

Sgt. Brasher Gets Cluster To Air Medal

Staff Sergeant J. H. Brasher, Jr., gunner with the Air Forces in the South Pacific, has just been awarded the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, according to word received this week by his mother, Mrs. Katie Brasher.

Sgt. Brasher, in overseas duty since last December, volunteered for service in August, 1942, and began his training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and went to the Greenville Army Air Field, South Carolina, as an instructor. His last assignment in the States, before going overseas, was at Savannah, Ga.

Nelson Merck On First Furlough In Two Years

Setting his feet on dry land for the first time in almost two years and three months, the length of his service with the Navy, CM 3/c J. Nelson Merck said it was good to be back in West Texas when he visited his sisters, Mrs. Ban Odom and Mrs. Bailey Renfro here last week.

Merck, who was stationed aboard a destroyer, has seen service in combat areas ranging from the Aleutian Islands to the South Pacific. He has participated in four major battles returning to the States from the Pacific.

On leaving here Monday, he went on to his Pecos County ranch, where he expected to spend several weeks before returning to duty.

KENNETH BABCOCK NOW FLIGHT OFFICER IN ARMY AIR CORPS

The 20th Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, Nashville, Tennessee announced this week that Kenneth K. Babcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock, was appointed Flight Officer in the U. S. Army Air Forces, May 8, 1944, when he completed the Officers Candidate Unit Course at the Nashville, Tennessee Base.

He was awarded Pilot's Wings at an early morning ceremony which took place before the entire military personnel of the 20th Ferrying Group, officers of the Air Forces, the Air Transport Command and the Ferrying Division, and state and local dignitaries attended the ceremony.

As a Ferry Pilot, he will help maintain a flow of combat aircraft from American factories to fighting fronts. Ferry pilots fly more than a hundred different types of military planes, in all climates and all weathers, to every corner of the earth.

REX MERRIMAN PROMOTED

A ninth Air Force Bomber Station, England—The promotion of Rex R. Merriman, Sonora, Texas, from sergeant to staff sergeant has recently been announced by Headquarters of a Ninth Air Force Medium Bombardment Group to which he is attached.

Staff Sergeant Merriman is Crew Chief on the B-26 "Victory Read."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Merriman.

WAR FOOD ASSISTANT TO BE HERE 2 MONTHS

Setting up headquarters in the Sutton County AAA office this week is Mrs. Harriet Hines, War Food Assistant, who will for the next two months assist the women of Sutton, Kimble and Crockett counties in a food conservation program. Mrs. Hines comes here from Del Rio.

Detailed plans for the two-months program have not yet been completed.

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.

Bernie D. Gibbs Named Honor Graduate, 1944

MARGUERITE HOWELL IS SALUTORIAN

Honor graduates from the Sonora High School, Bernie Dawn Gibbs and Marguerite Howell, also held similar honors when they graduated from the Elementary School. Highest scholastic record for boys in the senior class is held by Don Nicholas.

Bernie Dawn, valedictorian of the class, with an average of 91.85, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gibbs, Sutton County ranch people. She has been active in many extra-curricular activities of the school since she started in the fifth grade, having served as class reporter in her sophomore and senior years, president of the class in her junior year, and class secretary when a freshman. She was a charter member of the Girl Scout organization here, a member of the Girls' Choral Club, pep squad and Bronco band. She won a ribbon in softball, an award in public school music and placed in girls' tennis singles this year at the District Track Meet at Junction.

Classmates and teachers chose Bernie Dawn the outstanding girl in the senior class, and she was elected 1944 Football Queen and representative to the Daughters of the American Revolution from the school. She took a leading part in the Senior play.

Bernie Dawn plans to enter Texas State College for Women, Denton, next fall, where she will major in business administration.

Salutatorian of the class, with an average over the past two years of 89.73, is Marguerite Howell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell. She plans to enter summer session at the University of Texas, where she will begin study in the fields of science and public school music.

Marguerite has also been active in extra-curricular activities during her school career, having been a member of the band and Little Theater during her freshman year; a member of the band and Dramatic Club when a sophomore, and a member of the Pep Squad and Girls' Choral Club last year. Also, during her sophomore summer, she was one of the Sonora High School representatives to the "Girl State," held at Baylor University under the sponsorship of the American Legion Auxiliary.

This year Marguerite was a

\$282 Donated To Memorial Fund

Opening of the drive to raise funds for building and landscaping the Servicemen's Memorial, which is to be built of native stone and, according to present plans, to be situated on the Municipal Light Plant hill, was announced Tuesday at the Lions Club Ranchman's Day by Mrs. Roy Aldwell, chairman of the memorial committee.

Donations taken during the Ranch Day program amounted to \$282, and contributions made since then have not yet been totaled.

The memorial is to honor the servicemen from Sutton County, both in this war and in World War I. It is the plan of the committee in charge to have the structure completed, if possible, by the time the war is over and the servicemen return home.

member of the Pep Squad and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She also is studying advanced piano music under Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, who will present her in a recital Sunday evening at the Methodist Church. She also was in the cast of the class play, "The American Revolution," which she played during her sophomore year.

Don Nicholas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Nicholas, holds highest scholastic honors for the boys in his class, with an average of 87.35. He has volunteered for service with the Armed forces and will this summer enter the Army Specialist Training Program.

Don was president of his freshman class and president of his class during the first semester of his junior year. Also, in 1943, he was assistant sports editor of the Bronco and master of ceremonies at the junior-senior banquet. During his sophomore year he played basketball and football, was a member of the championship volleyball and softball teams and belonged to the Bronco band, the Math Club and the Science Club.

This year Don, lettered in football, received the gold basketball award and took second place in high hurdles and first place in pole vault at the District Track Meet. He had a leading part in the Senior class play.

Homer Schrimsher, manager of the Abilene office of Commercial Standard Insurance Co., was a business visitor in Sonora on Wednesday and Thursday.

Major and Mrs. R. M. Zirkle and Renny Ann were the guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Allison.

Battalion John Nichols Served In Cited For "Outstanding Service"



SGT. JOHN F. NICHOLS

and bases on the upper Lunga River and secured valuable information of the terrain and the enemy line of operations. In these battles the enemy suffered 400 killed and the loss of his artillery, weapons, ammunition and supplies, whereas the battalion losses were limited to fifteen killed. For the consummate skill displayed in the conduct of operation, for the training, stamina and fortitude displayed by all members of the battalion and for its commendably aggressive spirit and high morale the Commanding General cites to the First Marine Division and Commanding Officer, Officers and Men of the 2nd Raider Battalion.

(signed) A. A. Vandergrift, Major General, USMC.

Official memoranda on Sgt. Nichols' services include the following:

"7 December, 1941. Participated in defense of NAS, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, T. H."

"Participated with 2nd Marine Battalion in operations against the enemy on Guadalcanal between November 4, 1942, and December 4, 1942."

Sgt. Nichols, who sailed from the New Hebrides on April 18, last year, arrived home on May 9, landing at San Diego, California. He was home for several weeks visiting his parents, then was stationed in California. He has just recently received another foreign assignment.

SIX REGISTRANTS RECLASSIFIED; 2 IN 1-A

Only six registrants were reclassified by the local Selective Service Board in their last meeting, Thursday, April 27, two of these registrants being placed in 1-A.

Those in 1-A are Bernardo Caravejal and Juan Munez; in 2-B, Edwin Holmig; and in 2-C, Thomas J. Turney, Clyde Hill and Rudolph Frieske.

CCC Makes First Appraisals On Spring Clip

HIGHEST PRICE TO A GROWER IS 54c

The first CCC appraisals on spring clip stored at the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company were made last Friday and Tuesday of this week, the total amount being 448,534 pounds which was appraised at \$217,692.18 net to the growers. Thirty-two lots made up this amount.

That appraised on May 5, included 135,117 pounds of 12-months, and brought \$66,214.51 net to the growers, and 66,006 pounds of 8-months, appraised at \$30,303.98 to the grower. Average price on these clips was 48 cents. Appraisers were Rhone Shields, A. S. Baker and Bill Fields.

On May 9, amount appraised was 247,411 pounds of 12-months, which was appraised at \$121,173.69 to the growers. Eighteen lots were included in these appraisals, and the average price was 49 cents. Appraisers were Shields, Fields and Ernest Woodward.

Highest price paid an individual grower was 54 cents, which was for cross-bred Corriedale wool. Lowest price received was 37.85 cents, which was for pure-bred Delaine fleece.

Ranchers whose wool has been appraised here are the following: Mrs. Sam Allison, Lea Allison, Oscar Appelt, Jr., Sterling Baker, Fowlkes Brothers, Fields Ranch Co., John Fields, Glasscock Ranch Co., H. E. Glasscock, T. E. Glasscock, A. J. Groenbacher, Mrs. Stella Keene, Alvis Johnson, J. D. Lowrey, Mrs. Mary Luckie, R. G. Nance, Mrs. Louella O'Leary, Sol Mayer, Sol Mayer & Son, B. E. Noelke, Pecos Ranch Co., Hillary Phillips, A. H. Mills, Theo Savell & Son, G. G. Stephenson, M. G. Shurley, Curt Schwiening, Miss Nettie Word, Dee Word and Henry Wyatt.

Scout Drive Only \$170 From Goal

One hundred and seventy dollars was still lacking on the local Boy Scout Drive quota of \$1,095, by Wednesday afternoon. Of the \$925 that has been contributed to date, \$700 was taken in by the end of last week.

Those who wish to contribute but have not yet done so are asked to see one of the following committeemen at their earliest convenience: Bryan Hunt, B. M. Halbert, J. J. George, D. Chalk, E. D. Stringer, John Lee Nisbet, B. H. Cusenbary, H. V. Stokes and George H. Neill.

T-SGT. EDMINSTON, GERMAN PRISONER, WRITES PARENTS

ELDORADO, May 7—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. (Bill) Edminston have received their first letter from their son, T/Sgt. Delbert E. Edminston, who is a prisoner of the German Government. The letter was dated December 25, and was received here Friday, April 28.

Sergeant Edminston, an aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress, went down over Germany on December 20, and this is the first word received from him since he was taken a prisoner of war. He stated that he was in good health and advised his parents not to write until they receive his permanent address.

The Reverend and Mrs. F. L. Meadow returned Thursday of last week from Temple, where Mrs. Meadow had been for some time at the Scott and White Hospital receiving medical treatment.

Happy Birthday

- Saturday, May 13—W. J. Seale, Mrs. Lloyd Earwood, Mrs. W. R. Barnes
- Sunday, May 14—None
- Monday, May 15—Wylie Ezell, Finis Hamby, Mrs. Sam Allison
- Tuesday, May 16—Tom Mack Sessoms, Max Turney
- Wednesday, May 17—Betty Sue Caldwell, Mrs. Ed Mayfield
- Thursday, May 18—G. P. Hill, Mrs. Tom McKee, John Cauthorn
- Friday, May 19—None

About 400 Ranchmen Attend Lions Club Ranchman's Day Tuesday

LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS FURNISH PROGRAM

An approximate four hundred stockmen from an extensive area of West Texas met at the R. A. Halbert ranch Tuesday afternoon for a "handshaking with some education" program put on by the Sonora Lions Club in its First Annual Ranchman's Day.

Experts in various fields of the livestock industry spoke to the group during the afternoon, and the program was climaxed with a barbecue dinner served under the oak trees in front of the Halbert ranch home.

The program opened with a tour of the Halbert ranch, the many improvements on the ranch being pointed out by H. C. Atchison, Jr., Tom Green County Agent, formerly of Sonora. After the tour, the group returned to the ranch house, where talks by Range Experiment Station and Texas Technological College livestock specialists were made.

Dr. I. B. Boughton of the Experiment Station told of the results of experiments made at the Station to determine the efficacy of the use of phenothiazine-salt mixture for range sheep.

Dr. Boughton opened his talk by declaring that the mixture "has its place and a very valuable place it is, but don't forget that there are such things as stomach worms and don't forget to watch your sheep. If they need drenching, drench them, regardless of whether the mixture is in the troughs or not."

Best results, he said, were obtained from a ten percent phenothiazine mixture in the salt. This phenothiazine gets the best results in ewes, he added, as ewes began with a high ratio of screw worm eggs, and the quantity went down during the feedings; lambs, however, began with a low ratio which went up toward the end of the season. The two reasons he gave for this were that the lambs did not get as much of the mixture as the ewes and lambs are extremely susceptible not having had opportunity to build up an immunity or resistance to the worms.

The main value of the mixture, Dr. Boughton said, was in its cutting down on the hatching of eggs rather than on killing the parasites themselves. Use of the mixture brought 25 to 30 percent reduction in the hatching of the screw-worm eggs, and if no "bugs" develop, he prophesied, the mixture may eliminate the necessity for drenching altogether. An added advantage

Sellers Announces For Attorney General



Grover Sellers

Grover Sellers, Attorney General of Texas, has announced he will be a candidate for a second term in that office in the 1944 primary election.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Sellers declared: "I am grateful to Gov. Coke Stevenson for appointing me attorney general, following the resignation of Gerald C. Mann, with whom I had served four years as first assistant."

"To the people of Texas I now submit my candidacy. When elected my one effort will be fair and impartial administration of all laws and the constitution as written by the people. I shall continue to work in complete harmony with other officials and state departments in the efficient operation of our state government."

"All Texans have one common thought today—winning the war as quickly as possible. This department, as in the past, shall continue full cooperation with military authorities in prosecution of the war. During the absence of our men in uniform, their welfare always shall be my first concern. In fact, I am the first ever to hold that Texans in uniform can vote."

"I base my candidacy on a background of experience gained as your Attorney General, first assistant Attorney General, judge of the Eighth Judicial District and as an associate justice of the Court of Civil Appeals."

age, so far true, is that no dangers in licking the mixture free choice, such as phenothiazine poisoning, have developed.

Dr. Boughton's recommendation for use of the mixture was as follows: drench the ewes about shearing time. Turn them out without salt of any kind for four or five days, so that the drench will be thoroughly eliminated and the sheep will become salt-hungry, then put out the mixture. All the sheep, ewes and lambs both, should be drenched at weaning time.

Alexander Johnston, chief of the Wool Division, War Food Administration, explained the correct method of determining wool shrinkage, saying that "it is easy to scour wool and determine shrinkage, but it's difficult to get an accurate sample of the wool". Johnston was introduced by Rhone Shield, chief CCC wool appraiser of Texas.

Johnston said that this method makes it possible to estimate shrinkage on an average within 1.16 percent accurate, and that it is more than twice as accurate as the visual method. He and Will Keyser, supervisor of the Wool Division, WFA, demonstrated how samples are taken.

W. L. Stangel, head of the Department of Animal Husbandry at Texas Technological College, conducted a cattle-judging contest for the ranchmen, and after they had placed the animals, he placed them himself and gave reasons for his placings. Cattle used in the contest were four heifers and four bulls from the Halbert Polled Hereford herd.

Stangel judged the cattle on lines, depth, breath, weight and general quality, picking the heavier cattle for first place and cutting back the small "Compress" types, saying they were "entirely too small" and that what a rancher sells is weight in cattle.

Les. G. Humphreys, order buyer from Denver, spoke on "Selecting Lambs for Feeder-Buyers", stressing that the feeder-buyer looks for a lamb that best manufactures from the feed given him. In the discussion, he exhibited several Halbert lambs that were three-quarters Suffolk and one-quarter Hampshire, terming them "some of the finest feeder lambs I've seen in Texas".

Berry N. Duff, Sutton County Agent, exhibited three types of dairy cows, also from the Halbert herds, and explained the merits and faults of each. He advised ranchers on the feeding of milk cows and on the qualities to look for in milk cows, recommending a triangular shape, good mammary development and width in the pelvic bones.

Dr. W. T. Hardy of the Experiment Station, discussed "Prevention and Control of Mastitis in the Dairy Cow", defining mastitis as udder milk, unfit for human consumption. The main control of mastitis is maintenance of sanitary conditions in lots and sheds, he said, and a cow that is easy to milk is much more susceptible to the disease than one that is more difficult to milk. He added that the best thing to do with an infected cow is to get rid of her; however, new drugs will cure 60 to 70 percent of the diseased cows.

W. H. Dameron, superintendent of the Experiment Station, was master of ceremonies, and H. V. Stokes made special announcements.

DEATH OF MOTHER OF MRS. HAROLD SAUNDERS, JR., HEARD HERE WEDNESDAY

Word was received here Wednesday night from Mrs. Harold Saunders, Jr., of the death of her mother, Mrs. J. J. LeGardeur of Sarasota, Florida, in a Sarasota hospital.

Mrs. Saunders, who had been here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders, Sr., for two months, left for Sarasota in April to be with her mother who had been ill for some time.

No details of funeral arrangements are available at this time.

POOL TO OPEN MAY 20

The City Swimming Pool will open for the summer season on May 20, and will remain open until the latter part of August, according to announcement made by M. A. Tant, who will be in charge of its management. He will conduct life saving and swimming classes, the dates to be announced later.

Announcements From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH
 Sunday Program—
 Men's Bible Class 9:30
 Sunday School 9:45
 Morning Worship 10:50
 Youth Fellowship 7:15
 Evening Worship 8:00
 Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 3:00
 Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday afternoon at the church.
 Cordial welcome to all.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
 Evening Services, second Sunday, each month 7:30
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00
 Morning Service 11:00
 Evening Service 7:45
 Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:45
 W. M. U. each Wednesday 3:00
 Ra's, Ga's and Sunbeams second and fourth Sunday afternoon 4:30

Chid Stone, formerly manager of the Western Auto Store here, has returned to Sonora to accept the position of manager of the City Variety Store. He has recently been making his home in Dallas.

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Art Club Holds Last Meeting

The Sonora Art Club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. M. Penick. Mrs. A. E. Prugel was club speaker and her subject was "Eighteenth Century Bouquets". Installation of the following officers was held with Mrs. Penick, the past president presiding: Miss Keith James, president; Ura Mae Haggard, vice-president; Mildred Mund, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh, reporter.

The annual picnic, which was to be held at this meeting, was cancelled because of bad weather, and a picnic plate was served instead. A social hour followed, and the following were present: Misses Emma Blundell, Annie Duncan, Ruby Nell Haggard, Ura Mae Haggard, James Kavanaugh, Melba Kleitches, Mund, Dessie Parsons, Jamie Rogers, Coleen Stevens, and Mmes. E. D. Stringer, Prugel, C. C. Ball, Howard Kirby, and Maysie Brown. Mrs. Otis Brieden of El Paso was a guest.

AMERICAN AUXILIARY HAS BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the Masonic Hall Monday night with the president, Mrs. O. L. Richardson, presiding. The club voted to send \$5.00 to the National Child Welfare Headquarters, at Annapolis, Maryland. It was also decided that \$25.00 would be given to the Soldiers Memorial Fund. Plans were made for the annual poppy day sale to be held in June. Six members attended the meeting.

A & M MOTHERS PLEDGE \$25.00 TO FUND

The last meeting of the year of the A. & M. Mothers Club was held in the home of Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, Monday. The members voted to give \$25 to the Soldiers Memorial Fund. A sandwich plate was served to the following: Mmes. O. L. Carpenter, I. B. Boughton, O. C. Ogden, J. V. Alley and O. L. Richardson.

NTSTC STUDENTS LEARN OLD-TIME DANCE STEPS

DENTON, May 10—Ten Pretty Girls, Put Your Little Foot, the Schottish, the Polka, the Irish Jig, and square dancing are gaining new converts among students of North Texas State who used to think dancing had to be either a waltz or a jitterbug number. Every Wednesday the collegians gather in the men's gymnasium for a Play Night where entertainment includes folk dancing, square dancing, ball room dancing, and various games. Last Wednesday a group of professional square dancers were brought to North Texas State by E. O. Rogers of Dallas, an expert in square dancing, who has asked eight of the college dancers to go to Dallas some time in the future to give a square dance exhibition.

For Sale: U. S. Government War Bonds.

Rationing At a Glance

MEATS, FATS—Red stamps A8 through T8, good indefinitely.
PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely.
SUGAR—Sugar stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.
GASOLINE—In 17 East Coast states, A-10 coupon, good through August 8. In states outside the East Coast area, A-11 coupon, good through June 21.
SHOES—Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Seniors Take Annual Trip

The members of the graduating class enjoyed a day of dancing, boat riding, skating, swimming and other activities when they observed senior day with a trip to Christoval on April 28.

A picnic lunch was served by the room mothers to the following seniors and their guests: Frances Atchison, Josette Boughton, Sybil Burleson, Billie Cartwright, Marjory Dameron, Margie Roberson, Marguerite Howell, Gealdine Meckel, Cynthia Milton, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Don Nicholas, Eugene Shurley, Gene Wallace, J. T. Jackson, Jim Martin, Bobby Martin, Dock Simmons, Sidney Awalt and Miss Wilma Elliott, the senior sponsor; also Messrs. and Mmes. W. H. Dameron, Libby Wallace, H. C. Atchison and Mrs. John A. Martin, Jr.

The senior room mothers are Mmes. Dameron, Wallace, Atchison and J. F. Howell.

Marguerite Howell To Be Presented In Recital, Sun.

Miss Marguerite Howell, member of the graduating class of Sonora High School, will be presented in a piano recital by Mrs. W. E. Caldwell on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church.

The following piano selections will be played by Miss Howell; "Prelude in C Minor" by Chopin, "Minute Waltz" by Chopin, "Träumerei" by Schumann, "Minuet in G" by Paderewski, "Valse triste" by Sibelius, "Rustle of Spring" by Sinding, "Sextette from Lucia" (left hand only) by Leschetizky and "Sonata III" (first and second movements) by Mozart.

Also on the program will be Misses Marjory Dameron, Frances Atchison, Sybil Burleson, Geraldine Meckel, Wanda B. Cook, Margie Roberson, Billie Cartwright and Cynthia Milton, who will sing the two choral numbers, "When Day is Done" and "In the Garden of Tomorrow". Invitation to attend is extended to the public.

MRS. TAYLOR HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. C. W. Taylor was hostess to the members and guests of the Firemen's Wives Bridge Club in her home last Wednesday night. Roses were used in decorating the rooms, and a sandwich plate was served. Defense stamps were given as prizes to Mrs. A. H. Adkins for high club and Mrs. Tom Neville for high guest.

The following members and guests were present: Mmes. Adkins, Hubert Fields, Ford Allen, Lewis Roueche, Pat Lyles, Katie Brasher, Beamon Speed, Neville, L. E. Holland and O. C. Ogden.

JUST US CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MRS. JONES

Mrs. C. T. Jones, Jr. was hostess to members and guests of the Just Us Club at her home Monday afternoon. Cake and ice cream were served to the two tables of players.

The high club prize was won by Mrs. Paul Turney and high guest score was held by Mrs. Howard Kirby.

Those present were Mmes. C. A. Tyler, Turney, E. E. Sawyer, Harold Friess, Dewitt Lancaster, Kirby, Russell Davis, Katie Brasher, Edwin Sawyer and Evelyn Ward of Oakwood, Texas.

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JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, May 12, 1944

The Devil's River News

Woman's Club Installs Officers For Next Year

Mrs. J. T. Ratliff and Mrs. Dan Cauthorn were hostesses when the Sonora Woman's Club held installation services at the clubhouse Thursday afternoon, May 4.

Mrs. I. B. Boughton was re-elected president for the coming year, and other officers are: vice-president, Mrs. Velma L. Shurley; secretary, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clay Puckett; parliamentarian, Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken.

Standing committees appointed for the ensuing year are: calendar, Mmes. Charles Davis, F. L. Meadow, and E. F. Vander Stucken; library, Mmes. W. R. Cusenbary, Joseph Vander Stucken and J. T. Ratliff; membership, Mmes. J. F. Howell, Dan Cauthorn and Lea Allison; telephone, Mmes. Hix Hall, W. M. Penick, and Carnie Wyatt; yard, Mmes. H. V. Stokes, W. H. Dameron and Elmo Johnson and war activities, Mmes. Lloyd Earwood, Sterling Baker and Earl Duncan.

Mrs. Sterling Baker discussed "Peace and the Power of Prayer", and several piano solos were given by Frances Atchison and Edith Eldridge.

Senior Class Hosts At Barbecue

The Alla-Nell Park was the scene of a barbecue and dance when the senior class entertained for the juniors last Friday night.

Juniors attending were Lila D. Chalk, Geraldine Morrow, Gene Cliff Johnson, Mary Lou Neuberger, Margaret Pearl Smith, Edith Eldridge, Frances Jo Lancaster, Raymond Johnson, Jimmy Cook, H. C. Kiser, Bobby White, Tommy Smith and Sidney Awalt.

Seniors present were Frances Atchison, Josette Boughton, Sybil Burleson, Billie Cartwright, Marjory Dameron, Margie Roberson, Marguerite Howell, Jim Martin, Bobby Martin, Gene Wallace, and J. T. Jackson.

Sponsors and guests, other than the juniors were Misses Mildred Mund, Charlotte Kavanaugh and Annie Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Libby Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dameron and Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and son, Charlie.

Back The ATTACK With BONDS

Trainer - Gilmore Wedding Vows Read In Ceremony April 29

In a ceremony performed by candlelight in the Little Chapel of the Desert at Victorville, California, at 6:30 o'clock, Saturday evening, April 29, Miss Peggy Gilmore, daughter of C. S. F. and Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, became the bride of Pfc. James D. Trainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tramer. Chaplain Harold W. Teed of the Victorville Air Field officiated at the service.

The bride wore a powder blue crepe dress with black accessories, and her corsage was of gardenias. Mrs. L. M. Roueche, Jr., of Victorville, California, sister of the bride and her only attendant wore a navy blue crepe dress with white accessories and a gardenia corsage.

The groom was attended by S/Sgt. L. M. Roueche, Jr., who is stationed at the Victorville Army Air Field.

Mrs. B. M. Bennet of Victorville played the traditional wedding music and also sang the solo "Because".

"China" Subject Of WMU Study

"China" was the subject for study when the WMU met in the home of Mrs. Fred Wright for their Royal Service program Wednesday afternoon.

The study was led by Mrs. Wright, and other members participating on the program were Mmes. J. E. Eldridge, C. D. Crumley, Alfred Cooper, L. H. McGhee, Lee Hart, Pearl Martin and Bob Odom. Closing prayer was given by Mrs. McGhee.

Refreshments of cake and tea were served to those mentioned and Mmes. G. G. Bennett and R. M. McCarver.

Miss Addie Thorp returned to Dallas last Friday after a week's visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thorp. Miss Thorp is a student X-ray technician at the Parkland Hospital there.

The bride and groom are natives of Sonora and both graduated from Sonora High School. Pfc. Trainer attended Texas Christian University at Fort Worth and was associated with his father in the ranching business before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. He is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, near San Diego, California.

Guests at the wedding were Miss Virginia Lee Muller and Lt. and Mrs. A. A. Murray of Victorville. Following the ceremony, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Roueche were hosts at a dinner held in Scott's Dining Room. A two-tiered wedding cake entered the table.

The wedding trip was taken to Thomas Dude Ranch near Victorville, California.

J. F. Howell, Jr. Honored With Birthday Party

J. F. Howell, Jr., was the guest of honor when his mother entertained the members of the fifth grade with a picnic supper at the Junction Park last Friday. The occasion was the celebration of his eleventh birthday. Mrs. Howell, who was assisted by Mrs. Artie Joy, met the children at the school building and took them to the park.

Those invited were the following: Anne Karnes, Ellen Barrows, Peggy Ann Willman, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Peggy Sue Barker, Flora Dell Davis, Betty Jane Drennan, Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Martha Lou Renfro, Beverly Smith, Geraldine Peitchinsky, Jack Bricker, Melvin Griffith, Artie Joy, Billy Frank Decker, Warren Childers, Fred Adkins, Claude Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lackey and Mrs. Joy.

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When we were asked to ghost or guest this column, we reminded the editor that for the past thirteen months all the serious writing we had done consisted of a letter to the Colonel telling him why we didn't turn in our study questions on Navy Regulations. This was really a literary masterpiece in that it consisted of: "Sir, I did so turn them in."

However, there is plenty to write about when you have something as big as Sutton County to draw from. Sonora seems much more of a live-wire town than it did a year ago. If Susan B. Anthony could only see it now she would realize that there is little the West Texas woman cannot accomplish when the need arises.

The things that strike us most are the absence of complaining on the part of those who must remain at home, and their general progressive spirit. Witness the Lion's Club Ranchmen's Day Tuesday at the R. A. Halbert ranch, the plans for the memorial to the service men, and the annual wool show and auction. These are things which will make the county a better place in which to live and will make better people to live with.

It would be impossible to think of Sonora or Sutton County without thinking of the ever so slight difference of opinion which occasionally arise over the relative merits of horses. We get in on everything a little late, of course, but we hear that a little filly did more damage to several ranchers than the last drouth did.

Livestock trading has been light but steady lately with mostly yearling muttons, calves and yearling steers being shipped to Fort Worth.

Walter Mustard bought 28 steers from Rip Ward at 12½ cents, 100 cows and calves from R. A. Halbert at \$125 a pair, and 224 steers from Ed Mayfield. H. K. Fawcett sold 260 yearling muttons to John Clay of Fort Worth. Bob Boyer bought 398 yearling muttons from Joseph Vander Stucken. Other yearling muttons sold were 273 by C. T. Jones to Otho Drake, 60 by R. G. Nance to C. T. Jones, 1,435 by Claude Hudspeth to C. T. Jones, 34 by Horace Fawcett to John Clay, and 353 by Lee Fawcett to the same buyer. Robert Kelley bought 20 mixed calves from W. P. Hendrick, and 48 yearling steers from Brown Epperson of Rocksprings.

Several old timers from out of town seen at the Lions Club Ranchmen's Day Tuesday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Halbert of San Angelo, former residents of Sutton County, Tom Adams of San Angelo, once sheriff here for many years, Arthur Martin of San Angelo, and Will Wilkinson of Menard.

Raymond Walston and Jackie Landes, two young Menard County ranchers, will compete in the Lions Club Wool Show here June 20-21. Landers will show registered Rambouillet fleeces. Walston, who owns a small bunch of Delaines, has his fleeces sacked for the show.

49 Years Ago

At a meeting of the citizens of Sutton County, held in the bank building in Sonora on Wednesday, May 8, the following proceedings were had to wit:

John W. Hagerlund called a meeting to order and Major A. A. DeBerry was elected chairman and Mike Murphy secretary.

Major DeBerry stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of taking steps to organize a national bank in Sonora with a capital stock of \$50,000 and further explained national banking.

On those present being asked to put down the amount of stock they would take, 139 shares at \$100 a share was subscribed to.

A committee of four was then appointed to push the enterprise and solicit subscribers.

The hop at the court house next Friday night promises to be the event of the season. The Sonora dressmakers have been kept busy for some time past, and a number of new costumes will be worn that night.

J. W. Reiley and W. Mollenhauer, prominent sheepmen of Sutton County, on their way from San Antonio, sojourned a few days in our little city, combining business with pleasure. They are representative flockmasters of West Texas and take the paper.

Born on Friday, May 10, 1895, to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duke, a boy.

At Boston last week 90,000 pounds of spring Texas wool sold at 10½ and 11 cents a pound.

A bunch of goats sold in Bandera County last week at \$1.00 to \$1.25 per head.

Fayette Tankersley, proprietor of the 7D Ranch of Irion and Tom Green Counties, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Tankersley bought Crockett County cattle as follows: from the Hereford Cattle Co., 150 heaves at \$25, and from Ed Corbert all his three- and four-year-old steers for \$18.

J. P. McConnell sold the residence lately occupied by R. C. Dawson, to W. I. Babb for \$800.

W. A. Holland was in Sonora Friday. Mr. Holland has a fine bunch of muttons for sale.

A picnic party left Sonora Sunday for the half-way ground between Sonora and Ozona in Dr. J. B. Taylor's pasture. The Sonora party reports having a splendid time, and doubtless the others enjoyed themselves also.

Specialist Urges Planting Of Forage Crops

College Station, May 11—Farmers shouldn't overlook a plentiful supply of forage, including hay, in economical and efficient livestock production. Some good forage crops, especially legumes for hay, are rich in protein, says E. A. Miller, agronomist for the A. and M. College Extension Service.

There still is time to plant forage crops for roughage, including types of grain sorghums for grain hays for silage and undle feed, along with sudan grass, cowpeas and soybeans for hay and grazing.

Unless farmers include more forage in their cropping system the situation this year likely will be more acute than in 1943 when there was a scramble for hay and bundle feed at high prices, Miller cautions. There is a decided tendency to overdo planting of combine types of grain sorghums for grain at the expense of forage types for silage or bundle feed. This is unfortunate, Miller observes, because it is important to keep the production of grain, forage and protein feeds in proper balance.

Hegari and Texas blackhull kafir are popular varieties of grain sorghums for silage and bundle feed, and have wide adaptation. In the eastern part of the state and the Gulf Coast area, Schrock kafir, also known as Sagrain, has proved a dependable producer of grain and forage, and is more resistant to midge and bird damage than hegari and blackhull kafir. On account of the open type head, Schrock cures out more easily than the more compact headed types—an important factor in late planting in the humid sections.

Grain sorghums for silage or bundle feed usually are planted at the rate of about five pounds of seed an acre. To insure better germination and safeguard against smut, Miller recommends treating the seed either with two ounces of 50 percent copper carbonate or with three ounces of dusting sulphur a bushel. Any tight container may be used for treating, the important thing being to get a good covering for the chemical dust on all of the seed. The old standby, Redtop, is one of the best adapted of the sweet sorghums for hay and for curing as bundle feed. Leoti Red is another good variety, especially for the blacklands area.

Income for the first quarter of 1944 was still two million dollars above the first three months of 1943, and totaled more than 172 million dollars, despite the March drop, Dr. Buechel explained.

In a livestock market forecast for coming months, the analyst said that he anticipated the future shipments would approximate those of a year ago "with possible temporary variations resulting from price or feed conditions."

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Texas' Business Going Up, U. T. Survey Reports

Austin, May 11—"Going up!" The Texas business "elevator" was still going up with only a few drops—still "way above" street level—in March, 1944, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

Industry and trade during March exceeded that of a year ago by 13 percent, the Bureau reports in a composite index of business activity for that month. Readings for March stood at 202.2—about 2 points below that of February but a good 23 points above that of March, 1943.

Building permits climbed to \$2,756,091 in 37 major Texas cities in March—substantially above the \$2,170,518 in February, though permits for the first three months of 1944 totaled only \$7,992,105 compared to \$34,356,529 for the first quarter of 1943.

Capitalized at a total of \$314,000 compared to the \$844,000 in February representation of 48 new firms chartered, 40 new small business corporations received charters in March. A total of 142 new concerns were incorporated during the first three months of 1944, as compared to the 89 new firms chartered the first quarter of 1943.

Forty-three major Texas cities recorded postal receipts of over two million dollars for March, due to the new increase in postage rates—a figure well above the February total of \$2,086,532.

In cement, lumber industries and electric power, March brought new boosts, though petroleum production slackened.

Production of cement in February totaled 479,000 barrels, compared to 420,000 in January with shipments amounting to 470,000 barrels compared to 449,000 in January.

Eligibility For Grade I Tires Is Extended

A recent announcement that "B" and "C" gas ration book holders are eligible for Grade 1 passenger car tires has led everyone to believe that there are enough of these tires to meet all needs, yet applications are greatly exceeding county quotas, J. L. Nisbet, chairman of the local ration board, has announced.

Unless a person is an "essential eligible", which means that he is contributing to the war effort, and unless the county quota is adequate, many applicants for Grade 1 passenger tires may have to take a certificate for a Grade III tire, Nisbet explained. The local board is examining all applications carefully, on the basis of "essential eligibility". It is necessary to apply to the board for any tire, and to have a certificate before making a purchase.

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Scarlet Fever Incidence Highest In 7 Years

Austin, May 11—Scarlet fever, now nearly five times higher than the seven-year median in Texas, is one of the more disabling and dangerous diseases usually associated with childhood, although actually it is confined to no age limit, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

The Doctor described scarlet fever as an acute infectious disease, the onset of which is sudden. The first symptoms including sore throat, vomiting, fever, and headache, may appear in three to five days after exposure. These are followed by the red rash which gives this disease its name, Dr. Cox stated.

Complications may cause prolonged disability or death. Children suffering with scarlet fever may develop sinusitis and middle-ear infections which can lead to meningitis. As the germs spread through the child's system, the joints, kidneys, and heart may become involved, causing life-long invalidism or crippling.

"A child with any kind of a sore throat should be seen by the family physician promptly," Dr. Cox asserted. "If scarlet fever is present, the treatment recommended will do much to alleviate discomfort and reduce the possibility of serious complications."

Dr. Cox stated that children under ten years of age are most susceptible, and that those persons who fail to contact scarlet fever until grown, stand an excellent chance of never having the disease.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE SHOWS DECREASE

Austin, May 4—Checks are being mailed this week to 175,929 Old Age Assistance recipients in Texas. This is 756 fewer persons than received aid in March. The payments average \$21.23, the same as the previous month, and total \$3,735,276.61.

The Blind rolls dropped from 4,683 persons to 4,672. A total of \$13,827.00 is being distributed in an average check of \$24.36.

A total of \$221,556.00 is being paid this month to 10,487 Dependent Children families in an average grant of \$21.13. This represents an increase of 524 families, representing 1,072 children, over the March rolls.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



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Not much exciting happens, either. We work hard . . . have our Friday evening socials at the Parish House . . . and the kids play baseball and go fishing . . .

In our private life, we live and let live. If we often disagree on politics . . . if some of us like beer, some butter-milk . . . we still respect one another's rights and opinions.

What makes our town "American"? From where I sit, it's not because we're different but because we're so much like all other towns that add up to America—where self respect and tolerance are guiding principles.

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Washington Letter BY O. C. FISHER

INVESTIGATION ORDERED IN WARD CASE
The House has ordered a special committee to investigate the government seizure of the Chicago plant of Montgomery Ward. A resolution to that effect was adopted by a vote of 300 to 60. I voted for

the investigation.
It will be the duty of the 7-man committee to examine documentary evidence, hear witnesses and make other inquiries upon which to base a report to the House, together with recommendations as to any needed legislation.
It seems to be agreed by all concerned that the seizure was the outgrowth of a controversy between Wards and the CIO union,

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, May 12, 1944

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS
by
BOYCE HOUSE

Can you remember old Virginia cheroots—three for a nickel? Brother, you are old!

The railroad and bus lines tell us to "travel light" and then, when I take their advice, the hotel clerk looks suspiciously at my very small piece of baggage.

Col. Dick McCarty, now inactive because of his advanced years, is

wherein the Company had declined to sign a contract with the union until the Government should hold an election to determine if a majority wanted to be represented by the CIO.

Wards requested the election last December. The CIO objected, and the election was not ordered until after the CIO called a strike and the Government took over the plant. Wards had agreed to abide by the results of the election.

In December, 1942, at the direction of the Government, Wards had signed a one-year contract with the CIO, which included a "maintenance of membership" clause. That provision required every employee who worked in the plant during the life of the contract to belong to and pay dues to the CIO. If an employee didn't want to belong to the CIO, he had to quit work in ten days. If he quit paying his dues, he lost his job.

When the contract expired, the Company requested the election to determine if a majority of the employees wanted the CIO to represent them in making the new contract.

The fact that Wards was not engaged in war production as such, coupled with the fact that troops instead of civil court processes were used in the seizure, have raised serious questions as to the correctness of the Attorney General's opinion in the case.

TAX-SIMPLIFICATION BILL
Last week the House passed a bill to simplify income tax computations and returns.

At present, there are about 50 million income taxpayers. The new law will serve to relieve some 30 million of these from computing their tax. Such people will answer three or four questions and from that, revenue officials will compute the tax for them.

For those who make returns, the bill will simplify the return form.

It will decrease the number of persons required to file declarations of estimated tax under the pay-as-you-go system, and it will eliminate some of the difficulties and uncertainties in the making of estimates.

one of Texas' most colorful editors. As an example of his picturesque and vigorous style of writing, here is an article written many years ago:

"With this issue, the Albany News completes its 19th volume. Whether hot or cold, wet or dry; whether fortune frowned or prosperity smiled, each week for 19 long years, she has greeted you with a smiling face and a cheerful heart.

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"When the Albany News was born, Fort Worth was only a hamlet and Western Texas was a dark spot on the map of creation—the buffalo and the antelope roamed at will, and the red man was the boss of the situation in this vast domain.

"Through all these years, she has never wavered in her duty nor forsaken her colors; she has lived to see Western Texas converted into happy homes and fine ranches. If her editorials and the good things she had said about people were

stretched out in a row, they would reach from Texarkana to El Paso.

"She has recorded you births, wrote long obituaries of commendation for your dead and when your sons and daughters were joined in wedlock, she has told of the beauty of the bride and praised the sterling qualities of the groom. She has taken men from the dark valleys of obscurity and boosted them to the top round of fame and didn't get a red cent for it.

"She has lived to see the fertile valleys of Western Texas (which only a few years ago was a howling wilderness) transformed into beau-

tiful farms and blossom with golden grain. The Indian's wigwam has given way to elegant residences, fine churches and school houses."

Dr. Fred R. Baker reported this week that he will not make his regular monthly trip to Sonora in May, due to illness in his family. He expects to be back here in June, the date to be announced later.



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From Our Men

The Devil's River News

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.

A letter received from Ernest (Speck) McClelland, C. M. 1/c, who is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific states:

"I finally got a letter from you dated February 26. It was the first letter I had gotten since I had written you from the island. I only got to write three times while I was stationed there. I will sure be glad when my mail starts coming through.

"Time seems to go fast here. I have been back a month in five days and it does not seem near that long.

"I am feeling fine now that I am out of the hospital.

"Tell everyone 'hello' for me."

Pfc. Sam Odom, who is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, writes the following:

"Received a letter from you dated March 19. Thanks for writing."

"It has been raining quite a bit the past two days, as a matter of fact it is so muddy that 'old betsy'

has turned crossways with me a few times. I have not gotten stuck yet though. I got my radio back and am sure enjoying it. The airplanes that I mentioned in my letter that you asked about were all flying.

"Must close now and take care to some things that I have to do."

Pvt. Harold R. Briscoe, stationed with the Army in Panama, writes the following letter:

"I don't know much to write about, as I haven't been doing very much lately but work. I believe I told you about getting to go town with Wayland Stubblefield recently. We really had an enjoyable time together and have been together several times since we

finally located one another. I have been to town about three times since then but have only had time to see a show.

"I don't do very much other than work here of late. In fact for the past two weeks we have really been busy.

"I am getting the paper alright now. I got one yesterday. It is really good to be able to get the home town paper regularly.

"I have heard from O. L. Richardson and R. W. Johnson recently. O. L. is in Georgia now, and R. W. is still in the same place he was last time I heard from him. It really would be grand to see them again. It seems like a lot of boys are getting to go home on furloughs now.

"Well, as I said, I can't think of much to write about. I am fine and have gained some weight since I have been here. I have good food and plenty of it.

"Answer soon and tell me all the news."

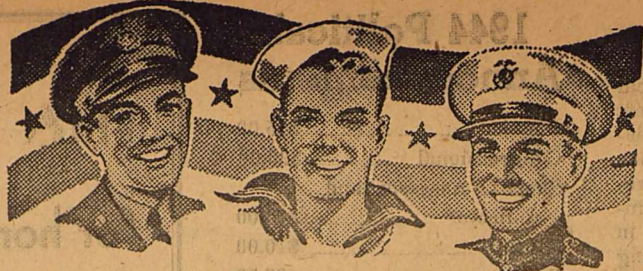
S/Sgt. J. H. Brasher, Jr., who is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, writes the following:

"It is still raining here, but there is one good thing about the rain—it keeps us cool.

"I have been learning to play casino. It is a fairly interesting game.

"The radio is going full blast, the two boys in the next bunk are arguing and everything here is in an uproar at the present. Therefore, if you cannot tell anything about this letter, you will know the reason why.

"We had a very good supper to-



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and I had a lot of fun. "Well there is not very much news here. Not much happening here at this time.

"I wish the best of luck to everyone, at home, and am hoping to hear from you soon."

Speck McClelland Is Decorated

Chief Petty Officer Ernest (Speck) McClelland, of the Seabees, has been awarded the Purple Heart recently for shrapnel wounds received in a bombing raid early in the spring, according to word received by his wife.

He is stationed in the Southwest Pacific and until recently has been in a rest camp receiving treatment for his wounds, which he described as "not serious".

Home From The War

Pfc. Clayton White of the Victorville Army Air Field, California, was here last Saturday night visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephen. He made the stop here while on a cross-country flight.

Capt. Joel A. Shelton, stationed for the past year in Peru with a Medical Detachment of the Army Air Corps, arrived here Wednesday morning on leave. He will report to Santa Monica, California, on June 1, for reassignment.

Corp J. C. Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norris, will leave Monday for Camp Haan California, after spending a week here with his parents.

2nd. Lt. Clay Puckett left Thursday morning for the Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia, after spending five days here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis were in Austin last week-end, the guests of his mother, Mrs. Maud S. Davis, who returned here with them. She is also visiting with another son, W. L. Davis, and with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Saunders.

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Richard Saunders of DeKalb, Illinois, arrived the first part of the week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Saunders. He left Thursday for Dallas, accompanied by his sister, Miss Jean Saunders. They were met there by his wife and small daughter, Pamela Jo, who returned with them here for an extended visit.

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MISS PARSONS AT DISTRICT AAA MEET

Miss Dessie D. Parsons, local AAA administrative officer, left Wednesday morning for the District 6-South AAA meeting, which is being held in Van Horn. The representatives at the meeting include those from 20 counties in West Texas engaged in ranching enterprises and extending from Kimble County on the eastern boundary of the district to El Paso County on the western border of Texas.

Miss Parsons is expected to return next Monday.

Carnie Wyatt, who has been ill at home since Monday, is reported to be improving at this time.

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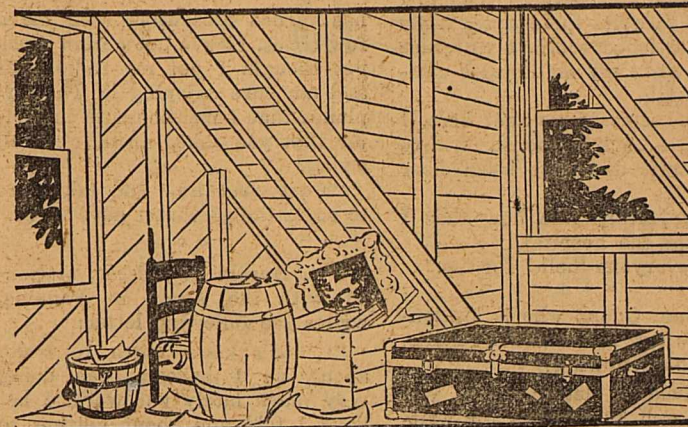
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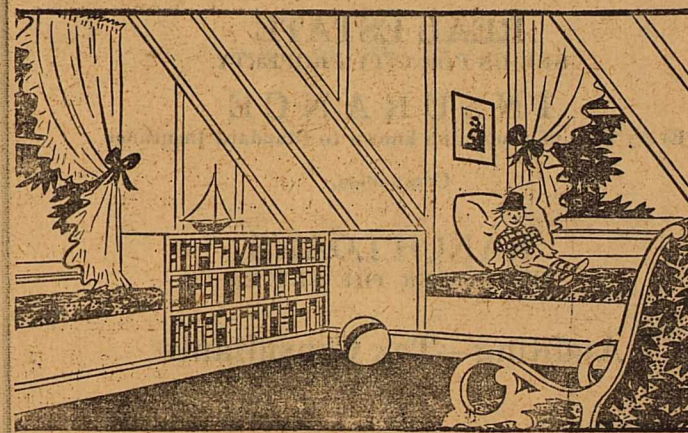
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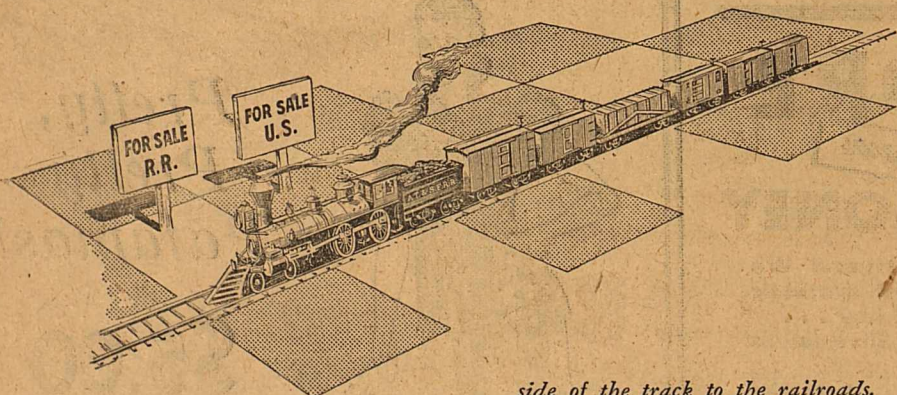
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