

## Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

**CONGRESS RECONVENES**  
Last week the Speaker's gavel went down to mark the opening of the new Congress. With the world ablaze with war, this promises to be a most important session. Many issues will be dealt with that will bear upon the prosecution of the war, upon our domestic economy and upon the peace and security of the future.

The procedure on the opening of a new Congress is usually cut-and-dried beforehand. At 12 o'clock noon the veteran clerk, Hon. South Trimble, presided until the Speaker was elected. A prayer was offered by the Chaplain and the roll of members was called. Nominations were made for Speaker.

On a roll-call, Mr. Rayburn received 224 votes and Mr. Martin, the Republican candidate, was given 168.

The Speaker-elect was then conducted to the rostrum by two Republicans and three Democrats. Mr. Martin spoke briefly and introduced the Speaker, who then addressed the House.

Both Rayburn and Martin appealed for national unity, regardless of party, and the seriousness of the responsibility to the people during this solemn hour was emphasized.

Following Mr. Rayburn's speech, the members took their oath of office, the permanent officers of the House were elected and other opening formalities were attended to.

**COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES CONTINUED**  
Among the formalities was the adoption of the rules of the last Congress. At that point an amendment was offered which provided that the rules should be amended so as to create a committee on Un-American Activities — which has heretofore been headed by Martin Dies of Texas.

A spirited debate followed, and on roll-call vote the amendment was adopted by a vote of 207 to 186.

I felt that this Committee, properly operated, can render a real constructive and valuable service. Of the 18 members present from Texas, 9 of us voted for it and 9 voted against it.

Regardless of the validity of some of the criticism of the Dies Committee, the fact remains that investigations by that group aided materially in the conviction of Earl Browder, Fritz Kuhn, and scores of other subversives and saboteurs.

The American Legion urged the continuation of the Committee, which has collected valuable files on the records of thousands.

Also Willie Fred Rankin, Guillermo L. Reyes, Marvin Eugene Alley, Rodolfo V. Torres, Ramon F. Flores, Jose Gomez, Rodolfo S. Castaneda, Frank D. Nichols, Edwin S. Mayer Jr., Eugene Shurley and Salome S. Perez.

**J. W. HULL PROMOTED TO LT. COLONEL'S RANK WITH AAF IN ITALY**  
HQ, MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES, ITALY—The promotion of John William Hull, 30, of Sonora, Texas, to lieutenant colonel has been announced at Headquarters of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, where he is assigned as a communications officer.

Prior to entering the Army in 1940, Col. Hull was engaged in oil exploration and was associated with Dr. E. E. Rosaire of Houston, Tex. Col. Hull's wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Hull; son, John W. Jr., age 2, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Hull, reside in Sonora.

**DEATH OF U. M. GILDER LEARNED HERE**  
Word was received here last week by friends of the death of U. M. Gilder, former Sonoran, who was employed by a Temple drug firm. Mr. Gilder, who died on December 5, was employed as a pharmacist here for seven years at the A & W. Drug Store, now the Sonora Drug Store, when it was owned by Misses Clara Allison and Sally Wardlaw.

Survivors include two brothers, one who lives at Gatesville and the other at Temple.

Attending the Brook Hereford Ranch Sale in Brady on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mr. and Mrs. Libb Wallace and Mrs. Lum Hines.

Here Wednesday on business was John Lee Nisbet, former Sonoran who now is living in San Angelo.

**FARM LOAN ASS'N MEETS**  
Directors of the Sonora Farm Loan Association met Monday afternoon with Secretary A. E. Prugel for their monthly business meeting.

Those present were Charles E. Davidson, Jr., of Ozona and John I. King and B. E. Moore of Eldorado.

**SCOUT COUNCIL NAMED**  
Announcement was made this week of the 1945 members of the Sutton County Boy Scout Council who were selected recently.

The council will be headed by George D. Chalk as chairman, and members are Collier Shurley, J. T. Ratliff, B. H. Cusenbary, Leonard Gibbs and Berry Duff.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berry Duff are Mr. Duff's sister, Mrs. H. H. Williamson, and small daughter, Rosemary, of Lubbock.

Guest of Mrs. Lee Hart is her sister, Mrs. Morris Pickering.

## 4 County Boys To Attend Wool Show In Denver

WILL SHOW FLEECES THAT WON HERE

Leaving today for Denver, where they will enter fleeces in the National Wool Show, which will last from January 16 to 22, are four Sutton County 4-H Club boys, accompanied by County Agent Berry Duff and Bryan Hunt. The four boys, all of whom were top county winners at the 4-H Club Wool Show held here last June, are Nolan Gibbs, Darrell Alley, James Theodore Hunt and Jimmy Cusenbary. Alley was top winner of the entire show last June.

Entries made by each boy will be two fleeces that they entered in the June show. Other 4-H Clubbers who entered the show here and who will enter fleeces in the Denver show are Nancy Jones of Marfa, who placed first here with her bag of aged ewe fleece, and Red Richardson of Fort Stockton, who won with his registered Rambouillet fleece. Also to make two entries in the show will be Bryan Hunt.

Sponsoring the trip to the Denver show for the 4-H Club boys from here are the First National Bank, the Sonora Lions Club, Sutton County Commissioners Court and the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

This is the first time that Sutton County 4-H Club boys have entered the National Show at Denver. County Agent Duff said that he thinks the club members will benefit from attending the show and that they will have the opportunity of comparing their fleeces with the best in the nation.

**25 Registrants To Take Physical Exams Jan. 25**  
Twenty-five Sutton County registrants will go to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, on Thursday, January 25, for pre-induction physical examinations, according to Miss Melba Kleitches, local Draft Board clerk.

The men who are to report for their physicals are Baldemar Chavez, Duard M. Roberts, Felton T. Jones, Charles W. West, Crispin R. Garza, Francisco A. Morales, Genro G. Gonzales, I. O. Smith, Celestino Gonzales, Armando G. Figueroa, Apolonio V. Torres, Alfredo F. Sanchez, James O. Hanley, Garland V. Cross, Delmer L. Harrell and Ralph W. Wallace.

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The Sonora Frozen Food Locker Plant, leased by Earl Lomax and Louie Trainer, is this week in full operation, according to Lomax. Already about 4,000 pounds of meat have been completely processed at the plant, and the volume in one day this week alone was 18 beef quarters. Assisting Vernon Marion, manager, is Mrs. J. B. Shanks. The plant opened Tuesday of last week, but complete processing did not begin until the early part of this week.

Lomax this week said that the plant will be open at all times to visitors and that they will be welcome. Someone at the plant will show it to all visitors and answer any questions they care to ask.

"We believe we have something in the locker plant that will prove of real service and convenience to the county," Lomax said. "The freezing of food will allow perishable foods to be preserved quickly and easily, thereby effecting a saving in time and food, both of which are vital to the war effort."

He continued by saying that the management of the plant can best serve the community when they know what services the public desires. For this reason suggestions will always be appreciated.

Of the 296 locker boxes now installed in the plant, about one fourth remained unsold at the middle of this week. Fifty more boxes are available for immediate installation if the demand makes it necessary.

**Two Fire Calls Answered Wed.**  
The Sonora Fire Department answered two calls on Wednesday, one at the residence of Mrs. Boyd Caffey, and the other at the Lyles & Rye Texaco Service Station.

The first call was at the Caffey residence at about 10 o'clock in the morning, where the fire occurred in a back room of the home. Origin of the fire was a gas stove which caught curtains and bed covers on fire. The only damage resulting was to the interior and part of the furnishings of the one room.

The fire at the Texaco Station, which occurred soon after noon, was in the vulcanizing plant behind the station, and damages were reported to be small.

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**LAST REMINDER FOR AAA REPORTS ISSUED**  
A last reminder was issued this week by the local AAA administrative officer, Miss Dessie D. Parsons, that reports on 1944 AAA conservation practices must be in by next Monday, January 15. This is the last date by which these practice reports will be accepted, Miss Parsons said.

Of about 55 producers who took part in the 1944 conservation practices programs in the county, only 6 remain who have not turned in reports.

Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and Mrs. T. A. Williams, Sr., of San Antonio, and Lea Aldwell of San Angelo were here the first part of the week. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Aldwell returned to San Antonio on Wednesday.

**FUNERAL HELD FOR OWEN RATLIFF INFANT**  
Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Lorita Diana Ratliff, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ratliff, who died shortly after birth on Wednesday night.

The Ratliff's have one other child, a boy about three years old. Maternal grandparents of the child are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roberts.

**SCOTTS ATTEND REUNION**  
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scott and Bobby and Billy attended a reunion of Mrs. Scott's family, held in Junction last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. Katie Johnson. Lt. Heman W. Johnson, a brother of Mrs. Scott's who also attended the reunion, came through Sonora Tuesday enroute to his home in El Paso. He is home on 30-day leave after ten months service with the Army in England and France.

## \$2,500 Is Local Red Cross 1945 War Fund Goal

DRIVE TO BEGIN IN MARCH

A goal of \$2,500 has been set for the Sutton County Red Cross chapter's 1945 War Fund, Mrs. Joel Shelton, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, announced today.

This figure includes the local Red Cross chapter's share of the national organization's budget needs, as well as funds for operating the local Red Cross program for the coming year, Mrs. Shelton stated.

"This quota figure represents the minimum goal of our chapter in the 1945 Red Cross campaign which will be held in March," the chapter chairman declared. "Because it is the very smallest amount on which the Red Cross operation can be conducted, it is essential that every person in the county resolve now to contribute his share toward raising the necessary money."

The national goal in the 1945 Red Cross War Fund is \$180,000,000, and this will finance continued Red Cross operations in the 52 nations and islands where American troops are stationed, as well as in the home communities of the entire nation.

"This 1945 Red Cross War Fund is, in many respects, the most important campaign to date, as it will enable the American Red Cross to stay 'at the side' of American fighting men in all of the expanding theaters of war and their families here at home," Mrs. Shelton said. "The officers of the local Red Cross chapter pledge that we shall do everything in our power to assist Sutton County to do its part in financing this war-vital service-for-victory program of the American Red Cross."

**Lions See Film On Nation's Meat**  
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## Sixth War Loan Final Report Shows \$409,734

Although final reports on the War Bond sales in Sutton County during the Sixth War Loan drive were reported on December 31, to the state headquarters office as being \$389,978, this week George H. Neill, local War Finance Chairman, said that the complete total for the county was \$409,734.50. The total was increased by allotments made to the county on the basis of purchases of servicemen and on purchases made by large companies having holdings in the county. Of the \$409,734.50, total, \$120,937.50 was in Series E Bonds.

This total figure put Sutton County, the first county in the State to report its quota actually purchased, \$174,734.50 over its quota of \$235,000.

**Pvt. Sid Lakey Reported Hurt In Germany**  
Word was received this week by Mrs. Lillie Mae Lakey, that her husband, Pvt. Sid Lakey, has been seriously wounded with an infantry unit in Germany. No further information has been received yet.

Pvt. Lakey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lakey, has been in the service only five months, having entered in August, 1944. He trained for four months at Camp Fannin, Tyler, after which he was home on a short furlough in November. At the end of his furlough he reported back to Camp Fannin, and was immediately sent to a camp in Maryland. From there he was sent to overseas duty.

Mrs. Lakey received a letter from her husband a week before he was reported wounded, in which he informed her that he had arrived overseas.

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## Cleaning Plant Sold To Prater And Hightower

NEW OWNERS TO OPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Announcement was made this week that Alton Hightower and Preston Prater have bought out the business and fixtures of the J. W. Trainer and Son cleaning establishment from Joe H. Trainer. The building, which was built in 1928 by the late J. W. Trainer who founded the business in 1926, will be retained.

Final closing of the deal was effective this week, and the business will open under the new management on Monday, January 22. Prater will serve as manager of the business, and associated with him will be the present employees, Mrs. W. Q. Holmig, Mrs. Jimmy Simmons and Autrey Bridges.

The business will continue as a dry-cleaning plant under the new management, and it is planned that, as soon as possible, a complete line of men's furnishings will be handled also.

When the business was founded some 19 years ago by J. W. Trainer, it was solely a dry-cleaning plant and men's clothing store and was situated in the business section across the street from the present location. When that portion of the business section burned in 1928, Mr. Trainer erected the building which now houses the plant. About six years ago a line of ladies' accessories and clothing was added to the merchandise. Last year all clothing stock was sold, and the business has since operated only as a dry-cleaning plant.

Joe H. Trainer was first associated with his father in the business in 1928, and in 1936 he went into partnership with his father. The business, originally known as J. W. Trainer's, then became J. W. Trainer and Son.

Both Prater and Hightower have made their homes in Sonora for many years. Hightower is owner of the Park Inn Cafe, and Prater has been employed by the E. F. Vander Stucken Co., Inc.

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Call it coincidence, the hand of Providence, or whatever you like, it still sounded good to two Sonora families when they learned that their servicemen, prisoners of war in Germany, are in the same camp and are quite good friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lovelace learned Thursday that their son-in-law, Lt. Donald R. McGara, is in the same camp with Lt. Young B. Newsom, son of Mrs. Carson West and brother of Mrs. Ben L. Wheat. Both of the officers, stationed with the U. S. Air Forces in England, went down over Germany in August 1944.

Lt. Newsom, who had been in England for several months, was the pilot of a Flying Fortress. He was lost on his thirty-eighth mission on August 16. His wife, the former Miss Frances Graham, lives in Lubbock.

Just nine days before, on August 7, Lt. McGara had been lost on a mission over Germany. He was navigator-bombardier on a Liberator and had been overseas only one month. His wife is the former Miss Norma Lovelace, senior cadet nurse at the Shannon Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, San Angelo.

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## READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown

There are probably still some G.I.'s who would not give their last cigarette or blanket to Ernie Pyle. But nothing that any G.I. can scrounge from another is too good for him. This glowing tribute to one of our top war correspondents was recently paid by Time Magazine, and from all we hear Ernie Pyle more than deserves it.



ERNIE PYLE

His book on the African campaign, "Here Is Your War," sold over a million copies, all told. His new book, "Brave Men," which covers the war from the Sicilian campaign to the liberation of Paris, is the Book-of-the-Month Club selection for December. A special feature of "Brave Men": the author lists every service man with whom he talked and the name of his home town.

Ernie Pyle hates war, everything about it except the men who are fighting it. He tells about it in all its grimest aspects: the thousands of dead on the Normandy beach-head—and among the litter and debris, thousands of sheets of blank letter paper, on which the men had planned to write home about their first visit to France. He tells innumerable heroic exploits; among his "brave men" was the wounded English flier, pinioned for eight days under his plane, whose first remark to his rescuers was an apology for the trouble he was causing them.

But there was one glorious moment: "I had thought that for me there could never again be any elation in war, but I had reckoned without the liberation of Paris. . . . The streets of Paris are very wide and they were packed on each side. . . . The women were all brightly dressed in white or red blouses and colorful peasant skirts. . . . Everybody was throwing flowers."



Ernie Pyle says he didn't hear any classic remarks when the American troops entered France, such as the famous "Lafayette, we are here," of the last war. The nearest to it was made by an ack-ack gunner, sitting on a mound of earth about two weeks after D-Day, reading the "Stars and Stripes." All of a sudden, he said, "Say, where's this Normandy beach-head it talks about in here?" Pyle realized he was serious and he told him, "You're sitting on it." The gunner looked up in surprise, "Well, I'll be damned. I never knowed that," he said.



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# EDITORIALS AND FEATURES

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## I GIVE YOU TEXAS

by BOYCE HOUSE

Josh Billings said, "Remember the poor—it costs nothing."

And he also remarked, "There is two things in this world for which we are never fully prepared and them is—twins."

Recently, we told some Cotulla legends about O. Henry, as gathered by Deputy Sheriff John Wildenthal. To him, we are indebted for an interesting little incident about Will Rogers. He met the cowboy humorist up North somewhere and mentioned what his home town was.

"Cotulla!" exclaimed Will. "That is where I'd like to settle down—a place where you don't need a lawyer." And then he related an occurrence when he was in Cotulla about 1906 with a small Wild West show. Two ranch owners, who had been having a controversy about some land, met in the town and a fight resulted. They were big fellows and the scrap was a dandy. When it was over, they shook hands and that was the end of the argument about the land.

"That was probably the cheapest settlement of a case there ever was," Will chuckled.

Rangeland definitions:  
Cut out—To separate animal from heard.

Dogie—Weakling calf.  
Eating gravel—To be thrown from a bucking horse or steer.

Four-footing—Roping animal by feet in order to throw it.

Grabbin' the apple—When a bronc rider grabs the saddle horn to keep from being thrown.

Hazer—Bulldogger's assistant, who picks up the bulldogger's horse after he has leaped to the steer.

High-roller—Horse that leaps high when bucking.

Hoolihaning—Leaping on the horns of a steer in bulldogging in a manner to knock him down, without twisting him down.

Would you like to read Abraham Lincoln's biography, written by himself? It was penned a year before he was elected President and, only slightly abridged, follows:

I was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Ky. My parents were both born in Virginia, of undistinguished families—second families, perhaps I should say. My mother, who died in my tenth year, was of a family of the name of Hanks. My paternal grandfather, Abraham Lincoln, emigrated from Rockingham County, Va., to Kentucky about 1781 or 1782, where a year or two later, he was killed by the Indians, not in battle but by stealth, when he was laboring to open a farm in the forest. His ancestors, who were Quakers, went to Virginia from Berks County, Pa.

My father, at the death of his father, was but 6 years of age and he grew up literally without education. He removed from Kentucky to what is now Spencer County, Indiana, in my eighth year. We reached our new home about the time the state came into the Union. It was a wild region, with many bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up.

There were some schools, so called, but no qualification was ever required of a teacher beyond "readin', writin', and cipherin'" to the rule of three. If a straggler supposed to understand Latin happened to sojourn in the neighborhood, he was looked upon as a wizard. There was absolutely nothing to excite ambition for education. Of course, when I came of age I did not know much. Still, somehow, I could write and cipher to the rule of three, but that was all. I have not been to school since. The little advance I now have upon this store of education, I have picked up from time to time under the pressure of necessity.

I was raised to farm work, which I continued till I was 22. At 21, I came to Illinois, Mason County. Then I got to New Salem, at that time in Sangamon, now in Menard

County, where I remained a year as a sort of clerk in a store. Then came the Black Hawk war and I was elected a captain of volunteers, a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since. I went the campaign, was elected, ran for the legislature the same year (1832) and was beaten—the only time I have ever been beaten by the people.

The next and three succeeding biennial elections, I was elected to the legislature. I was not a candidate afterward. During this legislative period I had studied law and removed myself to Springfield to practice it. In 1846 I was once elected to the lower House of Congress. Was not a candidate for re-election. From 1849 to 1854, both inclusive, practiced law more assiduously than ever before. Always a Whig in politics; and generally on the Whig electoral tickets, making active canvasses. I was losing interest in politics when the repeal of the Missouri compromise aroused me again. What I have done since then is pretty well known.

If any personal description of me is thought desirable, it may be said that I am, in height 6 feet 4 inches, nearly; lean in flesh, weighing on an average of 180 pounds; dark complexion, with coarse black hair and gray eyes. No other marks or brand recollected.

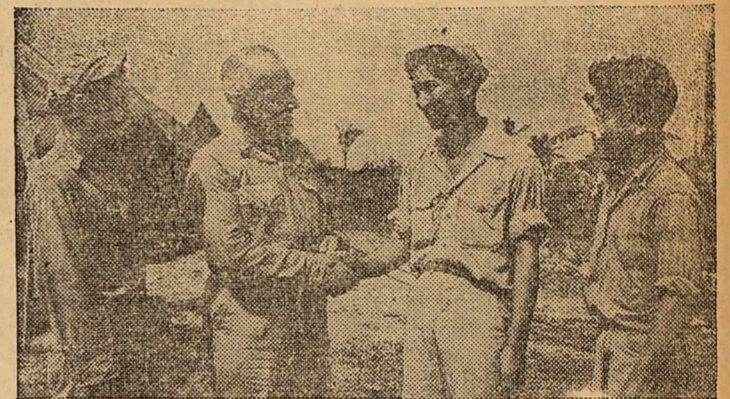
## 1945 Polio Drive To Begin Jan. 14

DALLAS, Jan. 10—The 1945 fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in celebration of the President's birthday, is being opened officially throughout Texas this week with

establishment of state headquarters in Dallas. Appointment of leaders in every county to direct the local campaigns will get underway immediately. H. V. Stokes will serve as director in Sutton County.

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## Helped Free Their Native Land



(U. S. Marine Corps Photo)

Three Guamanian youths, members of the U. S. Navy, who helped liberate their country from the Jap yoke, are shown bidding farewell to Marine Major General Henry L. Larsen, Island Commander, after being ordered to return to sea duty. The trio aided the civil affairs sections while on Guam. Left to right are Manuel Cruz Perez, steward first class, who has taken part in every major Pacific naval engagement; General Larsen; Juan Dungea and Juan San Nicholas Mateo, stewards second class. Mateo killed three Jap soldiers in two days during the early fighting on the island.

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PINK OR WHITE GRAPE FRUIT, 2 lb	15c
YELLOW ONIONS, 2 lb	13c
ANY KIND APPLES, 2 lb	25c
CALIFORNIA ORANGES, 2 lb	23c

### MEATS

KRAFT'S Powdered Milk, Box	23c
SUMMER SAUSAGE, 4 Pts. lb	28c
Dried Beef, 1 Pts. Pkg.	18c
NO POINTS HORSE RADISH, Bottle	15c
PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, 1 Pts. Pkg.	12c
PARKAY Oleomargarine, 2 Pts. lb	25c
HAMETT, 4 Pts. lb	48c
CALF LIVER, 6 Pts. lb	30c
GREEN PEAS, SPINACH & OYSTERS	

COFFEE FOLGERS 2 LB. JAR 67c - - - 1 LB. JAR 35c

SUNMAID - SEEDLESS RAISINS, 15 Oz. Box	15c	SUNMAID - SEEDED RAISINS, 15 Oz. Pkg.	17c
SNOSHEN CAKE FLOUR, Large Box	29c	46 OZ. CAN - NO POINTS Grape Fruit Juice,	27c
NO POINTS Orange Juice, No. 2 Can	22c	NO. 2 CAN - NO POINTS Grape Fruit Juice, 2 Cans	25c
FIG BARS AND Sandwich Cookies, lb	29c	FRESH COUNTRY EGGS, Doz.	40c
DRIED - LARGE HALVES PEACHES, lb	34c	MEDIUM LARGE PRUNES, 2 lb Box	36c

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ROSEBUDS MATCHES, Carton	29c	RUBBING ALCOHOL, Pint Bottle	19c
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From The Churches



**METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday Program—  
 Men's Bible Class 9:45  
 Sunday School 9:45  
 Morning Worship 10:50  
 Evening Service changed from 7:30 to Vesper Service at 5:30  
 Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 3:00  
 Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday evening at the church.  
 Cordial welcome to all.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School 10:00  
 Morning Service 11:00  
 Evening Service 7:30  
 Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30  
 W. M. U., each Wednesday 3:00  
 Sunbeams, Monday 3:15  
 Ra's, Ga's, Monday 4:15

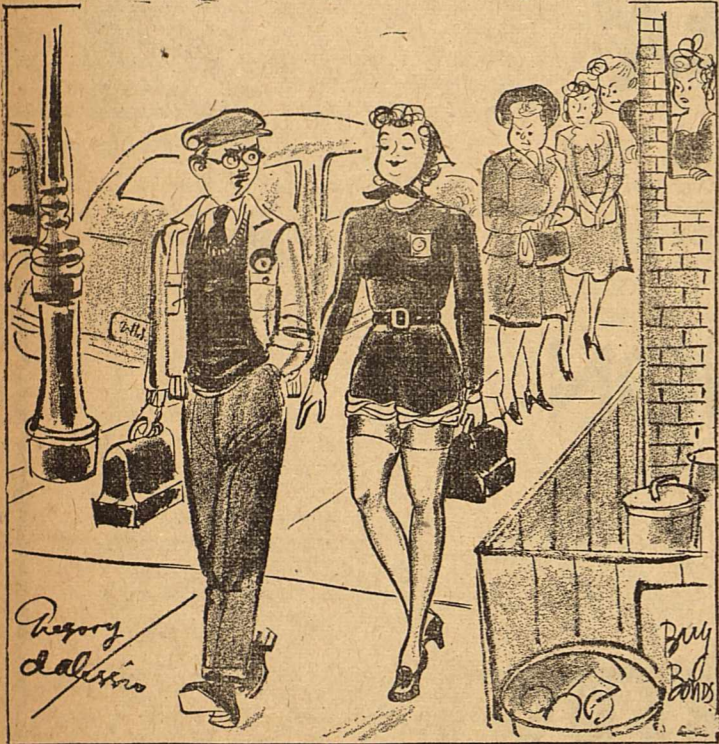
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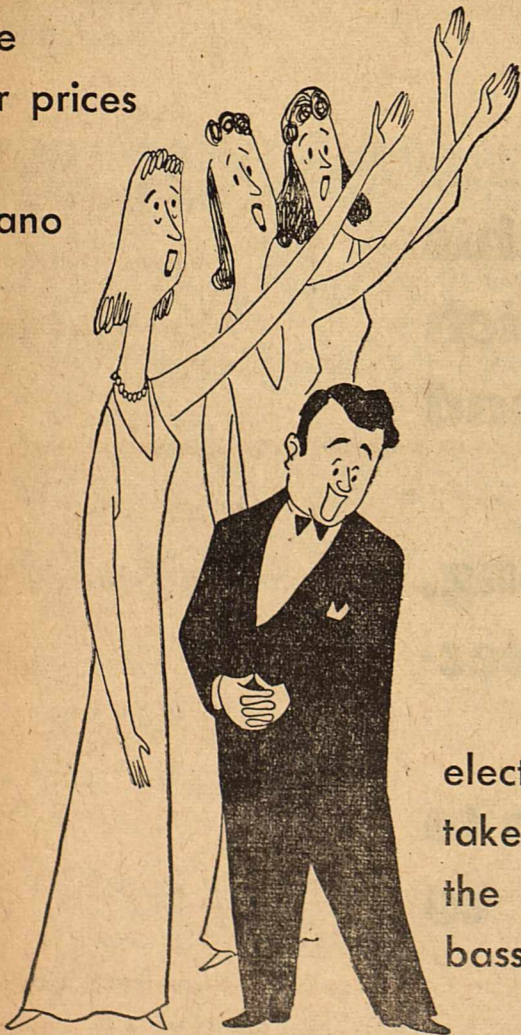
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By d'Alessio



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So many members of the cost-of-living chorus are hitting high notes these days that you may easily miss one performer still rumbling along in the lower registers.

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**Mrs. Hart Is WMU Hostess Wed.**

Mrs. Lee Hart was the hostess for the Royal Service meeting of the W. M. U. Wednesday afternoon. The theme for the year is "Facing Tomorrow With God", and the topic for the month is "Working Together For a Century".

Mrs. J. E. Eldridge gave a prayer and talked on "The Centennial", and Mrs. G. G. Stephenson talked on "Organization of the Mission Board in 1845". "A Century of Progress" was discussed by Mrs. R. P. Odom, followed by a talk on "Centennial Plans" by Mrs. Hart. Hymns sung were "Lead On, Oh King Eternal", "Faith Of Our Fathers" and "How Firm A Foundation".

Dessert and a drink were served to Mmes. J. W. Pepper, Aubrey Ward, J. K. Lancaster, W. O. Critz, Eldridge, Odom, C. D. Crumley, Fern McGhee, Stephenson, B. C. McGilvary, members, and Mrs. Morris Pickering, a guest.

**Happy Birthday**

- Saturday, January 13—Mrs. Gertrude Reming
- Sunday, January 14—Ford Allen
- Monday, January 15—Mrs. Jim Perry
- Mrs. Dorothy Norris
- Billy Bryan Savell
- Joe Brown Ross
- Tuesday, January 18—Mrs. Aldwell Nisbet
- Tommy Bond
- Wednesday, January 17—Raymon H. Morgan
- Thursday, January 18—J. R. Caldwell
- Friday, January 19—Vincent Roueche

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JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, January 12, 1945

The Devil's River News

**1st Red Cross Relief Since '43 Arrives In Japan**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—Unloading of the first shipment of American Red Cross relief supplies received in Japan since 1943, and completion of plans for distribution to American and Allied prisoners of war, were announced today by Basil O'Connor, national chairman.

Plans for distribution included 15 per cent of the total cargo, or approximately 45,000 parcels and proportionate amounts of other supplies, to prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Philippine Islands. Supplies for captive Americans in Japan proper were to be distributed in November.

Announcement of these developments followed receipt at American Red Cross National Headquarters of the plan for distribution from the Japanese delegate of the International Committee of Red Cross.

Supplies unloaded at Kobe, Japan, included 300,000 American and Canadian Red Cross standard food parcels as well as clothing, medicine and other supplies. This was the first shipment sent from the United States to the Far East via a Russian port, and, like the two earlier shipments made by other routes, supplies from the British and American Red Cross societies will be pooled for Allied prisoners of all nationalities.

The food parcels in this shipment were specially prepared to include more protein and less starch than those sent to Germany, as escaped prisoners from the Far East have reported a disproportionate amount of starch in the Japanese rations.

The shipment via Russia came as a result of months of negotiation involving the governments of the United States, Russia, and Japan regarding safe conduct guarantees and other problems of shipment.

**Mrs. Wallace Is Club Hostess**

Mrs. Ella Wallace entertained members and guests of the Idle Hour Club at her home Tuesday afternoon. High score for the members was held by Mrs. J. B. Ross, second high by Mrs. J. F. Howell, and the guest prize was presented to Mrs. C. A. Tyler. Potted plants were used in the decoration of the rooms, and a salad plate was served.

Playing were Mmes. Sterling Baker, C. G. Davis, Howell, Ross, B. H. Cusenbary, Josie McDonald, J. T. Ratliff and Tyler.

**MISS PALMER IS SPEAKER AT JAN. MEETING OF SONORA WOMAN'S CLUB**

Mrs. Frank Bond and Mrs. W. B. McMillan were hostesses for the January meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club at the club hall on Thursday, January 4. Miss Anne Palmer spoke on the subject of "International Good Will", and current events were discussed by Mrs. J. T. Ratliff.

Tea and cake were served to Mmes. H. V. Stokes, J. F. Howell, Dan Cauthorn, C. G. Davis, E. F. Vander Stucken, Ratliff, Berry Duff, I. B. Boughton, W. R. Cusenbary and Miss Palmer.

**President's Ball To Be Jan. 30**

The President's Birthday Ball, to be sponsored by the War Service Club, will be held on Tuesday, January 30, instead of Wednesday January 31, as previously reported. One half of the proceeds from the ball will be donated to the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, and one half will be retained for local use, as has been done in the past.

Also raising funds for the drive, which will be conducted from January 14 to 31, will be Troop 1-A of the Intermediate Girl Scouts, who will sponsor a cake sale on Saturday, January 27. The sale will be held at E. F. Vander Stucken Co., Inc., and will open at 10 o'clock in the morning.

**GIRL SCOUT DIRECTORS HEAR MRS. PAUL SPEAK AT TUESDAY MEETING**

Mrs. Alice Paine Paul spoke on "National Girl Scout Policy in Money Raising Projects" at the meeting of the directors of the Girl Scout Council Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Paul suggested ways in which every Girl Scout may have camping experience.

A committee composed of E. D. Stringer, Berry Duff and the Reverend F. L. Meadow was appointed to work with G. H. Neill on the planning of a drive for funds for the organization, which will take place soon.

Attending the meeting were Mmes. Paul, M. O. Britt, J. B. Ross, F. J. Wood, C. D. Crumley, E. D. Shurley, Ben Mittel and Berry Duff.

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**Just Us Club Is Entertained By Mrs. R. A. Halbert**

Members and guests of the Just Us Club were entertained by Mrs. R. A. Halbert at her ranch home Monday afternoon. High score for the members was presented to Mrs. Edwin Sawyer, the bingo prize to Mrs. R. C. Vicars, slam prize to Mrs. Howard Kirby, cut prize to Mrs. C. A. Tyler and high guest award went to Mrs. Robert Jacobs of Marfa. Pie and coffee were served, and the rooms were decorated with potted plants.

Those attending were Mmes. E. E. Sawyer, Edwin Sawyer, Tyler, J. F. Howell, Rip Ward, Vicars, W. B. McMillan, Kirby, I. B. Boughton, Lum Hines, Jacobs and Evelyn Ward of Oakwood.

**Club Meets In Babcock Home**

Mrs. O. G. Babcock was hostess to members and guests of the Thursday Bridge Club at her home on Thursday, January 4. High score was held by Mrs. B. C. McGilvary. Cut flowers were used, and pie and coffee were served.

Playing were Mmes. McGilvary, John Bunnell, Joe Trainer, Robert Rees, W. E. Glasscock, O. C. Ogden, O. L. Carpenter and Elmo Johnson.

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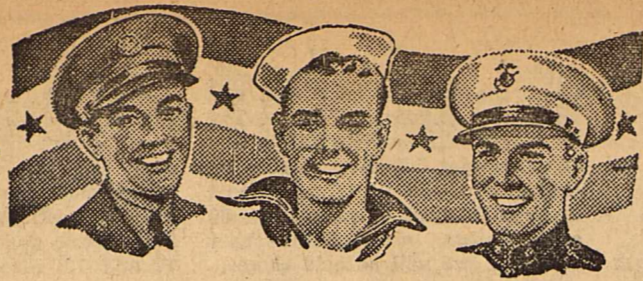
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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature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

Cpl. Lee Joy writes from Belgium.

"How is everything with you by now? Everything is the best with me. I am in the best of health.

"I suppose you are beginning to think I have forgotten you, but if you have been reading the papers, you should know we have been very busy. Everything is under control now, though.

"It is kinda cold here, we have some snow and the ground has been frozen for several days, and I hope it stays frozen for awhile. We have had some very pretty sunshine, but the sun does not thaw things out a bit. These pine trees are very beautiful covered with snow.

"I have a very good foxhole dug and a good top on it. I dug it large enough, so I can have a stove in it and room to sit by the fire. I have a stove made out of an oil can and it works very good. Before I put the stove in, the walls of my foxhole would be covered with ice.

"I know it is a lot colder here than it ever gets at home. The cold does not bother us very much; we are getting used to it. I know Ted B. would like to play in the snow, but it is no fun for us to have to dive into it to dodge these Boche shells. They are hell to dodge some times, too.

"I have received the packages from you, and was very glad to get them. I have received a lot of Christmas packages, and thanks a lot for them. I spent most of



Christmas Day knocking mud and ice off my jeep, greasing it and changing the oil. I had to use a hammer and chisel to get the ice and mud off and use a blow torch to thaw out the fittings to grease it. This probably sounds like a rough time to you, but we thought it was not near as rough as it has been.

"It is chow time, so will stop for now. Write me every time you can, as I am always very glad to hear from you."

Pvt. Sam Odom writes from the N. E. Indies.

"I received your letter yesterday, written December 14.

"About three this morning we really had a rain. It would not be so bad, but the wind has to start blowing every time it rains.

"I was glad to hear that Wayland got to come home. So he wants to come over here? Well, tell him he doesn't know when he is well off.

"I sent the skirt, watch and some old letters off today. It would be best if you put a piece of cloth over the top of the skirt. You will see what I mean when you get it.

"So J. C. finally got overseas, eh? One thing about it, he will be

## ROLL OF HONOR



in civilization and we will be able to compare notes. See if you can get his address.

"Smith is not with us anymore. He is being evacuated to the States. He said he would drop you a line and might visit you if he got out of the Army.

"Tell everyone 'hello', and write soon."

Cpl. Talmon Millican writes from Saipan:

"I received your Christmas card and should have written you sooner. It is hard for me to write when I want to, though. I owe about ten letters now.

"I sure would have liked to have been in Sonora Christmas. I hope you had a nice one. As I had a pretty good one. One of my buddies has three buddies from his home town that are here on the island, and they came over Christmas Day and we had a good time talking about old times. Then Christmas Night we had some fire works, but not the kind we have in the States.

"I guess you have been hearing about the Saipan-based B-29s visiting Tokyo, pretty often. Well, I am doing all I can to keep them going. Some of the Jap planes come over once in awhile, but they have not done much damage.

"They raise bananas, coconuts and do some truck farming here, about the same kind we have in the Valley, but on a lot smaller scale. I have a banana stalk in my tent now.

"I had better close now and go to work."

T/Sgt. Lee Hart writes the following from England:

"Another long day has gone by, and here I am trying to write again. I can't understand why it is so easy to write some time and

## In The Service



tributed our feeble part to make life worth living again.

"And now let's deeply set into our hearts the remembrance of those who died for the world's freedom."

"My arm is doing just fine. I am getting to where I can use my fingers, and it does not hurt any more at all unless I move it around too suddenly. So I think I will be alright sooner than I thought. I don't know how they will go about releasing me from here, but it doesn't make much difference. However, I guess it will be at least two more weeks before anything like that will happen. I sure got a scare yesterday and I don't mean maybe. I was playing rummy with some of the boys and got up to see about the time as I did not have my watch on. When I sat back down, the chair folded up and down I went. My bad arm caught on the bed and, boy, did I see stars? I just knew I had broken it over and, besides the pain, I thought I had ruined what start my arm had toward getting well. Anyhow, it made me right sick for a few minutes, but I lay down for awhile and it quit hurting and it does not hurt now, so I guess all my scare was for nothing. I was afraid to try to move my fingers for fear I couldn't, but when I dug up enough nerve to try it they were alright. This arm gets to itching so bad sometime that I can hardly stand it. Since the swelling has gone out of my arm, the cast is plenty loose except where it goes around the knuckles, but I have about gotten used to that now.

"One of the nurses came by, and we had to talk about home awhile. That is all we ever think about

"Here you are!  
"We have given you the sunshine from our hills, the flowers from our gardens. We have given you the smiles of our men, the happy tears of our women, the hearts and hands of our children, the blessings of our martyrs and our mad songs of joy. Why can't we tell you our gratitude, just as we feel it? Why is the human tongue such a wretched, helpless thing to a heart drunken with happiness?"

"Here you are!  
"Let us tell you how proud we are to be your ally, be it the smallest one. To have fought with you the same enemy. To have con-

## Home From The War

Cpl. Oscar Adams of Blumenthal Field, Wilmington, N. C., is leaving today after a short furlough at Camp Allison with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Q. Adams. While he was here, his sisters, Mrs. P. E. Burgstaller of San Antonio and Miss Betty Jo Adams, a student nurse at the M. & S. Hospital, San Antonio, came here to visit with him. They will accompany him back as far as San Antonio.

Harold Garrett, stationed at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, was in Sonora last week-end. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Auldie Garrett of Camp Allison.

Sgt. Frank (Big) Turney, Jr., is here on 20-day furlough visiting his mother and other relatives. He has been stationed on the West Coast for the past three years but expects a new assignment at the end of his furlough.

over here when we have an idle minute. I tell you those dear old States are going to look good if we ever get back. I used to think how queer these cities were, but I have gotten so used to the old cities that I don't notice it any more. Gee, I never dreamed I would have to be over here this long. I sit around some times and try to picture things at home and, darn, if it isn't hard to do. If I don't get to come back soon, it will seem as queer as England did at first."

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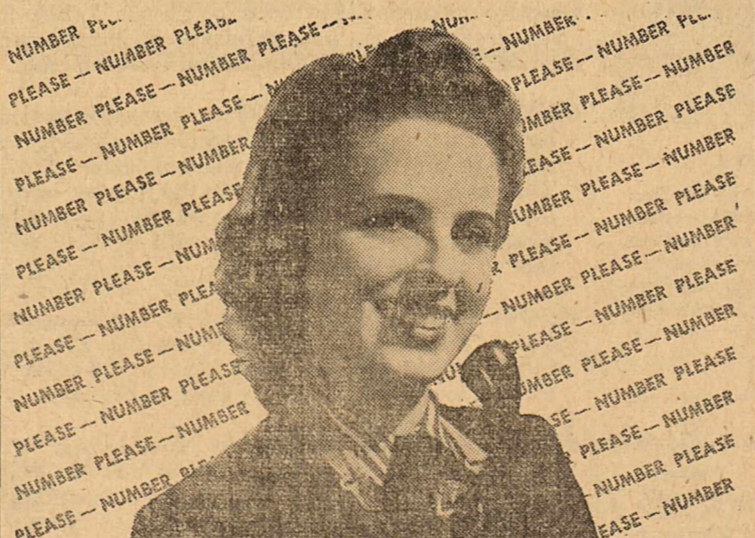
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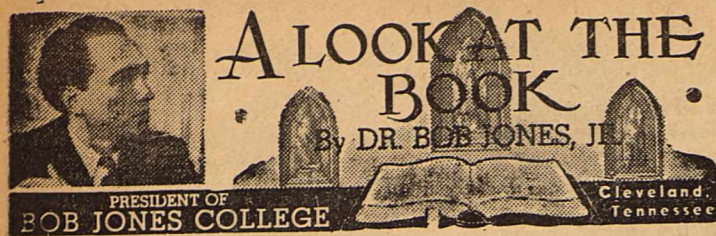
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There is one sin greatly condemned in the Bible, which you almost never hear preached against. It is the sin of flattery, and how largely it is practiced these days. Some flatter with no malicious intent. They desire popularity and want people to like them, so they cultivate the habit of saying that which will please the hearer without regard to its truth. Or, they have read some popular book on psychology, which tells them that the way to make friends is to flatter, and they put into practice this advice with never a thought that they are being dishonest.

Others flatter for more malicious reasons. Politicians have discovered that the surest way to cause an opponent to make a fool of himself is to flatter him into doing something which in an uninflated state of mind he would have better judgment than to attempt. Others indulge in flattery to get something

from the object of their flattery. They are like the fox in the fable who flattered the crow on his beautiful voice. When the crow, full of vanity, opened his beak to sing, he dropped the piece of cheese he was holding, and the fox gobbled it up.

Some people flatter for sheer cowardice. They lack the courage to speak the truth. They will say what another expects of them rather than what they know to be so. There are preachers who are guilty here. Instead of preaching against the sins of unregenerate human hearts, they flatter their hearers with smooth sounding messages on the greatness of the human race. Sinners lost and undone feel no conviction as they sit under their ministry, but go out full of self-satisfaction to continue in their sin. They are trapped and pinioned in a net of smooth words, when if they had been told the truth about themselves and their own sinful condition and pointed to the Lord Jesus, they should have found in truth and in Him who is the Truth, freedom from the chains of sin. Truly, "a man that flattereth his neighbor spreadeth a net for his feet" (Proverbs 29:5). There is no flattering of the Adamic nature and of sinners in God's Word. Unregenerate men hate and despise the Word of God because it tells

### A & M Extension Meetings Begin This Week

DISTRICT 6 MEETINGS TO BE ON JAN. 17-19

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 12—A series of 13 regional meetings to discuss the 1945 agricultural production in Texas will be held under the auspices of the A. and M. College Extension Service. The meetings will correspond to the 12 Extension districts with one exception. Because of the great area of District 6, comprising 32 southwestern and Trans-Pecos counties, two will be held there.

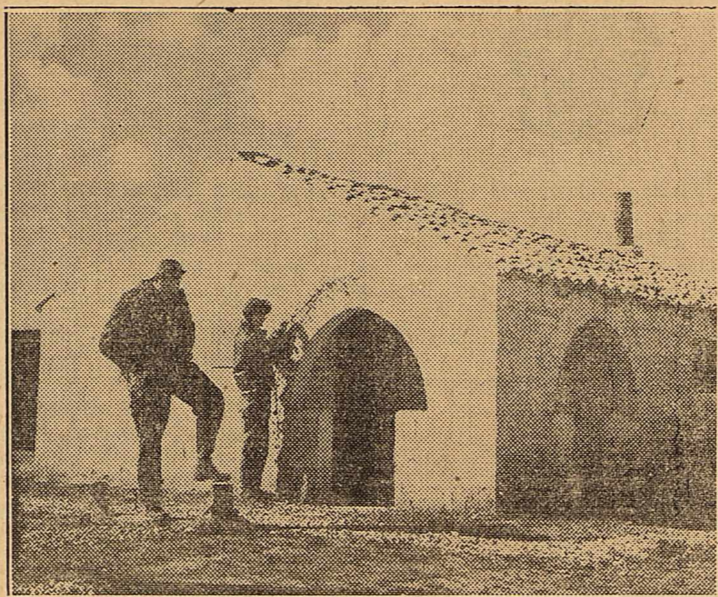
Dates and places of the meeting announced by James D. Prewit and Maurine Hearn, respectively vice director and state agent, and vice director for women and state home demonstration agent, follow: Seymour, January 8; Amarillo and Corpus Christi, January 9; San Antonio and Lubbock, January 10; Houston, January 11; Lufkin, January 12; Marlin and Gilmer, January 15; and Fort Worth and Brownwood, January 16. The District 6 meetings will be held at San Angelo and Pecos on January 17 and 19, respectively.

Texas' 1945 production goals for food, feed and fiber were recommended at a joint meeting of representatives from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, divisions of Texas A. and M. College, and agencies working with agriculture at a joint meeting on the College campus, November 27 and 28. Early in the war the Texas Extension Service was designated as the leader in educational work in the war effort with county agricultural agents definitely responsible for organizing and developing the edu-

national program in the counties. District agents will preside, and in addition to county Extension agents, administrative officers, district field men, county committeemen of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency and vocational agricultural teachers, Soil Conservation and Farm Security personnel have been invited.

"For three successive years Texas farmers have produced record crops despite a critical shortage of labor, agricultural machinery and other necessary helps," said Vice Director Prewit. "Because Victory seems farther off than a month ago, it is imperative that high scale farm production be maintained not only in 1945, but until a lasting victory is assured."

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Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations. THE HOUSE THAT GI JACK BUILT—This unique architecture was original with its builders, S/Sgt. Charles H. Meyer, Byers, Colo., (left) and Sgt. Hubert J. Hardin, Jasper, Ala., who tends a rose vine over the entrance. This house cost \$150 and accommodates five men. The generator from a cracked-up plane supplies electric light.



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**LITTEST WAC**—Pvt. Ruby M. Marcum, serving in New Guinea, stands just 4 feet 9 inches in her GI socks, but does a woman-size job in the Army of the United States in secret work in the signal section at an advance headquarters. It took her eight months to persuade Washington to give her a waiver so she could enlist in the Army. She is a daughter of Mrs. O. E. Marcum, of Long Beach, Calif. Her nickname "Little Bit" which followed her through college at Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill., and the University of Colorado where she worked on her master's degree, still holds in the Army.

## An Army That's Never Been Beaten



THIS vast American agricultural army doesn't know the meaning of defeat. These millions of American farm and ranch people are advancing along the road to final victory, shoulder to shoulder with the men and women in the armed services. No "E" flags fly from the ridge-poles of their barns . . . no medals are pinned on their shirt fronts. Their reward is the inner satisfaction of a job well done.

Look at their record of victories! In 1944, food production again reached an all-time high—158,950,000 meat animals were slaughtered; 3,101,000,000 bushels of corn, 1,115,000,000 bushels of wheat; dairy products, poultry, eggs, etc., in record or near-record quantities! And because they produced all this food, the meat packing industry was also able to process and distribute a record volume of meats—25 billion pounds.

Each year since the war started, what seemed to be "impossible" goals were set for food production. Each year these objectives have been reached and surpassed in spite of shortages of help and machinery. Farmers and ranchers have produced the staggering tonnages of foods required to feed millions in the armed services and the rest of the nation at home.

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### CEILING PRICES ON LIVE HOGS



Under the present regulations, the ceiling price for all live barrows and gilts is \$14.75 per hundredweight and for all sows, stags and boars the ceiling is \$14.00 per hundredweight.

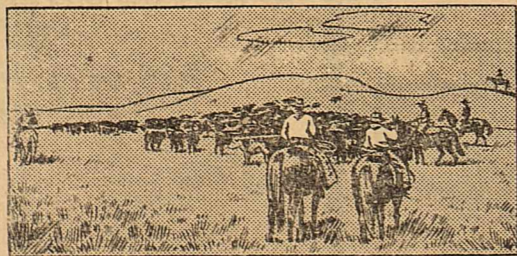
These ceiling prices are for Chicago only, and vary from market to market. The difference between the ceilings for sows, stags and boars, and for barrows and gilts is 75c at all markets, however.

Present support prices are as follows: "Good" to "Choice" barrows and gilts that weigh between 200 and 270 pounds have a floor price of \$12.50, Chicago basis. At terminal and interior markets other than Chicago, the support price is \$2.25 below the ceiling price (as of Nov. 15, 1944) at that market for hogs within the 200 to 270 pound weight range.

These support prices will remain in effect until June 1945.

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## What's Ahead for 1945?



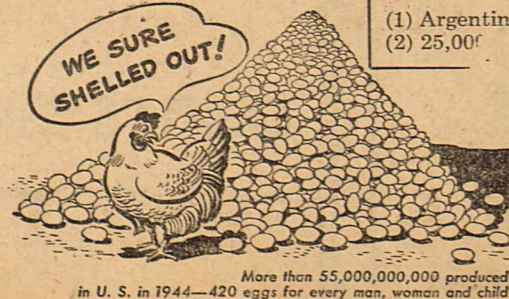
### FARM AND RANCH MOVIES

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(2) 25,00'



More than 55,000,000,000 produced in U. S. in 1944—420 eggs for every man, woman and child

Another new year starts, full of promise, and questions for American agriculture. Will the war end in 1945? How much food will Europe need from us? Will rationing and price controls be relaxed? What about the feed situation? These are but a few of the "ifs" we are up against when we make plans for the coming year. To help livestock producers, we here condense opinions recently expressed by War Food Administration economists.

**CATTLE:** They foresee for '45 an increase in the number of cattle and calves slaughtered, partially as a result of the tendency to reduce the size of herds. They also expect an increase in the number of cattle fed for slaughter. From 1946 to 1949, they expect a gradual decline in slaughtering, with yearly slaughter around 28 to 29 million head.

**HOGS:** Their estimate of total 1945 hog slaughter is about 79 million, against approximately 100 million in '44. They expect hog production in 1946 to be close to 1945 levels, depending on the feed situation.

**SHEEP, LAMBS:** Slaughter in '45 will likely be the smallest since 1929, due to recent selling of breeding stock. By 1946, they see a demand far exceeding the supply, leading to possible expansion of flocks over the following five years. This trend may be upset by wool-factor uncertainties.

We have a pamphlet on "Beef Cattle Prospects for 1945," by C. W. Crickman, Economist of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A. Want a copy free? Mail your request, attention F. M. Simpson, to Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Ill.

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### THE EDITOR'S COLUMN



In nearly 20 years with Swift & Company, I have talked with thousands of farmers and ranchers in all sections of the United States, and have tried to bring about a better mutual understanding in the American livestock and meat industry. I have benefited greatly from these talks. But even in 20 years, a man can get the viewpoint of only a relatively few people. That is why this page has been born, so that we can talk things over with more of you than it is possible to do personally. We want your constructive ideas, views, and thoughts for the betterment of the livestock and meat industry. We will welcome your suggestions and fair criticisms. Any questions you raise will be answered in these columns, or by letter.

Should you feel like writing me a letter about any agricultural matter, please do so. Or if you are in Chicago, drop in at my office at Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards. If you haven't time to visit, perhaps you can phone me at this number—Yards 4200, local 710.

May the new year bring to all of you good weather, good crops, good returns for your work, good health, and an end of war.

F.M. Simpson,  
Agricultural Research Department

### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) In what country do the people eat more meat per person—United States, Australia, Argentina?
  - 2) How many slaughterers compete in buying U. S. livestock—10, 1500, 25,000, 500?
- Answers elsewhere on page.

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Joe Brown Ross and Bryan Hunt have bought a registered Guernsey bull from Bill Currie of Glasscock County, from which they hope to develop some good milk stock. The bull is from some of the best stock available in Texas, being bred by the Tom Cooper Guernsey Farm, of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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Berry Duff, county agent, has expressed satisfaction with the dusting process he has used on several bunches of cattle from Sutton County ranches for treatment of ox warble. He said that the dusting, in which the mixture used is half sulphur and half 4% rotenone, is a simple procedure, costs around 2 cents per head, and can be controlled on a single ranch. Of these cattle treated, the per cent cured or immensely improved was high.

Two ranches on which this experiment has been tried are those of Merton Shurley and Joe Logan.

Duff said that, if the successfulness of this treatment measures up to expectations, it will be invaluable, because of the great losses incurred by infestations of the warble. In one year alone it causes about 50 millions of dollars of damage in hide and leather losses. On one animal treated Duff said, to show the extent of the damage they can cause, he counted 82 holes in the hide on the animal's back. The loss that cannot be measured is the decrease in weight and milk production.

Duff says that it is not too late in the season for the dusting to be used, and he recommends its use on animals infested.

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R. A. Halbert will have entries in 12 different Hereford classes at the Brown County Livestock Show which is to be held in Brownwood on January 26 and 27.

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Berry Duff, Lum Adams and Joe Brown Ross attended a meeting in Junction last Friday held by a Rural Electrification Administration group, and possibilities were discussed for getting lines into the southeastern part of Sutton County. Duff said that more definite work on this project will be done in the near future.

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George D. Chalk, warehouseman, reported that the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company began Wednesday shipping the mohair bought last week by Collins & Aikman of Bristol, R. I.

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Local Fire-Chief Cashes Taylor, as a result of streets being blocked by the cars of spectators when a fire occurred at the Caffey residence on Wednesday, has asked that spectators at fires in the future do not park their cars near the fire nor in the streets nearby. This creates a serious hazard, he said, because if the fire trucks should run out of water and the streets were blocked, it would take much longer to get out for more water. In the meantime, he pointed out, property which might otherwise be saved, would be lost.

Chief Taylor has asked for the wholehearted cooperation of all the citizens in effecting this safety measure.

### 36 Years Ago

Al Moore, the (only and original) stage driver and the son of a gun that walked around the world, who has been (off) on his Christmas holidays, blew in with the norther this week, just as big-hearted and breezy as ever. Al never lost a minute but lived all the time.

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Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith and daughters, Misses Jessie and Mary, returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in Missouri. The doctor considers himself much benefited by the vacation.

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The spring term of the Sonora Public School commenced on Monday, January 4. The teachers and scholars of the different departments assembled in the school hall and, after appropriate exercises consisting of singing and a prayer, the address was delivered by the Rev. Richard Mercer, after which Mr. Davis made some remarks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Anderson and babe left for their new home at Clovis, New Mexico, Wednesday. They own a tract of land near the growing town of Clovis, and Mr. Anderson will undertake its development. Their many friends in Sonora wish them prosperity in their new home.

—36—

S. G. Tayloe, the San Antonio lawyer and owner of ranch and town property in Sonora, was here Wednesday on a visit to friends and on business. Judge Tayloe says he thinks San Antonio will show greater increase in population next census than any city in Texas.

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The News, is informed that at a near date there will be established in Sonora the Sonora State Bank and Trust Co., with a capital of \$1000.00.

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W. E. Dunbar and daughter, Miss Nannie, were in Sonora this week, guests at the Commercial.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dud Yaws were in from the ranch Monday. Mr. Yaws intends having a dispersion sale of his Hereford cattle at Menardville some time in February.

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The Ladies of the Baptist Church wish to thank Mr. Jackson for the use of the building in which they gave the dinner and supper on New Years, and to all the public for their generous patronage.



Another Christmas has come and gone—and by this time, dad has probably grown weary of playing with the toys and turned them back to the kids. Most Texan's enjoyed a prosperous and reasonably happy holiday, despite the absence of the boys overseas. But I wonder how many have stopped to give

Nat Sandherr and Frank Baker, prominent stockmen of Kimble County, were in Sonora several days this week wanting to buy steers.

—36—

Fred Simmons, having had a good time at home, has gone to try his fortune at the A. & M.

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Mrs. C. J. Nichols and sons, Claude and Alvin Keene, returned to San Angelo Sunday. Mrs. Nichols and the boys think there is no place like Sonora.

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Capt. R. E. Aldwell has returned to his duties at the A. & M., and George L. Aldwell has gone to Austin to resume his studies as a law student at the University.

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Born to Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Allison on Sunday, December 27, 1908, a boy.

thanks for our really finest Christmas gifts?

Our best gifts were not the ones so prettily wrapped and placed under the tree. These are the Christmas gifts that deserve our most profound thanks:

France, given back to a free world by our fighting men . . . Belgium, where thousands of Americans died in the true spirit that Christmas commemorates . . . a few thousand feet of ground gained in Italy, or Burma or China . . . a few more islands occupied by American fighting men in the Pacific. . .

A battle fought and won thousands of feet in the sky over Germany, where Christ is forgotten . . . a Jap ship sent to the bottom, at a cost of American lives . . . a deed of heroism performed silently and unseen in the dead of night . . . a life given gladly, so that others may live in freedom and decency. . .

These were our real Christmas presents . . . gifts bought with the blood and the lives of our sons and brothers and husbands. The price that was paid for them was so great that every Texan, and every American wherever he is, should bow his head in solemn reverence at the thought that mere man can make such sacrifices in the name of Humanity.

We should be thankful that our men abroad have given us so much, and that we are a year closer to final victory.

We should be grateful that we are citizens of a nation that believes that freedom and honesty and decency are worth fighting for. . . and dying for.

We should be glad that, as

Americans, we still believe in helping others. . . that we still possess the idealism that makes us take the side of the weak and the persecuted and the down-trodden.

We should be forever grateful that it is our privilege to do more than merely fight and win a war. We should be happy in the knowledge that during 1944 we have made life a little better, a little easier, and a little finer for those who are not so fortunate.

We should be grateful for the National War Fund, which gave us the opportunity of helping so many millions of suffering war victims, which made it possible for us to send aid direct to our fighting men on every front and even behind the barricades of enemy prison camps. We should give solemn thanks that in America there still lives the spirit that could conceive and put into being such an organization, dedicated unselfishly to Humanity.

And we should be forever grateful for our national, state and local leaders who gave so generously of their time and energy toward success of the great War Chest program.

Yes, it was a swell Christmas, if we truly evaluate our great gifts. And next Christmas can be even greater, if we all strive throughout the coming year to do everything in our power to support the fighting men whose sacrifices will bring final victory and peace.

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 "Take, for example, just one industry. Few people realize the importance of the great work done by the beverage distillers during the war. A high government official called it 'an almost unparalleled example of the overnight conversion of an entire industry from peace to war.' He also said not so many months ago, while speaking about synthetic rubber, 'It is fair to regard the rubber manufactured to date as being almost solely the product of the beverage distilling industry.' That's the type of thing I have in mind . . . the way great American industries at home cooperated to help our brave fighting men abroad."  
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### Dr. Cox Gives Middle-Agers 3 Health Pointers

AUSTIN, Jan. 14— In order to enjoy the best possible health at an age beyond forty, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, advises that persons of this age be regularly examined by their family physicians to discover in time those ailments which are likely to contribute to the ill health of older people.

The principal foes of health confronting the middle years are heart disease, cancer, kidney disease, high blood-pressure, hardened arteries, apoplexy, and arthritis. Arthritis is conspicuous among these diseases, because it is seldom fatal but is probably the most common cause of suffering and disablement.

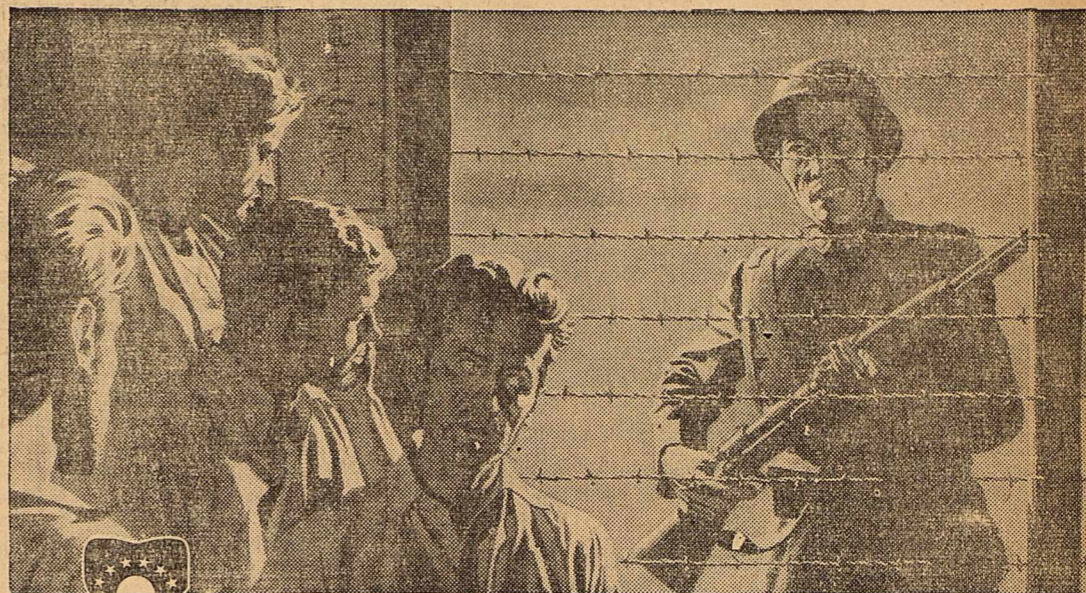
Dr. Cox advises periodic physical check-ups, the avoidance of overweight during the middle years of life and the observance of the natural restrictions imposed by increasing age. Persons with damaged hearts should learn their limitations and never exceed them. In general, they should avoid excessive fatigue, hard or prolonged exertion, exposure to cold, wet weather; they should eat moderately, use tobacco sparingly, if at all, and stop all activity before breathlessness occurs.

Medical care in middle age has two aims. The first is prompt diagnosis or attention to illness which may mean the difference between continued good health and prolonged invalidism. The second aim is as important as the first, and that is prompt attention to any known illness in order that it may not progress and to allow an opportunity for a complete cure.

Despite limitations and complications, Dr. Cox declared that the second half of life can become the better half if close attention is paid to general health, and periodic examinations disclose any incipient illnesses in time for early treatment.

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