FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 31, 1943

TENTH WEEK

Town And Farm In Wartime

TIGHTENING UP ON NON-FATHERS

Local Selective Service Boards are tightening up on non-fathers, lessening the number of agricultural and occupational deferments for them and at the same time increasing the number of these deferments for pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, it was revealed by a comparison of local board reports for October 1 and December 1 by Selective Service National Headquarters. Total deferments in agriculture, December 1, were 1,606,661 of which 692,252 were fathers. This was an increase of 33,674 agriculturally deferred fathers between October 1 and December 1. Selective Service figures it will be required to furnish between 1,9000,000 and 2,100,000 men to the armed forces between December 1 and July 1 -- Thus providing 700,000 to 900,000 replacements and bringing total strength of all forces, including WAVES and WACS, to 11,300,000. During October and November, an estimated 150,000 men were reclassified out of IV-F for reexamination by the armed

EXTEND HOG PRICE SUPPORT Good and choice butcher hogs weighing from 270 to 300 pounds will be included in the Price Support Program, according to WFA. This temporary measure became effective December 23 and is expected to encourage the more orderly marketing of hogs and to relieve the congested conditions existing in many of the principal markets. The action is intended to protect farmers from prevailing heavy discounts for hogs weighing over 270 pounds. The Hog Support Program previously applied to good and choice hogs weighing 200 to 270 pounds. WFA requested that hogs weighing less than 200 pounds be kept off the market until congested conditions are relieved.

PUBLIC WANTS ALARM CLOCKS

"What are some of the shortages which have bothered you most |QM|?" Nearl 5,000 persons throughout the ountry were asked this questic in a recent surequirments made vey of consume by the Office Civilian Requirements. The m serious inconvenience and h ship is caused by the shortage of alarm clocks, although shortage of food affects the greatest number--followed in order of numbers by elastic, galvanized ware, some textile products, and alarm clocks. "Most of the needs brought out by this survey can and will be met," Arthur D. Whiteside, Vice-Chairman of OCR, said.

ADDRESS RATION BOOKS

Hundreds of lost ration books dropped in the mails by the finders are being sent to the Dead Letter Office every month because owners failed to fill in their addresses on the covers, according to OPA. Every holder of a ration book should make certain that his current addresse is plainly written in the space provided for that purnose on the cover.

> TO SPEED VETERANS' PAYMENTS

Action has been taken to eliminate delays between the date a soldier is discharged for physical disability and the time he may begin to receive a pension or other veterans' benefits, according to the War Department. Steps have been taken so that before the soldier leaves the army, he may get not only competent advice on the merits of individual claims, but also a decision on them.

CAMELBACK PRODUCTION SETS RECORD

Production of 25 million pounds of Camelback in November was the largest on record and an increase of approximately 25 percent over October. Though demand still exceeds production, future production is expected to meet all essential needs. The material produced during November was enough to recap 21/2 to 3 million passenger tires and 500,000 heavyduty commercial tires.

EMPLOYMENT AIDS FOR

VETERANS

Regardless of priorities set up in local employment stabilization plans, all honorably discharged members of the armed forces will be helped to find a job to their liking, whether on war work or not, according to the War Manpower Commission. If the veteran takes a job and is dissatisfied, he has the privilege, for 60 days of seeking other work. Six local offices of the U. S. Employment Service (New Haven, Conn; St. Louis, Mo; Ft. Worth, Texas: Los Angeles,

W. I. Marschall Is Lions Club's Guest Speaker

Members of the Sonora Lions Club. at their Tuesday luncheon this week, heard W. I. Marschall, Tom Green County Agent who resides in San Angelo, speak on the Extension Service and the part it is playing in the war effort. Marschall also gave some interesting points on the 1944 Extension Service program.

Also speaking at the meeting was H. V. Stokes, who spoke on post-war planning, emphasizing the assistance citizens can and must give returning servicemen who need help.

the guest speaker, were Joseph B. Logan, apprentice seaman, who is a student at Baylor Dental College, Dallas, and Ensign Sam Logan, stationed with the Navy at New Orleans, La. also Billy Shurley, student at Texas A. & M. College,

State Drivers' License Examiner Here Today

Persons whose drivers' licenses have expired and those who wish to have their licenses renewed before the expiration date, may see J. B. Hart, State drivers' license examiner, who will be be at the Court House today from 8 o'clock this morning until 4 o'clock this

Dirvers' licenses expire two years from the date of issuance, and those who allow their licenses to expire must take a driving examination from a State examiner before the license can be renewed. Also, a charge of 50 cents is made for renewal of licenses.

Calif; Minneapolis, Minn; and Philadelphia, Pa.) have been designated as demonstration centers for veterans counseling and expanded placement programs. By March it is expected the test programs will be expanded to all USES offices.

> BOWLES SUMMARIZES OPA WORK

Chester Bowles, OPA Administrator, recently summarized the job OPA has done in 1943 in holding down the cost of living and in distributing rationed products. A year ago, Mr. Bowles said, round steak was 3 cents higher a pound, pork chops were 51/2 cents higher, lamb chops 2 cents higher, and leg of lamb 11/2 cents a pound higher. Today "Meat in general is averaging about 7 percent under the figures of Christmas, 1942." Food prices, in general, Mr. Bowles said, "Average out almost exactly the same as last March. Rentals have also remained about the same for the last year. On clothing . . . prices are up 51/2 percent since Christmas a year ago. Today, the cost of living stands approximately where it was eight months ago. That is a record the whole country can be proud of, because it was the first time since January, 1941, three years ago, that the cost of living has been held so stable for so long."

FREEZE SWEET POTATO PRICES

Fresh sweet potato prices have been frozen at all levels from country shipper through retailer on the basis of the individual seller's "high" for the five-day period from December 17 through December 21, 1943. This action was taken by OPA because prices at terminal markets recently had been advancing at an inflationary rate.

MAY ADD COST OF JAR

Housewives will have to pay approximately 2 cents more per jar for fruit, berries, and vegetables sold in glass containers where the processor has started packing in glass since 1941. In packing in glass containers, processors incur greater labor costs.

OPA HONORS VOLUNTEERS

The OPA War Service Award certificate will be presented during the week of January 2 to 85,300 men and women who have served 100 hours or more as volunteer aids on local rationing boards during the two years the boards have been in operation. Distinguished Service pins will be awarded the 9,060 volunteers who have served 500 hours or more. In addition to certificates to board assistants, the 76,00 board members will receive lapel buttons with inscription; "War Price and Rationing Board -- OPA -- Meritorious Service."

Purpose Of OPA Meet Here Is Announced

The purpose of the district OPA meeting of gasoline distributors, ration bankers, and members of local rationing boards in this area, which is to be held here Friday night, January 7, is to explain the new enforcement methods to be followed in order to combat black market practices in gasoline and particularly the use of counterfeit and stolen gasoline coupons. This information was received here this week from the district office in San Antonio. Similar meetings are being held in Austin, Victoria, Corpus Christi, Edinburg, Laredo

"Many filling stations in this district have been accepting loose coupons without realizing that by doing so they are contributing directly to the creation of a gang of racketeers as bad as any seen in prohibition days," William P. Dobbins, district enforcement attorney, said.

In order to make sure that only valid coupons are being accepted by filling station operators, the ration bank accounts of distributors will be checked for invalid coupons, such as counterfeit coupons, coupons which do not bear the proper endorsement of the number and state of the license tag, and other necessary data. The distributors will then be required to secure from the dealers who gave them the invalid stamps, valid replacement stamps. This will mean a depletion in the ration capital of the dealer who has been passing invalid stamps to his supplier and means that if he continues in these activities, his entire supply of stamps will eventually be exhausted and he will be driven out of business.

FALL CLIP REMNANTS APPRAISED AT 37 TO 43 CENTS

With the appraisal of four lots of remnants on Tuesday, all fall wool in the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company house had been appraised by Commodity Credit Corporation representatives. The remnants, totaling about fifteen thousand pounds, were appraised at 37.9 to 43 cents.

Appraisers here Tuesday were Guy C. Burton, Henry Maginot, Rhome Shields, J. F. Baker and E. O. Oglesby.

ELLIOTT BROTHERS PURCHASE MURPHY BUSINESS PROPERTY

The business property on Main and Concho Streets, housing several businessesses, including the Corner Drug Store, Corner Barber Shop and the United States Post Office, Club Cafe, and Sonora Electric Company was sold Thursday, December 23, to Elliot Brothers, by Mrs. Clara Murphy, according to records filed with County Clerk J. D. Lowrey. The property sold to L. W. and A C. Elliott for \$10, 000 cash and the assumption of payments on a note for \$8,500 made in 1939.

The property includes lots 1 and 2 and the west half of lot 3.

Reappointed Chairman



W. B. Clayton, of Houston, Texas, and Washington, D. C., will again lead the Texas celebrations of President Roosevelt's birthday for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The 1944 campaign will be conducted from January 14 to 31 to raise funds for continuing the fight against the dread disease. A great increase of polio cases in 1943 necessitates an intensive campaign with the entire state participating, Mr. Clayton said. All members of the Texas executive committee and all local campaign directors have been requested to serve in 1944. George Waverley Briggs, of Dallas, has ac-cepted the state vice-chairmanship and will be in active charge of the

Sonorans Hear From Brother Reported Missing

Perhaps the best Christmas gift received by any Sonoran was the word received last week by Mrs. M. C. Scott and Mrs. B. D. Roberts, from their brother, T-Sgt. Lawson Johnson, shot down earlier this month in a raid over Salamos, New Guinea, that he is injured but doing nicely in an Army hospital.

Sgt. Johnson, who was one of six survivors of a 10-man Liberator crew, was reported missing in a wire received by his mother, Mrs. Katie Johnson of Junction, from the war Department on December 10.

Mrs. Johnson also learned this week that the family of T-Sgt. Joseph Hatcher of Kilgore, another survivor of the crash, have heard from their son stating that he is also in the hospital with Sgt.

Cotton Bowl Game To Be Broadcast On Texas Network

Following a custom inaugurated with the first Cotton Bowl game, the Humble Oil and Refining Company will again broadcast this traditional football classic New Year's Day. This year's Cotton Bowl contenders will be the Texas University Longhorns, winners of the 1943 Southwest Conference, and the Randolph Field Ramblers, one of the leading service teams in the nation.

Two veteran Humble announcers will be on hand to report the proceedings. At 1 o'clock Ves Box will open the broadcast with a description of the colorful pregame activities. At game time, a few minutes later, Kern Tips will take over for a play-by-play report of the game. Stations which will carry the game are members of the Texas Quality network: KPRC, Houston; WFAA, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; as well as KNOW, Austin; KRIS, Corpus Christi; and KRGV, Weslasco.

SERVICEMEN THANK LOCAL RED CROSS FOR SWEATERS SENT THEM

The California Chamber of Commerce, to the contrary, it does get cold in the winter in California, as evidenced by the eight letters received by the Red Cross chapter here, thanking them for sweaters sent to servicemen at Camp Haan, California.

The letters, written by the men who were issued the sweaters. thanked the local chapter and the Red Cross as a whole for the many services the organization performs for the servicemen. One letter, written by a man from Pecos, Texas, said that the sweater was like a message from home to him. All the writers agreed that the sweaters would feel pretty good during the winter months.

AAA MAKES INCREASE IN COUNTY FEED CROP GOAL

The 1944 farm goals, announced last week by the Triple A, calls for an increase in feed crops in this county, along with an increase in feed crops and wheat production for four other counties in this same area. All the counties named, including Sutton, Kimble, Menard, Schleicher and Concho, the program is 2,000 acres.

More Pre-Pearl Harbor Fathers Classed 1-A

Further reclassifications of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers have been made by the local Selective Service Board in the past two weeks, preparatory to making many of them eligible for military service in the near future. There are 1,000 regristrants between 18 and 25 years of age in the county, 360 of which are pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

The latest reclassifications include: Vicento Sauseda, 1-Ah; Joseph McKee, 2-A; Elmer T. Smith, 1-Ah; Gomer Mennick, 2-A; William H. Guest, 1-Ah; Lester A. Archer, 2-A; O. V. Mullins, 2-A; Jose Lopez, 1-A; John A. Nisbet, 1-A; Preston L. Norwood, 1-A; James W. Taylor, 1-A; James T. T. Barton, 1-A;; Alfred Sessom, 1-A; Prajidiez Abila, 3-C; Hubert Gields, 1-A; George E. Smith, 2-A; Roy Christie, 2-A; Felton Jones, 2-B; Ernest C. Stevens, 1-A; Charles M. Hull, 3-C; Nicolas Liras, 2-Ah; Leland Stanley, 2-A; Charles West, 2-A; Henry F. Allen, 1-A; Herbert T. Cole, 1-A; Felix Villarreall, 3-Ch; Jesse Powell, 1-A; Beamon A. Speed, 2-A; Leonardo Torres, 3-C; Harold Guest, 3-C; Wilson Owens, 1-A; Richard Crosthwait, 1-A; Crespin Garza, 2-C; Jose Villarreal, 3-C; Aubrey W. Stlubblefield, 1-A; Richard Saunders, 1-A; Herman Wood, 1-A; Lee Patrick, 1-A; John N. Merck, 1-A; James Barry, 1-A; Jacinto Garza, 2-C; and Glen Richardson, 2-A.

Also James Mclaughlin, 1-A; Arthur Caveness, 1-A; Walter Stout, 1-A; William B. Johnson, 2-A; Juan Gallegos, 3-C; Jess Maxey, 3-C; Arnulfo Virgen, 1-A; Jesus Esquibel, 1-A; Alvin L. Holmig, 1-A; Howard C. Kirby, 1-A; Carnie Wyatt, 3-Ch; Ervin Wilman, 1-A; Julius Lawless, 1-A; William Mittel, 3-Ch; James O. Hightower, 2-B, and Ruben Gomez, 2-B.

Carl Harris, 3-C; William T. Creech, 2-B; Carl L. Holland, 3-C; Harry Buendia, 1-A; Moses A. Lee, 1-A; Jesus Galindo, 3-C; James F. Lee, 1-A; Rafael Gomez, 3-Ch; Leonard, Bingham, 3-Ch; Arvel L. Bolt, 1-A; Santiago Blacke, 1-A; Segundio G. Gonzales, 1-A; Alton Cobern, 2-Ah; Joseph R. Hull, 2-A; Luis Abila, 3-C; Lucio Quiroz, 1-A; Clint B. Jones, 1-A; Eric Lomax, 1-A; Lewie H. Friess, 3-C; Lee Patrick, 2-A; Clifton Harris, 1-A; Carl Morgan, 1-A; David Smith, 2-A; Alfred Thiers, 2-A; H. W. Loftin, 1-A; Benigmo Castilleja, 3-C; Alfred Brown, 2-A; Allen H. Adkins, 2-A; Homer Hill, 1-A; Doroteo Castro, 1-A; Francisco A. Moralez, 1-A: Felipe Rodriguez, 3-C and Clyde Henderson,

Creccencio Salazar, 1-C; Max Almaguer, 1-A; Ruby E. West, 2-A; Eduardo G. Guajardo, 3-C; Francisco Gonzales, 1-A; Genaro Gonzales, 1-A; Jesus Ramis, 1-A; Travis R. Glasscock, 3-C; Clade S. Wright, 1-A; Marion Lawless, 1-Ah; Toribio Chavez, 3-C; Florio Barcla, 4-F; Nicolas R. Duran, 1-C; Roy B. Glasscock, 4-F; James V. Roberts, 1-C and Jack Hearn,

are in the protein livestock feed

shortage district. The Sutton County goal for 1944 calls for 1,200 acres of feed crops, which include corn, oats, barley, rye and sorghums. The total farm land in the county in

Flying Artillery



"Pistol Packin' Momma," in the form of a North American B-25 Mitchell bomber equipped with a 75 millimeter cannon, is a smash hit in the Southwest Pacific, where this plane and others like it have recently been hitting the enemy with the "flying artillery." A War Department announcement has revealed that the North American Mitchell is the first plane to be equipped with heavy artillery and has been a great success in machine learner than the latter than the same of the s been a great success in smashing Japanese shipping and supply centers.

Neill Reappoints Committee For 4th Bond Drive

TO RECEIVE QUOTA BY JANUARY 3

George H. Neill has again been named War Finance County Committee Chairman in this county by the assistant regional director, Lockett Shelton. On receiving word of his appointment to head the Fourth War Loan, to be conducted in January, Neill said that he would ask all committee members who served with him in the previous war loan drives to assist him again.

Members of the committee who served before, are J. D. Lowrey, W. A. Miers, L. W. Elliott, W. H. Dameron, W. E. Caldwell, H. V. Stokes, T. C. Murray, E. D. Stringer, J. H. Trainer, Alvis Johnson, and Mmes. M. G. Shurley, R. E. Duncan, B. H. Cusenbary, Lloyd Earwood, Sterling Baker, and Clay Puckett. Mexican members of the committee are Armando Figueroa, Victor Castillo, Adolfo Flores and Francisco Abila.

Neill has received word from the State chairman that the Sutton County quota will be received here about January 3. The national quota is fourteen billions of

Sutton Countians over-subscribed their quotas on both the Second and Third War Loan Drives by several thousands of dollars. The non-banking quota for the Second War Loan, conducted last April, was \$116,000, and this figure was topped by over fourteen thousands. The banking quota in April was almost doubled, the quota being \$93,000 and purchases by the First National Bank being \$175,000. This oversubscription was made by the third day of the drive.

The Third War Loan quota of \$267,400 was topped by eight or ten thousand dollars.

Neill said this week that, although we may expect a larger quota in the January drive, he feels that it will be raised. The cooperative spirit and generosity with which his committee and the citizens acted before, he said, can he counted on to put us again "over the top".

NEAR FATALITY OCCURS WHEN 3 MEMBERS OF FAMILY OVERCOME BY GAS

A near fatality to three of the F. J. Wood family occurred Wednesday morning, when escaping fumes from a gas furnace almost two children, Tommy and Diana.

Wood, who went downtown eary that morning, said that evidently the fumes had been escaping for several hours, as he felt dizzy all morning. Mrs. Wood detected the odor of gas on returning to the house after taking him to town. She and the children began hunting for what they thought was a leak in the gas connections, and soon became so weak they could not walk. Mrs. Wood managed to get to the telephone and called the Wood Furniture Store for help.

On arriving at the house, Wood said he found Mrs. Wood and the children almost completely overcome by the fumes. After being taken outside and receiving simple medical attention, the three recovered.

CITY TAKES OWNERSHIP OF CITY HALL, FIRE STATION

Complete ownership of the fire station and city hall here was taken over last week by the City of Sonora, according to City Manager George E. Smith. The erection of this building is said to be the first Public Works Administrtion Project in the Southwest.

.The mortgage on the property was paid off and quite a bit of interest saved, by the payment of \$2,600 in bonds from the sinking fund. Cost of erecting the building, erected in March, 1938, at a cost of \$6,300, was covered by a city bond of 04,500. The bonds carried four percent interest rate.

John Lee Nisbet, who has been confined to his home for the past week after receiving medical treatment in a San Angelo hospital, is now able to be up and back at his office.

Miss Elizabeth Caldwell, an instructor of music at the State School for the Blind, Austin, visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, during the holidays.

Announcemets

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
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Training Union	7:30
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hersal, Wednesday	8:30
Brotherhood, first and third T	ues-
day	8:30
W. M. II. each Wednesday	3:00

Methodist - Baptist Churches Hold Yule Musical Program

Mrs. J. W. Hull was soloist and Mrs. E. D. Shurley was director and pianist when the Methodist and Baptist Churches held their annual Christmas services at the Methodist Church Sunday night, December 19. Carols and an anthem were sung by the choir after which the Reverend F. L. Meadow of the Methodist Church read the scripture and was assisted by the Reverend J. E. Eldridge of the Baptist Church.

Other participating on the program were Mmes. A. E. Prugel, J. C. Stephen, H. L. Lackey, S. M.

Miss Jamie Trainer, student at NTSTC, Denton, and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Trainer, were the guests of friends and relatives here over the holidays. They left Thursday afternoon for San Angelo, to spend a few days with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Sam Thomas, and

Miss Marie Watkins, former public school piano and voice teacher here who now has a studio in San Angelo, spent Christmas Day and the first part of this week here, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock and

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Also Mssrs. Edwin Sawyer, Fred Wright, S. M. Loeffler, O. L. Richardson, H. L. Lackey, J. C. Stephen and E. D. Shurley.

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Mrs. Eldridge Hostess At Yuletide Party

Mrs. J. E. Eldridge honored the young people's department of the Baptist Sunday School Monday night with a party at the parson-

A Christmas tree and Christmas colors were used in decorating the room. Games were played and carols were sung after which gifts were distributed from the tree.

Those present were Pauline Allen, Betty Faye Glasscock, Edith Eldridge, Jack Christie, Charlene Hull, Margaret Smith, Betty Gene Rankhorn, Frances Jo Lancaster, Frances Jane Drennan, Mary Lou Neuerberg, Erma Lee Eldridge and the Reverend Eldridge.

Burleson - Davis Wedding Told

An announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Davis of Eldorado that their daughter, Ida Alice, was married December 6, to Jack Burleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Burleson of Sonore. The ceremony took place in Sonora at the home of the Baptist minister.

Mrs. Burleson was attending school in Sonora at the time of her marriage. Mr. Burleson is employed on a ranch near Sonora where the couple will make their

Theater, Birthday Party Honors Diana Wood

Diana Wood was honored on her tenth birthday with a theater party by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wood, Sunday afternoon. After the show the guests were served cake and hot chocolate in the Wood home.

Guests included Carnie Sue Wyatt, Lois Lu Lomax, Inez Chalk, Betsy Ross, Nancy Neill, Mary Elaine Stringer, Darlene Lovelace, Joe David Ross, Billy Bryan Savell, Jimmie Morrow, John Stanley Hamby and Tommie Wood.

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE Clubs . Parties . Features

PAT REILEY, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 31, 1943 The Devil's River News

Mrs. Saunders Honors Brother With Dinner

Mrs. H. C. Saunders entertained with a Mexican dinner Monday night, in honor of her brother, Wallace Davis, who visited here Monday and Tuesday.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis and Rodney, Mrs. Victor Gentzler, Miss Jean Saunders, Edgar Saunders and Miss Pat Reiley.

Mr. Davis flew here from his ranch near Kerrville Monday afternoon, and while here took several people for plane rides. Tuesday morning he returned by plane to his ranch. He is also the brother of G. H. Davis and W. L. Davis, both of Sonora.

Blue Monday Club Meets With Mrs. Labenske

Mrs. Lee Labenske was hostess and Mrs. John Cauthorn was co-hostess when the Blue Monday Club met Wednesday night.

High score for guests was held by Mrs. Sam Hull and high for members was won by Mrs. O. G.

Members present were Mmes. W. E. Caldwell, Elmo Johnson, Joe Berger, J. W. Trainer, George Trainer, Sr., T. W. Saandherr, Rose Thorp, O. C. Ogden, Harvey Morris, John Bunnell and Babcock.

Guests included Mmes. B. C. McGilvray, J. H. Brasher, John Kring and Hull.

SCHWIENINGS HAVE GUESTS

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening, Sr., for Christmas Day, were the following; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schweining of Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones and Jan of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Schweining and children, and Mrs. Dayton Cain.

Arriving here Thursday of last week for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to visit his father, John Lee Nisbet, his sister, Mariorie Reba, and other relatives. Mr. Nisbet until recently has been engaged in work in a defense plant. He went to San Antonio this week to be inducted into the Navy and expects to be called sometime in January.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many kind friends who sent flowers and expressions of sympathy and performed acts of thoughtful friendliness during my recent illness.

John Lee Nisbet.

Back The ATTACK With BONDS

Savells And Hunts Entertain With Annual Christmas Day Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Savell, Mr. and Mrs. Miers Savell and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt held their annual open house Christmas morning for friends from ten until twelve o'clock.

The living room was decorated with red berries, and the mantle was banked with holly. Red candles were used in lighting. Santa Claus was exhibited in the fire place with his reindeer. On the piano was a Christmas scene of a miniature town with Santa Claus com-

Used in decorating the dining room were mixed flowers and gold candelbra holding red tapers.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Frank Bond, Charles Davis, Lloyd Earwood, A. C. Elliott, L. W. Elliott, Thomas Espy, W. J. Fields, Jr., B. M. Halbert, Jr., John Hamby, W. P. McConnell, Jr., L. E. Johnson, W. L. Miers, O. C. Orden, J. T. Penick, H. C. Saunders. Ogden, J. T. Penick, H. C. Saunders, Sr., Collier Shurley, E. D. Shurley, Fred Simmons, H. V. Stokes, John Ward, Jr., Jeff Haynie of Abilene, Duke Wilson, Aldwell Nisbet of Baton Rouge, La., and Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Boughton.

Mmes. Mack Cauthorn, R. E. Duncan, Thersa Friend, Josie Mc-Donald, Stella Keene, Kernie of Del Rio, Dorothy Norris, Belle Steen and T. A. Williams of San Antonio.

Messrs. 'S. H. Allison, Raymond Barker, John Fields, Cleve Jones, J. D. Lowrey, W. A. Miers, Billy Shurley, Richard and Alian Boughton, S. H. Stokes, Sgt. Web Elliot, Lt. Harrel Espy, Lt. T. A. Williams, Jr., and Curtis Norman of Brady.

Also Misses Marjory Reba Nisbet, Sammie Jeanne Allison, Doris Keene, Martha Jo Moore, and B. M. Halbert, III, Georgia Sue Norris, Nancy Beth Wilson, Tom Elaine Espy, Billie Bob Ellingson, David Shurley, Frankie Bond, Tommy Bond, Ernest Carroll Stephen, Billy Bryan and Vicky Jo Savell and James Theodore and Nancy

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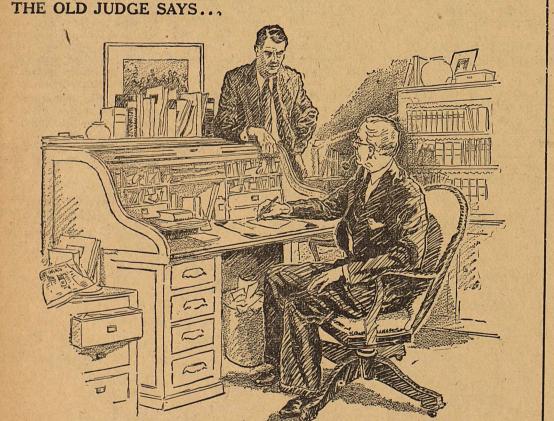


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> Thank You, Joe Oberkampf



"The men overseas don't mince any words about the way they want to find this country when they come marching home... do they, Judge?"

"They certainly don't, Herb...and they shouldn't. They're doing a masterful job fighting over there to protect our rights and they have good license to expect us to protect theirs back here at home. One thing they're mighty clear on is their stand on prohibition."

"I saw in the paper just the other day the results of a poll taken among American

service men in England by the British Institute of Public Opinion. They asked hundreds of men point blank how they would vote on prohibition. 85% of them stated, in unmistakable terms, that they would vote against it. There's no doubt about it, Herb...the men overseas don't want any action taken on that subject while they're away."

"And they're 100% right, Judge, because I know how I felt when I came home after the last war—only to learn that we had been over there fighting for so impractical a thing as Prohibition." SAVE MORE THAN 1/2 PRICE PECIAL DRYSKIN MIXTU

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Wherever you meet people who know Sonora, be it in West Texas or farther away, you will find that Sonora is known as a hospitable town, and that its citizens and Sutton Countians are known as friendly, generous people. And it is no accident that the Stockman's Paradise and its people have that reputation. Generations of good people, courteous people, have made that name for our community. Yet, to a traveler coming through here, one act of rank discourtesy can undo what good citizens

have done, can give Sonora a "black eye." We know this, because a prominent West Texas judge stopped in a Kerrville filling station not long ago and said to the attendant, "Fill it up--put in all the gas it will hold, so I won't have to stop in Sonora for

This same man had formed a poor opinion of Sonora because of the gross discourtesy shown him when he stopped here several days before for gasoline. After leaving Sonora, he stopped a few miles up the road and discovered that the cap from his gas tank was missing. Fearing that he would lose a good deal of gas by going on to the next town without the cap, he drove back to the station here and said to the man in charge, "I believe you forgot to replace my gas tank cap."

"I didn't do it," was the prompt and rude reply, and the attendant

The man looked around, and then said, "What are you going to do about my situation?"

"Well, if you're so-- short, I'll just give you a cap," the filling station employee snapped.

At that the customer got in his car, drove to another station and bought a cap, then left Sonora declaring that he would never even come through here again if he could avoid it. And our community had lost

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Following are excerpts from " I Am Private Enterprise," written by Benjamin DeCasseres and published first in the March of Events, a column in the New York Journal-American.

I am the Spirit of Private Enterprise.

Wherever I have existed freedom of mind and body have existed. Wherever I have been murdered by collectivist laws and governmental strangulation freedom of mind and freedom of body have died.

I was the physical lever of Athenian civilization.

I died in the collectivist fuedal ages. . . .

I, Private Enterprise, have brought more men of the same countries and men of distant countries close together in friendly intercourse than all the Socialistic and Communistic doctrines combined.

I am the expression and sustainer of all that is lordly in the human soul---- Self Reliance, the Adventourous Spirit, emotional and mental Initiative, Ambition and Inventive Resoursefulness. . . .

I, Private Enterprise, built America.

If she is a giant today in production it is I who have made her a giant. I cleared her forests. I built her railroads. I tunneled her mountains. I erected her factories, dug the coal and ore in her mines, and sent out her ships on the Seven Seas.

In my brain was born every creature comfort you enjoy.

I am the hope of Europe and Asia.

I, Private Enterprise, am the working classes, the middle classes, and

I am the butcher shop, the bank, the news-stand, the great department store, the giant furnaces of Detroit and Pittsburgh, and the electric light. I, Private Enterprise, am Edison, Ericsson, Goodyear, Wanamaker,

Westinghouse, Fulton, Whitney, Morse and the Wright Brothers. . . . It is I, Private and Free Enterprise, that is winning this war for Russia, England, China and the U.S. A.

I, Private Enterprise, am the power behind your son, your father, your

brother fighting for you in Africa and the Pacific. I am the minute man of Uncle Sam.

I am America.

I am the very essence and body of Jeffersonian democracy, for I am Private Property and Personal Liberty. -(*&\$½1b?*½&)-

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49 Years Ago

Born on Thursday, December 27, 1894, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Haley,

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Jones and son, Leslie, are spending the holidays with relatives at McKavett.

Attend the ball at the Court House Monday night and dance the old year out and the new year

Frank Franklin, boss of Dr. J. B. Taylor's ranch, was in Sonora for the holidays.

The Sonora Christmas races were a success in every respect, except, of course for the loosers. In the 400 yard race there were four entries but only three started. It was a pretty race from start to finish. W. Warner's bay horse entered by Abe Mayer finished half a length ahead of George Morris' Sonora colt and Charles Coupples' sorrel mare from Rocksprings was only a length behind.

There were three starters in the 200 yard race and it was hard to tell which was which between Abe Mayer's bay and J. T. Cooper's gray. The bay won by a head. A great many other races were run and a considerable amount of money changed hands.

There will be more racing in Sonora on New Years Day. _49_

M. R. Calhoun and Mr. Walker, sheepmen from Beaver Lake, were in Sonora Saturday.

Married on Wednesday, December 26, 1894, at the residence of

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the bride's parents in West Sonora, Mr. James Gillespie to Miss Annie Stephenson, the Reverend W. G. Cocke, Methodist minister officiating. The Devil's River News wishes Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie much happiness.

49_ Captain A. C. Green and beautiful wife were in Sonora this week from their ranch in Edwards County 40 miles below Sonora.

Married in Sonora, Texas, on Thursday, December 27, 1894 at seven o'clock P. M., at the Methodist Church, Mr. C. S. Green of Edwards County to Miss B. L. Richardson of Bath Summersetshire, England. The Reverend W. G. Cocke officiated. The groom is a well-known and successful stockraiser and the bride a beautiful and charming young lady. The News extends congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

A delightful hop was given at the Court House Thursday night in honor of the bride and was largely attended.

Miss Laura Foote of Lampasas arrived in Sonora Monday on an extended visit to her brother, Mr. S. D. Foote.

Pat Murphy, editor of the San Angelo Standard, spent Christmas in Sonora with his mother, sister and brothers.

Protein Situation Discussed At TSGRA Meet

> Following are excerpts from an address on the "Protein Situation", made by A. L. Ward, of the educational service of the National Cottonseed Products Association, Inc., before the Texas Sheep and Raisers' Association convention in Fort Worth on December 8.

After being confronted with a protein shortage, the Commodity Credit Corporation of the Department of Agriculture has given to Texas and the Southwest most excellent cooperation and support in meeting the situation last season. as well as the present season. Reviewing briefly, you will recall that the Educational Service of the National Cottonseed Products publicly reported that between January 1 and July 31, 1943, which belongs to the 1942-43 season, the Commodity Credit Corporation shipped into the Southwest approximately 220,000 tons of Northern soybeans. Of this amount, approximately 170,000 tons came to Texas. The Texas supply of cottonseed cake and meal plus some small importations from the Northern soybeans enabled the Southwest to get by last season. It is true, of course, that the holdings of cake and meal in the Southwest were

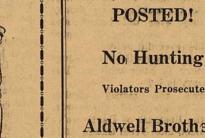
reduced to practically nothing; and it is true, also, that many herds of dairy cattle were disposed of and there was some culling on the

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Our presentations of the facts were accompanied with the state-ment that Texas would need approximately 17,000,000 bushels of Northern soybeans to supplement the protein expected from cottonseed, peanuts and flax produced in Texas. Seventeen million bushels of soybeans will produce approximately 404,000 tons of soybean cake and meal. Our estimate of cottonseed meal and cake for the season 1943-44 was based on a Texas cotton crop of 2,825,000 bales which will yield, we believe, approximately, 440,000 tons of cottonseed cake and meal.

The offical government reports show the production of cottonseed cake and meal in Texas for August through October was 157,185 tons. I estimate that Texas mills produced 75,000 tons during Novem ber which would bring the tota cottonseed cake and meal up to 132,185 tons for the period August through November. Adding to this the imported soybean production we have approximately 250,000 tons of protein produced in Texathe period August through No

There was on hand at mil at crushed October 31 this See Protein, p. 4



LET'S START THE NEW YEAR

A brand new start . . . a new year that promises to bring us closer and closer to Victory each day. So don't let the sands of time slip by unnoticed. TODAY is the time to give that pint of blood, buy that War Bond.

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MEATS, FATS—Brown stamp L. M, N, P, and Q are good through January 1. Brown stamp R is good through January 29. Brown stamp S becomes good January 2 and remains good through January 29. Spare stamp 1 on the first page of war ration book four is good for 5 points for the purchase of pork through January 1.

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ire, diamond rings, boots, RANCH LOAI hats .-

1-1929 and the crash again. ry, Mr. Jones-more maror we'll have to sell you out

The last war-remember?

Pink ones, green ones, blue ones

ith white stripes-millions of them.

And silk stockings for the wom-

on legs that had never felt any-

g but cotton before,

The cuffs on the silk shirts were

frayed, and the colors faded-and

the silk stockings gone, and the

rings and the watches were in

pawn shops—and people moved

So we started on the second lap,

=1923-1929. Prosperity. Nothing

er like it before in the world.

Stocks-up 50 points in a week

the same circular track.

back where they'd come from.

Silk shirts.

apartments.

But-

Then it happened.

ear Mr. Jones-unless you send us a check to cover two unpaid installments on your furniture—Dear Sir-in hands of our attorneys unless-mortages unpaid- worryworry- sorry Jones, better look around for a new job- no help

Remember?

Bread lines—the Bonus Army ex-soldiers selling apples on the street corners—"Brother, can you spare a dime?"-stocks going down -down-business failures... C.C.C.—and no ichs vet, and shoes THE in down at the heels. And the

ds- undernourished-crying a and "the lost generation-" ome? How did we get that

Why did it happen it couldn't happen

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en't good enough for avings banks weren't excitas broker's offices.

We were trying to compress our ves-to squeeze the juice of three core years and ten into a decade. wanted for next to nothing things our fathers had worked we ted and saved for.

clothes had to be betand her jewelry, too. d a thousand dollars n hundred on mine. (On

nd say-looka my new radio. enty-two tubes, three loud akers, record changer, home corder, and three short-wave

The old one? Oh, I traded it when I bought the new one-and he new refrigerator, and the dinng room furniture-slick, eh?-'modern", they call it.

"The men auch? Whats the differabout the Twenty-four payments country whedollars instead of sixty-

do they, Judgi never miss it.

"They cert a minute, brother.... shouldn't. Thumiss it" in the early fighting over Did we "miss it" when they have go million men walked tect theirs ben million men walked there street—camped out—lived in pronts and shacks and lean-tos? Did
"3 "miss it" while brave women the rubbed and scoured and patched mended until their finger tips -raw, their hands rough-and

ADVERTISEMENT hearts dull with the pain of

(This article was written by abandoned hopes?

Hold on once more This time chances are we won't bounce back again. Many people now realize what a close shave it was the last time, how desperately near we were to chaos and

national ruin. Must we come with another crash? Must we ignore, not one, nor two, nor three-but the dozens of lessons taught us by history? Must we head straight along the road-to-ruin we took last time?

It's what's beginning to happen, right here-now-in our country. People are making more money than they ever did before and spending it. Spending it faster

than they ever did before. The old "short-life-but-a-merry one" story is back with us. But

how merry is it? Where's the money coming from -"prosperity?" No -war. From the Business of Death we've been forced into. From things made to kill other people so they won't kill us.

Win, lose, or draw, the war will end some day. No war has lasted forever.

Then what?

Those same war-factory wheels will again slow down and stop. Men will walk out of factories and hear the gates grind closed behind them-many of them to stav closed.

And maybe the green grass will grow between the stones of factory courtyards before the men will come back to work againslowly—a few at a time.

The same as the last time? And the time before that?

Well, it shouldn't be, but it will be even worse-unless we use our common sense now.

There's no special Providence watching over this country, in spite of all our songs and slogans. We.re people—just like any other people.

Luckier, yes. Our land is fairer-endowed with more riches than any other lands. And we've worked hard-or used to, anyway. Nobody knows how much is left of American spirit and gutsyet. We think it's greater than before. The Japs and Germans will find that out.

But listen, Mister .-Don't fool yourself. The time's going to come when you'll need those dollars you're throwing around now.

If hard times catch up with you, it isn't that night-club proprietor who's going to return the money you spent in his place-

no, not any part of it.

And all the unnecessary gimmicks and gadgets you think you need now won't be worth a dime on the dollar then.

And when your pockets are empty it won't be because you'll be taking money out of thembut because no money will be going into them.

How about those bright kids of yours? Will they have to work instead of going to high school or college?

And those beautiful rings you bought your wife? Supposing you lose your job-how long can you last before pawning those baubles for a fraction of what they cost you?

So look .-When you want to spend money or buy something new, just imagine you are spending your

next to-the-last-dollar. Don't ask how happy you'd be with what you get for your

That's the only test. Otnerwise you're kidding yourself. Lighting matches to ten-dollar bills you're going to need -sure some day.

What? Oh, you're making money? Then save more-don't spend more.

Because the money we all save now will play a tremendous part in the after-war economy of our country. The money we save now will be a cushion of buying power—these sorely-needed dollars

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 31, 1943

The Devil's River New

Protein

1,463,429 tons of cottonseed compared with 1,607,949 tons last year. The equivalent production of meal and cake from the uncrushed seed this year is 658,543 tons compared with 723,577 tons last year.

But how about next year, the season 1944-45? Do you realize that in about two months Texas will begin planting cotton for the 1944-45? Our industry has already written many articles and prepared many releases pointing out the fact that the Southwest does not now produce sufficient protein to maintain its present livestock population. Texas sheep and goat raisers, Texas and Southwestern cattle raisers and our educational institutions owe it to themselves to study the situation carefully and determine what can be done to insure a more adequate supply of protein. If it is found that we cannot produce more protein, it is then time for some planning to be done. It is time for revamping our livestock program. We cannot expect to continue to receive a sufficient tonnage of protein from the North, under the conditions that exist in the Corn Belt States, on the Atlantic Seaboard and the New York Milkshed during the present war period.

I do ask what is Texas going to do about its great protein cropcotton? Cotton has made possible the maintenance and the expansion of the range cattle, sheep and goat industries. Although it has assisted in developing a great cattle, sheep and goat industry, the cotton industry of Texas and the South is now in bad repute with many Federal agricultural leaders and some Texas agricultural leaders because they believe that the world has too much lint. Perhaps according to old, pre-war standards we should grow less cotton, but the world will have fought in vain if it returns to prewar standards and I do not accept

to "start things up again" in our civilian economy-to keep us from national bankruptcy until the wheels start moving again. The dollars you waste now may be the dollars you need then—yes perhaps even for such matter-of fact things as bread and milk and

Why do you suppose your government urges you to save? It's perfectly simple—to ward off disaster. To make sure that the crash that "couldn'thappen here" doesn't happen again. So that possible (if not probable) after-war depression doesn't find you at the tail end of a bread-line fifteen million-people-long. So that a war we win by fighting won't be lost by waste.

Remember, we're at war, Dollars are needed just as much as mento back up those men-to give your boy, your brother, or your pal the stuff he needs to beat the Axis, and come back alive.

Money wasted on foolish luxuries won't do this. Once spent, it's gone, and neither you nor the boys fighting for you are better off for spending.

But the dollars you save in War Bonds or your saving account will help Uncle Sam buy the guns, the tanks, the ships, and the planes we must have to survive and win.

And those savings will guarantee your future—the financial future of you, your family, and the boys who are fighting for us

Nobody can tell you what's going to happen after the war, of its searing effect on the Nation.

But somebody can tell you what will happen to you. You can.

Make a plan and stick to it. Guarantee your own future. So many dollars every pay day into War Bonds and into your savings

Then, come hell or high water, follow your plan. Protect your family. Build up your reserves. Create a stock of money and make it grow. Your money. Your Bonds. Your protection.

And the bigger the stock of saving you create, the better off you'll be-to buy the good things you will want when the war is over-that new car, that refrigerator, and radio you can't get now-things that make American life the best in the world.

Meanwhile, helping vourself, your savings money will go to work helping your country, to provide fighting equipment for your boys to lick the Axis- homes for war workers-roads, railroad equipment, and ships to transport war materials from the factory to the front. Your dollars working for Victory and Peace!

So, when you can save wisely, you're helping your country and yourself at the same time.

Honest, now-

Could you ask for anything better?

the view of many that the world of protein in whatever form you does not need more cotton. I believe that when this war is over the people of the world who have been awakened to so many new things and new needs will be hungry for cotton and merchandise made from cotton and cottonseed

Here are a few facts that we must review and study. In the year 1930, Texas harvested over 16 million acres of cotton. It is estimated that Texas will harvest less than 8 million acres this year. On January 1, 1930, Texas had on its farms and ranches 6,500,000 head of all cattle and 6,387,000 head of sheep and lambs (I have no official figures on goats). On January 1, 1943, Texas had on its farms and ranches 7,518,000 head of all cattle and 10,677,000 head of sheep and lambs.

When this war is over the cottonseed crushing industry of the cotton producing states will do all in its power to reach out as far as competition will permit in all directions in the United States, or wherever oil-bearing seeds are grown, and bring the oil-bearing seeds to the mill or the slab cake to the mill so they can make available to you an adequate supply

25 LBS

want. We are willing to join with you in making the grasses of Texas ranges more productive and more efficient. We are willing to cooperate with you in maintaining Texas as the leading cattle, sheep and goat state of the United States. We are unwilling to go backward, or even stand still, we prefer to go forward.

Words cannot express our ap. preciation for the many acts of kindness, the words of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings made at the time of the loss of our loved one.

John Lee Nisbet and family Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and family.

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TONGUES, 3 Pts. 1b _____19c BELL PEPPER, tb ______ 19c SHRIMP, No Pts. tb _____ 54c GREEN BEANS, 2 lb _____35c Treet or Red Seal, 5 Pts. ____39c

PIGGLY WIGGLY

LOMAX and TRAINER

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.

Captain E. B. Tipton, First

"We had another early morning

Pilot on a -26, writes his wife who

is living here, the following from

briefing yesterday, and I had to

get up at four A. M. After we had

dressed and eaten, we came down

to the operations office. About the

first thing that we found out was

that we were to bomb an ---- in

were iced over something fierce,

so that we could hardly see any-

thing even after we got in the

air. We didn't realize at the time

how important it was going to be

for us to see well, before the day

"I was riding co-pilot with Frank

Harris and we were in the lead

ship of our squadron. His co-pilot

wasn't feeling too well and all of

my crew had been on a mission

just a few days before, so he took

his crew with the exception of

his co-pilot. Since his aircraft was

hit by flak and wasn't ready to

go, we took my plane on its first

mission and as it turned out fin-

and dropped our bombs. Just be-

fore we turned onto the bombing

run, we started getting some flak

and it was getting closer and

closer as the batteries got our

range and height, but still it was

not as heavy as some I have seen.

About that time, I spotted the

first of the Jerry figdters---there

were Folkes-Wolfes high on our

right, and I called them out on the

interphone to our gunners, who

had already seen them. About that

time I saw some up on our left,

and suddenly I began seeing them

all around us. You are probably

wondering where the Spitfires

"We got over the target alright

was over.

ally, its last.

--. It was cold and the cockpits

2 COAST GUARD

"I hope you will forgive me for

waiting so long about writing.

When you can't write about the

things around you, there isn't much

"As you probably know, I am

trying to learn how to be a baker.

I like the job fine and am planning

to make a rate in the next four

just about as hot as the summers

"Although I am enjoying my

work, I would like very much to

be back home, going to school and

to all the dances and parties again.

You don't know how much fun you

are having, until you get out of

"Tell everyone 'hello' for me and

A letter received from F/O Alan

W. Saunders, who is stationed in

India with the Air Corps, states:

really had a swell dinner here.

We had turkey (canned), dressing,

peas, corn, creamed potatoes, as-

paragus tips, cranberry sauce,

nuts, cake, fruit and white bread.

I sure ate a lot and really enjoyed

"Last night for supper in China

I ate eight eggs (fried), and for

breakfast the next morning I ate

four more. They have the best

fried eggs I ever ate over there.

About all we get here is duck

A later letter reads in part:

weather, finally. It is regular fall

weather--overcast and real cool. It

is snowing in China, and the moun-

tains are all getting snowed over.

This is the kind of weather that

makes me want to go hunting. As

"We have had a change in the

"How was Thanksgiving? We

school and are 'on your own'.

to write me all the news".

"It is summertime here now and

the Navy, writes:

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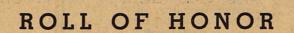
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In The Service





flying in the last box of the form-

ation and were the last of the

seventy-two airplanes that started

out, so the Spits were plenty busy

keeping them off the front planes

and just didn't have time to come

The anti-aircraft fire kept get-

ting heavier and heavier. Then

suddenly it stopped altogether, and

the fighters came in and there

wasn't anything timid about them

either. Some of them came so

close to us-each one taking his

turn-that we could look right into

the cockpit. They came up mostly

from behind us, attacking the

plane flying directly behind us.

They'd open up with their tracers

then started using their cannon.

The incendiary bullets and tracers

were whizzing past us like hail,

and I was really trying to hug the

armor plate on the back of my

seat. We got a hit in our right

engine and could feel the ship shudder, but the engine kept run-

ning alright. Then one of the gun-

ners called me to say he thought

they had got our number four man,

since he was losing altitude and

could no longer keep up with the

"Finally one of them (F. W.)

came right up under the nose of

our plane so close you could have

hit him with a rock--so close, in

fact, that the gunners couldn't de-

press their guns far enough to

shoot at him. Our waist gunner

formation.

and .303s to get the range and

back where we were.



rett sometime during the fight, but he couldn't remember when it happened. Just about that time the Spitfires came back to where we were and chased them off. I saw one sight I'll never forget. There were some Spits on the tail of a 109, off to our right and a little below us. We could see the guns on the Spit winking like little lights as he was shooting, and the 109 turned over on his back and

went into a spin. The last I saw

of him he was still spinning, so

the Spit got him for sure. "Some of the airplanes that we saw were silver with black crosses, but most of them were a pale green on the bottom with the top part a little darker green. They (the pilots) were really anxious to get in a lick at us, and they were as good flyers as I've ever seen. Finally the Spits got rid of them, and we held a hurried council of war to try to see what our damage was, but we couldn't see anything that looked especially serious. We were feeling pretty good about everything, except nobody could locate the ship that the fighters were working on. We found later that he came on across the channel losing height on one engine at every jump, with the Spitfires around him. He crashlanded on the coast. All of his crew were alright, with the expception of one of his gunners, who got a shell through his right hand. The airplane, needless to say, was shot to pieces and they finished it up when they landed. After we got back to the field, we circled

a little and then started in to land.



down, only the nose wheel and left main gear would come down. Then we discovered that the bullets in our right engine had knocked out the hydraulic system and that the wheel was stuck. The hydraulic fluid was pouring out, and the pressure gauge went right down to zero. After this, we found that we could no longer get the left wheel and nose up--so there we were flying around with two wheels hanging down and the gas getting low. The tower began trying to tell us how to get the wheels up, but to no avail. We finally gave up all hopes of getting the other wheel down. Then our main worry was to get the two wheels up, so that we could make a belly landing. We couldn't do that as long as the one was up and the others down, because we'd have turned over and probably killed everyone aboard--and after having just come through by far the roughest mission yet, in more or less good shape. Finally, more in desperation than anything else, we put all the handles in the up position and I started pumping for all I was worth on the handle, and it started up ever so slowly. Well, I've never put in such a hard few minutes as I did then, and finally we all heaved a great sigh of relief when the wheels came up and the nacelle doors closed. Now all we had to do was bring it in, wheels up on the grass. I knew it could be done, because I remembered that it had been done before. They sent us over to another field, which is a repair depot, so when we crashed we'd at least crash where all the facilities for repair were located. Everybody got braced, and Frank and I looked at each other and we started in.

body was hurt in the least, except the plane -- and to think that it was its first raid. "About the time we got up to the control tower we heard over the radio that another plane in our flight was in exactly the same predicament that we had been in and that he was coming over to the same field to land. Well we stood around and watched him

Frank was flying, so it was up to me to feather the props, cut the ignition switches and open the

hatches after levelling off and be-

fore touching the ground. He brought the plane in as slow as

he dared, and I opened the canopy, feathered the props, and cut the switches just as the belly of the

craft touched. We skidded for

about 100 yards in the mud, fin-

ally stopped and got out the top as fast as we could. The boys in the back came out the navigator's hatch in the top of the plane. No-

his crew was hurt either. "They gave us something to eat at the mess hall and loaded us into a bus and brought us back over to our own field, not too much the worse for wear considering such an exciting day. I sure put in a night's sleep last night and didn't get up until 10:00 o'clock this morning. Such is a day in the E. T. O."

come in the same way. No one in

T/Sgt. Thomas B. Booker writes from North Africa:

"Today was my lucky day. I got a lot of mail and also some packages. The things in the packages will help me out a lot. I am beginning to get so much stuff in my tent that it is beginning to look more like a store than a place to live; however, it is nice, because I can share things with my buddies.

"I have been trying to get my picture made again, but it is very hard to get things like that done over here. (Paper for developing the rolls, I mean).

"I talked to some of the boys the other day that had seen the Odom boy from Sonora that is over here. He told them that he was from Sonora, and they asked him if he knew me. His folks may be glad to know that he is in good health and looks swell. I may run into him later on.

"I have eaten so much fruit cake the last couple of days that I believe I have put on fifteen pounds, and I didn't need to put on any weight at all. Anyway, the cake

"You should hear me speak

R. C. Luckie, S/2-c, who is in

Home From The War

Ensign Sam Logan, stationed with the Navy at New Orleans, La., was here on leave from Monday until Thursday morning, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan.

Charles Moore, naval aviation student in the Navy's V-12 training program at Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La., was hereover the Christmas holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Moore.

soon as I get some film, I am going to get a 3-day pass and go up into the hills and try trading with the natives for some things to send home. I have been getting my cigarette rations to trade with.

"I watched some natives threst rice today out in the jungle near here. You should have seen it. They were beating the rice off by walking oxen over the rice stalks which were piled on the ground in from of their hut. Can't say that it was a very sanitary method, but at least it gets the job done."

A letter from Pvt. Isidro P Virgen, who is stationed overseas. writes the following letter to his

"I have been sitting here wishing that I could spend this Christmas day with you. I can remember all the many happy hours that we spent to gether. Maybe by next. ristmas all of the boys over here will be able to be at home again. Anyway let's hope so.

"I have just arrived safely in North Africa, but at the present there isn't much to write about. I can say that I have seen lots of country and traveled many mile.

"My regards to everyone at home. Merry Christmas and happy new year to all".

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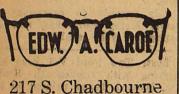


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A wager was made that it was a New England peculiarity to answer one question by asking another. A Yankee was interrogated, "I want you to give a plain question."

"Then wny is it that New Englanders always answer one question by asking another?"

"Do they?"

The war will end "sooner than the Allied high command anticipates", said the Lieutenant Governor in a speech in Fort Worth. In other words, Roosevelt, Churchill, General Marshall and General Eisenhower are wrong; they don't know what they're talking about and the Lieutenant Governor of Texas knows more about the war than all of them put together. I doubt it.

The man in responsible public position who makes irresponsible statements, whether to get his

name in a newspaper headline or for any other motive, is creating over-confidence that could result in slowing down the war effort and thereby unnecessarily prolong the war and cost the lives of American soldiers and sailors. If a speaker can't say something that will help win the war, there is no law requiring him to make a speech at all.

Judge Bean, in conducting a marriage ceremony, would say: "By the authority of the Constitution of the United States, the State of Texas and the Law West of the Pecos, I Roy Bean, hereby pro-nounce you man and wife. May the Lord have mercy on your souls."

"I kin do it, Mister," the native Happy Birthday

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EST we forget: May 10, 1933, the Nazis burned the books of the world's greatest writers to signalize the death of culture. Today, in the U. S., the Council on Books in Wartime says "Books Are Weap-

ons in the War of Ideas" and commemorates the day by working for the widest possible distribution of the world's best



MAC KINLAY KANTOR

It looks as if the small town is coming into its own again. It wasn't so many years ago when books that expressed the frustration of living in a small town-books like "Winesburg, Ohio," "Babbitt" and "Spoon River Anthology"-were all the rage. Now the picture has changed. We're learning there are a lot of fine things about life in a small town; that, in fact, the small town way of life is what our

country is fighting to preserve. We have only to take a look at some of the recent books to see how true this is. Berry Fleming's novel, "Colonel Effingham's Raid," and William Saroyan's "The Human Comedy," both featuring typical small communities, have been extremely popular Book-of-the Month Club selections. And no doubt "Colonel Effingham's Raid" will be as successful a movie as "The Human Comedy" has proved.

Another book of this trend, soon to be a motion picture, is "Happy Land" by MacKinlay Kantor. This is a simple and beautifully told story about a typical small town, and about Lew Marsh who ran the town's most popular hangout-Marsh's Drug Store. Lew's son, Rusty, joined up with the U. S. Navy early, and he was one of the first casualties.

When Lew Marsh learned his son was dead, he brooded about it. Why? he kept asking himself, why had it happened to Rusty? It wasn't fair.

Then one day he had a caller. The caller was his own grandfather, and he was most unexpected, since he had been

dead for twenty years. Grampa, a Civil War veteran, had come back for the purpose of talking a little understanding into his grandson. And it was through him Lew realized that "As long as kids can play Indian in the corn . . . as long as American boys can be Boy Scouts, as long as they can eat ice cream, as long as they can do a good turn daily, as long as they can play football, or have a picnic in Briggs' Woods . . . it'll be worth while.'

A good gift for a soldier friend is "As You Were," a pocket-size volume of some of the best in American prose and poetry, edited by the late Alexander Woollcott. It's a wise idea for a soldier to carry a book around with him when he's on leave, Woollcott counsels. He discovered that in the last war. It seems that the M.P.'s in Paris were always accusing the soldiers of being A.W.O.L. On one memorable occasion, however, Woollcott spent a whole evening in Paris

without being stopped. He was carrying a book under his arm. After that he always carried one, and was never stopped again. It was apparently unthinkable to an M.P. that a bookish soldier could be on the



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