

# MARCH BOND QUOTA---\$10,700

# MARCH BOND SALES---\$5,000

## The Devil's River News

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TWENTY-SECOND WEEK

### Price Panel Makes Spot-Check Of Food Stores

Wednesday volunteer workers of the local Office of Price Administration began a spot-check of all retail food stores in Sonora, the purpose being to check price ceilings. This check is part of a nationwide movement to be participated in by all district offices, local boards and price panel members and assistants. The check is to be completed by Saturday, March 25.

District officers, in announcing the inspection, said that its basic purpose was to obtain better compliance with price control regulations by helping retailers to understand OPA rulings. It is to protect both retail store keepers and customers from unfair competition by black market operations.

Conducting the check here are Mrs. R. E. Duncan, Mrs. Lloyd Earwood and Mrs. M. G. Shurley, price panel members.

### Sonoran's Car "Borrowed" By Houston Youths

Two Houston high school youths, each sixteen years old, who found hitch-hiking too slow in this day of rationed tires and gasoline, borrowed Mrs. Fred Simmons' car last Sunday afternoon to speed up their trip to the West Coast where they planned to join the Navy. The car was found undamaged later that day about three miles out of Iraan. The gasoline had played out, and the boys were picked up by Ozona and Iraan peace officers further on up the highway.

Investigation made of the boys' records, while they were held here in the county jail until Wednesday afternoon, revealed that neither had ever been in trouble before, and they were released to the custody of their parents who live in Houston.

Questioned by the Grand Jury, in session Monday morning, the youths said they had left home to join the Navy. They hitch-hiked as far as Sonora, and after trying to get a ride out of here for four hours, they came back and took Mrs. Simmons' car which was parked in front of the picture show. Ozona officers, on receiving word from Sheriff Leo Brown to watch for the car, saw it pass through Ozona. They, with the Sheriff of Upton County, found the car on the highway near Iraan and several hours later picked the two boys up.

The District Court, in session here Tuesday, turned the case over to the County Court, which in turn, turned it over to the Houston Juvenile Court. The Houston court released the boys to the custody of their parents, who had been searching for them since they left home.

### JIMMY CUSENBARY GETS 4-H CLUB AWARD

Jimmy Cusenbary, in high school assembly Wednesday morning, was presented with the Wilson Packing Co. 4-H Club award for outstanding achievement in the production of meat in 1943. The award was made by county agent Berry N. Duff.

Cusenbary was voted the outstanding 4-H Club boy, in point of accomplishment, in 1943, by former county agent, H. C. Atchison, Jr., and a committee of local ranchmen.

#### NOTICE

The Soliciting Committee for the 4-H Club Wool Show and Lions Livestock Auction Sale, to be held in June, has asked that ranchers cut back the animals they intend to donate to the sale when they start spring shearing. Animals "in the wool" make the best showing and bring the best prices.

Prospective donations should be reported as soon as possible to the soliciting committee: W. H. Dameron, George D. Chalk, J. M. Vander Stucken, B. M. Halbert, Jr., H. V. Stokes, Jack Mann.

### 17 Seniors Order Invitations For May 19 Exercises

Graduation invitations have been ordered by the seventeen members of the Senior Class, which will have commencement exercises on Friday night, May 19, the Baccalaureate services to be on the preceding Sunday, May 14. Both programs will be held at the High School Auditorium.

Members of the graduating class are Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Josette Boughton, J. T. Jackson, Margie Roberson, Wanda B. Cook, Billie Cartwright, Frances Atchison, Donald Nicholas, Eugene Shurley, Jim Martin, Bobby Martin, Eugene Wallace, Marjory Dameron, Marguerite Howell, Cynthia Milton, Geraldine Meckel and Sybil Burleson.

### Seniors To Give 3-Act Comedy

Rehearsals began this week on the Senior Class play, a comedy in three acts, which is being directed by Miss Wilma Elliott, high school English teacher.

The play, which is to be presented at the High School Auditorium on April 14, is entitled "Don't Take My Penny", and Anne Coulter Martens is the author.

The seventeen characters in the play and the students who will portray them are as follows:

Sally, a maid with a purpose, Geraldine Meckel; Norman Porter, a publicity man, Gene Wallace; Penny, a pretty little miss, Marjory Dameron; Caleb, her absorbed father, Jim Martin; Mark, her farm-minded brother, Bobby Martin; Mavis, her attractive sister, Cynthia Milton; Lydia, her busy mother, Josette Boughton; Joanna, her loyal friend, Marguerite Howell; Kerry, her resourceful beau, Eugene Shurley; Gregg, his pal with ideas, Don Nicholas; Gram, just herself, Bernie Dawn Gibbs; Mlle. Henriette, a French designer, Frances Atchison; Claire, a pretty hearty girl, Wanda B. Cook; Elsie, an attractive girl with a cute lisp, Billie Cartwright; Lucille, tall graceful girl with a Southern accent, Margie Roberson; Red a messenger boy, Sidney Awalt; Harrison Day, a young author, J. T. Jackson.

### SERVICES HELD IN AUSTIN FOR SONORAN'S FATHER

Funeral services were held in Austin Monday, March 13, for W. R. Robinson, 53, father of Mrs. W. L. Miers of Sonora. Services were held from the Cook Funeral Home chapel, with the Reverend Cole of the Austin Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Puryear Cemetery, Austin.

Robinson, who had made his home for many years in Lufkin, is also survived by the widow and one son, Buck Robinson, of Austin.

### PFC. ISIDRO VIRGEN MISSING IN ITALIAN ACTION

Relatives here of Pfc. Isidro P. Virgen received word during the latter part of February that he has been missing in action since January 26. No word has been received of Pfc. Virgen, who was stationed in Italy, since that time.

He is the nephew of Theodore Virgen and the grandson of Mrs. Felipe Virgen.

### ALAN SAUNDERS PROMOTED TO FIRST LT.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders learned last week that their son, Alan W. Saunders, with the India-China Wing of the Transport Command, has recently been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

Lt. Saunders, who has been in the China-Burma-India theater nearly a year, received promotion from Flight Officer to Second Lieutenant in January, at the same time also receiving the Air Medal The India-China Wing, which transports materials for the American and Chinese forces in China, was recently cited by President Roosevelt for "exceptionally outstanding performance."

Miss Katha Lea Keene, who recently received her degree from the University of Texas, returned home Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Stella Keene, who had been visiting with her in Austin.

### Grand Jury Indicts Ussery In Gaines Murder

#### CASE CONTINUED TO FALL TERM

The Grand Jury, in session here Monday, March 20, found only one bill, and the Petit Jury, called for Tuesday, was released until next Monday, March 27, pending arrival of witnesses in the Ranjel case.

The indictment brought by the Grand Jury was against Phelan Ussery for the murder of Travis Gaines on the night of December 12. Ussery, whose bail was originally set at \$750, has now been released on \$1,000 bond, until the fall term of District Court, when the case will be continued.

The Petit Jury, to report back next Monday, will try the case styled the State of Texas vs. Prajedor Ranjel, which charges the defendant with murder of Josemaria Leija and Jose Leija on May 16, 1942. This case, tried at the fall term last September, resulted in a hung jury.

Those serving on the Grand Jury were S. H. Allison, Oscar Appelt, Jr., A. W. Awalt, Sterling Baker, Joe Berger, Tom Bond, C. H. Carson, R. V. Cook, W. R. Cusenbary, C. G. Davis, Edgar Glasscock, Harold Friess, Elmer Wilson, Miers Savell and Wesley Hill.

### Red Cross Drive Gets \$2,713 Here

The last check-up made by the local Red Cross treasurer, Mrs. Maysie Brown, showed that \$2,713 had been donated by Sutton Countyans up to Wednesday morning during the National Red Cross War Fund drive. This amount exceeds the county quota of \$2,300 by over \$400, and contributions were still being taken.

Mrs. Brown said Wednesday that information had been received from national Red Cross headquarters that 36.3 percent of all donations in excess of the quota may be kept by the local chapter, if it so desires.

### 4 Registrants Reclassed I-A

Four Sutton County registrants were placed in class I-A when the county Selective Service board met Monday and reclassified twelve men.

Those placed in I-A are Jesus E. Quiroz, Primitivo C. Gonzales, Morris Bricker and Santiago Lopez.

Other reclassifications are as follows: 1-C: Harry C. Beundia; 2-A: Prajedor Abila, Jesus Gandar, Bicente G. Bautista, Placido G. Bautista; 2-C: Alfred Bermea; 2-C-h: Leonard Gibbs, Charlie M. Hull.

### Blood Donors' Trip Set For Tuesday, April 4

Final plans were underway for the trip blood donors will make to Junction on April 4, when local Red Cross members met Monday afternoon with Mrs. R. E. Borden, Junction chairman of the Red Cross Blood Donation Committee.

Mrs. Borden said that the Mobile Blood Donor Unit will be prepared to take at least 100 donations from Sutton County. Although that number has signed up here to give donations, more signers are desired, as alternates may be needed on the day of the trip.

Mrs. M. G. Shurley, chairman of the Sutton County committee, said that cards will be mailed next week to prospective donors, telling them what time they will be expected in Junction. She also stressed the fact that all donors should be sure to follow the instructions on diet given to prospective donors and that it is most important that donors be on time, as a donor will be taken each ten minutes during the day.

Transportation will be provided by local citizens and the Painter Bus Lines. A. R. Montgomery, Sonora representative for Painter, said that the bus service will be given free of charge, if there are no service men leaving on April 4.

### March Bond Sales Still Lagging

Bond sales on the March quota continued to lag this week, as only \$5,412 had been purchased by Wednesday afternoon on the \$10,700 quota. This leaves over half of the quota to be purchased during the remaining six days of the month.

George H. Neill, chairman of the County War Finance committee, this week expressed the hope that bond buyers would come in at once and make their purchases. Sutton County has always "gone over the top", he said, in their bond buying, both on the monthly quotas or on the big War Loan Drives. "We do not want to ruin our good record by falling down on a comparatively small monthly quota," he continued.

### FORMER SONORAN ANNOUNCES SON'S BIRTH

Friends here this week received announcement of the birth on March 16 of a son, named Harold Keith, to Cpl. and Mrs. Harold Dean Joyce. Mrs. Joyce, the former Miss Grace Thomas, is making her home for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas, former Sonorans now living at Odell.

Mrs. Mack Cauthorn, who underwent an operation in a San Antonio hospital Monday a week ago, returned home Wednesday.

### June 20-21 Tentative Date Set For 7th Wool Show, Auction Sale

#### G. H. HALL NAMED GENERAL CHAIRMAN

D. L. Locklin, president, meeting with the board of directors and officers of the Sonora Lions Club Tuesday afternoon to make plans for the Seventh Annual 4-H Club Wool Show and Lions Livestock Auction Sale, to be held in June, declared, "I believe we can make this the biggest and best show and sale we've ever had, because we've done it long enough now that we really know how to handle it."

A tentative date of Tuesday and Wednesday, June 20 and 21, was set for the show, and G. H. Hall, Lions vice-president, was elected general chairman. The wool show will be held on Tuesday, and the auction sale and award to winners in the wool show will be on Wednesday.

Berry N. Duff, county agent, in charge of the 4-H Club Wool Show entries, said that invitations will be sent to 25 to 30 counties to participate in the show. War stamp prizes of \$250, the same amount as last year, will be awarded the wool show winners.

The proceeds from the livestock auction sale, which is the Club's one big activity during the year, go toward defraying expenses for the many charitable and civic works the club undertakes each year. The net profit on the sale last year was \$2,659.80, and all sorts of livestock was sold, from the R. A. Halbert registered Hereford bull which sold to the Experiment Station for \$410, to chickens.

To serve as assistant to G. H. Hall, is E. D. Shurley, vice-chairman. Also working with them are members of the coordinating committee, composed of the chairman of all other committees.

### Services Held March 16 For Sonoran's Father

Last rites were read Thursday, March 16, for Samuel King Smalley, 73, of Fannin County, father of Mrs. H. L. Lackey, Sonora public school teacher. He died Monday afternoon, March 13, at his farm home near Honey Grove, and burial was in the Grove Hill Cemetery near Leonard.

Mr. Smalley was a pioneer resident of Fannin County, moving there with his parents from Tennessee when only five years old. Survivors include the widow, five sons and five daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackey and their daughter, Mrs. J. Wesley Ward, and their granddaughter, Betty Ward, of Devine, left for the family home immediately upon receipt of word of Mr. Smalley's death.

### CAR OWNERS URGED TO REGISTER AT ONCE FOR 1944 LICENSES

Leo E. Brown, county tax assessor-collector, made a second appeal this week for automobile owners to register their vehicles at their earliest convenience, as the deadline for registration is April 1. Registering now, Brown said, will prevent waiting and crowding the last days.

Of over 800 vehicles owned in the county, only 275 had been registered by Tuesday afternoon when the office closed. This leaves approximately 525 still to be registered in the remaining six days that the office will be open this month.

Week-end visitors at the J. A. Ward ranch were Mrs. Ward's mother and brother, Mrs. Lige Cutbirth and David Cutbirth, of San Antonio.

### "Spring Has Sprung", But Victory Gardeners Are Unaware

Although spring made her formal entrance at the traditional time and date, Monday noon, March 20, at 12:49 o'clock, most of Sutton County's Victory gardeners were evidently unaware of the fact, as only 40 had signed up for the summer water rates at the city manager's office.

Mrs. Violet Morrow said that this was an unusually small number to have signed by this time of year, compared to those signed in

Following are the committees appointed by Locklin at Tuesday's meeting:

Coordinating Committee: Lea Allison, W. H. Dameron, B. W. Lovelace, W. J. Fields, Jr., Fred Simmons, Berry Duff, G. H. Davis, J. H. Trainer, F. O. Marvin, Tom Bond, George D. Chalk, Tom Ratliff and George E. Smith.

Soliciting Committee: Dameron (chairman), Jack Mann, George D. Chalk, Joseph Vander Stucken, B. M. Halbert, Jr., H. V. Stokes.

Delivery Committee: Lea Allison (chairman), Leo E. Brown, W. R. Cusenbary, Edwin Sawyer, Tom Davis, Jack Mann.

Publicity Committee: B. W. Lovelace (chairman), Berry Duff, A. E. Prugel, W. H. Dameron.

Grading Committee: W. J. Fields, Jr., (chairman) Tom Bond, Fred Earwood, R. A. Halbert, B. M. Halbert, Jr.

Sale Committee: Fred Simmons (chairman), George H. Neill, I. B. Boughton, E. K. Folley.

Wool Show Committee: Berry Duff (chairman), George D. Chalk, Fred Earwood, B. H. Cusenbary.

Pens and Receiving Committee: G. H. Davis (chairman), Joe Berger, Frank Smith, M. G. Shurley, C. W. Taylor, J. B. Nelson, Arthur Simmons, Rip Ward, C. A. Tyler, George E. Smith, A. H. Adkins, Tom Davis.

Drink Stand: Tom Ratliff (chairman), Arthur Carroll, Collier Shurley, Boy Scout Troop 19.

Entertainment Committee: J. H. Trainer (chairman), H. V. Stokes, Alfred Schwieng.

Traffic Committee: F. O. Marvin (chairman), George E. Smith.

4-H Club Boys Committee: Tom Bond (chairman), B. M. Halbert, Jr., B. H. Cusenbary, Berry Duff.

### Miss Anne Palmer Is Lions Speaker

Speaking before the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday, Miss Anne Palmer described her subject, "The Electoral College", as probably the least understood part of our national government's machinery. The Electoral College was provided for in Article II of the Constitution, she said, because the framers of the Constitution had little faith in the intelligence of the average citizen. This group, composed of the 531 Senators and Representatives, elects the president and vice-president of the United States.

Also on the program Tuesday was the presentation of the Red Cross Junior Life-Saving Award to Johnny Smith by M. A. Tant, Red Cross swimming and life-saving instructor.

Guests at the luncheon were J. D. Cowsert of Junction, S. S. Shanklin of Rocksprings, J. B. Lee of Dallas, Hart Johnson, Judge W. C. Jackson and C. D. Proffitt, all of Fort Stockton, and Henry Wyatt.

### CHILDREN 6-17 MUST BE ON SCHOOL CENSUS

Superintendent E. D. Stringer announced this week that parents should register with him the names of all children who will reach their sixth birthdays by September 1, or those who will not reach their eighteenth birthdays by that date. This data is being compiled for the school census, which will include all children in the county between the ages of six and seventeen, inclusive. Stringer said that it is imperative that he have this information by April 1.

Mrs. Lula Karnes, accompanied by Miss Alice Karnes, was in San Angelo last week receiving a medical check-up at the hospital.



Men, guns, and a plane of the U. S. S. Saratoga are etched against the Pacific dawn as the giant flat-top moves in to strike the Japs at Rabaul.

### Babcock Home Scene Of Dinner Party

Mrs. O. G. Babcock, assisted by Mrs. Edward Tipton, honored bride and groom-elect, Miss Thelma Rees and Cpl. James Caldwell, with a dinner party in the Babcock home Tuesday night.

Plate favors were nosegays of candy tuft and violets. Present were Messrs. and Mmes. John Bunnell, W. E. Caldwell, Robert Rees, Horace B. Rees and son, Tommy, of Big Lake, the Reverend L. K. Brown of Mason, Miss Anna May Dambroski of Washington, D. C., Miss Marie Watkins of San Angelo and Miss Elizabeth Caldwell of Austin.

### WMU To Send Box To Orphans

The WMU met in business session Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the sending of an Orphans Home Box and have announced that those persons wishing to contribute may leave their donations at the Baptist parsonage not later than March 29. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

After the business session a short program was given. It was opened with the song "At Calvary", followed by a prayer by Mrs. G. G. Stephenson. Devotional was given by Mrs. Alfred Cooper, after which the program was closed with a prayer by Mrs. L. H. McGhee.

### Tom Elaine Espy Honored With Birthday Party

Tom Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Espy, was honored with a party celebrating her fourth birthday anniversary Sunday afternoon.

Refreshments of cake, sandwiches, deviled eggs and hot chocolate were served to Lynn Kirby, Jan Vander Stucken, Pascal Allison and Mary Jack Puckett and Mmes. H. C. Kirby, Joseph Vander, Lea Allison and Clay Puckett.

### WAR SERVICE CLUB HAS PICNIC FRIDAY

Members of the War Service enjoyed a weiner roast at the golf course Friday afternoon, March 17. Those attending were Mmes. Harold Evans, Leroy Whitworth, Dayton Cain, Francis Archer, Ernest McClelland, Carl Cahill and C. C. Stroud.

Mrs. I. E. Dill of Seattle Wash., the former Miss Grace Draper, is here this week, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor.

A graduate of the University of Texas School of Dentistry, Houston, is continuing her dental career, despite the loss of both arms in a boating accident. Miss Margaret Jones of Houston is now continuing her studies to go into

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### PAN-AMERICAN CLUB TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON

The Pan-American Study Club will meet this afternoon at four o'clock in the home of Mrs. I. B. Boughton. Mrs. W. L. Davis will be the study leader, and her subject will be "Paraguay and Uruguay".

### Miss Thelma Rees Becomes Bride Of Cpl. James Caldwell Wednesday

In a double-ring ceremony read Wednesday morning, March 22, at the Methodist Church, Miss Thelma Rees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rees, became the bride of Cpl. James Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell. The Reverend L. K. Brown of Mason read the service.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Horace B. Rees of Big Lake, wore a two-piece navy ensemble of brocade crepe with white accessories and a veiled navy hat. Her corsage was of white carnations.

The traditional wedding music was played by the groom's sister, Miss Elizabeth Caldwell of Austin, who also accompanied Miss Marie Watkins of San Angelo, who sang "I Love Thee" by Grieg. "Liebestraum" was played during the ceremony.

White calla lilies, white gladioli and fern decorated the church.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bunnell. Mrs. Caldwell, the groom's mother, presided at the coffee service, and Mrs. A. S. Welch of San Antonio, the bride's sister, served the wedding cake,

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PAT REILEY, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, March 24, 1944

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### Juniors Fete Seniors Friday With Annual Banquet And Dance

Shamrocks and streamers in green and white, accenting the St. Patrick's Day motif, were used in decorating the basement of the Methodist Church when the Junior Class entertained the Seniors with the annual banquet Friday night, March 17. White gladioli and irises in bowls of fern centered the tables, and a Blarney Stone, surrounded with flowers and fern, was used on the center table.

The waitresses, dressed in black skirts, white blouses and green aprons and hair ribbons, were Ethel Mae Alley, Charlene Hull, Carolyn Johnson, Ada Ruth Martin, Snooky Reiley and Betty Faye Glasscock.

Eugene Shurley responded to the welcoming address made by Raymond Johnson, and Miss Wilma Elliott, Senior Class sponsor, made the response to Bernie Dawn Gibbs' talk "Our Senior Sponsor". Lila D. Chalk's address, "Our Superintendent", was responded to by Superintendent E. D. Stringer. Music on the program was furnished by Edith Eldridge, and at the conclusion of the program, the group sang "Auld Lang Syne", accompanied by Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh at the piano.

Present were Geraldine Morrow, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Frances Atchison, Mary Lou Neuerburg, Edith Eldridge, Ann de Berry, Marguer-

ite Howell, Cynthia Milton, Margaret Smith, Jean Cliff Johnson, Frances Jo Lancaster, Betty Jean Rankhorn, Josette Boughton, Marjorie Dameron, Margie Roberson, Lila D. Chalk, Billie Cartwright, and Geraldine Meckel; also Raymond Johnson, Eugene Shurley, Gene Wallace, Don Nicholas, Bobby Martin, Sidney Awalt, Bobbie White, Jimmie Cook, J. T. Jackson, Jim Martin, H. C. Kiser and Tommy Smith.

And Messrs. and Mmes. Libb Wallace, W. H. Dameron, H. L. Lackey, E. D. Stringer, C. C. Ball, and Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell; Misses Annie Duncan, Wilma Elliott, Mildred Mund, Charlotte Kavanaugh and Mrs. Keith James.

Assisting in the arrangements and serving were Mmes. R. V. Cook, A. W. Awalt, J. E. Eldridge, J. K. Lancaster, Cliff Johnson and Ban Odum.

After the banquet the guests enjoyed a program dance at the High School gymnasium.

Mrs. Arlon Carroll and children, who are making their home in Melvin for the duration, were visitors here last Friday and Saturday.

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## THE AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY

Includes 3 1/2 persons

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AND gets about twice as much electricity for its money as it did 15 years ago!

The envy of the world today is the average American family. That family has the world's highest standard of living. Statistically speaking, that average American family is composed of three and four-fifths persons. It uses three-fifths of a bathtub and owns one-half of a house, listens to nine-tenths of a radio, and gets about twice as much electricity for its money as it did 15 years ago.

Obviously, three-fifths of a bathtub wouldn't hold water very well! That is just another way of saying that three out of five American homes have bathtubs. The figure about electricity applies only to homes that have electric service (four out of five). But as an average of all these homes, it is a fact.

Most families own more electric appliances now than they did in 1929. Over the years as they used more electricity the cost per unit used was steadily reduced. So—though your total bill today may be as much as it was in 1929—yet you are getting twice as much electricity for your money.

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### Mrs. Dameron Is WSCS Hostess

Mrs. W. H. Dameron was hostess when the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in her home Wednesday afternoon for a business meeting, program and social hour.

Mrs. O. L. Richardson was the program leader and Mrs. S. M. Loeffler gave the Scripture reading.

The subject for study was "Church and Women in the Service". Talks were given by the following: "Women at Work" by Mrs. F. L. Meadow, "Domestic Workers" by Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary and "Women in the Church" by Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary. Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary also gave an introduction of the book "For All of Life" by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiser, which is to be studied by the members.

Mrs. J. F. Howell presided at the business meeting, and it was announced that the next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. F. L. Meadow.

It was announced that the Legion Auxiliary and all other interested organizations will meet at the Court House Wednesday evening, April 10, for child welfare talks. It is asked that all organizations be represented.

Present were Mmes J. D. Lowrey, Loeffler, Meadow, Rose Thorp, Howell, D. L. Locklin, C. E. Stites, W. R. Cusenbary, B. H. Cusenbary, O. G. Babcock, C. A. Tyler, Richardson and W. K. Region.

### Jr. Music Club Meets With Mrs. Wilman

Mrs. Ervin Wilman was hostess when the Junior Music Club met in her home Saturday afternoon, March 18.

The program opened with the group singing "The Star Spangled Banner", accompanied by Blanche Lavon Taylor at the piano, after which the members voted to name their club the Sonora Junior Music Club.

Piano selections were played at the piano by Wayne Ogden, Anne Karnes, Peggy Sue Reiley, Ernest Carroll Stephen, Marilyn Mittel, Mary Elaine Stringer, Flora Dell Davis, Lois Ann Mann, Blanche Lavon Taylor and Peggy Ann Wilman.

Refreshments were served to those mentioned and Betty Sue Allen, Alice Adkins, J. P. Howell, Jr., Norris Loeffler, Max Darrell Murray and Mmes. W. E. Caldwell, S. M. Loeffler and Ben Mittel.

Texans are becoming increasingly interested in the history of their state, University of Texas research historians believe, citing the fact that the Texas State Historical Association has enrolled 117 new members during the last six months.

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County Agent Berry Duff said this week that Sutton County ranchmen may solve their help problem by getting an Italian prisoner of war camp located near Sonora. Hard-pressed for bitterweed pullers, a group of ranchmen have met with Duff to discuss the possibilities of getting the camp here, but no definite arrangements have yet been made.

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Sutton Countians are satisfied with our school superintendent, and he is considered a highly reputable gentleman hereabouts. This week, however, the mayor received a query about the character, etc. of E. D. Stringer, whose name had been given as a reference by a former Sonoran applying for a commission in the Navy. Buzzie declined to say what his answer would be.

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Families of Sutton County men in the service are beginning to receive souvenirs from all parts of the globe where these men are fighting. Considering the number of men we have now serving foreign duty, this collection should reach a nice size by the time the war is over.

Last week Mrs. Tommy Seals received a Japanese rifle from her son, Pfc. J. R. Hudson, who has been in several engagements with the "little brown brothers" in the South Pacific. Hudson, who was for awhile in a hospital, has lately been returned to duty with the Marines.

Delma Smith, who served in Australia as a mail clerk for many months and who was recently given an honorable discharge because of ill health, brought home a large knife, a souvenir from engagements with the Japs.

Tommy Barrows, another Sonora Marine, who was visiting here last week, gave G. E. Ellis one of his souvenirs of battle—a Japanese rifle cartridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders have received several interesting articles from their son, Lt. Alan Saunders, who is stationed with the Air Transport Command in the India-Burma-China area. These include a teakwood flower stand, carved stone articles, and beautiful tapestries with designs embroidered in gold and brightly-colored silk. Lt. Saunders also plans to send home souvenirs from the several big game hunts he has been on.

Mrs. John Hull has received several interesting pieces of jewelry from Major Hull, who is stationed in North Africa, and Mrs. Tom Thorp has an ivory necklace and luncheon set, the handiwork of natives of Sicily, where her son, Lt. Tommy Thorp, was until recently stationed with the Transport Command.

Sally Dawn and Mary Lehne Prater are the proud possessors of grass skirts, sent them by their cousin, Cpl. A. W. Awalt, stationed with the Army in Hawaii.

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Berry Duff held his first meeting with Sutton County 4-H Club boys this week. He and the 25 or 30 boys present made plans for their club work in 1944, giving special attention to participation in the Wool Show to be held here June 20.

Sutton County boys who won prizes in last year's show were John Allen Ward III, Derrell Alley, Tommy Bond, Frankie Bond, Jimmy Cusenbary, Jerry Shurley and George S. Schwiening.

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Once upon a time long, long ago, Sutton County got lots of spring rains, and a visitor here remarked, "This is beautiful country---It looks like heaven."

Again this spring, after a prolonged dry season, we are getting a generous share of rain, and the ranges are greening up fast. Rainfall in February and March has totaled so far, 3.71 inches, and there are believed to be no dry ranges left in the county.

## 49 Years Ago

J. C. Arnett sold Winfield Scott 3,000 steers at \$13.

—49—

Ed Martin of the cattle firm of Martin & Robbins of Buffalo Draw, was in Sonora this week attending the convention.

—49—

H. P. Cooper, the cowman, was in Sonora Wednesday. He recently returned from his old stamping ground at Brackett.

—49—

The new town in Schleicher County has been named Wallick. This is intended as a genuine compliment to Sam Wallick, one of the veteran merchants of West Texas.

—49—

George Traweek has the contract for laying the foundation for W. F. Decker's new 14-room hotel building at the corner of Main and Water Streets.

—49—

J. A. Rudicil has had his men at work all week painting and remodeling the mercantile houses of Hagerlund Brothers and Mayer Brothers and Company. His work is first-class and giving satisfaction.

—49—

D. H. Burroughs of Dublin, Texas, arrived last Saturday. Mr. Burroughs has accepted the position of bookkeeper for Mayer Brothers & Co. He is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman, and the Devil's River News hopes his stay in Sonora will be profitable and pleasant.

—49—

The Sunbeam Society of the Baptist Church will give an entertainment at the church on Friday night, March 29. Everyone is invited.

—49—

R. E. Covington, the handsome young well-driller, at present drilling for Mr. Newman on Dry Devil's River, was in Sonora this week.

—49—

George P. Lanier, the well-driller, struck water at the new town of Wallick in Schleicher County at a depth of 354 feet.

—49—

G. P. Hill, the sheepman from the main draw, was in Sonora Friday.

—49—

Mrs. Lee and Mrs. John W. Hagerlund returned from a three months visit to Austin, Monday.

—49—

Bird & Mertz sold to the Dublin Oil Mills 600 three- and four-year-old steers at \$22.50 per head, or \$13,500.

—49—

M. P. Smith of Sterling County, sold to Winfield Scott, at the convention, 400 two-year-old steers at \$13.50 per head.

## Foreign Patents Made Available To Americans

The 45,000 patents seized from Germans, Italian and Japanese in more than 300 different industrial and scientific fields, covering mechanical, electrical, chemical and many other inventions are being made available to the South in special exhibits to be set up by the Alien Property Custodian's Office, it was announced by James A. Gallagher, District Manager of Smaller War Plants Corporation.

The Exhibit is being staged for five days, Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 24, at the Electric Building Houston. It is under the supervision of James A. Gallagher, San Antonio District Manager of SWPC and Wayne H. Bovee Technical Advisory Service Consultant, with Max R. Kraus, Patent Attorney attached to the Alien Patent Custodian's office, in direct charge.

The Exhibit of patents will leave Houston at the end of the week to be exhibited at 3-5 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 28 through March 31; at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, April 4 through April 7; and at the Public Service Auditorium, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 11 through April 14. These are to be the only appearances of the Exhibit in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The Exhibit consists of the printed descriptions and drawings of all vested inventions.

Any scientist, manufacturer or individual interested may examine the records as he pleases, working through the index and catalog in his special field. If he finds one that may be of use, either in current war work, civilian production, or in his postwar plans, he may obtain the right to use it on payment of a small fee. Such use, however, is subject to licenses previously held from the original alien owners by American firms.

This is the first time all alien patents have been brought in a group to the cities for business men and scientists to examine. Users are protected by law from any infringement suits that might be filed after the war by the original owners.

## O. L. RICHARDSON, JR. ENTERS OCS AT FORT SILL, OKLA.

Cpl. O. L. Richardson, Jr., who has been stationed at Texas A. & M. College for the past six months, studying specialized engineering courses, left Sunday morning for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he will enter Officers Candidate School.

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## LLOYD MCGHEE PROMOTED

Mrs. Fern McGhee learned recently that her son, Lloyd McGhee, who is serving on a destroyer in the Atlantic, has been promoted to the rank of Chief Radioman. He was, before the promotion, a Radioman, First Class.

A surgical camera for filming the inside of the mouth or the inside of the stomach is one of the newest acquisitions of the University of Texas School of Dentistry, Houston, for its photographic laboratory.

## Happy Birthday

- Saturday, March 25—None
- Sunday, March 26—Jamie Glasscock, Herbert McKee, Jean Saunders
- Monday, March 27—Gene Cliff Johnson, Mrs. W. L. Teague, Mrs. Edgar Reese
- Tuesday, March 28—A. J. Faught
- Wednesday, March 29—None
- Thursday, March 30—Horace Hill
- Friday, March 31—None



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# EDITORIALS AND FEATURES

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## Rationing At a Glance

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps, A8, B8, C8, D8, E8 and F8 are good through May 20, G8, H8 and J8 become good March 26, and remain valid through June 18. Waste kitchen fats exchanged for two points and four cents per pound.

PROCESSED FRUITS, VEGETABLES—Green stamps A8, B8, C8, D8 and E8 good through May 20.

SUGAR—Sugar stamp 30 is good indefinitely for 5 pounds. Sugar stamp 40 good for 5 pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.

GASOLINE—A-11 coupons good for three gallons each through June 21.

TIRE INSPECTION DEADLINE—A coupon holders, March 31; C coupon holders, May 31; B coupon holders, June 30.

SHOES—Stamp 18 in Book 1 good through April 30. Airplane stamps 1 in Book III good indefinitely. Another shoe stamp, to be good beginning May 1, will be announced soon.

INCOME TAX—Declarations of estimated 1944 tax are due by April 15.

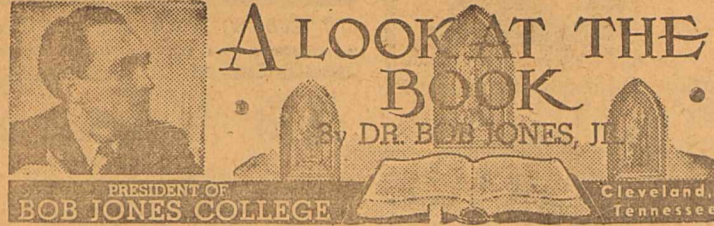
The Texas State Historical Association will hold its annual meeting at the University of Texas, April 28-29.

writer and humorist. The World's city editor was a slave-driver and, one day when Cobb reported for duty, the assistant city editor was in charge. "Where's old Simon Legree?" Cobb asked. The assistant replied, "He's sick." Cobb said, "Nothing trivial, I hope."

On one occasion, Cobb was assigned to write up a lecture to be given by an English nobleman. The night was inclement, and Cobb and the lecturer were the only ones who showed up. Nevertheless, the duke went ahead and delivered his speech in full. Afterward, he suggested to the newspaperman, "You can say that my address was heard by a large and respectable audience." When Cobb objected that this might not be strictly accurate, the nobleman looked at the reporter's portly form and said, "You are large—and I am certainly respectable."

And now it looks as though the Lieutenant Governor may be planning to run for Governor. A few days ago, the Lieutenant Governor made public a statement about permitting soldiers to vote and charged that Governor Coke Stevenson was "violating both the letter and spirit of the Constitution."

different laws be combined and correlated in one measure. It has been a colossal task, but now that Congress is taking this problem into its own hands and assuming its responsibility in this respect, it is believed the bewildered taxpayer soon may see a ray of hope in a new, much-simplified form.



Upon what charges was Jesus Christ sentenced to death; for what crime was He crucified? The answer is quite plainly stated in the Gospels; for making Himself equal to God, for claiming to be the Son of God.

The Jewish priests and the leaders of the people hated Christ because of His influence over the common people. They were jealous of His popularity. Their antagonism against Him was aroused because His holy eyes detected the hypocrisy of their own evil hearts and in words of truth and power He denounced them. They were determined to get rid of Him and, in a trial which was one long mockery He whose death they had predetermined was sentenced to die.

Either Jesus Christ is the Son of God or He was a fraud and impostor and a blasphemer. The charges against Him were true. He had claimed to be God's Son. He identified Himself with the great God of eternity when He took to Himself the word of the

great eternal "I Am," saying, "Before Abraham was, 'I Am'" (John 8:28). Seated at the well curb of Samaria and talking to the woman of Sychar about the Messiah that was to come, He declared, "I that speak unto thee am He" (John 4:26). Asked by the high priest at the trial, "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God?" (Matthew 26:63). Christ answered, "Thou hast said," meaning, "As thou has said, I am."

We are faced with this alternative: Either Jesus Christ is God's Son or He was a blasphemer and a man who claimed to be that which He was not. No one logically can say that Jesus was a good man and nothing more. Either He is more than a good man—the God He claimed to be—or He was a deceived and a wicked man.

## Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

### THE SOLDIER'S VOTE BILL

After much wrangling, the House and Senate last week finally passed a bill the purpose of which is to aid members of the armed forces who desire to vote in the elections this year. The compromise bill would make available the facilities of the Army, Navy and Maritime Commission in getting ballots to the soldiers overseas and back to the election judges.

The measure provides for full priority in the dispatch of the ballots. And this alone should be of much assistance.

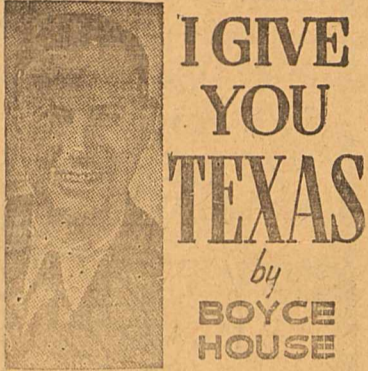
### RANKIN ANSWERS BRADLEY

In the heat of debate on the floors of Congress, a flash of wit in repartee occurs now and then. The veteran John Rankin of Mississippi is perhaps the cleverest rough and tumble debater in the House. He is a true patriot, is well-informed and is an able fighter for what he believes in. Whether he agrees with him or not, he is always respected in debate and takes care of himself under all conditions.

During the debate on the soldiers' vote bill, Congressman Bradley of Pennsylvania, who frequently finds much fault with the South, charged that in Rankin's home state of Mississippi the soldiers could not vote because of the poll tax, and found other criticism of other practices down Mississippi way.

But Rankin was ready for him, "Mr. Speaker," he began, "the speech of the gentleman from Pennsylvania was most ridiculous. The state of Mississippi has already set aside its registration and poll tax provisions for servicemen during this war. We do not need to take any lesson on political morality from any Philadelphia politician."

"I am reminded," Rankin continued, "that a few years ago when the Marines were sent to Nicaragua, it was said they went down there to see that they held an honest election. Senator Nor-



While your columnist never knew Irvin S. Cobb personally, it was my privilege to work as a reporter on the Commercial-Appeal in Memphis, Tenn., with a brother of his who was himself quite an amusing companion. It was soon after World War I, and one evening when someone was mentioned as having served in France, another newspaperman said, "What was Brown in the war?" Cobb exclaimed, "Was he in the war. Why, the French decorated him with Crocks de Gooks," which was his quaint way of pronouncing "Croix de Guerre."

The best stories about Irvin S. Cobb dealt with his days as a reporter on the New York World, before the pride of Paducah became famous as a short story

ris said, "Why in the ---- do you not send them to Philadelphia or Pittsburgh?"

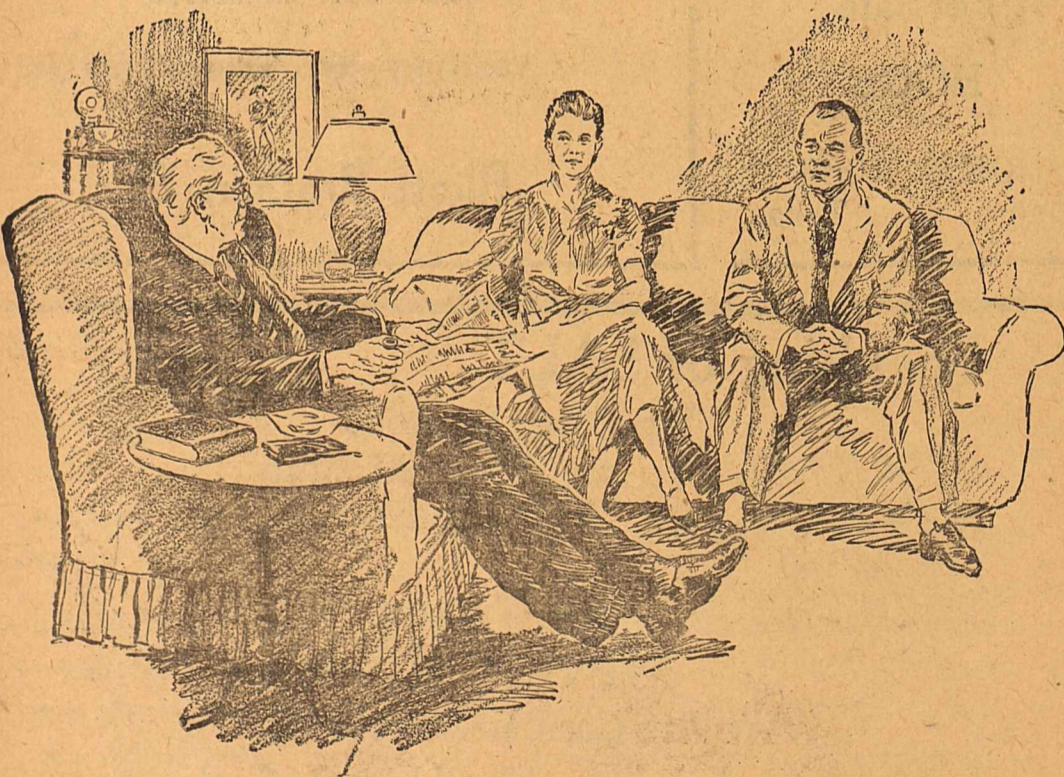
### SIMPLIFICATION OF TAX FORMS NEARS REALITY

The House committee which for more than a month has been working on a plan to simplify the present complex tax forms, is soon to report a much simplified program.

During the last 10 years, 17 different tax bills have been passed by Congress, the details of many of which are said to have been worked out by the Treasury Department. The result has been that, year after year, additional measures were pyramided on top of each other, each adding new phases of deductions and regulations, and increasing the complexity of tax procedure.

It is now proposed that these

## THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"That's really a great editorial you just read to us, Judge. Where did you say it appeared?"

"In 'The Stars and Stripes'... the newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in Europe. Kind of gives us folks back home something to think about, doesn't it, Bill?"

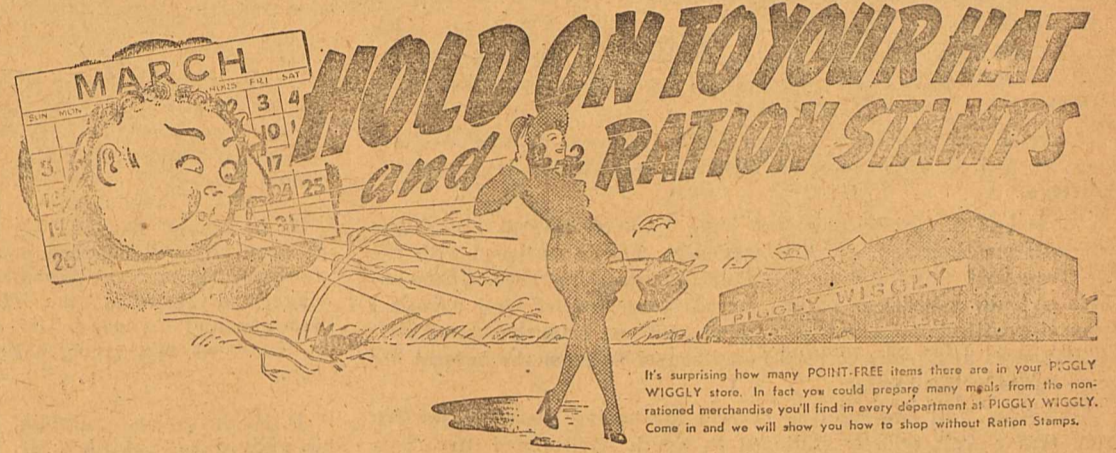
"It certainly does, Judge. Particularly the last paragraph. Would you mind reading that again?"

"Glad to, Bill. It says, 'We can remember

the days of prohibition, when moonshine whiskey made quick fortunes for bootleggers, crooked politicians and dishonest police officials. As a result, we claim we know what we want in the way of liquor legislation and feel those at home should wait until we return before initiating further legislation on liquor control.'"

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47 OZ. CAN Grape Fruit Juice, 3 Pts. 29c	

COFFEE MAXWELL HOUSE 1 LB. JAR 33c 1 LB. PKG. 30c

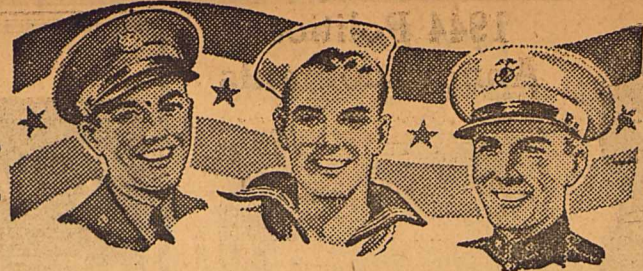
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## PIGGLY WIGGLY

LOMAX and TRAINER

# From Our Men

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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.

## ROLL OF HONOR

Pvt. James V. Roberts who is stationed in Alameda, California, with the Marine Corps writes:

"I hope this finds everyone in Sonora alright. I am just fine and am enjoying my life in the Marines.

"I am now stationed at a Naval station that is very close to San Francisco. We can see the Golden Gate Bridge from our barracks. It is a beautiful sight. We are stationed here as a guard unit. Our job is to guard this base. There aren't very many of us but we have a very nice place to stay. Of course, it isn't anything like being at home in Sonora, but it suits me as I would rather be here than in San Diego.

"I have seen J. W. Pepper since I have been here, or rather I saw him while I was in San Diego.

"For our recreation, we have a nice recreation room here near our barracks, and we all enjoy it very much.

"I had better close for now."

S/Sgt. Joseph H. Brasher, Jr., stationed overseas with the Air Corps, writes:

"Well, 'Jug' and I just finished one hour of labor before finally opening a cocoon. There is supposed to be an easy way to do it, but we haven't found how to do it



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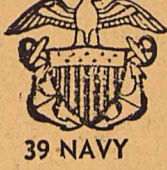
yet. The cocoanuts are really good after you get them open.

"Several of us went swimming at the beach today, and I for one really enjoyed it a lot. As it is hot here, swimming is a very good way to get cooled off a little.

"I finally hit the 'jack-pot' again. I got nine letters recently and was very glad to get them. You have no idea how good it makes one feel to get letters after being in this wilderness for a while. It would be nice if I could be home and I wish that I could come very much, but there are thousands of other boys wishing the same thing, so maybe it is best if we just finish this job over here and then come back home for good. That would be very nice.

"I still haven't been hunting yet but hope to get to go soon. It ought to be a lot of fun, and I am going to do so whenever I get a chance.

"It is a big job to write letters from here, especially when there isn't much to write about.



39 NAVY

"Tell everyone 'hello' for me."

The following letter, received from Woodrow L. Norris, CCM, stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with the Navy, states:

"Well how are all of you tonight? I hope everything is o. k. I'm still doing alright.

"I received my birthday package today. Gee, it was very nice, and the candy was really good. I can use the other things too. I received a January issue of the paper the other day. It didn't take the package as long to get here as it did the paper.

"We took another little trip today. I got a Weapons Carrier (that's a cross between a truck and a jeep) for the day. They are pretty good to have around. A boat was used in giving us transportation from one island to another.

"We visited a small town today by the name of Waipaha. It is a very old town. There were a lot of natives at this place. It was an interesting place to look around. It was located in the sugar cane section of the island. There is a large sugar mill near the town. After looking around this town, we visited another little town and an air station. The entire trip was very interesting, and the sights were really worth seeing. I wish I could tell you about it in detail, but I guess that will have to wait until I can come home.

"After leaving Pearl Harbor we went to Waikiki, where we had a big steak dinner in a Chinese restaurant. The steaks were really good. Wish you could have had some of them; however, they should have been good, as they cost four dollars a piece.

"After the steak dinner our trip was completed, and we had to come back to our own base.

"It has been raining real hard here tonight, and it has made everything very cool."

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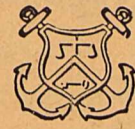
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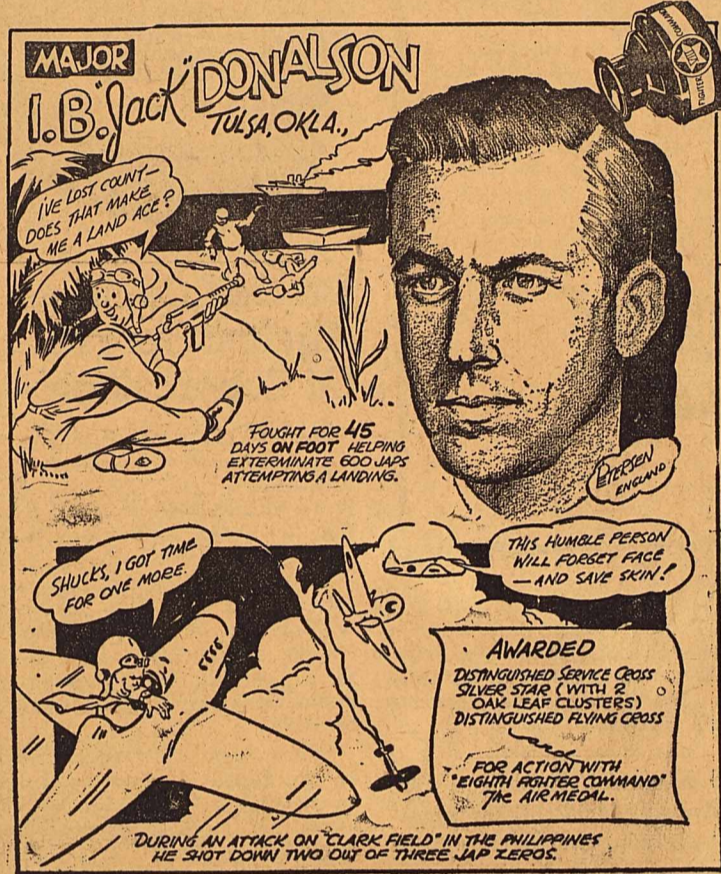


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nice. They had a good choir, organist and also a good sermon. After the sermon I was invited to a luncheon served there at the church for servicemen. They served a good home cooked meal in a home-like atmosphere. I don't know of anything I've enjoyed any more since I've been over here, and I am planning to spend more Sundays there."

Back The ATTACK With BONDS

A later letter states:  
"I really had an enjoyable day, today. I didn't get up until about eight thirty this morning. It was too late for breakfast, so I decided I'd go to Honolulu to church. I went to the First Methodist Church there, and it was very



## Home From The War

Cpl. Jack Rape of the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, N. M., left Wednesday morning after a visit of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rape.

Joe B. Logan, who last week received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, and his commission as a Navy Lieutenant (j. g.), arrived here Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan. Lt. Logan will leave here April 3, to report for duty at Farragut, Idaho.

Pvt. J. W. Pepper, who has just finished boot training at the Marine Base, San Diego, California, is home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pepper, Sr. He will leave tomorrow to report back to San Diego where he will start Sea School training.

Tommy Barrows, who has recently returned from overseas duty with the Marines, was in Sonora last week-end visiting friends. He will report soon to the Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia, to enter Officers Candidate School.

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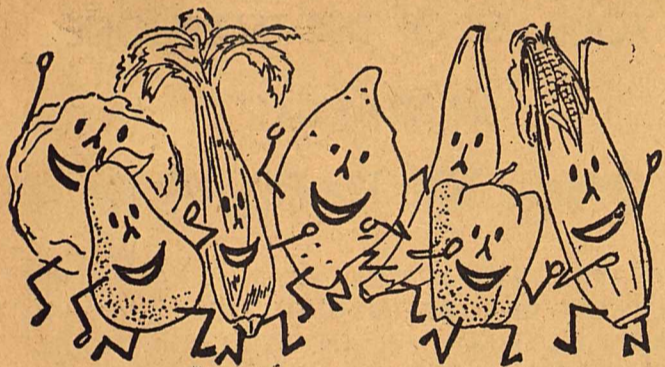
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Mr. and Mrs. Jack G. West and small daughter, Sue, of Fort Worth were the guests last week-end of Mr. West's sisters, Mrs. R. E. Duncan and Mrs. Curtis Nicholas. West is an inspector with the Civil Aeronautics Authority, Fort Worth.

brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Trainer. Mrs. Putman accompanied Mr. Trainer, when he returned here last Wednesday from Fort Worth where he attended spring market.

Mrs. Roy Putman of Fort Worth is a guest in the home of her

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lovelace were in San Angelo last Saturday attending graduation exercises at the San Angelo Army Air Field.

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### Dr. Cox Cautions Against Spread Of Tuberculosis

Austin, March 23—Speaking of the susceptibility of children to tuberculosis, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today that few people realize that babies and young children are very likely to become infected with tuberculosis if they are kept in rooms with persons who have the disease, use the same dishes, sleep in the same beds, or are handled and kissed by persons who have tuberculosis.

"Babies and young children pick up the germs of tuberculosis just as readily as they pick up the germs of measles or whooping cough, or of any other of the so-called children's diseases," Dr. Cox said. "But tuberculosis unlike most diseases, has more than one form. Babies who get tuberculosis may not show the symptoms we associate with the disease in older persons. But the disease in most cases develops rapidly and is likely to end fatally. Tuberculosis in babies and young children is a very serious matter, although recent studies have shown that if young children are removed promptly from contact with the disease and given the necessary care, many lives can be saved."

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ALVIS JOHNSON  
(Reelection)

For County Treasurer—  
MRS. THELMA BRISCOE  
(Reelection)

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Dr. Cox said that, if the presence of tuberculosis is recognized in its early stages and if medical attention is secured promptly, a great deal can be accomplished whenever the disease develops, whether in young or old.

"Tuberculosis doesn't just simply happen. Nobody is born with the disease. Everybody who develops tuberculosis gets it from some other source, and children and young people who have been in contact with persons having tuberculosis are especially likely to contract it."

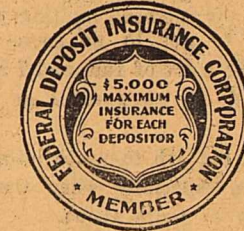
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Allison last week-end were Mrs. Allison's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Linthicum of Mertzon, and their daughter, Susie.

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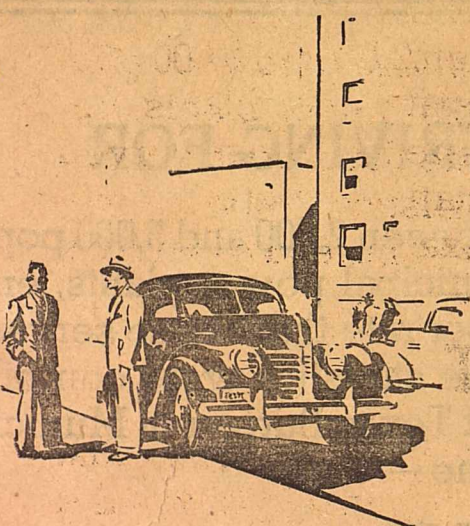
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### READING & WRITING

BY *Edwin Seaver* AND *Robin McKinn*

PROBABLY the most famous country editor this country has ever known is the late William Allen White, whose death a few weeks ago came as a shock to his many friends and admirers.

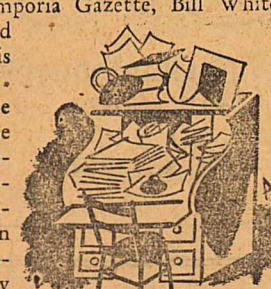


WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

For almost half a century, since 1895, Bill White was editor of the Emporia, Kansas, Gazette, during which period the paper grew from a circulation of 600 to nearly 7,000. He bought it for \$3,000 and could have sold it for a quarter of a million. But he never would, nor would he accept the enticing offers that came to him from New York and other big cities. He wanted to stay, he said, in a town where he could water his lawn with thirty-five feet of hose.

Bill White was so closely identified with the newspaper and political worlds, we forget that early in his life he also wrote novels and stories of note, while later, one of his major interests was the Book-of-the-Month Club. He was one of the five judges who was with the Club since its inception in 1926, his colleagues being Dorothy Canfield, Henry Seidel Canby, Christopher Morley and the late Heywood Brown.

Aside from his own little beloved Emporia Gazette, Bill White said he regarded this work of reading and choosing books for wide distribution as his major activity in recent years. Of late Mr. White often did not make the long trip from Emporia to attend the Club's monthly editorial meetings. His substitutes were long telegrams and long distance calls, in which he gave pungent criticisms of the books up for consideration. On one such book, however, he made no comment, either for or against. This was "They Were Expendable," by W. L. White, his son. "They Were Expendable" was chosen unanimously as a book-of-the-month by the other three judges.



One of the most paradoxical men of history was Alfred Nobel, described in Michael Evlanoff's biography, "Nobel—Prize Donor." He was the inventor of dynamite and also a pacifist. He amassed a tremendous fortune from the manufacture of munitions, and bequeathed that fortune to a fund for prizes for the best works in physics, science, chemistry, medicine, literature, and in the field of peace. He was one of the most spectacular men of his times, yet he lived a quiet, secluded life. He reconciled his profession to his pacifism with a bit of logic that we must now call naive, to say the least. He believed that when men realized the horrors of war with modern weapons of destruction, they would stop fighting.

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