, but we can't find a way to hold them down."

This is a swell place, we are all training to be one of a crew of ten men. We call lieutenant officers by first names, and they act like one of us, and it sure is swell. I'll graduate here next Monday as a

In The Service

Pvt. Jack Rape, who is stationed in Douglas, Arizona, is home on furlough visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rape.

Sgt. Jim Berry, who is stationed in Paris, Texas, was home on furlough last week visiting relatives and friends.

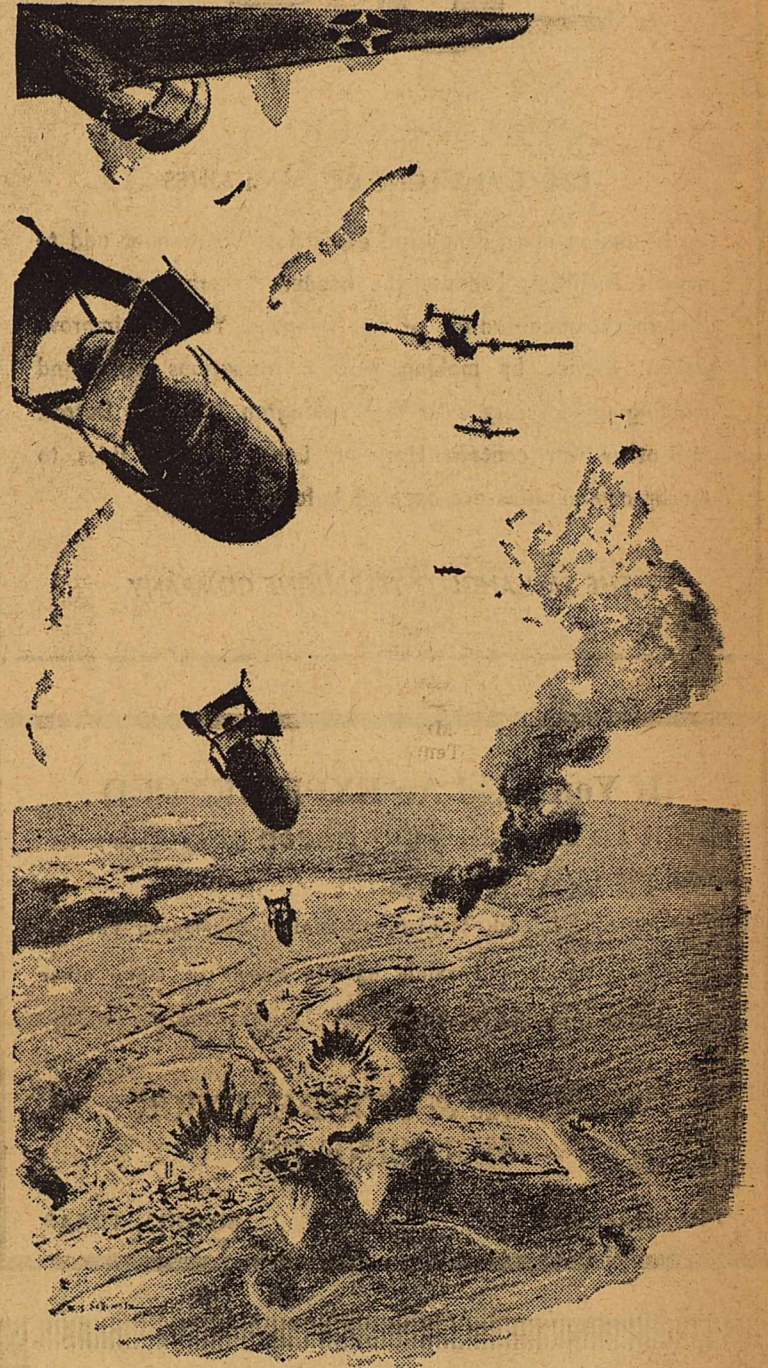
Sgt. J. H. Brasher, Jr., who has been home on furlough visiting his mother Mrs. J. H. Brasher, has returned to Greenville, South Carolina.

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sergeant, and will leave too soon. I don't know where I go but hope to see you soon."

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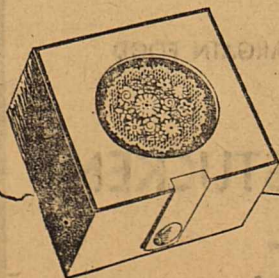
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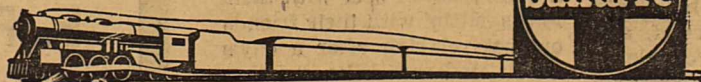
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