

# The Devil's River News

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FORTY-SECOND WEEK

## Kelly Buys Top Ram At Angelo Sale Wednesday

SALE AVERAGES \$55.66 A HEAD

Sol Kelly's purchase of a Malcolm Moncrieffe ram for \$500 was the top ram purchase at the Fields and Johnson Corriedale sale which was held in San Angelo Wednesday and at which an average of \$55.66 per head was set on 593 registered and purebred yearlings and lambs.

Two top ewes, consigned by Art King of Cheyenne, Wyo., sold to Kelly for \$100 each. He also bought every ewe offered, a total of 69, for \$3,685; also 92 rams, which ran his total purchase figure up to \$13,796.

Second top buyer at the sale was Ross Daniel of Colorado City, who took 101 rams for a total of \$5,385.

Consignors included Malcolm Moncrieffe of Big Horn, Wyo., Art King, C. F. Lampman and Son of Shell, Wyo., O. D. Lampman of Livingston, Mont.; Gilbreath Brothers of Monte Vista, Colo.; Wesley Wooden of Bird's Landing, Calif.; William Campbell of Dixon, Calif., and F. N. Bullard of Woodland, Calif.

Buyers included Perry Mittel and Edgar Glasscock of Sonora; G. C. Magruder, Mertzon; Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton; O. D. Lampman; Jake Wardlaw, San Angelo; P. C. Hoelscher, San Angelo; N. M. Barnett, Melvin; R. D. Johnson, San Angelo; G. E. Bryson, Coleman; Pete Speck, Menard.

Also Bill Keaton, Brady; E. H. Schuch, San Angelo; Clifton Brooks, Mertzon; Fred Speck, Menard; Herman Allen, Christoval; Henry Clark, Mertzon; Truett Stanford, Eldorado; Willie Wilson, San Angelo; Fred Council, Paris; Ray Hargis, Holbrook, Ariz.; E. J. Glass, Millersview; George Roe, Burnett; J. F. Foster, Sterling City; W. C. Smithwick, Miles; and W. E. Brannon, Mineral Wells.

## AUGUST BOND SALES TOTAL OVER \$2,600 BY THURS.

Bond sales for August, as reported by the First National Bank, totaled \$2,606.25 by Thursday afternoon. No county quota has been received by George H. Neill, county chairman of the War Finance Committee, but he has assumed that the month's quota will be around ten thousand, five hundred dollars, as that was the amount of the July quota.

The sale of bonds in July was reported by Neill to be \$10,893.75, or over \$300 above the quota.

## STAYTON WARD IMPROVED

The condition of Stayton Ward, brother of J. A. Ward, Jr., of Sonora, was reported much improved last week by personnel of the Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, Oregon. Ward has been under treatment the past two months, as the result of injuries received when a steel beam fell on him while he was working in a Portland shipyard.

Ward is the son of Mrs. J. A. Ward, Sr., of San Angela.

## J. A. WARDS HAVE GUESTS

Recent guests in the J. A. Ward, Jr., home were Mrs. Ward's mother, Mrs. Lige Cutbirth of San Antonio, her brother, David Cutbirth of San Antonio, and three sisters and their families. The latter are Mrs. Roy White and Richard of San Antonio, Mrs. N. J. Waters and Stuart and Judy of Litchfield, Michigan, and Mrs. Jeff Haynie, Mr. Haynie and Lucy Beth and Bobby of Abilene.

## Happy Birthday

Saturday, August 14—  
Earl Merck  
Mrs. Homer Byrd  
Joe Thomas Friess  
Sunday, August 15—  
T. L. Harrison  
Hazel Holmig  
Frances Atchison  
Virginia Bunnell  
Dearl Beard  
Monday, August 16—  
Mildred Turney  
Lt. Louis Davis  
Tuesday, August 17—  
Vernon Marion  
Andrew Moore  
Wednesday, August 18—  
Jennie Murray  
Thursday, August 19—  
Myron Morris  
Marguerite Howell  
Friday, August 20—  
Rex Baker  
R. W. Wallace  
Mrs. Frank Turney  
Benny Rex Epps

## Capt. Joel Shelton Is Lions' Speaker

Captain Joel Shelton, who is home on leave from his station in Peru with the Air Corps, was the principal speaker on the Lions Club luncheon program Tuesday. He spoke on some of his experiences while serving with Air Corps, on post war problems and what he believes the men in service want after the war.

H. V. Stokes reported on the Angora goat sale held in Rock-springs last week which he and J. B. Nelson attended. He also reported on the work that is being done on the Eldorado-Sonora highway and on plans that are being made for improvements on the Junction and Del Rio highways.

Guests at the meeting were Auxiliary Ruth Freeman and Ralph Tipton of Jacksonville.

C. A. Tyler was in charge of program arrangements.

## Last Rites Held In McKavett For J. B. Burleson

Funeral rites were held for J. B. Burleson, 83, of Fort McKavett, on Tuesday morning from the Fort McKavett Episcopal Church. The Reverend Evans H. Moreland of Brady conducted the service.

Mr. Burleson, who died early Monday morning, was born in 1860 and had been a resident of Fort McKavett for the past 60 years.

Survivors include, beside the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Sam Nance and Mrs. Henry Wyatt of Sonora and Mrs. George Lane of Menard; four sons, Albert and Willie Burleson of Fort McKavett, Pvt. Bert Burleson who is in the Army, and J. L. Burleson of Sheffield; 20 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A number of Sonora friends of the family went to Fort McKavett Tuesday to attend the funeral.

## RATION BOARD TO CLOSE SAT. AFTERNOON, MON.

Mrs. C. C. Stroud, chief clerk of the local rationing board, announced today that the rationing board offices will be closed Saturday afternoon, August 14, and all day Monday, August 16. Inventory will be taken on these two days, and the office will not be open again until Tuesday morning, August 17.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Neill and daughters, Nancy and Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt and Nancy Bryan and James Theodore, left Tuesday for Garner State Park where they will remain for several days. They will be met there by Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Breeden and children, Bebe and Fielding, Jr., and Miss Jill Taylor, all of Cuero, who will return with the Neills to spend several days on the ranch.

Miss Jessie Sammans of San Antonio is the guest of her sister,

## Neill To Head New Bond Comm.

REAPPOINTS COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN

George H. Neill has been appointed Sutton County chairman for the War Finance Committee, which was recently formed by a merger of the War Savings Staff and War Savings Bond committees. Neill, who was chairman of the two merged committees, was appointed chairman of the War Finance Committee by Nathan Adams of Dallas, who replaces Frank Scofield of Austin as bond sales director in Texas.

Neill has appointed those who served with him of the War Savings Staff and War Savings Bond committees to serve on the newly-formed committee. They are Mesdames M. G. Shurley, B. H. Cusenbary, L. C. Earwood, R. E. Duncan and Sterling Baker; also W. A. Myers, W. E. Caldwell, L. W. Elliott, H. V. Stokes, J. D. Lowrey, W. H. Dameron, Joseph M. Vander Stucken, T. C. Murray, E. D. Stringer, J. H. Trainer, Alvis Johnson, Armando Figueroa, Victor Castillo, Adolph Flores and Francisco Abila.

## USDA Warns Against Oven Canning Method

Home canners have been warned against the oven method of canning food by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Not only is oven canning slow and unsatisfactory, but it may lead to serious accidents as a result of misunderstanding of canning techniques.

Disadvantages of oven canning mentioned by the USDA are: "Juice bubbles out or steams away; peaches and pears are likely to darken. For the vegetables that need high heat to kill bacteria, oven canning is not safe. Even though the oven goes to 250 degrees F., or higher, food inside the glass jars stays at about the boiling point." And the boiling point of water, 212 degrees F., is not sufficient heat to kill dangerous bacteria in a reasonable time in beans, peas, corn, and other non-acid vegetables and meat. For canning these, the Department recommends only a steam pressure canner, and for fruits and tomatoes the boiling water bath.

## W T U ADV. MANAGER DIES

Word was received here Monday of the death of Gene E. Lo, 39, advertising manager of the West Texas Utilities Co. and editor of the company's publication, "Electric Times." His death was caused by a heart attack.

Before joining the utilities company in 1936, E. Lo was a member of the editorial staff of the Amarillo News-Globe.

Mrs. Tom Bond, and Mr. Bond and Tommy

## Fireman Convene In Miles Tuesday

LOCAL DEPARTMENT MEMBERS ATTEND

The Hill Country Firemen's Association held its semi-annual convention and business meeting in Miles Tuesday under the leadership of the president, C. W. Taylor of Sonora. The convention program, which was held at the Miles Methodist Church, included reports of the various committee chairmen, a memorial service, practice drills, speeches and entertainment.

Sonora firemen and their wives who attended the convention were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Wilman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Adkins.

Principal speakers on the day's program were Senator O. C. Fisher of San Angelo; Chester Cherry of Ballinger, the State Firemen's Association president; and Gene Senders of Austin, head of the fire prevention department of the State Fire Insurance Commission.

The next convention, which will be held in February for the election of new officers, will be held in Eldorado.

## Over 1 Million Lbs. of Wool Appraised Here

George D. Chalk, assistant manager of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Warehouse, reported Wednesday that Commodity Credit Corporation appraisers, Guy Burton, A. S. Baker, Rudy Vaughan, Henry Maginot and Jack Allison have completed appraisals on over one million pounds of wool in the local warehouse. This figure represents the 12 months' clips of 41 ranchers.

The wool appraised Wednesday amounted to 980,973 pounds and was appraised at an average of 46.55 cents. Appraisers were Burton, Baker and Vaughan.

Over two hundred thousand pounds of wool was appraised on July 28, at an average of 41.56 cents. Appraisers were Maginot, Vaughan and Allison.

About 1,000,300 pounds remain to be appraised.

## MMES. CAHILL AND KEEFER TO VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Carl J. Cahill left Sonora Friday for Fort Huemene, California, where her husband, Fireman 1-c Cahill, is stationed. While gone she will visit Mrs. Vernon Morris at Seal Beach, California. Accompanying Mrs. Cahill was Mrs. Carl Keefer, whose husband is also stationed at Fort Huemene. They plan to be gone about two weeks.

## A&M Specialist Gives Pointers On Food Production

College Station.—People with forethought who already are planning their fall gardens, also can do themselves a good turn by some thorough planning on other phases of home food production. Jennie Camp, specialist in home production for the A. and M. College Extension Service, says she believes too often people limit their production planning to gardens.

For example, people who live on farms or ranches can plan for increasing their home supply of dairy products, poultry, fruits and meats. Those who live in town might consider a backyard fruit plot, a small flock of chickens or perhaps raising rabbits.

Miss Camp cites this example of a well rounded home food supply from Jefferson County: Mrs. W. McBride, member of the Groves Home Demonstration Club, had 12 varieties of vegetables from her garden on the family table during June. She canned 40 quarts and 12 pints of beans, 12 pints of spinach, 12 pints of English peas, five pints of cranberry sauce, and six quarts of berries.

To add to their home-produced food supply and produce a surplus for sale, the McBride family has two brood sows, 16 pigs, four meat hogs, and three young sows. Two turkeys hens are raising 22 young turkeys. The family had 60 chicks hatched at a hatchery, and now has all 60 fryers ready to put into a frozen locker plant. The family's cow supplies plenty of milk and butter.

As one means of assisting rural families with planning their home food supply, the Extension Service has printed a Food and Feed Guide. Miss Camp says this is available through county Extension agents.

## Ex-Students To Have Barbecue August 22

Committees were appointed and plans were completed for the fourth annual Ex-Students' Association barbecue, which will be held on the Court House lawn Sunday afternoon, August 22, at 5 o'clock, when the association's board met Saturday afternoon in a business meeting. A program and business meeting will be held after the barbecue, and new officers will be elected.

The recently appointed committees include: meat soliciting, Fred Simmons, John Fields and Sam Allison; beans, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, Mrs. Ban Odum; tea, Mrs. Alvis Johnson; salad and tomatoes, Mrs. Bryan Hunt, Mrs. Cliff Johnson and Mrs. Cleveland Jones, Jr.; table serving, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. R. A. Halbert and Mrs. R. C. Vicars; cakes, Miss Alice Karnes, Mrs. J. C. Stephen, Mrs. Mack Cauthorn and Mrs. Lloyd Earwood; tables, chairs and lights, H. V. Stokes, Lynn Turney, George E. Smith and George D. Chalk; program, Mrs. John Lee Nisbet, E. D. Stringer, Mrs. M. G. Shurley and Mrs. Rip Ward; registration, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer and Mrs. J. H. Trainer.

The present officers of the association include Mrs. Dee Word, president; Mrs. John Lee Nisbet, vice-president; Mrs. R. D. Trainer, recording secretary; Mrs. H. L. Taylor, corresponding secretary, and Dee Word, treasurer.

Guests at the barbecue will be all ex-students and their families; ex-teachers and patrons of the Sonora schools.

## R. H. CHALK DIES THURSDAY IN DEL RIO

Word was received here last night of the death late yesterday afternoon of R. H. Chalk of Del Rio, father of Mrs. D. L. Locklin and George D. Chalk of Sonora.

Mrs. Locklin and Chalk left immediately for Del Rio.

## LIONS' DIRECTORS MEET

Directors of the Lions Club met Thursday night to make plans for the coming club year's activities.

Plans include the reviewing and increasing of attendance and membership. The directors also discussed plans for a city-wide clean-up campaign.

## SCHOOL NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Public Schools will hold a public hearing of the school's budget on August 21, at the High School, according to announcement made this week by Superintendent E. D. Stringer.

## Aux. Freeman Says WAC Is Fun As Well As Work

Housed in a beautiful building surrounded by landscaped grounds, and supplied with all sorts of recreational facilities from a swimming pool to free tickets to the best New York plays, is the picture Auxiliary Ruth Freeman paints of life in the Women's Army Corps, at Fort Hamilton, New York. Of course, there is work to be done, too, but the usual working and training hours are from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fort Hamilton, one of the oldest military posts in the United States, is often called "the country club of the world". Its grounds are landscaped with great trees, shrubs and flowers, and its buildings are large brick structures of both old and modern architecture. Both members of the Army and WAC are stationed there.

The WAC barracks are three-story brick structures, and include playrooms, laundries, sewing rooms, kitchens and bakeries, as well as dormitories for the WAC's. The recreation room, says Auxiliary Freeman, who is on leaving visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beal Freeman, are complete with games, radio, victrola, cigaret, candy and coca cola machines. It is furnished in modernistic furniture upholstered in blue and red.

WAC schedule usually begins at 5:45 o'clock, and reveille is sounded at 6 o'clock. Breakfast is at 6:30 o'clock, squad duties at 6:45 o'clock, and the day's work begins at 8 o'clock. At 4 o'clock, the girl's go off duty, and after 6 o'clock their time is their own. They are required to be in by 11

## 800 Air Corps Mechanics In Sonora Monday

CITY FACILITIES OPENED TO THEM

Perhaps the greatest number of servicemen that have ever been in Sonora at one time, was the group of 800 finished Air Corps mechanics that camped here overnight Monday, enroute to Stinson Field, San Antonio. The men, under the command of Lt. Col. G. W. Lewis, came from Albuquerque, New Mexico. While here they were given the city fairgrounds for a camp ground, the city swimming pool was turned over to them for the day, the high school gymnasium was opened to them, and two free shows were given at the La Vista theater. The Highway Department sprinkled the fairgrounds, preparatory to their coming. Over 300 attended the free movie and 400 went in swimming.

Several local citizens spent much of Monday with the officers in charge of the men and went out to the camp for luncheon and supper.

Col. Lewis expressed his appreciation and that of his men for the hospitality shown them while here. He said that Sonora was the first place that had provided such facilities and recreation at their disposal.

## Incidences of Paralysis In Texas Drops

AUSTIN, Aug. 10—A sharp decline in the incidence of infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis) in Texas occurred last week, with only 62 new cases reported to the State Health Department.

For the past month the number of new cases has averaged between 90 and 100 weekly.

"It may be that the outbreak of infantile paralysis in Texas is running its course, but it is too early to be sure of it," said Dr. J. V. Irons, associate director of the state laboratory.

"Undoubtedly the clean-up campaigns under way over the state are taking effect."

The new cases brought the year's total to 711. Median for last week was 67 cases.

Counties reporting latest cases were: Austin, Bowie, Coke, Dallam, Ector, Galveston, Hale, Hamilton, Harrison, Jackson, Mason, Medina, Moore, Potter, Roberts, Shelby, Walker, and Winkler, one each; Dallas 10, Gregg 4, Harris 4, Jones 2, Kerr 2, Lamar 6, Nolan 2, Nueces 2, Smith 2, Tarrant 7, and Wichita 3.

Mrs. R. H. Martin of Del Rio arrived last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Simmons, and family, her granddaughter, Mrs. Joe Hull, and family, and Mrs. Lula Karnes.



Bureau of Public Relations U. S. War Department  
**DOWN FIVE JAPS IN 45 MINUTES**—Lieut. Murray J. Shubin, 26, of Pittsburgh, Pa., proudly points to the line of five Japanese flags indicating the number of enemy planes he shot out of the sky in three-quarters of an hour over Guadalcanal. In his hand are two empty shells signifying two other Jap aircraft to his credit—in all seven "sures" and two "probables" marked up for this latest air ace of the Pacific. Lieut. Shubin fights with the 13th Army Air Force. (U. S. Army Air Forces photo.)

Announcements

From The Churches



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 3:00  
Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday afternoon at the church.  
Cordial welcome to all.

Guests in the Tom Bond home last week-end and the earlier part of this week were the Reverend and Mrs. Evans H. Moreland of Brady and the Reverend Hopson

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00  
Morning Service 11:00  
Evening Preaching 8:30  
Training Union 7:30  
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 8:30  
Brotherhood, first and third Tuesday 8:30  
W. M. U. each Wednesday 8:00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

The Rev. H. E. Moreland Confirmation Instruction, second Sunday night each month 7:00  
Evening Services, second Sunday each month 8:00  
of Maryville, Tennessee. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Vander Stucken and family.

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

Brownies Meet With Mrs. Wilman

The Brownie Troop met Friday afternoon, August 6, at the home of Mrs. Ervin Wilman. Flora Dell Davis and Blanche Lavon Taylor reported on the week they spent at Camp Louis Farr in Merton, and the group studied folk dances and songs.

Members present at the meeting were Peggy Ann Wilman, Evalee Moore, Beverly Smith, Janie Kiser, Carroll Marvin, Peggy Sue Barker, Flora Dell Davis and Blanche Lavon Taylor. Guests were Norva Jean and Onita Faye Smith of San Antonio.

Rationing At a Glance

Gasoline—In states outside the eastern shortage area A-7 coupons are valid through September 21. All gasoline coupons in the possession of car owners must be endorsed with the owner's license number and state of registration.

Fuel Oil—Period 5 coupons in old rations remain valid through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new rations are valid now. Occupants of oil heated homes are urged to return their applications for next year's fuel oil to their ration boards promptly and when new rations to place orders with their dealers for summer fill-ups.

Sugar—Stamp No. 13 good for 5 lbs. through August 15. Stamp No. 14, good for 5 lbs., becomes valid August 16 and remains good through October. Stamps Nos. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 lbs., each for home canning purposes. Housewives may apply to their local ration boards for more if necessary.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) is valid through October 31.

Stoves—Purchase certificates now issued and normally valid for thirty days from date of issuance will be valid after August 23, by which time it is expected the new nation-wide stove rationing plan will be in effect.

Meat, Etc.—Red stamps T, U, and V, now valid, expire August 31. W is valid August 15, expires August 31.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps R, S, and T became valid August

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Marriage Of Former Teacher Is Announced

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mildred Dutton, former Sonora public school music teacher, and Lt. Johnny B. Joiner. The ceremony took place in Fort Worth on June 17, and the Reverend Aubrey Short read the service.

Mrs. Joiner taught in the Plainview schools last year, and Lt. Joiner has recently returned from 18 months of active service in the Pacific.

The couple will make their home at New River, N. C., as Lt. Joiner is stationed there at Camp LeJeune.

Intermediate Girl Scouts Meet With Mrs. G. H. Neill

The Intermediate Girl Scouts completed their knapsacks, stoves and matches projects last Friday when they met with Mrs. George H. Neill. These articles were made to take on the troop's sunrise breakfast today.

Those who attended last Friday's meeting were Jane Neill,

Tina Ann Taylor, Billy Jo Barker, Raymie Jo McClelland, Kathryn Ross, Patsy Moore, Maxine Chalk, Frances Jane Drennan and Jo Ann Featherston.

Words cannot express the deep gratitude we feel for those who so willingly came to us with their deeds of kindness and sympathy at the loss of our baby. We also appreciate and thank you for the beautiful floral offerings.

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# The Devil's River News

RANCHING NEWS & INTERESTS

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BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS AND LICK THE OTHER SIDE!!!

Sonora and her citizens were handed many bouquets last week by Col. G. W. Lewis and his men when they camped here overnight Monday. In every case, when they commented on Sonora's hospitality, they said that this was the first town where they had camped that such an effort had been made by the citizens to make them comfortable and to provide some sort of entertainment for them.

—(\$?lb&½\$)—

One Sonoran, knowing that the next overnight stop would be at Kerrville, remarked to Col. Lewis, "You will like Kerrville. It is a beautiful place."

Col. Lewis's reply was, "Well whatever Sonora lacks in scenery is more than made up for by its hospitality."

—(\$?lb&½\$)—

The big things done for the soldiers while they were here included preparing the fairground and turning it over to them for a camp site, opening the gymnasium to them, and turning the City Pool over to them. G. H. Hall ran two free shows for them during the day.

The small things, performed by individuals, were no less important because of the fact they touched fewer of the men. We have in mind, in particular, Finis Hamby, who furnished transportation to and from the camp in his buggy. That must have been a treat to most of the boys. Also, we are thinking of the three young boys, Jack Bricker, Joe D. Cook and Lloyd Chadwick, who took up a collection to buy cokes to give the soldiers. They iced the cokes in a box on the back of a bicycle and took them out to the camp.

Just small things—but what a big spirit behind them.

—(\$?lb&½\$)—

We have heard the theory expounded that after the war our small towns will be left high and dry, as they will be too slow for persons who, during the war, have become used to a faster way of life. We doubt this, however, after hearing so many citizens say that every soldier they talked to Monday plans to come back to this part of the world to make his home after the war.

—(\$?lb&½\$)—

The owners of the Ratliff Funeral Home, which will celebrate its first anniversary in Sonora on Saturday and Sunday, are to be congratulated not only on their daring but also on their foresight. It takes some planning and an eye to the future to begin a new enterprise in times like these. It is nice to know, too, that they believe in the future of Sonora.

—(\$?lb&½\$)—

We heard that there was to be a lynching in Angelo this week when that famous prognosticator of weather conditions failed to get the weather man to comply with his predictions. Then, we read that he had begged for three more days for his predicted rain to fall.

A lynching probably has its points, but we believe a good rain would be much more exciting right now.

## 41 Years Ago

C. M. Deere returned from a business trip to San Angelo Thursday.

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Lige Long returned from a visit to San Angelo and Coke County Thursday.

—41—

Wiley and Tom Adams and Dock Joy, prominent stockmen and farmers from the Llano, were in Sonora for a few days this week attending to business. They took out several loads of lumber and other goods with them.

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A full attendance of the members of the Men's Business Club is desired at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, August 19, as

the matter of building a new school house will be discussed.

—41—

Mr. and Mrs. George Trainer were in from the Arthur Stuart ranch this week. George was attending the regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court, and Mrs. Trainer was visiting friends.

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E. M. Drago of Bisby, Arizona, son of E. A. Drago, the well known stockman of Devil's River, and his brother, Tom, were up from the ranch Tuesday and left on Wednesday for San Angelo to attend to some business.

—41—

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hamby were in from their ranch down in the draw a few days ago shopping and attending to some business.

—41—

Prof. J. S. Morgan has been acting as county clerk during Mr. Stokes' visit to his ranch.

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The United States Navy, instigated and abetted by the lover of naval lore, Franklin D. Roosevelt, is about to break a tradition. There are fairly strict rules for labeling ships of war: a battleship is called after a State, a heavy cruiser rates a big city, a light cruiser a small city, a destroyer honors some naval hero or some distinguished friend of the Navy, and a submarine takes the name of a fish or some animal that is at home in the water. Aircraft carriers enjoy more freedom, for they can be named after early fighting ships of our Navy or after battles. Thus the Saratoga, the Bonhomme Richard, the Kearsarge. But until now no ship has been named after an imaginary place, the creation of a story-teller's dream.

One is going to be so entitled. It is, of course, the Shangri-La. In a moment of inspiration President Roosevelt told the reporters that the planes which bombed Tokyo took off from this never-never land of James Hilton's invention. Actually their starting point was the rolling deck of the Hornet, later lost in the Midway fight. So the new aircraft carrier, for which we are all asked to buy an extra dollar's worth of war savings stamps this month, will bestow a triple honor: on Mr. Hilton's bold imagination, on the lost Hornet and on the men who carried out what was probably the most spectacular air raid of history.

Subscriptions for the Shangri-La are now well past the half-way mark. We are promised that her planes will take part in another attack on Tokyo—exact date withheld for reasons of security. Those who haven't contributed their dollars should do so at once. We don't wish to keep the Japanese waiting. —From New York Times.

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*I write letters in the nearly-dark*

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"It's not the big things that you miss out here. It's the little things. Like street noises. Or an electric lamp. Where we are there ain't no such. Since I'm on duty all day, I write letters in the nearly-dark. Funny, how you can miss a common, ordinary light bulb."

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We're sorry, soldier, we can't do much about sending you electricity over there. But our power is helping train more men . . . helping build the weapons of war with which you will win the victory.

This we are doing the American way . . . under business management and free enterprise. We're in the war, as you are, fighting to dispel the darkness of state slavery—the Nazified system of centralized bureaucratic socialism that threatens all free people.

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# EDITORIALS AND FEATURES

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, August 13, 1943

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS by BOYCE HOUSE

Michael Angelo said, "Genius is the capacity for taking infinite pains." But the paradox-loving Bernard Shaw said, "Genius is the infinite capacity for giving pain." And Edison declared, "Genius is 10 per cent inspiration and 90 per cent perspiration."

Found this in a Texas home town weekly:

"Do you think the radio will ever take the place of newspapers?"

"No; for one thing, you can't swat flies with a radio."

San Angelo is not surpassed by any Texas city in its pronounced personality. Your columnist has visited San Angelo nearly 50 times, but I am always thrilled anew by the sight of the big, white hats, the sound of the boot heels on the concrete and the feel of the brisk breeze sweeping across the wide main street. The city and its environs are richly endowed with scenery—two mountains, three rivers and Blondy Cross, the sports writer.

If you are an old-time Texas League fan, you will remember "Bad News" Jim Galloway, who used to bust fences when he was starring with Dallas and Wichita Falls. I see him every once in a while—he has an important position with one of the State departments. Everybody thinks he got his nickname from the fact that when he came to bat, it was "bad news" for the pitcher. But a friend says it really started before Galloway ever began playing baseball.

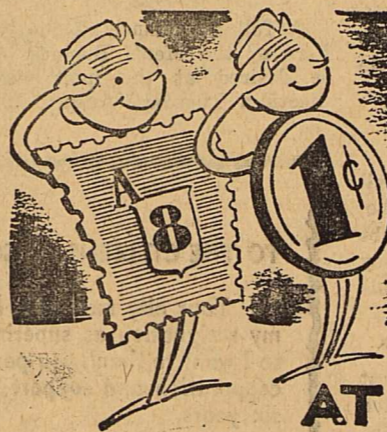
He had a job away from home (according to the story) and, homesick, he had a friend to send him a telegram that one of the folks back home was sick. His

employer let him off; so, later, Jim decided to try it again—and again it worked. But he tried it so many times that, no matter why he went into the office, the "boss" would look up and say, "What's the bad news, Jim, this time?"

Which was your favorite kind of candy when you were a lad: a "wine ball" or a "jaw-breaker?" Let me hasten to add for the benefit of the uninitiate that there was no wine in the former (it derived its name from the transparent red color) and that the latter actually broke no jaws, but would have if you had tried to chew it instead of letting it dissolve in your mouth—a process which took only about two hours.

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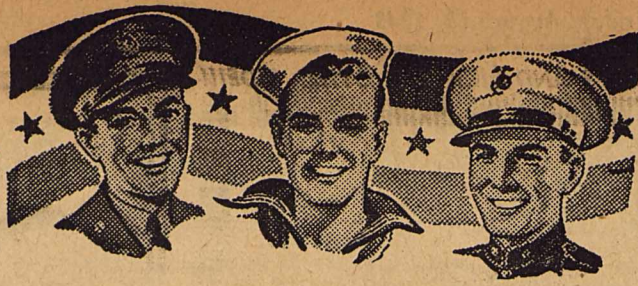
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HOME GROWN TOMATOES, 2 lb	19c	SWISS CHEESE, 8 Pts. lb	50c
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SUNKIST LEMONS, Doz.	25c	SPARE RIBS, 2 Pts. lb	19c
6 DOZ. SIZE LETTUCE, Head	8c	FOR BOILING BACON, 3 Pts. lb	16c
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When 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. Scott Roberts, who is serving with the Army in North Africa, writes, "I hope this finds you all okay. I am fine. It is just about dark, so I can't write very much. I am in North Africa. I am sorry not to write to you more often, but we have been pretty busy lately. I would like it here, if it weren't so hot. After this war is over, they can have this place. I would like to tell you about the country, but I can't now. If I did, the censor would spank me, so I will tell you about it when I get home. Don't worry about me, as it probably won't be long until I will be home."

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Booker received the following V-mail letter from their son, T-Sgt. T. B. Booker, Jr., who is serving in North Africa. "Boy, was I lucky today. I received six letters and 7 more newspapers. I now weigh 170 pounds and am dark as any Mexican in Texas. I never felt better in my life. My sprained ankle is okay now. I think I had hurt it in high school when I was training for track. I have a heavy schedule ahead of me for the next ten days and nights. I really look forward to it, because I enjoy my work. I

**208 ARMY**  
am happy over here, because I feel that I am helping out. "They surely are giving them hell in Sicily."  
CM 2-c Vernie H. Logan, who is serving somewhere in the Pacific, writes, "I don't know much to write, except that I am well. Of course, I am home sick like most of the others. It doesn't seem that we will ever move off this island."

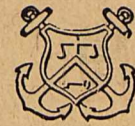
"How is work at home? I should think there would be work left for everybody now. I wish I could eat some of those fresh tomatoes and onions you have in your garden. Boy, they make my mouth water to even think about them. We get vegetables, but nothing like those we grow at home. We can't kick about our food, as we get plenty of it. I weigh 168, so judge for yourself. "How are all the folks at home? I will try to write more, but we don't have much time. We must do our part, and it takes work

**39 NAVY**  
and more work. We don't mind though, for we know we are doing some good. The fruits of our work are beginning to blossom. "Tell everybody 'hello' for me."  
A-C H. C. Saunders, Jr., who is stationed with the Air Corps at Mariana, Florida, writes, "They have been keeping me so darn busy lately that I haven't had time to do anything. It's been get up at 5:05, reveille at 5:40, breakfast at 5:45, go on flight line from 6:15 to 12:45, dinner at 1:00, then school from 1:00 until 4:45. We have calisthenics from 5 until 6, supper at 6:30, then go to the P. X. from 7 until 8 to try to finish buying my uniforms; then to school from 8 until 9:30 to access my gunnery films; then to bed by 9:45 and 'lights out'. This week I've taken 350 feet of film, 200 aerial and 150 ground gunnery. I'm supposed to shoot my last 50 feet of ground today, but it's raining now, so it doesn't look like we will fly."

Flight Officer Alan Saunders, stationed in India, writes, "I was going to send you a telegram from China yesterday, but I could not. They had stopped taking rupees as pay, and would take nothing but Chinese money, of which I had none. The finance office was closed, so I couldn't get any. I did send you a registered letter from there. It had some pictures in it, so I wanted you to be sure and get it. "Guess what! Six of the boys that went over the 'hump' have gotten out, and two more have been located. They are dropping food and supplies to them. When

## In The Service

### Home From The War



#### 2 COAST GUARD

they fly the mail down there from here, so just keep writing me at this address. That is really nice. "I now have 43 hours time here, and everything is going fine. Our under class came in today, and our upper class graduated and left the other day. Some went to Mitchell Field and some went to San Antonio to instructors' school."

Lt. Lea Roy Aldwell arrived here this week from his station at Vallejo, California, for a few days' visit with his mother, Mrs. Roy Aldwell. Before returning to California, Lt. Aldwell and Mrs. Aldwell will visit Mrs. Aldwell's sister, Mrs. A. B. Whitehead in Del Rio.

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#### 12 MARINES

two of the boys went down, they landed within hollering distance of each other, but the jungle was so thick that it took them five hours to get together. "The weather has had a turn for the better. It isn't raining so much, and we don't have to fly through so much instrument weather."

"I'm going to Elgin Tuesday. Am flying down. There are 10 of us that will fly down, and the others will go by bus. We get 3,000 rounds of 30 cal. ammunition while we're there. "I will be in Elgin 13 days, but

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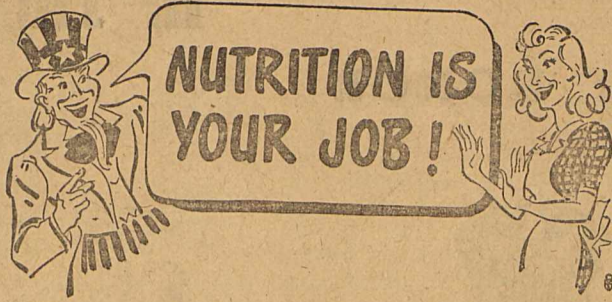
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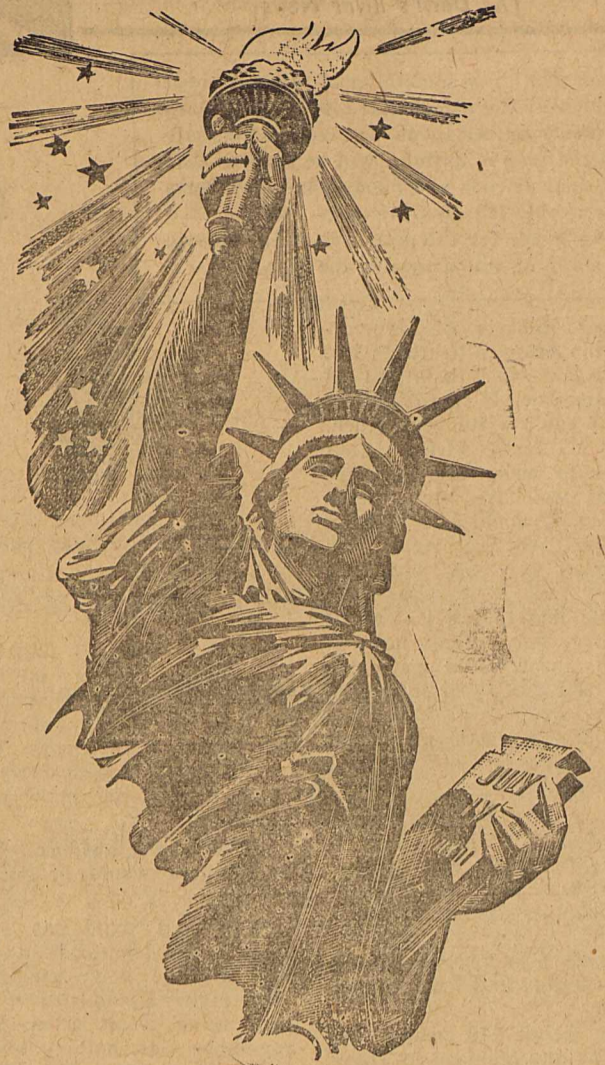
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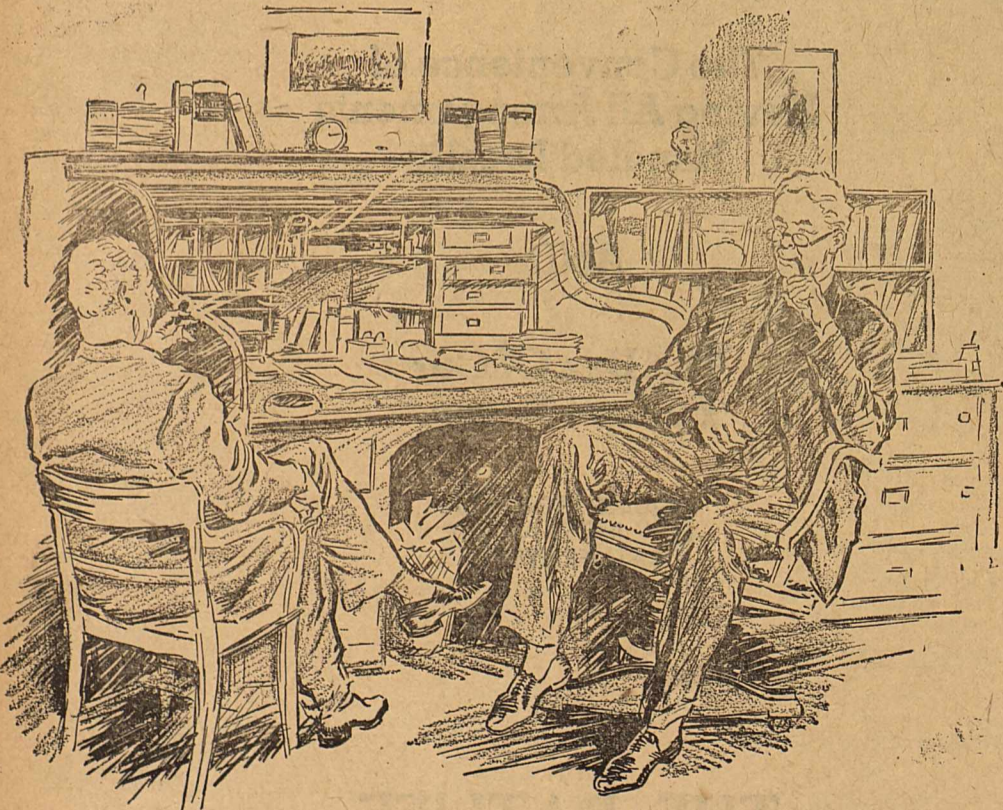
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Bill Mittel. 2tc

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"How true that is, Herb. And for the life of me, I can't figure out why, at a time like this, some folks insist on raising a question like prohibition. I can't imagine anything that would tickle our enemies more than to get us folks over here taking sides

against each other, arguing about an issue like that. We've got a he-man's job on our hands to win this war and we can't be wasting our minds, our money and our strength fighting about something we tried for nearly 14 years and found couldn't work.

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