

## 41 Years Ago

The moonlight picnic at the A. J. Swearingen's ranch eight miles north of Sonora last Saturday night was attended by a large crowd from town and many of the neighbors. The night was made to order, and the pies, cakes, chicken, salads, barbecue, watermelons and other substantial and delicacies were spread on cloths on the ground and the most enjoyable part of with relish induced by the surroundings, the occasion and the drive. The rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in social games, and the elders vied with the children in playing such games as "Skip to My Lou", "Hide the Handkerchief" and "Marching 'Round the Levy". The moonlight picnic should be repeated. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen are to be congratulated on the success of the evening.

John Young and Claude Hudspeth, the well-known commission men from Ozona, were in Sonora Monday and Tuesday attending court.

A. R. Cauthorn and son, Jim, were in from their ranch Monday for supplies. Jim says that they didn't get him on the jury this time.

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.

Miss Alice Patterson of Lampasas arrived in Sonora Wednesday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Berry.

Teed Cope, the rustling grocery clerk for Mayfield's, had a pleasure trip to Rocksprings country Sunday.

John Keeton was in Sonora Monday. John has been in the country for a few weeks gathering horses which he intends moving to Arizona. John has been working in the mines near Pearce, Arizona.

Miss Gazella Bihl, daughter of Frank Bihl of this vicinity, and Jeff Crump of Fort McKavett were married at McKavett, Tuesday, August 5.

Mr. Vining and estimable family from Menardville have moved up to Frank Bihl's, and we hope they will be a valuable addition to this community.

Norris McMahan happened to a quite painful accident last week. While closing a fruit jar, it slipped and broke, cutting his wrist badly. A doctor from Menardville dressed the wound.

### R. A. SCRANTON ACCEPTS EDEN PASTORATE

The resignation of the Reverend R. A. Scranton has been accepted by the Baptist Church here, as the pastor has accepted the Baptist pastorate at Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Scranton moved to Sonora ten months ago, on October 25, 1942, and Mr. Scranton assumed his duties with the church on November 1.

### R. A. Halbert Elected Ex-Student President At Annual Barbecue

R. A. Halbert was elected president of the Sonora Ex-Students' Association when the association met Sunday on the Court House lawn for its fourth annual barbecue and business meeting.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Rip Ward, vice president; Mrs. E. D. Shurley, recording secretary; Mrs. Fred Simmons, corresponding secretary and Edwin Sawyer, treasurer.

E. D. Stringer, school superintendent who acted as master of ceremonies, read the names of ex-students who are now serving with the armed forces, and the Reverend F. L. Meador offered a prayer for servicemen. The invocation was given by the Reverend R. A. Scranton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephen and Mrs. Shurley, accompanied by Edwin Sawyer, led the group in singing.

Dee Word, immediate past treasurer, reported that a \$100 bond had been purchased during the year and that the aim of the association is to establish a fund for college students.

Those signing the guest register were Messrs. and Mrs. W. L. Davis, Cliff Johnson, Joe F. Logan, Jud Brannon, F. L. Meador, M. M. Stokes, T. R. Driskell, E. D.

### District Court To Open Sept. 6

SIX CASES ON DOCKET

Six cases are listed on the records of J. D. Lowrey, county clerk, to be tried when District Court opens here Monday, September 6, under district judge, W. C. Jackson.

The cases include five divorce cases and a murder case in which Prajedez Ranjed is named defendant.

Hart Johnson, district attorney, will act as State prosecutor in the Ranjed case, and attorneys for the defense will be Anderson and Johnson of San Angelo.

The Grand Jury has been summoned for Monday, and the Petit Jury is called for Tuesday. Those serving on the Grand Jury are Joe Berger, W. A. Carroll, Jack Mann, H. G. Decker, W. J. Fields, Harold Friess, B. M. Halbert, Jr., R. L. Hallum, V. F. Hamilton, C. T. Jones, Jr., Ed C. Mayfield, Joe B. Ross, Mack Cauthorn, W. H. Dameron, Joseph M. Vander Stucken and Collier Shurley.

### Last Rites Held In Angelo For Mrs. Bloomer

Funeral services were held in San Angelo from the Johnson Chapel for Mrs. Nan Bloomer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fleetwood of Sonora, on Friday afternoon, August 19. Mrs. Bloomer died Thursday as the result of a five-months' illness.

Survivors beside the parents, are one daughter, Sirlin Sue; four sisters, Mrs. O. P. McQuatters, Mrs. W. O. Cole, Mrs. Wayne O'Keefe, and Mrs. Florence Coles; and four brothers, Roy Fleetwood, Ray Fleetwood, H. K. Fleetwood and W. O. Fleetwood.

### Happy Birthday

Saturday, August 28—

Mrs. L. W. Elliott—

Mrs. Bert McIntire

Sunday, August 29—

F. J. Wood

Monday, August 30—

Mrs. G. W. Archer, Jr.

Tuesday, August 31—

Mrs. J. L. Cook

Charlene Perry

Mrs. Ben H. Cusenbary

Mrs. D. L. Locklin

Mrs. George D. Chalk

George D. Chalk, Jr.

Wednesday, September 1—

Mrs. B. R. Cauthorn

Mrs. Joe Hull

Lila Mae Wilson

Thursday, September 2—

Carnie Wyatt

Lynn Pfister

Friday, September 3—

Tyree Hardy

Mrs. Perry Mittel

Mrs. J. Franklin Howell

Miss Elizabeth Caldwell of Austin arrived last Sunday to spend three weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell. Miss Caldwell, who is music supervisor at the State School for the Blind in Austin, will be here until September 10.

Stringer, J. L. Nisbet, R. A. Halbert, Fred Simmons, Robert Kelly, George D. Chalk, Dee Word, Rip Ward, Alvis Johnson, L. E. Johnson, L. E. Johnson, Jr., Tom Bond, J. D. Lowrey, Frank Bond, H. V. Stokes, Howard Kirby, G. H. Davis, E. D. Shurley, C. D. Wyatt, W. R. Cusenbary and Edwin Sawyer.

Also Messrs. George Wynn, Jim Nunley, Frances Shanks, Dorothy Norris, J. T. Penick, Rose Thorp, W. J. Fields, Thelma Briscoe, Sol Kelley, George Hamilton, H. L. Taylor, C. H. Evans, O. G. Babcock, Troy White, Jr., T. A. Williams, Thomas Espy, M. G. Shurley, Elmo Johnson, Harvey Morris, R. C. Vicars, Johnnie Martin; and Misses Winnie Lea Williams, Marjory Reba Nisbet, Edith May Babcock, Elizabeth Lee Taylor, Marguerite Howell, Marjory Dameron, Mary Jane Evans, Billy Cartwright, Flora Dell Davis, Joyce Johnson, Inez Chalk, Maxine Chalk, Mary Elaine Stringer, Sue Ann Stokes, Kaye Chalk, Lynn Kirby, and Leo Brown, Joe Berger, Pvt Robert Kelly, E. C. Saunders, Rodney Davis, Jimmie Cusenbary, Charles Lee Cusenbary, R. A. Scranton, Ernest Carroll Stephen and Clayson White.

### Ranchers, Farmers Urged To Make Reports to AAA

Joseph M. Vander Stucken, chairman of the Sutton County AAA Committee, this week urged farmers in this county to turn in 1943 acreage measurements to the AAA office as quickly as possible and to sign this year's performance reports. He also said that those who have completed the 1943 range work should turn in reports at once so that application for payment can be made.

Emphasizing the importance of filing acreage measurements immediately, Vander Stucken said that producers cannot sign 1943 applications for payments until individual reports are completed. At the same time acreage measurements are filed, producers are also being asked to submit their soil-building practices carried out under this year's program.

### Musical Program Presented Lions

Members of the Lions Club, at their Tuesday luncheon, were entertained with a musical program presented by Miss Elizabeth Caldwell of Austin, Miss Marie Watkins and Mrs. E. D. Shurley. Miss Caldwell played a piano solo, and Miss Watkins sang "Little Gray Home in the West" and "Carry Me Back To Old Virginny", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Shurley.

The Club voted unanimously, in the business meeting that followed, to follow the recommendation of the board of directors to install three new heating units in the basement of the Methodist Church, which is used as the regular meeting place of the club.

George H. Neill, county chairman of the War Finance Committee, reported on plans for the Third War Loan Drive which will be conducted in September throughout the nation.

J. B. Nelson and H. V. Stokes were appointed by H. C. Atchison, who presided in the absence of President D. L. Locklin, to work on plans for a community income tax clinic.

W. E. Caldwell expressed the club's appreciation to Miss Watkins, who leaves soon to make her home in San Angelo, for the time and talent she has given the club during her years of residence here.

### Rules Given For Mailing Packages To Men Overseas

Post master, George Barrow, who last week announced that persons with men in overseas service should mail their Christmas packages between September 15 and October 31, has released the following set of rules for mailing the packages.

(1) The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas parcel", so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

(2) Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer.

(3) The parcel must be well and strongly packed, in a container of metal, wood, strong fiber board, or similar material, then wrapped in strong paper and tied with twine. The cover should be such that it can be opened readily for censorship. The contents should be packed tightly.

(4) Perishable goods, such as fruits that may spoil, are prohibited. Intoxicants, inflammable materials such as matches or lighter fluids, poisons, and anything that may damage other mail also are prohibited. Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage. Sharp instruments, such as razors and knives, must have their edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages.

(5) Since the armed forces are being plentifully supplied with food and clothing, the Army and Navy recommend against these as gifts.

(6) Addresses must be written clearly and completely. In addition to the return address of the sender, a parcel for an Army man should show the name, rank, Army serial number, branch of service, organization, Army post office number, and name of post office through which the parcel is routed.

### Bond Committee Makes Plans To Go "Over Top" By September 9, First Day Of Drive

#### 4 Fires Occur Last Thurs., Sat.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department answered four calls on the last three days of last week, three fires occurring on Thursday and one on Saturday.

Thursday afternoon they were called to the Clara Allison Ranch to extinguish a grass fire, having returned from there earlier in the afternoon after putting out a fire which destroyed several haystacks.

Later Thursday afternoon the department answered a call to the F. M. Faulkner ranch just below Camp Allison to put out a fire that burned 30 or 40 acres of grass and timber.

On Saturday afternoon the firemen were called to the Arch Armstrong home, owned by Mrs. Elmo Johnson, to put out a blaze that destroyed the roof and part of the walls. The furnishings were, for the most part, saved.

Other fires that occurred last week were on the Aldwell Brothers ranch and in the Hudspeth trap near the stockpens, both on Tuesday.

#### Red Cross Gets Knitting Quota

A new knitting quota has been received by the local chapter of Alvis Johnson, war production chairman. The necessary materials have been ordered and the shipment is expected about September 1.

Mrs. Johnson also said that material to fill the 400 kit bags for servicemen has been ordered, and helpers will be needed at the Red Cross Sewing Room to fill the bags when the material arrives. Announcement will be made when the articles to fill the bags are received.

#### Dr. Cox Urges Control Of Mosquitoes

Austin, Aug. 24.—According to morbidity reports compiled by the State Health Department, a sharp increase in the incidence of dengue and malaria fever has been noted in Texas in the past four weeks. Inasmuch as both of these diseases are disabling and sometimes fatal, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is urging every citizen of Texas to cooperate in eliminating the mosquito which is responsible for transmitting both dengue and malaria.

Malaria will continue to be one of our major public health problems just as long as breeding places are accessible to the female Anopheles," Dr. Cox stated. "It is vitally important to public health in this state that every home and business house cooperate in controlling this menace to good health by freeing their premises from tin cans or broken bottles, or any type of rubbish in which water may stand, so that the propagation of the Anopheles mosquito can be checked."

Dengue is characterized by its sudden onset and accompanying headache and pain in the back and limbs which has caused the disease to be commonly known as "break-bone" fever. The fever is usually of short duration, but inasmuch as convalescence is extremely slow, the loss of time in recovery would constitute a hindrance to our total war effort.

Malaria, like dengue, is a very debilitating disease and one from which recovery may require weeks or even months of time.

Dr. Cox stressed the importance of conserving the nation's manpower and urged that every Texan cooperate in an effort to destroy the mosquito which is responsible for the transmission of malaria and dengue fever.

Visitors in the R. C. Vicars home last week-end and the early part of this week were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bentley and son, Brooke, of Lexington, Ky., Richard Vicars of Wise, Va., and Miss Constance Barrett of Salina, Kansas. The group left Wednesday morning for Whittier, California.

(7) The address on a parcel for a Navy man should include the name and rank or rating of the addressee, the Naval unit to which he is assigned and the Navy number assigned thereto, or the name of his ship, and the fleet post office through which the parcel is routed.

#### Income Tax Clinic To Be Held Tues.

A free income tax clinic will be held here next Tuesday, August 31, in the Methodist Church basement, under the sponsorship of the Sonora Lions Club. In charge of the clinic will be L. C. Harlow, accountant and income tax specialist of San Angelo, and A. C. Elliott and L. W. Elliott of Sonora will assist him.

The purpose of the clinic, which will open Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, will be to assist and give advice to those who must file tax reports on September 15. Questions will be answered regarding who should file reports and how reports are to be filed, and individual problems will be answered.

H. V. Stokes and J. B. Nelson, Lions Club members, are in charge of making arrangements for the clinic.

#### Tax Collector To Be Here Sept. 9

Income tax collector, Averyt Rix of San Angelo, will be in Sonora on Thursday, August 9, at Hotel McDonald, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income taxes for the third quarter.

Rix, with other West Texas internal revenue collectors, attended a three-day school of instruction, pertaining to the withholding tax and the preparation and filing of income taxes, which was held in Lubbock last week.

#### SOUTH AMERICAN PICTURES TO BE SHOWN AT METHODIST CHURCH

James V. Reid, lay worker in the Methodist Church, will present pictures he has taken in the course of his work in Central and South America, at the Methodist Church here Monday night, August 30, at 8:30 o'clock.

The pictures will include mission stations and missionary work in the countries to the south, and Reid will give first-hand descriptions of the places shown.

The program will be open to the community and no admission will be charged, although a free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses of bringing the show here.

#### NEW TAX RATE OF 42 CENTS LOWEST IN COUNTY HISTORY

An all-time low in Sutton County tax rates was set last Saturday when the Commissioners' Court met with Judge Alvis Johnson for a county budget hearing at the Court House. A rate of 42 cents was set, the lowest rate that this

#### COUNTY QUOTA IS \$267,400

"Sutton County bond buyers will have to buy two and one half to three times more bonds in the September bond drive than they did in last April's drive, if we are to reach our quota of \$267,400," said George H. Neill, chairman of the War Finance Committee, in commenting on Sutton County plans for the drive, when the committee met Wednesday afternoon at the First National Bank.

Neill also urged that bond buyers come to the bank or contact members of the War Finance Committee to pledge their purchases, so that when the Third War Loan drive begins on September 9, the county quota will have been subscribed.

"It will be as easy for us to fill our quota by September 9, as it will to fill it by the end of the month. My committee and I would like to see our county the first in the nation to go 'over the top' in this drive," Neill said.

Plans for conducting the drive, formulated in Tuesday's meeting by the committee, included sending letters to Sutton County citizens and making personal solicitations for the purchase of bonds. Another committee meeting will be held at the bank next Monday afternoon, August 30, at 3 o'clock.

Sutton Countians topped their April bond drive quota of \$116,000 two days after the drive opened. Neill said that this was made possible by the spendid cooperation of the citizens and the War Finance Committee.

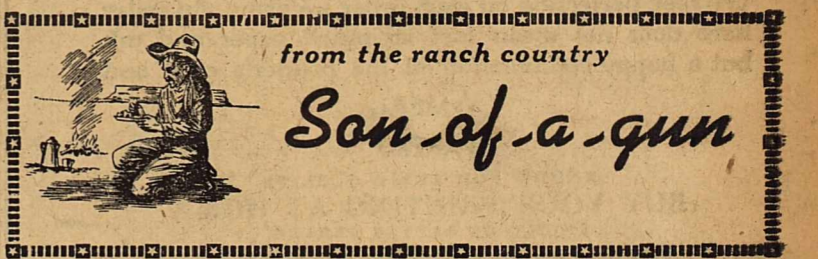
Committee members meeting with Neill Wednesday were J. D. Lowrey, Mrs. Sterling Baker, Alvis Johnson, Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary, Mrs. L. C. Earwood, Mrs. R. E. Duncan, T. C. Murray, Joe M. Vander Stucken, E. D. Stringer, H. V. Stokes, W. A. Miers, W. E. Caldwell and Mrs. Clay Puckett.

#### Miss Watkins To Open Studio In San Angelo

Miss Marie Watkins, who has taught voice and piano lessons in Sonora for the past ten years, left this week for San Angelo where she will make her home and open a studio for voice and piano pupils.

Miss Watkins has been active in the civic and fine arts organizations in Sonora, having been director of the Methodist Church choir, a charter member and past president of the Sonora Music Club and having worked in cooperation with the Sonora schools.

county has ever had. Judge Johnson had previously planned a tentative budget with a rate of 45 cents.



from the ranch country

Son of a gun

Statistics are usually considered dull reading material, but sometimes when one reads between the neat lines of figures, interesting facts are revealed. For instance, a casual examination of the City Water Department records from several years back tells quite a bit about the growth and development of Sonora.

The average daily use of water in Sonora last July was 369,690 gallons, whereas it was only 272,800 gallons in July 1942, which is an increase of 96,890 gallons per day. In July, 1938, only 149,000 gallons were used each day.

An all-time high for daily use set on July 20, this year, with 568,500 gallons being used. Although the City Water Department has a storage capacity of 400,000 gallons, good wells and pumps make it possible for the community to use all the water it needs, whereas in many small communities water is rationed in extremely dry periods.

The statistics quoted above indicate several things about Sonora of which the citizens may well be proud. They show that the town has grown considerably, that an interest is shown in maintaining attractive yards, that we have more city park sites than in 1938, and that thereby our town has been improved. Of course part of the increased use of water is due to the dry weather conditions that have prevailed this summer, but it is also due to the fact that farsighted and patriotic citizens are raising Victory gardens.

(Did we hear some wisecrack in the back row about the increase indicating that we are becoming cleaner, too?)

—(\*\$½&lb\*!\$\*)—

Sort of apropos the above, is the fact that there are 36 more telephones now in use in Sonora than ever before.

—(\*\$½&lb\*!\$\*)—

Oh, what General Ben Lear 'wouldn't do to Arthur Carroll if he had him in his regiment. Yoohoo!!!

—(\*\$½&lb\*!\$\*)—

Income tax payers will have the chance of their lives when the income tax clinic opens here next Monday—that is, if the saying is true that "misery loves company". They can pour out their woes and problems, absolutely free of charge.

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### SPAGHETTI SUPPER GIVEN FRANCES ATCHISON

Mrs. H. C. Atchison entertained with a spaghetti supper Sunday night, honoring her daughter, Miss Frances Atchison, on her birthday.

Guests were the Misses Betty Taylor, Edith May Babcock, Marguerite Howell, Marjory Dameron, Doris Nell Prater, Billie Cartwright, Melba James and the honoree.

We wish to thank our friends in Sonora for the many kindnesses shown us and the floral offerings made at the time of the death of our loved one.

R. E. Fleetwood and family.

J. N. Keith of the Federal Estate Tax Department, Austin, was a visitor in Sonora Tuesday.

### Miss Howell Honored With Birthday Dance

Miss Marguerite Howell was honored by her mother on her sixteenth birthday Saturday evening with a dancing party at the City swimming pool.

Punch and sandwiches were served to the following guests: Misses Betty Taylor, Edith May Babcock, Marjory Reba Nisbet, Marjory Dameron, Billie Cartwright, Josette Boughton, Frances Atchison, Snooky Reiley, Doris Nell Prater, Jerry Morrow, Jerry Meckel, Sis Mathews of Eldorado, Sannie Jeanne Allison, Charlene Hull, Ethel Mae Alley, Caroline Johnson, Mary Jane Evans of San Angelo, Martha Jo Moore and Tina Ann Taylor.

Also Eugene Shurley, Don Nicholas, Sidney Awalt, Gene Wallace, Tommy Smith, Eugene Alley, Sanford Trainer, Vernon Luckie, Raymond Cooper, George S. Schwiening, George D. Chalk, Jr., Clayton Hamilton, John Allen Ward, Dock Simmons, Francis Green Wright of Corpus Christi, Boyde Turner, Dickie Street, Pvt. R. W. Johnson, Jerry Shurley, Frank Howell, Jr., Dr. J. F. Howell and James Lanley of Bangs.

Mrs. Velma Shurley and Mrs. R. D. Trainer assisted Mrs. Howell.

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

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### WMU Holds Installation Of Officers Wed.

The WMU of the Baptist Church, in meeting Wednesday afternoon, held installation services for the new officers, with Mrs. J. M. Hays of Eldorado in charge.

The new officers are Mrs. Lawrence Nichols, president; Mrs. Alfred Cooper, vice-president; Mrs. R. A. Scranton, second vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Johnson, third vice-president; Mrs. Pearl Martin, secretary; Mrs. Lee, treasurer; Mrs. G. G. Stephenson, recording secretary; Mrs. C. D. Crumley, social chairman, and Mrs. Rip Ward, missions study chairman. Mrs. Hays made a short talk to each new officer on her duties to the organization.

Mrs. Fred Wright led in the singing, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Hays, and Mrs. Lawrence Nichols and Mrs. Hays led in prayers. Miss Elena Jean Durham gave a talk on "I Do Not Hate the Japs", an article written by a Chinese girl.

Those present were the Reverend R. A. Scranton, and Mmes. Scranton, Cooper, Nichols, Wright, Johnson, Martin, R. P. Odom, E. W. Durham, Fern McGhee, Crumley, Stephenson, Jake Merck and G. T. Bennett; also Mmes. Hays, Roy Davison and Ed Finigan of Eldorado, and the Misses Durham, Betty Jean Rankhorn and Jewel McGhee.

A salad plate was served after the meeting by Mmes. Crumley, Wright and Nichols.

### Mrs. M. S. Davis Celebrates 87th Birthday Aug. 19

Mrs. W. E. Wallace entertained in her home with a small family dinner honoring her mother, Mrs. M. S. Davis, on her eighty-seventh birthday anniversary on Thursday, August 19.

Guests included Mrs. B. F. Meckel, Mrs. Davis's daughter; Mrs. George Barrow and Miss Geraldine Meckel, Mrs. Davis's granddaughters; also B. F. Meckel, George Barrow, W. E. Wallace, Darlene Barrow and George Allen Barrow.

Mrs. Davis, who was born in Alabama and moved to Texas in 1876, has made her home in Sonora for the past 53 years. She has six children, sixteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Galloway and daughter, Mary Margaret, of Kerrville are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Bunnell this week. Galloway is a professor at Schreiner Military Institute.

### Miss Marie Watkins Mrs. Howell Is Honored At Picnic Bridge Hostess

Members of the Methodist Church Choir and the Sonora Music Club entertained with a picnic supper at the City Park Monday night, honoring Miss Marie Watkins, who left this week to make her home in San Angelo. Miss Watkins, who was a charter member and the first president of the Music Club and who has been the choir director for several years, was presented a gift from each organization.

Guests at the picnic, beside the honoree, were Messrs. and Mmes. A. E. Prugel, E. D. Stringer, E. W. Durham, F. L. Meadow, J. C. Stephen, Rip Ward, W. H. Dameron, S. M. Loeffler, O. L. Richardson, E. D. Shurley, John Bunnell and C. A. Tyler; also Mmes. Boyd Caffey, Sterling Baker, Maymie Brown, W. E. Caldwell, O. G. Babcock, Fred Wright, and E. E. Sawyer; also Miss Elizabeth Caldwell and Virginia Feist, Lois Lou Lomax, Mary Elaine Stringer, Carlos and Norris Dean Loeffler, Ernest Carroll Stephen and Albert Ward.

Two tables of bridge were in play Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. J. F. Howell entertained the Idle Hour Club and the Just Us Club in her home.

High score prize for the Just Us Club was won by Mrs. C. A. Tyler, and Mrs. Sterling Baker won high prize for the Idle Hour Club. Mrs. G. H. Hall won second high for the Idle Hour Club, cut prize was won by Mrs. R. A. Halbert and the guest prize was won by Mrs. R. D. Trainer.

Dahlia decorated the playing room, and a salad plate was served to Mesdames G. H. Davis, Hall, J. L. Nisbet, Baker, Halbert, Tyler, Ed Mayfield and Trainer.

### BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

By R. A. Scranton, Pastor

The Vacation Bible School is in progress this week and, even after some confusion arising over the fact we decided once not to have it and later went on with it, the attendance has been very satisfactory. We certainly appreciate the fine spirit of the workers and the boys and girls and know much good comes from such work.

This is the pastor's last Sunday with the church and friends, and he hopes to see as many as possible in the services Sunday, both at Sunday School and the preaching service. Sunday morning he will bring his final message, as the evening service is the union or cooperative service of this and the Methodist Church and the Reverend F. L. Meadow is to bring the message. The pastor and wife desire to express their deep appreciation for everyone, not only members of our church, but the many friends who are members of other churches or of no church at all, who have helped to make our stay in Sonora a pleasant one. For every kind word, for every expression of appreciation in any and every way for the cooperation of every one in helping to carry on the work of the church and of the Lord. These have been ten brief months, but we trust we have been able to make some worthy contribution to the spiritual welfare of the community. We are grateful for the prayers and friendship of all as we go to our new field of labor for the Lord.

Let us make Sunday a great day in the services by all who can do so being present in all the services.

### Mrs. Barrow Entertains FWBC

Mrs. G. G. Bennett won high score, and Mrs. Lenoy Lyles won low score, when Mrs. George Barrow entertained the Firemen's Wives Bridge Club Wednesday night, August 18.

Those attending the club were, Mesdames A. H. Adkins, Matt Adams, Lee Patrick, Beamon Speed, J. H. Brasher, Hubert Fields, Lyles and Bennett.

### Mrs. Shurley On WSCS Program

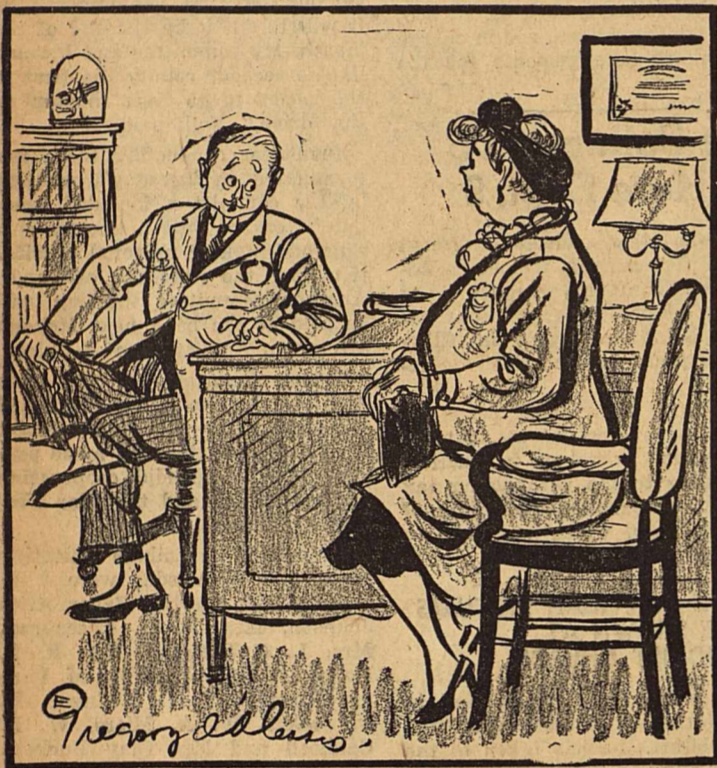
In charge of the program of the Women's Society of Christian Service, which met at the Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon, was Mrs. E. D. Shurley, who spoke on "Women In the Church."

The president, Mrs. Dee Word, presided over the business meeting.

Those present were Mmes. J. D. Lowrey, J. A. Kring, Rose Thorp, S. M. Loeffler, F. L. Meadow, George B. Hamilton, Word, Shurley and W. E. Caldwell.

### THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"... well, then, you'll have to quit eating meals between snacks!"

### Victory Garden Hints

THE FALL GARDEN

By H. C. Atchison

Techniques for fall and winter Victory gardening differ somewhat from recommendations for spring planting and cultivation.

The fall garden should not be plowed more than four or five inches deep, since deep plowing tends to dry out the soil. And before plowing, weeds and vegetable plant refuse should be removed from the plot, for if they are turned under, heating may follow. A good coating of manure ploughed under will increase the water-holding capacity and prevent packing.

If the soil is lacking in fertility, the gardener should work in a commercial fertilizer in addition to the barnyard manure; however, commercial fertilizer should be used only in areas where water is available for irrigation. Either 3-8-7 or 4-12-4 may be applied at the rate of three pounds per 100 feet of row at the time of planting. It should be chopped thoroughly to a depth of three or four inches.

Heat resisting vegetables should be planted first, such as beans, Irish potatoes, mustard, leaf lettuce, and radishes. These vegetables mature before frost.

Green pepper, hot pepper, okra, field peas, egg plant, pole beans and summer tomatoes carried over from the spring should be given a side dressing of fertilizer in a furrow about a foot from the plants. Irrigate either before or after applying the fertilizer.

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## ROLL OF HONOR

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.

The following letter was received from Pvt. R. W. Hill, who is stationed somewhere in England.

"I am really glad we came to England. It is much better here, and I enjoy the country life.

"I am fine, but a little tired. I unloaded freight cars yesterday until 8 o'clock. Our plane came in, and I worked on it until 1 o'clock in the morning, then got up again at 4:30 o'clock, and went to work again.

"I get a day off next Tuesday, so guess I will go to a town about ten miles from here. I would like to go to London, but it is too far away for me to go in one day. I may go there later."

Sgt. Odell Odom, who is serving with the Marine Corps somewhere in the South Pacific, writes, "Glad to hear that Paschall is now a sergeant. Evidently you have never looked at the return address on my letters, for since June 1, I have been a sergeant



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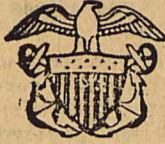
too, but all my mail comes addressed 'Corporal'.

"What is the Marine Corps coming to, letting Buster stay at home a month?"

"I'm glad I'm down here getting my share now, while the going is good. As you read in the newspapers, the show is going our way. I hope things don't reverse, and I don't think they will. I would hate to be taking what those Japs are getting."

Pfc. A. W. Awalt writes the following from Camp Livingston, Louisiana,

"How is everyone in the wonderful state of Texas? You know, a Texan doesn't appreciate the state



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of Texas until he starts maneuvering all through the swamps of Louisiana with mosquitoes, wood ticks, chiggers, high grass, pine needles and everything else that is uncomfortable. We were out from base camp for a week this time, and we didn't even have a creek to swim in. That is the longest that I have ever gone without a bath of some kind. We are liable to go a lot longer without one some time in the future. One of the corporals here had a letter from his brother which said that they never as much as had their clothes off for three months, let alone a bath, so I suppose that I am lucky and fortunate.

"We really had to work while we were out on this problem. We had to dig gun positions for our 37 mm. guns, and after that, we had to dig foxholes. When I say 'foxholes', I don't mean just two or three feet deep. A foxhole is 2 1/2' x 3 1/2' x 6', so you see that wasn't a snap. My hands are still sore, but I got some satisfaction after digging all day. The division commander couldn't even see our gun positions, because we were so well camouflaged. All of the inspectors walked within 10 feet of our positions and didn't see them. We received a nice compliment on our work.

"Your box couldn't have been sent at a better time. We had been digging all day and our food out there hadn't been too good. You should have seen us dive into that nice, big box. In fifteen minutes there was nothing left but the paper and the cigarettes. We really did enjoy it while it lasted."

A later letter from Pfc. Awalt is as follows:

"We were out on the anti-tank range for the last two days, and my gun crew out-shot all other crews in the regiment. The general even gave us a compliment.

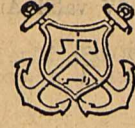
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## In The Service



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this is over, which will be soon I hope.

"Boy, I wish I could get home, but the Japs say 'no', so I guess I will stay until we convince them they made a mistake at Pearl Harbor. We are doing just that right along."

### R. A. SIMMONS PROMOTED

Robert Allen Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons, has been promoted to the rank of first class private at Camp White, Oregon. Simmons does laboratory work in the Camp White base hospital.

Max Bentley, Abilene newspaperman and editor of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce publication, "West Texas Today", was in Sonora Wednesday visiting with John Lee Nisbet and other friends.

Louis Armstrong and his orchestra are going to play here for a dance for our division Friday night."

Cpl. Sam Odom, who is stationed with the Army in New Guinea, writes,

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and well. I have really been busy since I last wrote to you and hoped you haven't worried in the meantime. "Went fishing the other day, but didn't catch anything. Hope to do better later on.

"I saw a couple of boys from Pecos this afternoon in town, but I didn't find out their names.

"I made technician, fifth grade the other day which is the same rating as corporal."

The following letter was written by Mancil Crumley, RDM 3-c, who is serving with the Navy somewhere in the Pacific.

"Well, I finally made my rate August 1. I am now Radarman 3-c. I may have told you before, but I am so proud of it that I will tell you again. At least, I am learning something that will probably be worth a lot to me when

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## Home From The War

Sgt. H. E. Speece of Randolph Field, former teacher in the L. W. Elliott school here, was in Sonora last Friday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt and Sidney Awalt.

Pfc. Oscar Adams, who serves with the Army Air Corps in Baltimore, Md., is home on furlough this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Q. Adams of Camp Allison, and his sister, Mrs. Willie Andrews, and family of Sonora.

Cpl. and Mrs. Hilman Brown of San Angelo were in Sonora last week-end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons and Mrs. Maysie Brown.

Cpl. Brown who works in the administrative inspector's office at the San Angelo Army Air Field, has just recently received his corporal's rating.

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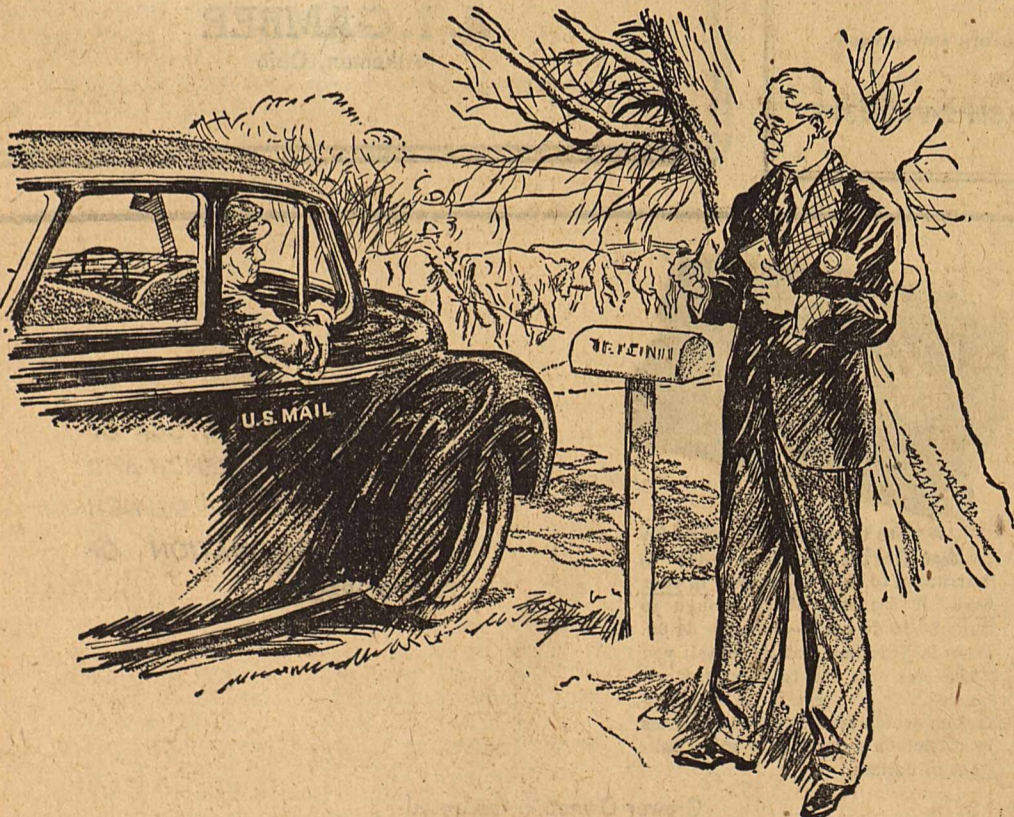
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"Quite a stack of newspapers I left you yesterday, Judge. Aren't goin' in the newspaper business, are you?"

"No, I just enjoy reading different papers so my nephew George sends them to me whenever he takes a business trip. I got a big kick out of some he sent me from several counties where they still have prohibition. Particularly from some headlines that read 'Drunk Driving Arrests Rise'.

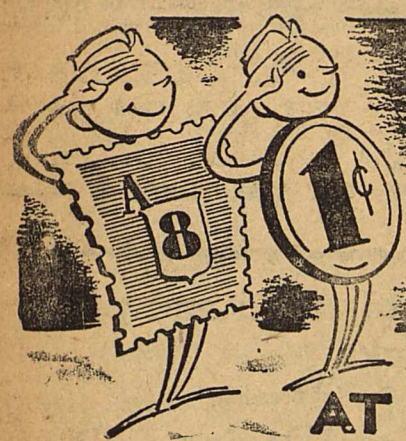
'Bootleggers must post Ceiling Prices', 'Federal Agents seize 'Trick' Liquor Truck'. Doesn't that go to prove, Joe, that prohibition does not prohibit?"

"I watched conditions pretty carefully during our 13 years of prohibition in this country. The only thing I could see we got out of it was bootleg liquor instead of legal liquor...plus the worst crime and corruption this country has ever known."

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A sign reads, "compasses adjusted," a reminder that you are in a seafaring city. A curio shop has a whole chicken preserved in a bottle; how the creature was gotten in the bottle is a puzzle.

There are cafes over the water. And you take a voyage if you come from Beaumont or Port Arthur, as there is a ferry. (Coming from Houston, you cross the causeway). Oleanders in pink and white are in the parks, in the parkways and in the yards. There are numerous statues, including the seated figure, heroic sized, of the donor in front of the famous library.

In the water and strolling along the broad beach-walk are throngs of happy people. And on the sandy stretches, away from the city, are isolated shacks, perhaps containing a plank from a Spanish galleon of Jean LaFitte's day.

The island—with its golden sand and blue sky flecked with white clouds, and its swishing, silver wave and the endless sea with its music and mystery—is truly a spot of never-ceasing fascination.

When your columnist saw a small item on an inside page of one of the dailies conveying the startling news that we were on the verge of having a special session of the legislature "to deal with the deficit in the State's general fund," I wrote an open letter asking if the deficit hasn't been in existence for eight or ten years? If it isn't less now that it was two years ago? If high State officials had not said the deficit would automatically wipe itself out in the course of time? Why, then, had it suddenly become necessary to do something about the deficit and, if there was such a necessity, why wasn't action taken at the regular session, which lasted the full 120 days and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars?

Next day, the special session "to deal with the deficit in the general fund" was called off, with the result that your state taxes were reduced by \$9,000,000 for the year at hand. When you go to the collector's office to pay your taxes, would it be too much to spare a passing thought to old Boyce House who helped to create a sentiment that made this saving possible?

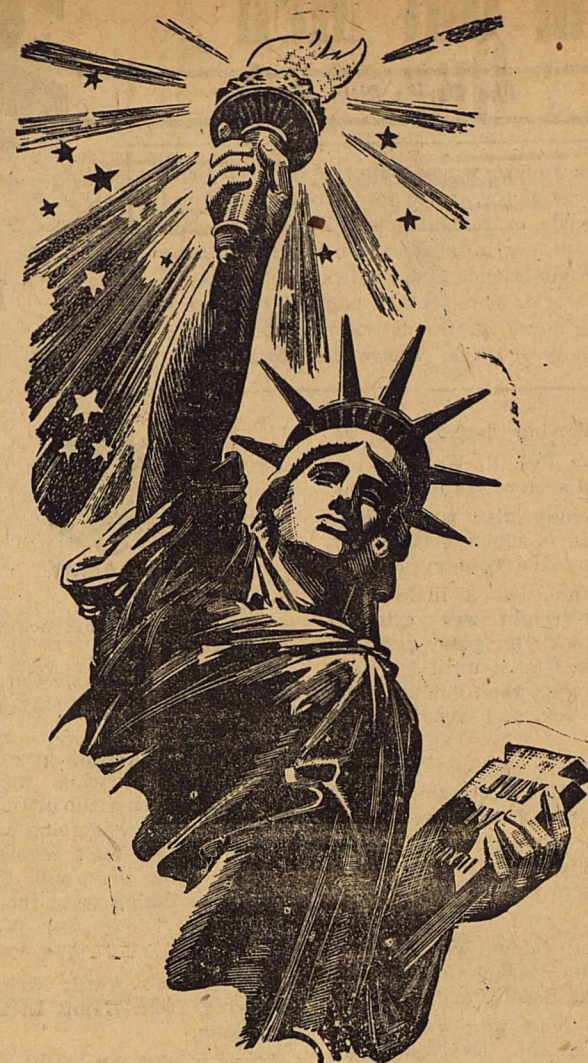
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