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## Post War Sonora

In keeping with the national program of Post War Planning, we have asked H. V. Stokes, as mayor of Sonora, for an article on Post War Planning as it applies to our own community. His article reveals his own thoughts on this subject.—Ed. Note.

Much discussion is taking place these days on the subject of Post War Planning. As mayor of the City of Sonora, I have been asked to write this article, dealing with some needs of our city and improvements that can be made when the war is won. In fact, there are so many post war plans in the minds of every individual, as well as every political subdivision, it seems that a small tax on each plan would pay off the war debt. And the City of Sonora does have some plans.

We all know that Sonora is one of the most progressive small towns in Texas, and much has been achieved here during the last several years. plants, our understanding citizenship housed in modern homes. We are proud of our water system, our many blocks of paved streets, our modern, up-to-date town that has been built on a low tax rate and with a minimum bond issuance. We have one of the cheapest fire insurance rates in Texas, gained by effort on the part of local citizens.

Plans for the future of Sonora will interest those who consider this their home rather than those who are looking for a place to make easy money; however, a town that is a good home town, is also a good business town, always. And there are always some who have never realized that the good things that have been achieved for our town are not hand-outs from Heaven, but are the results of planning and work by citizens. There is still much work to be done.

I consider an airport the most pressing and urgent need for Sonora, for we all realize that those hundreds of thousands of trained pilots who come home are going to put into use those vehicles they have learned to use so well. The use of the plane in our daily lives is unpredictable for the future, but we know that day is here. Unfortunately, we are handicapped by lack of suitable land, but regardless of the handicap, we MUST have an airport.

Shortly after the war it will be possible and practical for ranchmen of Sutton County to have electric service at most of their ranches. There is no way to estimate the value of electricity, not only in the sense of convenience and comfort, but as a business necessity. This can be achieved.

The paving program for Sonora was cut short of expectations due to the collapse of the W. P. A. We are planning on completing this program just as soon as possible—and that means when the war is won.

It is our ultimate aim to extend our sewer system to serve more of our city and to keep our system modern and up-to-date. We realize the importance of this system to the people of Sonora and feel that this work can be carried out.

I feel that Sonora needs one large park near town, which can be used for all purposes and by several organizations—one that will bear years of planned improvements and one that would serve a much needed function in this community. With our abundant water supply, a small lake on this park is not impracticable. A community center building is much needed here and could be built, as well as a play ground for adults and children. This project is pretty much one for a dreamer, but remember, dreams do come true. It can be done.

Our drainage system in Sonora should be improved and extended, and this will entail much help from the Highway Department and from the Santa Fe Railroad. We have rescued some of the most valuable land in Sonora with our drainage system, and this property and others need continued protection. This project is feasible, although it will require much planning and work.

A Chamber of Commerce activity that we need to put much thought and effort into is that of getting the proposed super highway from Alaska to Panama, via Mexico City, routed through Sonora. We are in a good geographical position to get this, but we must work toward it, for cities along other possible routes have the same idea.

Much work can yet be done to make our town a better place in which to live. We have one stumbling block that must always delay and hinder civic progress, and that is the question of finance. With the national debt what it is, and with our State laboring under a deficit of millions, it behooves individuals and municipalities to set the example of strict economy in all matters and to carry out all programs without the necessity of borrowing money or raising taxes. This really brings on more planning.

I feel that most of the items discussed above can be carried out over a reasonable period of time without burdening the taxpayers of Sonora and the County to any appreciable degree. But it will require the undivided support of the citizenship. The people of our town can make Sonora, not only a better, but an ideal place in which to live.

LOST: Black & white male Opl. Charles King of Camp Bow-cocker spaniel on Ozona highway. Dock Simmons, Sonora. Ph. Mrs. J. F. Howell, and family last 4603. Itp. Sunday.



Bureau of Public Relations U. S. War Department  
 MAIN STREET SOMEWHERE IN SICILY—This photograph, radioed to the United States by the U. S. Signal Corps, gives a characteristic picture of an Italian city after American occupation. The inhabitants are resuming their normal lives. Scenes of a terrorized populace such as were witnessed in Nazi-occupied Poland, Greece, Russia, Holland, Belgium and France have not followed the Allied invasion. Axis prisoners are brought in by the truckload and seem to be enjoying the ride.

# EDITORIALS AND FEATURES

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, July 30, 1943

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"Crime doesn't pay" has been the theme of many speeches and editorials—but it does. Crime pays the writers for true detective magazines.

Your columnist made more out of the Santa Claus bank robbery than the bandits did. They had possession of \$12,000 for about 10 minutes—(you figure the interest on that) whereas one of the detective magazines paid me \$300 for an article on the crime.

The most harrowing experience this writer ever had in doing an article for the murder mystery magazines was in connection with the Snow case at Stephenville. Congressman Sam Russell was district attorney in the case and took the lead in solving the riddle which sent a three-time killer to the electric chair.

Congressman Russell spent a quiet Sunday afternoon in outlining the case of the triple murders to me several years after it ended and then, late that afternoon, I went down to the newspaper office and worked well up into the night putting the story on paper in the dark deserted building—that is, dark except of course for the one light over the typewriter.

The chain of events began with two men who set forth to put out traps. They came to a cellar, partly caved in, beside the ashes of an old farmhouse. They decided the cellar would be a good place to put a trap and one of them clambered down. He noticed in the dimness a towsack dangling from the rafters. He took it down and carried it outside, opened it and found a pair of eyes peering at him from the sack!

It contained a man's head. Well, that was the start. By the time I had written the full story of the three murders and the solution, my nerves were so jumpy that the scurrying of a rat across the floor in the rear nearly caused me to knock over the chair in which I was sitting.

A darkey, asked by the draft board how many dependents he had, replied, "I has foah dependents, but I can't depend on none ob dem."

Of all the trips your columnist has made, three stand out because of the means of transportation.

One occurred when I was a young police reporter and stood on the back step of a bouncing, swaying police patrol that was going 50 miles through city streets.

Another was in an auto-gyro, piloted by Captain Yancey, who was co-pilot on a plane that spanned the Atlantic in the days when successful flights across the ocean were so rare that they were front

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page "streamer" material. An auto-gyro has its propeller on top, and this queer-looking contrivance "takes off" after going along the ground only a few feet, and it can come almost straight down.

Have you ever looked at a vulture hanging motionless against a brilliant blue sky and wondered how it would feel to stand still in mid-air? Well, you can do that in an auto-gyro.

We were over the business section of Fort Worth when Captain Yancey kicked it out of gear, and there we hung while we chatted—to be more exact, he chatted; probably I chattered, or at least my teeth did. (The lifting force of the wooden blades overhead is sufficient to hold the plane almost stockstill for awhile, then it starts easing toward the ground unless the pilot puts it back in gear).

And the third trip that was memorable because of the method of transportation was aboard a private railroad car. Yes, sir, a journey on a private car for a fellow who had never known anything on the rails more sumptuous than the rather restricted space of a berth.

There were three railroad officials and a combination cook-valet-waiter-porter aboard. It was an inspection journey over the Childress-Pampa line, which was practically completed but not yet opened to regular traffic, and this observer was then a staff writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

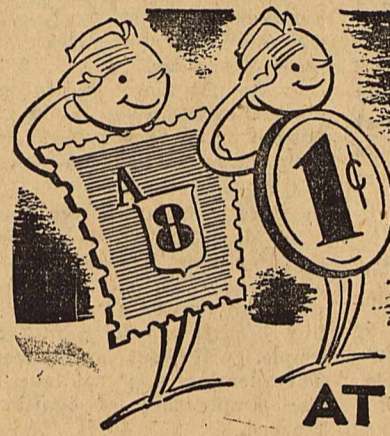
For three days, your columnist enjoyed a drawing room with private bath, excellent meals served en route, the spacious lounge where you could take a nap on the settee, read magazines, look through the

glassed-in rear of the car and see the scenery running away from you, and, every time you turned your head, there was that remarkable cook-valet-porter offering a fresh package of cigars or a cooling glass of lemonade or a between-meals sandwich.

That, my hearties, was a trip!

Buk Taylor of Middlebustar fame is public relations director, Texas Institute of Natural Resources and Industrial Development, headquarters Dallas. Buck once coined a superlative simile: "As impossible as a private conversation in Austin."

And the Comanche Chief says, "Physical examinations for the Army have now got to the point that, when you come before the medical officer, he just feels you. If you're warm, you're in."



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| EGG PLANT, lb          | 10c | GOAT RIBS, No Pts. lb                       | 35c |

PIGGLY WIGGLY LOMAX and TRAINER





As this is being written, we are wondering if it will ever reach the press. Those who are not familiar with the eccentricities of linotypes would not appreciate our tale of woe if we told it--and those who have had dealings with one of the infernal machines don't need to be told.

—(\$? \*lb & \*\$? 1/2)—

One member of the Lions Club, when it was announced that Mrs. Boyd Lovelace and Mrs. Tom Bond had accepted the club's request to take instructions in the Kenney treatment of infantile paralysis, reminded his fellow Lions of what such work entails. Aside from the dangers anyone who works with paralysis victims faces, there is the downright hard work that giving the treatments requires. When Mrs. Lovelace and Mrs. Bond complete the instruction classes, they will give the instructions to those who care to receive them--a job that is a great community service and a thing for which each of us should be very grateful.

—(\$? \*lb & \*\$? 1/2)—

Members of the local rationing board and all personnel of the rationing program, local, state and national, feel that it is mostly the uninformed portion of the citizens who grouse about the rationing program and the negligible inconveniences it causes. There are some exceptions to this, however--some who are downright selfish and unreasonable and who really get into the ration officers' hair.

The local board has come up against the hard fact that only Grade 3 tires will be available for spares. This condition is not one arbitrarily set by the local board, or any other rationing authority. It is the direct result of what some seem to find it impossible to believe--that there actually are far fewer tires than we need--that rubber is not at a premium now, but rather that it is just unavailable.

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Most citizens who realize the gravity of the rubber situation take care of the tires they have and do not apply for more tires until the ones they have are actually beyond use. Many persons in the county who are entitled to tires do not apply, because they figure that by doing without they are just doing their patriotic duty. These people are in the majority, by far.

There are exceptions, however. A living example of these few exceptions walked into the rationing office the other day, demanding a Grade 1 tire when he was entitled only to a Grade 3--if to any at all. When granted a Grade 3 purchase certificate he pulled a temper tantrum that would put the most dyed-in-the-wool problem child to shame. Praise Allah, we can still say that this case was a rare exception.

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We'll bet not many persons have received as cutting a slight as Boyd Lovelace did the other day. Some picnic planners, arguing over whether to have chicken or steak, asked his opinion of which they should take and told him to cast the deciding vote--then didn't invite him to the picnic. His confidence in his power to win friends and influence people has been badly shaken every since.

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The letter which follows was written to Mrs. Katie J. Johnson of Junction, concerning the decorating of her son with the Air Medal, but we feel that it could have been written to the mothers of all sons in the services, many of whom are heroes, though they may never be decorated. Cpl. Johnson is the brother of Mrs. B. D. Roberts and Mrs. C. C. Stroud of Sonora.

"Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Recently your son, Corporal Lawson M. Johnson, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to you.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight off the southeast coast of Boetoeng Island, Celebes.

He was a member of the crew of a B-24D type aircraft engaged in an armed reconnaissance of Boetoeng Passage and the surrounding area, of which photographs were taken. On the return flight an enemy tanker and naval gun boat were sighted and a bombing run was made, with the result that a direct hit was scored in the tanker. This operation was carried out in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire.

Almost every hour of every day your son, and the sons of other American mothers, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

There is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

You, Mrs. Johnson, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) George C. Kenney,

Lieutenant General, Commander"

## Fire Chief Cites Danger of Storing Under Cured Hay

"Ranchmen and farmers are not so much concerned with the definition of words 'spontaneous heating and ignition', as they are in learning what causes such fires and what remedy may be applied to prevent them," says Eugene Sanders, State Fire Prevention Chief.

The chief causes which produce spontaneous combustion of hay are the storing in barns and silos of under cured hay, and the storing of hay in leaky barn where the hay may become wet.

Following are suggestions for the prevention of hay fires:

1. Cure all hay well. A load of under cured hay may cause trouble, although the rest of the hay stored is well cured.
2. Do not pack the hay; distribute it as evenly as possible over the entire surface of the place of storage.
3. Do not place straw, fodder, bundles of grain hay either at the bottom or on top of stalks of alfalfa, clover or soybean hay.
4. Guard against wetting of hay in storage from a leaky roof or open doors or windows. Under-cured or moist hay stored in piles and hay which has become wet while in storage from rain coming through a leaky roof, for example, will heat spontaneously. This heating may continue until the temperature of ignition is reached.
5. Aerate (expose to air) hay as much as possible in the process of storing and after it has been stored.

## Social Security Benefits Cited By Official

In answer to numerous inquiries from young war workers who have entered covered employment during the last two years, Elliott W. Adams, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Board field office, cited the following benefits which are payable under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance programs in a statement to this newspaper:

1. Primary benefits  
Payable to workers upon retirement at age 65 and based upon average monthly wage.
2. Wife's benefits  
Payable to a wife over age 65 of a retired worker and equal to one-half his benefits.
3. Child's benefits  
Payable to children under 18, or 16 if not in school, of a retired worker or of a deceased worker and amounts to one-half of his benefits.
4. Widow's benefits  
Payable to widow over age 65 of a deceased worker and amounts to three-fourths of his benefits.
5. Widow's current benefits  
Payable to widow of any age of deceased wage earner with child under 18 in her care and amounts to three-fourths of his benefits.
6. Parent's benefits  
Payable to parent who was wholly dependent upon deceased worker if no widow survives, or if no child who would be eligible upon filing for benefits survives; payment equal to one-half of the wage earner's benefits.

## 41 Years Ago

John G. McKee, the Edwards County cow man, was in Sonora last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins and little son were in Sonora Wednesday.

Mrs. George Hamilton and Miss May Wyatt were in from the Wyatt and Hamilton ranch Tuesday shopping.

Dock Simmons was in from the ranch for a few days this week, and is very much put out on account of his Uncle Fitzsimmons getting the worst of the fight.

J. M. Fleming and W. F. Luckie were in from their ranches in the eastern part of the county for a few days this week on business.

Phil Perner last week bought all of W. T. Carpenter's one- and two-year old steers at \$13 and \$16.

Mrs. W. T. Holman, from the old D. R. Holland ranch, was in Sonora this week shopping.

James C. Barksdale and C. T. Turney returned from their trip to New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexico Friday, and as the old, old story goes, Devil's River is good enough for me.

Heard at the Martin barbecue Wednesday: There are the Sonora and Ozona people. They don't look much to me. I'm from Juno.

Married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Stephenson, parents of the bride, on Wednesday, July 30, 1902, Miss Lena Stephenson to J. Willard Sampson, Justice of the Peace D. B. Woodruff officiating. The ceremony was quiet and without pretention, only a few friends and the family being present. The bride is a charming and accomplished young lady, and the News extends to her its best wishes. The groom is connected with Sampson & Gloss, dealers in wood and coal at Houston. After the ceremony, the happy couple left on the San Angelo stage for Houston, where they will make their home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Martin, in West Sonora, on Monday, July 28, a boy.

The young people of Sonora are invited to attend a grand dance and supper at Rocksprings on Friday, August 15. Grand time expected and everybody welcome. H. C. Fisher, J. L. Barnett and W. C. Axson, committee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield were in Sonora this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grimland.

H. G. Justice returned from a visit to Oregon last week and does not seem to be much in love with that northern country.

Miss Williams of Sherwood, who will teach a class in kindergarten, arrived in Sonora Thursday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Anderson.

Mrs. Ira Wheat and daughter and Miss Fannie Drago were in Sonora last week from Edwards County.

S. E. Couch of Ozona has been in Sonora the past week giving lectures in Masonic rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Houton and daughter, Miss Maggie, arrived from Burnett County this week on a visit to J. L. Davis and family. Mr. and Mrs. Houton are the parents of Mrs. Davis.

Wilburn Miers was up from the ranch for a few days this week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Victoria Miers and sister, Mrs. Theo Savell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turney were in Sonora Monday shopping.

Aris Sherwood, assistant cashier of the San Angelo National Bank, and W. L. Aldwell, cashier of the First National Bank of Sonora, are down on Devil's River this week fishing and having a good time.

Dr. A. L. Taylor and family returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Bell County last Saturday.

Will Sultemeyer was in from the ranch Tuesday for supplies.

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## Dr. Cox Warns of Sunburn, Sun Stroke

Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, has released a statement concerning the danger of over-exposure to the sun.

"Sun stroke is not thought to be due to the heat of the sun, but to certain direct effects of the sun on the human brain. It is likely to occur after the sun has shone excessively on the back of the head and neck," Dr. Cox explained. "This can be prevented by protecting the head and back of the neck from the sunshine," he added.

Dr. Cox asserted that exposure of the skin to the sun has some virtue since the action of the sunshine tends to kill the germs on the skin. Further, sunshine produces vitamin D from the fats in the skin and this product is absorbed and used by the body.

"In general the good effects of sunshine are not due to the heat rays but ultraviolet rays," Dr. Cox stated. "It must be remembered, however, that it is these same rays which burn the skin, and extensive application to direct sunshine to the skin may produce painful and severe burns which actually may endanger life."

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