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### Girl Scout Committee Meets At Ross Home

The Girl Scout Committee met at the home of Mrs. Joe Brown Ross, chairman, Monday afternoon. Plans were made to continue Girl Scout work in the summer. The Brownies will display work soon in a downtown window. They have also donated \$2.42 for a soldier's kit. Attending the meeting were Mesdames John Eaton, Ervin Willman, M. O. Britt, George H. Neill, J. L. Nisbet and Miss Ura Mae Haggard.

### Mrs. Ella Wallace Entertains Club

Mrs. Ella Wallace was hostess to the Night Bridge Club, Wednesday night. Dinner was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Joe Brown Ross, Ben Cusenbary, I. B. Boughton, G. H. Hall, J. L. Nisbet, W. R. Cusenbary, G. H. Davis, E. D. Stringer, P. J. Taylor, J. D. Wallace, and Mrs. W. R. Aldwell.

### P-T A. Observes National Health And Music Week

The P. T. A. met Tuesday afternoon and observed National Health and Music Week.

The program was opened with the singing of "America" led by Miss Marie Watkins, and accompanied by Mrs. E. D. Shurley. Miss Betty Taylor sang, "Prayer Perfect" by Irving Stensen, and Miss Kathryn Ross played "Country Dances" by Beethoven.

A film, "You Are On Your Own" was shown by the Red Cross.

Mrs. G. H. Davis reported on the District P. T. A. Conference which she attended April, 19-20, in San Angelo.

Mrs. M. O. Britt gave the history of the year's activities. This year the P. T. A. collected over 900 pounds of waste fat; sponsored a salvage drive in which over \$200 was raised and turned in to the Red Cross; collected 115 books in the victory book campaign which were sent to the Goodfellow Field library; gathered 75 pounds of pecans which were given to the poor in Christmas baskets; with the assistance of the Lions Club, fed 25 children in the cafeteria each day, 12 of these underprivileged; sponsored girl scout troops, There are three girl scout troops, and 55 girls in the scouts. The Brownie troop consists of 35 girls, and Mrs. Ervin Willman, and Mrs. Granville Barker are leaders. Fourteen girls make up the Intermediate and their leaders are Miss Mary Lou Creasy, and Miss Ura Mae Haggard. Eight intermediate girls have completed their first aid badge. The Senior Troop, led by Mrs. Beryl Shanks consists of eight girls; purchased blackout curtains for the Elementary School; endorsed and sponsored the bond drive.

It was announced that the year book won an A rating, and the publicity book rated A. In the district they both won gold seal awards.

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

MISS JAMIE TRAINER, Editor Sonora, Texas, Friday, May 7, 1943 The Devil's River News

### Girl Scouts Spend Week-End At Neill Ranch

The Intermediate Girl Scout troop spent the week-end on the George H. Neill ranch working on camp craft, cooking, hiking, horseback riding and out door cooking badges.

Misses Ura Mae Haggard and Mary Lou Creasy, leaders, Mrs. George H. Neill, and Miss Ann Creasy of Ballinger, accompanied the troop.

The girls slept out doors and cooked supper and breakfast out side.

Making the trip were Kathryn Ross, Jane Neill, Alice Adkins, Joyce Johnson, Frances Jane Drennan, Maxine Chalk, Jill Henderson and Patsy Moor.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billie Noelke returned from San Angelo where they had spent several days.

### Piano Pupils To Present Recital

Miss Marie Watkins will present her elementary piano pupils in a recital Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Presented Saturday night will be Lois Ann Mann, Connie Mack Locklin, Mary Elaine Stringer, Blanche La Von Taylor, Peggy Ann Willman, Flora Dell Davis, Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Ernest Carrol Stephen, Norris Loeffler, Jane Neill, Maxine Chalk, Wayne Ogden, James Theodore Hunt, Charles Lee Cusenbary, David Srurley, Frankie Bond, Tommy Bond, Kathryn Ross, and Jimmy Cusenbary.

### I. B. Boughtons Entertain With Supper And Bridge

Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Boughton entertained their club with supper and bridge last Friday night.

Ben Cusenbary won high club, G. H. Hall high guest, and Mrs. J. L. Nisbet received the guest prize.

Club members present were Messrs. and Mesdames Ben Cusenbary and Joe Brown Ross. Guests included were Messrs. and Mesdames P. J. Taylor, G. H. Hall, J. L. Nisbet, W. R. Cusenbary, Mrs. W. L. Aldwell, Mrs. Ella Wallace, and Miss Ann Palmer.

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Pvt. Rex Merriman, who is stationed at Mac Dill Field, Florida, says, "I have some good news this morning. My crew chief told me yesterday that he had put me up for Corporal this month, so if I get it I will get to come home in May with Corporal stripes instead of a private."

I talked to the first sergeant just a few minutes ago about the furlough, and he said the 5th of May, so I might get to see you about the 8th.

We have just had a nice cloud burst, and strong wind. Boy last night about 11:00 o'clock we were out on the line, and it started raining. The wind really started blowing. We were in the bomber, and it rocked just like some one was standing on the wing, and shaking it. We decided it wasn't going to stop so we started for the hanger, and we really got wet. We got some more fellows to go out with us and tied the ship down. About 2 o'clock this morning it calmed down to just a fine rain. You know that wind coming in from the Gulf sure can blow.

I've planned on coming home so much I wouldn't doubt if something happened. I'm so mad now that I don't know what to do. I just got off of K. P. last week, and now I have to go on Guard Duty for seven days. If I can only stay on the line I can make a rating.

I saw something day before yesterday that I don't want to see again. It was terrible. There was a plane coming in with the left engine on fire, and he was about three hundred feet off the ground, and the plane turned over and dived straight to the ground. When

## ROLL OF HONOR



ARMY 195

it hit it burst into flames. The flames went 75 feet in the air, and no one got out. There were three in the plane. I saw every bit of it. When it hit I couldn't say anything, and none of the others said anything. Boy, I'm really going to be sure the ship I'm working on is in top shape before it goes up.

Well I have to go stand Guard Mount. You know get inspected by the O. D. Then I go on guard at 2 in the morning and stay there until 6. I guard one of the bombers on the line. I just have to guard for 7 days then I'm off. My furlough goes in the 25th so I might get to leave the 5th. Until then, hold everything."

S/Sgt. J. H. Brasher, Jr., who is stationed at Greenville, South Car-



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lina, writes, "I received your letter and two papers today. Was sure glad to get them."

I did not go to the show tonight. We put a new turret in the ship that I am armorer chief over and we worked late. Played ball awhile. I took a good shower, and am sitting here writing this letter. A lot of the boys have gone to the show and others are writing letters and some are just lying across their beds listening to the two radios we have going. I have one on the next bed to me. They are singing the old songs of the '90's.

I am fine and have been busy. We had to go to a lecture one night. I had to guard one night, and a chemical warfare class is held one night. So you can see I have been pretty busy. Oh yes, I went skating with some



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boys one night. Well goodnight."

Pvt. A. W. Awalt writes from Camp Wolters, Texas, "How is everything getting along these nice warm days? Boy it is getting hot again. The last few days it has been pretty darn warm here. Still I had rather have hot weather than cold."

I went out to "Hell's Bottom" yesterday, and it really lives up to its name. It is right down in a hole. They have a new obstacle course 800 yards long. Then the infiltration course, which you go through 50 yards of barb wire entanglement with machine gun fire over you & dynamite blowing dirt everywhere. One kid got shot in the hand, but he is doing alright now.

Well, I don't know any news, so I might as well quit."



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S/Sgt. Melvin "Buster" Shroyer, Rapid City, South Dakota, says, "Just arrived today. It seems like it is going to be a swell place. We have nice barracks to live in, and no sand blowing. It is still pretty cold here, but I like it better than the hot California sunshine."

I don't know much yet. We are supposed to stay here about two months for our second and third phase of training. I guess I'll get my furlough from here after a couple more months.

Say you can have my paper sent to me here, because I am sure I'll be here at least two months. I sure like to get the paper.

I just saw one of my buddies that I was with in Florida. Boy, we sure had a nice long talk. I was sure glad to see him after being separated so long. Got to go now. Will write more real soon."

Pvt. Willie B. Ory, writes from the Blackland Army Flying School in Waco, "I went home last

## Home From The War

Harrel Turney Espy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Espy, has been commissioned a second Lieutenant at the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Lt. Espy is now home on furlough visiting his parents, but will leave soon for Camp Roberts, California, where he has been assigned to duty.

Sea Bee Frankie Franks, who has been stationed at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, is home on furlough visiting his family.

week-end and found everything fine. I enjoyed to come to Sonora fine. I enjoyed the visit very much. I think maybe I can get another three day pass to come to Sonora in a week or two.

There has been a lot of guys leave here in the last few days. They are headed for foreign service. Where? they don't know. I wish they would let me go.

I don't have much to say this time, although I would like to tell you a lot of things we do here, but that is against army regulations. If we were caught writing things it would be bad.

The weather here has been mighty hot the last few days. I have a sun tan now."

IT'S UP TO ALL OF

# US

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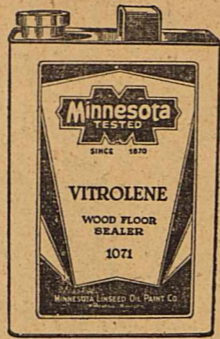
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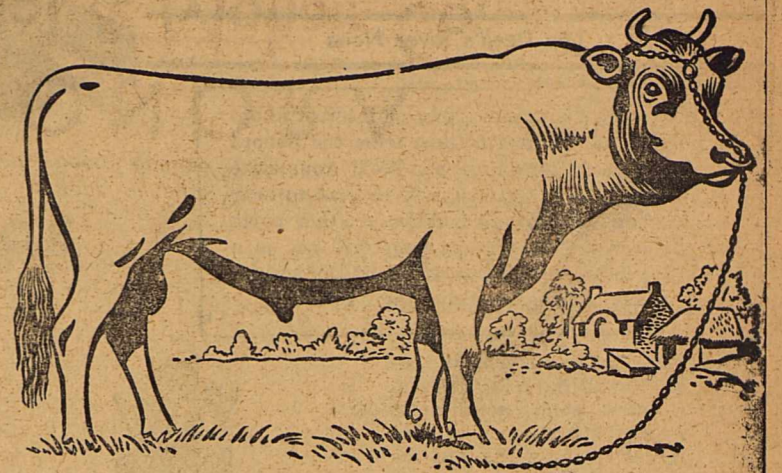


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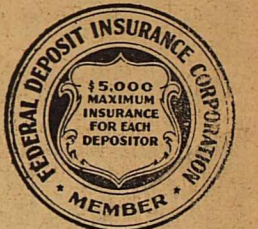
His name is Rajah of Oaklands. Last we heard of him, he was on the Island of Jersey, a little spot of land in the Channel between France and England.

He's a great bull and breeders over here wanted him. He probably would have been imported except that one day the devils that "Heil Hitler" gobbled up the Channel Islands. Where is the bull and the fine Jersey cattle? Fate unknown. And the people—everything that they have labored for is in the hands of a devouring Germany.

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