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#### FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

Sonora, Texas, Friday, May 21, 1943

#### THIRTIETH WEEK

## Sheep Shearing Not To Have Ceiling Price

College Station, May 17,---No price ceilings will be placed on the shearing of sheep in Texas at the present time, B. F. Vance, chairman of the Texas USDA War Board, has announced.

Advised by the War Manpower Commission through Lt. Col. J. Taylor, deputy administrator of the War Food Administration, that shearers are not "frozen" to present jobs, Vance said that ceiling prices would be ineffective and might have the tendency to drive shearers into other states.

Previously leading sheep producers and their representatives had requested ceilings on shearings and that shearers be "frozen" to present crews until work in Texas was completed. Ceilings which were recommended, if the "frozen" order could be affected, ranged from 16 cents to 18 cents per sheep.

Purpose of the "freeze" order was to assure complete shearings in Texas before crews moved into other states, in which shearings come at later dates.

According to the War Manpower Commission, sheep shearers are not "frozen" since shearing is not a continous operation and shearers are free to move from one ranch to another as jobs are completed, Vance explained.

#### WHY UNLUCKY THIRTEEN IS LUCKY FOR PFC. LEE HART

Thirteen is not an unlucky number for Pfc. Elbert Lee Hart, formerly of Sonora, now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, who was selected as one of the top airplane mechanics during April. Selections were made by the Post Board, which rated them with the assistance of squadron officers. Pfc. Hart who is with the 313th, rated thirteenth with a score of 91.

#### TRUCKERS MAY GET USED TRUCK TIRE CERTIFICATES

Announcement made by John Lee Nisbet, chairman of the rationing board here, reveals that a new ruling on used truck tires provides that used truck tire certificates may be issued to List "A" vehicles without being charged against the County tire quota.

In getting the tires, applicants must assure the board that the used tire of correct size is available. "Used truck tire" must be written on the certificates.

## Students Furnish Lions' Program

A group of Sonora High students, under the direction of Miss Marie Watkins, furnished a musical program for the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday noon. The High School Girls' Trio, composed of Edith May Babcock, Sammie Jeanne Allison and Betty Taylor sang "Jingle, Jangle, Jingle" and "Coming In On a Wing and a Prayer." "The Texas Cowboy's Last Song" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" were sung by a group of High School boys, Sanford Trainer, R. W. Wallace, R. C. Luckie, Billy Shurley, Jim Martin, Bobby Martin, Sidney Awalt, Gene Wallace, and Don Nicholas. Lion Joe Berger was program chairman in charge of arrangements.

In the business meeting following the luncheon, the club members voted to instruct the Welfare Committee to purchase season tickets to the city swimming pool for the use of underpriviledged children.

Guests, besides the school students and Miss Marie Watkins, were Jimmy Taylor, former member now of Houston, and Pvt. Rex Merriman.

## A&M Club Installs Officers

Officers of the A&M Mothers Club were installed Wednesday afternoon at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Roy Aldwell.

Officers installed were president, Mrs. I. B. Boughton; vicepresident, Mrs. O. L. Carpenter; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. O. L. Richardson; historian, Mrs. W. T. Hardy.

The club voted to donate \$5 to the Red Cross for the service men's kits.

Following the business session Mrs. W. T. Hardy was honored with a surprise shower.

Refreshments were served in plates of original A&M china. On each plate was a picture of a building on the A&M campus. Some of the china dated back to 1912.

Attending besides those mentioned above were Mesdames Joe Berger, J. V. Alley, C. W. Taylor, G. H. Davis, and E. E. Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd W. Lovelace, who were in San Antonio visiting Mr. Lovelace's mother, Mrs. Nell Lovelace, Monday and Tuesday, made blood donations to the Red Cross Blood Donor Service while there.

## Sonorans To Wear Poppies On June 23

#### WILL HONOR WAR DEAD

Poppies in tribute to America's battle dead of two wars will be worn in Sonora on Saturday, June 23, Mrs. J. F. Howell, president American Legion Auxiliary anof Sam C. Merck Unit of the nounced today.

The poppies this year will honor the men who have given their lives in the present conflict, as well as those who fell among the poppies of France and Belgium twenty-five years ago, she said. The money contributed for the flowers will be used for the welfare of victims of both wars and their families.

The Sam C. Merck Unit of the Auxiliary is making extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here, under the leadership of Mrs. J. F. Howell and Mrs. R. E. Duncan, Unit Poppy chairmen. The little red flowers of remembrance will be available to everyone in the city, offered by **volunteer** workers from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets throughout the day.

The flowers, made of crepe paper in replica of the wild Flanders poppy, have been ordered from Legion where disabled veterans manufactured them under direction of the Auxiliary. Poppy making has kept the hands of hundreds of these unfortunate men usefully employed during the winter and spring, helping them pass the long hospital hours and aiding in their rehabilitation.

More Americans than ever before are expected to wear poppies this year as a personal tribute to those who have been killed, and to aid the disabled, their families and the families of the dead.

## Home Raised Meats Now "Ration Free"

New meat rationing regulations provide that a farmer or rancher and his family may consume meat raised on any farm or ranch he owns or operates and may transfer meat from one of his farms to another to provide food for members of the household, without giving up ration points, even if the meat is not slaughtered on his farm.

If the farmer does not live on a farm, he must give up ration points for any meat he consumes elsewhere. Under the original regulations, a farmer who hrought his own cattle to a custom slaughplant had to surrender tering red point stamps for the meat, while if he killed and dressed an animal himself the meat was "ration free". A farm or ranch employer who feeds his employees in a seperate dining hall may now use meat and other rationed food raised on his farm on the same basis as if the employees were fed with the household.

## War Necessity Operators Must Keep Records

Joseph M. Vander Stucken, chairman of the Farm Transportation Committee; has received information from the Office of Defense Transportation stating that operators having certificates of war necessity must keep complete records on the back of the certificates.

Many operators have been negligent in keeping records of operations, and when they make applications for renewals of the certificates it will be very difficult, perhaps impossible, to get them without the record of operations.

## Farm Plan Sheet Final Report Made

A final report on Farm Plan Sheets has been made by Miss Dessie D. Parsons, administrative officer of the local ACA office. Statistics compiled in the plan sheets for 1943 are as follows:

Statistics for 1943: Goats --102 ranches, 66,464 head. Cattle and calves -- 112 ranches, 16,993 head. Sheep and lambs -- 109 ranches, 230,016 head. Chickens raised -- 79 ranches, 5,816.

Statistics for 1944: Goats -ranches, 68,127 head. Cattle and calves -- 112 ranches, 18,109 head. Sheep and lambs -- 111 ranches, 236,279 head. Chickens raised --89 ranches, 7,618.

#### TEN POUND LIMIT PUT ON CANNING SUGAR

The local rationing board has received instructions to immediately discontinue issuing more than 15 pounds of sugar per person for home canning purposes to any home canning applicant for each War Ration Book 1 presented.

A forthcoming amendment will declare one stamp from Book 1 (as yet undesignated) valid for ten pounds or less, at the appliccant's option, of sugar for home canning. The stamp that is to be designated will be presented directly to the retailer for the ten pounds of sugar.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, May 22-

None Sunday, May 23—

Mrs. Sam Karnes

Mrs. Cecil Allen Martha Jean Valliant Mrs. Beulah Pfiester Mrs. W. E. Wallace Monday, May 24---

## Three Sonora Girls Complete College Work

Three Sonora girls will receive college degrees this June, and two others will graduate from preparatory schools with high school degrees.

Miss Margaret Sandherr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sandherr, graduates from Southwestern University, having been placed on the University Distinction List last fall. Miss Sandherr is a past president of Phi Mu, social fraternity, and a member of Alpha Chi and Pi Gamma Mu, honorary fraternities. She is an English and speech major.

Mrs. Dayton Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwieing and senior education student at Texas State College for Women, who will receive her degree in June, is a member of the Kindergarten Primary Club, Cornhuskers' Club, Heart of Texas Club and the Betsy Ross Club.

"College woman with the highest scholastic record" was the honor accorded Miss Grace Thomas, spring graduate of Sul Ross,, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas of Sonora. Miss Thomas was presented as Maid of Honor at the Coronation of the Queen of Sul Ross. She is a business administration major, president of Alpha Chi, national scholarship society, a member of Sachems, women's literary society, and the Spanish Club. In her freshman year she was awarded a scholarship cup for having the highest grades of any freshman girl.

Miss Flora Jean Hildreth, daughter of Mrs. Rosanna Hildreth and a student in the Teachers College High School at Denton, will receive her degree in June. She is a member of the student council and a staff member of the school paper.

Miss Marjory Reba Nisbet, who pendents, social group, Rostrum, from Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Nisbet and the grandaughter of Mrs. W. L. Aldwell. She is a member of Independents, social group, Ristrum, public speakers' club, and of several social committees in her dormitory, Fielding-Smith Hall. She is also first lieutenant of the air raid drill team and a member of the war bond and stamp sales committee.

R. W. Johnson In Training At Vanderbilt

## Seniors Receive Diplomhs Tonight

#### MARGIE CROWELL IS VALEDICTORIAN

Graduating exercises for the Senior Class of Sonora High School will be held tonight at 8:45 o'clock at the High School Auditorium. The program is as follows:

Processional, Miss Marie Watkins; invocation, the Reverend F. L. Meadow; "Star Spangled Banner", congregation; salutatory, Edith May Babcock; "Romance in D Flat", Billy Shurley; address, Hon. Penrose B. Metcalfe of San Angelo; "The Old Refrain", Edith May Babcock and Betty Taylor; Lions Club award, John Lee Nisbet; awards, C. C. Ball, principal; presentation, Justin Odom; "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes", Aubrey - Loeffler; valedictory, Margie Crowell; presentation of diplomas, Bryan Hunt; benediction, the Reverend R. A. Scranton and recessional, Miss Marie Watkins.

The members of the graduating class are Alice Virginia Adams, Edith May Babcock, Nancy Gene Christie, Margie Faye Crowell, Elena Jean Durham, Aubrey Loeffler, R. C. Luckie, Hilda May Luckie, Bernice McKee, Justin Odom, Doris Nell Prater, Billy Shurley, Betty Taylor, Jo Beth Taylor, Sanford Trainer, R. W. Wallace and Charles Moore.

## Services Held For Elliott School Grads

- Commencement services for the graduating classes of the L. W. Elliott High School and Elementary School were held Wernesday night in the Elliott School Auditorium.

High school graduates receiving their diplomas were Noemi Ramirez, Ernestina Gomez and Consuela Sanchez.

Elementary school graduates are David Avendano, Juanita Abila, Ismael Castro, Miguel Chavez, Gloria Flores, Guillermo Flores, Rosalina Gonzales, Felix Gonzales, Luciano Gonzales, Fela Guerrero, Lidia Mejia, Flavio Sanchez, Guillermo Soto and Petra Tambunga.

The program was as follows: processional, Miss Oleta McIlvain; invocation, the Reverend R. A. Scranton; "Marching Along", girls' chorus; Elementary valedictory, Lidia Mejia; presentation of elementary diplomas, Principal M. A. Ttant; High School salutatory, Noemi Ramirez; introduction of speaker, George E. Smith; address,



Is this a typical Americanism? We have unbounded disgust for the quislings of Europe, wonder how anyone can turn traitor to his homeland, are filled with revulsion at their perfidy---yet tolerate quislings in our midst, for example the Chief High Quisling of them all, John L. Lewis.

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One relic of the so-called "good old days" has emerged form the inconveniences and shortages caused by World War II. Some ranchers, finding themselves short of help at shearing time, are helping each other, taking their ranch help with them to their neighbors' places in return for the same courtesy.

When this country was young, a man could look to his neighbor for assistance when any big job had to be done, be it rounding up, clearing a pasture, or a log raising. Then, when entertainment was simple and rare, such all-day jobs were the occasion for big picnic dinners and, after the work was all done, evening celebration. All the families in the community would congregate at a neighbor's, the men doing the work, the women preparing the food, and the children having the rare opportunity of playing together.

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Each year keeping the city swimming pool open has been a day to day proposition. The pool has never made money, the city selling the water and electricity to it for practically nothing. Effort has been made each year to keep the pool open, as it is one of the few recreation spots immediately available to Sonora.

The same problem has occurred this year. To insure keeping the pool open one hundred days, or during the vacation for school children, season tickets are being sold. Adult tickets are selling for \$7.50, children's tickets for \$5.00.

Many public-spirited citizens are buying tickets, although they will not swim at the pool themselves; instead, they are giving the tickets to friends or under-privileged children. Also, the Lions Club has purchased a number of tickets for children who cannot buy them.

All tickets must be sold by this afternoon. If you have not bought a season ticket, do so today. As one member of the Lions Club pointed out, children in inland communities like Sonora have few opportunitias to learn to swim, unless we can keep the pool open. A child learning to swim in the city pool may later need this knowledge to save his own or another's life. This advantage is just in addition to that of the healthful, wholesome exercise the pool provides.

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There has been an exodus of many Sonora citizens this year who have. gone to work in war industries. But we also have many little new citizens to take their places. In the last month some newcomers who have been welcomed to our community are Nanette Stokes, Carolyn Lou Hall, Mary Adele Wilson, Jo Bess Vander Stucken, Daon Locklin, Charlie Watts Howell, Janie Faye Hill and Joe Wes Hill.

## Guild Donates To Service Kits

The Young Women's Episcopal Guild met Wednesday afternoon at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Those present voted to denote \$5.00 to the Red Cross to be used in filling the soldiers' kit bags. It was also decided that each member should fill a bag or donate the necessary amount to pay for filling one.

## Civilian Workers Needed In Del Rio

The United States Civil Service Board of Examiners has establisher an office in the post office at Del Rio for the purpose of receiving and rating applications for Army Air Field in Del **R**io.

Applicants for the following jobs are now wanted: general mechanic's helpers, stenographers, typists, mechanic learners, storekeepers, auto mechanics, electricians, instrument mechanics, welders, painters, woodworkers, sheetics, machinists, aircraft engine meics, mactinists, aircraft engine mechanics and electroplaters.

Applications may be obtained from post offices or from the secretary of the Local Civil Service Board, Del Rio, Texas.

There is no age limit and applications are especially desired from physically handicapped persons who are still able to perform their duties. Persons listed by the War Manpower Commission in essential activities should secure availability statements from the United States Employment Service. Miers Savell Tommy Frambrough Bernard Frank Mullins Mrs. John Reily Tuesday, May 25—

None Wednesday, May 26—

Mrs. Arthur Carroll Nora Dalton Trursday, May 27—

Mrs. Bill Bell Mrs. Nellie Allen

Friday, May28— John Wesley Joy

#### PANGE WORK SHEETS NOW AVAILABLE

Miss Dessie D. Parsons has mounced that Range Work Sheets have been received by the ACA office here and that they are now available for ranchers to sign.

Instructions received at the local ACA office with the Work Sheets stated that the sheets must be filled out and returned as soon as possible. Miss Parsons has asked that all ranchers come in and sign these so that she can send in her report on them early next week.

R. V. Sewell is receiving treatment in a San Angelo hospital this week. His condition is serious, and his son, Sgt. J. O. Mills of Amarillo, and Mrs. Sewell are with him.

#### RATIONED FOODS MUST BE DELIVERED WHEN STAMPS ARE TAKEN

G. H. Hall, local chairman of point rationing, has been advised by the district office of OPA that retailers must not accept consumers' food ration stamps during their validity period, promising the delivery of the rationed food at a later date.

This is an illegal practice, and retailers are warned not to accept ration currency except at the time of delivery of rationed food.

Billie Wright Taylor spent the week-end in San Angelo visiting his cousin, Donald Taylor. Pvt. R. W. Johnosn, son of Judge and Mrs. Alvis Johnson of Sonora, is stationed at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, where he is a member of the Meteorology Training Detachment, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. This detachment is one of the many such units in the AAFTTC, commanded by Major General Walter R. Weaver.

Pvt. Johnson, like other young men in this detachment, is receiving technical training which will fit him for valuable service to the Army Air Forces. The pre-meteorology course of instruction, which opened at Vanderbilt University on February 15, 1943 will be of 12 months duration. It will be followed by an advanced course of eight months elsewhere, during which the trainee will have the rating of Aviation Cadet. The rank of second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces is awarded to those who complete the advanced course successfully.

Instruction is given by the faculty of Vanderbilt University and measures up to high scholastic standards. Regular military training is under the direction of officers of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

#### Honorable H. C. Gilmer; High School valedictory, Ernestina Gomez; presentation of school Superintendent E. awards, D Stringer; Lions Club scholarship awards, Dave Locklin; farewell speech, Consuela Sanchez; "Aloha Oe", Senior girls; presentation of High School diplomas, Bryan Hunt; "Star Spangled Banner", congregation; benediction, Rev. Scranton and recessional, Miss Oleta McIlvain.

#### DR. BOUGHTON SPEAKER AT COLEMAN MEETING

Dr. I. B. Boughton attended a meeting in Coleman Tuesday of the Coleman County Feeder-Breeder Association. Dr. Boughton discussed the work of the Sonora Experiment Station, outlining its aims and objectives and accomplishments since its founding.

He was also a guest of the Kiwanis Club at noon, speaking briefly there too.

W. R. Barnes who was taken to a San Angelo hospital last Friday and who was seriously ill for several days, is reported to be improving at this time.

Buy Bonds and Stamps

#### To the citizens of Sutton County:

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## Mrs. Carpenter Honors Second Grade With Party

Mrs. O. L. Carpenter entertained the members of the second grade with a picnic Friday afternoon at her home.

Guests present were Mrs. Rosana Hildreth, first grade teacher, Miss Emma Hamilton, second grade teacher, Lois Ann Mann, Wanda Lee Merriman! Carol Marvin, Johnnie Lois Johnson, Rita Renfroe, Marilyn Mittel, Lois Lou Lomax, Nina Jennings, Charlene

Drennan, Kay Chalk, La Verne Wilson, Nettie Kisselburg, Beatrice Lee, Betty Sue Caldwell, Wanda Merle West, Maxine Cross, Mary Turman, Mary Lou Whiddon, Thelma Louise Wall, Joe David Ross, Jesse Powell, Richard Johnson, Billy Frank Turney, Oscar L. Carpenter, Thurman Brasher, Claude Lee Prater, Eddie Farrell Smith, Carroll Hall, James Lanier, Rayford Hull, Dell Dee Wright, Jim Turman, and Tyree Hardy.

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### Congratulations

A baby girl, Nanette, weighing pounds 9 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Stokes, Monday at the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell are the parents of a baby boy, born Monday in the Shannon Hospital. The baby was named Charlie Watts and weighed 7 pounds and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hill are the parents of a baby girl born May 12. The baby was named Janie Fave.

## Swimming Pool Scene of Party

Johnny Smith and Billie Wright Taylor entertained with a dancing and swimming party last Thursday.

Guests included Katherine Ross, Jo Ann Featherston, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Frankie Bond, Jean Lindsey, Tommy Bond, George D. Chalk, Helen Martin, Dorothy Gardner, David Shurley, Jerry Shurley, Frank Leslie Moore, Katherine Caldwell, Hazel Caldwell, Wanda Lakey, Billie D. Drennan, Jack Christie, Robert Lovelace, Clay Atchison, Jimmy Cusenbary, Frances Jane Drannan, Sydonia Nichols, Jimmy Robinson, Tina Ann Taylor, Nolan Gibbs, Kathleen Schwiening, Billy Bricker, John L. Barrows, Gerald West, Tony Adams, Billie Jo Nance,

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MISS JAMIE TRAINER, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, May 21, 1943

## Billy Shurley Honored At Party

Billy Shurley was honored with a hay ride, barbecue and barn dance Wednesday night at the ranch home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shurley.

Guests included members of the Senior class and their guests.

Attending were Margie Crowell, Betty Taylor, Virginia Adams, Bernice McKee, Edith May Bab-cock, R. W. Wallace, Charles Moore, Justin Odom, Elena Jean Durham, Sanford Trainer, Aubrey Loeffler, R. C. Luckie, Jo Beth Taylor, Martha Jo Moore, Sammie Jeanne Allison, Geraldine Morrow, Majorie Dameron, Frances Atchi-son, Jerry Meckel, Jan Sanders, Gene Shurley, Don Nicholas, Gene Wallace, and Gilbert Teagarden. Also Messrs. and Mesdames C.

C. Ball, H. L. Lackey, Collier Shurley, Ben Cusenbary, Rip Ward, and O. G. Babcock. Mrs. M. O. Britt, Miss Annie Duncan, David Shurley, Jimmy Cusenbary, and Albert Ward.

Earl Johnson, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Chester Faught, Basil Halbert, and A. B. Crosby.

Also Messrs. and Mesdames E. T. Smith, C. W. Taylor, Alfred Schwiening, H. L. Lackey, Ben Featherston, Chid Stone; Misses Anne Palmer, Ura Mae Haggard, Charlotte Kavanaugh, Emma Hamilton; Mrs. Palmer West and daughter, Riedale of Eldorado, M. A. Tant, and Oscar Wright.

## Lois Lu Lomax Honored With Swimming Party

Mrs. Earl Lomax honored her daughter, Lois Lu, with a swimming party and picnic Sunday evening at the pool and Alla-Nell Park.

Guests included Kay Chalk, Darlene Lovelace, Mary Jane Queen, Rita Frances Renfroe, Charlotte Tant, Marylin Mittel, Nancy Ruth Eaton, Beverly Smith, Carol Marvin, Johnnie Lois Johnson, Lois Ann Mann.

Also Mrs. B. D. Roberts, Mrs. W. H. Queen and daughter Dixie Ann, Mrs. Tom Davis and son Rodney, Mrs. John Eaton and son Dan, Mrs. Ben Mittel and son

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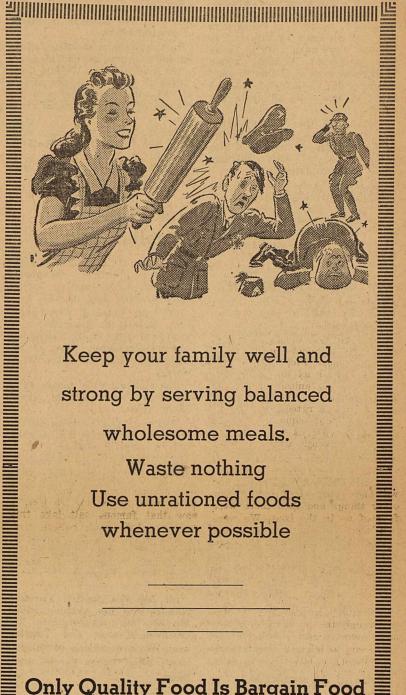
## **Two Seniors** Honored At Party

Nancy Christie and Aubrey Loeffler, high school graduates, were honored by their mothers, Mrs. R. H. Christie and Mrs. S. M. Loeffler with a dancing party Friday night.

Other members of the senior class were guests.

Those present were Betty Taylor, Virginia Adams, Bernice Mc-Kee, Edith May Babcock, R. W. Wallace, Billy Shurley, Justin Odom, Elena Jean Durham, Sanford Trainer, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ball, Mr. Christie, Mr. Loeffler; Misses Mildred Mund, Mary Lou Creasy, and Wilma Elliott.

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# From Our Men

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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.

Cpl, James S. "Jake" Morgan, who is somewhere in North Africa writes, "How is every one at home? Hope this finds you well. Everything is o. k. here. The only thing, the Arabs are a little thick. Africa is different than I had pictured. They raise quite a bit of produce. They have grain growing all over these mountains. The mountains are plenty high for farming. I am anxious to see how they harvest the grain. They don't have much equipment. There are no fences. A broken down barbed fence would look pretty good to me. They herd sheep. I even saw a native herding a bunch of hogs,

also saw a pack of camels. It is very cold here and rains quite a bit. I would like to hear from you all. I have only had one letter from home. I got two copies of the Devils River News today. Really enjoyed reading them. Hav-ing a lot of fun with them here. A paper from the States is worth the money over here. Anyway, from good old Texas. I will stop for this time. Have been pretty busy lately." \* \* \*

Wayland Stubblefield Cpl. writes from an island in the Pacific, "Well, I think I have made myself comfortable enough to write a letter or two. I am sitting on the side of my cot with my suitcase on top of it trying to make some kind of a contraption I can write on. I have a wad of gum in one side of my mouth and a stogie in the other so I guess I'll start writing.

I got to this station about a week ago and have really been enjoying myself. I always like to come here because of the nice beach and everything in general seems to be better than most places. I had a nice swim the afternoon I got here. We have to come in to land, from the big boat, in a little row boat. The water was rougher than usual, and we had the boat pretty well loaded. I had all of my equipment and we had footlockers and a few other things and then there were four of us in the boat. We were just about to shore when a big breaker hit us and filled the boat. I was out of the boat trying to get it to shore before the breaker hit. Well, it knocked me down and sank the boat and all my stuff got soaked. The film got pretty wet but we are managing to run it through the projector. I really have some times. I hope I am back soon to tell you about them.

Yesterday a bunch of us were down riding the waves and I saw some ripe cocoanuts way up in the top of a tree and I decided that



received my future address by now. Will not be able to mail this before we get to California, so I'll write some each day.

We left camp yesterday about 4 o'clock and had an hour's layover in Sweetwater. We drilled some while there and left about o'clock. I had to get up at 5:30 this morning and go on K. P. Won't catch any extra duty for the rest of the trip. We had dinner in El Paso and supper in Columbus, Arizona. We really saw some pretty scenery in New Mexico and Arizona. We are getting up in the mountains now and the going is rough. The hills look close, but they are 15 miles away. I-have seen one river and one lake of water since we left El Paso. I see a few windmills and very few cattle.

We have already passed through one tunnel about a fourth mile long and no telling how many more we will go through."

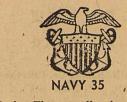
We are supposed to go through Tuscon about 7:30 and Phoenix about 1 or 2 o'clock in the morn-

Next day from California ---Her I am in California. Who ever said California was beautiful, is wrong. I guess there is some pretty country somewhere, but I have been unable to find it. We are on the Southern Pacific train now, with two engines pulling. On my right 13,000 feet high is a mountain with snow on it and on my left is Death Valley.

I have seen quite a few palm trees but they were not over 25 or 30 feet high. The wind is nice and cool outside. There are a few cactus plants growing but not many.

We have seen some of the famous orange orchards and a few date trees mixed in. Oh yes, I saw that famous salt lake this morning. Still can't believe that it was, but saw a few waves on the water anyway. Guess I will close until I run across something else interesting to write about.

Los Angeles, 7 P. M., May 7---We have been here since one this afternoon. We went sight seeing and I didn't have a very good time. We saw a few buildings, but you can see just as good ones in Texas. They really have a pretty postoffice building and court house here.



ROLL OF HONOR

o'clock. They really have some pretty homes here. It looks a little bit larger than Sonora. I wish I were in Sonora right now. The hills around here are about

as high as at Ft. Terrett. The roses are really beautiful. Most of the bushes are waist high and some are higher. We had a blackout last night, or rather had to pull the curtains down. I saw the Pacific Ocean by the light of the silvery moon. Sure looked pretty. Didn't get to sleep much either. The engineer kept jerking the train so much that we kept bumping our heads against the wall. We are climb-

as an armchair strategist. Some-

times he gets so tangled up, I

just can't resist tryin' to straighten him out.

For instance, the other day he

was waxing indignant about our

soldiers being allowed to buy

beer right in camp. Said that

was just coddling the troops and

I told him the actual facts had

already been established by a

study, the Government made.

Their report said chaplains and

would ruin discipline.

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In The Service

ing up in the mountains and we seem to be getting higher all the time. Didn't know that the Rockies were so high.

Just passed an army camp nest-led among the foothills. These canyons are sure deep. Just went through another tunnel. Will close and look at the scenery. I've seen some pretty scenery but not half as good as Texas scenery".

Marine Private Roy Cooper, writes, "How is every little old thing today? You know I have been away from Sonora almost a year now. It doesn't seem like it at all because you are always

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#### COAST GUARD 1

doing something here. Well, here I am, I can't think of a thing to say, but I am hav-

ing a pretty good time down here. I go to a dance every once in awhile. They can't dance like all of you do back there. Say, did you ever try to write with five guys talking? Well, I am, and it is hard to do.

When I get home I can tell a lot of interesting things that you can't say in a letter. I know a lot that would make a good interesting evening.

I can't seem to write an interesting letter. I've been working pretty hard today. Maybe 'that's Page Three

**Home From** The War

Marine Corporal John Nichols who has been in Guadalcanal is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols.

Pvt. Rex Merriman who is sta-tioned at McDill Field, Florida is home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Merriman.

Pvt. R. W. Johnson, who is studying meteorology at Vanderbilt University, is home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Johnson.

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why this one isn't so hot. It is getting pretty close to bed time so I will close. Tell everyone hello."

Mrs. Monroe Voigt of Pasadena, California, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Merriman.



if the natives could skin up those trees I could too. I picked out the one that looked like it would be easiest to climb, and tried walking up, but got a bruised shin and a sore stomach out of it and gave up. I think if I stay here long enough I'll be native yet.

Sunday, May 2: Back in headquarters. I got to talking the other day and didn't finish your letter. I had a nice trip back and I guess now that my traveling is over for awhile. When I got back the Lieutentant asked me to stay in here and work on the newspaper we are starting for our outfit. I told him that I had rather work with the movies but he said he wanted me to help him because of the experience I have had. I like the work all right and think I'll get to make trip now and then with the pictures.

I guess by the time you get this school will be out. This term seemed short. Time seems to fly in the army. I guess because something is always happening. I can't believe I have been in mearly a year already.

Oh yes, I didn't tell you I have been raised to the grade of T-5 or corporal (it's the first step above a private)' I know the censor is laughing or tearing his hair out trying to make sense out of this letter. I had better close. Write me all the latest gossip."

Pfc. Sam Odom writes this letter on the train while en route California, "Guess you have

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I will pay \$500.00 to any person furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone stealing any kind of livestock from any ranch in which I am interested.

SOL MAYER

Saw the first big union station in my life. Really is a nice place too. We had to walk 16 tracks to our coaches. While in town we saw a woman faint and also saw them burn the pavement off the street and rebuild it.

From San Luis Obispo, California .--- We were supposed to have been in Frisco an hour ago, but won't get there until 1 or 2

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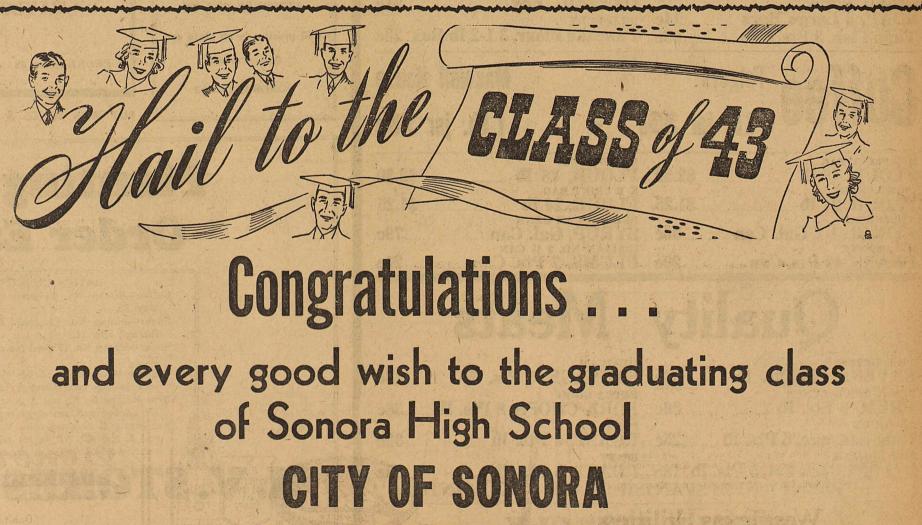
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