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BIZERTE HARBOR AFIRE, ALLIES PUSH ON

EASTLAND COUNTY CHAIRMEN GIVE COMPLETE REPORT OF BOND SALES FOR WAR FUND

Over \$1,071,000 subscribed to date with possibility of total going over \$1,100,000 when salary deductions are reported

The following report on Eastland County's part in the recent War Loan Drive has been issued by the co-chairman, R. L. Ponsler of Cisco and Cyrus B. Frost of Eastland.

and County's part in the National Drive for April on Billion Dollar War Fund is now history. Our April was set at \$628,168, and the five Banks in Post Offices of Eastland County have real issue price of sales in the sum of \$1,071,921.25. It is possible, when we receive credit for employer-employee deductions and from others out of the county who have purchased and asked to be credited to our drive, that the grand total will be \$1,100,000. Included in the sales listed is an item of \$6,500 which the Brazos River Authority bought and gave credit to Eastland County.

Same broken down are as follows:

Lower	
Corran	\$252,641.00
Star	244,567.30
Ranger	201,916.25
Cisco	181,866.30
Eastland	180,461.25
Carbon	2,648.75
Olden	855.95
Dudemona	406.10
Okra	27.40
Pinner	22.15
Garrett	13.00
Simms	7.75
Brazos River Author	1.35
It	6,500.00
Total	\$1,071,921.25

From these figures it will be seen that our total sales for April were twenty-two times our usual quota of \$50,400 per month. It is really difficult for us as citizens to realize what a fine job we have done. In this effort your co-chairmen have had the patriotic assistance of the Banks, Business Corporations, Newspapers, Churches, Service Clubs, the regular War Staff Committees in each city and community and the united effort of almost all the citizens of Eastland County. While this has been a great accomplishment, we are sure there is not one of us that fails to realize that it is small compared to what our boys and girls and their leaders are doing throughout the world as Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Waacs, Waves, Spars, Sea-Bees, and other related services.

America has never lost a war, and we do not intend to lose this one. However, the quicker and better the preparation we make, the sooner the war will be the fewer will be the

understanding that Eastland County has more boys in the Services in proportion to population in the United States. We doubt that in any Drive there were very many counties which had made showing that our countrymen, we want to thank you for the magnificent job done!

Truly yours,
Cyrus B. Frost,
Chairman, War Savings Staff,
R. L. Ponsler,
Chairman, Victory Staff.

Sermon Subject Announced For Evening Service

The gospel meeting now in progress at the Church of Christ is being attended by increasingly large crowds.

Day preaching services are held at 10 a. m. and night sermons at 8:30 o'clock.

J. Ward Morrow of Ft. Worth has for his sermon theme tonight, "The Pill of the Church of Christ."

Minister Woeble Mickey and the entire membership of the Church of Christ extend a cordial welcome and invitation to everyone to come and enjoy each one of us as gospel services.

BREAD AND PLANE FROM AMERICA



In distant Asia there are evidences of American aid on every hand. At an evacuation camp in Iran a smiling Polish boy holds an armload of bread baked from flour supplied by the American Red Cross. At a Russian airfield, a Russian pilot approaches his newly arrived U. S.-built fighter plane, ready to fly it to a battlefield.

Reporter Gives Highlights Of Play Rehearsals

By BEATRICE TOTI, Publicity Manager. Adversity, for a while, seemed to have the upper hand of the senior class members in the cast of "Ready Made Family". Bobby Woods dropped out of the play cast after two weeks of rehearsal. The situation was finally met by rearranging a few of the parts. Charles Deaton took the place of Bobby, and Bill Getta stepped into Charles' place. The hard luck was not entirely out of the picture yet, however.

Yesterday, Charles Deaton got his orders to report to Houston to work on the government pipeline from Baytown to Texas City. The cast was still minus a Sammie. Miss Kerbow asked the manager of the senior play, John L. McKelvin, if he could be induced to take the part. It seems he could.

Last night, young Mr. McKelvin went into rehearsal as Sammie, one of the most difficult parts of the play. To all of us in the informal audience, we find promise of an adequately portrayed character and I am sure the whole cast would like to express their appreciation here.

The last week and a half of practice is now in progress with a completed cast. Miss Kerbow feels she has an unbeatable combination and is now in high spirits about the prospects of the play.

ker, Minn., was the son of the late Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth, formerly commanding officer of the veterans' administration facility at Leavenworth, Kan. Barth went to the European theater only recently after serving under Andrews as assistant chief of staff in the Middle East. He was promoted from Colonel only a few weeks ago.

Others killed were: Col. Morrow Krum, former Chicago and New York newspaperman, public relations officer at Andrews' headquarters.

Chaplain (Colonel) Frank L. Miller, chief of the plans and training division in the office of the chief of chaplains, Washington, D. C.

Lieut. Col. Fred A. Chapman, Groves Hill, Ala.

Another Chaplain Killed. Major Theodore C. Totmad, Jamestown, N. Y.

Chaplain (Major) Robert H. Humphrey, Lynchburg, Va.

1,200 Expected For League Meet This Week-end

AUSTIN, Tex., May 6.—(UP)—Twelve-hundred Texas boys and girls are expected to invade the state capital this coming week end for the finals of the giant Texas Interscholastic League.

From the far corners of the state; from schools both large and small they will come, all bent on the same purpose, taking back home a championship in the respective division of inter-scholastic competition in which he or she is entered.

All of the 1,200 have been adjudged the best in their respective regions and here they will vie against each other for the coveted state crowns.

It will be the 33rd annual meet of the league and it will open Friday, continue through Friday night and close Saturday. Events are scheduled at the huge University of Texas plant, parent organization of the league.

Individuals and teams will compete in boys' and girls' debate, boys' and girls' declamation—high school and rural schools—boys' and girls' journaling—three-R, one-act play, tennis—boys' and girls'—track and field, and rural pentathlon.

The league, oldest and largest inter-school activity program in the nation, reaches in normal times about half million boys and girls at its base—the local schools. With wartime curtailment prevalent in most schools this year's total is estimated at only 340,000.

In tune with the times, the league has organized Victory Physical Fitness clubs in 215 schools with close to 10,000 boys and girls enrolled.

These clubs are designed to prepare youngsters for war strain and to build their morale through sound health and physical fitness.

Valley In Uproar Over Deportation Of Mexican Labor

HARLINGEN, Tex., May 6.—(UP)—Rio Grande Valley growers, shippers and cannery men are up in the air after wholesale deportation of Mexican aliens who have swarmed into the Valley looking for work on farms in this area.

Some harvesting crews are becoming so terrified that they are almost afraid to go into the fields. Hundreds of aliens have been apprehended by the U. S. Immigration Service during the past few weeks and inspectors have been halting trucks loaded with workers and subjecting them to detailed questioning in order to determine whether they are citizens.

"This is no time to be quibbling as to whether a man is a citizen when we need every available hand for harvesting the food crops our government has asked us to raise," one grower said.

"Don't you know the war is on?" another grower asked the immigration men.

A Lyford bean grower said that he had a couple of hundred workers in a field when immigration men arrived, rounded them up and held practically every one of them for deportation.

Observers said that every bit of available labor, whether alien or citizen, would be needed for harvesting all the Valley food, oil and fiber crops.

The presence of so much more alien labor in the Valley than is usual at this season was attributed to two causes. One was that wages for farm labor have gone up and the other that the drought has caused crop failures across the Rio Grande, causing farmers there to seek employment in the United States.

They swim the Rio Grande to get here.

War Steps Up Map Printing By U. S. Navy

By WILLIAM H. ADAMS, United Press Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, (UP)—It takes millions of maps to fight a war, often in a matter of minutes or even seconds—where the enemy is or where their Allies are.

For that reason the Navy is now printing maps and charts at the rate of 24,000,000 maps a year, or more than 50 times the number before the war.

This volume of publishing has taxed the hydrographic office of the Navy to the limit, but when the office moves to its new quarters at Suitland, Md., even this staggering output of geographical information is expected to be increased.

3,000 of Enemy Areas. Of the 13,000,000 maps and charts printed by the Navy during the fiscal year ended last June 30, about 3,000 were maps of enemy installations and coastal areas. Even before the war started charts were being made of all sections of the world, and for this purpose the department took over several ships from the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Many areas which had been poorly surveyed were charted again, and existing maps improved. The results of this work are now incorporated in what is known as Air Pilot Series, and are loose-leaf bound.

Supplied to both Army and Navy fliers, they are designed for "approach and landing operations in totally unfamiliar country. They are now in use in the South Pacific, and it is hoped that they will ultimately be made available for the entire globe.

New Bases Raised Necess. New maps were necessary when the United States acquired new foreign bases for which existing charts were not satisfactory.

Chart rooms which are illuminated with red light are supplied with maps printed in grey and magenta. These "night vision" charts are most effective under red lighting, which is necessary at sea because officers emerging onto the deck from chart rooms illuminated with ordinary light are temporarily blinded.

Issuance of ocean pilot charts to lifeboats was begun at the start of the war, and their installation in lifeboats is now regulated by law. They show currents, prevailing winds, sailing routes, storm tracks and iceberg locations.

In areas where Navy and Merchant Marine pilots are still forced to rely upon British Admiralty charts it is planned to make these services independent of foreign sources by supplying them with maps of American manufacture.

AMERICANS TAKE ONE OUTPOST AFTER ANOTHER WHILE SIGNS POINT TO EUROPEAN INVASION

OWI Director Elmer Davis and War Secretary Henry L. Stimson hint that invasion may not await end of Tunisian drive

American columns lunged toward Bizerte from the west and southwest today in a full scale concerted offensive aimed at hurling the Axis Garrison out of the big naval base keying the defense of northeastern Tunisia.

Artillery fire already had set the harbor area of Bizerte ablaze, and the Germans were yielding outpost after outpost in the path of the American drive, steadily whittling down the last dozen miles to their goal.

Army Pilots Doff Caps To Bush Pilot

Headquarters Alaska Defense Command (UP)—Even the boldest Army pilots, toughened by many a combat mission over Klaska garrison, crosses their fingers and utter profanely respectful comments when they see Bob Reeve's airplane on an Aleutian landing strip.

For Reeve, the only civilian bush pilot, employed by the Army in the Aleutian combat zone, is an air-man's airman—a veritable white-haired wonder—and he flies with equipment an Army trained pilot would not be caught dead in.

"Why, holy hell," a veteran combat pilot shuddered recently when Reeve's battered old Fairchild slipped in through the fog to make a three-point landing on Umnak field. "I would just as soon kite around through these volcanoes on an ironing board."

But when anybody mentions to Reeve that he may be taking extraordinary chances flying his ancient, single-motored plane in what all pilots agree are the world's worst flying conditions, he merely looks surprised and allows in a mild voice that he likes Aleutian flying. He admits that the fog, the williwaws and the freezing rains make it a bit difficult at times, but he adds that this is all to the good because, he says, "It keeps a fellow sharp."

Reeve's hair and mustache are snow white and he has been flying the Alaskan skyways as long as there have been airplanes in the north. He was the first pilot to make a practice of landing on glaciers and high summer snowslopes in the mountains of the interior. As a result of his pioneering in this connection, a number of valuable gold mines in formerly inaccessible areas became workable.

He has flown freight, mail and passengers to every remote corner of the territory and never has had a serious crack-up. When the Army, recognizing his ability, hired him to transport Army freight for the duration, he was given his choice of routes to fly over. Reeve said he guessed the Aleutian run would suit him all right.

"What I really like about flying in the islands," he grinned, "is that it never gets monotonous."

Ruml Plan Yield Less, Says Paul

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Randolph Paul, treasury general counsel, said today the Ruml Pay-as-you-go tax plan would produce less revenue over the next three years than the other two tax bills that have been put forward for congressional consideration.

Students Buy Bonds For Twenty Jeeps

MEXIA, Tex. (UP)—Enough war bonds to buy twenty jeeps have been purchased by students in Mexia High School.

The students promoted the sale during a one month contest of \$18,967.40 worth of war bonds, an average of \$59.88 for each student.

Thief Equips Self For Fishing Season

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 6.—(UP)—This thief didn't let the wartime shortage of fishing equipment bother him on the opening day of the season.

His loot, taken from N. H. Baker's truck, consisted of two fishing boxes, three fly reels, a quantity of fly lines, two seines, a telescope (ultimate use unreported), a fishing light, 1,000 feet of trot line, 500 hooks, a minnow bucket, two hunting knives and two fish scrapers.

Cat Returns Home After Five Years

AMARILLO, Tex., May 6.—(UP)—It took him five years—but he found them!

"Tabby," a Persian cat belonging to the Park Rogers family, finally wandered in one day at the Rogers residence.

He had been lost in a move from a different house in Amarillo five years ago, and in that time the family moved five times.

Lt. Gen. Devers To Replace Andrews

WASHINGTON (UP)—Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, chief of the Armored Force, has been designated new commander of 7 U. S. Forces in the European theater, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today. He succeeds Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews who was killed in a plane crash in Iceland.

Plenty Farm Labor Says Chester Davis

WASHINGTON (UP)—War Food Administrator Chester Davis reported to economic stabilization director James F. Byrnes today that there is an available farm labor crop "sufficient to produce and harvest a 1943 crop up to the levels of the announced goals."

Attu Bombed And Strafed, Navy Says

WASHINGTON, (UP)—The Navy reported today a bombing and strafing attack Tuesday on Jap positions at Attu, westernmost of the Aleutian islands.

Remember—
It Takes Both
WAR BONDS
AND TAXES
To Win Victory



Long Story



BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

BALL players complained about the new balata-doctored baseball being less lively than the one Ted Williams hit for a .356 average and 36 home runs in 1942.

"It doesn't bounce half as high as the old one," testified Joe McCarthy of the Yankees. "We tested them by dropping them from the same height onto a concrete floor, and last year's ball bounced twice as high."

The new ball, with balata and processed cork and rubber in its core, looks exactly like the old. The sphere appears hard and durable. The sound of the bat meeting it is something in the way of evidence that it is solid substance.

HITTING to the Yankee infield in fielding practice, Art Fletcher remarked that it felt as though he was hitting a croquet ball.

If the new balata-doctored ball is deadlier than the old one, there is no sign of it as the Yankees blasted the Braves for 15 hits in a game decided by Johnny McCarthy's three-run home run into the right-field seats.

You wouldn't recognize McCarthy. As a Brooklyn prospect and then a Giant aspirant to succeed Bill Terry, the player, nobody denied that the six-foot two-

inch McCarthy could field. He had it all, including the physical advantages left-handedness gives a first baseman.

McCarthy had to wait until he was 29 before acquiring hitting knack, however, finally picking up in Indianapolis last season. Playing in every game, he batted .295 and led the American Association in total bases and runs-batted-in with 113.

McCarthy has taken on some weight and now steps into the ball from the left side of the plate with authority.

Miller Huggins, who guided the Yankees to the heights, considered competitive spirit the greatest single asset a ball player could have. Branch Rickey of the Dodgers expresses the same opinion.

The will to win is important, of course, but scouts still look at arms, legs and swing and for size and power.

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No long-hair when it comes to being patriotic. 7-year-old Dolores Amici of New York is having her 31-inch tresses trimmed for Uncle Sam. Army and Navy needs blond hair, 14 inches long and untouched by irons or chemicals for use in weather instruments.

Uprising Of Dutch Patriots Reported

LONDON.—(UP)—The Independent French News Agency reported in a dispatch from Istanbul today that Netherlands patriots had kidnapped the daughter of Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Nazi Commissar for Holland, and had listed 47 Dutch traitors for execution. Fourteen of the 47 already had been shot, the report said.

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OH, MOST ANYWHERE, OOP... EASY NOW

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SAY, WHAT AM I RUNNING HERE. A SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY TO HAVEN FOR ESCAPED CRIMINALS

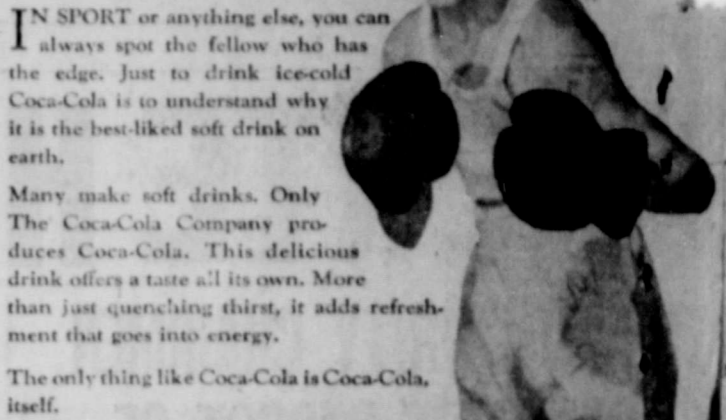
ALL RIGHT, NOW DOC, KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON!

I'M HERE ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. YOU WANT TO HELP IN THE WAR EFFORT, DON'T YOU?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS, EH? I SEE, AND THAT OUTFIT YOU'VE GOT ON IS THE LATEST THING IN GOVERNMENT WORKERS CLOTHING, I TAKE IT?

That Extra Something!

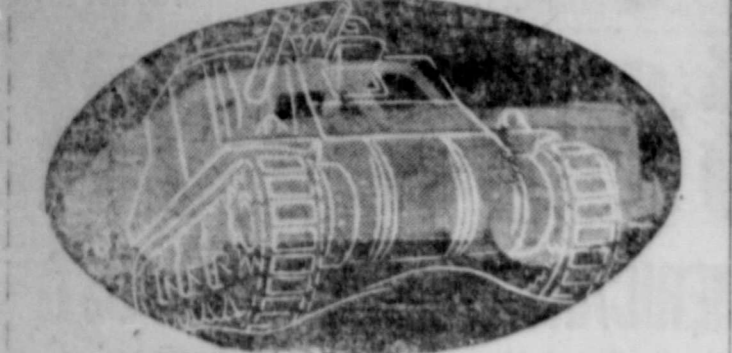
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BY MERRILL BLOSSER

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BY FRED HARMON

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NO!

BY V. T. HAMLIN

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Society Clubs

Miss Murrell and Lt. Hancock Wed In Morning Ceremony Thursday

In a 10 o'clock ceremony performed Thursday morning, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Muri Dean Murrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Murrell, of Ranger was united in marriage with Lt. Wesley C. Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hancock of Dallas.

The double ring service was read before an improvised altar at the archway of the living room, which was flanked by arrangements of white peonies. Rev. David M. Phillips read the marriage vows. The wedding music was given by Miss Imogene Minton, pianist and Miss Wilda Dragoo, violinist, who played the wedding march from Lohengrin for the processional and during the ceremony "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes".

The bride who was unattended was attired in a two piece white eyelet suit with white turban and veil and other white accessories. She carried a white Bible topped with gardenias and a bridal shower.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held with Mrs. Hugh Smith presiding at the white wedding cake which was topped by a miniature bride and groom. Mrs. Floyd Killingsworth presided at the punch bowl and was assisted in serving by Mrs. Lane Turner of Jal, New Mexico, aunt of the bride. Refreshments were served from a lace covered table centered with a large crystal bowl filled with white peonies.

The ceremony and reception were attended by a few close friends and the following out-of-town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock of Dallas, parents of the groom, Mrs. Laura Murrell of Eastland, grandmother of the bride and Mrs. Turner, her aunt.

Ranger Rebekahs Meet On Tuesday

Members of the Ranger Rebekah Lodge, No. 244, met at the 100F Hall Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Noble Grand, Miss Fanny Robinson presided over the business meeting which was attended by fifteen members. Routine business was transacted, and Mrs. Eula Blackwell was installed as Lodge Deputy President for the coming year.

Interesting discussion topics for the improvement of the order were given and were much enjoyed by the members.

The penny prize was furnished by Mrs. Ellen Jones, who gave a defense stamp to be applied to the bond the lodge is purchasing.

Refreshments of sandwiches and iced tea were served to the members at the close of the meeting.

Ranger Grove Has Meeting Wednesday

Members of the Julia Alexander Grove, No. 1954, of the Woodmen Circle met at the 100F Hall on Wednesday for a business session and to finish the quilt that was started some time ago.

Plans were completed to hold an all-day quilting and a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ruby Greer on Wednesday, May 26.

The following members were present for the meeting: Meses. Eula Blackwell, Edna Earle Williamson, Lena Patterson, Louie Calder, Ruby Greer and visitors, Meses. Mollie Patterson, Laura Melton and Kathleen Calder.

Miss Matthews In College Fiesta

COLUMBIA, Missouri, May 6.—Featured as the romantic lead in the Spanish play "Todo por Nada", "Everything for Nothing" Miss Jane Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews, Ranger, appeared in a brilliantly colored native costume at the Fiesta de la Lengua Espanol held last Saturday evening at Stephens College.

Produced annually, the Fiesta is a presentation of the Spanish division at Stephens. The play, "Todo por Nada", written by student Barbara Mullen, from Des Moines, Iowa, was awarded the American Association of Teachers of Spanish medal in a recent contest at the College.

Ruth Class Meets With Mrs. Rawls

The Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist church will have a social and business meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Helen Rawls, 401 Pine Street.

All members and associate members are invited to attend this meeting.

was employed in Ranger before entering the Air Corps.

cent contest at the College.

Miss Matthews will complete two years of work at Stephens College in June and is expected to be home to spend the summer with her family.

City Council Has Annual Luncheon

The annual Spring luncheon of the City Council of Parents and Teachers was held Wednesday noon in the home economics dining room of the high school.

After the luncheon there was a short program with Joan and Marilyn Jackson giving several numbers. A reading was given by Ella Joy Bearden.

Mrs. E. R. Green installed the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Eugene Baker, president; Mrs. Saule Perlestein, vice-president; Mrs. A. V. Bullock, secretary; Mrs. George Rogers, treasurer.

The life membership in the Parent Teachers Association was won by Young School and was presented to Mrs. Jack Terry for outstanding work by Mrs. C. E. Maddocks.

A lovely gift was presented to the president, Mrs. Eugene Baker, from the City Council for her splendid work during the past year.

This meeting marked the conclusion of the school year, and the group adjourned until September.

ARCADIA
LAST TIME TODAY
EYES
IN THE NIGHT
EDWARD ARNOLD - ANN WARDEN
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Personals

Mrs. Alvin Strange of San Antonio and her daughter, Mrs. Preston Morgan of Monroe, La., are the guests of Mrs. Strange's sister, Mrs. Bob Hodges. Mrs. Morgan will leave the last of the week to join her husband, Lt. Morgan who is stationed at Ft. Meade.

Pvt. Clyde H. George, who has been the guest of his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hazard, has returned to Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he is stationed.

Mrs. D. A. Bonney of Straun spent Wednesday in Ranger visiting friends.

Sheriff John Hart of Eastland was a business visitor in Ranger Wednesday.

Mrs. R. J. Rains and daughter, Glenda Lee, and Mrs. J. W. Rains and Livvie D. Roark spent Tuesday in Weatherford, where they visited relatives and friends.

Mrs. Margaret Perdue is spending this week in Cisco as the guest of Mrs. R. A. Cone.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stovall of the Paramount Hotel are visiting relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. J. B. Brown was a business visitor in Eastland Wednesday.

Dorothy Bolton of Weatherford is the house guest of Mrs. J. W. Rains.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Pvt. Byron M. McCarty of Eastland, inducted into the armed services March 5, last, and sent to the reception center at Camp Wolters, has been sent to Camp Roberts, California, for his basic training, according to word received in Eastland by Miss Ruby Franklin. Before entering the army Pvt. McCarty was employed by Siddon's Auto Parts Company at Stephenville. He is with Battery A, 58th Field Artillery, Training Battalion, Camp Roberts, California.

Mrs. Carrie Henry has received word that her grandson, Pvt. Charles Henry Ford, who recently entered the service has been transferred from Sheppard Field at Wichita Falls to Buckley Field in Colorado.

He is the son of Mrs. Josephine Ford of Abilene, formerly of Ranger, and received his education in the Ranger schools.

OUT OUR WAY

BY WILLIAMS



SERIAL STORY

Beth Carter, WAAC

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THE STORY: Beth Carter, WAAC, has volunteered for a dangerous mission. After she has received her orders and been introduced to her commanding officer, Major Brit Jackson, they board a flying fortress bound for a tiny island in the Pacific.

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THE island on which the great ship landed to refuel was nothing more than a plot of sand. High tide, Beth knew, would immerse it. "Think of it," commented Major Jackson. "What an air base in this day of modern warfare! Let Nature do her own camouflaging. We land. We refuel from buried tanks capable of keeping the sea out and the gasoline in. We take off. The tide comes up and the waves erase our wheel tracks in the sand and pack the particles anew for the next landing. The fellow who thought of this had something."

Her eyes verified enough of Major Jackson's description so that she could easily believe the rest.

The major left her for a moment to talk with one of the pilots. When he returned to Beth's side, he asked, "How did you make out last night?"

"Comfortably," he laughed. "There was some doubt that you would."

"Anyone who had any doubts didn't know very much about the WAACs," she replied.

They walked along the sand. She watched the sea, and noticed that even now the island was shrinking with each successive onrush of the ocean. She tried to estimate how long this bit of sand was, and guessed two miles; yet it was so flat that an accurate estimate was impossible, and the sand was packed so tightly it could have been used as an automobile speedway just as successfully as it was being used as a landing field.

As they strolled along the peaceful shore, under a sky of brilliant blue, Beth felt strangely at peace with the world. She closed her eyes and found it easy to imagine that she was at home, enjoying a pleasant holiday with a friend whose only concerns were the every-day problems of small-town life.

"I wish we could stay here forever," Beth said, softly.

Brit Jackson laughed. "You and I have work to do," he said. "Important work. This island looks peaceful enough, but you can't forget the war, no matter how much you'd like to."

"I know," Beth answered. "I'm ready, Major Jackson."

They could hear the whirr of the plane's motors as it warmed up for the take-off. The crew was swarming over the big ship, checking every detail for the important flight ahead.

Steadily, they moved away from the landing place. Before long they would be alone. Beth wondered what Brit Jackson had to say. She had been too excited, too thrilled by prospects of her overseas duty, to give much thought to her assignment. Major Jackson was silent, phrasing in



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his mind the words he had to say.

MAJOR JACKSON smoked until his cigaret was nothing but a menace to his fingertips. Then he tore the butt apart and tossed the tobacco and the tiny rolled-up wad of paper to the wind, which was blowing freely and steadily.

"It's time you knew what you were going to do, Lieutenant," Major Jackson said.

They were out of earshot of the crew now. The major stopped, and so did she, and he turned toward her.

She looked at him. It was the first time she had realized how young and handsome he was. It was also the first time she had noticed his insignia. Noticing it, she was amused at how wrong she had been in jumping at conclusions. She had supposed he was an Air Corps officer, and perhaps a full 10 years older than the just-under-30 he appeared to be. Actually, he wore the crossed cannon with shell superimposed which denote the Coast Artillery Corps.

BETH noticed that Brit Jackson was scrutinizing her very closely, too; and she sensed that the view was not unpleasant to him.

"It's time you knew," he began again. "Lieutenant, you are my one-man staff, if you don't mind my calling you a man. That's what you are, for the purpose of defending the nation. You are the one-man staff of the commanding officer—I am he—of a Coast Artillery Barrage Balloon battalion. Our battalion is somewhere off there—even now I shan't tell you exactly where, and that is not because I don't trust you." He waved his hand a third of the way around the horizon.

"The battalion is on an island much like this, only the island

has a little more area and considerably more contours and vegetation—and some of it stays above water even at high tide. It is a very important island already and we hope it will be even more important as the war continues. Meanwhile it is our task—among other things—to get a balloon barrage flying so that our further operations will be protected from enemy air attack. You know, like the airplane factory at Southampton was protected."

She knew what Major Jackson referred to. She had never been with barrage balloon troops, but she had read in newspapers and magazines about the barrage over Southampton, and how it kept the Spitfire factory running almost without interruption.

"Your staff role," the major continued, "has been designed for your peculiar abilities. There was a trace of good-humored sarcasm in his voice. "I am told you women are quite intuitive. You will need all your intuition out here. You are to help men, among other things, make sure there are no leaks of information concerning our island."

"Are any leaks suspected?" "I am sorry to say there are. You needn't ask me any more. They just are—not that anything actually has slipped. We're just suspicious without being able to suspect any individual."

The plane was ready to go. "We'd better get on," the major said. "You know, we're just passengers. By the way, if those Air Corps men kid us, we'll just have to take it—the Air Corps looks down on everybody, and I know how they feel. I was a flyer once myself." His face was grave. "I could still fly, if I had to—but Uncle Sam doesn't believe it. Uncle Sam says my capillaries won't take combat."

The fortress took off. Hour after hour passed, until it was late afternoon. Suddenly Major Jackson shook Beth's shoulder.

"Lieutenant Carter," he said, his mouth close to her ear. "A pair of Jap fighter planes has been sighted off our left wing."

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