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**ARMY POSTOFFICE BEHIND THE BATTLE LINE**—These members of a mobile APO sort the mail for the day and keep moving forward with the advancing American front. Left to right, Cpl. Henry Ploucher, Staten Island, N. Y., takes time out to read his own letters; T/Sgt. Alan Braun, Biloxi, Miss.; Pfc. Alexander L. Civillo, Chicago, Ill., and Pfc. Herbert Green, Philadelphia, Pa.

### Rules For TSGRA 4-H Club Awards Are Outlined

**BERRY DUFF ATTENDS SAN ANGELO MEETING**

San Angelo, October 12—Rules governing the giving of two \$200 prizes to 4-H Club members who excel in sheep and wool production and goat and mohair production, beginning next year, were drafted when Extension Service agents and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association officials met here. The prizes are to be given by the TSGRA, and will provide that the two 4-H Clubbers having the best records in the State will be sent, expenses paid, to the National 4-H Club Congress held in connection with the International Livestock Show in Chicago.

A draft of the rules, as considered at the meeting, is to be prepared by Vestel Askew, secretary of the TSGRA, and to be presented for possible revision to the officials of the association and representatives of the Extension Service. Final awards will be made by a State committee, which is to be composed of three association members and the two district Extension agents who have jurisdiction over the areas having the greatest number of sheep and goats.

Following is a rough draft of

the rules and regulations governing the giving of the awards: a free trip each to the boy having the best record of production of sheep and wool and to the boy having the best record of production of goats and mohair; winners must attend at least one directors' meeting of the TSGRA; either the contestant or his father must be a member of the TSGRA, and he must be at least 14 years of age and not more than 20 years of age; he must have had three years or more of club work in the work in which he is competing; county winners taking part in the State contest are to be chosen by adult 4-H Club committees, each of which are to submit a brief statement regarding the work of the winner to the State committee; county winners must submit their records to the State Extension Service office by not later than November 1, of the year of the contest; each contestant must submit with his application in the contest, an essay, in his own handwriting, of no less than 500 words, nor more than 750 words, on his work; the essay must be accompanied by a standard 4-H Club report form and a clear-cut photograph; the contestant may submit to the State committee any other records and any other photographs he so desires.

Attending the meeting from Sonora was County Agent Berry Duff, who originated the idea of giving the award and who presented the idea to the Association at

### Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

I have just returned from a trip to Europe, where I had the privilege of visiting a number of American Army Camps and hospitals in France and England and getting a better picture of the war and the many behind-the-line problems connected with it.

I feel that as a result of this experience I can better understand many of the legislative problems affecting veterans and the prosecution of the war.

Everywhere I met up with Texans and found them measuring up to everything that is said about them. Nearly everyone you see—whether in or out of uniform—has a word of commendation for Texans in the war.

Many good-natured tales are told about them.

In Liverpool, a Colonel told me it was "rumored" that in the postal mail service there, three compartments are used for mail for the military—one for the British troops, one for the U. S. troops and one for Texas troops!

In England I saw much of the damage caused by the German blitz and the recent robot bombing. The English refer to the latter as "buzz-bombs" and as "doodle-bugs". I heard a number of them over the London area and then the explosion. I saw many places where one such bomb had recently practically destroyed a whole block of residential houses, with many casualties. I saw where one of them had destroyed a large building and killed 63 American soldiers.

I doubt if the American press has ever been able to picture the robot in its full terror. I mean they are terribly destructive. In the 3-month period, 10,000 people were killed, 28,000 injured, 23,000 homes destroyed and more than a million damaged; and the buzz bombs were just getting started when they were shut off by the invasion.

If D-Day had been delayed for as much as 30 to 90 days, I heard many expressions that London could have been destroyed by the robots. And many speculated that the Nazis had plans for a bomb to be sent thru the stratosphere across the Atlantic. Any such plans have probably been muffed for the duration.

But what of the next war, if there is one? And there will be one if the peace-loving nations do not collaborate in such a way as to destroy the roots of Nazism, and keep the Prussian war-lords and

### NO YARN AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL RED CROSS

An inquiry from local Red Cross production chairman, Mrs. Alvis Johnson, to the National organization concerning the availability of knitting yarn, brought the reply that no yarn is available at present and may not be available during the remainder of the year. The local chapter had used up its last quarterly 25-pound quota for 1944, and was requesting extra yarn.

The chapter was asked, however, to take an additional quota of servicemen's kits to make and fill, as these kits are needed by servicemen everywhere now. The local quota of kits, both for Army and Navy, was filled several months ago, and Sonora members must first vote on taking an additional quota before Mrs. Johnson can accept it.

Red Cross sewing at present is entirely on the 50 convalescent robes, and Mrs. Johnson received a congratulatory letter from National headquarters for the report she had made on the progress on this quota.

the Japs so completely disarmed that they cannot again rearm to murder and destroy.

The sob-sisters and sentimentalists and those who oppose collaboration by the Allied Nations should see some of the wreckage and destruction of this war, and visit the hospitals and military cemeteries in Normandy and elsewhere.

While we were in London, General Eisenhower sent an invitation to a number of us, stating he would like for us to come to France. Ten American Congressmen went. We saw the invasion beaches and visited Cherbourg and other parts of Normandy. While there, General Eisenhower invited us to meet with him, which we did for two hours. Next week I would like to discuss some of the conditions as I saw them in France.

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Even if he can't sell you a thing—Pop's always glad to see you. With a cheerful grin he'll wipe your

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Announcements  
From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Program—  
Men's Bible Class \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

MISS BABCOCK PLEDGES  
TSCW PHILOMATHIA CLUB

Denton, Texas, Oct. 20—Miss Edith May Babcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock, is one of the two hundred and nineteen pledges to social and literary clubs on the Texas College for Women campus, having pledged the Philomathia Club. The week of informal initiation is over, and these pledges are now active members.

Little "duties" imposed on these "lowly pledges" during the period of informal initiation, besides the usual room-cleaning, washing and ironing and other "maid-service" to the old members, included singing the laundry list backwards to the tune of "Sweet Adeline", writing letters to members' boy friends, wearing dunce caps to classes, scrubbing the post office steps with a tooth brush and measuring the distance around the Court House with peanuts.

Purpose of these clubs is to stimulate interest in literature, art or music, promote social activities for members, and encourage the achievement of high scholastic standing. War time activities such as bandage rolling, programs on war time music of Allied Nations, war poetry, literature and music, theater parties, book reviews, and dinner dances fill the calendars for the year.

Joseph Vander Stucken, who underwent an operation in a San Antonio hospital on Tuesday, is reported to be doing nicely. With him are his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken.

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: 7:30

Mrs. Prugel Is  
Art Club Hostess

Mrs. A. E. Prugel was hostess to members of the Art Club at her home last Thursday night. The program, given by Mrs. W. M. Penick and Miss Coleen Stevens, was on the subject of "The Art of Personality".

Mrs. Prugel was assisted in serving pie and coffee by Mrs. James Wilson to the following: Misses Ruby Nell and Ura Mae Haggard, Melba Kleitches and Stevens, and Mmes. Dorothy Norris and Penick.

RUTH DRENNON HONORED  
ON SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Jack Drennon, assisted by Mrs. R. P. Odom, honored her daughter, Ruth, on her seventh birthday when she entertained with a party in the City Park. Cake and punch were served and pencils were given as favors.

Gifts were received from Ellen Street, Josephine Bailey, Jack Adkins, Billy Doran, Clifton Doran, Betty Lou Bates, Sarah Ann Greenhill, Martha Mittel, Armilda Odom, Evelyn Wall, Roland Drennon, Jack Russell Drennon, Bobbie Ann Drennon and Joyce Region.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland and son, John, Jr., of Texon arrived here Thursday for a visit of several days with Mr. McClelland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McClelland, and other relatives.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duncan are the parents of a daughter, Alice Lee, born Wednesday morning in a San Angelo hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces, at birth. Grandparents are Mrs. Winnie West of Miles and W. F. Duncan of Pochontas, Arkansas.

Parents of a boy, born here Wednesday afternoon, are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Berry. The infant weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whiddon, former Sonorans now living in Falfurrias, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Berry of Sonora.

Peggy Willman Is  
Honored Wed.

Mrs. Ervin Willman honored her daughter, Peggy Ann, on her birthday Wednesday evening, when she entertained a number of friends with a buffet supper in her home. The rooms were decorated with roses and daisies.

Those attending were Misses Peggy Sue Barker, Peggy Sue Reiley, Anne Karnes, Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Martha Lou Renfro, Beverly Smith, Flora Dell Davis and Blanche Laven Taylor.

WMU MEETS FOR BIBLE  
STUDY WED. AT CHURCH

Members of the W. M. U. met at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon for Bible study, with Mrs. J. E. Eldridge as the leader. After the song, "God Will Take Care of You", Mrs. Fern McGhee led the group in prayer. The Bible lesson was taken from Corinthians, Galatians and Ephesians. Mrs. J. W. Pepper led the closing prayer.

Those present were Mmes. R. P. Odom, Eldridge, McGhee, R. G. Nance, Pepper and G. G. Stephenson.

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Mrs. Neville Is  
Shower Honoree

Mmes. Hubert Fields and W. E. McClelland named Mrs. Tom Neville honoree at a bridge shower, when they entertained in the home of Mrs. Hilton Turney Saturday afternoon. A pink and blue color scheme was used, and the rooms were decorated with roses. High score was held by Mrs. Turney and low by Mrs. Mat Adams. The prizes were presented to Mrs. Neville. Pie and coffee were served.

Gifts were received from Mmes. Jimmie Nunley, Carl Cahill, Leroy Whitworth, Francis Archer, Jack Whitley, Wylie Trainer, Sibe McKee, Leney Lyles, A. H. Adkins, C. W. Taylor, Turney, Terry Baker, Adams, J. B. Shanks and the hostesses.

NOTICE

Members of the senior class of the Methodist Sunday School will meet with members of the senior intermediate class for the next two weeks, due to the absence of the teacher, Mrs. Edgar Shurley.

The class will meet in the auditorium of the church at 9:45 o'clock and remain there until 10:00 o'clock, at which time they will report to Mrs. A. R. Montgomery downstairs, where the class will continue until 10:45 o'clock.

GIRL SCOUT INTERMEDIATES  
ELECT JANE NEILL PRES.

Members of the intermediate group of the Girl Scouts met in the entrance hall of the grade school building Wednesday afternoon, October 11, and elected the following officers: president, Jane Neill; vice-president, Flora Dell Davis; secretary, Maxine Chalk; treasurer, Joyce Johnson, and reporter, Peggy Reiley.

LOST: Lady's yellow gold Bulova wristwatch. Reward for return to Mrs. Billy Penick. 1tes

Allen - Cory  
Read Sept. 27  
In Austin Wedding

Miss Edith Jean Cory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Cory of the Ranch Experiment Station, became the bride of Lt. William R. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Allen of Jackson, Mississippi, at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, September 27, at the University Methodist Church in Austin. Dr. Edmond Heinsohn read the ceremony before the altar, which was flanked with three point candlebra. Baskets of white gladoli decorated the church.

The bride wore a blue suit with a white chiffon blouse and brown accessories. Her corsage was of white orchids.

Miss Gwendolyn Adams of Sulphur Springs attended the bride as maid of honor and wore a brown suit with brown accessories, and her corsage was of gardenias.

Lt. James Schmutte of Camp

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church is holding the annual program on day of prayer and self-denial at the home of Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. All ladies of the Methodist Church are invited and urged to be present.

Swift attended Lt. Allen as best man, and ushers were Lt. John Mortimer and Lt. George E. Davies, also of Camp Swift.

Mrs. Allen graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and is a senior at the University of Texas where she will receive her degree in June. She is a member of several clubs on the campus, among them the West Texas Club.

Lt. Allen, a graduate of the Mississippi State College, is a member of the Intelligence Service of the Army and was stationed at Camp Swift, then shortly after the wedding, when he went overseas. He is a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.



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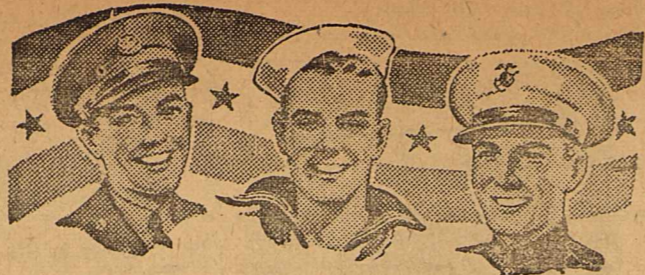
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Capt. Tommy B. Thorp, who is back in England after a leave in the States, writes:

"At last I have a few minutes to myself to breathe quietly and write a few lines. I am getting along very well and am once again settled in the same place as before. We had one huge reception when we reached the base. Most of the boys were flying when we arrived, but we were waiting when they came in. It is really good to get back with the gang once again. We had a few minutes the next day to get settled, then we started to work. When I say work, I mean from before dawn until after dark. We come in so tired and sleepy that we can not resist the bed. I know you will understand by reading in the papers why we have had no time to take care of personal matters.

"By the way, there is a slight change in my address now. Everything is the same, except the rank before my name. From here on it's Captain Thorp. The promotions were waiting for us when we arrived at the home station. You are the first to be informed of the promotion and should be the first to know that I have another Cluster to the Air Medal, as well as a unit citation which is worn on the right side above the pocket. That uniform is really decked out now with railroad tracks and more ribbons. I am thinking of having some more pictures made soon, so you can see what it all looks like.

"I have some more letters to write, so will close now and will write again soon."

Opl. Jack Long, writes from Fort Benning, Georgia:

"I received your nice letter not long ago and was real glad to hear from you. Everything is about the same here at the hospital, and I am staying busy as usual. We are sure getting in a lot of patients now, and we have 24,000 patients in the hospital. It sure is full. I

wish some could get out, as we still will get a lot of pneumonia patients this winter as it is not cold enough to get many of them yet. We are having a little cool spell now, but it is not very bad. It is just about right, and it makes me feel just about right too. I guess that the weather in Texas is getting a little cool by this time of the year and that all of you will have to get your winter clothes out. We are still wearing our khakis but will go into our wool clothes October 23. I won't mind wearing them when the weather gets cold, but the weather does not get very cold down here. There

are just a few times that it ever gets real cold.

"I guess everyone in Sonora is getting along alright these days. I would like to see everyone again but will have to wait for some time to get to come home again. I am going to take a patient to Kerrville to the Veteran's Hospital. I will have a three-day pass after I deliver the patient. San Angelo and Sonora being too far from there, I am going to try to stay three days in San Antonio. I doubt if I will leave Fort Benning before the middle of next week. It will take me about two days to get to San Antonio. I will come by

## In The Service

### Home From The War

Here on 15-day furlough, visiting his mother and other relatives is L. D. Hollmig, Seaman 1-c, who is stationed with the Navy at Alameda, California. Accompanying him here was his wife, who is making her home in Alameda.

Pvt. Sid Lakey, stationed at Camp Fanning, Tyler, arrived here last Friday on furlough for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lakey. He will remain until Sunday.

Joseph Turman of the Navy arrived here last week for a furlough visit with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Turman.

Lt. Daphne Jungk, stationed with the Army Nurse Corps at the Amarillo Army Air Field, is here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Zola Jungk.

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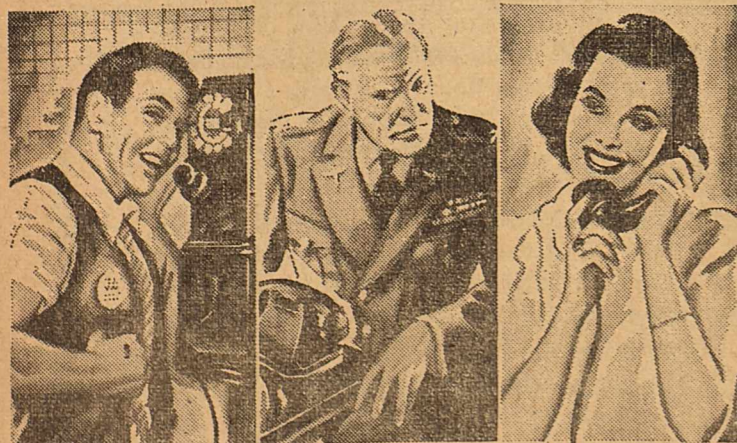
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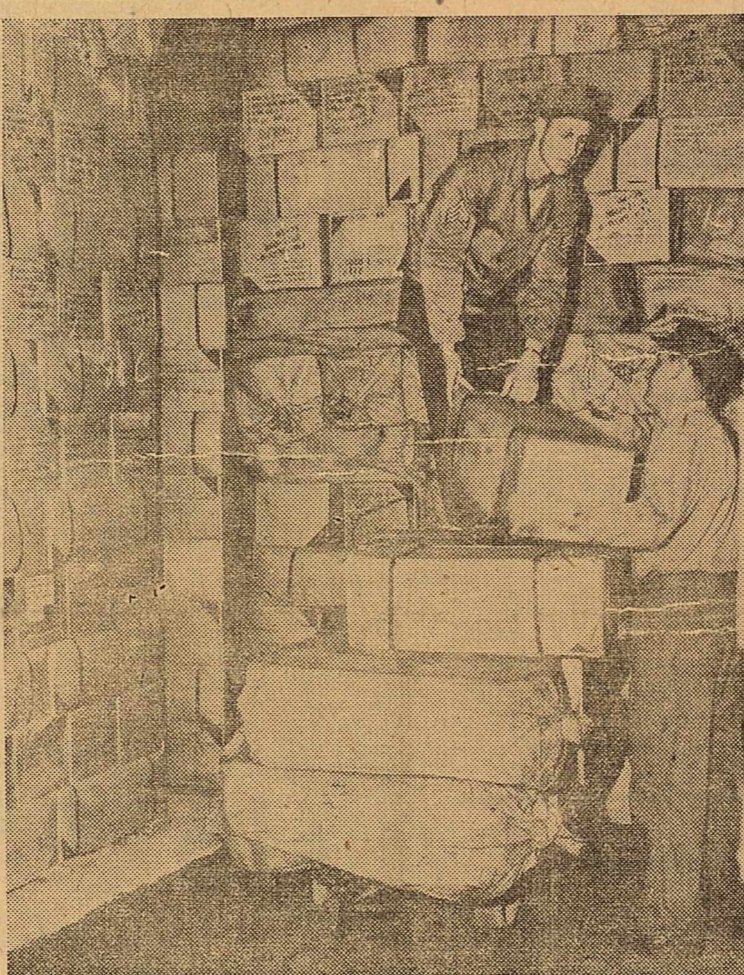
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"It ain't only that I don't like laziness," says Esther, "specially in wartime. It's that that particular hammock is Ned's hammock—and Ned's fightin' for it overseas!"

Then she shows us Ned's last letter where he says: "I keep dreaming of my hammock in the

orchard, with Rags lying underneath, and a cool glass of beer beside me."

A soldier's picture of home! The little friendly pleasures that he misses so! From where I sit, Esther's mighty right in wanting to defend those "little things" from all intruders. They're among the things our men look forward to returning to—the things we want to keep intact for them.

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### Eldorado Defeats Broncos, 63-0

NEXT GAME WITH MENARD, OCT. 27

The Sonora Broncos, out-weighted by some 8 to 10 pounds per player, suffered a crushing defeat of 63-0 when they met the Eldorado Eagles in Eldorado last Friday.

Besides the defeat, the Broncos lost a star player when Donald Behrens suffered a broken ankle in the third quarter of the game. Tommy Smith, letterman, was out most of the game because of a bad knee. Outstanding performances on the Bronco team were turned in by Raymond Johnson and Sidney Awalt, consistently good players, Behrens and George D. Chalk, who did some nice passing. Duane Prater was playing a much improved game too.

The Broncos have no game scheduled for this week, but next Friday, October 27, they will meet the Menard gridsters in a night game on the Menard field.

Coach H. L. Ezell says that the Menard team is about second heaviest in this district and that they have several old lettermen playing this year. When the Menard team met Eldorado this season they won the decision on penetrations, although the final score was a tied, 13-13.

### ASTRP For 17-Year-Olds Open Until Jan. 1

Application for college training in the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program, in either the Enlisted Reserve Corps or the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve, must be made by January 1, 1945, according to an announcement made by Major Clifton C. Patterson, infantry, District Recruiting Officer.

To be eligible for ASTRP training, applicants must be high school graduates of 17 years of age, but not over 17 and 9 months when his training begins. Those accepted after passing the mental and physical examinations and who enter training by March 1, 1945, before being ordered into active military service, will be given at least two 12-weeks college terms. In some instances those assigned to ASTRP before December 1944, may receive three terms of college training.

When ordered for college training, the cost of tuition and cost of text books and instructional material, as well as quarters, meals and complete set of Army uniforms, is furnished by the government. Transportation to a recognized university of college accredited by the Army as an ASTRP institution is also furnished.

Further details regarding the program as well as time and place of examinations and other information, may be obtained from the U. S. Army District Recruiting Office, 214 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas.

'Give a Texan's Share' to the War Chest.

### NAVY DAY, OCTOBER 27

Navy Day, 1944, a day of gratitude and rejoicing, but most of all a day of re-dedication to the stern tasks ahead, will be celebrated throughout the nation on Friday, October 27.

This day is set apart each year so that a grateful nation may have an opportunity to pay tribute to its victorious Fleet, honor the devotion and heroism of its men, and recognize anew the vital part which the Navy must continue to play in order to win a complete victory and guarantee freedom in the peace to follow.

The powerful slogan for this 1944 Navy Day - "Your Fleet Guarantees Freedom" - strikes a most realistic note as 130,000,000 Americans read the dramatic successes of the Navy, as it edges its way closer and closer toward the homeland of Japan, driving to the bottom of the sea enemy ships and planes which impede its progress.

Based on the plans already made for parades, luncheons, dinners, broadcasts and other meetings, the celebration of Navy Day on October 27, is expected to be the greatest in history. The spectacular and mounting achievements of the Navy in the Atlantic and the Pacific, as well as the growing realization that a strong Navy is "our

first line of defense", have spurred communities both large and small to the importance of observing Navy Day with appropriate exercises.

Since the beginning of hostilities in Europe, the Navy added almost 65,000 vessels of all types to the fleet, or a total of over nine million displacement tons. Nearly 36 percent of the total represents combatant ships, 29 percent auxiliaries, and 22 percent landing craft. At the end of this period the Navy had on hand over five times the tonnage of all types that was on hand on September 1, 1939.

For every person serving in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard in September 1939, there are over 24 today, and this figure will be increased when authorized strength is reached the middle of next year. Combined strength has grown from 152,086 officers and enlisted personnel on September 1, 1939, to 3,917,000 today.

October 22 the Sunday before the 27th, is Navy Day Sunday. The Navy League is urging religious in every community to make suitable mention in their meetings on Navy Day Sunday of the significance of this day of honoring our boys in blue and of rededicating ourselves to the continuance of a sustained war effort on every front.

The national observance of Navy Day was inaugurated on October 27, 1922, under the auspices of the Navy League of the United States in order that the American people might become familiar with the Navy and gain a greater appreciation of its importance and influence in our national life.

As the pioneer civilian organization devoted to national defense, the Navy League was founded in 1902. It is non-partisan, non-commercial and non-political and its efforts through the past 42 years to interpret the Navy to the American people have made it virtually a civilian arm of the service.

October 27 was chosen as the date for the observance of Navy Day because it marks the anniversary of the date in 1775 when the Continental Congress received the bill providing for the creation of an independent fleet. It is also the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt who was a determined advocate of a strong Navy.

Interest in the Navy Day has grown steadily until last year at least 5,763,000 people attended 6,407 Navy Day celebrations in the country. The participation is expected to be still larger this year.



Like their grandmothers, who fought side-by-side with their men during pioneer days, modern Texas women are doing their part in this war.

Sixteen Texas girls were among the first WACs to arrive in Paris for duty with American forces pushing toward Berlin. They were: Sgt. Dorothy Roberts, Corp. Christi; Pfc. Helen Lehmann, Crosbyton; Corp. Mary Higgenbotham, Gorman; S-Sgt. Ludora Jones, Mount Pleasant; Sgt. Ruby O'Neal, Paretton; Pfc. Ellen F. Jordan, Robert Lee; Sgt. Bobby Taylor, San Antonio; Corp. Beatrice Henry and M-Sgt. Viola Robins, Seminole; Corp. Evelyn Daniel, Temple; Lt. Lillian Courtney, Tioga; Corp. Gladys Self, Tyler; Sgt. Ella Wernli, Zapata, and Corp. Norma Bunton, whose home town was not listed.

If these girls can stick to their tough jobs until victory, certainly their sacrifice should be an inspiration on the home front. Working day and night for small pay, they are helping win the war as much as any soldier in the line. They deserve the support of those at home also were going "over the top".

### JAMES MORGAN PROMOTED TO STAFF SGT. IN ITALY

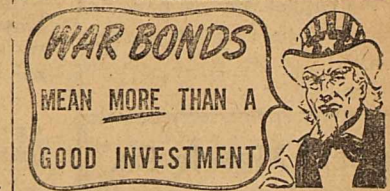
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Corporal James S. Morgan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morgan, who live in Sonora, has been promoted to staff sergeant. He is a squad leader with the 6th Armored Infantry Battalion of the Fifth Army in Italy.

Sixteen Texas counties surpassed their National War Fund goals last Tuesday, on the opening day of the state-wide drive "for our own and our allies", while all other drive groups rolled up high scores.

With patriotic Texans everywhere supporting the campaign, there is little doubt that Texas will quickly reach her war fund goal of approximately \$5,000,000. Under leadership of Wayland D. Towner, state war chest general manager, all counties are well organized, with the result that this year's drive is going forward with a snap and efficiency seldom surpassed.

Texans everywhere are asked to speed the completion of the drive by living up to the campaign slogan:

"Sure, I'll Give a Texan's Share!"



### New Industry Seen For Texas

Austin, Oct. 19—Texas' industrial expansion will have another outlet, in rock wool-insulating material—if success testing of siliceous limestone found in Texas is found in abundance, F. B. Plummer, geologist with the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, said today.

Siliceous limestone used in rock wool manufacture has been found in the Llano region of Central Texas, Mr. Plummer said, and deposits seem to be fairly high and uniform grade in Lampasas County, and in San Saba County, he said.

Many tons of rock wool are purchased yearly in Texas for insulating roofs, walls of houses, refrigerators, water coolers, water heaters, and as a covering for hot water pipes and boilers, Mr. Plummer said. At the present time, Texans get most of their rock wool from Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois.

### Happy Birthday

Saturday, October 21—Mrs. Dayton Cain

Nancy Bryan Hunt

Sunday, October 22—Marjorie Dameron

Mrs. Haynie Davis

Monday, October 23—Mrs. Ella Adams

Nancy Neill

Tuesday, October 24—John Ward, Jr.

Harry Kiser

Billy Dee Drennon

Wednesday, October 25—None

Thursday, October 26—None

Friday, October 27—Margaret Fay Moore

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- Wrap outside water connections, reducing frozen lines this winter.

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# City of Sonora