

# THE CASTRO COUNTY NEWS

CASTRO FARMERS  
SAVE YOUR TIRES;  
TRADE IN DIMMITT

THE WORD 'DEFENSE'  
WILL NOT BE USED  
IN THIS NEWSPAPER

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## SHOOTIN' STRAIGHT

(By De WITT LAMB)

Do your buying in Castro.  
Buy your printing in Dimmitt.  
These columnists give us a pain in the neck, don't they?  
The "indomitable Dutch" haven't a thing on Bataan.  
Castro county would like to swap some sugar for some tires.

Help protect your loved ones—join the navy of your Uncle Sam.

The News is not competent to give the practical farmer advice; he probably is getting all of the free advice now from all sources that he can assimilate, but—it we intend to farm next year we certainly would make some provision this year to have plenty of planting seeds of all kinds.

That system we call private enterprise—which is simply a system under which every man is free to go as far as his abilities, energies, and ambitions can take him, no matter how humble his origin or how modest his bank account—made this country. We, for one, think the principle is worth fighting for, and we are fighting for it.

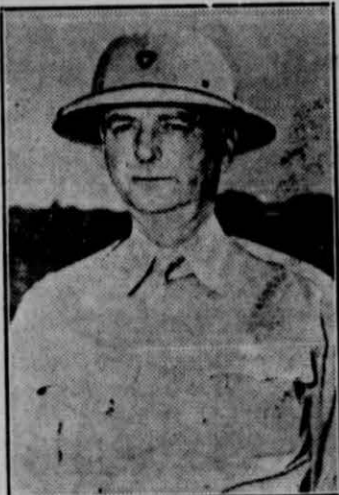
In a recent talk, Dexter M. Keezer, of the office of price administrator, said retail prices are going up all along the line, and the danger of inflation exists, but this is no fault of the retail store. "While there have been cases of profiteering," he said, "it is not fair to blame the retailer." Retail prices are increasing because of increased cost of raw materials.

We meant to write a weather story this week; in fact we were asked to do so in a letter from a subscriber at Chillicothe—but there hasn't been any. Only one sandstorm in March; no rain at all. The snow the first week in March gave us more than a half an inch of precipitation, with another "spell" of falling weather last week to bring the moisture up to perfection. Approximately two inches of wheat-making moisture this month almost assures a grain crop here as far as rain and a good "season" is concerned.

We doff our hats to the retail grocer. No longer do we take him for granted. In the pinch of shortages, priorities, and rising prices, the retail food dealer is serving the community well. The retailer is on to his job. He is earnestly trying to reduce the spread between what the producer is paid and what the consumer is charged. The retailer has new tasks, new responsibilities. He must help the consumer with substitutes, must assist in some of the rationing programs, and oftentimes discourage sales which heretofore he sought to make and multiply, and now as the price trend is ever upward he must purchase with greater care. The retail food dealer should be praised. We take our hat off to him.

Like thousands of other Texans, we were "raised" on the Dallas News. Its paternal influence has extended along the years and its wholesome spirit has had an influence difficult to fathom but none the less pleasant to admit. We're only about half as old as the News but even so, we never have had to apologize, as a Texan, for anything the News has done or failed to do as a Texas newspaper. The News has been the dean of the profession. It has been a "daddy" to a lot of good newsmen, and a solace to the legion of printers who, like ourselves came up from the backshop to learn there were only four caps (GAGN) in the News office, and these were for godalmighty and the galvestonnews. We offer felicitations bordering almost on reverence, and in a few weeks, after we've had time to read the free volume sent us of the Centennial edition, we may buy one to mail to Florida.

## THREE --



DEFENDER OF THE PHILIPPINES — Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, successor of Gen. MacArthur in command of United States troops in the Philippines.

## Army Asking for Construction Men

The West Texas Recruiting and Induction district, with headquarters at Lubbock, and recruiting stations at Amarillo, Pampa, Plainview, Big Spring, Sweetwater, Odessa, and Fort Bliss, has an assignment which is "right down the alley."

It has been authorized, between April 10 and May 20, to enlist a group of 19 different specialists for the army—the type of rugged workmen who are numerous in the West Texas oil fields and ranches. Allotments cover both white and negro specialists.

The list of wanted men includes tool dressers and "cat skimmers," railroad construction foremen and highway construction foremen, welders and quarrymen, structural steel workers, and crane shovel operators.

The News has a complete list of all the trades wanted. If you are between 18 and 45, and feel your place is in this man's army, and you want to get to work quickly, and at a job for which your civilian training fits you, where you can put on more weight and lick a few Gaps and Jeremans, a visit to your nearest recruiting station might pay you.

## School Honors Miss Reynolds

Miss Nell Reynolds of Dimmitt was one of five delegates who were chosen last week by the McMurry publications, McMurry college, Abilene, to represent the college at the annual Texas Inter-scholastic Press association convention to be held in Huntsville April 17 and 18.

Miss Reynolds is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reynolds, and she is the assistant editor of the War Whoop, McMurry newspaper.

Fire has cost the lives of 120 persons in Texas during the first three months of this year.

## TIRE THIEVES VISIT DIMMITT

Four Dimmitt automobiles were partly stripped of tires on the streets here last Saturday night. The loss was discovered Sunday. Officers made a check but the thief, or thieves, left little in the way of clues. Car owners were caught unawares for it was the first tire theft since the scarcity and rationing began.

Joe Thompson, Ozro Stephens, Harold Gladman, and T. A. Singer each lost a tire.

The Singer automobile had been delivered to the family by the dealer only the day before.

Officers believe the theft was by some outsider, perhaps by a theft ring, as there are known to be such operators.

## Farm Outlook Here is Bright

Farmers in the Dimmitt section are pleased with the present outlook, for wheat is in promising condition. Some say there now is enough moisture in the soil to insure a good crop.

The wheat acreage this year has been increased, and wheat is Castro's principal money crop every year. The price the farmer will receive this year for his grain is something else, but there is confidence the pay will be somewhere around a dollar. Growers say they can make money with dollar wheat.

The freeze and the recent rain, sleet, and snow are believed to have greatly lessened the danger of loss from greenbugs. The biggest danger now lurks in the grasshopper plague. Authorities are watching this threat, and everyone seems to be aware of the risk.

Another problem which the wheat grower here is talking and worrying a bit over is roofoage for warehousing the grain when it is harvested—that is if the yield is to be anything like as bountiful as some think it might.

Citizens who have been residing here for many years say there are more cattle than ever before known. This should spell money for the owners. Cattle have been evacuated—they now are on the range, having been moved off the wheat and on to grass. Trucks were busy for weeks until a few days ago moving the cattle population, and they say some of the animals were moved as far away as Mexico before ample pasturage could be found.

The county's cotton crop this year is not expected to be greatly increased. Cotton always is of secondary importance in Castro county, and seed is scarce. Also, one of the two girls in the county has been burned down. However there is an effort being made to have the full cotton quota planted, and the cotton planting season is yet young. The situation as regards the cotton crop may change.

## HEROES --



CHIEF OF STAFF — Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of the General Staff, Army of the United States.

## WHEAT BALLOT SET FOR MAY 2

Uncle Sam already has his hands full and should not have to worry about a problem farmers can decide for themselves, E. L. Ivey, Chairman F. J. Axe, and C. W. Anthony, county AAA committeemen pointed out today.

Solution of the problem is marketing quotas which will be decided at community ballot boxes on Saturday, May 2, when wheat farmers will vote in a national referendum.

"We must produce the feed and food it will take to whip international gangsterism. Instead of spending time, labor, and money raising crops we don't need," the chairman said in explaining that a two-year supply of wheat is in sight and the United Nations are in desperate need of meat, milk, vegetables, eggs, fats, and oils.

"Just as there must be no more 'business as usual,' there must be no more 'farming as usual.' Wheat is no exception and we must fit it into our war program," he continued.

Wheat marketing quotas, which divide a limited market equally among all wheat producers, give farmers opportunity to continue as masters of their own wheat production and reserves.

Also at stake in the referendum is the 85 per cent of parity loan program which is one of the principal reasons for present fair prices of wheat, the chairman said, and added that with abnormal supplies, wheat quotas are essential to maintenance of fair prices.

"We've done a good job of producing wheat, we have adequate reserves, and we're getting a fair price. Wheat marketing quotas is just another method we have of keeping our business house in order," the AAA official said.

## Methodist Church Has New Pastor

The following item is taken from last week's issue of the Quitaque Post:

Quitaque community was downcast today by the announcement that Rev. U. S. Sherrill, Methodist pastor, had been transferred to Dimmitt to fill the vacancy left there by the pastor being appointed to a chaplaincy in the armed service.

Rev. Sherrill is serving his fourth year as pastor of the local Methodist church, during which period the entire community, all denominations, has learned to love and respect him—the regards being extended to the whole family, Mrs. Sherrill, Nelson, Marvin, Tommy, Mary Alice, Joyce, and Betty Ann.

It is with regret that we bid to the pronouncement of the bishop, but the best wishes of the entire community go with Bro. Sherrill to his new work, which he assumes Sunday, and his estimable family will follow him later.

Perry McMinn, experienced oil man of Summerfield, is a new Dimmitt citizen, coming here with his good wife to assume charge of the Texas Company agency. McMinn succeeds H. (Ed) Hudson, who has sold his home here to the new agent, severed his position with the Texas Company, and will return to his former home town—Amarillo.

## CASTRO WORK OUTSTANDING

Five prominent Castro county farm women attended the District two meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Association meeting in Lubbock Saturday. There were 213 women from the 17 counties in the district.

Two minute reports on some outstanding work in Castro county were given by local representatives. Miss Hazel Merritt reported on the cooperative buying of pineapples in this county. Hale county reported on use of whole grain products and use of the hand grist mill.

Mrs. Arch Lamb of Texas Tech spoke on nutrition news and the Floyd County Home Demonstration chorus entertained the group with several vocal numbers.

At the luncheon served at the Lubbock Hotel, Mrs. W. G. Kennedy of Muleshoe, president of the Texas Home Demonstration Association, spoke on the part of home demonstration club women in the war. She emphasized the work of the clubs in producing food, in building health, and in maintaining morale at all times.

Mrs. J. L. Morris of Dawson county conducted a parliamentary quiz. Mrs. J. N. Smithy of Hockley county gave a report of the National Council of Home Demonstration Women, and Mrs. Curtis Roach of Perryton, treasurer of Texas Home Demonstration Association, presented highlights of the national meeting of farm women in Chicago. Miss Kate Adele Hill spoke on thrift, and Miss Helen H. Swift, extension sociologist of rural women's organizations, gave timely advice on home demonstration club work.

Those attending from Castro county: Mrs. Floyd Ivey, Flag; Mrs. Barber Eubanks, Mrs. Alta Gladman, and Miss Hazel Merritt, Midway; and Miss Ava A. Grindstaff, county home demonstration agent.

## War Need Not Make One Sour

Keeping families healthy and happy is part of the help needed to win the war.

Government workers tell us to keep up the family spirits, plan good times; find ways without much cost and wear on tires, and don't take life sternly and drably. Don't give up community gatherings; promote recreation and better living. Keep the radio repaired; have the children mend their toys and sports equipment. Do not sacrifice the education of the children; the post war period is going to need trained people so they may be able to adapt themselves to new living conditions.

Provide newspapers for the family, take time for reading, and for news broadcasts. Well informed citizens are the bulwark of the nation, if it is to remain a democracy.

The News thinks this is good advice for the government to put out for everyone.

## OF THE WAR



KEEPS THE FAITH — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Commander of United Nations Armies in the Southwest Pacific, is regarded as the outstanding military leader of anti-Axis forces.

## Changes Are Made In AAA Programs

The following important announcement comes from the AAA office in Dimmitt:

It seems well at this time to point out several important changes in the 1942 AAA program, in order to aid the producers in this county to earn their full soil-building allowance, and to assist them in planning for their 20 per cent soil conserving land.

Just a few days ago we received notice from the state office that it is not necessary that we leave one rod of sweet sorghums for hay on the ground to every five rods cut for hay, as was first given out. The only requirement for planting sweet sorghums for soil conserving acres is that a 12-inch stubble be left standing. This ruling applies to all millets, and to sweet sorghums.

This county may also receive 35 cents an acre for leaving a 10-inch stubble, of all grain sorghums, as a protection against wind erosion. This practice was not heretofore applicable to this county, and we feel sure that it will greatly aid our farmers in earning their maximum soil building allowance.

The rate for summer fallow has been raised from 35 cents an acre to 70 cents an acre, and we find that most farmers are more interested in this practice than any other soil building practice outlined in the 1942 Texas handbook.

We all realize that since our soil building allowance has been raised to such a higher level for 1942 that it is sometimes hard for a farmer to receive full payment this year, and for that reason your local AAA office and your county committee welcomes the opportunity of assisting you with your plans for full compliance for 1942.

FOR SALE—One cold brooder and one Mother Nature brooder. See Mrs. H. A. Whitefield, six miles southwest of Flagg.

## THREE CASTRO MEN ON BATAAN

At least three Castro county men are known to have been with the American fighting forces in the Philippines when the Bataan outpost collapsed last week.

The fate of George Simmons, J. W. Ashcraft, both of Dimmitt, and of Earl Worm of Earth, is yet unknown.

Simmons, son of Carl Simmons, was in a tank corps. Worm, son of E. E. Worm, was an infantryman, and Ashcraft was reported to be on submarine duty.

So far, of the more than 100 Castro county men in the armed service, there has not been a casualty reported among them, but the nature of the fight in the Philippines leaves scant hope that all three of these local men may have escaped uncaptured or uninjured.

Dimmitt is reminded of a story coming from California this week, in which the captain of a commercial boat who had the vessel shot out from under him, said: "These people (in California) are asleep; they don't know there is a war going on."

## County Dads Vote For No HD Agent

Castro county commissioners, at the regular board meeting on March 23, voted unanimously to discontinue paying the \$50 a month allowed for supplementing the salary of a home demonstration agent.

The minutes of the meeting do not record the reason for the act, but at the meeting commissioners said the number of women's home demonstration clubs in the county have been reduced from 12 to five, and the ones now active are believed able to continue, if they so desire, under their own momentum and adult leadership, and without the county expense of an agent's supervision.

"The ABC days, or the primer stage of the work has passed," one of the officials said.

Miss Ava A. Grindstaff is the present agent. The withdrawal is effective June 1, and her work, of which there has been no criticism, will terminate here on that date. The district agent over Miss Grindstaff was notified by the board of its action. Other counties are said to be waiting for her services. In the meantime, club women of the county met and protested the board's action, presenting several reasons for continuing the agent. These are published elsewhere in this issue.

## Uncle Sam Needs Hundreds Women

The U. S. government needs 1,000 women stenographers and typists for immediate employment in the various war agencies in Washington, it was announced here yesterday by Postmaster Thomas F. Bice.

The rate of pay for these positions is \$120 a month and opportunities for advancement are considered excellent. Applicants will be given tests to determine their qualifications immediately but at their convenience.

Mr. Bice said the Defense Housing Registry assures appointments of reasonable living accommodations in Washington within 35 to 45 minutes' transportation time from the various government offices. Single rooms range in price from \$20 to \$30 a month and double rooms from \$30 to \$40. Room with board ranges from \$40 to \$50. Further information may be secured from Mr. Bice at the post office in Dimmitt.

The West Texas Telephone Company Tuesday resumed service to outside points, following the expensive breakdown of poles and wires during last week's freeze. T. A. Singer, owner of the local system, said damage, besides lost business, may exceed \$1,000 here.

LOST—Last Thursday, April 2, two black Scotty female dogs, "Bonnie" and "Stuff." Reward for return to E. T. Hamilton, Route 4, Dimmitt.

## THE VOLUNTEER

I'm for the chap who's game for a scrap  
When the stakes are as big as these,  
The land we love—the homes we love,  
The girls we love, if you please—  
And the chances are he'll bring back a scar  
To show that he did his bit;  
For he's just the sort of a dead game sport  
That doesn't know how to quit!  
It's a lead pipe cinch he's there in a pinch  
Though he loves to run a good bluff;  
But win or lose—if I were to choose—  
I'd pick him for hero stuff—  
That's the kind of a lad that's cold when he's mad,  
And he's madder and colder today  
Than he ever shows, though he's on his toes  
To join in the big melee!  
He's stood for a lot of this pacifist rot  
And he's turned it off with a grin,  
But now when the call strikes home to us all  
He's the chap, by gad, that goes in!  
He's the patriot breed that sprang from the seed  
Deep planted in Seventy-six—  
He's American through, from his hat to his shoe,  
And once he goes in—he sticks!  
—By Edward John Crosby (brother of Bing) 1917.



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Coming Events--

April 18, "Egg Day" for Buck-orphan's home... April 20, Boy Scouts' parents' night program... April 22, America's Home week...

FLAG

Andy Thompson and Pete Coke are business visitors in Crowley and Vernon this week...



GET YOUR VITAMINS, and AT THE SAME TIME ENJOY THE SUPERB FLAVOR OF OUR DIMMITT-BAKED BREAD-- HOME PRODUCT

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR Dimmitt Bread

SAVE YOUR TIRES--TRADE IN CASTRO COUNTY Bring Your Ford Stamps; They Are Good at--

Dimmitt Bakery

CHAS. H. DEAN Attorney at Law

PAID POLITICAL Announcements

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES BONDS AND STAMPS

FINEST PROTECTION--

Shipley's

PHONE 9 - Dimmitt, Texas

Time to Spare by I.C.S.



A HOME STUDY STUDENT IN A CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING A SPY WHEN AN EXPLOSION FOUND HIS TRIGONOMETRY LESSONS READY FOR THE MAIL



A CHINESE CORRESPONDENT STUDENT FORCED BY THE INVADERS TO FLEE HIS HOME AND HIS POSSESSIONS EXCEPT HIS TEXTBOOKS AND DRAFTING INSTRUMENTS

JOHN C. GARAND, INVENTOR OF THE GARAND RIFLE, FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN GUNS WHEN AS A LAD, HE HELPED IN HIS BROTHERS' SHOOTING GALLERY. IN HIS SPARE TIME HE STUDIED MECHANICS

Miller Cogswell hospital for surgical treatment. She is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Jones of Hale Center and Mrs. McCollum visited our school. The faculty and student body were delighted...

Mr. and Mrs. Will Senter is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Slaton, on Monday. The Cassids of Farwell were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scarbrough.

Mrs. Floyd Ivy attended the home demonstration clubs convention in Lubbock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booher were Sunday guests of the Sid Sheffys. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chance and Troy and Burl visited the dentist in Hereford Tuesday.

Mrs. Claude Johnson has gone to Littlefield to be with her daughter, Mrs. Roland Sheppard, who is in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball of Cotton Center visited Mrs. Bill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hendricks. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Sheffys visited Red Cross Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Dyer of Springlake visited Mr. and Mrs. Teague Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Boswell in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. W. O. Hendricks was a business visitor in Plainview Tuesday.

Grandmother (Mrs. J.T.) Greatborn visited Mrs. Etta Brashears Monday.

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Court Winds Up Term in a Hurry

The cost of crime in Castro county is almost nil. There hardly is any, compared with other parts of the country.

Both these cases were speedily disposed of and the court adjourned until next fall.

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Our stay here has been very pleasant and we intend to return at the first opportunity. We made an effort to obtain 10 days' leave before having to report for active duty but this request was disapproved and evidently the armed services are in need of personnel, and of course we are anxious to offer our services.

After the present situation is cleared up, we hope to return and again live among you people. We wish each and everyone of you the best of health.

AS EVER, THE KELLYS.

Women Protest Action of Board

Following action of the commissioners court in discontinuing the appropriations for a home demonstration agent's services, a group of home demonstration club women of Castro county met with the commissioners court Monday, April 13, and presented the following reasons for retaining an agent's services:

First, in order to lead a Food for Freedom program and a Victory Garden program in this most turbulent time of war, we need the efficient leadership of a trained home demonstration agent.

Second, we think that in order to provide the most efficient leadership in our health and nutritional program, we need the guidance of a trained home demonstration agent.

Third, to retain the necessary high morale which this great organization produces through contacts, associations, and encouragement in this purposeful program, the agent's leadership is even more necessary in war time than previously.

Fourth, in view of the work and organization which would be required to reorganize home demonstration work in this county at some later date, we think it would be an irreparable loss at this time and that a great part of the present work would have been in vain.

Fifth, we think that a large part of the Red Cross work being done by rural women in this county is being done through home demonstration clubs.

Sixth, the Castro County Fair is a definite civic achievement for Castro county and provides inspiration for the people; and club women always have supported the County Fair under the leadership of the home demonstration agent.

Seventh, since the county agricultural agent and home demonstration agent cooperate in their work to achieve the highest development possible in extension work, we earnestly submit our plea for the retention of the home demonstration agent.

The following women were present: Mrs. F. L. Shepard, Mrs. George Shepard, Mrs. T. A. Shepard, Mrs. Phil-ly Dietz, Mrs. William Hochstein, Mrs. Alfred Schaefer, Nazareth club.

Mrs. Lena Manlos, Mrs. Glenn Manles, Hart club; Mrs. Leon Winders, Mrs. Floyd Ivey, Mrs. Gene Ivey, Flag club.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton George of Shamrock are visiting Mr. George's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. George.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shepard and Jerry called in the Henry Howell home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dave Shepard and Mrs. Percy Shepard called in the Raymond Hance home Monday.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Club Boys Show Castro Livestock

Castro county was well represented at the Lubbock Junior Fat Stock Show April 6, 7, and 8 with six calves, six pigs, and six lambs. This is the largest number of livestock ever exhibited by Castro.

Robert Lane of Dimmitt placed 4th in the light class of calves with his Aberdeen Angus calf bred by Colan Walton, which was the highest place ever won by an Angus calf at the Lubbock show.

Edward Bennett of Hart placed 10th and 44th in the heavy class of fat steers, Byron Bennett placed 18th and 26th in the heavy class, and Trellis Summers of Frio placed 28th in the heavy class.

In the pig division, Rodney Smith of Hart won the highest honor for the county by placing first with his Duroc sow, Dean Sanders of Hart placed 6th, Rodney Smith of Hart placed 8th and 9th, and Rodney Smith of Hart placed 8th in the light weight Duroc class.

The pig club division of the show was the best in the county, according to M. U. May, Castro county agent, who was superintendent of the pig show.

All Boy Scouts in the city who have procured uniforms have been given stars, which is the insignia for regular troops everywhere. About half of the boys here have uniforms now.

Mrs. J. C. Rawlings, who announced last week she had taken over the commercial hotel here operated as the Will hotel, has engaged Mrs. Elsie Longan to manage the hostelry.

Mrs. Longan reports about 25 of the guest rooms already taken, which means additional population and additional trade for local business firms.

A party of Castro county young people, including Mrs. Sally Short, Mrs. Earl Matthews, Mrs. Alvin Owens, Mrs. May Coffey, of Earth and John Short of Olton were week-end guests of "Jelly" Short at Fort Bliss.

The party reported a pleasant trip, with plenty of good roads, beautiful scenery, and many experiences and many things learned at the camp, where real ways of the army were seen.

Hall fell for 30 minutes in Dimmitt Wednesday afternoon. Some of the hailstones were as large as golf balls, and the ground was covered with a layer of ice and roofs battered. The fall toward Plainview is said to have been heavier than elsewhere.

An estimated inch of rain fell in Dimmitt during Wednesday night, but today dawned brightly.

Little Dorothy Wright is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller went to Portales, New Mexico, Tuesday, to be with Mr. Miller's brother and wife following the tragic news by telegram from the War Department that David Miller had been killed in action on Bataan.

The young soldier was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Miller of Portales, and nephew of Jack Miller here. He was serving as a member of the Coast Artillery in the Philippines.

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Keeping Up With Your Friends--

From last week's Quikpak Post: Mrs. El Regan of Dimmitt is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. L. Robinson.

Mrs. Etta Brashears, Miss Mary Scheller, and Miss Isabelle Lighten visited in Nazareth Saturday afternoon.

Lowell L. Sharbutt has reported to the U. S. Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Virginia, where he has entered the naval forces as a yeoman second class.

Mrs. Victor Lamb of Hale Center and Mrs. Raymond Donnell of Plainview came here together on last Tuesday. Mrs. Donnell is visiting briefly her father, G. H. James.

From last week's Olton Enterprise: Roy Thurston of Dimmitt spent the Easter holidays here visiting relatives. Miss Aural Shaw of Toth visited friends at Dimmitt last week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller went to Portales, New Mexico, Tuesday, to be with Mr. Miller's brother and wife following the tragic news by telegram from the War Department that David Miller had been killed in action on Bataan.

The young soldier was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Miller of Portales, and nephew of Jack Miller here. He was serving as a member of the Coast Artillery in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Boswell in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. W. O. Hendricks was a business visitor in Plainview Tuesday.

Grandmother (Mrs. J.T.) Greatborn visited Mrs. Etta Brashears Monday.

WANTED--To sell your baby chicks and buy your hens--S. C. Huckabee, at the Gulf Station.

Court Winds Up Term in a Hurry

The cost of crime in Castro county is almost nil. There hardly is any, compared with other parts of the country.

Both these cases were speedily disposed of and the court adjourned until next fall.

THE TOWN OF CASTROVILLE, DECEASED TO BE LOCATED ON SECTION NUMBER 45, BLOCK NO. K-13, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS.

THE PEOPLE OF CASTRO COUNTY: It is with deep regret that we learn that it is impossible for you to contact each of you individually to express the feeling that we have in our hearts for all of you.

Our stay here has been very pleasant and we intend to return at the first opportunity. We made an effort to obtain 10 days' leave before having to report for active duty but this request was disapproved and evidently the armed services are in need of personnel, and of course we are anxious to offer our services.

After the present situation is cleared up, we hope to return and again live among you people. We wish each and everyone of you the best of health.

AS EVER, THE KELLYS.

The Bobcat Tales

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL, DIMMITT, TEXAS. TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1942

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Sixteen members of the Little Theater, accompanied by their sponsors, Mrs. and Mrs. Rodney Johnson, to Amarillo Monday evening. The group enjoyed the presentation of "Ladies in Retirement," given by the Little Theater of Amarillo.

After the play, the club members were invited to go behind the scenes where they were shown the setting and introduced to the members of the Amarillo club.

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Introduction of Scouts--Patrol Leaders.

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Market Specials

Cream Cheese Spread, Jar 21c

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Bluebonnet Land

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Shop Boys Will Repair Cars Free

The farm shop course for a final youth is in its seventh week. The school has had an average of eight or ten students enrolled in the course, a number not quite so high as had been expected.

Up to date, the boys and their instructor, Norris Wesson, have repaired four tractors, six two-cycle engines (Mavrac, electric motors, etc.) eight cars, 10 mowers, five generators, and two one-horse saw engines.

All of the en-livres have had two hours or more of well-learned practice, and probably would have had more if the welding rods could have been secured. At times there has been a shortage of equipment with which to work.

Mr. South stated that if any farmer has equipment he would like to have repaired, to see the instructor or Mr. South, and make an appointment. The repair work is done free of charge; the only expense being for necessary parts, which will be strictly supervised by the instructor.

Discussion rises in the Senior class that for the seniors to make their annual trip would be unpractical. It seems to be a matter of transportation. But it's like a professor said: "Many of the seniors are leaving for the army and they should have something enjoyable to look back upon."

The American Legion has loaned the Tulsa high school rifles for the boys to use who are taking military training.

The students in Hereford high school are, according to the class reports, very patriotic and show that they are supporting their country. Here are the different class bond and stamp sales: Freshmen, \$1,040.25; Sophomores, \$214.25; Juniors, \$235.35; and Seniors \$230.30.

The Eagle's Fall-Canyon. The newspapers are full of war, but that's what I need 'em for. Best of all are the funnies, you see--I'm sure you'll easily agree with me.

FHT Girls Have Hayride, Weiners

The homecoming girls forgot their dignity, donned their slacks and play suits and invited their own partners for a hayride and weiner roast last Wednesday night.

The affair took place near the home of Mary Gene Dyer, Helen Cason and Mary Gene were hostesses to the group.

Everyone was served with plenty of good eats, and several games were played.

Sophs Plan Trip To Ceta Canyons

Saturday will be a big day for the Sophomores. They are going to Ceta Canyon.

They are taking a picnic lunch and are going to spend it together. They plan to have a grand time.

King Arthur Dies A Tragic Death

King Arthur, after throwing his sword, Excalibur, into the sea, died in English III class on Friday, just as he has died many times in English classes.

The class has just finished reading the stirring account of his death to "Pennoan."



### Candidates Must Swear Allegiance

Candidates for public office in Texas will be required to file affidavits showing they are not fifth columnists.

Copies of this oath may be had at the office of Jack Gregory, Castro county clerk.

The affidavits are required by an act of the last legislature, and they must be filed with the secretary of state before a candidate can have his name placed on the election ballots.

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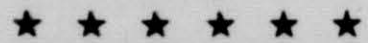
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### DEAR SUE:

Isn't science wonderful? Imagine driving up to your favorite soda fountain and ordering a new magic drink which does an internal surgical operation. Pretty nifty, eh? No blood, no pain—what, not even a doctor—I refuse.

This new concoction discovered by scientists is ordinary water containing radio-active iodine. Even the taste isn't affected. The iodine is made artificially and emits rays like those of radium. It also is possible to tell exactly where the water is going by listening to a chattering sound made by the rays in some sort of a detector.

This performs the same operation as X-ray or radium, and concentrates almost entirely in the thyroid gland. The amount of the thyroid gland removed by it depends on the amount of water the person drinks. As the gland absorbs only a small amount of the iodine at a time there is little danger of over-doing it. Unlike radium, it lasts for only a few days. After that its fires are out and it burns no more. Not bad. Can't you just hear the next generation feeling so superior and sympathetic toward poor "us" as we had to be hacked, sawed, and bled open, to remove an infected



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### Women War Workers Wear Khaki



**WAR WORKER GIRLS IN UNIFORM**—Eight young women employees of the Philadelphia Ordnance District Headquarters are shown in their new tan uniforms which they designed and purchased with their own funds. Wearing of the uniform is optional, but many girls prefer it because it is practical and military in appearance. Adoption of similar uniforms is considered by the thousands of women and girls in War Department Offices in Washington and elsewhere in the country. Overseas caps are Army type and the jackets are single breasted, have four buttons, epaulets and slit in back, similar to Army officers' blouses. Buttons are Army type. The skirts are flared, have deep single "kick pleat" in front and back, with zippered side fastener and a belt overlaping. Shoes are Army officer style with strap and buckle over instep and with spectator heels. Shoe color is "turf."

organ. I'm expecting to see a real superman any day now—woo woo.

A friend of mine, "fresh" from Boston, after reading the following ad in the paper: "Rabbits and hutchies for sale," asked me quite innocently—"Are hutchies the little rabbits?" And, by the way, if she is a fair sample of the Boston people, they aren't at all snooty, as I've always heard, but instead very gracious and charming. We certainly present a striking contrast as I'm still so definitely a Texan that I have only to say about two words for a total stranger to ask: "In what part of Texas do you live?" and she is so delightfully "Boston" that when we first met she talked about some boots for at least ten minutes before I finally realized she wasn't saying boats.

It seems air raid rules, like everything, else are being constantly improved. Some of the latest are as follows: Take advantage of the air raid warning.

If in a bakery, grab a cake and eat.

If in a drug store, grab something to drink.

If in a movie, grab a blonde. Wear track shoes—in case people don't get out of your way you can run over them easier.

Eat limberger cheese, onions, or garlic—you'll have more room in the air raid shelter, in case you can find a shelter—if not, learn the qualifications for a first rate gopher.

Should none of these things work, scream bloody murder—at least you can scare the kiddies.

And by all means if an incendiary bomb drops near you and no gasoline is available, throw a bucket of water on it, then lie down. No need to worry—you're dead, messy too.

But of course nothing can be all bad, so an air raid too must have its good points. Remember rule one? All traffic must halt. Make it a point to nick your most delectable escort for that particular night. Just to be sure what a very nice lieutenant would be expected to do in a raid, if out on a date, I find his first duty would be to protect me, so, I waiting—maybe our next raid won't be so bad after all. I'll be telling you all about it—but then again, maybe I won't.

ALLIE MAE

Practicing fire prevention is an act of patriotism.



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### Boy Scout Names News Dog "Pal"

And his name is PAL. That's the editor's dog; associate editor of The News. The Boy Scouts did it. At the invitation of the editor, the boys submitted a long list of names. The best name, the owner of the dog thinks, is "Pal," submitted by Scout Jack Ziebler, and Jack gets a free ticket to the Rio for submission of the name.

Other names the boys submitted included the following: Hellcat, Deacon, Butch, Dead-eye, Buster, Pluto, Lightning, Badger, Texas, Trigger, Apache, Prince, Pal, Diamond, Dodger, Tuffy, Buddie, Pudge, Cad'jis, Tiger, Panther, Carbon, To, Streak, Sinko, Cheeko, Smokey, Rooney, Wags, Mickey, To To, Ginger, Mumps, Rang, Defense, Victory, Tony, Rover, Spot, Chuch, Pug, Puff, Dusty, Tuffy, Jiggs, Doogan, Ginger, Pinto, Mickey.

### CATHOLIC INFORMATION

Well, Then, Isn't the Pope pro-American?

If the Pope has power to call Catholics to arms—make them fight when, where and for whom he pleases—then really, isn't the Pope pro-American?

Wasn't it a basically patriotic Catholic—Charles Carroll of Carrollton—who boldly signed the Declaration of Independence and who used so much of his brain, time and money in the American cause, that he goes down in history as one of our foremost patriots? Wasn't it a Penna subject, John Barry, who won renown in the Continental Navy and held Commission No. 1 of the U. S. Navy? And didn't Washington himself say in his address to the Catholics in 1789, "... I presume that your fellow-citizens will not forget the patriotic part which you took in the accomplishment of their Revolution..."? And in our Civil War—oh most inconsistent Pone!—did you not call to the colors of the North those famous Catholic generals, Sheridan, Meagher, Rosencrans, Corcoran, Shields, O'Brien, and others, to battle against your own brave Catholics of the South, Beauregard, Girady, Hardee, Dowling, Mallet, Adams, and

Fire prevention is an individual responsibility.

Be a regular on the home front! Make regular payroll purchases of U. S. war bonds and stamps.

Long wars cause food shortages, even in the best fed nations.—S. A. McMillan, Farm Security Administration.

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### NOTICE

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—W. E. GRAY, Sup't.

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Semmes?

Ah, Marshal Foch, patriot of France, "minion of Rome," was it the Pope who commanded you to lead the allied armies to glorious victory? And what say you, our own Admiral Benson, our own Gen. McAndrew, our own Gen. Bullard, and all ye hundreds of thousands of American dough-boys, devil-dogs and gobs—was it His Holiness who commanded you to offer your brains, bodies, lives, for our country's cause?

And in other wars could it have been the Pope who compelled Catholics in such great numbers to fight against even Catholic Mexico and Catholic Spain? If so, no American need ever fear the "menace of Rome." Nay, but rather boast that the Pope is strongly pro-American.

But no, dear Neighbor, the premise at the beginning of this article is wrong. The Pope has no power over any Catholic in civil affairs, with the exception of the handful who populate the Vatican City State. He is not pro-American any more than he is pro-British, pro-German, or pro-Japanese. But perhaps the reason for outstanding Catholic loyalty is best given by the quotations below from De Harb's Catechism—a doctrine taught in every Catholic school and college in the world:

Question: "What are our duties towards our temporal rulers?"

Answer: "We are bound to show our temporal rulers, ordained by God, respect, fidelity, and conscientious obedience, and to suffer anything rather than to raise sedition against them—to assist them in their necessities and dangers and even to sacrifice our property and our lives in defense of our country against its enemies."

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#### RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$183,545.15
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Overdrafts	9,580.65
Securities of U. S., any state, or political subdivision thereof	83,892.00
Other bonds and stocks owned, including stock in Federal Reserve Bank	5,000.00
Banking House	9,690.00
Furniture and Fixtures	800.00
Real estate owned, other than banking house	2.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	117,672.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$413,238.15</b>

#### LIABILITIES:

Capital stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, net	23,803.69
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	8,572.02
Individual deposits, subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	233,440.04
Public funds, including postal savings	95,618.35
Other liabilities	1,804.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$413,238.15</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Castro: We, Mrs. Rubye McLean, as president, and Bob McLean, as cashier, of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Signed)—MRS. RUBY McLEAN, President  
BOB McLEAN, Cashier

Correct—Attest: C. E. McLEAN, HELEN McLEAN, ESTER NOBLE, Directors.

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