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TWENTIETH WEEK

Sonora Men Form Home Defense Guard

2 TO PATROL EACH NIGHT

At a meeting Wednesday afternoon representatives of thirteen civic organizations and county peace officers made plans for a home defense council, two members of which will patrol the residential districts of Sonora each night. Also an abandoned city statute, providing for an 11 o'clock P. M. curfew, was resurrected. The curfew will apply only to persons wandering the streets.

Organization of the council was effected as an indirect outgrowth of sentiment aroused over the brutal attack on Mrs. Rose Thorp Monday night, and because war conditions have left so many Sonora homes without men in them.

The council, which began its activities Wednesday night, is composed of between 70 and 80 citizens, two of which will patrol the town in an automobile every night, armed with fire fighting equipment and light firearms. The schedule is being arranged so that no man will serve over one night a month. The citizens will use their own automobiles.

W. R. Barnes is placing call boxes at designated spots in the residential sections so that when an alarm is sounded patrolmen may at once locate the spot. The red light atop the Court House is flashed to call peace officers, and in case of emergency a short blast of the fire siren will sound the alarm.

To complete plans for the activities of the council, Mayor H. V. Stokes, who presided over Wednesday's meeting, appointed a committee of three: C. W. Taylor, J. C. Stephen and George E. Smith.

Stokes said, "The purpose of this organization will be to assist peace officers, as Sonora hasn't enough officers to patrol the entire town. Our idea is entirely to prevent trouble, and we hope that we will never have to answer a call. This system will not only be a protection for the homes where there are no men, but it will also solve the juvenile delinquency problem and prevent petty thieving."

Those who attended Wednesday's meeting were Jack Mann, George H. Neill, W. R. Barnes, J. T. Penick, C. W. Taylor, J. C. Stephen, E. D. Stringer, Sheriff Leo E. Brown and Mmes. I. B. Boughton, W. R. Cusenbary, Rip Ward, J. B. Shanks and Clay Puckett.

Board Reclasses 74 Registrants

27 PLACED IN CLASS 1-A

Seventy-four Sutton County registrants were reclassified last week by the Selective Service Board in meetings held on Thursday and Friday. They are as follows:

1-A: Victor R. Castillo, Francis H. Cockerham, Louis Brown, Eddie Sosa, Manuel Guerra, Howard B. Wauson, Elmer Reed, Zeal D. Holland, Salvador Ybarra, John H. Phillips, Guadalupe Chavez, Serapio T. Cardenas, Callentano Nombiano, Nicolas A. Alago, Felimon Perez, R. E. Taylor, Tomas Hernandez, Seferino F. Garza, Louis F. Castro, Gilberto F. Yanez, Moises G. Rodriguez, Everett H. Cross, Elmer Escobedo, Francisco A. Perez, Jesus Gandar, Richard B. Boughton, Truett E. Wilson.

1-Ah: Meredith E. Joy, Juan Martinez, Juan G. Muniz, Amador Castillo, Wesley Granger.

2-A: Linden S. Turney, James B. Nelson, Jack Rhoades, Granville Barker, Harley M. Skinner, Glen Warner, Henry J. Baur, Guillermo A. Castro, Lidie Hudec, Edwin J. Holmig, Jose Rodriguez, Frank A. Hamer, Francisco G. Caravajal, Benjamin C. Livingston, George Barrow, G. W. Archer, Jesus Gonzales, Gilbert Castillo, Victor G. Noriego, Alfredo Sanchez, Jose Garza, W. D. Kring, James W. Glasscock, Johnny Andrews, Leopoldo Cervantez.

2-B: Louis G. Bennett, Bonifacio Ortega, Albert E. Bradberry, Joseph W. Hoskins.

2-C: Damon Evans, Wesley E. Hill, Elmer C. Wilson, Augustino de Martinez, Rip Ward, Epatacio F. Lombroso, Eliseo Guerra, Lester Griffith.

4-A: Enrique Comacho.

Marfans attending the TSGRA meeting last Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lawhorn, also of Eldorado.

Construction Of Huge Wool House Annex Begun

TO COVER 18,000 SQ. FEET

Construction was begun Monday on the huge, 18,000 square foot annex to the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse, which already ranks in size among the top ten in Texas. Cost of the building will be \$24,000.

Maximum capacity of the annex will be around two million pounds. The warehouse proper has a capacity of 1,000,000 pounds and the two annexes built previously have a storage space for 1,000,000 pounds and 1,500,000 pounds respectively. The combined total capacity of the house and the three annexes will be, when the annex now under construction is completed, around five and one-half million pounds.

The building, designed by D. C. Maddux, San Angelo architect, and being built by Hugh Meyers, contractor, also of San Angelo, will cover lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 29A. It will face Tayloe and East First streets, occupying the entire portion of Block 29A behind the Stokes Feed Co. house.

To be built of hollow tile, covered with plaster, and with concrete floors, it will be completely fire-proof and modern in every detail. Directors of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company voted to build the annex on February 1, but the contract was not signed until last Friday, March 3.

\$1,915 Taken In On War Fund

County Red Cross War Fund contributions totaled \$1,915.10 on Wednesday, the eighth day of the national War Fund drive. This figure is slightly less than \$400 short of the \$2,300 goal set for the county by the national Red Cross.

Local Red Cross officials stated that the present campaign of personal solicitation for contributions will be continued until the quota is reached.

Those who have not donated and who have not been contacted by one of the War Fund committee have been urged by Alfred Schwingen, chairman, to make their donations at once, either to a committee member or to Mrs. Maysie Brown at the First National Bank.

Stokes Denies "Collusion" In Building Plant

Mayor H. V. Stokes and L. W. Elliott denied an election collusion between city officials and authorities of three municipal light constructing and equipping companies charged in an anti-trust suit filed at 119th District Court at Ballinger last Friday by State's attorney, Grover Sellers.

The suit, charged conspiracy to control municipal elections and to determine specifications of equipment and plans for municipal plants so that only Fairbanks-Morse diesel engines and equipment could be used in the plants in Sonora, Winters, Jasper and Angleton. It also charged conspiracy to control bidding so that all other companies would be excluded. The companies named in the suit were Fairbanks-Morse & Co. of Illinois with offices in Dallas; H. B. Geb Co. with headquarters in Dallas, and the Universal Electric Construction Co. of Alabama and Houston.

Stokes said, "If there was any collusion, the Sonora city officials were not aware of it. We had inspected 16 municipally-owned plants and talked with their engineers before we ever drew up our specifications. The Fairbanks-Morse engines were the only ones we considered, as we wanted a slow speed engine that would fit our needs. Our city plant had been planned for several years before the contract was ever drawn up. We knew what we wanted and we got it."

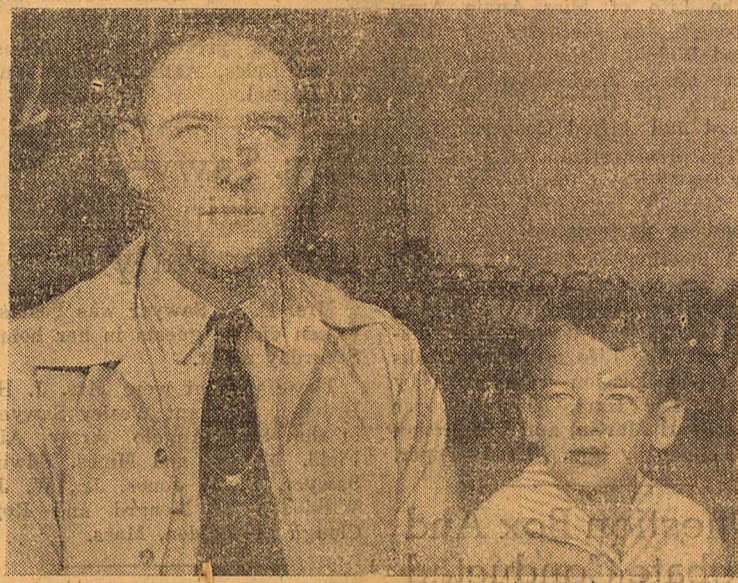
Elliott, who assisted in drawing up the contract and preparing the bond issue, concurred with Stokes' statement.

The Municipal Light and Power Plant, built at a cost of \$180,000, resulted in a 10 percent utility reduction to consumers and has built up a retirement for the bonds.

Attending TSGRA Directors' Meeting Here March 4



Marsh Lea, Fort Stockton, president of TSGRA, and Horace Fawcett, Del Rio, 1943 president.



D. L. Locklin, president of Sonora Lions Club which provided entertainment for TSGRA members, and his son, Connie Mack.

F. B. I. Agent Is Lions' Speaker

"When civic organizations such as yours ask us to speak, they give us our greatest opportunity to tell the public of the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," said Ralph Winton, agent of the F. B. I. district office in San Antonio, when addressing the Sonora Lions Club at the Tuesday luncheon meeting.

Winton's talk dealt mainly with the problems of law enforcement that have arisen from war conditions, listing among them the apprehension of escaped prisoners of war, forerunners, juvenile delinquents and civilians posing as war heroes. He stressed that close cooperation between citizens, local officers and Federal agents will be necessary to solve the problems of law enforcement that face us now and that will be present in our post-war period.

At the end of his address, Winton showed a "March of Time" film which depicted the apprehension of a group of German-American fifth columnists by the F. B. I.

Guests at the meeting were district highway engineer Hardeman of Junction, Sheriff Sweat of Eldorado, H. L. Taylor, B. D. Roberts and H. C. Atchison of San Angelo.

ERNEST MCCLELLAND HURT IN PACIFIC BOMBING

Mrs. Ernest (Speck) McClelland learned in a recent letter from her husband, Petty Officer McClelland of the Seabees, that he was wounded recently at his base in the South Pacific and has been moved to a hospital at another base.

The wounds, received from flying shrapnel in a bombing, are not serious he said, and he expects to be returned to duty soon. He suffered added misfortune, however, from the fact that all of his possessions were lost in the bombing.

W. C. GILMORE IN STATES AFTER 13 MONTHS OVERSEAS

W. C. Gilmore, Chief Ship Fitter in the Seabees, arrived back in the States this week after serving thirteen months in overseas duty. He has been stationed at Guadalcanal, New Caledonia, and more recently at New Zealand, where he was in the Naval hospital. Although he has not received a new assignment, he expects to be home in the near future.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr., over the week-end were Miss Judy Keith of San Angelo and Miss Metha Thompson of Fort Stockton.

TSGRA Board Holds Quarterly Meeting Here

DELEGATES TO PURCHASE PROBE NAMED

Marsh Lea, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association; Ray Willoughby, San Angelo, first vice-president; Vestel Askew, secretary; and Fred Earwood, a vice-president of the National Wool Growers Association, were named last Saturday at the TSGRA directors' meeting here to represent Texas wool growers at the wool purchase program hearing of the Commodity Credit Corporation, to be held in Washington next week. Lea was instructed to appoint the committee by W. T. Darden, of the general crops division of the CCC, at the December meeting of the association in Fort Worth.

Junction was chosen as the next meeting place of the association, which is to be held in June. The invitation was extended by Coke Stevenson, Jr.

About 100 directors and members attended the meeting, which was opened with an invocation by the Reverend F. L. Meadow. Dr. I. B. Boughton of the Sonora Experiment Station gave the welcoming address, and the response was made by Senator Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo.

Also appointed at the meeting was a War Labor Committee, composed of members of county War Boards and Selective Service Boards. They are Steve Stumberg, chairman; Ford Oglesby, Eldorado; Gilbert Marshall, Del Rio; Chas. Crist, Blanco; Roy Hudspeth, Sonora; J. M. Vander Stucken, Sonora; John Treadwell, Menard; Clay Espy and Worth Evans, Fort Davis.

Reports were made by President Lea, Secretary Askew, A. K. Mackey, president of the Traffic Association of Texas, Charles Stewart, manager of the association, and C. R. Landon, San Antonio, head of the predatory animal control work in Texas.

Lea and Askew reported on activities of the association since the first quarterly meeting in Fort Worth, and stressed particularly meetings with government officials where the 1944 wool program and mohair ceilings had been discussed.

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LAST RITES HELD AT BRADY FOR MRS. LEANNER DRAPER

Last rites were held in Brady Thursday, March 2, for Mrs. Leanner Draper, 79, mother of Mrs. I. E. Dill of Seattle, Wash., the former Miss Grace Draper of Sonora. Services were from the Brady Church of Christ with L. J. Wood officiating. Burial was in the Lohm Cemetery.

Mrs. Draper was born in Palo Pinto County and was married to R. D. Draper of Field Creek on December 20, 1882. She moved to McCulloch County in 1903.

Survivors include the husband; three daughters, Mrs. Dill, Mrs. H. L. Bunger of Novice and Mrs. Lloyd West of Lohn; and one son, Alvin Draper of Mason; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Mattie Swaim of Eden.

Mrs. Elmer Wilson, who has been ill this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reiley, is reported to be improving at this time.

SUMMER WATER RATES NOW IN EFFECT

Effective this month are the special summer water rates, extended to those raising gardens, according to announcement made by City Manager George E. Smith. These rates are as follows:

- \$1.50—first 4,000 gals. used.
- .50c—for next 1,000 used.
- .15c—for each 1,000 used thereafter.

Those who wish to take advantage of these special rates in March are asked to call the City Hall before March 20.

Visitors from Lampasas attending the chuck wagon dinner at the wool house last Saturday were Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Brook and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cloud.

SHOW THE GREEN LIGHT

Sonora On One Of 7 Main Highways Of National Post-War Network

WILL TIE IN WITH LOCAL POST-WAR PLANS

Being situated astride U. S. Highway 290, the Old Spanish Trail route between Houston and El Paso, may be the luckiest stroke in the history of Sonora. This highway is listed as one of the top seven "inter-regional" highways in the nation, so designated by the Federal government in its immediate post-war plans for forming a huge network, with seven main arteries, to cover the entire nation. This strategic locational value to Sonora was pointed out by district highway engineer, W. N. Hardeman of Junction, who spoke briefly to the Lions Club Tuesday and to other citizens later.

Although Sonora is on Highway 290, which is to tie in with this super network that will become a great tourist route after the war, Hardeman said that it will take concentrated effort and cooperation of the citizens of Sonora and State highway officials to keep the new highway route from complete-

Search Continues For Assailant Of Mrs. Thorp

Sonorans were shocked Monday night when they learned that an unidentified assailant had struck down and then beat Mrs. Rose Thorp when she reached for the light switch in her home after hearing a noise. The wrench with which she was knocked down was found near where she fell. Although beaten after falling to the floor, Mrs. Thorp told Sheriff Leo E. Brown that she never lost consciousness.

Peace officers in Sutton and all adjoining counties were notified at once, and a search for the assailant has been continued since that time. Officers of Kimble, Val Verde and Schleicher counties stopped and searched all cars on the highways that night, and the Val Verde sheriff brought blood hounds to use in the search. Texas Rangers, Border Patrolmen and State Highway Patrolmen also joined in the manhunt.

Among the clues being used in the search is the 14-inch Stilson wrench found in the home of Mrs. Thorp. This is on display at the sheriff's office, and anyone who has lost a wrench is asked to see if he can identify it.

Several suspects have been questioned by local peace officers and several more remain to be questioned. No motive for the attack could be given, Brown said. Mrs. Thorp's purse on a nearby table was not taken and nothing of value has been missed from the house.

The attack occurred about 10:30 o'clock Monday night, when Mrs. Thorp returned from the home of her niece, Mrs. D. L. Locklin, where she had had dinner. Mrs. Thorp had prepared to retire and went to investigate a noise in a room on the east side of the house which she thought to be caused from the outside door being securely fastened. When she opened for the light, she was hit down by a man whom she saw white and who wore a mask. A hitting her about the head and face, as she lay on the floor, the man left by the side door. The bloodhounds used to track the attacker followed his trail from the east door around the back of the house and out to the front street, where the scent was lost.

After the man left, Mrs. Thorp ran to the home of Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Boughton. From there Sheriff Brown and a physician were called. Mrs. Thorp, according to latest reports from the attending physician, is resting well, and her wounds were painful though not serious.

Services Held In Robert Lee For J. F. Morrow

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, March 1, from the Robert Lee Methodist Church for James F. Morrow, 84, father of the late Carl Morrow of Sonora. The body was then taken to Sterling City where graveside rites were conducted by the Masons. Officiating at the church services were the pastors of the Robert Lee Methodist and Baptist churches.

Mr. Morrow died suddenly early Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Craddock, in Robert Lee.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Craddock and Mrs. M. H. Brannen of Spur; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Sonorans attending the funeral were Mrs. Carl Morrow and Jimmy and Geraldine Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hamby, John Stanley Hamby and Mrs. Stella Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkinson of Menard, guests of Mrs. J. H. Brasher last week-end, attended the meetings of the directors of the TSGRA and its Auxiliary.

pleting her post-war plans for completing the paving, sewerage and draining program that was cut short by the outbreak of the war.

If the highway can be routed through town, it will furnish many more blocks of city paving. Also, the draws running through Sonora will be deepened, widened and cleaned out to furnish fill for the bed of the highway, thereby solving much of the present drainage problem.

A mass meeting of citizens will be called by city officials in the near future, at which time the possibilities, problems and benefits of such a program will be discussed.

TSGRA Auxiliary Members



Mrs. W. B. Whitehead of Del Rio and Mrs. Sayers Farmer, Junction, president of the Auxiliary.

Sonora Women Hostesses To TSGRA Auxiliary

When the directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association met here last week-end, the Woman's Auxiliary also held its meeting at the Woman's Club House on Saturday morning.

Mrs. Sayers Farmer, president, was in charge of the meeting and other officers present were Mrs. J. T. Johnston, first vice-president, Mrs. S. S. Bundy, secretary; Mrs. C. T. Holekamp, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Felix Real, Jr., historian.

Sonora women who were hostess to the group, were Mmes. I. B. Boughton, W. R. Cusenbary, R. E. Duncan, Thomas Espy, Lea Allison and Howard Espy. Mmes. Boughton and Cusenbary greeted the Auxiliary ladies at the door. Carnations, jonquils, irises and tube roses were used in decorating the room and the officers' table, and coffee and doughnuts were served.

Mrs. H. W. Evans To Head War Service Club

Harold Evans was elected president of the War Service Club when it met last Friday at the Woman's Club House. Other officers elected were Mrs. Whitworth, vice-president; Mrs. Dayton Cain, secretary, and Mrs. Jack Whitley, treasurer.

Mrs. Carl Cahill, hostess for the evening, served refreshments to Mmes. John Hull, Harold Evans, Whitley, Tex Farr, Cain, Jack Ellington, Francis Archer, Whitworth and Ernest McClelland.

Cash paid for good, clean rags at the News office.

Mrs. Lee Patrick Honored With Gift Shower

A gift party, honoring Mrs. Lee Patrick, was given Tuesday afternoon, February 29, when Mmes. C. W. Taylor, Ford Allen, O. C. Ogden and Ervin Wilman entertained at the Taylor home.

Guests included Mmes. Mat Adams, Bobbie Allison, Fred Berger, Robert Behrens, J. H. Brasher, G. G. Bennett, Alfred Cooper, L. E. Holland, Hubert Fields, Jack Faught, Clyde Hill, Wes Hill, S. M. Kerbow, Norman Hodges, Molly Teague, Lenoy Lyles, Boyd Lovelace, Jack Ellington, Gomer Minick, Dick Morrison, Lewis Roueche, Paul Nixon, Ogden and Allen.

Also Messrs. and Mmes. George Barrow, Harvey Morris, Palmer West, Henson Nixon, Charles S. Fuller, J. R. McMillan, J. T. Patrick, Beamon Speed, Francis Nixon, Taylor and Wilman, and Miss Emma Hamilton and Edyth Nixon. Also Blanche Lavon Taylor, Riedale West and Billy Wright Taylor.

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PAT REILEY, Editor

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Dixie Ann Queen Honored With Birthday Party

Dixie Ann Queen was honored by her mother, Mrs. W. H. Queen, with a party on her fifth birthday, Sunday afternoon.

The Easter motif was used in decorating the rooms. A cake, in the form of a lamb, covered with coconut icing, on a reflector, centered the dining table. Surrounding the cake were the gifts that were presented to the honoree. Iris and violets placed about the rooms completed the decorations.

Toy soldiers were given as favors, and refreshments of hot chocolate, cake and candy rabbits were served to Sue Ann Stokes, Riley Featherston, Marla Schwieng, Cynthia Ann Hall, Vicky Jo Savell, Mary Jack Puckett, Martha Jean Valliant, June Rose Lyles, Billy Bob Ellington, Cecile Folly, Ben Richard Mittel, Margaret Faye Moore, Barbara Ann Chalk, Darcy Carroll, Marsha Ann Kerbow, Joe Thomas Friess, James Kerbow, Mary Lehn Prater and Mary Jane Queen.

Mothers present were Mmes. Lenoy Lyles, Arthur Carroll and Ben Mittel.

Mrs. Sawyer Entertains With Dinner Party

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer was hostess to ten dinner guests in her home Saturday night.

Those present were Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Sergeant Wesley Sawyer of the San Angelo Army Air Field, Messrs. and Mmes. Edwin Sawyer, C. T. Jones, Jr., W. J. Wilkinson of Menard and Roy Clough of Malden, Mass.

Mrs. J. T. Penick Is Hostess To Pan-American Club

Mrs. Gene Lightfoot was the study leader and gave a talk on "Chile", when the Pan-American Study Club met in the home of Mrs. J. T. Penick Friday afternoon, March 3.

Mrs. Penick served refreshments of chiffon chocolate pie, coffee and salted nuts to Mmes. W. L. Davis, O. G. Babcock, I. B. Boughton, O. L. Richardson, Lightfoot, Dorothy Norris and daughter, Georgia Sue.

Miss Elizabeth Elliott Becomes Bride Of Floyd L. McKinney

Miss Mary Elizabeth Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Elliott, became the bride of Floyd L. McKinney of Carlsbad, New Mexico, in a ceremony read at 10 o'clock Sunday morning in the home of the bride's parents. The Reverend J. E. Eldridge of the First Baptist Church read the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father before an altar of iris, gladioli, roses and carnations in front of the fireplace. She wore an Anthony Blotta original of pearl gray crepe with a pink hat and brown accessories and she carried a colonial bouquet of pastel flowers centered with a purple orchid.

Miss Helen Gholson of Jackson, Mississippi, attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a citrus colored dress, green hat and brown accessories and carried a colonial bouquet.

M. P. Pritchett of the Fort Stockton Air Field was the best man, and Staff Sergeant Web Elliott of the San Angelo Army Air Field was the groomsman.

Miss Rena McQuary of McCamey played the traditional wedding march at the piano. Other selections she played were "Ave Maria", "I Love You Truly" and "Because".

A reception was held at the Elliott home following the ceremony. Pastel shades were used throughout the home, and the dining table was centered with a large crystal bowl filled with pastel flowers on a reflector. At one end of the table was the coffee service and at the other end the three-tiered bride's cake topped with a miniature bride and soldier groom. Mmes. R. G. Pipkin, Robert Moffatt and L. E. Johnson, Jr., served the coffee and cake, and Mrs. John Koschak, Jr., presided at the bride's book. The guests were received by Mrs. L. W. Elliott and Mrs. A. C. Elliott, and those in the house party were Miss Helen Gholson and Mmes. Moffatt, Pipkin, Johnson, Velma L.

Shurley and E. E. Sawyer. Following the reception the couple left for Long Beach, California. For traveling the bride wore a brown striped tailored suit with a natural straw hat, brown accessories and a purple orchid.

Mrs. McKinney is a graduate of Sonora High School and attended college at the Hockaday Junior College and the University of Texas. Mr. McKinney is a graduate of Carlsbad High School and attended the New Mexico Military Institute. He received his training as an instructor at the Big Springs Flying School and Mecham Field, Fort Worth, and is now a civilian basic instructor at Lancaster, California, where the couple will make their home.

Guests present were Miss Gholson, M. P. Pritchett, Mrs. Robert Moffatt of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Raymond Pipkin of Dallas, Mrs. John Koschak, Jr. of Palacios, Mrs. J. V. Massey and daughter, Marie, of Waco, Miss Rena McQuary of McCamey, Mrs. L. O. Godley of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Harlow, Miss Mayfair Jones, Master Sergeant and Mrs. H. L. Jones, Staff Sergeant Web Elliott, Sergeant W. E. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pearson and son, Bill Pearson, and daughter, Mary Sawyer Pearson, L. C. Harlow, Jr., and Miss Wanda Cockrell, all of San Angelo, Mrs. J. D. Ramsey of Eldorado and Mrs. Seth Ramsey of Fort Stockton.

Sonora guests were Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, Miss Marguerite Howell and J. F. Howell, Jr., Captain and Mrs. Victor Gentzler, Mmes. Jack Ellington, E. E. Sawyer, Velma L. Shurley, B. W. Hutcherson, L. E. Johnson, Sr., E. F. Vander Stucken; Messrs. and Mmes. Edwin Sawyer, C. T. Jones, Jr., Bryan Hunt, Fred T. Earwood, R. D. Trainer, L. E. Johnson, Jr., A. C. Elliott, and Audrey Bridges and daughter, Lomalea; Eugene Shurley, Jerry Shurley and Miss Wilma Elliott.

Mrs. Ross Speaks At P.-T. A. Meeting

Mrs. J. B. Ross, speaker for the afternoon, gave a talk on "Freedom From Fear-An Overall Challenge", when the P.-T. A. met Tuesday afternoon in the High School Auditorium. In her talk Mrs. Ross stressed the importance of supervision by the parents of the activities of their children and suggested that more entertainment be given in the home, as a means of combating juvenile delinquency. She stated that sometimes the adult attitude is demoralizing to children and that the juvenile delinquency program needs the attention of the adults of the community.

The meeting opened with the P.-T. A. prayer which was given by Superintendent E. D. Stringer.

In the business session that followed, Mrs. M. O. Britt was appointed to the executive board, and the nominating committee made its report. The committee suggested the election of the same P.-T. A. officers for the following year. These officers are Mrs. Rip Ward, president; Mrs. Harold Friess, vice-president; Mrs. E. D. Stringer, secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Queen, treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion will be conducted at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday night, March 12, at 8 o'clock. Conducting the services will be the Reverend Evans H. Moreland of Brady.

PAN. AM. CLUB TO MEET

Mrs. Ralph Trainer will be hostess to the Pan-American Study Club, in her home this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Ura Mae Haggard will be the study leader, and the topic for discussion will be "The Highland Countries and Peru".

WMU Observes Week Of Prayer

The week of prayer for home missions was observed by the members of the Baptist WMU on February 28 and March 1 and 3.

In the meeting on February 28, "The Life of Miss Annie Armstrong" was discussed by Mrs. Fred Wright. Others giving talks were Mmes. J. E. Eldridge, Pearl Martin, G. G. Stephenson, Rip Ward and Alfred Cooper.

The presentation of the pageant for the Week of Prayer was given on March 1, at which time many members participated.

A meeting on March 3 marked the conclusion of the Week of Prayer. The leader for the evening was Mrs. Fred Wright, who discussed "The Life of John". Talks on Home Mission were given by Mmes. Lee Hart, Alfred Cooper and Pearl Martin, and benediction was given by Mrs. Alfred Cooper.

Question Box And Debate Conducted By Woman's Club

Mrs. Lea Allison and Mrs. C. G. Davis were hostesses at the meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club Thursday afternoon, March 2.

On the program Mrs. Lea Allison conducted a question box on Lend-Lease, after which a debate was given on government subsidies, with Mrs. Davis leading the affirmative side and Mrs. J. F. Howell leading the negative side.

Present at the meeting were Mmes. E. E. Sawyer, Howell, I. B. Boughton, W. R. Cusenbary, Allison and Davis.



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—Gen. MacArthur.

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\$4.98	now	\$3.50
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Fri., March 10 Thro' Sat., March 18

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In Red, Brown, White, Beige

"USE OUR LAY AWAY PLAN"

The Ratliff Store

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Son of a gun



Bouquets aplenty were tossed at Hix Hall for the biscuits served at the steak dinner given last Saturday for the TSGRA directors and other visitors. The Lions were hard up for a biscuit cook when he came along and offered his services. "I cooked biscuits for 800 at a time in France during the last war. Guess cooking for 300 won't be so hard," he said

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Speaking of a landing field for Sonora:

Last Saturday a TSGRA director from Brady called Buzzie Stokes to inquire how he and his companion, coming over in a plane, could land near here. Investigation showed that the only available strip of land was cut in two by a barbed wire, and landing on the highway was impossible because of the high wind that had blown up.

After circling town several times, the plane was landed at the race track, but it was so soft that the plane couldn't take off again with both men in it. The pilot went up alone, landing later at the stock pens. Again, he couldn't take off with the passenger in the plane, so again he went up alone to look for a better field. Finally he landed in John Ward's field, and from there was able to take off with his passenger.

Both men questioned, "How do you get along without an airfield? For instance, what would you do if someone's life depended on having serum flown in here immediately?"

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A good yarn-spinner, with his stories taken from his own interesting and cosmopolitan experiences: J. T. Davis of Sterling City.

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The front page story in this issue of the Devil, which tells of the possibilities of getting the new Highway 290 routed through Sonora after the war, does not mention perhaps the greatest benefit Sonorans would enjoy from such a project.

Those who remember post-war conditions back after the first World War cannot forget the many servicemen who returned home, and found no jobs open to them. That was only a mild sample of what will happen at the end of this war. What a tragedy after this war to say to our returning soldiers, "Sorry, son, but with things the way they are, I just can't take on any more help. Wish I could help you."

With a huge project like the building of a new highway here, we could take care of our own. They would be needed. There would be jobs for all of them. They would have a chance to get started again.

This looks to many of us like Old Opportunity himself knocking at the door.

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Impressive and exciting is this bit of philosophy contained in an editorial written for his Emporia Gazette by the late, great William Allen White.

"I have never been bored an hour in my life. I get up every morning wondering what new strange glamorous thing is going to happen, and it always happens at fairly regular intervals. Lady Luck has been good to me, and I fancy she has been good to everyone. Only some people are dour, and when she gives them the come hither with her eyes, they look down or turn away and lift an eyebrow. But to me, I give her the wink and away we go."

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We believe this story will effect you like it did us.

This week the family of Henry Taylor, colored, made unsolicited contributions to the Red Cross. From the six members of the family came five \$5 donations and from the other, \$2. Their only comment, "We are sorry we can't give more. We will try to do better next year."



From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

We had a real old-time church supper the other night. Bert Childers played the fiddle, and the ladies brought refreshments. Of course, we missed the boys who were away—but all in all it was mighty pleasant.

Only sour note was Doc McGinnis. "Shucks," says Doc, "we oughtn't to be enjoyin' ourselves when American soldiers are over there fightin' a war."

Now from where I sit, Doc's absolutely wrong. All of us are working overtime to help the

war. We've got our worries and troubles. It's a mighty good thing we can relax with a little wholesome enjoyment.

And I believe it's what the men over there would have us do... keep up the little friendly customs they remember—like the evening get-togethers, having a glass of beer with friends, and all the little pleasures they look forward to enjoying.

Joe Marsh

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RANCHING NEWS & INTERESTS

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Sonora, Texas

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49 Years Ago

DeBerry and McKenzie of Sonora bought from J. O. Rountree, 700 head of muttons at \$2 a head.

—49—

Sol Mayer's string of muttons are off the market until after shearing.

—49—

James Mitchell of Crockett County, sold to Charles Schauer, 1,800 muttons at \$2 a head.

—49—

John Rae of Buckhorn Draw, sold to G. S. Long of San Angelo, 1,000 ewes and wethers at \$2 a head.

—49—

R. A. Williamson, the sheepman, was in Sonora this week and reported having sold to Cusenbary and Miller of Sonora, 800 head of muttons for N. T. Wilson of Howard's Well at \$2.75 a head.

—49—

Mrs. M. A. Traweck, proprietor of the Traweck House, had an eight foot Aeromotor windmill and steel tower put over the well on her property this week. The mill was purchased from the energetic hardware and windmill firm of Cris and George Hagesstein of San Angelo.

—49—

J. L. Davis was in San Angelo on business this week.

—49—

Tom Birtrong, the popular proprietor of the Maud S., made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.

—49—

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gurley and daughter, Miss Ollie, came over from Ozona Thursday.

—49—

Mrs. D. B. Cusenbary was in from the ranch this week.

—49—

F. M. Wyatt, the blacksmith and livery man, made a short visit to San Angelo Monday.

—49—

Sonora's school will close about May 24 and it has been suggested that on the Thursday night preceding the closing of the school that an entertainment be given by the Sonora dramatic club for the benefit of the school library. Several ladies and gentlemen have signified a willingness to take part. In order to get the thing in shape those who will take part or feel interested are requested to meet at the Court House Thursday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of forming a club.

'44 AAA Program Explained In 4-County Meet

In meetings held here on Monday and Tuesday, Triple Administrative officers and range inspectors from four counties in this district heard Wesley Stevens, assistant State performance supervisor, explain the conservation materials and services program and the 1944 AAA performances. Assisting in directing the meeting and the general discussions was Claude Cotton, also of the State AAA offices.

Chief purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the noxious plant eradication activities of Val Verde, Crockett, Schleicher and Sutton counties, and to give information on proper inspection methods for tanks, dams and terraces built under the AAA program.

Attending the meeting were Miss Earl Eubanks, Val Verde County administrative officer; range inspector Fields of Crockett County; R. C. Edmundson, administrative officer and inspector of Schleicher County; Leonard Gibbs, Sutton County range inspector; Dessie D. Parsons, Sutton County administrative officer; and Joseph Vander Stucken, R. A. Halbert, Bryan Hunt, and W. H. Dameron of the Sutton County AAA Committee.

LOCKLIN ANNOUNCES WOOL SHOW AND AUCTION SALE TO BE HELD IN JUNE

D. L. Locklin, president of the Lions Club, announced last Saturday at the meeting of directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, that the annual 4-H Club Wool Show and Lions Club Auction Sale will be held here

again this year around the middle of June.

Although complete details have not been worked out, Locklin said that plans are being made to make this the biggest show and sale ever held here.

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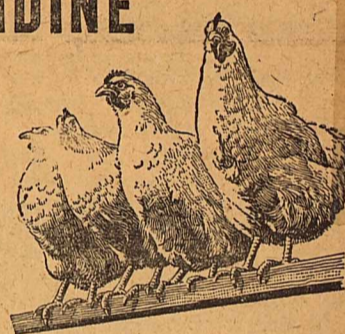
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Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

THAT RED CROSS DRIVE ONE WAY YOU CAN HELP
The vital nationwide drive for \$200,000,000 for the Red Cross is now on. What more worthy cause is there to give to?

The Red Cross follows our men to the front lines. There it ministers to the wounded and the sick. There and farther back it brings cheer and comfort to the boys just when it counts most. To convalescents and the shell-shocked it brings a touch of home. Through its international affiliations, the Red Cross has been a major, and sometimes the only, contact with our men held as prisoners of war.

Unselfish, non-profit -- perhaps one cent of each dollar goes for administrative purposes -- the Red Cross now is indispensable.

Remember: "The more I give, the more will live."

ADMIRAL NIMITZ SAYS—NOW WATCH THE AMERICAN NAVY!

Twenty-three months ago our Navy was hurt. Much of it lay in the oily muck of Pearl Harbor. Some critics wailed, "Where is the American Navy?" Fortunately neither they nor the equally interested Jap strategists learned just then what the answer was.

Admiral King kept quiet, but began to saw wood. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, one of our most distinguished Texans, was put in charge of the Pacific area. His job was a tough one.

But in two years, the Navy and the planners and the builders behind it, had wrought a miracle.

NOW NAVY GUNS ARE TALKING

Today our Navy guns are talking, and it's a strong language they speak. Powerful, confident, well-directed, well-manned, the

Navy now is battering the Nipponese so daringly and successfully, that some experts foresee defeat of Japan before Germany.

Blasted back on their heels by the blows at the Solomons, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, the Marianas, Truk, Guam, Wake and even a teasing naval punch at Japanese home shores, Hirohito and Tojo fired their army and navy chiefs of staff.

NOT SO DRY STATISTICS
That worse setbacks are coming, the Jap leaders can be assured.

We now have 22 hefty battle-ships, 19 large aircraft carriers, 41 escort carriers, 57 cruisers, 325 destroyers, 190 submarines -- a total of 654 combat vessels (the last time anybody stopped to make a check) -- and more are being launched steadily, inexorably.

Today we have better than 3,000,000 well-trained officers and enlisted men and women in our Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, to man and back up that armada.

Today our Navy is two and one-half times the size of Japan's. It's still growing. By the end of 1944, our Navy may be larger than all the rest of the world's navies combined.

The Jap fleet isn't doing so well, comparatively speaking. For one thing, our submarines, aircraft and surface units have sunk 968 Japanese ships, including tankers and merchant craft, probably sank 99, and damaged 777.

THE MILES ARE LONG -- THE WATER DEEP

No, they're not being risked needlessly. The Navy isn't going to saunter into Tokyo bay just to do some shooting. Not just yet.

Yes, to the Navy, which knows best, the miles are long and the water is deep between Pearl Harbor and Tokyo.

Second Lieutenant Thomas B. Thorp, stationed in the African-Italian theater of war operations with the Air Transport Command for the past eighteen months, has recently been moved to a base in England, according to word received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thorp.

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The Devil's River News

TOWN and FARM in WARTIME

Prepared by OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION



RATION REMINDERS

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps Y and Z in Book Three are good through March 20. Red 10-point stamps A8, B8, and C8 in Book Four are good through May 20. Waste kitchen fats are redeemed at two ration points plus four cents a pound.

PROCESSED FOODS — Green stamps K, L, and M are good through March 20. Blue 10-point stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, and E8 in Book Four are good through May 20.

SUGAR—Stamp 30 in Book Four is good indefinitely for five pounds. Stamp 40 in Book Four is good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

GASOLINE—In 17 East Coast states, A-9 coupons are good through May 8. In states outside the East Coast area, A-10 coupons are good through March 21.

TIRE INSPECTION DEADLINES—For A-coupons holders, March 31; for C-coupons holders, May 31; and B-coupons holders, June 30.

FUEL OIL—Period 3 coupons are good through March 13 in all areas except the South. Period 4 coupons are good in all areas through September 30. Period 5 coupons are good in the Middle West and South and remain good through September 30.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 in Book One is good through April 30. Airplane stamp No. 1 in Book Three is good indefinitely. Another ration stamp good for one pair of shoes beginning May 1 will be announced soon.

INCOME TAX—March 15 is deadline for filing 1943 returns. Date for filing 1944 declaration of estimated Income and Victory Tax is extended to April 15.

WILL REVIEW DEFERMENTS
Local selective service boards have been directed to review cases of all registrants 18 through 37 years old and deferred in classes

2A, 2B, 2C, and 3C. Particular attention will be given registrants under 26 years of age in view of the President's statement that agriculture and industry should release the younger men for military service.

IF YOU MADE A MISTAKE
If you find you made a mistake in your Income Tax return and already have filed it, what do you do? If your error was simply one of arithmetic, your mistake probably will be corrected without your action. If you made a mistake in your income or deduction entries, contact the office of the collector where you filed your return. You may need to file an amended return.

SERIAL NUMBERS ON GAS COUPONS
A strip of serially numbered

coupons in a cardboard folder will now be issued to renewal applicants of "B" and "C" supplemental gasoline rations, and new "E" and "R" rations for gasoline-powered equipment. Serial numbering of coupons is one of OPA's strongest weapons against the gasoline

Black Market. Motorists must still endorse their coupons.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet next Monday night, March 13, at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Sutton County:

YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB WHEN YOU BOUGHT THAT EXTRA WAR BOND, AND WE KNOW YOU WILL DO YOUR PART BY CONTRIBUTING ALL YOU CAN TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WAR FUND.

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YELLOW SQUASH, lb	20c	COUNTRY STYLE - 1/2 OR WHOLE STRIP BACON, 1 Pts. lb	30c
GREEN HEADS CABBAGE, 2 lb	7c	CURED - 1/2 OR WHOLE HAMS, 3 Pts. lb	30c
GREEN Onions, Carrots, 2 Bunches	15c	DRY SALT JOWLS, No Pts. lb	16c
BLEACHED CELERY, Stalk	20c	DEXTER - SLICED BACON, 1 Pts. lb	35c
GREEN LETTUCE, Head	11c	HOME MADE CHILI, 4 Pts. lb	38c
TEXAS ORANGES, Doz.	27c	RATH'S SPICED - 12 OZ. CAN LUNCHEAT 5 Pts.	39c
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CHARMIN TISSUE, 4 Roll Carton	22c	AMBASSADOR TISSUE, Roll	6c
RAISINS, 4 lb No Pts.	55c	STAYLEY'S WHITE SYRUP, 1/2 Gal.	46c
UVALDE EXTRACT HONEY, 1/2 Gal.	\$1.09	Tomatoes, No. 2 Can 5 Pts.	12c

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CRISCO, 15 Pts. 3 lb Can	73c	4 LB. CARTON Shortening, 20 Pts.	79c
Wheaties, Kix, 2 Boxes	25c	GEBHART'S CHILI, No. 300 Can 4 Pts.	30c

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Judge, would you mind tellin' Charlie here what you told me the other night walkin' home from lodge. I can't word it just the way you did."

"Sure thing, Tim. Here's what I told him, Charlie. There's no such thing as votin' a nation, a state, a county, or even a community dry. We had proof enough of that

during our 13 years of prohibition. What you really vote for is whether liquor is going to be sold legally or illegally...whether the community is going to get needed taxes for schools, hospitals, and the like, or whether this money is going to go to gangsters and bootleggers. That's the answer, boys... simple as A-B-C."

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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

Cpl. Francis W. Stubblefield writes his father from the Canal Zone:

"I'm sorry I haven't written this week but I have been rushed with work all week. I haven't had much mail in the past few weeks. It seems as though the service is off a lot recently.

"The other day I met a fellow in our outfit that is from San Angelo. I had a long talk with him and found out he knows several people I do. He worked for the San Angelo Telephone Company before he entered the service. He has been in Sonora several times while working for them, repairing phones. He knew Mr. Barnes, of course, and Mrs. McDonald and several other people in Sonora. His name is Greggand. He told me that his older brother worked for Dr. Taylor at one time. I thought maybe you or someone around home might remember him.

"I guess you have been reading the stories in the Standard about Col. Dyess. I have gotten about four stories so far and am going to save them. I have one each for the 30th and 31st of January, and the first and third for February. I was really 'sweating it out', afraid I would not receive the paper for February 2nd, but I got it today.

"Oh, I didn't tell you I came out



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ROLL OF HONOR

on orders for the good conduct ribbon. It's quite a common award but I'm glad to know I earned it. The qualifications are to have a character and efficiency rating of 'excellent' for an entire year previous to the awarding of the medal. It is a red ribbon with white stripes on either end. I am very proud of it. The ribbon for being in this theater is blue with red, white and black stripes. We also have new shoulder patches which indicate the Sixth Air Force. We are attached to the Air Corps.

"Write me soon and let me know how everyone at home is getting along. Tell them all 'hello' for me."

Pfc. Sam Odom, stationed with the Army in New Guinea, writes: "Just a short letter to let you know I am still o. k.

"I have been off in the valley with the band the past two days and haven't had a chance to write. I didn't get to see one of my old buddies at the camp we went to, but was told he was on the road between our camp and theirs. I

would liked to have seen him. I did get to see a lot of pretty scenery on the way up, that is what part of it I could see. The jungle grows within 200 yards of the road. You can see from the road how the mountains have been cleared for the native gardens. When you see one complete hill cleared it really looks strange, especially if it is surrounded with hills covered with thick jungle growth. I am planning on going back that way in a few days to pick up the band and am going to try and get a camera so I can take some pictures of this country.

"Today a buddy and myself have been removing a gas tank from a Jap truck to put on one of our own, so we can have something to haul water in. All we lack is having a few bolts off and then we will be ready to place it on our truck. After we have a few holes welded over so the water can't leak out we will really be fixed up.

"Guess I had better close now and get ready for chow."

Lt. Thomas B. Thorp, stationed with the Air Corps overseas writes:

"I am writing today to let you know I am getting along very well. We are really living in class now,

at our new station. I am living in a small room with two of my friends. It is really a cozy little affair. Everything is so handy you almost think you are back home again. We could live right here in the barrack without ever leaving if we had to. Of course there is some flying to be taken care of and we are starting to school again, which makes it very much like the cadets days I spent on the West coast. I will not be able to disclose my location until a later date so please do not worry about me. Strict regulations forbid us to disclose this information.

"Our mess is excellent. For breakfast we usually have pan cakes with good fresh butter and real thick syrup. This really makes a delicious meal. Our bakers keep us in all kinds of good pastries. We are certainly living the life of a king. This is the best station we have been on since the Group was organized. All of the people here are so very friendly and nice that you can do nothing but enjoy yourself.

"I have not been working too hard the past few days and have had some time off to visit the nearby towns. All this time was thoroughly enjoyed. It is really the first time we have had a decent place to spend our leaves. If I have to spend so very much more time overseas I hope it is all spent in this part of the world.

"I have not heard from any one at home since the first of February. I guess I will get a lot of mail all at once. I have been very slow at writing the last week or

In The Service

Home From The War

Lt. Claude Thomas Driskell and his father, Tom Driskell, former Sonorans now living at Junction, were in Sonora visiting friends the early part of this week while Lt. Driskell was on leave.

Delma F. Smith, serving until last December as a Special Mail Clerk with the Navy in Australia, arrived here last week-end for a visit with his brother, George E. Smith, and sisters, Mmes. R. D. Trainer, Jap Holman and H. L. Taylor. He has been given an honorable discharge because of ill health, and before coming home had been in the Naval hospital at Mare Island, California, for the past three months.

Sanford Trainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Trainer, who is in training at the Dallas Aviation and Air School, Love Field, arrived home last Wednesday and will remain until Sunday. Also visiting their parents is his brother, Pfc. James D. Trainer, who is home on a furlough. He has been at the Mare Island Naval hospital receiving treatment for an arm injury, but will report back to the Marine Base at San Diego, California, on March 19.

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2 COAST GUARD

so but when you hit a place like this you have so many places to see you go wild for a few days. It is almost like coming home but of course it could never be home.

"Well, what is taking place in the little home town this week? Have you had any recent snow? We had a little recently and I do believe it was the first I had seen in several years. Of course it can be seen on the high mountains anytime but it stays there almost the year around.

"We have a very nice club here. There are two large rooms. One room is used as a lounge and reading room. The other has a bar and a billard table in it. The set-up is extremely good in every way. The reading room has a nice fire place which makes it cozier than ever.

"I will close for now. Don't worry about me for I am fine."

Sgt. Nelson Chadwick, stationed at the aerial gunery school at Clovis, New Mexico, was here last week and the early part of this week visiting his brother, Glenn Chadwick, and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Luckie.

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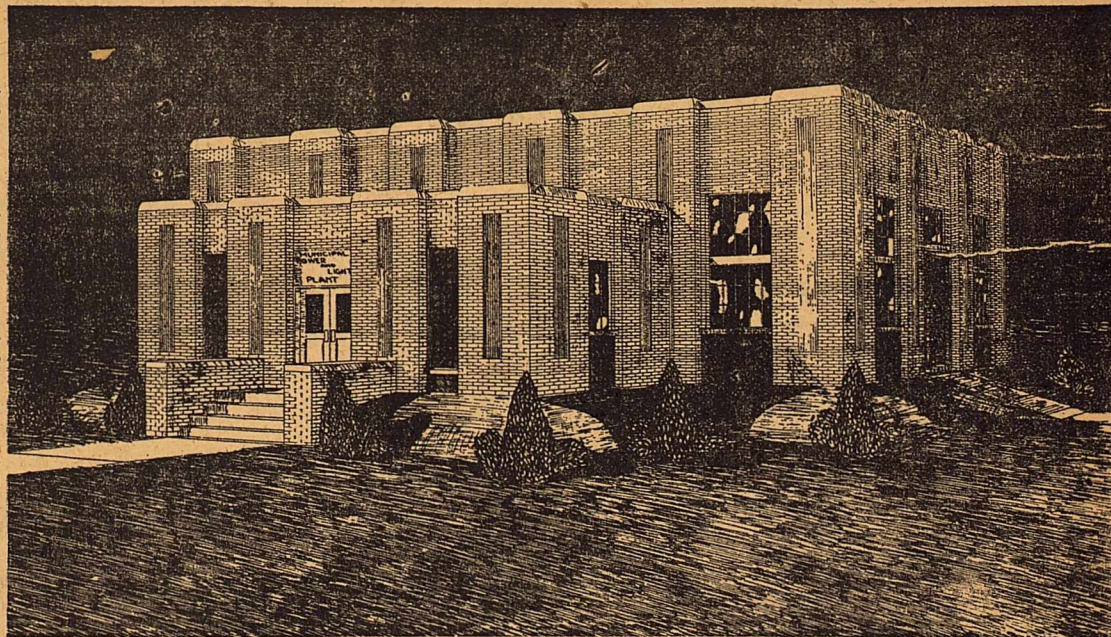
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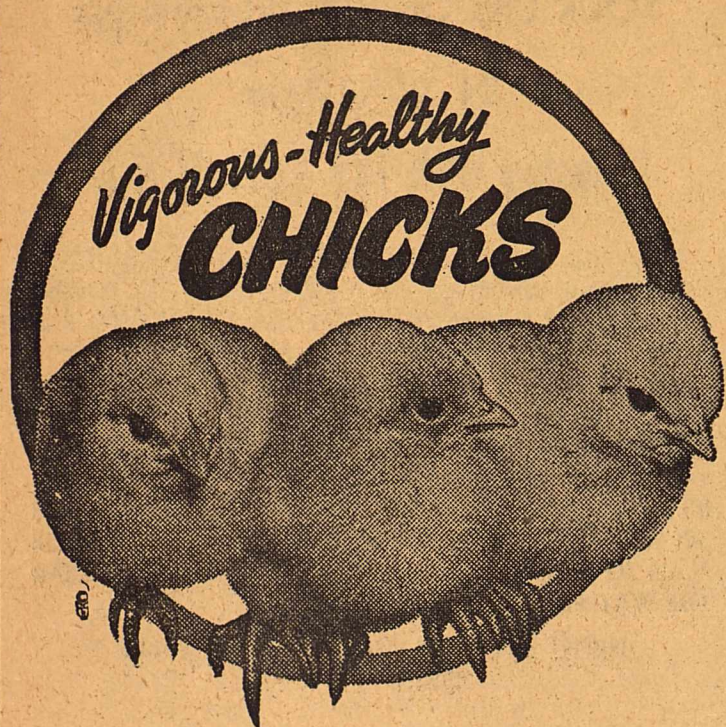
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MRS. KIETH JAMES HOSTESS TO ART CLUB

A program on home decoration was given by the Sonora Art Club, meeting with Mrs. James Kieth in the Vernon Hamilton home Thursday night, March 2.

Miss Mildred Mund discussed "Multiple Used Rooms and One-Room Apartments"; Mrs. James discussed "Interior Decorating in Small Apartments", and Mrs. C. C. Ball gave a talk on "House Redecorating".

Attending the meeting were Mmes. Maysie Brown, E. D. Stringer and Ball; Misses Charlotte Kavanaugh, Ruby Nell Haggard, Ura Mae Haggard, Melba Kleitches, Emma Blundell, Janie Rodgers, Evelyn Emmett, Mund and Dessie Parsons.

MRS. PEARL MARTIN HOSTESS TO WMU

Mrs. Pearl Martin was hostess when the WMU met Wednesday afternoon in her home.

The program was opened by Mrs. Fred Wright leading the group in Bible Study, after which Mrs. G. G. Stephenson gave the prayer. The hymn was "Thy Kingdom Is Coming".

After the study, several talks were given. Subjects were "Europe Today", given by Mrs. Alfred Cooper; "Christianity in Europe Today", given by Mrs. J. E. Eldridge; "Baptists in Europe Today", by Mrs. Fred Wright, and "Baptist Europe Tomorrow", by Mrs. Lee Hart. The closing hymn was "Jesus Shall Reign", after which Mrs. Hart led the closing prayer.

A salad plate was served to Mmes. Eldridge, Wright, J. H. Brasher, C. D. Crumley, Hart and Cooper.

TSGRA Meeting

Askew reported that Russell Burrus, OPA official dealing with the control of mohair prices, had informed him the ceiling on mohair will not become effective until next fall, as the result of a hearing held two weeks ago in San Antonio, at which the growers protested the prices proposed by OPA. Association officials and growers are now compiling figures to show OPA officials that the prices are too low since the quality of mohair has improved and production costs have increased.

President Lea urged the retention of the protective tariff, that all members reduce their indebtedness, and that the CCC purchase program be continued for the duration of the war and a reasonable period thereafter. He also reported on the National Wool Growers' convention held in Denver in January and on the postwar planning committee he and Askew attended in College Station in February.

The Sonora Lions Club was host to the visitors at a steak dinner at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse Saturday noon, and the local TSGRA members and the Lions entertained with a dance that night at the warehouse.

New directors chosen at the Fort Worth convention and announced publicly for the first time at last Saturday's session include the following:

Dick Alexander, Brownwood; Glenn Brooks, Kerrville; Melvin Brown, Ozona; Weldon Cloud, Lampasas; G. W. Cunningham, Fort Stockton; J. V. Drisdale, Juno; Clay Espy, Fort Davis; C. G. Franks, Rocksprings; Sid Harkins, Sanderson; Dean Hopf, Harper; Gay Howard, Marfa; Jack Hughes, San Angelo; Clarence Hyde, Mountain Home; Ernest Lochte, Fredericksburg; Ernest Love, Mountain Home; J. C. Mitchell, Sanderson; John B. McKnight, San Angelo; J. M. Montgomery, Fort Stockton; Coke Stevenson, Jr., Junction, and G. R. White, Brady.

Standing committees announced by President Lea last Saturday included the following:

Advisory—J. T. Baker, Fred Earwood, Horace Fawcett, E. S. Mayer, J. P. Maddox, C. B. Wardlaw, Steve Stumberg, Ray Willoughby and Marsh Lea, chairman.

General resolutions—Henry Horn, Arthur Harral, Jim Peril, W. K. Smith, Baker, chairman. (Plus all chairmen of the standing committees.)

Legislative—Mark L. Browne, Claude Gilmer, Roy Hudspeth, G. R. White, Scott Schriener, Coke Stevenson, Jr., and Penrose Metcalfe, chairman.

Lamb—G. W. Cunningham, Clay Espy, Ed Jarrett, O. W. Parker, Len Mertz, J. W. Vance, and W. H. Glimp, chairman.

Noxious plant and predatory animal—George Beck, Joe F. Brown, Bryan Hunt, Lloyd Ligon, Frank Jones, Lewis Thomas and John P. Classen, chairman.

Traffic—Arthur Henderson, S. A. Hartgrove, Guy Nations, Gilbert Marshall, M. C. Puckett, Ed Willoughby and Sol Mayer, chairman.

Wool and mohair—J. T. Davis, Foster Rust, Scott Hartgrove, H. C. Noelke, Ray Ridenhower, J. O. Taylor and Jack Allison, chairman.

Mohair and chevon—Weldon

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COUNTY: For Sheriff, Assessor and Collector—

LEO E. BROWN (Re-election)

For County Clerk—

HOWARD C. KIRBY

For County Judge—

JOHN LEE NISBET

ALVIS JOHNSON (Re-election)

For County Treasurer—

MRS. THELMA BRISCOE (Re-election)

Cloud, Eugene Cowden, C. G. Franks, G. R. Kothmann, David Schmidt, Joe Vander Stucken and Adolph Stieler, chairman.

Livestock theft—Tom Bond, T. L. Drisdale, Worth Evans, Sayers Farmer, W. B. Whitehead, B. E. Wilson and Price Maddox, chairman.

College—W. J. Fields, Jr., C. T. Holekamp, B. W. Oglesby, Felix Real, Jr., Sparks Rust, C. C. Cannon and S. S. Bundy, chairman.

Warehouse committee—Glenn Brooks, Fred T. Earwood, J. H. Buton, Fred Horner, Ed Long, Ed Hill, John McKnight, Walker Ragsdale, Frank Roddie, C. B. Wardlaw and John T. Williams, chairman.

RALPH WINTONS ARE WEEK-END GUESTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winton of San Antonio were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward last week-end and the early part of this week. While here, Winton, of the San Antonio district Federal Bureau of Investigation office, spoke before the Sonora High School assembly, the Lions Club, the Boy Scouts and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association directors meeting.

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