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Staff Sergeant In Hawaii Has "Barefoot" Army Of His Own

By CHARLES F. ARNOT
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EWA, Hawaii (UP)—This little plantation village has added a civilian "barefoot army" to the growing list of organized units prepared to defend the Hawaiian Islands.

Their guns may have been whittled from old slabs of wood but these lads are brave soldiers. Nowhere is there a better disciplined outfit, from the newest, 7-year-old Harold Hoshino, to Bugler Isaac Nakasone.

The commanding officer is Harold H. Coron of Canton, O., a staff sergeant in a coast artillery unit, who insists the barefoot army was not idea of his own.

"It just happened," he said. "One evening a couple of months ago a couple of the kids were playing soldier and I started playing with them. They liked it."

Seven youngsters showed up the next evening, and by the third evening there were 13 or 14.

"So I had my army," Coron grinned.

The parents liked the idea and suggested that some "weapons" should be provided. So some of the fathers and some of the men in Coron's outfit fashioned wooden rifles.

Coron taught his charges the manual of arms. He taught them close order drill. And he continually stressed military courtesy.

The army drills every evening now after Coron is through with his regular duties. Moreover, they drill like veterans.

The physical side of their training has not been neglected. Husky Jimmy Canton, a private first class in Coron's outfit from San Francisco, directs regular sessions in calisthenics. Gas-mask drill is part of the regular routine.

The youngsters take their drill seriously. They thrive on the tough, soldierly way Coron drills them.

"Only do they have a bugler but I've a 'battery clerk' who keeps a record of Coron's published 'orders' and those who fail to report for drill.

"When a recruit comes in, I don't have a thing to do with him," Coron said. "I turn him over first to my 'noncoms,' who drill him until he becomes adept in the manual of arms and close order drill. Then he has to pass tests."

The army personnel includes eight privates, two privates first class, two corporals, the 7-year-old recruit and the bugler. In addition, there's a "medical officer" who seems to hold some peculiar and distinctive rank of his own.

The whole neighborhood is proud of the barefoot army, and the fame of Coron's outfit is spreading.

The little army even has inspired a new version of USO recreation. Ewa's girls, a bit envious, recently staged a "hula show" for their "soldiers."

Wants Wings



Fifteen-month-old "Biff" Martin, clad primarily in a replica of his dad's parachute, accompanies his father, J. W. Martin, Air Transport Command pilot, to the door of an Army plane. "Biff" protested vigorously when denied the right to fly.

APPLICATIONS FOR GAS CARDS ARE SENT OUT

DALLAS, Tex.—All operators of trucks, busses, taxicabs and other commercial vehicles in Texas have been mailed an application blank for a Certificate of War Necessity, if they were registered on December 31, 1941. John C. Messenburgh, regional manager of the Motor Transport Division of the Office of Defense Transportation, was advised today by the ODT central mailing office in Des Moines.

Filling out carefully and mailing this application within the next ten days is imperative, said Mr. Messenburgh, if the owners are to receive their Certificates of War Necessity by November 15. After that date truck owners will have to have the certificates to buy gasoline, tires and repair parts.

County War Boards throughout the state have offered their facilities this week to aid farmers in filling out the application blanks. Many County War Boards are establishing substations throughout their counties to aid in filling out the applications properly so they can be returned as soon as possible in the envelope furnished with the application. Those who do not have access to further information can gain all the necessary information from the instruction booklet which also accompanied the application blank, Mr. Messenburgh said.

Careful and complete information must be obtained from this application if the Certificate of War Necessity is to be issued, said Mr. Messenburgh. Truck owners who have not received an application form should write to the nearest ODT Motor Transport field office for a request form (CWN-4). Owners of three or more trucks fill out fleet applications. One or two unit owners fill out separate applications for each unit.

Lloyd Bruce Wins \$100 War Bond

Lloyd L. Bruce, local representative of the Great Southern Life Insurance Company, has just received United States War Savings Bonds worth \$100.00 from his company.

Soon after war was declared, the Great Southern Life submitted to its field men the idea of war bonds in lieu of the annual convention. The response was so overwhelmingly enthusiastic that the company was obliged to procure \$23,150.00 worth of Bonds for those who qualified as members of its production honor club. These bonds were issued through the Great Southerners, the largest number ever to qualify for Club membership. Each of these men was rewarded with a \$100.00 bond.

E. P. Greenwood, President of the Great Southern, in commenting on the results achieved during the club year said, "We are one of the first companies to give up our annual club meeting. At the time, we were fearful lest there be a let down because our meeting had become an anticipated feature of our production program. The response of our men was immediate and enthusiastic. Though the several months remaining they worked almost as if they were glad they wouldn't have to take time out for a trip this fall. Unquestionably, the prospect of earning War Bonds in substantial amounts, plus a heightened appreciation of the value of life insurance during the war inspired them. It was the biggest club in history, setting records of volume and persistency under very disturbing circumstances that will be an inspiration to us as we carry on to victory."

Rev. Johnson Is Given A Recall

Rev. H. B. Johnson, for many years pastor of the First Christian church of Ranger, has just been called for another year as pastor of the church.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Little change in temperature, light local showers near upper coast.

Local Youths To Aid War Effort

Seven local boys and girls were among the 53 trainees from the Ranger NYA War Work Center who secured jobs in war industry during the past ten days.

M. L. Baskin, H. L. Baskin, Charles Ray Bond, Howard Steven and Alvin Joe Williams who had taken their first training in the welding shop were placed in shipbuilding at Portland, Oregon. Patricia Lyman and Juanita Foe Dabbs who were trained in radio were placed in Tarrant Field in Fort Worth, Texas.

Fifteen girls were placed with Consolidated Aircraft Corporation in Fort Worth, and fifteen boys and girls have received civil jobs in radio.

Training at the Ranger War Work Center is offered in Welding, Radio, Machine Shop and Aircraft Sheet Metal, according to A. V. Bullock, there are several openings in each shop at present due to the fact that such a large number have received jobs.

Any boy between the ages of 17 and 24 and any girl between the ages of 19 and 24 is eligible to take training. Those interested should write to the National Youth Administration, Box 168, Ranger, Texas or call at the office at Homer and Pine streets in Ranger.

Friday's Singing Was Directed By Twelve Leaders

The program Friday night at Second Baptist Church included nineteen class songs, directed by twelve leaders; three quartets and four duets, seventy-four people, including children, were present. Only three of the latter were soothed to sleep. High lights included "Just Go To Jesus," a duet by Misses Wanda Sue Watson and Dorris Phillips of Olden. "The Old Gospel Ship" by Misses Joyce Bush and Edna Hartfield. The Quartet numbers by Mosses, Sprawls, Fisher, M. and Mrs. Pearson. "I Know My Lord Will Care For Me," "Near The Cross," and "I Am Bound For The Promised Land," directed by Mr. Fisher, Florence Ashcraft, and Mr. Sprawls, respectively.

Owing to several Halloween Programs sponsored by the schools, it was voted to have no meeting next week, but we shall be at the Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. You are invited.

Jap Vessels Sunk By Naval Force

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Two small enemy patrol vessels were sunk, one enemy destroyer and a merchant ship were damaged by gunfire from United States Naval Forces which recently raided the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, the Navy Department announced today.

The Navy communique said that enemy vessels were encountered near Tarawa Island, also known as Cook Island, in the Gilbert Group, near the equator. Ellice Island was mentioned for the first time in the Navy communique issued today.

Year Of Training For Youngsters Voted In Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate today voted 39 to 31 to insist on a year of military training for 18 and 19 year olds before permitting their assignment to actual combat.

The Senate adopted a resolution by Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel, Democrat, Texas, offered in connection with pending legislation to lower the draft age, despite opposition by President Roosevelt and his military leaders.

C. E. May, Jr Goes To Officers School

C. E. May, Jr., left Saturday for New York where he will enter the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman's school at Columbia University.

The first months training will be for physical conditioning and the next three months will be spent in Deck Officer's Training school at Northwestern University or Columbia University. The one will go into active service.

Texas has an abundance of mineral crystals has become an industry in several places.

Sunset of a Rising Sun Bomber



Marked by a thin plume of smoke, a Japanese bomber plunges earthward after having been blasted by U. S. Marine fighter planes over Guadalcanal. The plane crashed and exploded (U. S. Marine photo.)

CHANCES FOR AUTO TIRES SEEMS SLIM

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers said today "there is a fighting chance" of keeping the nation's automobiles on rubber for the duration, but he emphasized that it will require the cooperation of every motorist.

He said this is the "only word of optimism" in the rubber crisis.

His observations came at a press conference he called to report that tires will be available for a driving—essential or non-essential—by Nov. 15 or Nov. 22 when nation wide gasoline rationing starts.

Jeffers declared that he had no intention of deferring nation-wide gasoline rationing. That decision, he said, is final.

Women Musicians Wanted By WAAC

DALLAS, Tex.—A chance for women musicians to play a vital part in the war effort was revealed today in a call for bandwomen for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps from Colonel Claude K. Rhinehart, District Recruiting and Induction Officer for the Army of the United States.

He asked all qualified to apply at once to the District Recruiting and Induction Headquarters, Dallas, Texas or the nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station located throughout North Texas.

Needed, he said, are a wide variety of musicians, from players of Bass and French horns, through Cornets, Trumpets, Trombones, Clarinets and Saxophones, to snare and Bass Drums and Cymbals.

Former Resident Of Ranger Dies

R. W. Copeland of Mineral Wells, for many years a resident of Ranger, died at his home near Mineral Wells, Saturday. He was an uncle of R. V. Mathena of Ranger.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church of Mineral Wells.

The decedent was a resident of Ranger during the boom days, later moving to Palo Pinto County where he purchased a ranch, which he had operated several years.

Wiley H. Powers Will Be Buried At Old Howard

Wiley H. Powers of Desdemona died in a Big Springs Hospital Saturday afternoon and will be buried at Old Howard Cemetery Sunday about 1:30 p. m.

Deceased was born Aug. 31st, 1884, and lived in this country for about fifty years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Erwin Powers of Desdemona, five brothers and six sisters also survive. They are M. H. Powers, Sam Powers, Hobbs New Mexico, Dan W. Powers, Austin, Texas; Peyton Powers, Crowell, Texas; Otto Powers, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. A. A. McMillan, Mrs. Cora Anderson, Hambleigh, Texas; Mrs. Pearl Powers, Duncan, DeLeon; Mrs. Janie Terry, Dallas; Mrs. Xenia Watson, Fort Worth; Mrs. Sallie Ethel Quinn, Amarillo; Mr. R. R. Browning, Chas. Ashcraft and Mrs. Sallie Rodgers of Ranger, are Cousins, and plan to attend the funeral services Sunday.

Plans to Meet Fire Protection Needs Studied

AUSTIN, Tex.—Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner and Fire Service Coordinator of the National Defense Committee for Texas, today announced that plans are being completed for a statewide training program for firemen to meet present war conditions.

The State Board of Vocational Education, Hall said, is making the program possible by furnishing the Office of Civilian Defense with instructors.

The OGD recently named E. O. Muenster, Luling Fire Chief, to direct the program. The State Board of Vocational Education expects to employ five experienced firemen who are qualified as instructors. These men will be sent to a regional training center for intensive instruction on what and how to teach the special wartime training.

The instructors will then schedule a series of training courses in the twenty-six Fire Districts of the State. At the district sessions firemen from local departments will be asked to attend. Following these sessions, firemen will return to their home departments and conduct the special wartime training for all firemen.

This program, the Fire Service Coordinator said, is in addition to the OGD training courses which have been held for several months by the government in cooperation with A. & M. College and the Texas Firemen's Training School which is headed by Dr. C. C. Hedger.

BIG BRITISH PUSH IN AFRICA TO GET AXIS OUT APPEARS UNDERWAY

Men Who Keep 'Em Flying Prove Worth to Corps

RANDOLPH FIELD, Tex.—(UP)—How good are the men who "Keep 'Em Flying?"

Well, they're as good as the people who build 'em and fly 'em and that's a triple-threat you can't beat.

It takes 10 men to maintain the precision machinery of each plane.

Usually the ground crew is composed of men who have worked to machinery at some time in their lives. In unison they have the fervor of one country preacher of the "Praise the Lord and pass the monkey wrench" school of thought when they get into their overalls.

Each crew services its own plane. From the concentration and pride they take over the ship you'd think they were personally bombing Tokyo. Even so, they are the men behind the man with the gun, or bomb, or sextant who does the job and leaves nothing to chance.

These "strong right arms of the Army Air Forces" at fields over the nation include youngsters who finish Army technical schools with an amazing detail of their trade.

They come from everywhere and a by-product of their patriotism is invention. Just little gadgets, sometimes, but maybe these are baby and time-saving whoppers.

Big, pink-checked T. A. Garrett, Jr., from Richland Springs, Texas, used to be a well driller in West Texas. He says that inspired his aircraft ignition tester for Randolph's basic trainees.

Technical Sgt. F. T. Cook of Sherman, Tex., earned himself an extra stripe by using salvage materials to design an electrical instrument test bench. Result: Testing time cut from a day or more to less than one hour.

S. E. and L. B. Reitz are brothers from Broadacres Brookville, Pa. They collaborated on a skillfully designed wooden scale model of a breaker-point assembly for aircraft engine magnetos. It's being used in the aircraft mechanic's training school here.

The boys have their minds on winning this war. It shows in their promotions. Staff Sgt. E. C. Cole of Moorehead, Miss., is a crew chief at 19. Corp. Johnnie Walker, 18, is the man-behind-the-mike when Maj. Gen. H. E. Harmon's staff plane takes off. Walker is a tongue-headed kid who "ed to hang around the TWA radio room at English Field, near Amarillo, Texas.

Pvt. Frank Yurka, Jr., quit a corn field near Virginia, Neb, for a set of aircraft tools. He hasn't heard of his aunts and uncles—since the Nazi butcherer at Lidice, Czechoslovakia, near where he was born.

Fellow-mechanics take interest also in Ralph DeStefano, now a radio mechanic. He used to climb over Philadelphia—as a steepie-jack.

Harry Wright of Chicago says he enlisted because "if a guy can keep 52 freight and 12 passenger elevators running in a mail order store he can keep a squadron of planes in the air." And so he can.

Bill Blakey left a ranch near Hobbs, N. M., and Ben Kurrok quit a New York pawn shop to learn what makes engines tick.

There is staff Sgt. Harry L. Hopkins. And you'll vocally draw out his first name and initial and you'll practically see the Stars and Stripes fluttering when you yell for Private Ray A. Yank.

Dean of the mechanics set is recently-made Lieut. A. J. Vielock of Round Brook, N. J., who helped build the first streamlined plane flown shortly after the World War. The pilot was James Doolittle.

There are innumerable jobs to be done and nobody has noticed an easy one yet. But when an air field has a peculiar kind of fever and if you want to see men on their toes, take a look at these sunburned, hardened chaps at Randolph, the West Point of the Air.

American and British Planes Have Virtually Driven The Luftwaffe From The Skies Over the Alamein Lines As Winter Campaign Starts Rolling In Desert.

BUCKAROOS EASILY WIN OVER LOCALS

Breckenridge (52)	Ranger (6)
16 First Downs	12
411 Yards Rushing	167
3 of 10 Passes Completed	3
10 Yards Punting	20
Pass Intercept by	0
5 for 55 Penalties	2 for 30
5 for 16 Punts	2 for 79

The Breckenridge Buckaroos defeated the Ranger Bulldogs in a conference game here Friday night by score of 53 to 6, in which the visitors ran the upper hand through nearly three quarters of the game, but in which the Bulldogs clearly outplayed their heavier rivals for more than a quarter.

The Buckaroos got off to a very fast start, scoring their first touchdowns on a drive of 65 yards in just four plays, with Deere carrying over for the score and Ray kicking the extra point.

The second touchdown which came but seconds later, was on a 70-yard drive that took up but 6 plays, with Ray scoring and kicking the extra point and the third marker was made from the 40 on two plays, with Cox scoring. Ray failed to kick goal.

It was there that the Bulldogs came to life and scored on a sustained drive of 61 yards, with Elder doing most of the ground gaining, and then passing to Mitchell for 18 yards and the Bulldogs lone score of the evening.

During their domination of the game throughout the remainder of the first half the Bulldogs accounted for six of their 12 first downs and threatened to score again, but Breckenridge took over deep in their own territory after a goal line stand.

The second half of the game was not all Breckenridge, though 22 points were scored after the intermission, with Ray scoring. Bulldogs had been penalized to the one-yard line, and Ray also kicked the extra point.

Carey scored for the Buckaroos just before the quarter ended and again Ray connected for the extra point.

In the last quarter, with the Bulldogs showing signs of fatigue the same combination, Carey scoring and Ray kicking the extra point, brought the score to 41 to 6, and then Campbell did the scoring honors, crossing the goal line twice. His attempts to convert, however, both failed, the last being blocked.

Great Britain's Eighth Army today rolled into offensive action, with American tanks in the vanguard, in the opening phase of what may prove to be an all-out effort to drive the Axis forces from North Africa.

American, British and other allied planes have virtually driven the Axis air force from the skies where the main Eighth Army's armored and motorized forces clashed forward against Marshal Erwin Rommel's carefully prepared Alamein positions.

British light naval forces steamed along the African coast, blasting at the supply base of Benghazi and there were strong hints that light desert commandos might have slipped inside of Rommel's lines, and may be striking for rear bases as far distant as Benghazi and the Gulf of Sirte.

Tuning their blow to coincide with the push in North Africa, the Royal Air Force struck Northern Italy with the heaviest blow of the war. The chief target was Genoa, the big northern supply port through which go reinforcements, supplies and equipment for the African forces of the Axis.

Admiral Jean Francois Darlan, chief of the French armies met with France's North African commanders at Rabat, where he arrived for an inspection swing which has already taken him to Dakar. Premier Laval held a series of conferences with the chiefs of the French fighting forces at Vichy.

There was little specific information on the progress of the initial phase of the land battles along the Alamein front. However, communiques said that American and British planes had virtually driven the Luftwaffe out of the skies in that area, and were providing protection under which the British were ramming their forward lines.

Fire Prevention Poster Awards to Be Given May 1

AUSTIN—The annual statewide fire prevention contest for Texas school students was announced today by Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner.

Cash awards, contributed by the insurance firm of Cravens, Dargan and Company, Houston, will go to the winners. Seven awards will be made in each of the following divisions: high school, junior high, intermediate, and primary. The contest will close next May 1, when entries are submitted to the Fire Insurance Department for judging.

Texas is the largest natural gas producing state in the Union, and it is also the largest consumer.

Dirty Football



Mud-battered Monk Gafford of Aurgun slashed around end for 25 yards while teammate and captain Vic Costellos peers through mud-mask after blocking out George Perpih of Georgetown. Teams tie, 6-6, in Washington.

Nazi Germany fixes women's pay at from 20 to 25 per cent less than men's.

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That Guy Kaiser

The more we hear about Henry Kaiser and his troubles, the more we wonder what it is that we want from an industrialist in war time.

That guy Kaiser, we are told, is an exasperating chap—a roughneck who grabs high-ranking generals by their throats in the heat of discussion and has to be pulled off; who drives admirals into violent rages; who tricks busy government officials into violating their routines on his behalf; who plays one brass bat against another to get decisions; who upsets the orderly method of the U. S. Employment Service; who has no dignity himself and no respect for the dignity of others.

Therefore, the word is passed around in Washington, "We're not quite sold on Kaiser. We want to know a little more about him before—"

Know a little more what?

You remember sitting in a hotel breakfast room, or in a Pullman smoker, or in a trolley car or bus, and your neighbor, glancing at the headlines, almost gasped:

"That guy Kaiser has launched a Liberty Ship in 10 days!"

You remember when Kaiser was asked by an admiral if he could build a Liberty Ship in 120 days, and responded without hesitation: "I'll build one in 87 days."

You remember that the admiral gave the foolhardy guy Kaiser a chance to hedge on his boastfulness, and inquired if 87 days wasn't an error. "Yes," said Kaiser, "I was wrong, I'll build one in 67 days."

You remember—if you have a Washington newspaper friend—how Kaiser announced that he was going to lay the keel of a Liberty Ship, launch it in 10 days, and turn it over ready to tie up to a loading dock in five days more. The reporters, Kaiser admirers, decided that this time the old man had overstepped himself.

So that guy Kaiser went back to Oregon and did the impossible. In fact, he beat it. He met the 10-day launching program and cut one day off the five allowed for outfitting.

Since war production began, long before the public knew there was a guy named Kaiser, this man has been doing different things which were so difficult that the experts said they couldn't be done.

Yet, still in Washington, the general official off-the-record estimate seems to be: "We're not quite sold on Kaiser. He hasn't any plans. All he has is pretty pictures."

If Kaiser's record does not entitle him to the chance to attempt the impossible, when we are losing the war for lack of what he offers to produce, then how do we hope to win?

Is it detailed blueprints that Hitler fears, or ships and planes?

Everything's Moving Faster These Days



Nominee For Lieut. Governor Makes Long Trip

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Sen. John Lee of Throckmorton, who will be Lieutenant-Governor of Texas, unless a Republican or Unity Party candidate performs unexpectedly and defeats a Democrat, expects to be back in Texas on Oct. 25 after a tour of many states and a trip to Canada.

Beside his political honors, Smith is Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. After he received the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor, he decided he would catch up on his lodge duties before the next session of the Texas Legislature and has been making visits to lodges of the order.

He wrote recently that he had been in eleven states. His trip led to a physician directing him to stay in bed for a time.

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

ST. LOUIS.—While Branch Rickey is optimistic about the future of baseball, we believe that the current football season, which opened with smaller crowds on all fronts, is the last big blow for sports for the duration.

Selective service pronouncements, while contradictory and clouded in a military vagueness, indicate that by next year every eligible man who has the strength to carry one uniform and one rifle one step will be in the armed forces.

Transportation difficulties increase daily. The era of "wonderful nonsense" (Comdr. Tunney's description, not ours) which saw trans-continental football teams and touring basketball teams is finished until the boys come home.

ODT has banned special trains that do not relate to the war effort. Specials in race tracks are a lingering memory. Nationwide gas rationing will reduce attendance at remote sports arenas and stadia to a trickle.

Ivy League schools already have transferred games to metropolitan centers.

A "work or fight" order, which the "we-are-losing-the-war" orators deem imminent, undoubtedly would cancel all sports. As long as there is an unworked lathe or an unfilled shell, there can be no rhyme or reason in a group of able-bodied athletes hitting, kicking or tossing a ball.

Without judging on the fairness of the sentiment, public

JUNK DEALER HAS NEW PLACE IN WAR EFFORT

Today, when America needs every pound of metal and rubber that is available, the place of the junkman and the scrap dealer in the nation's economy has a new significance. Together, they form the team that moves scrap metal and rubber from obscure corners of farms, homes, and shops into the stream of war production.

The scrap dealer is the key man in the picture. He buys large quantities of scrap from individual junkyards and from the auto graveyards in his vicinity. It is his job to sort this scrap and put it through the intricate process that must precede its trip back into useful production.

Heavy scrap, such as discarded boilers or the steel wheels of a farm tractor, must be broken and sheared into pieces small enough for the blast furnaces to handle. Street car rails and fence posts must be cut into uniform lengths before the mills can use them.

Light scrap must be handled differently. If sent to the mills in its original state, it would disappear in the furnace like a piece of tissue paper in an ordinary hearth fire. The preparation of a junked automobile is a good example.

After unsalvageable wood, glass, and upholstery has been gurned off, the car is jacked up by the magnetic crane and swung into a compressor chamber. This pit is made up of four converging solid steel walls that close in on the wrecked car and crush the shapeless

pile of scorched metal into a deep, solid cube, weighing anywhere from one-quarter to one-half ton. The non-ferrous metals are separated from the iron and steel scrap and from one another, and sold to the various factories that reclaim and use them.

After the dealer has sorted and processed the miscellaneous scrap that comes into his yard, he must wait until a carload of each category accumulates before he ships it to the mills. Under wartime regulations, the dealer cannot ship less than fifty tons at a time.

Although the scrap business this year is twice as large as it was in 1917, peak production year of the first World War, the scrap dealer has no chance to profiteer. The OPA has set up strict ceiling prices on each type of scrap that he sells to the mills.

Since the scrap dealer can pay the junkman only a very moderate price for the unprocessed scrap he collects, the junkman, in turn, can afford to pay only small sums to the householder. Household scrap varies considerably as to quality and even the best is worth very little per pound at the junkman level.



Aviation Metallsmiths—Students learning to repair a seaplane. Boat—working in aluminum.

HOMER HOOPEE



THIS CURIOUS WORLD



Conferences To Aid In Training School Youths

AUSTIN, Tex.—Two conferences to five first-hand advice to Texas school administrators and coaches on what high school students should be taught to prepare them for future military aviation will be held under sponsorship of the University of Texas Interscholastic League.

A two-day school and conference will be held at Kingsville Saturday and Sunday, and a one-day administrator's conference will convene in Houston Sunday.

Army, navy and National Educational Association officials will be on hand to observe at both meetings, and instructors from the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi will conduct actual classes at Kingsville to show coaches how to teach military physical training activities.

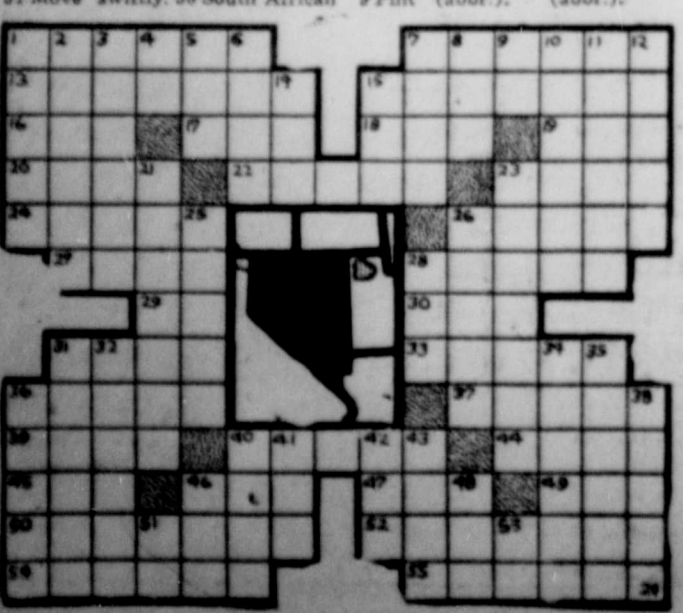


Out Our Way By Williams



SNOW-CLAD STATE

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Important! SCHEDULE CHANGE Effective Sunday, October 25th



- No. 6 Will leave Ranger 4:45 A.M., instead of 5:03 A.M. No. 7 Will leave 1:25 A.M., instead of 1:10 A.M. No. 11 Will leave 5:07 P.M., instead of 5:05 P.M.



Lender Takes 12 Per Cent Monthly For Expenses

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—With a

capitol of only \$18,000, one loan company had a monthly overhead of \$1,500, which meant that it would have to earn 12 per cent a month on its loans just to "break even," Assistant Attorney General W. R. Koch said, in commenting on evidence that was brought out in district court here when the Attorney General's department investigated the loan shark situation in Austin.

Government Is To Be Debated In League Meet

AUSTIN, Tex. —While their older brothers are fighting to free the world from dictatorship, Texas schoolboy orators this year will turn their arguments on post-war consequences.

Forgotten Keys Cause Jester A Lot Of Trouble

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—State Railroad Commissioner Beauford Jester had trouble getting to his office after the Columbus Day Holiday. When he started back from North Texas to Austin, he

secured the last upper berth on the last train he could take. The train was three hours late when it reached Austin. Arriving in the city, Jester discovered that he had left the key to his Austin apartment at home in Corsicana. Finally a duplicate key was ob-

tained. Jester readily admitted that he didn't "get much work done that day." He did, however, attend the weekly commission conference on motor transportation on time.

FOR RENT
2-3 bed Room
furnished or Unfurnished
Apartments With Bath
GOLSON HOTEL
and
JOSEPH'S FIREPROOF
APARTMENTS



Remember—
For your boys in Foreign Ser-
vice, Xmas gifts should be
bought now. Our Uncle Sam
says they must be in the stores
by November 1st.

We have a nice selection of
billboards with plenty of space
to keep cherished photo-
graphs. Priced \$1.00 and up.

Bell's Modern
Shoe Shop
203A Main

OF BRIGHTNESS GONE

BY HOLLY WATTERSON

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REMEMBERING PITY

CHAPTER XIX

MARTIN appeared already dead. His head had a crushed look and from his nose and the corner of his mouth trickled a thin dark stream.

For the space of a breath that seemed ages long they stood, Peter and Candace, arrested in attitudes of horrified disbelief. The shocked group gathering in the doorway understood that after all, Dr. Martin Corby, one of their own!—out on the highway, the policeman was saying. "They hit the back of a truck. You should see their car. Folded up. Like an accordion."

Peter spoke, releasing her. His voice, cool, peremptory, was the voice of a doctor ordering her to duty; mechanically she moved to obey.

Peter's hands were moving swiftly, cutting away cloth, deftly probing. Under those searching fingers Martin stirred, his eyelids fluttered open. He managed what was almost a smile. "No—use, Pete," he gasped painfully. "Number's up."

Peter said, gruffly. "Nonsense, boy," but when he straightened from that hurried examination his own face was gray.

Martin's gaze slid beyond him, seemed to search for something; when his eyes fell on Candace he had found it. "Candace," he said, "Candace." Painfully. A mere breath of sound. "It's been all wrong. Wrong. You shouldn't have let me—"

Peter nodded at a hovering orderly, then walked away, and a screen was put round Martin and Candace, closing them in alone in a cold white stillness.

Outside in the room a girl was crying. She screamed once, a shrill crescendo of pain and loss, "Martin, Martin!" When he didn't even stir at that, when she knew finally, irrevocably, that Martin never would stir again, Candace left him there and stepped outside the screen, drawn unwillingly, like a sleepwalker, to that cry.

CANDACE had seen Faith Hartshorn often, driving about in her open car with her bright curls blowing or sitting outside the hospital at waiting for her fiancé, Dr. Corby. The curls were matted now, the young face smeared with tears and dirt and discolored by an ugly forehead bruise, the eyes that Candace had seen crinkled with laughter were bruised and discolored too.

Blue, those eyes, blue as a smiling inland lake, but clouded now

with a grief too terrible to be borne, a wild look, a lost look. Candace had seen a look like that once before, in eyes that had stared back at her from a mirror in a lonely hotel bedroom; the pansy-dark eyes of another girl who had lost Martin a long, long time ago. . . . In swift remembering pity she bent to touch the girl's straining hand.

Faith clutched at her fingers, searching her face with a fierce hunger. "Nurse, did he—did he say anything?"

The way of Martin's going had left the other girl with a festering core of bitterness; for her sake this should be a clean wound, one that would heal. Candace lied gently. "He asked for someone named Faith. He said, 'Tell Faith I love her.'"

She turned swiftly, made blindly for the door. Peter would cover her, he would know she couldn't stand any more.

He was at the doorway as she reached it. "Candace," he said. His voice was warm, and compassionate. For a dizzying instant she fought with a longing to clutch at that girl had done.

The moment passed. Pity! She hardened herself. She wanted no one's pity. She said bitterly, "Your perfect machine in operation, Doctor. The patient's condition called for something special in the way of treatment, and your machine trotted it out."

His own expression hardened. "Perfect machines don't break down in the middle of a job."

Peter worked with one eye on her and another on the clock. He watched Candace moving about, obeying orders as in a daze, and he was grateful for the confusion that would keep anyone from noticing that or his own distraction. He dreaded the blank moment that would come after the Hartshorn girl had been moved upstairs.

Dr. Patterson had been summoned, other staff members swarmed about, he hoped that the confusion would last until the nurse who was to relieve Candace, and his own relief, had come. He was almost prayerfully thankful when the two turned up practically simultaneously and they were at last free to go.

He threw his topcoat about his shoulders and waited to catch Candace at the "outside door" through which she must pass. He grasped her elbow and steered her firmly past the nurses' home, down the path to the road. If she was feeling even remotely as he himself felt she wanted to run, she wanted to scream, to release all the emotions pent up inside

her. It would be better to walk her. Walk her until bodily exhaustion matched that of mind and nerves.

THEY were walking for an hour before he felt her pace slacken, falter. Wordlessly he turned her about and started back.

At the door of the nurses' home he held her hands in his. "Candace, I want to tell you: I let you in for this, and I'm sorry. I asked Patterson to fix it so you'd work with me because I knew that you wanted to run away from me, from everything. And I didn't want that. I didn't think it would be good for you. I wanted you to stand and face things. Now I'm not sure I did right."

She looked up at him dully. "That isn't true. I let myself in for everything, from the beginning." She added questioning, "The girl? What of her?"

"There's a slight concussion, but no skull fracture. Multiple contusions and abrasions elsewhere but no fracture by X-ray. There may be some internal injury, it's too soon to know definitely about that, and she's badly in shock of course; but as far as I can tell now, she should be all right." His concern wasn't for her, it was all for Candace. "You'll be wanting to get away now, I imagine?"

She said with weary surprise, "Why now, more than before? All this—this losing Martin," she said, stiff-lipped, "that really happened a long time ago for me. Tonight—doesn't make any difference. Nothing—has changed."

A sudden wave of bitterness engulfed him. Martin living and married to another girl would have been one thing to fight, Martin so tragically dead would be quite another. Even in death Martin was playing dog-in-the-manger.

And here he was, Peter thought, still hanging around hoping that sometime, somehow, Candace would snap out of it; hoping that he'd be around when it happened. It didn't look as though she ever would now.

He said to her, "You'll sleep?" "Yes." But she had begun to shake. She said, panicky, "Peter, I can't go back to Emergency! I can't!"

"All right," he soothed her, "it'll be all right. Report yourself sick for a few days. After that we'll see—"

"Private duty?" she suggested anxiously. "I've been thinking about that for a long time."

"Yes, that's good," he reassured her. "Yes. It should be easy arrange."

(To Be Continued)

Resolved, That a Federal World Government Should Be Established is the topic that has been selected for the 1942-43 Interscholastic League debate tournament, Roy Bedichek, chief of the University of Texas league state headquarters, has announced.

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State Railroad Commissioner Beauford Jester had trouble getting to his office after the Columbus Day Holiday. When he started back from North Texas to Austin, he

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Society, Clubs and Church Notes

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Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Joyce Joyner, daughter of Mrs. E. E. Joyner, to Mr. J. C. Jones of Strawn.

The ceremony took place in Fort Worth Friday night and the young couple will make their home in Fort Worth until the groom goes into service. Mr. Jones is now employed by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation.

Home Economics Club Organized

The Home Economics was organized October 16. The officers were elected as follows: President, Billie Beth Rhoads; Vice-President, Ella Joy Beardon; Secretary-Treasurer, Bernice Hatton; Historian, Frances Bankston; and Christine Wallace; Reporter, Lillian Ashcraft.

The club had another meeting Friday, October 23. There was a well planned program and refreshments of hot cocoa and cookies. The club planned on 25c for fees. The sponsor is Mrs. D. W. Crank.

SUB-DEB CLUB INITIATES MEMBERS

Initiation for new members of the Sub-Deb Club of Ranger High School was held Thursday evening at the home of Mary Frances Hamrick. Those initiated were, Vera Rae Gordon, Billie Rhoads, Vera Vyan Cooper, Norma Jean Henlin, Peggy Bundick, Patricia Yonker, Mary Frances Orr, Beatrice Toti, Rosemary Bruce and Kathryn Moore.

Following the initiation a hot dog supper was served at Miss Hamrick's home to the initiates and the following old members of the club: Betty White, Carolyn Clarke, Marjorie Pearsall, Jo Oyler, Lynn and Mercedes Pearson, Amelia Walker, Elsie Hummel, Marilyn Murray, Carolyn Ducker, Frances Ann Eganck, Betha Jones, Mary Catharine McHenry, Billie Jean Turner and the hostess, Mary Frances Hamrick. Members were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Ray McHenry, Mrs. J. W. Ducker and Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick, the sponsor.

Recent Bride Complimented

Complimenting Mrs. W. R. Sly, the former Miss Edith Taylor Moses, J. F. Trott, G. E. Lasseter, L. R. Conrad and Clint Jones entertained Friday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Trott.

The home was attractively decorated with maroon and white dahlias and other flowers. An arrangement of the lace set arrangement of maroon and white dahlias in the shape of a V formed the centerpiece of the lace covered tea table and in the center of the V stood the crystal punch bowl. A large cake of ice in the punch in which maroon and white dahlias were frozen further emphasized the color scheme. Presiding at the table were Mrs. Conrad and Mrs. Trott. Mrs. Lasseter the bride with a shower of shaped bride's book.

During the afternoon a large number of friends called and presented the bride with shower gifts.

Child Study Association Entertained

Members of the Child Study Association were entertained Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with a Halloween party in the home of Mrs. Lester Crossley.

To be admitted to the party members had to be dressed in "tacky" clothes and winner for the tackiest costume was Mrs. Jesse Weaver. During the afternoon games were enjoyed and fortunes told by Mrs. Coke Martin who was dressed as a gypsy.

At the close of the afternoon refreshments were served to the Misses Martin, Arlie Carver, Carl Heinlin, Leslie Kincaid, Walter Davis, T. J. Powell, Caudle Perlestein, Jesse Weaver, Onis Littlefield, L. W. Meador, Jack Rexas, Wilmet Simpson, Earnest Lathan Crossley, Ross Staton, Glenn Stalings and A. W. Dooley.

New Era Club to Meet

The regular meeting of the Era Club will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Blue Room of the Gholson hotel. All members are urged to attend.

Hodges P. T. A. to Meet

The regular meeting of the New Era Club will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. Mrs. J. D. Johnson, president, will speak on the Texas Congress Birthday.

All members are urged to be present.

City Council Entertains

Members of the City Council of the Parents-Teachers entertain Thursday evening at 8 o'clock with a benefit "42" party at the Recreation Building.

During the evening games of "42" were enjoyed and a devil food Victory cake which was baked by Mrs. Jack Terry was auctioned by Wilmet Simpson.

At the close of the evening refreshments were served to about 35 guests.

PERSONALS

Cpl. Dayton Rutledge who is enroute to a camp in Virginia is

a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews and daughter, Norma, recently of Glendale, California, are here for a visit with friends before going to Ft. Worth to make their home.

Robert Johnson of Dallas is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Love in Coleman last week to attend the Farm Bureau Federation meeting at which the state president, J. Walter Hammond as the principal speaker.

Miss Juanita Dabbs and Miss Patricia L. Patricia Ua arood Patricia Lyman left today for Ft. Worth where they have accepted positions at Tarrant Field as radio technicians.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Don Minnick of Electra are here for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Mamie Walker left today for Longview where she will visit her son, Ray Newnam, and Mrs. Newnam.

Mrs. Betty Craver has returned from a visit to Carlsbad, N. M.

Mrs. Edwin George, Jr., who underwent surgery at the Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Thursday, is reported to be in satisfactory condition. Mr. George who was with her at the time of the operation has returned home.

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Evening Service, 8:00 p. m. Sermon Subject, "Things to be Done."
MONDAY

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Brother Homer Hailey of Abilene, Texas will be present to preach at the regular prayer meeting service.

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Mass will be held at 9 o'clock.

Hodges Carnival to be Tuesday Night

The annual Halloween carnival for the Hodges Oak Park school will be held Tuesday night at 7:45 o'clock in the Recreation building.

Highlight of the evening will be the coronation ceremonies at which time Barbara Stewart will be crowned queen and Jimmie Crossley will be crowned king. The two represent the eighth grade which was winner in the contest for the election.

Other features of the carnival will be a negro minstrel under the direction of Mrs. David M. Phillips and Mrs. George Robinson. There will also be a cake walk, games of bingo and a hail of horrors. Confections will be sold.
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