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Sgt. Gervis R. Dickerson, Pelly, is safely back with American forces in Germany, the central character in a story that pales the most lurid fiction.

He and three buddies, captured by the Germans, were "framed" when guards planted a pistol in Dickerson's bed roll and propaganda papers in the others. For 93 days they were under sentence of death, expecting execution daily.

All four were taken to Hannover and sentenced after a perfunctory trial in which they were "represented" by counsel with whom they were unable to talk.

They were held near Brunswick in solitary confinement and denied all packages and books and even watched the Germans setting posts in the prison yard for the execution which never came off.

One day the Germans went away, leaving the Americans locked in their cells. Two days later, Dickerson and his friends heard the most welcome sound of their lives, the gruff voice of an American soldier, saying:

"I guess we'd better shoot the damn locks off."

More good news of much the same kind came last week: that American forces had returned 81 Texas soldiers from slow death in a German prison camp captured near Badorb.

The camp held 3,400 Americans, all of whom were given food and medical aid and will be returned to their homes as soon as possible.

As the number of Texas service men in the overseas combat theaters increases, so grows another kind of army which supports those fighting men--an army which fights their fatigue and sense of peril with quips and laughter and song.

USO-Camp Shows, one agency of the National War Fund to which Texans will be asked to again contribute through their county war chests in October, now has 198 units with 1,007 entertainers in the combat zones. Deep in Germany, in Italy, the Philippines, the CBI theater and the Pacific areas, these entertainers are bringing blessed relief from the grimness of war to the men almost within sound of the guns and to those who lie wounded in the base



**I GIVE YOU TEXAS**  
by  
**BOYCE HOUSE**

Give me the individual who can always see the bright side of things. Like old Granny Metcalf, who would say, "I ain't got but two teeth; but, thank the good Lord, they hit."

Or like old Uncle Ned, who never got downhearted, not even that time when the train cut off one of his legs. He remarked, "Thank goodness, it was the one with the rheumatism in it."

But some folks' brand of optimism has a pessimistic effect. Like old Mrs. Spraggins. When the harvesting crew would sit down for dinner the first noon, and before anybody had had time to take a bite, she'd look over the table and say, "Well, I believe we'll have enough left for supper."

Did you know that "loud speakers" were invented many centuries ago? Because of the huge crowds that attended the ancient Greek tragedies, the actors wore high-heeled shoes to make them appear taller and used masks with a mouthpiece somewhat like a megaphone.

A challenging statement made by William E. Gladstone, the great Christian leader and statesman of England:

"In almost every one, if not in every one, of the greatest political controversies of the last 50 years--whether they affected the franchise, whether they affected commerce, whether they affected religion, whether they affected the bad and abominable institution of hospitals.

With the famed 36th (Texas) division approaching its 300th day of service in the battle line, Texans continue to gather individual honors, both with the division and elsewhere. In the long list of decorations for valor given Lone Star men recently, a few include: Award of the Silver Star to Lt. Leslie G. Swartout, Austin; the DFC to S/Sgt. Israel R. Phillips, Corpus Christi, and Bronze Stars to Sgt. Jerry Sinkule, West; Sgt. Sam Glover, Kempner; Sgt. Nelson K. Lanam, Tyler. Capt. Joe H. Tableman, Cisco; Sgt. L. B. Harlow, Anna; and Cpl. James E. Nelson, Jr., Telephone.

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, April 27, 1945

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## Compulsory Military Training

BETTY JEAN RANKHORN

One of the most timely and most widely discussed subjects of our nation is Universal Military Training. Since all post-war developments will affect the youth of today, we should be greatly concerned with this vital problem. Military training cannot be made universal unless it is made compulsory; therefore, I think this plan is one of the best shown for preparing our nation for an unknown future.

The need for universal military training is quite evident from our past experiences. If war ever strikes our country again, science has made it possible for it to strike our own coasts, not some remote island possession. If we do not adopt the training program, the enemy will find us in our previous state, with no trained fighters, no military strategists, and no physically fit men.

Of course there comes the idea that we will have no more wars because of the peace plan. Did you know that a trained fighting unit

is the main factor in the peace program? If our new plan is similar to Wilson's all allied nations will collaborate to keep down aggressor nations. What can do this except an army?

Then, too, the United States needs to stress such issues as public health, cooperation and patriotism. This can be done in no better way than through compulsory military training. Luke was right when he said, "A strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are at peace."

The plan for conducting this training is simple, effective, and convenient. As soon as a boy finishes high school or becomes eighteen, he would be inducted into whichever branch of service he prefers for a one-year period. The inductees would receive three months' basic training, six months of specialized work, and three months of maneuvers. In the specialized course the boys would be privileged to pursue the type of work they choose. This training, coming at the age of eighteen, would not disrupt the college edu-

cation, and on the other hand, it would give unexcelled vocational training, together with physical and military training, to those who would not enter college.

The main objective of this program is to build a body of civilian fighters in case of an emergency. However, there are some by-products of this compulsory training program which will benefit the individual and the nation as a whole. A few of these optional things learned would be personal and public health, respect for authority, a better knowledge of our country, disregard of class distinction, leadership, and group living.

Contrary to popular belief, universal military training is not for the purpose of making hardened war lords of our boys. It is for making them strong, capable citizens of a peaceful nation; so let us take a proper attitude toward it. We need to get its purpose in our minds and give our Congress power to put through its issues.

FOR SALE: General Electric cook stove at Lyles and Rape Station. Itc

Buy WAR BONDS & STAMPS.

## PIGGLY WIGGLY A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

Fri. April 27

Sat. April 28



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|-------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| FRESH TOMATOES, 2 lb          | 35c | SPANISH KID RIBS, No Pts. lb   | 35c |
| TO ARRIVE                     |     | SPANISH KID HAMS, No Pts. lb   | 40c |
| Strawberries, Box             | 33c | HOT BARBECUE, No Pts. lb       | 60c |
| TO ARRIVE                     |     | Fish Fillets, No Pts. lb       | 55c |
| Dewberries, Box               | 23c | FRESH OYSTERS, No Pts. Pint    | 90c |
| FRESH GREEN BEANS, lb         | 16c | DRESSED HENS, No Pts. lb       | 48c |
| WHITE OR YELLOW SQUASH, 2 lb  | 19c | BIRDS EYE SPINACH, No Pts. Box | 32c |
| 42 SIZE AVOCADOS, Each        | 17c | FRESH SPINACH, 2 lb            | 25c |
| NO. 1 QUALITY SPUDS, 10 lb    | 59c |                                |     |
| NEW CROP - WHITE ONIONS, 2 lb | 17c |                                |     |
| FRESH SPINACH, 2 lb           | 25c |                                |     |

COFFEE FOLGERS 2 LB. JAR 66c 1 LB. JAR 33c

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| PEACOCK RICE, 2 lb Box                   | 25c | BABY SIZE LIMA BEANS, 2 lb Bag       | 25c |
| N. B. C. CRACKERS, 2 lb Box              | 34c | AUNT JEMIMA Corn Meal, 2 Small Boxes | 19c |
| CAMPBELLS TOMATO SOUP, 2 Cans            | 19c | REAGAN BRAND Sour Kraut, No. 2 Can   | 14c |
| MORTONS - PLAIN OR IODIZED SALT, 3 Boxes | 23c | ROSEBUD MATCHES, Carton              | 30c |
| VAN CAMP CHILI, 3 Pts. Can               | 31c | SOLID PACK TUNA FISH 3 Pts.          | 45c |

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| CALUMET - 1 LB. CAN Baking Powder, 2 Cans | 20c    | ROYAL - 1 LB. CAN Baking Powder, 2 Cans      | 20c    |
| WHITE HOUSE Apple Jelly 12 Oz. Glass Jar  | 17c    | WHITE HOUSE Apple Butter, 2 lb Jar           | 33c    |
| DYNO Corn Sugar, 2 Boxes                  | 25c    | GOOD FOR PLANTING Blackeyed Peas, 2 lb       | 35c    |
| "THUNDERBOLT" POP CORN, 2 Boxes           | 35c    | CHURCHS - 20 POINTS Grape Juice, Pint Bottle | 22c    |
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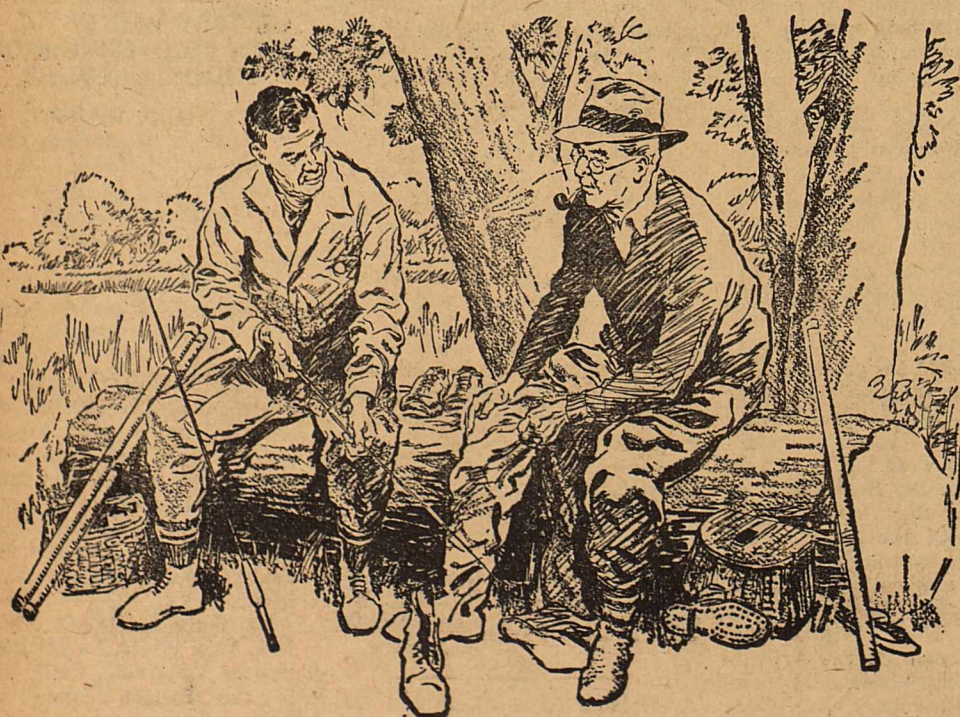
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| PINTOS BEANS, 10 lb Bag | 95c | LIPTONS TEA, lb Box            | \$1.09 |
| Ripe Olives, lb Can     | 30c | GOOD KIND Pimientos, 7 Oz. Jar | 25c    |
| SWAN SOAP, 3 Bars       | 33c | RINSO, 2 Large Boxes           | 49c    |

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## PIGGLY WIGGLY

LOMAX and TRAINER

### THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Judge, remember that place up in the mountains where we went trout fishing last year?"

"I sure do, George. We had a great time up there, didn't we?"

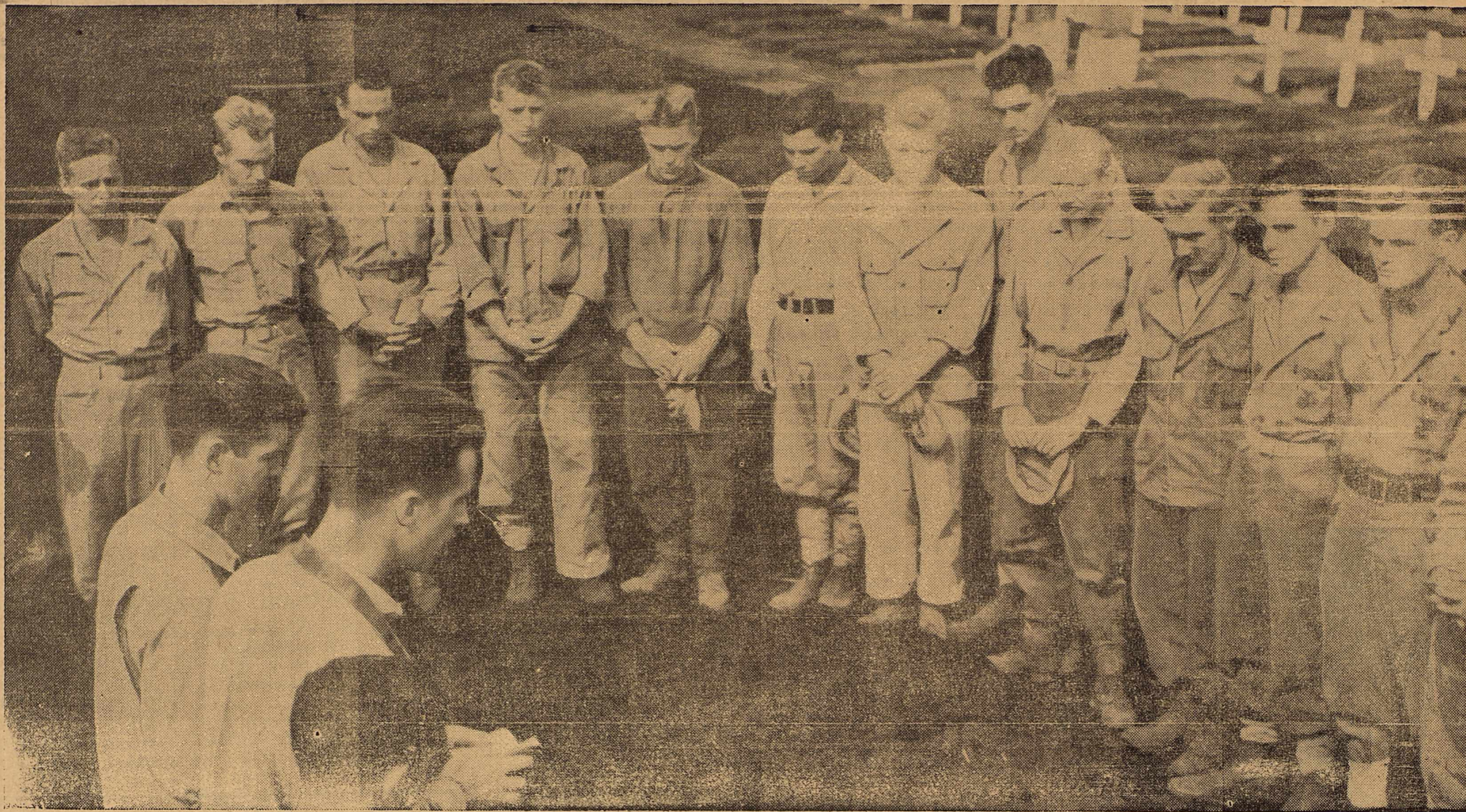
"I'll never forget it. But this will interest you, Judge. I heard just yesterday that the revenue men raided a big still right near there. Guess that's where all that high-priced moonshine we heard about has been coming from."

"Wouldn't be a bit surprised. I saw in the paper the other day where the Government has raided thousands of such stills during the past year."

"Sounds sort of reminiscent, doesn't it, Judge?"

"Exactly and it's not hard to figure out. As soon as the distillers stopped making whiskey and devoted their entire facilities to the production of industrial alcohol for the Government... the racketeers muscled in again."

"I hate to think of how that might have spread, Judge, if the Government hadn't found it possible, without interfering with our war effort in any way, to permit a short resumption of legal whiskey production recently."



## Today, and every day...far from home

American boys are still giving their lives for you..you can help to save many of them

The job is a long way from over yet. The toughest part for our fighting men may be just beginning. Surely the easiest part of the whole war effort is lending money. Have you done your share? The more and better equipment they have, the fewer lives will be lost.

War in the Pacific will probably be the costliest in history. Distances are vast; supplies and equipment must travel thousands of miles in huge quantities, to many places. One battleship costs 108 million dollars. One B-29 to bomb Tokyo

costs \$600,000. Even one torpedo to sink a Jap ship costs \$12,000.

Your dollars are needed now more than ever. Japan is fighting on fanatically for only one reason--they think our home-front is soft and will quit. They know they can't win, but they expect us to lose. Let's give them America's answer--in the SEVENTH WAR LOAN!

Buy the biggest War Bonds you can, NOW! It is a privilege you are lucky to have--and it will save lives.

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PIGGLY WIGGLY

Announcements  
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.

**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**

Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 10:00  
Weekday Mass: 7:30

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00  
Evening Services 8:00  
Held every second Sunday in the month.

**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

**CATHOLIC CLUB MEETS IN BOND HOME WEDNESDAY**

Members of the Catholic Discussion Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Bond on Wednesday night, April 18. Father Carol Meyer opened the discussion with a talk on "Purgatory", and later talked about "Masses for the Dead".

Refreshments were served to Mrs. John Bunnell, Miss Margaret Barton, Miss Floreine Reiley and Frankie Bond.

**W.M.U. TO SPONSOR BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER**

The members of the W. M. U. met at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon for a business session and Bible study. The opening song was "Sweet Hour of Prayer", and Mrs. Fern McGhee gave the opening prayer.

The Bible study, led by Mrs. J. E. Eldridge, was "God Is the Author of Our Redemption", and each member read a Scripture on redemption. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Alfred Cooper. A silent prayer was offered that the members be guided in their work with the W. M. U.

It was voted that the W. M. U. sponsor a vacation Bible school this summer. The members voted also to take donations to buy pews for the church.

Attending were Mmes. J. W. Pepper, R. P. Odom, Aubrey Ward, W. O. Crites, H. B. Crites, Jack Drennan and G. G. Stephenson.

**MRS. MCGILVARY IS HOSTESS FOR CLUB THURS.**

Mrs. B. C. McGilvary entertained members and guests of the Thursday Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. Lee Labenske on Wednesday afternoon, April 18. Cut flowers were used to decorate the playing room, and salad, cake and coffee were served. Mrs. G. H. Hall held high for the guests and Mrs. John Bunnell for the members.

Playing were Mmes. Nellie Allen, J. H. Brasher, John Kring, L. B. Allen, J. W. Trainer, Robert Rees, Joe Berger, Labenske, O. G. Babcock and W. E. Glascock.

Marlin Hoggett, former Sonoran, is here this week visiting his sisters, Mrs. John Eaton and Mrs. W. L. Davis, and their families. He came when he received word that Mrs. Davis is recuperating from a major operation in a San Angelo hospital.

**THE WOMAN'S PAGE**

CLUBS . PARTIES . FEATURES

JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, April 27, 1945

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**Loves Entertain With Barbecue**

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Love entertained with a barbecue, in celebration of their fourth wedding anniversary at the Mayer ranch Sunday, April 22.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Houston and Jean and John, Major and Mrs. Bert Blake and Miss Wanda Whitt of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McDonald, Mrs. Jack Kerr and Tony, Ronnie and Phillip Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Galbreath and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook of Eldorado; Mr. and Mrs. Collier Shurley and Sonny, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Love and Tommie Jean and Pee Wee, Wes Ballard and John West of Sonora.

**RETURNED SERVICEMAN, JOHNNIE FRANKS, HONORED**

Johnnie Franks, B. M. 2/c, who recently returned from 18 months in the Pacific on a thirty-day leave, was honored with a dinner in the Simmons Park Sunday by a group of friends and relatives.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drennan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Rode, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Poteet, Wesley Poteet, Mrs. Jessie Powell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Adams and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sessom and children, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rode and children, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hearn and Mrs. Fannie Franks.

**MRS. JOHN HULL GIVES BRIDGE PARTY FOR CLUB**

Mrs. John Hull entertained members and guests of her bridge club at her home on Wednesday afternoon, April 18. Cut flowers were used for decoration, and a salad plate was served. High score prize for the members went to Mrs. E. B. Keng, for the guests to Mrs. Sterling Baker, and Mrs. Dorothy Norris held the high cut.

Playing were Mmes. C. H. Hall, J. F. Howell, E. K. Folley, Seth Lancaster, A. H. Adkins, Edwin Sawyer, Dewitt Lancaster and Harold Friess; also Miss Freddie Cox.

**Oscar Wright Is Dinner Honoree On Birthday**

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer West of Eldorado entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday night at the Taylor home honoring Oscar Wright, father of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. West. Roses were used in the decoration of the rooms, and the dinner was served buffet style.

Gifts were received from Messrs. and Mmes. Dick Morrison, Lee Patrick, Ervin Willman, Ford Allen, Clyde Hill, Wes Hill and Scott Roberts; Mrs. J. H. Brasher and Mrs. W. L. Teague and Miss Emma Hamilton all of Sonora; Mrs. C. C. West, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodges of Eldorado; Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Womack of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Waldrup of Granbury, and Billy Wright and Blanche Lavon Taylor, Dale West, Peggy Ann Willman, Bobby and Betty Sue Allen, Joe Richard Morrison, Joe Wes and George Ed Hill, Joe Gale Willman, Betty Ann Patrick, Norbert McIntire and Beverly and Eddie Farrell Smith.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this means of expressing our grateful appreciation to the many friends for their kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. Victor J. Gentzler  
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis  
and Flora Dell.

**Mary Jane Queen Honored With Birthday Party**

Mrs. W. H. Queen honored her daughter, Mary Jane, with a party at her home Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being the ninth birthday of the honoree. Pastel colors were used in the decorations, and sweet peas, roses, carnations and bluebonnets were the flowers used. The children were taken to the picture show, then returned to the home where games were played. Favors were pictures of ships and airplanes.

Refreshments of cake, ice cream and candy were served to Kay Chalk, Billy Frank Turney, Harold Schwiening, Jr., Barbara Schwiening, Billy Bryan Savell, Leroy Valiant, Joe Morrison, Jimmy Morrow, John Stanley Hamby, Billy and Bobby Scott, Connie Mack Locklin, Darcy Carroll, Sally Dawn Prater, Billy Bob Ellingson, Joe Richard Lancaster and Bill Ratliff.

Also Jodie and Willis D. Minnick, Rayford Lee Hull, Johnnie Lois Johnson, Joe David Ross, Lois Ann Mann, Oscar Lee Carpenter, Marilyn Mittel, Lois Lou Lomax, Nancy Ruth Eaton, Wanda Lee Merriman, June Rose Lyles, Turney Friess, Albert Ward, George Barrow, Jr., Cynthia Ann Hall, Nancy Bryan Hunt and Dixie Ann Queen.

Mrs. Queen was assisted by Mrs. Pat Lyles and Mrs. W. A. Carroll.

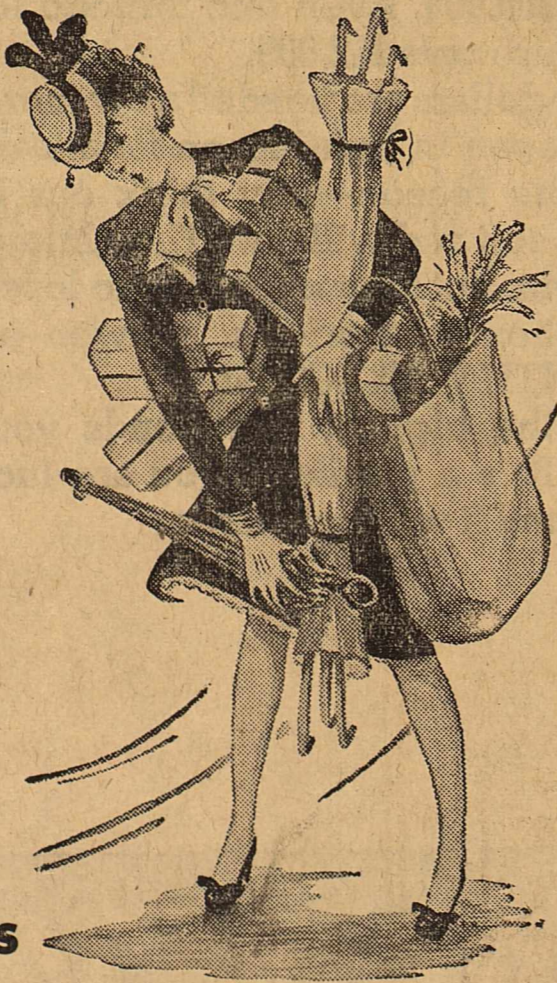


It's a shame that beautiful coat of "Minnesota" paint from Cameron's has to go up in smoke.

**PALE? WEAK? from loss of BLOOD-IRON?**

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It's a neat feat to navigate a windy corner with a pile of packages and keep skirts down to a modest level.

We're facing a somewhat similar problem during these stormy war years—carrying bigger power loads, higher costs, heavier taxes—and still keeping prices at low pre-war levels.

We're rather proud that electricity hasn't been rationed and hasn't gone up, like so many household necessities. In fact, the average family actually gets about twice as much electricity for its money today as it did 15 years ago.

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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. Justin Odom writes from the Northwestern Pacific:

"I guess by now you have received my note that I was alright. At the time I wrote it I was aboard ship coming up here, but I couldn't tell you. I can't tell you where I am as yet, but you have probably read about it by now in the papers or heard about it over the radio. It is not so bad here, we have a few air raids once in a while, but nothing much. The only thing bad about the place is the bugs and mosquitos. The people here are a low class of Japs. They live very primitively. Their homes are poorly constructed. They have some pretty nice looking children, but they are not very clean. They are very small built and go bare-footed all time; even some of the old women that look to be about eighty years old go around over rocks and everything much faster than I could with shoes on. I have a Jap dress-maker's book which is the prize of my collection. Of course, you are going to have to learn Japanese before you can get any benefit out of it.

"I got a couple of letters from you aboard ship, but the last one was dated March 9, so I guess when we get some mail up here I will hear from you again. Oh, yes, I met a fellow aboard ship that was in the Marines that was born at Sonora, W. D. Smith, who is a grandson of Mr. Will Perry's. He started to school there then moved to Uvalde. He said that he was going to write to Mrs. Perry, so maybe she already knows about it.

I have not seen him since we came off of the ship, but he is around here some where.

"I hope to be home soon, but I don't know when they will let me go. I lost eleven pounds the month I was aboard ship, but I think that I have gained it back since I got off that rocking boat. That darn thing rocked so much that I thought I would be thrown out of it several times. I guess I just was not meant to be a sailor."

From a later letter:  
"I just thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know where I am. They lifted the censorship regulations last night so that we might be able to give the name of the place. We are on Okinawa Shina Nancei Shoto, Ryukyu Islands. It is about 300 miles from Japan. Pretty close, eh? I just wish it had been Japan.

"We did not get much sleep last night. The darn J-apes kept coming over strafing and bombing, then about the time we would get back to bed, here they would come again. Finally I got tired of getting up and down so much that the last few times they came, I just stayed in my bunk. They knocked down a few this morning and last night. They knocked down quite a few the first few days we were here.

"We came on the island on the

## ROLL OF HONOR



fourth; D-day was the first. Boy, it sure was a mess, raining and cold as the devil. The longitude of this place is about equal with that of Houston, so you can imagine how cold it was after spending about a year around the equator. I guess I will live through it; hope so, anyway. We had mail yesterday, but I did not get any from home.

"We just got word that we were shelled by Jap artillery fire last night; of course I couldn't verify the statement, because I was pretty scared part of the time. I was standing right outside of our tent and a piece of shrapnel came whizzing by, and I made one leap and was in my foxhole when several other pieces came by. One time I came out of my tent in my underwear, and no shoes or socks on. After it was all over, it was kinda funny. Of course you had to have a great sense of humor.

I went down to the village just below Yontan Field, where we are stationed, to take some pictures and some souvenirs. I would try to take pictures of little J-apes kids, and they would run like the dickens. Some of the grown girls did not mind, but some of them would get very mad. They think if you take their picture you take their soul away. One of the kids was carrying a kid on her back, the one on the back larger than the one carrying it. They sure start them out very young. Also their horses and cattle are very small. Some of the fellows got horses, but they are so small that they

can walk right over them.

"While I was down in the village, I found a little Jap lamp. It sure came in handy, as we have no lighting system. It is very cute.

"They grow rice, sugar cane, and many other vegetables here, but they won't let us eat them because they are fertilized with human manure. They have very large tombs for burial places. They won't let us rool around those places, because they are very sacred, and it really makes the J-apes mad. Also, this whole rock, which we have taken, is undermined with tunnels. Some of them are three and four miles long. They won't ever get all the Japs out of them.

"It has been quite awhile since we have heard any news from Germany, but they should be just about to finish up over there. It shouldn't take many more weeks to secure this place.

"I have to close now. Write soon."

Sgt. Francis W. Stubblefield writes from the Canal Zone:

"I have been a little slow in getting your letter answered, but I hope you have not been worried about me. I have been getting along fine as usual. Have been working some, helping out around here and there, and it helps to take up the time. I don't know when I'll get a job, but have gotten to the point where I'm not going to worry about it. If they can't find anything for me to do, I'll just take it easy. It is over two months



since I got back, and all I have done is odd jobs. The Captain said the other day he guessed he would have to send me back to the States as surplus. I told him it would be alright with me. Of course he was joking. There are clerks' jobs open here, but they only call for a corporal's rating, and they can't put me in. It gets pretty tiresome not knowing what you are going to do from one day to the next. I think we will get things straightened out soon though.

"I guess you heard about the recent Panama political situation. Nothing much to it except that we could not go to town for about a week.

"I had a long letter from Nelson, dated March 26. He had gotten the first bunch of the pictures I sent him that I made at home. I guess they are about the first ones he has had in a long time, and he wrote page-after page about them. I gather from his letter that things are pretty quiet with them at present. He sent this piece of German money, and I want you to put it away for me. He said that it is worthless now, except for a souvenir.

"We have a couple of tennis courts just finished out back of the barracks, and I try to get out there for a little exercise and sun each afternoon.

"I am going to have to quit now, as they are going to turn the lights out. Write soon."

Lt. Harold Saunders writes from Shaw Field, Sumter, South Carolina:

"Forgive me for not writing you before now, but I have been rather busy getting settled. I am now based at Shaw Field, and I will send you some pictures of the place in a week or two. It is a beautiful place and the post is

really nice. We have a swell officers' club, swimming pool and tennis courts, and we are within walking distance of the flight line. I like the way it is consolidated, because Andrews Field was so spread out all over creation. The Andrews Field Army Air Base only had a little more than seven sections in it, nice base, but it was really spread out. We have a nice, large flying field here, and I think that we are going to get in a lot more flying time than we could at Andrews. I am very well satisfied with the whole set-up.

"There is very little social life here, except when they have dances at the officers' club. There is a reception and dance here this Saturday for all the incoming officers and student officers, with an entertainment by the Women's Clubs Sunday afternoon at the swimming pool. I guess we will get off to a flying start.

"We have a bunch of new boys and will start out with a new class. I guess that I will start flying about Wednesday or Thursday, as we won't fly the first few days with them.

"I am working on a model P-47 now and having plenty of trouble, it being the first one that I ever built. It is a scale model with about 30 inches wing-span. After I get it built, I am going to build one in plastic.

"I have to stop for now, as I have some work to do."

Pfc. Charlie Taliaferro writes from Northern Italy:

"I wonder how you are by this time. Fine, I hope. I am still alive and alright. I received a letter from you some time ago, but I haven't gotten to write anyone much lately, but I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know I had not forgotten you.

"I have been on the move the past few days, and have not had time much for anything. I guess things are fine at home by this time. You should have lots of little lambs and some little colts.

"Things are looking better every day. Maybe I will get to see you again some day soon. As the little boy said, we are about to make them 'don't' the hard way.

"I will say 'so long' for now as I am out of space. Write when you have time."

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### Black Market Versus Brighter Meals

I guess our town doesn't like rationing any better than other folks. But when a fellow went from door to door the other day, peddling butter, cheese, and bacon without points, he didn't find a single taker.

Ed Carey's missus, Sarah, summed it up. "I'd just be ashamed to have that butter on my table," Sarah says. "I'd a heap rather have my family and guests put up with what I can serve honestly, than give 'em a treat from the Black Market."

These days, most people are agreed that a simple menu of unrationed foods and substitutes is a badge of honor... no apologies required!

And from where I sit, housewives can brighten limited meals with cheerful table decorations, sparkling cider or tangy ice-cold beer, or side dishes of home-made preserves and fruits and nuts. Those little touches can be mighty helpful to the appetite.

Joe Marsh



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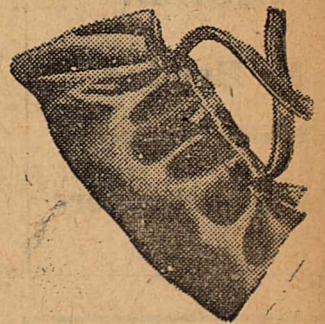
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### March Is Basis For April, May Slaughter Quota

COLLEGE STATION, April 26—The maximum slaughter percentages in effect during February and March for good and choice grades of cattle and calves will be used by slaughterers in determining the proportion of the two top grades they may slaughter in April and May. This information is contained in an announcement by the Office of Price Administration received by the A. and M. College Extension Service. The action amends order one under maximum price regulation 574, and became effective March 28, 1945.

According to the announcement, present zone percentages will be continued as follows:

Zone A (75 per cent) -- That part of Texas which is south of the 32nd parallel and west of the 103rd meridian. Roughly this approximates the block of trans-Pecos counties from a line drawn through Winkler, Ward, Pecos and Brewster Counties.

Zone C (50 per cent) -- All of Texas excepting that part which is included in Zone A.

The OPA explains that the fairly high permissible slaughter percentages for good and choice grades have been continued for the next two months, because many of the cattle going to stockyards will be from feed lots. The lower grades of range-fed stock are not expected to move to slaughterers in volume until later in the season.

### F. L. MEADOW HOME FROM HOSPITAL; TO HOLD SERVICES SUNDAY

F. L. Meadow, who was taken to a San Angelo hospital last Sunday for medical treatment, has returned home and is able to be up now, and will hold regular services at the Methodist Church Sunday.

### DICK GREEN GUEST OF ALFRED COOPERS

W. W. (Dick) Green of Los Angeles, Calif., is here visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. Alfred Cooper. Green, who served 16 months overseas with the Seabees, received a medical discharge last January from the service.

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### Home From The War

Johnnie Franks, B. M. 2/c, is here on 30-day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Fannie Franks, and other relatives. He has just completed 18 months service in the Pacific theater with the Navy, and at the end of his furlough on May 12, he will report to Charleston, S. C., for further assignment.

M/Sgt. Pete Taylor, who is stationed at Santa Monica, Calif., is here on 15-day furlough visiting his brother, C. W. Taylor, and family. He is also spending part of his furlough in San Angelo with his father, R. E. Taylor. Sgt. Taylor is a veteran of 27 months service in Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France.

### Happy Birthday

Saturday, April 28—None

Sunday, April 29—J. S. Morgan, Sr.

Monday, April 30—Hilton Turney

Mrs. W. T. Hardy

Tuesday, May 1—Mrs. Cashes Taylor

Herman Thiers

Wednesday, May 2—Joe Berger

Thursday, May 3—Tom Sandherr

Mrs. Sterling Baker

Friday, May 4—None

### SIBE MCKEE IMPROVING

Sibe McKee, deputy sheriff, has been quite ill at his home this week since suffering a heart attack last Saturday night. He is reported much improved now.

Mrs. Raymond Morgan, who has been in New Orleans, La., for the past three weeks where her husband has been stationed with the Navy, will return here this weekend. She will be met at Bandera by her mother and sister, Mrs. Vernon Marion and Miss Jo Ann Marion, and Miss Nonie Hutcherson.

### Parents Urged To Help Stop Child Diseases

AUSTIN—Asking the cooperation of all Texas parents in a campaign to stamp out preventable diseases and insure the highest possible health levels among the children of this State, Dr. Geo. W. Cox today expressed his deep appreciation of the President's proclamation May 1 as Child Health Day.

Urging state-wide cooperation in this campaign for child health promotion, Dr. Cox, State Health Officer, said today, "There is no more important phase of national health than that of child health, and the tragic annual death rate from diphtheria and smallpox is indeed hard to understand when we remember that science has long since produced a successful and safe immunization against both these diseases."

Dr. Cox pointed out the vital importance of child health to the total strength of our nation, and urged all Texans to exert every

effort to conserve and protect child health, not only through the application of positive health measures, but also by reducing the incidence of the more devastating childhood illnesses.

"Young children who are taught personal hygiene, who live in clean homes, whose diets are carefully supervised and whose young bodies have been made immune to the ravages of such diseases as diphtheria, smallpox, and typhoid fever stand an excellent chance of growing into strong, healthy, useful citizens," Dr. Cox said. "It is these boys and girls whose strength and health we are safeguarding by the observance of Child Health Day, who will be the leaders of that victorious and peaceful era which we are fighting to bring about today."

Mrs. Maysie Brown returned last week from a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. Hillman Brown, who are stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls.

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### A & M Official Appointed To FCA Board

HOUSTON — Director I. P. Trotter of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of E. J. Kyle on the board of directors of the Farm Credit Administration of Houston, according to announcement by General Agent Jack Shelton.

Dr. Trotter was named by Farm Credit Governor I. W. Duggan in Kansas City following the resignation of Dean Kyle when he was appointed United States Ambassador to Guatemala. The Dean has

been a director on the Farm Credit board for the past 10 years and his current term would have expired at the end of 1947.

As a member of the board of the Farm Credit Administration in Texas, Dr. Trotter is also a member of the board of directors of its four agricultural financing institutions - the Federal Land Bank of Houston, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, the Production Credit Corporation of Houston and the Houston Bank for Cooperatives. Other members of the board are: S. A. Lindsey of Tyler; D. B. Denney of Greenville; Jack Schwartz of Uvalde; B. L. Sanders of Corsicana; J. B. Pumphrey of Old Glory; Charles C. Thompson of Colorado City.


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# Son of a gun



Howard Espy has been out at the Marfa ranch all week marking lambs, and Thomas Espy went out Thursday.

—(½\*?!&lb\*½)—

W. I. Marshall, district extension agent, and County Agent Shaver of Banderita were visitors in the local Triple A office Tuesday.

—(½\*?!&lb\*½)—

George D. Chalk reports that 1,800,075 pounds of 1943 and 1944 wool has been transferred from the Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. to J. M. Lee, and the house now has on hand 1,191,447 pounds of 1943-44 wool.

On Wednesday the house shipped to Dutch Wardlaw of Del Rio, for Julius Forstmann Co., 34,789 pounds of 1943-44 wool.

—(½\*?!&lb\*½)—

Miss Dessie Parsons, AAA administrative officer here, reported this week that payment for range and farm conservation practices carried out in Sutton County during 1944 totaled \$59,646.97.

Of this amount, \$39,699.85 was spent on the eradication of three noxious plants, cedar, pear and lechuguilla. Payments for drilling wells totaled the next largest amount, \$13,374. Other practices carried out and the amounts for each were as follows: laying pipelines, \$4,256.46; deferred grazing, \$1,307.80, and farm practices, \$250.76.

—(½\*?!&lb\*½)—

Libb Wallace who has just completed spring shearing of his goats, reports that the hair was rather light this season, with the entire flock averaging a little over four pounds.

—(½\*?!&lb\*½)—

Johnny Hamby this week bought from Meredith Joy 600 yearling muttons, and from Buzzie Stokes 200 ewes and lambs.

—(½\*?!&lb\*½)—

Members of the Wool Show executive committee report this week that plans are nearing the completion stage for the 4-H Club Wool Show, which is to be held on June 21, in connection with the Lions Club Auction Sale. Rules and premium lists have been mailed to county agents and vocational agricultural teachers all over the State.

Entry blanks will be sent out on request, and entries are expected from about fifteen counties.

Premiums at this year's show will total \$400.

## 36 Years Ago

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flathouse on Thursday, April 22, 1909, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, on Tuesday, April 27, 1909, a boy.

Mrs. R. F. Halbert is at Fort McKavet on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Lehne.

W. A. Miers was in from his ranch, 20 miles south of Sonora, on Thursday and reports two good rains Monday.

John T. Cooper, a well-known sheepman whose family at present reside in Ozona, was in Sonora Wednesday. Mr. Cooper has just returned from a trip through New Mexico, Arizona and California.

John M. Chambers, of the Kickapoo ranch in Concho County, and Geo. A. Mapes of San Angelo were at the Decker Hotel in Sonora Thursday. They were here to pass on 1,000 yearling steers contracted for in February.

Ernest Walker and A. E. Stanley of Lampasas were in Sonora this week accompanied by S. H. Stokes. They wanted to buy cattle, and R. H. Martin of the commission firm of Martin and Wardlaw took them in his auto on a tour of the country south of Sonora.

J. J. Ford returned Saturday from San Antonio where he had been to take in the Battle of Flowers and visit his family. Mr. Ford says his family likes San Antonio, and so does John; thought the Spring Fete a grand success, but he was just "tickled to death" over the success of his drive in his auto from San Antonio to his ranch 16 miles east of Sonora, a distance of 177 miles, in 11½ hours. It was not a speed or endurance test, but the practicability, that pleased Mr. Ford. He did not have a mishap on the trip and crossed the Llanos and Guadalupe so many times without letting the engine go dead or having to be pulled out that the auto is now a real practical pleasure to him.

The San Angelo Daily Standard of Monday stated that J. W. Broad, townsite agent for the Abilene Southern Railway, was in that city and was leaving for a tour of the country south. The article continued; Sonora, it is stated, stands

a good chance of getting the Jones road.

John Martin, treasurer of Kimble County, was in Sonora Monday on a visit to his mother, Mrs. M. L. Martin, who is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Whitehead. Mr. Martin returned to Junction Monday.

Mrs. C. D. Smith left for Tyler, Tuesday to visit her father, T. J. Caswell, who was recently stricken with a stroke of paralysis. A dispatch to the Dallas News, however, tells of Mr. Caswell's death, and the News extends its sympathy to Mrs. Smith and family in their sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell left for San Antonio, Monday to attend the Battle of Flowers, and to meet friends and relatives. Mrs. Cornell may be absent for a month or more visiting in different parts of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Perry were in Sonora Wednesday from the Whitehead ranch. Will is getting strong and fat again.

J. A. Cauthorn was in from the ranch this week and reported "just as dry as when I was here last."

Road contractor Wiley Adams finished work on the San Angelo road and will wait until it rains before doing other contemplated road improvements. He will return to the seven-mile hill after the rain and with a little dragging put that in first-class condition.

## OPA Issues New Regulations On Cattle Sales

Two major changes in the regulation governing ceiling prices of live cattle and calves have been announced by Clifton George, Jr., district OPA price executive, who advised A. E. Prugel, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board, of the new provisions.

The two changes are: 1) A method has been provided for pricing live cattle and calves on a per-head basis in limited cases, and (2), sales of cattle and calves in two specific categories have been exempted from price control.

Formerly, it was required that all sales of live cattle and calves be made on a weight basis, and sales by the head were prohibited.

Since the issuance of the regulation, however, evidence has been presented by the cattle industry that in some cases it is virtually impossible for buyers and sellers to weigh the cattle at the time of the sale.

To correct this condition, an amendment provides that sales may be made on a per-head basis in the following cases only: (1) Where neither the buyer nor the seller, or their agents, possess scales for weighing livestock, and possession of the animals is taken at a point where scales are not available in the immediate vicinity; and (2), where the animals being sold are cripples or "down" cattle or calves unable to walk across scales.

When these "eligible" cattle or calves are sold on a per-head basis, the buyer and seller must agree upon a reasonable estimate of their live weight. At auction sales, the seller and the operator of the auction market must agree upon a reasonable estimate of the live weight, and this estimate must be publicly announced by the operator prior to the opening bid. The buyer must accept the estimated weight in making his purchases.

A sum of \$2.00 per hundred-weight is subtracted from the over-riding ceiling price, and that figure is converted to a per-pound basis and multiplied by the estimated live weight. The result becomes the over-riding ceiling price for the sale of that particular lot sold on a per-head basis.

Live cattle and calves having the characteristics required for serum or vaccine production have been exempted from price control. Cattle and calves sold to non-slaughterers for feeding for more than 30 days have also been exempted from price control. Because these animals consist of the lower grades, there is little likelihood of sales being made above the over-riding ceiling price.

The exemption does not apply to sales of cattle and calves for feeding purposes to persons who engage in slaughtering operations except as farm slaughterers.

Mrs. Lea Allison was in a San Angelo hospital Thursday receiving treatment. She will return home today, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. L. Brown, of Brownwood.

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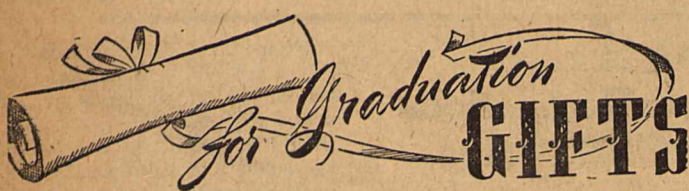
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### USO Shows Are "Medicine" For Ill Veterans

AUSTIN, April 25—Some of the most potent doctors in this war don't know the first thing about medicine or surgery, but they get the job done, if you take it from the wounded veterans and the administrators in the big Army hospitals of Texas.

Those drugless "doctors" are the actors and entertainers of the USO Hospital circuit. Approximately 50 show units, in addition to a number of big-name entertainers, have made the rounds thus far. More have been and will continue to be booked for future shows.

USO Hospital Shows are financed, just as are USO Camp Shows and the USO clubs, by the National War Fund to which Texans contribute through their county war chests.

"These entertainers have done a wonderful job in our institution", says Brig. Gen. James A. Beatha, commanding general of McCloskey General Hospital at Temple. "They have done wonders for our wounded."

One of the major problems of army hospital authorities and doctors is to keep the wounded men from boredom and from thinking too much of their troubles. Model-making, drawing, work that men can handle from their beds or wheel chairs, are all encouraged to that end. But the surest-fire gloom-killer is the USO hospital show, Army authorities report.

Top flight entertainment, planned specifically for the wounded men, is presented. Each unit spends three or four days at each hospital. Shows are presented in the auditorium for ambulatory patients, and in the wards at the very bedside of the more seriously wounded. When acts call for it, a piano is moved from ward to ward.

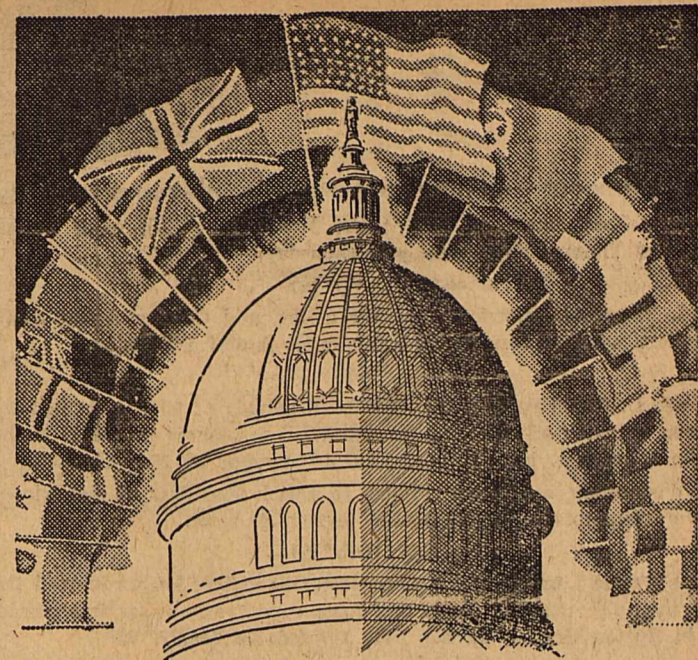
The same traditions of trouping prevail among the actors as on the old legitimate stage. On one occasion a company reached McCloskey Hospital after 48 hours of bus-

travel with no stop for sleep. The actors were haggard and exhausted as they alighted. Yet, an hour later they put on a first class, peppy show for the men, with absolutely no hint of their fatigue.

Among the celebrities who have visited the army hospitals in Texas are Jose Iturbi, Paul Muni, Ginny Simms, Frank McHugh, Trudy Marshall, Spring Byington, Lynne Carver, Paul Draper and Larry Adler.

Texas last year led all big-quota states in contributing to the National War Fund, which finances USO and 21 other war-related agencies. The 1945 drive for funds will open on October 1, with active war chest groups organized in all Texas counties.

Mrs. Wes Granger was in San Angelo on business Wednesday.

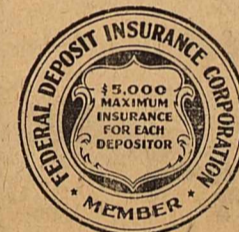


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