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## SONS in the SERVICE

We have a letter from Pvt. Merlin Schmidt, giving his new address and requesting that the Star be sent to him at that address:

April 8, 1943.  
Dear Uncle John:  
Well it's been a long time since I've written a letter to you. How is everything around Friona? I am OK and still kicking, and am asking you to send the Star to my new address. I enjoy reading it very much and I also appreciate the work you are doing for the rest of the boys in service. I think, and I believe the rest of the boys will back me up, that you are doing a wonderful job of it. Reading the Star is just like reading a letter from home. So again I thank you and wish you all the good luck in the world.

As ever,  
Merlin.  
The Star is not supposed to give this new address, but we will try to see to it that Merlin gets the Star.—Ed.

And now, after quite a long lapse of time, we have another of those interesting letters from Pvt. Alva Pope, of the M. P. Co., and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pope, living west of town. He is now somewhere in Australia. The letter is written on a really pretty letterhead, showing the Australian and United States flags on one corner, in their colors of red, white and blue and the inscription: "Service Men's Recreation Club, National Bank Chambers."

March 19, 1943.  
Dear Mr. White:  
I don't know just how or what to say what my heart wishes to convey to you, in appreciation to you for sending the "hometown" paper to the Sons in Service. It gives a fellow a better knowledge of what he is fighting for, when he knows that back home there are people like you, who are backing us up with everything. And a letter or hometown paper is very important to keep our spirit and morale up to par. You may not realize it, Mr. White, but the hardest moment for me is when "MAIL" is called and I do not get a letter. I am not trying to be sentimental, for I get mail very regularly, but I've experienced the discouraging looks of the soldiers who seldom get mail. I would like to tell you something of my work, but as you know that is a military secret. This is a beautiful country and I find the people very much like us. They try hard to help us enjoy ourselves. They seem to appreciate us being here very much and the girls go for the Yanks in a big way. We had a very nice trip over. I enjoyed it very much, but I am looking forward to that trip back home. There is no place like Texas—most of all the plains and Friona. Haven't had the good fortune of meeting up with any Friona boys

## A Feller Can Dream, Can't He?



who are over here in this country yet; but still have hopes. There are two of my buddies, one from Oklahoma Lane, the other from Amarillo, and I want to tell you, they enjoy the Star almost as much as I do if that is possible. Fred Bolton of Oklahoma Lane and Melton of Amarillo. I must close for duty is calling; so thanks and best of all luck to you, Mr. White, and to all my Friona friends.

A. L. Pope.

The following card has been received from Sgt. Elbert McCutchan, who is the first overseas soldier to file a personal request that the Star be sent to him overseas.

3-17-43.

Dear Mr. White:  
I sure have enjoyed the paper very much. I wish I may continue getting it, but if that is impossible, I shall miss it very much. This is my new address:

The card was signed by Lt. M. R. McLaughlin, A. C. We are not supposed to give the address of these boys, and if we were, we are not sure we would have room in this column for Sgt. McCutchan's full address, there is so much of it.

S-Sgt. E. F. Osborn writes asking that his paper be sent to Shreveport, La.

Pfc. Joe Chernick now gets his mail at Birmingham, Ala.

G. C. Taylor, P. H. M. 2-c, now gets his mail e-o Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., San Francisco, Calif.

Thomas E. Armstrong, P. H. M. 3-c, writes the following letter to the Star and his Friona friends:

San Diego, Calif.,  
March 6, 1943

Dear Mr. White:  
Just a few lines to let you know I am still receiving the Star, and I really enjoy it, as I can find out where the boys are and how they are liking it. As for myself, I think the Navy is grand. I may ever marry some chief's daughter and tell the old man to move out and let me show him how to conduct himself in case of a battle, as I have heard that a whale can swallow a man, that seems to be a pretty safe place. I am still working at the receiving unit. I see most all the boys as they come in to their examinations. So come on you Texas lad, and I will assure you you will get those old worn-out teeth fixed up or taken out, as I sure enjoy pulling them. Thanks for the paper as I am always glad to get it.

Yours,  
Thomas E. Armstrong,  
P. H. M. 3-c.  
He is in the U. S. N. T. S. Dental Clinic at San Diego.  
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G. D. Anderson, of Farwell, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Word received recently from W. H. Flippin, Jr., who is now with the Seabees, somewhere in the Pacific, is to the effect that he is gradually recovering from the severe injury to his foot and leg, which he received several weeks ago. He states that he is getting along nicely and hopes to be out of the hospital within the next 30 days.

Rev. Paxton Smith and John White spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Amarillo in attendance at the meeting of the Panhandle Press Association. They report a very interesting program.

## Wm. E. Dodson Funeral Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, with Rev. J. E. Speegle of Clovis, in charge, for William Edison Dodson, of near Farwell, who died at his home there on Saturday, April 10.

Mr. Dodson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dodson of Friona and was born, Aug. 22, 1913. At the time of his death was 29 years, 7 months and 18 days old. He was a farmer by occupation and was living on the farm at the time of his death. He was married and, besides his wife, he leaves two small sons of his immediate family.

Mr. Dodson died of a heart attack while attending to chores around the farm Saturday morning.

Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his passing, his aged parents, one brother and three sisters.

Following the rites at the church, the remains were laid to rest in the Friona cemetery.

Pall-bearers were John Burrow, Frank A. Spring, Edw. Spring, J. R. Roden, Virgil Hall and Fred Barker, Jr.

Mrs. Minnie Godwine and daughter, Miss Lola, were Hereford visitors Tuesday morning.

W. F. (Bill) Cogdill, of the Lakeview community, left Tuesday morning to drive to Lone-wolf, Okla., for a few days visit with his father, W. A. Cogdill.

It was reported here, Monday that Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stowers, and their small daughter were victims of an automobile crash, at Lubbock, in which the little girl was instantly killed and both parents so severely injured that they were placed in a hospital. No particulars of the occurrence were obtainable. It is understood that the father is a brother of George Stowers of Friona community.

**METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
The officials of the Friona Methodist Church announce that their District Superintendent, Dr. House, of Amarillo, will preach for them this Sunday forenoon April 18, at the regular worship hour.

Dr. House will also preach here on Easter Sunday, April 25, at both the forenoon and evening services, at the usual hours.

**Congregational Christian Church**  
Palm Sunday, April 18, will inaugurate a special series of services for Holy Week culminating with Easter Sunday April 25. The red-letter day of all Christendom. "The Triumph and Tragedy of Jesus" is the sermon subject for Palm Sunday, when candidates for church

## Rain General In Friona Territory

The rain that fell throughout the immediate Friona territory on Wednesday afternoon of last week was large enough to relieve the pressure of continued drought on the wheat crop of the locality.

At Friona and immediate surrounding territory an estimated half inch of rain was received, which seems to have wetted the surface to the depth of the underground moisture, and has brought new life to the wheat and placed the soil in fine condition for gardening and the planting of row crops. Several farmers are planning to begin such work in the near future, and some have already begun.

At the Spohn neighborhood, some six or seven miles west of Friona, it is reported that a heavy hail which covered the ground like a blanket of snow to the depth of two inches or more was accompanied by a heavy fall of rain, making a depth of moisture of two inches or more.

Another heavy fall of rain is reported a few miles north and at the Ford Welch farm, about seven miles to the northeast. Good falls of rain are also reported over the eastern and southern parts of the county. Monday and Tuesday, while bright and fair, were both decidedly cooler throughout the day.

## Youth Has Broken Collar Bone

While playing football at school Tuesday, Kenneth, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bainum, had the misfortune of having his collar bone broken. While the injury is not considered dangerous, it is quite painful to the patient. He is reported as getting along favorably.

## Friona Woman's Club

Club met in regular session Wednesday afternoon at the Club House with 15 members present, including the hostess, Mrs. J. C. Wilkison and Mrs. J. T. Guinn.

The program was "Current Affairs," with Mrs. F. W. Reeve as leader, assisted by Mrs. Goodwine and Mrs. Simpson.

The next meeting will be held on April 28.

## HUB DEMONSTRATION CLUB REPORT

Twenty-four people attended the picture show, April 9, in the home of Mrs. A. H. Boatman.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. John Thomas, April 24.

Mrs. A. H. Boatman, Rep.

## Rev. Price Improving

Mrs. Paxton Smith drove Mrs. John W. Price and sons, J. W. Jr., to Amarillo last Saturday to visit Rev. J. W. Price of the Friona Methodist Church who is a patient in the Amarillo Veteran's Hospital. His condition is reported as slowly improving and he expects to be able to return home shortly after Easter.

## Card of Thanks

We take this means of expressing to each and all of our many good friends and neighbors our sincere thanks and appreciation of their great kindness to us by word and deed, during the death and burial of our beloved husband and father, son and brother.

And we especially remember Rev. Speegle, for the many words of solace and cheer.

Mrs. William E. Dodson and sons.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dodson and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Veazey.

membership will be recognized, and following a course of instruction by the pastor will be received on Easter Sunday. Religious services will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at the church at 8:45 p. m. A communion service will be conducted on Thursday evening, the traditional night when the Lord's Supper was established with Jesus and his Disciples in the upper room. Friday night, the Good Friday topic by the pastor will be "The Three Crosses." Wednesday evening, the initial message of three week-day series, will be entitled "What think Ye of Christ?" An opportunity will also be given on Palm Sunday and Easter for the baptism of children and infants.

## County Under Sorghum Quota, To Exceed Soy Bean Goals

### Sorority President



Miss Jacquelyn Wilkison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilkison of Friona, who last week was elected president of the DFD sorority at Texas Technological College.

## Friona Boy Pledges Tech College Club

Lubbock.—Luther F. Loveless of Friona is pledging College Club, men's social club at Texas Technological College. A total of 143 students signed preference slips for the seven men's social clubs on the campus.

Luther is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loveless and is enrolled at Tech as a junior dairy manufacturing major.

## Mrs. Kinsley to Head Congregational Ladies

The members of the Congregational Ladies Aid met in the home of Mrs. J. W. Ford, seven miles west of town, Wednesday afternoon, April 7, with ten members present.

During the business session the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Pearl Kinsley; vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Reeve; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Fred White; reporter, Mrs. J. C. Wilkison.

At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments of fruit salad, cake and tea were served by the hostess.

Reporter.

## Orland Rury On ACCHonor Roll

Abilene.—Orland Rury, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rury of Friona is listed on the honor roll at Abilene Christian College for the first six weeks of the second semester. This honor roll is compiled by the registrar and is composed of students who are in the upper ten per cent of the class in one or more courses.

## Comprenez-vous Jitterbugging?



French sailors from the 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu learn about rug cutting from U. S. O. hostesses at New York City's Stage Door Canteen. Do they like it? Mais oui!

## Tying Texas to the Fuel-Famished East



Welders at Lambertville, N. J., connect the long, long iron snake through which oil will flow from Texas to the oil-famished east coast.

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## Farmer John SEES THINGS

The three neighboring cowboys' analysis of national politics is quite pertinent. They draw comparisons of the New Deal method of putting the individual initiative under control with their own Western custom of handling the wild, freedom-loving bronc.

Big burly Tex was commenting and bewailing the plight of the regimented farmers. He was sympathizing with laborers' fear of enslavement. The housewife's mystification at rationing propaganda, even before the food surplus echoes have died away, drew his comment. He was wondering and surprised at the business man's complete submission to the dictates of the politicians, the jitter among the government employees who can but see the general unrest and resentment among all classes who are still trying to paddle their own canoes, was amusing to him. The turmoil and the downright mental distress among all citizens, he thought was pitiful. Many feel that they have already lost their country's freedom.

At this point, hardheaded Oakie and shrewd Mex in unison reported—"We all had it

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coming." "Especially you birds from Texas." "We from Oklahoma and New Mexico did protest a little; but it looked like you Texans should have seen what was up. Several of your leaders unflinchingly pointed it out. Yours was the power to have stopped it."

But the farmers voted for it. The cattlemen never did vote for price-fixing but we were handed a package of price stabilization, when they killed off our surplus. We liked the pay, regardless of the cost. Labor clamored for it. They lobby for it, they demanded it. Some of them thought they were getting a labor monopoly with which they could choke the rest of the country. Others just wanted a WPA by which they could ease their pride. The ladies swallowed whole without a look at the face value, the First Lady and her frills.

Although the business man rejected the NRA, he kept mum. He talked only to his brother in business about the general mad rush to Socialism. He had a secret and green-eyed hope that by some hook or crook, he could pass the inevitable jolt on to his good patrons and his neighbors. He was perhaps used to figuring that he could pass the cost on. Anyway, he believed that a business man's place was not helping in politics. The old-time preacher backslid and prayed to a mushy God—one that could be fixed according to some discouraged professor's scientific finding. He decided there was really no immutable economic law. God, for the time being, was a myth.

The whole crowd was afflicted with a moral breakdown. Each fellow felt that the other fellow was doing better, financially, than himself. He coveted the other fellow's dough. All classes seemed to forget that the American way out and over the top, was through production and absolute respect for the other fellow's right to property and opinion.

Each hated to go to the trouble to produce. Each was afraid, that if he did produce, someone he did not much like, would benefit. Even before the New Deal, the country had tried some experimentation in government control of business. True! Pegging prices and a wink at business class prejudices was very mild. But the rot decline had set in. So a government subsidy or an apparent group advantage looked good. The time was ripe for an opportunist; even the time-honored and trusted constitution was not sufficient to protect gullible America against

the ravages of a popularity hungry, power-crazed, chattering, after false gods.

At this point Tex again broke into the conversation, "You know, fellows, the government handles the people kinda like we do a bronc when we go to break him. We find him in the corral, or some other emergency proviso, where he can't easily get away. Then we go to talking nice and sorta soft to him. We will coddle up all kinds of pet names for him. We finally get close enough to feed him a maize head. And, after a while, a lump of sugar. Really that's not very hard. Then we tickle his egotism by scratching his nose. And, lastly, that confidential pat on the neck leads to a good tight grip on the brutes ear. The rest is simple—the bride, the saddle, the big spurs.—Then, Ride Him Cowboy!"

These three cowmen from the Southwest concluded that Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, might be the logical district to start a bi-partisan move to throw off the foreign born yoke. Oklahoma and New Mexico are by no means married to the Democratic party. Texas might get a divorce if the party continues drunk with New Dealism. No good bronc from the curly grass country will continue to carry a sorry rider. Sooner or later—and generally it is sooner—he gets to feeling his keeping and off goes the rider—sometimes with a kick in the pants.

## Summerfield

Jan Clark

We are proud to announce that we reached our goal of 100 in Sunday School Sunday.

This community received a fine rain Wednesday and Wednesday night. It was estimated that we got about an inch and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Clark are the proud parents of a baby boy, James Glen, born Thursday, April 8.

Frank Huckert went to Portales last week and Mrs. Huckert who has been visiting her father returned home with him.

Pvt. Thurman Atchley was in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Stephan and children of the Westway Community were visitors in the Henry Clark home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Rexrode and children spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Roberson Sunday.

Buddy Jackson, of Abilene, has enrolled in Summerfield School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lookingbill and son attended a surprise birthday dinner for Mrs. Lee Caldwell at Hereford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Noland were in Amarillo Monday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Noland.

Cpl. Wesley Coker is expected home sometime this week from Camp Phillips, Kan.

Mrs. Ray Johnson returned home from Gainsville Monday night. She will go to Ft. Worth Wednesday night to be with her mother who is to have an operation.

## Indian Curiosity Call



Human nature is pretty standard, whether in the U. S. or India, so Brig.-Gen. Clayton Bissell pauses to parley in sign language with these smiling Indian maidens whose curiosity brought them to an allied airport. (Passed by censor.)

## CHANTS from the Chanticleer

We dropped in at the Reeve Chevrolet plant Tuesday afternoon and found the proprietor, F. W. Reeve, our former mayor, quite busily engaged in labeling the large number of bins he has recently built and installed in the sales room of the plant.

These bins, whose construction is a credit to the builder, will contain the great variety of parts for the Allis-Chalmers farm machinery, which the Reeve Chevrolet Company will carry in stock this season for the benefit of the many users of this substantial line of farm machinery, and the labeling of each individual bin with the number of the part it will contain greatly simplifies and expedites the service which the company is planning to give to its customers during the busy farming season. From appearances of the great variety of parts the bins contain, it would seem that the Allis-Chalmers machines, right here at Friona.

And what we have just said regarding the Reeve Chevrolet Co., we believe we might also say about the other implement dealers of Friona. For, while we have not made any special visit to the other agencies, we know that in the past they have carried a most elaborate supply and variety of parts for the lines of machinery which they handle. Carl Maurer, for the Minneapolis-Moline line; Howard Morris for the International line, J. J. Williams for the Oliver Company, Jerry Blackwell for the John Deere people, and Ben Galloway for the Baldwin and Emerson lines.

Now we are not mentioning these facts simply as free advertising for these various dealers, but more to make known the fact that Friona dealers are prepared to supply their patrons with repair parts for their machines, and are thus aiding the local farm war effort to the best of their ability, by assisting in keeping all these various lines of machinery rolling, constantly and at full speed. Therefore, remember FRIONA when you are in need of machine parts.

Mrs. J. W. Ford, from seven miles west of town, displayed the truly patriotic spirit when she

stopped into the Star office last Tuesday afternoon and sponsored the placing of her neighbor's boy's name on the Star's subscription list. She stated she had been wanting to give this boy something which he would appreciate and something that would help and encourage him and she could think of nothing better than a subscription to the Friona Star. The name she added was that of Pvt. Hurston Battey, who is with the Army Air Force and is now located at the University of California, at Berkeley, Calif. We appreciate Mrs. Ford's thoughtfulness.

As we sauntered down the east side of Main Street Tuesday afternoon, we encountered our good friend, G. S. Lloyd, who, with a helper, was busily occupied at applying a fresh coat of paint to the Glenn Weir buildings on the northwest corner of Block No. 77.

Part of the time they were on their feet, standing either on the ground or on ladders while they busily plied their brushes as they spread the glistening white paint on the walls of the buildings. At other times they were taking life more leisurely as they sat on the side walk and carefully stirred their cans of paint to the proper consistency for perfect spreading on the walls; but in either position the work of painting went steadily on.

One of the above mentioned buildings is occupied by Ben Galloway's implement and parts store, and as his door was ajar, we stopped for a few minutes visit with Ben who was sitting at his desk just inside the door.

Ben is just recovering from a severe attack of influenza, which kept him confined to his home for several days last week, and he is barely far enough recovered from the attack to be able to be at his place of business. He told us that he was very sick and that it was the most severe attack of the ailment he had ever suffered. The pinched and rather pallid appearances of Ben's face bore evidence to the fact that he was speaking quite truly of the matter. We are hoping he does not suffer a relapse.

While on the streets recently we met with the rumor that it is probable that our two modern

cafes may close their doors to the public before long. Not from choice, but from necessity arising from the fact that their limited amount of 'ration points' are not sufficient to allow them to secure enough food to meet the demands of their customers.

We are not giving this as authentic, and so far as the Chanticleer is concerned it is simply rumor, as we did not have the opportunity to interview the proprietors of these two good cafes. We are hoping, however, that it may be simply rumor and may never become a fact, as the closing of the two popular eating houses will be a serious disadvantage to both the business and social interests of Friona.

The Chanticleer had the pleasure, Sunday night, of a short visit from Rev. Paxton Smith, and to show our hospitality and express our appreciation of his visit, we served a very light repast which we hope he enjoyed; but to this writing, (Wednesday forenoon) we have neither seen nor heard anything of the pastor, and we are seriously wondering if our simple board offered anything that may have interfered with his usually robust health. We sincerely hope not and that his visit may be repeated.

## Messenger News

MRS. J. N. MESSENGER

This community received 1 1/2 inches of rain Wednesday with some small hail but not enough in this particular locality to do any serious damage.

Geo. Messenger put new shingles on his house.

Stephen Messenger is driving the Messenger bus to Friona for the rest of the school term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman drove to Clovis to get baby chicks but were not able to get all they ordered.

Sparrows are eating up the early gardens.

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