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SONS In the Service



TO THE STAR: Sgt. C. W. Owens, located somewhere in Sicily, says they have a time keeping up with the Germans. Says it's cooler over there than it was. Said he was eating watermelons, and there is a grape vineyard in the back of his camp, which they were enjoying, and could go swimming in the sea, near by, and he was well and doing fine—and sends his picture.

Pvt. John E. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall, of Friona, has been transferred from Wyoming to Illinois, and does not like it so well. He is now in the same camp with Cpl. Harley E. Bulls, a former teacher at Friona. Maybe he can find Cpl. Bulls and it may make life there a little easier for him. I am changing the address on his copy of the Star, and he should get it this week.—U. J.

Friday, 10, 1943. Dear Mr. White: Just a line to let you know my address is changed again. I am now at Camp Ellis, Ill., and I don't like it as well as I did my last camp in Wyoming. We sleep in tents here and it sure is cold, and we are not very close to any large town, so we have nowhere to go when we get off duty. I sure miss not getting my Friona Star, because I like to keep up with what is happening at home, so please send me the Star at this address.

A friend, Pvt. John E. Hall, Co. A, Camp Ellis, Ill. And here is another interesting letter from my good friend Pvt. J. Foster Watkins. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watkins, formerly of Friona, but now of Brownwood. Foster likes the army, but likes Friona better. Read his letter.—U. J.

Hawaiian Islands, Sept. 1, 1943. Dear Uncle John: I received your letter that had two dollars in it; but why did you send the money back to me? I sent you the money for the Friona Star. I did not know you were going to send it to me. I sure do enjoy the paper a lot. I read every page in it and I am always glad to

get it from you and I can keep up with the Sons in Service. Have not received the paper for the past three weeks, but I will get it pretty soon. It takes the paper quite a while to get over here, I am liking the army OK. I have been in the army eight months, Sept. 14, and it seems to me like eight years I have been in the army; but I get along fine with the boys. They are from all over the States—a lot of them from New York. The best song of the Hawaiian music is the Song of the Island, and it sure is pretty. I love to hear the songs they play over here. I sure do thank you for the paper that has been coming to me for the past eight months that I have been in the army; but I had rather be back in good old Friona. I will close and may God bless the people of the Allies and the world. I hope some day this war will be over when all of the boys can come back home and live a happy life. I will be a happy man when this war is over, and I know thousands of other people will be too, when this war ends. We are doing all we can to win the war, and may we thank God for what he has done to help us win the war. May we pray to God that the boys in service may return home safe and sound.

Yours truly, Pvt. J. Foster Watkins, of the U. S. Army.

Huntsville, Texas, Sept. 11, 1943.

Dear Mr. White: Please don't let it get out that you know anyone in Huntsville, or it might get hard with your social life. Ha! Ha! I want to give you my new address for the Star and will appreciate receiving the "home town chatter," and news of the other boys in the service. My stay here will be nine months or longer, as I am taking basic training. I will then move to a new school for a few months of advanced training, and then—where? We are in a new three-story building, right in the middle of a busy section. All the boys feel that we are back to civilization, after spending 17 weeks in Maxey. We are just across the street from the Sam Houston Memorial and located on the Houston-Dallas highway. Our school starts Monday, the 13th, and from looking from my schedule I doubt if I will have time to read the headlines of the Star, but please send it, as we have more time than the schedule suggests.

Sincerely yours, Pvt. Wilton E. Lillard. Pvt. Lillard's admonition at the beginning of his letter refers to the fact that Huntsville is the home of the Texas State Penitentiary. Do not worry about that, Wilton, on my account, for I have personally been in a penitentiary a hundred times or maybe more. And I have also been in the asylum for the criminal insane a number of times.—U. J.

Potluck in Sicily



War chased many of Sicily's civilians into the mountains, where caves and overhanging cliffs afforded temporary dwellings. Here you see two women preparing a family dinner of that old Sicilian standby, macaroni, over a fire built in a rocky cleft.

EVERYBODY'S Got to Help!



Another short letter received Wednesday morning from Pvt. J. Foster Watkins, states that he has just received two copies of the Star, one dated July 6 and the other Aug. 13. He is anxious to get in touch with S-Sgt. Muri Sylvester, who, he has learned, is also in Hawaii.—U. J.

The following letter is from Pvt. Leon Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bell, now of Hereford, Rt. 1. Pvt. Bell has been transferred from Wyoming to Camp Ellis, Illinois.

Camp Ellis, Ill., Sept. 12. Dear Uncle John: I have been moved to Camp Ellis, and I will give you my new address. I have not been getting the Star, and I sure do miss it. Maybe the copies I have missed will get here this week. Everyone's mail has been pretty well mixed up for some reason. Camp Ellis is a pretty nice camp, but I think Fort Warren was better. I sure do like the country around here though. I don't know what I am doing in this laundry Co., but maybe Uncle Sam does. All I know is that I don't like washing clothes, even though it is pretty easy. Uncle John I sure do want to thank you again for sending me the paper. I always look forward to getting it.

Yours truly, Leon Bell. The removal of Pvt. Bell to Camp Ellis, makes three Friona boys, now in that camp. Maybe they can get together and form a little Friona Club of themselves. They are Cpl. Harley Bulls, Pvt. John E. Hall and Pvt. Leon Bell.—U. J.

Sept. 12, 1943. Dear Uncle John: I have a little time, so will write a line or two. I am in Boot Camp at San Diego, Calif., in the Marines. It is pretty rough right now, but after I get out I don't think it will be so bad. We can't get out of the camp for 6 more weeks, and I will be glad when that time is up. We went to a show last night, and was it good. The name of it was "Salute The Marines," but the trouble of it was there weren't any girls to take with you. The show is plenty good and you get plenty of sleep.

Well Uncle John, I have to quit now. I was wondering if you would send the Star to me, or will I have to pay for it? If I do, get the money from Dad, as I sure do miss the hometown paper. Send it to this address. Pvt. Lloyd C. Mingus. It is all right about the paper, Lloyd, your sister was in last week and gave me your address, and it is now on our mailing list; and you should receive last week's issue and each issue henceforth.—U. J.

Will Thomas, of Hub community was in Wednesday morning and told us that he has a letter from his son, Ralph, who is with the U. S. Coast Guard and now stationed in North Africa. He was with the force that guarded the coast during the invasion landing in Sicily and the

LOCALS

J. L. Landrum, who is superintendent of one of the departments at the Clovis Air Base, was in Friona, Tuesday, and favored the Star with a few minutes visit. He stated that he and Mrs. Landrum are very comfortably located at Clovis now.

Farmers report that sudan grass that has been thus far threshed, is yielding from 500 to 1200 pounds per acre. Some of the maize that has been threshed has also made satisfactory yield.

Mrs. Oscar Elliott, who was formerly Miss Florence Parker, now living at Cortez, Colo., arrived here on Wednesday night of last week, for a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wickard.

Those who spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wickard at their farm home, west of town, were Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Fowler of Floyd, N.M.; Mrs. Ira Parker and Jr., Mrs. J. W. Pelton, Mr. and Mrs. James Carsile, all of Portales, N. M.; Mrs. Oscar Elliott and children of Cortez, Colo.; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wickard of Clovis, N. M.

Mrs. Oscar Elliott and children visited in Portales Tuesday.

Workmen are making rapid progress in the construction of the new addition to the home of E. R. Day, on the west side of North Main Street. G. E. Taylor is in charge of the work.

Of the group that was called before the local draft board last week, Ray Landrum and Tubby York were placed in 1-A classification and directed to report at Lubbock for final physical examination.

Mrs. W. J. Thompson of Plainview, a former resident of Friona, and her son, Lloyd Thompson and wife, were Friona visitors here Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Thompson paid the Star office a short visit while here.

Miss Sammie Morris of Amarillo, roommate of Miss Virginia Guyer, was a guest in the J. A. Guyer home over the week end. She returned to her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Dilger, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Oklahoma and Missouri during the past two weeks, have returned home. They express themselves as having had a most enjoyable trip and visit.

main land of Italy, but is now back at headquarters in Africa. He stated that all is quiet there now and the allies are making satisfactory progress. He promised the Star a letter in the near future.—U. J.

Rhea Church To Observe Mission Festival Sunday

Following an annual custom of dedicating one Sunday of the year to mission work, Immanuel Lutheran Church of the Rhea community has set aside Sunday, Sept. 20, 1943, for this purpose. There will be two special services Sunday. At 11 A. M. the pastor of the church, Robert H. Ries, will deliver the message. The Rev. Rudolph Weiser, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church at Lariat, Texas, will be the guest speaker in the afternoon service to be conducted at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these two services.

In both services will emphasize personal mission work. We all know that our missionaries on foreign soil are doing splendid work in their fields. However, it is well to be reminded of the fact that there is much similar work to be done here at home. Hence, the custom of setting aside one Sunday in the year as Mission Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church will be on hand to serve meals to all present.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB Twenty members answered roll call at the first meeting of the new club year at the Junior Woman's Club on Tuesday evening, September 14. Mrs. Irene Osborne was hostess. A program concerning "Facts about Federation" included the following parts: "Why Federate," Lora Mae McFarland; "Federated Extension," Inez Miller; Don'ts for presiding Officers and members," Nelda Bragg. Three new members, Mary Seamonds, Thalia Wright, and Ocee Warden, attended the meeting. Minnie Lee Popham was elected to membership.

The next regular meeting of club will be on September 21. Mrs. Frank Truitt—Reporter

Mrs. Ola Sheets who has been living on her five acre farm at the north side of town, has moved back to her residence in town. Since her son, Chester, has been called to the army, she found herself unable to attend to the duties at the other place.

MORRIS THOMPSON VOWS READ Mrs. G. W. Morris, Bovina, announces the marriage of her son, Robert Morris, S 1-c, to Miss Perla Faye Thompson, of Portales, Thursday, September 9, 1943. The bride is now staying at Portales with friends, since her husband returned to the service. Their friends celebrated a beautiful wedding dinner with them with lots of music, and best wishes for a long and happy life for both of them.

Aged Father of Friona Man Is Victory Gardener

A clipping from an Apache, Okla., paper was handed to us by one of our local citizens, C. F. Loflin. The clipping is concerning Mr. Loflin's father, J. A. Loflin, of Apache, who is now in his 94th year and who has, during the past summer, raised a noteworthy victory garden. The fame of Mr. Loflin's achievement got into the newspapers and reached the eyes of another aged gardener, who wrote Mr. Loflin a letter, as related in the clipping. We quote:

"J. A. Loflin of Apache, who at the age of 93 put out a victory garden this year, received a letter a few days ago from A. L. Mentzer of Martinsburg, Pa., another aged victory gardener, who commended Mr. Loflin on his efforts. The letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Loflin: Seeing your interest in your victory garden, seeing in our daily paper of work and ambition of a man of your age, is wonderful, but I know for myself, you are better satisfied to have something to do. I am the same as you, though 13 years younger. Everyone that is physically able should help along with the food question regardless of age. We old boys can show the youngsters how to do things to help bring our country through this terrible war, and by old boys doing our bit will help to make this nation and other nations a better place to live in. It looks as though there will be no more pigs killed or crops plowed under. Here is hoping the Allies will be successful in an early victory and that all nations be at peace for generations to come, and those that are responsible for this awful war may get their just dues. Well Mr. Loflin, here is hoping you may live to put out more victory gardens. I know you enjoy it, but don't work too long at a time, and be careful of the sun when it is hot. You know good people are getting scarce. I will tell you what my victory garden contains: Sweet corn, potatoes, cantaloupes, watermelons, celery, pumpkins and beans. I have almost 1-2 acre, had plowed but did all the cultivating with a garden plow and hoe. Don't feel any worse by doing it. It just kept me out of mischief. If you feel like answering this letter, I would appreciate it very much. Very truly yours, for more useful years."

Refreshments will also be served, and an opportunity will be given for all those who so desire to buy war bonds. It is hoped that the response to this war bond sale will be most enthusiastic, and all bonds sold at that time will be credited to Parmer County's quota in the Third War Bond Sale.

Bond Sale Be Sponsored By Legion P

The Star is authorized to announce that the local Post American Legion will sponsor a bond sale at its Legion here next Tuesday night, Sept. 21, to which the entire public is most cordially invited and urged to attend.

There will be a program of mutual interest to all who may attend, consisting of special music and short, snappy speeches by visiting speakers, among whom will be at least two of our local service boys who have been in actual service in this war on the Pacific front, and it is hoped to have one from the European or Atlantic front, who will entertain by relating experiences in actual combat.

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C. H. White Buys Wickard Farm

C. A. Wickard stated that he has sold his farm west of town, to C. H. White, and possession to be given as all terms of the transaction are completed.

Mr. Wickard stated that he has no definite plans for the future. Mr. White, who property at Hot Springs and now in Friona, has found it necessary to return to Parmer County, so the fact that his farm stock here call for more than his son, Euel, is a handle.

Hydes Return to School, After Visit

Eva Dean Hyde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hyde, of Rt. 1, Friona, left Sunday for Abilene, where she will enter college at Hardin-Simmons University.

Her sister, Miss Maxine Hyde of Seagraves, arrived Saturday to accompany her as far as Lubbock on her return trip back to work. She is employed in the Hartford Fire Insurance Company at Seagraves.

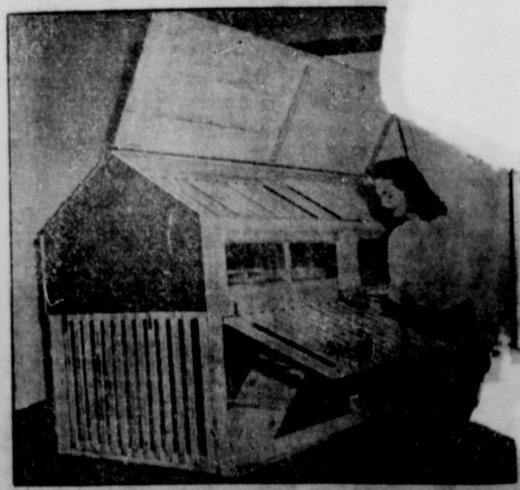
Omer Hyde, brother of Maxine and Eva Dean, has again entered school at Fort Worth Seminary, but will continue his pastoral work at Electra.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Reeve, 135 North 28th Street, Belleville, Ill., are the happy parents of a son, Floyd Scott, born Sept. 9, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville.

Mr. Reeve is now employed as instructor of radio at Scott Field, Army Air Force Technical School. He is a son of Mrs. Floyd Reeve of Friona.

Reporter.

'Henement'



With the rural poultry population at an all-time high of \$60,000,000 and urban chickens adding no one knows how many more, the chicken-housing shortage brings this idea. It's a two-story job with a cleated incline, suitable for 50 chicks or nine adults, and bottomless to provide scratching facilities. Georgiann Burns is the chick with the screwdriver.

CHANTS from the Chanticleer

We had the pleasure of a short visit last Wednesday afternoon with Delmar Bainum, a seaman in the merchant marine service, who is here spending a part of a 40-day lay-off from service, with his brother, C. S. Bainum.

We were deeply interested in his account of some of his experiences while on voyages taking him into the South Pacific, among some of the islands in that part of the world. On one occasion, the vessel he was serving on was torpedoed or bombed by a Japanese submarine. The ship was struck and badly damaged, but was able to get into some port where the damages were repaired.

Seaman Bainum stated that the sensations that passed through him were difficult if not impossible of description; but the Navy boys who were in charge of the guns carried by the ship, did their duty well and the sub was driven off. Other things in connection with the affair were discussed and we forgot to learn if the sub was sunk or not.

He also spent some time on some of the islands there, and stated that many of the natives were far more intelligent than one would naturally expect them to be, owing to the efforts and teaching of Christian missionaries, and many of them could speak the English language fairly well.

He stated that those islands are a good place for easy living, as they do not put forth any efforts to produce the necessities of life. They simply go out and gather native fruits and vegetables, which furnish the greater part of their food, and the fruits grow wild and require no cultivation. For their meat, they simply go to the sea and catch all the fish they need; and since these foods are available at all seasons of the year, there is no need for gathering or storing foods for future use.

The climate is always warm and therefore very little clothing is needed, and a large portion of that is made from the beaten bark of some of the native trees. However, many of them do wear some cotton clothing which is made from cotton goods shipped in there from other countries. He said if he should ever become so he could not work for his living, he thought that would be a fine place to live, as it requires no labor for one to live there.

We enjoyed a very pleasant but short visit one afternoon last week with our friend, C. R. Foote, who lives some ten miles southeast of Friona. Mr. Foote lives all alone, doing his own farming, cooking and housekeeping, therefore has little time for reading or other recreation, so he takes but one paper — The Friona Star — which he always tries to get time to read through each day. He has his wheat land all prepared for planting, but the

Can't Get 'Em Up!



WAC bugler Joyce Smith purses her best lips to compete with the traditional French 1st Zuave bugler's corps de chasse ceremonial horn in North Africa. (U. S. Army photo.)

soil has been so dry that he had not planted any of it at that time. He said they had pretty fair rain in his locality on last Thursday evening, which has wetted the ground through the plowed soil and into the firmer soil beneath, and his neighbors thought it advisable to plant wheat now and he would probably plant this week.

He was in Friona Thursday evening when the rain came and while driving home he drove through two pretty heavy showers that made the road somewhat slippery, but had spaces of dry road between the showers. A rather peculiar experience occurred, for on driving out of a shower near Highway 86, he was met by a volume of dust so dense that he could scarcely see how to drive his car.

He stated also that in spite of the fact that this has been, perhaps, the driest season he has experienced on the plains, he has some very good row crops, among them a few acres of corn.

He says that gasoline rationing causes him very little inconvenience, for his "A" card entitles him to all the gas he needs, except sometimes during the harvest season, when he has to make several trips to town to secure repairs for his machinery.

Mr. Foote stated that he lost his August 6th copy of the Star and would like to have another copy as he wants to send it to his son, Asa, who is with our armed forces somewhere overseas. We had none of that issue at the office as they had all been used up. If anyone has a copy of that issue, Mr. Foote would appreciate it if they would send it to him.

On Saturday afternoon of last week, we had a short but interesting visit from another

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THIRD WAR LOAN

Buddies



Lieut. H. E. Robinson of the North Africa glider artillery won't stand for any monkey business from you know who, but with his mascot pal, shown trying to doff the lieutenant's helmet, it's different. The monk even goes on glider flights. (U. S. Army photo.)

of our good friends, and a pioneer citizen of the Friona territory, in the person of W. H. Alderson, who lives west of town, out near the Rhea community.

Mr. and Mrs. Alderson live alone in their pretty farm home and he does much of his own farm work, cultivating a large acreage with the help of only one man. He began early in the spring to prepare his land for planting his row crops, even before it was warm enough to plant, and as he does not put much faith in the work of the one-way plow, he was doing all his work with the lister. But after he listed and relisted the land, it was still too early to plant, and the soil had become so hard that much of it turned up in clods.

Believing that there is nothing gained by sitting idle on the farm, wishing to get his land in still better condition, he removed the listers from the tool bar and attached two soil chisels to the tool bar and had his man to set them just as deep in the ground as the tractor

could pull them, going all the time in low gear.

When he had gone over the field in that manner, he told the man to continue with the two chisels just as he had been but to run the chisels this time just midway between the former chisel furrows, running them as deep as he had the first time. On completing this tilling, he attached another chisel to the bar, and again went over the field, again splitting the middles, but running only a little more than half as deep, and when this was done, he said he has his seed bed in as fine condition as he had ever seen ground and all the clods had disappeared.

Fortunately within a few days he received a pretty good rain, and it seemed that the water all went down into those deep chisel furrows and it now being late enough for planting, he planted his seed and got as fine a stand as one could desire. And, he stated, he will have a good average crop, but had he had another good shower at the time it was ready to head, he would have had as good a crop as he ever had, although it has been one of our driest years.

Mr. Alderson also prepared his wheat land with the lister.

NEWS

in the World of Religion by W. W. Reid

A group of businessmen, writers, lawyers, and others, mostly in the vicinity of Chicago, have organized a "Family Altar League" for the purpose of "restoring the custom of daily family prayers as an antidote to the rapidly increasing wave of crime and juvenile delinquency." It quotes J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I., as calling upon the 220,000 Christian churches in America to go into action to restore the Christian home to this country. They believe that religion is the only preventive

to juvenile delinquency and immorality growing out of the war and the absence of home makers from their children while engaging in war industries. Leading sociologists and churchmen join law enforcement authorities in this statement, they say. The League has opened headquarters at 189 West Madison St., Chicago, with Dr. William F. McDermott as executive secretary.

The Most Rev. Johannes Gunnarsson, son of the first Catholic to live in Iceland in modern times, was recently consecrated bishop of Iceland—one of the world's smallest Roman Catholic vicinities. Today the Catholic Church has three churches and 400 people in Iceland—small, but a great victory for the church when it is recalled that almost 400 years ago Lutheran Denmark executed the last Catholics and forbade the faith to be carried on upon the island. The new bishop comes from a family that has been in Iceland for a thousand years. His father, still living, was converted to Catholicism when on a visit to Denmark. The Bishop was educated in Iceland, Denmark, Holland. He will have his throne in the Reykjavik Cathedral.

Under the auspices of the Laymen's Movement for the Christian World, "Laymen's Sunday" will be observed in many churches throughout the United States on October 24. Wallace C. Speers, New York City merchant, is the director of the observance for the Movement. "The purpose of Laymen's Sunday," says Mr. Speers, "is to bring home to each individual layman, and to the church, the ultimate reliance of Christianity upon the response of the individual, if Christianity is to become a relevant, practical force in the everyday life of society." It is expected that on this Sunday all or a major portion of the services in many Protestant churches will be conducted by laymen; they will also preach the sermons.

Dr. Sante Uberto Barbieri, of the Committee on Evangelism of the Methodist Church in Argentina, heads the movement under way for the organization of evangelical work and chapels at the summer resort and seaport of Mar del Plata; at Chubut where there are several thousand descendants of Protestant immigrants who are now without pastoral care in Spanish; and in some of the northern provinces—notably Tucuman and Catamarca—where there are no evangelical churches in whole towns; and for extending the work of the church into the City of Florida, Uruguay. This

committee conducted evangelistic campaigns in Argentina in 1942 that added seven per cent to the membership of the Methodist churches.

"Our ministers who have become chaplains are encountering one situation which is basically different from that to which they have been accustomed in the civilian pastorate," says Dr. G. Pitt Beers, of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society. "A chaplain is put in charge of a contingent of men without regard to their religious affiliation. He must find a way to be helpful to Catholic and Jew, and he is the chaplain of the most irreligious and most anti-church men in his contingent. There is something here that should enter into the thinking of our Protestant churches. We have thought too much in terms of being pastor of a church, looking after a congregation, and being responsible for a constituency. The result is that there has grown up in our thinking, to a considerable extent, the feeling that we are not responsible for the community round about us—The minister must never think of himself in smaller terms than God's messenger to all the people round about him."

"When I was in China, I visited many of the orphanages and came away deeply impressed with the fine work being done," said Wendell L. Willkie recently to the American Committee for Chinese War Orphans, through which many American churches are supporting China's youngest victims of the war. "To many of these children, peace is a thing unknown. All of their

short lives have suffered in privation, a sacrifice, subjected to the certainty and death that war brings. For six long years that has been their life, and yet when you see them as I saw them, you realize how wonderful youth is—you can't help admire its plasticity, and hope. These are the future leaders of China."

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