

The Devil's River News

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FORTY-FIFTH WEEK

Sam Logan, USN, Aboard Ship Hit During Invasion

EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT OFFICE, August 28—Lt. (jg) Sam T. Logan, USNR, former Sonoran, now of Muleshoe, Texas, was aboard a Liberty ship which was torpedoed while carrying soldiers and war cargo to the Normandy beachhead, according to the Navy public relations office at New Orleans.

The Liberty ship was forced to turn back with some 200 casualties among the invasion troops. Lt. Logan related at the Armed Guard Center at New Orleans, to which he recently returned.

Lt. Logan was aboard ship as commander of the Navy gun crew when the attack took place. A well-aimed torpedo found its mark among the invasion-bound soldiers, at the same time setting fire to the vessel and rendering it unable to proceed under its own power.

The flames were brought under control and the vessel was towed back to the English coast, where it was beached and the cargo discharged. "The blast from that lone torpedo was terrific," Logan said, "and the soldiers in the section of the ship struck had a pretty rough time of it."

Prior to being commissioned December 15, 1942, the Armed Guard officer was employed as agricultural agent by the Extension Service of Texas A. and M. College, from which he graduated in 1934. He won track letters at Texas A. and M. in 1932, '33, and '34, and was a member of the Saddle and Sirolo Club there.

He was president of the Rotary Club and of the Lions Club at Muleshoe, and had also been a member of the National Livestock Judging Team.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan, live at Sonora, and his wife, Marjorie and their daughter, Rose, make their home at Muleshoe.

F. B. Morrison Promoted To Capt. In Pacific

Former Sonoran F. B. Morrison, Jr., serving with a combat unit of the Army Air Corps in the Southwest Pacific, has recently been promoted to the rank of captain, according to word received by his brother, Dick Morrison.

Capt. Morrison, known here as "Bee", made his home in Sonora for three years, working at the Figgly Wiggly and on the William Allison ranch. He entered the Air Corps in January 1942, and took his training at St. Louis, Randolph Field in San Antonio, and at the Victoria Army Air Field, receiving his pilot wings from the latter on October 9, 1942. He then was stationed at fields in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, reporting for overseas duty from Westover Field, Mass., in May 1943. He is pilot on a pursuit ship.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mangum of Corpus Christi are here this week visiting Mrs. Mangum's mother, Mrs. R. E. Glasscock.

Mrs. J. M. Lee of Hugo, Okla., is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tyler.

Mrs. E. L. Brown of Brownwood was here last week-end and the first part of this week, a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lea Allison. When she returned home Monday, the Allisons accompanied her as far as San Angelo.

Mrs. Ardena Speed of Houston was a guest this week in the home of her son, Beamon Speed.

In order to make a complete file on the Sutton County men who are serving or who have served with the Armed Forces in World War II, the News asks its readers, who have men in the service, to fill in the following form and return it as soon as possible to the News office.

The blank space at the bottom of the form is for any available information regarding those men listed as "missing", such as the date reported, country in which missing, etc.

NAME & RANK:
NAME OF PARENTS OR NEXT OF KIN:
BRANCH OF SERVICE:
COUNTRY IN WHICH NOW STATIONED:
DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE:
PRESENT STATUS (Active service, missing, discharged or killed in action and accompanying dates):

Li. Newsom Reported Missing Over Germany

Word was received Tuesday by Mrs. Carson West and Mrs. Ben L. Wheat that their son and brother, Lt. Young B. Newsom, who has been stationed in England with the Air Corps since last spring, has been missing after a mission over Germany on August 16. The message from the War Department, received by his wife, Mrs. Frances Graham Newsom of Lubbock, contained no further details.

Lt. Newsom, who was on his twenty-eighth mission at the time he was reported missing, held the Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Silver Star on his European Theater of Operations ribbons. Just a week before he was lost, his regular plane, "Damn Yankee", flown by another pilot, was shot down over Germany.

Lt. Newsom, a 1943 engineering graduate of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, received his wings with the first class of 1944 at the Army Air Field at Lubbock. Immediately upon graduation, he put in for foreign service. Before entering the service, Lt. Newsom served as draftsman under the City Manager of Lubbock and worked as surveyor during the construction of the South Plains Army Air Field at Lubbock.

Lt. Williams Missing Over Europe, Aug. 17

Mrs. W. L. Aldwell received word on Wednesday that her grandson, First Lt. T. A. Williams, Jr., fighter pilot stationed in England, has been missing in action since August 17. The message from the War Department was sent to his wife, the former Miss Marie Davey, who is making her home in San Antonio with her parents for the duration.

Lt. Williams graduated from Texas A. & M. College in May, 1942, after which he reported to Fort Riley, Kan., for duty. From there he went to Fort Bliss, El Paso, and while there he transferred from the Cavalry to the Air Corps. While in flight training, he was stationed at Coleman, at Eagle Pass, where he received his wings last January, and at St. Petersburg and Tallahassee, Fla., where he studied combat tactics. He went overseas in June.

Lt. Williams' parents, Capt. and Mrs. T. A. Williams, Sr., and his sister, Miss Winnie Lea Williams, live in San Antonio. Capt. Williams is stationed at present at Camp Swift, Austin.

EX-STUDENTS BARBECUE, POSTPONED LAST WEEK, TO BE HELD SUNDAY

R. A. Halbert, president, announced this week that the barbecue and program planned for last Sunday by the Sonora Ex-Students' Association, which was postponed because of the rain, will be held this Sunday evening, September 3, at the Court House at 6 o'clock. In case of rain, the affair will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church.

At this seventh annual reunion of ex-students of the Sonora schools an election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. A musical program, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Rip Ward, is also being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Jr., and Sgt. Wesley Sawyer and Sgt. Web Elliott returned last week from a trip to Colorado.

War Chest Drive To Open Monday With Dance

COUNTY QUOTA SET AT \$2,706

Sutton County will probably get the jump on other Texas Counties when it opens its United War Chest Fund drive here Monday, September 4, when the War Service Club will sponsor a benefit dance at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse. All proceeds from the dance will go toward making up the \$2,706 goal set for this county, and one ticket to the dance has already been sold for "a Texan's share" of \$100. Individual solicitations will begin also on next Monday.

The War Service Club, its membership composed of the wives of servicemen, raised over \$1,000 last year for the War Chest, and this year they have already contributed around \$200, the amount taken in on their last dance.

Besides the many services and humanitarian aids the proceeds from the Chest give to the suffering millions of Europe, it provides comforts, recreational facilities and varied other services for our own servicemen in the field and in prisoner of war camps all over the world.

The seventeen agencies included in the War Chest's beneficiaries are the USO, United Seamens Service, War Prisoner Fund, Belgian War Relief, Dutch War Relief, French Relief Fund, Friends of Luxembourg, Greek War Relief, Norwegian Relief, Polish War Relief, Russian War Relief, United China Relief, United Yugoslav Relief Fund, Refugees Relief Trustees, The United States Committee for the Care of European Children, United Czechoslovak Relief Fund and the British War Relief Society.

First Assembly Program, Sept. 4, Is Announced

The following program has been announced by E. D. Stringer for the opening assembly of the school year, to be held Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, September 4, at the High School Auditorium.

America—led by J. T. Ratliff, accompaniment by Mrs. E. D. Shurley.

Invocation—Rev. F. L. Meadow. "School Days", "The Victory Polka" and "For Me and My Gal"—sung by Misses Edith Babcock, Betty Taylor and Sammie Jeanne Allison, accompaniment by Edwin Sawyer.

Main address—Lt. Governor John Lee Smith.

Announcements. Registration and the issuance of books will take place immediately following the program in the home rooms of each class.

The L. W. Elliott School opening program will also begin at 9 o'clock Monday in the Elliott School auditorium, according to Principal C. H. Robertson. The Rev. J. E. Eldridge will pronounce the invocation, after which group singing will take place. Announcements will conclude the program, after which registration will be held in the home rooms.

EDCAR STUBBLEFIELD IN FRANCE WITH AIR FORCE

A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND UNIT, France; T/4 Edcar N. Stubblefield, Sonora, Texas, is now somewhere in France. He is a member of the first Service Group of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force to land in Normandy after D-Day.

The Service Group to which T/4 Stubblefield is attached has the all-important job of supply and maintenance for Ninth Air Force fighter planes which operate from advance airstrips in Normandy. Composed of skilled mechanics, ordnance experts, parachute riggers, signalmen, mobile repair units and quartermaster service and trucking outfits, the Group functions as a team, often under enemy fire, to keep Allied planes in fighting trim. These soldiers of the Ninth Air Force Service Command are the men who "keep 'em flying!"

T/4 Stubblefield is the son of S. A. Stubblefield of Sonora.

Miss Marie Watkins, former Sonoran now of San Angelo, spent last week-end here, the guest of Mrs. O. G. Babcock. On Sunday morning she was the soloist at the Methodist Church.

District Court To Open Monday With 3 Cases

Three cases are on the docket to be tried when District Court opens next week, the Grand Jury being called for Monday morning and the Petit Jury for Tuesday morning.

Cases to be tried are the State vs. Phelan Ussery, charged with the fatal stabbing of Travis Gaines on the night of December 12; the State vs. Prajendez Ranjel, charged with perjury; and the State vs. Manuel Trevino, charged with the murder of discharged Army veteran Manuel Sanchez on the night of March 28.

Ranjel, who in the March term of court was given a five-years suspended sentence for the fatal shooting of Josemaria Leija on March 16, 1942, is now to be tried for perjury of testimony given during his trial. At the time of the trial, he testified that he had never been convicted of a felony before, but investigation on the part of District Attorney Hart Johnson revealed that he had been given a five-years suspended sentence in Bee County in 1932 for shooting a man. The Ranjel case was first tried in September, 1943, but the jury reached no decision at that time.

In the Ussery case, continued from the spring term of court, Phelan Ussery is charged with stabbing Travis Gaines at the home of Tina and Sarah Washington following an argument. Gaines left the house after being stabbed, but died thirty minutes later while receiving medical treatment.

The Trevino case is being tried for the first time this term of court. The night court closed last March, at the close of the Ranjel case before the District Attorney had left the Court House, the body of Manuel Sanchez was found in an out-house behind the Mexico Cafe. Possible witnesses were held by nightwatchman W. N. Poote, until the arrival of the District Attorney and Sheriff Leo E. Brown. Later that night Trevino was arrested at his home and charges were filed against him. The murdered man had been discharged from the Army and had returned home the day before, March 27.

Lt. Gov. Smith To Be Lions' Speaker Monday

Announcement was made at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday that guest speaker of the club next week will be Lt. Governor John Lee Smith, and the meeting will be held at Monday noon, instead of on Tuesday.

On the program Tuesday was J. E. Eldridge who gave a take-off on a Negro preacher.

Announcements, by E. D. Stringer, concerning the opening of school, and by Berry Duff, concerning the 4-H Club Camp that was held at Fort McKavett last week-end, concluded the program.

Luncheon guests were Wallace Mangum of the Naturalization and Immigration Service, Corpus Christi, and Lt. H. C. Saunders, who is home on 30-day leave.

MAGAZINES NEEDED AT ONCE FOR RED CROSS NAVY KITS

Small periodicals and pocket-size novels, such as Readers Digest, Coronet and the Omnibook, are needed at once for the Navy kits, which were made by the local Red Cross Chapter and which are to be sealed and mailed next Monday, according to Mrs. Alvis Johnson, production chairman. Boxes have been placed at the Joe Oberkampff office to receive donations of these books, and Mrs. Johnson has urged that those who have these books to give leave them there over the week-end.

The magazines need not be the most recent issues, as they usually contain articles of timeless interest. Also, more kits are expected to be sent to the local chapter soon, so all the magazines donated will be used.

Miss Marguerite Howell, student at the University of Texas, attended a regimental dance and barbecue at A. & M. College, Bryan, last week-end. She was the guest of Joe Crawford of Rolling Fork, Miss.

H. M. Skinner, who underwent an operation in Del Rio last week, returned home the middle of this week.

Sutton County's Near-Drouth Broken By Slow, General Rains

PRECIPITATION RANGES FROM 1 1/4 TO 5 INCHES

Biggest and best news in Sutton County this week, after a long, dry season that threatened to reach drouth proportions, was the general rain that fell off and on up until Thursday morning. Ranging from about two to five inches, the rain fell slowly most of the time after Saturday afternoon's cloudburst, giving it a chance to soak in and benefit the ranges to the greatest possible degree.

The only draws reported to have been running to any appreciable extent were in the southeastern part of the county through the Hunt, Vander Stucken, Espy and Wyatt country. Rains there ranged from two and one-half inches on the J. M. Vander Stucken ranch to four inches on Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken's land. Mrs. Ella Wallace and Libb Wallace reported slow, soaking rains that measured two and one-half inches and two inches respectively. Joe Brown Ross also got about two inches.

Varied Activities On 4-H Club Camp Program

The Sutton County 4-H Club Boys and their adult leaders who attended camp at the Leslie Jones ranch last week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday reported the educational and recreational program conducted there most interesting and beneficial.

George Hamilton was high-point man in the rifle-shooting contest, and he and Derrell Alley made the high team score. Second high team score was made by Tommie and Frankie Bond, with Nolan Gibbs and Charles Lee Cusenbary teaming up for third high honors. The rifle contests were conducted by County Agents J. T. Davis and Reg Atkinson of Mertzon.

In the grass identification contest, conducted by V. L. Cory of the Ranch Experiment Station here, Frankie and Tommie Bond were high team with 335 points. Jimmy Cusenbary and James Theodore Hunt placed second high with 320 points, and Cleveland and Billy Joe Nance took third place with 230 points.

Henry Pluennecke of the Game and Wildlife Service, San Angelo, made a talk on rodent control and gave visual instructions on setting traps for different kinds of animals.

Fishing, swimming, washer pitching and dart throwing were included in the program for the boys, and Frankie Bond copped fishing honors by bringing in a three and one-half pound bass.

4-H Clubbers attending the camp were Richard Morrison, Cleveland and Billy Joe Nance, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Jimmie Cusenbary, Frankie Bond, Bobby Gene Prater, James Theodore Hunt, Fred Adkins, Nolan Gibbs, Tommie Bond, George Hamilton, Artie Joy, Jr., and Derrell Alley. Adult leaders accompanying them were County Agent Berry Duff, Tom Bond, Leonard Gibbs and B. H. Cusenbary.

Among guests who visited the camp and had dinner with the boys on Friday, official guest day, were Leslie Jones and his mother, Mrs. Reggie, on whose ranch the camp was held; Mrs. V. L. Cory, and Messrs. Reed, Bryan Hunt, Dick Morrison, Artie Joy, Sr., A. E. Prugel, H. V. Stokes, George H. Neill, E. D. Stringer, all of Sonora, and W. I. Marschall of San Angelo.

CERTIFICATES NEEDED FOR PROTEIN FEED PURCHASES

Ranchers and farmers will be required to get certificates from the County AAA Committee for all protein feed over 500 pounds bought within a thirty-day period, according to Miss Dessie Parsons, Triple A administrative officer here. This directive, issued by the War Food Administration through the AAA, becomes effective today, September 1. This regulation is the same that was in effect last year regulating the purchase of protein feed.

Mrs. Roy Aldwell returned last Friday from Okmulgee, Okla., where she had been visiting her son, First Lt. Lea Roy Aldwell, who is stationed there.

Mrs. Maysie Brown spent five days in San Antonio last week, visiting friends and attending to business.

The Devil's River winding through Sonora never did run, and the rainfall in town, as measured at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, was about two and one-fourth inches.

Heaviest rains reported Saturday afternoon were on the Sol Mayer ranch west of town, where three inches fell during the first cloudburst. Later rains there, which fell more evenly and slowly, brought the total to about five inches. Also receiving five inches were D. L. Locklin and Roy Hudspeth ranches. Other ranches west of Sonora, but closer in, got rains that ranged from five inches on some to two and a quarter inches on the Fred Simmons place.

Lightest rainfall reported was in the extreme southern portions of the county where only about one and three-quarters fell, amount reported on the Mack Cauthorn ranch and on Mrs. C. G. Davis' ranch. Dan Cauthorn reported about three inches on his ranges.

North of Sonora the rainfall ranged from about two inches on the G. H. Davis ranch just out of town, to around three to four on the Mittel ranch near the Schleicher County line.

Good rains were reported in the eastern part of Sutton County, ranging from two inches on the John Reiley ranch to three and over on the Lea Allison and Sam Allison places and on toward the Llano River country.

Although many goats have been shorn already, little loss was suffered by the county's ranchers, as the rain was generally slow and the temperature never dropped lower than 60 degrees. What losses that did occur were mainly in instances where the goats were just freshly shorn.

Paper Salvage Drive To Open Here Monday

Final plans for the conducting of the Waste Paper Salvage Drive were announced this week by George D. Chalk, general salvage chairman, who has designated Monday, September 4, as opening day. The drive will continue through the week of September 4 to 9, and possibly longer if necessary.

Chalk has asked that all paper and cardboard turned in at the salvage depot, which will again be located in the old bakery building on Main Street, be baled securely with heavy twine or baling wire. That which is not baled will not be handled and will only create a nuisance. The depot will be open at all times, and as no means of collecting the wastepaper are available, those who have wastepaper are asked to leave it there.

The shortage of paper and cardboard and the extreme necessity of salvaging it was emphasized by field executive of the State Salvage Committee, Sheridan D. Cavitt, who was here in late July. Eight million tons of scrap paper and cardboard are needed this year, and it can be obtained only through the wholehearted cooperation of the citizens, Cavitt said.

SERVICES HELD FOR EDWIN E. HALLUM

Last rites were conducted Saturday afternoon for Edwin E. Hallum, 85, who died early Saturday morning at the residence. The Rev. J. E. Eldridge, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated at the services.

Mr. Hallum, who had made his home here for the past 12 years with his nephews, R. L. and Asa Hallum, was born on July 1, 1859, in Washington County. For twenty years before moving to Sonora he lived in San Antonio.

DRIVERS URGED TO RENEW LICENSES BEFORE EXPIRATION

Since such immediate response was made to last week's notice from Tax Collector Leo E. Brown that those whose drivers licenses expire now should have them renewed before the expiration date, to prevent having to take a driver's examination, he has again urged that drivers renew their licenses at once. Applications for renewal may be obtained at the collector's office, where assistance will be given in filling them out.

Miss Marjory Reba Nisbet left Thursday for Austin, where she will be a sophomore student at the University of Texas. Her father, John Lee Nisbet, drove her down.

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 8:45
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 8:45
W. M. U. each Wednesday 4:00
Ra's, Ga's and Sunbeams second and fourth Sunday afternoon 4:30

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 10:00
Weekday Mass: 8:00

JAMIE TRAINER HAS GUESTS FROM COLLEGE

Miss Jamie Trainer, who has been spending the summer here and in San Angelo, had as her guests the past week Scotty Lowe, Betty Ann Meadows, Lucille Nussbaum and Catherine Lankford, all who attend NTSTC at Denton. The girls spent last week-end at the J. M. Huling cabin on Spring Creek as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thomas.

Mrs. J. C. Stephen was in San Angelo Monday where she attended a special beauty school.



"The only way we can get home, Daisy, is for me to join the Army and for you to join the WACSI!"

Happy Birthday

Saturday, September 2—
Carnie Wyatt
Lynn Pfister
Sunday, September 3—
Tyree Hardy
Mrs. Perry Mittel
Mrs. J. F. Howell
Monday, September 4—
Mrs. Hix Hall
Cleveland Jones, Jr.
Tuesday, September 5—
None
Wednesday, September 6—
W. R. Cusenbary
Thursday, September 7—
Mrs. J. S. Holman
Mrs. Curt Schwiening
Mrs. Jack Turney
Friday, September 8—
Lynn Stuart
Harold Saunders, Sr.
James Theodore Hunt

MRS. CHALK RETURNS HOME

Mrs. George D. Chalk returned home last week-end from San Angelo where she had been receiving medical treatment. She is to return to San Angelo on September 6, at which time she will undergo a major operation.

Mrs. Leroy Whitworth has replaced Mrs. C. C. Stroud, who recently resigned as chief clerk of the local OPA office. The position of junior clerk, formerly held by Mrs. Whitworth, has been accepted by Mrs. Jimmy Nunley.

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Mrs. Isaacs Weds Oscar Routh In Ballinger, Aug. 25

Ballinger, August 25—Mrs. Kathleen Isaacs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Largent, became the bride of Oscar William Routh, son of Mrs. Rezie Routh, in a ceremony performed Saturday afternoon in the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Raymond C. Wilson, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, read the double-ring wedding vows before an improvised altar of pink gladioli and ferns.

The bride wore a two-piece suit of gray, faille with white sheer blouse and white accessories. Her corsage was of pink rosebuds.

Miss Jane Routh, cousin of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and wore a dress of navy sheer with white accessories. Felton T. Jones of San Angelo was best man.

For the informal reception which followed the ceremony, the lace-covered bride's table was centered with an arrangement of pink gladioli flanked by white tapers in silver holders. The three-tiered cake was served by Miss Routh, and Mrs. John H. Bowers of San Angelo presided at the punch bowl.

Mrs. Routh is a graduate of the Sonora High School and Durham Business College at Austin. She has recently been employed here by the King-Holt Company.

Mr. Routh is a graduate of the Ballinger High School and Draughon's Business College at Abilene.

After a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will be at home in Ball-

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JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, September 1, 1944 The Devil's River News

Mrs. Tyler Hostess To Just Us Club

Mrs. C. A. Tyler entertained members and guests of the Just Us Club at her home Monday afternoon. High score for the members was held by Mrs. G. H. Hall and for the guests by Mrs. Ella Wallace. Cut prize was won by Mrs. R. A. Halbert.

Mrs. Tyler was assisted by Mrs. Harold Evans in serving a salad plate and fruit punch to the guests.

Members present were Mmes. Earl Duncan, Halbert, Harold Friess and Hall and Miss Libbye Jo Wallace. Mmes. Wallace and O. G. Babcock were guests.

Mrs. Dolly McDermitt and sons, Jack and Jim Bob, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sites and other relatives here, left last week-end for their home in St. Louis, Mo. They were accompanied as far as San Angelo by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allison.

Sybil Burleson, who is employed in Del Rio, was here over the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Burleson.

inger where the bridegroom has a farm and ranching interests.

Mrs. Labenske Entertains Club

Mrs. Lee Labenske, assisted by Mmes. John Cauthorn and W. E. Crutcher, entertained members and guests of the Thursday Bridge Club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Cut flowers decorated the rooms, and a salad plate and punch were served. High score for the members was held by Mrs. Joe Berger and for the guests by Mrs. Katie Brasher.

Attending were Mmes. Brasher and Arthur Carroll, guests, and O. C. Ogden, B. C. McGilvary, O. G. Babcock, John Bunnell, Berger, Elmo Johnson, H. V. Morris, Tom Sandherr and Robert Rees, members.

Mrs. Jimmy Nunley left Wednesday to meet Lt. Nunley in Houston, where he is spending a short leave.

Mrs. Wes Granger, who underwent a major operation two months ago in LaGrange, returned home last Friday. She had remained in LaGrange under medical treatment until returning home.

Get your fishing and hunting licenses now at Sonora Electric Co.

Mrs. Mary Crews Becomes Bride Of W. E. Crutcher

Mrs. Mary Crews of Austin and W. E. Crutcher of Sonora were married, at the home of Mrs. Crews' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Labenske, Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. The rooms were decorated with talisman roses, and the ceremony was read by the Reverend F. L. Meadow of the First Methodist Church.

The bride wore a dress of orchid brocaded crepe with black accessories, and her corsage was of pink asters.

The couple plan to make their home in Sonora.

Those attending the ceremony were Mmes. Arthur Carroll and son, Darcey, John Cauthorn and Meadow, and Mr. and Mrs. Labenske.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Queen and daughters, Dixie Ann and Mary Jane, returned Monday from Dallas, where they visited relatives, and Nacogdoches where they visited her mother, Mrs. Ella Lyles.

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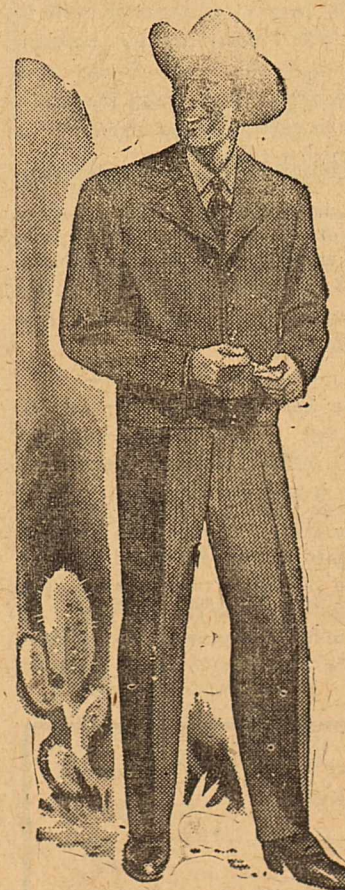
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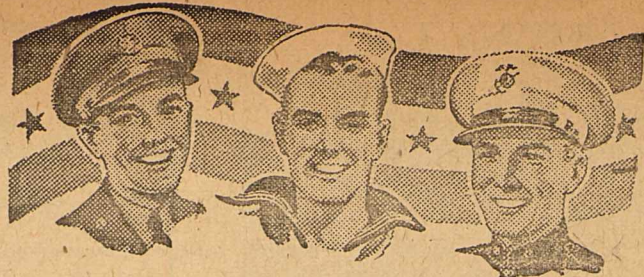


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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear, about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature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

Lt. Clay Puckett, who is in Washington, D. C., writes the following:

"Today I had the greatest thrill I've had in some time, and I'm just dying to tell you about it. I was in the projection room today looking at some Guam pictures when George Ray Tweed, Chief Radioman, came in and sat down. He knew practically every native in the pictures by his first name. I don't know what Tweed was doing in D. C. but he took about an hour and a half and told several of us the whole story from beginning to end. It is a hair-raiser too. He looks well, but does have trouble choosing the right words. He says he doesn't care where his next station is just so it isn't on Guam.

"One night the Japs only missed him by two hours. The most inter-

esting part is his escape, hitherto unpublished. It is so simple. A destroyer he semaphored to dropped a boat and the boat came within one hundred yards of him. It was twilight. They made him take off all of his clothes and swim to the boat so they could make sure he was an American. Then they took him in to the beach for his clothes and gear. If he had left them on the beach the Japs would have killed the native who gave them to him. He had high praise for the 150 Marines who tried to defend the island."

ROLL OF HONOR



Pfc. Roy Cooper, of the USMC, who is stationed in the South Pacific, writes:

"I'm wondering how everyone is at home. I am fine.

"It must have been hot there from the letters I got.

"It will soon be two years that I have been overseas. I left on September 8th. I guess you remember, though. I have been many places and seen many interesting things. I will tell you a little about New Zealand. It is a beautiful little country, something like the States. They grow coconuts, bananas and pineapples. They also

have some big sugar fields and a few sugar factories. There are many beautiful birds here, the strangest of all is the Kea. It looks something like a parrot.

"Their towns are toys compared to ours. The people are very nice to us.

"I just got a bunch of letters. I am always glad to hear from home."

Cpl. T. C. Thiers, who is stationed in Sardinia, writes:

"I have not been getting any mail lately but expect some soon. I am doing fine, though. We are

having some warm weather, but it is not too bad.

"If you can find a wristwatch of any kind I wish you would send it to me. We got a few here the other day through the Army, but not enough to go around. After the Radio Operators that needed watches got one there was only one left.

"I got a letter from Lee Joy a few days ago. He seems to be pretty busy over there in France. I also got a letter from Peck Kring last week. He is getting anxious to get back to the States. He has been overseas twenty-seven months. Said he had been all around. He is in Brazil now, or was when he wrote. He thinks he will be going back to the States soon.

"We went down to the beach this afternoon and had a nice swim. The water is nice and warm now. A truck goes down every day, but of course the days we are on duty in the evening we cannot go."

Rd. M. 3-c Vernon Cook, who is stationed in Los Angeles, Calif., writes the following:

"I have received about three of your letters since I wrote you last but have not answered them. I spent last week-end with the Whites, but I have to stay here

Home From The War

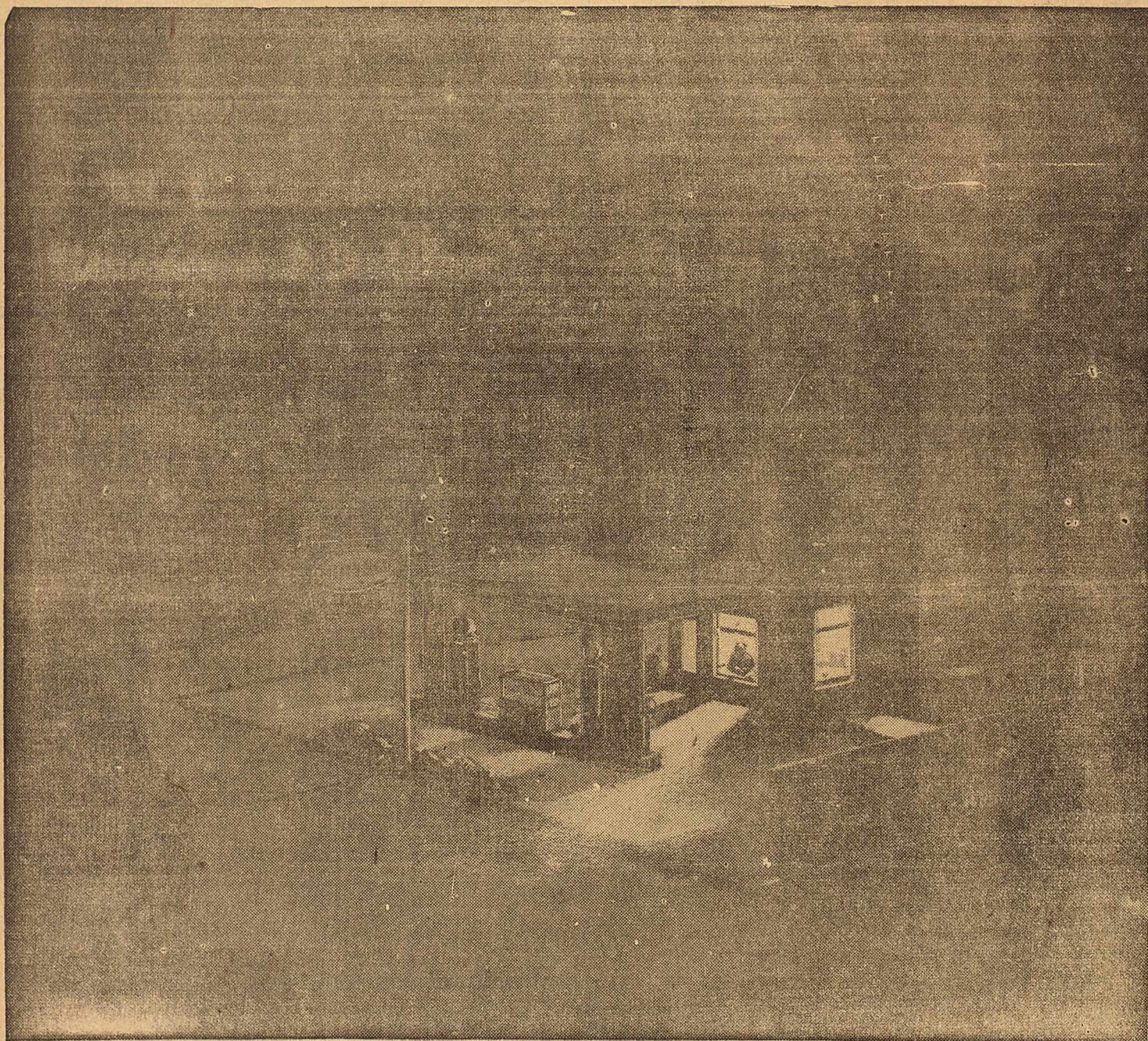
Dayton Cain, Rd. M. 3-c, arrived home on leave this week after serving twenty months overseas with the Navy. His last station was in the Caribbean area. He has been visiting here with his wife, the former Margaret Schwiening, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening. They will leave today for Wichita Falls, where they will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cain, after which they will report to his next assignment in the States.

Jack Ellingson, Ph. M. 3-c, who is stationed at the Corpus Christi Naval Training Station, was here last week-end to visit Mrs. Ellingson.

this week, so I don't suppose I will see them again before they leave.

"Clayton and I had a good time last week-end when I was over there. We went into Los Angeles and then down on the beach for the larger part of the night. We even found a square dance down there, but of course all we could do was watch it.

"From the way the war news looks and reads now maybe I will be back before too much longer. I am ready any time they want me to go. I think that the Germans will be out by the middle of October, but I think the Japs will hold out for a year after that. I sure hope not, but I honestly believe that they will."



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He starts earlier and works later. He fights the "black market" and urges all his customers to stick to the rationing program in its entirety. He shows them how sensible care saves repair; and when help is short you'll see him wrestling tires himself or helping with the grease job.

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Excesses Cause Mental Ills Says Health Officer

Austin, August 31—Mental disorders today represent a real problem, declares Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, and it is estimated that more than fifty per cent of all hospital beds are filled by persons suffering from mental or nervous diseases.

It thus appears that modern civilization is exacting a terrific toll. High speed living, with its cruel exactions upon nature, is responsible for a large part of the trouble. But improper personal conduct must also shoulder much of the blame. The fact is that nearly fifty per cent of the patients entering hospitals for mental disorders are there because of organic or toxic causes.

For example, general paralysis is the direct cause of one-fifth of the mental troubles in males entering hospitals and one-tenth of the disorders for all groups. This condition is an organic disease of the brain and in fact is one of the late stages of syphilis. It is a preventable disease. Early and effective treatment of acquired syphilis will block the end results of general paralysis in the insane.

Dr. Cox said that excesses and syphilis combined are responsible for approximately one-fifth of the hospitalized insanities. Nevertheless, improper habits continue to impair many brains. Insufficient sleep, neglect of bodily care, and a consistent over forcing of nervous energy are the pitfalls to avoid in this connection.

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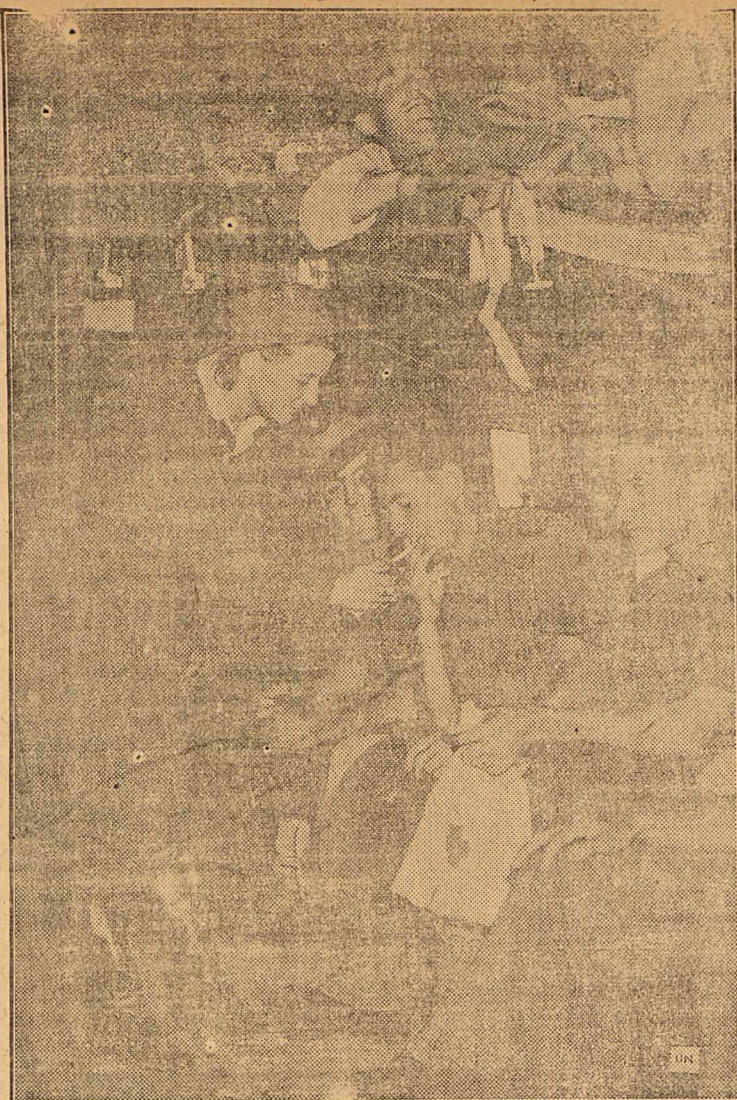
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Comradeship in New Guinea



HIGH ABOVE the jungle of New Guinea, American nurse Lt. "Woodie" A. Ray, of Jefferson, Georgia, lights a cigarette for one of the Australian casualties during the flight from the front line back to a base hospital. American nurses take great pride in doing this work and the Australian boys think the world of the nurses who not only act as nurse, air hostess and "mother" to them, but take a keen interest in where their charges lived before the war and what they want to do when it's all over.



READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown

Hilary St. George Saunders is probably the world's most widely published author today. However, his new book, "Pioneers! O Pioneers!" is the first to come out under his own name. Official Recorder of the British Government, his books on various phases of the war, published anonymously, "The Battle of Britain," "Bomber Command" and "Combined Operations," have sold millions of copies in England. "Combined Operations" was also a Book-of-the-Month Club selection in our own country. In addition, he has written with a collaborator and under the pseudonyms, David Pilgrim and Francis Beeding, some fifty historical and mystery novels.



HILARY ST. GEORGE SAUNDERS

of a trip which Mr. Saunders made to the United States in 1943, at the special invitation of Elmer Davis, Head of the Office of War Information. While here, he traveled about the country for some six weeks, conferring with officials and speaking before defense factory workers and other groups. His book is a shrewd, penetrating, and sometimes humorous account of his impressions of America at war as he saw it at that time.

In Hollywood, one of his favorite persons was Walt Disney, of whom he says, "He has the simplicity of greatness and the greatness of simplicity." He was also impressed by the Hollywood Mogul who greeted him with a ten-minute oration, with gestures, on the origins of the war, on Hitler, and on what he had said to the House of Commons the last time he was in London. Writes Mr. Saunders, "It was the first time in my life that I had been addressed as a public meeting at a range of two feet. I was stunned." Then the Mogul, seeing the effect he had made, paused and with a disarming smile remarked, "That wasn't a bad act, was it, considering I only had five minutes' warning of your arrival . . . Now if I had only known this morning that you were coming . . ."

Mr. Saunders was entertained by all sorts of people during his visit, and he is duly grateful for American hospitality. But what he seems to have enjoyed most was a visit he paid one summer day to a peaceful Iowa farm, run by an old farmer, his wife and his son. This farmer, who reminded him of a character from the Old Testament, told him, "A good sky, a good rain and a good earth—if everyone had these they could be content."

"Basic History of the United States" by Charles A. and Mary R. Beard, will be the Book-of-the-Month Club book-dividend for September and October.



In the days of the Puritans, relates W. E. Woodward, in "The Way Our People Lived," a statute forbade a man to kiss his wife in public. The chronicles of the time record the case of a Boston sea captain who had been away for a year on a long voyage. On his return his wife went down to the water's edge to welcome him. He took her in his arms and kissed her, with many people looking on. For that serious piece of misbehavior he was taken before a magistrate and sentenced to two hours in the pillory on his first afternoon on land.

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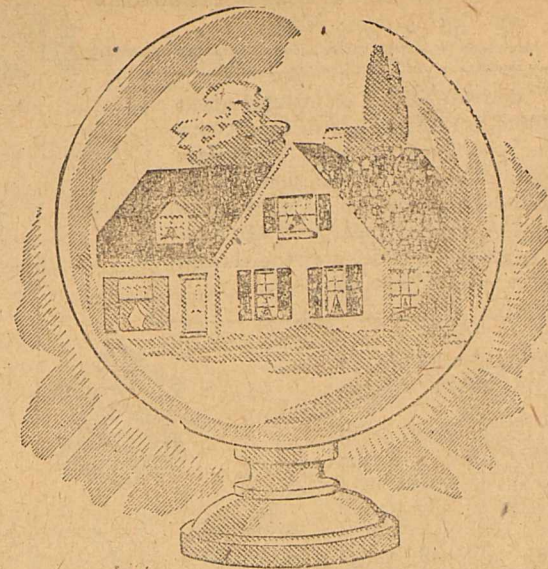
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