

Son of a gun



This isn't free advertising--it's just too good to keep. A lady who used to know Tom Ratliff came through Eldorado the other day and saw that gentleman's surname emblazoned on three business house signs there. Then, coming on down to Sonora, she picked up a copy of the Devil and noted that three advertisements carried the same name, at which she made the following remark, "Looks like bitterweed and the Ratliffs are about to take this country."

The story is really Shelby Kerbow's, but he's too nice to tell it.

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At the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday we heard the High School Girls' Choral Club for the first time. Their teacher, Mrs. Karl Moore, who also plays the accordion and piano, has done a wonderful job with them for the short time she has been here. The Lions enjoyed the program so much that they intend to have them back soon and keep them the full program time.

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Members of the Lions Club two weeks ago made some disparaging remarks about the progress expected by the club since they are getting rid of two draw-backs, W. E. Caldwell and John Lee Nisbet, who have moved to Angelo. But from the record both have made during their years here, one feels that it's just sour grapes, because they are losing them to the Angelo club.

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Next Thursday, December 7, we will pass the third anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. That day in 1941 was one of the saddest Americans will ever experience. Since that day, some 537,000 good American men have been listed as killed, missing and prisoners of the enemy. Those men have not been avenged--and they will never be avenged until every American boy overseas returns home, nor until the enemy has known complete defeat.

But those 537,000 men aren't the only ones to be lost in World War II. We know, even while the war news fills us with optimism, that many more will be lost. Three years' experience has taught us of the ruthlessness, toughness, cunning of our enemy. We know that our team can't lose--but common sense tells us that victory may be long, long months and many, many American lives away.

General Eisenhower has just sent 27 men from the battlefronts of Europe to tell Americans at home of the shortages of ammunition at the front--to tell us of the desperation of fighting a fanatical enemy with insufficient equipment. News from the Philippines tells a similar story.

This December 7, should be to each of us a day of dedication--dedication to one ideal--that of doing our full part toward attaining a complete victory.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Briant gave an oyster supper to a few friends on November 20, at which the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Briant, Mrs. J. J. Ford, Misses Hollie Davis, Jessie Deaton, Miranda Sterling, Kaleta Darst; Messrs. Frank McGonagill, Henry Sharp and Buck Elliott.

The Thanksgiving hop was a big success and a very enjoyable affair. The music by Claro Hernandez and four assistants was good, and the floor in first order. Many of the ladies wore new and handsome costumes, and the beauty and gallantry assembled presented a pretty picture.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. G. Baugh returned from their visit to Sander-son Tuesday. Mr. Baugh met several old Sonora friends and says they are all doing well.

D. H. Simpson, the well-known livery man of Llano, was in Sonora several days this week. Mr. Simpson had three teams here Wednesday.

Next year's mail contracts will call for rural delivery, and the government will supply boxes along the way. It has been suggested that bad boys will keep them torn down; but the bad boys will soon learn that in doing so they are monkeying with Uncle Sam, and that he is a cross old chap. In fact most of them already know that there is a deal of difference in a federal court and a state or county court. They have no chance there to hold justice down with a sinker on the jury or to get sympathy. Everything is tried according to the law and evidence.

Frank Barksdale, the well-known stockman of the McKavett country, was in Sonora several days this week shaking hands with many of his old friends and visiting his brother, Jas. C. Barksdale, on his ranch six miles below town. His daughter, Miss Lula, accompanied him.

S. G. Tayloe returned from San Antonio Tuesday and says that Mrs. Tayloe is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Black and children were in from Green's ranch in Edwards County Tuesday. Mrs. Black and children left for McKavett Wednesday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Black.

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Sat. Dec. 2

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GREEN ONIONS OR CARROTS, Bunch	5c
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VEAL ROAST, No Pts. lb	30c
CALF RIBS, No Pts. lb	25c
Ground Meat, No Pts. lb	30c
SWIFTS' ALLSWEET Oleomargarine, 2 Pts. lb	23c
PREM, No Pts.	35c
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ELFOOD Salad Dressing, Qt. Jar	37c	BABO, 2 Boxes	25c
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We're remembering a lot of things as the fourth anniversary of the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japs on Dec. 7, 1941, approaches. We're remembering, of course, that we owe them something in kind. We're remembering that buying War Bonds helps pay them back. We're remembering that this is the logical day for Americans to buy an extra bond. We're remembering that the Sixth War Loan total is \$14,000,000,000. We're remembering, too that Christmas is almost here and that a War Bond is a "gift with a future".

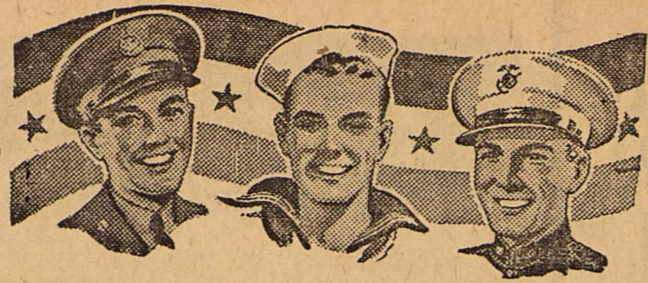
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From Our Men

The Devil's River News



Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 1, 1944

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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.

Sgt. Francis Stubblefield writes from the Canal Zone.

"Got your letter today and also one from Nelson? I was very surprised when Nelson told me he was in Belgium. We sit still, and I guess are so unlike his outfit, that it is hard to imagine them getting around so fast. He must like his work because he never complains about anything. I guess the long move kept him pretty busy. When you stop to think, it is quite a distance from England to France and then on to Belgium, and they have worked that distance since June. It must be a pretty rough life, yet he seems to be very well satisfied."

"I was in Panama City and Balboa yesterday afternoon. I went in to go to the Army boxing fights at Balboa and got there early enough to look around town some."

"I don't know whether I will be home for Christmas or not, but I should know in two or three weeks. If (and if is the right word) I do get home I think I would like to go up to Ft. Worth for a few days. We should have time to stay there a couple of days and come back and still have time to visit around some and have some time to ourselves. I know it is too early to make plans, but that is one of the things that keeps up your morale

when you are away from home.

"Are you expecting to get any deer or turkey this year? There should not be too much hunting with gas restrictions and a lot of people gone."

"I feel like you have heard from Nelson by now, but in case you have not, I am sending his last two letters. I am going to make this one short so I can get the letters in."

Sgt. Nelson Stubblefield writes from Belgium.

"Guess I had better scribble a few lines tonight to let you know that I am alright. I should have written long before now, but just never got around to doing it. As you see we have moved and that made us quite busy for a period of time. We have not had much mail during the past few days so I just have not felt like writing."

"Well I am sure that you can tell more or less about our set-up. That, of course, has quite a lot to do with our mail situation. I like our place very well, and we are

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routine every day. I guess I will close, and you can give everyone my regards."

Lt. Harold Saunders writes from Washington, D. C.

"It was sure good to talk to you all and know that everything was alright there at home."

"I am now here at Washington as an instructor, and this will in all probability be my permanent base. They have been keeping me plenty busy, and I am going to stay busy from now on. I will fly four hours one morning, three that night, then the next day I will fly about three. I mean that we really have a rough schedule."

"I have been into Washington at night, but I am going in this evening and look it over in the

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light of day. I caught up on sleep, as I slept until noon, and am now taking time to catch up on my letter writing.

"Thanks for the clippings; however, I sure hated to hear of the boys that are missing and those that were killed."

"There is no news, except that I am alright and all is going well. This is going to be a nice station but lots of hard work, but I can take that."

"Write, and I will write again soon."

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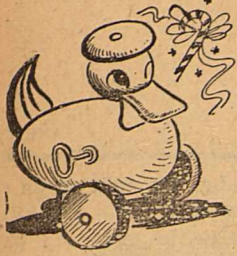
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It was a gray day early in December some dozen years ago in Fort Worth, and an icy wind was whistling around the corner where we stood. My companion was shivering and he had on an overcoat. I didn't have one on, so you can judge how comfortable I was!

Just a few months before, this writer had joined the Star-Telegram. I enjoyed seeing my friends from out West Texas way when they visited Cowtown, and I tried to get some bit of news from each one and thereby be able to put their names in the paper.

This friend, J. E. Spencer, was manager of a Chamber of Commerce. It was a new kind of work for him.

"What's happening out your way?"

"Not anything special," he replied.

"Try to think of something, so we can give the old town a boost."

He studied a moment and then said:

"Well, we opened the Christmas shopping season yesterday."

Of course, that had happened or would soon happen in every town in the United States.

He continued.

"We had a big crowd at the airport for a special stunt—old Santa Claus came to town in an airplane."

"Well, much obliged, no use of my keeping you here freezing; glad to have seen you," I said and we went our different ways.

And I did have my "story"—a full column on the front page next morning!

Because my friend's town was the one place in all America that the coming of jolly old St. Nicholas was news.

The "lead" on the news article was:

"Santa Claus has come back to Cisco!"

"The last time he had been seen there, he fled under a hail of lead, leaving two dying citizens and ten others wounded. It was two days before Christmas in 1927 that a band, the leader disguised as old Santa, held up the bank."

"Because of the tragic associations, Christmas after Christmas went by without a Santa Claus being seen in the town. There were little children who could not remember ever having seen the be-whiskered old fellow. It was the only place in all Christendom where the patron saint of the Yuletide season was unknown. And now Santa Claus has come back to Cisco!"



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Part-time Help Urged To Get S. S. Cards

Many boys and girls in Sonora will soon be, if they are not already, working after school and on Saturdays in local stores in order to help the managers serve the public during the approaching holiday season. Each and every one of these new employees must have a social security account number. No doubt many of these people who will be working this year secured account cards last year for the same purpose. They should still have them. They are just as

good today as when issued, in fact they are good forever. Those who have preserved their original cards should use them. Workers taking employment for the first time should apply for the account cards. The social security account number must be given to each employer.

Recruiting of holiday labor has already begun by employers in various establishments. New workers, especially the younger type, should bear in mind that a social security card is not a "work permit". It is used for the sole purpose of keeping a correct account of wages earned in order to give the wage earner full credit on his old-age and survivors insurance account.

Social Security account cards may be secured from the San Angelo, Texas Social Security Board field office without charge. In case a worker lives some distance from a field office an application form may be secured at the post office and when properly filled out mailed to the Social Security Board office. The card will be returned to the applicant promptly.

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