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TEXAS WEEK

Next Week

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You tell 'em, boys!

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C. S. McNeely, Katy agent at Hico, thought he'd seen everything happen around a railroad during his experience that started longer ago than he cares to mention. But this week he had something new happen to him.

A letter from Shreveport, La., dated Feb. 23, 1943, 12:30 p. m., addressed to "City Depot Railway Agent, Hico, Texas," came to his attention:

"Enclosed please find amount of \$6.00 when a child I traveled on your railroad for half fare. I was 12 years old, and it should have been whole fare. I feel that it would please the Lord if I paid the other half. This is the approximate amount as well as I can send it in all form - perhaps a few cents extra, as I had to figure distance on map as well as I could remember the route I took."

McNeely still says he's not sure he's found an honest man, for he believes the letter is in a woman's handwriting. We contend that he has, for the file was still attached when we handed the letter back to him after inspection. Now we'll be interested in what happens to it after it passes through the hands of one of his bosses. F. B. Griffin at Dallas. Griffin is reputed to be honest, but has associated a lot with newspaper people.

Chas. K. Devall joined the Navy recently and left his flock of weekly papers up in North Texas under his wing. Writing in the Texas Press Messenger last month, Mrs. Devall told the story of a newspaper man came home and advised that she would be left in charge of the business, as he was going to war. The good lady, eyeing her mate whom she had been assisting at the office long enough to know the situation, summed it all up in the caustic retort: "Oward!"

Times have changed. People are busier than we thought. John Hancock walked through the alley by the side of the office last Saturday afternoon in his working clothes, when that's the day he usually knocks off and dresses up. Replying to our inquiry, John said he'd been doing an emergency job on the chimney at Mrs. Weisenhant's house. He added, by the way, that he isn't as young as he once was, as he found out after doing all that climbing up and down a ladder.

Bernard Wilkerson, owner of the Hamilton County News, put us on the spot Tuesday night by driving twenty miles to the local C. of C. dinner when this editor, with the meeting rights here under his nose, was using the excuse for non-attendance that he had to work. Bernard got right confidential with his erstwhile fellow citizens, we heard, and offered to trade a second-hand, slightly used air field for a newspaper. (Hamilton papers, please don't copy).

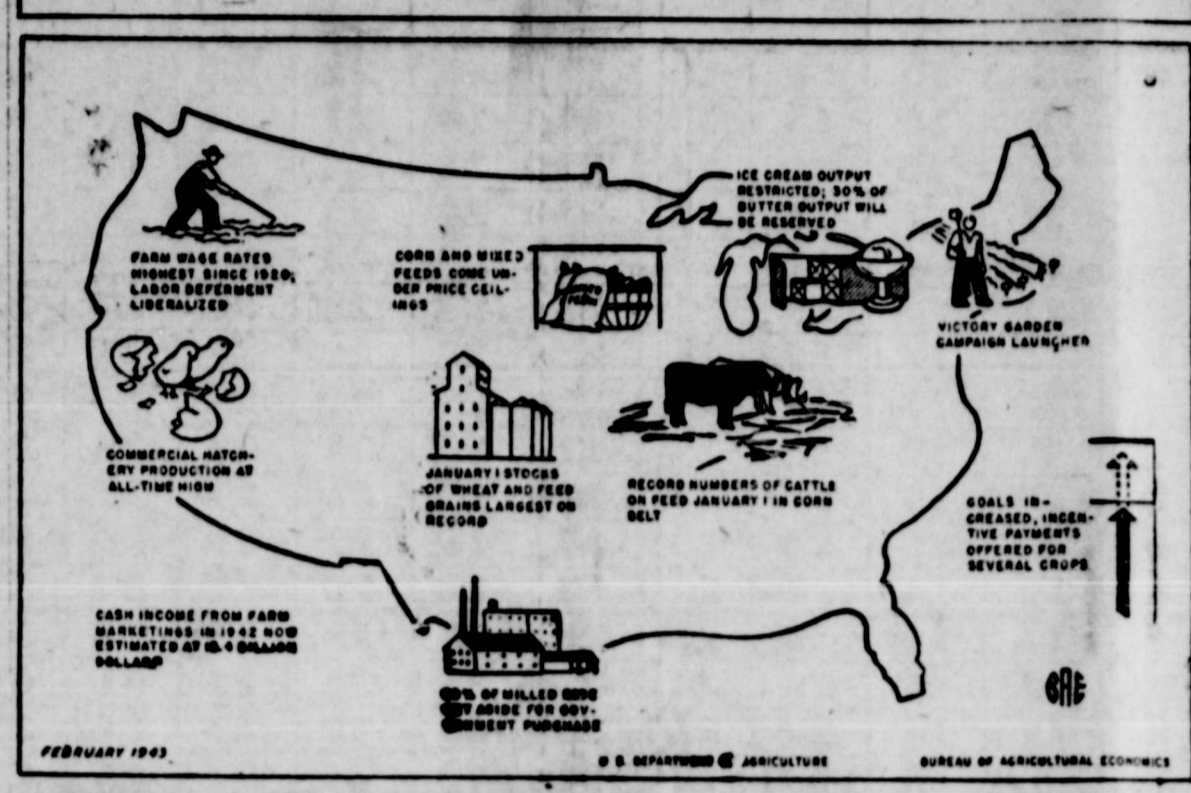
Fifteen thousand weekly newspaper owners in the United States are probably wondering what will be required next in the way of free government publicity. And this is no criticism of the government, either, for weekly newspapers always have done, and will continue to do, their bit. But some of the bureaucrats might stop now and then and wonder how they'd live if they gave their time on the same basis they expect of newspapermen. They used to say please. Now they're about quit that.

Service to readers is one of the things we're fondest of - besides ending a sentence with a preposition. But we still believe the man who pays the bills ought to be accorded the privilege of deciding of what that consists. (See there, our construction's getting better).

Little Davy Herion staged a Valentine's party all his own, according to reports who've noticed him out in front of the house impersonating Cupid while his mother and grandmother had their backs turned.

We've stood rationing very well up to now. Last period we let 12 gallons of gasoline coupons go unused, with only an A book. We've had enough sugar and coffee to get by on, thank you. And if we can't eat properly on what we grow in our garden (after it's planted) we should go hungry and not gripe. Our shoes may play out, but we can still wear those cow-boy boots our wife and daughter gave us last birthday - metatarsal permitting. But we're putting the rationing board on notice-right now, the next time some pseudo-farmer with A, B, and C cards on his windshield, making his daily trip to the post office, leavies runs over us as we're absent-mindedly crossing the street reading our mail and wondering how we're going to wash the type and presses without white non-highway gasoline, application forms for which seem to be as hard to find as Japs on Guadalcanal, we are going to rise up and demand rights. That is, if we can get enough gasoline to drive around hunting those elusive application forms.

... Can Spring Be Far Behind?



Here is the current farm situation throughout the nation as viewed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Slogan Contest Prize Increased; Time Extended

E. H. Persons, secretary of the Hico Chamber of Commerce, has submitted the following account from the minutes of the meeting of the Hico Chamber of Commerce, held Tuesday evening at the Russell Hotel:

On Feb. 23 the Chamber of Commerce met, with about 25 members present, and President Floyd W. Thrash presiding.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved, with a slight correction of a name of a committee chairman.

County Judge W. J. Harris and Bernard Wilkerson, owner of the County News, both of Hamilton were present as guests of the Chamber.

The president reported that there had been little interest in the slogan contest. Few entries had been received and these were not what the contest judges felt could be used as a slogan. Therefore, the decision of the judges was that the Chamber of Commerce should extend the time for the contest and give fuller details. These details will appear in next week's News Review.

On motion and second the Chamber voted to increase the prize to ten dollars' worth of Defense Stamps instead of the five dollars originally offered, and to continue the slogan contest for another month.

As chairman of the Highways, Roads, and Industrial Improvements Committee, H. N. Wolfe reported on the work already done toward improving the old Chairette road, and moved that the Chamber donate \$50.00 toward the expense of graveling that road. His motion was duly seconded, and carried.

Certain bills now pending before the legislature, about which letters had been received from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, among them being Senate Bill 51, and several bills concerning organized labor control in Texas, were discussed in a general way, and in the absence of a full text of the bills in question, motion was made and passed authorizing the chair to appoint a committee to seek additional information on the bills and then act for the chamber in support or opposition to said bills. The president then appointed E. H. Persons, C. S. McNeely and J. C. Barrow to serve on said committee.

Old Paper to Be Collected by Juniors of Hico High School

Here's another chance to get rid of your old paper! Just gather it up and have it ready Tuesday and put it in some convenient place. Old newspapers, magazines, and paper sacks are wanted.

Members of the Junior class of Hico High School will be collecting paper from 2-45 on next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Besides helping win the war, you will be helping the Junior class to raise money.

WITH THE COLORS

Have you heard about the little moron who moved to the city? He heard the country was at war.

Engineer School Graduate

Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C. - Pvt. Willie W. Roberts, Hico, Texas, has been graduated from the Engineer Equipment course of the Engineer School Engineer Battalion at this Marine Base. Graduation comes after twelve weeks of intensive training and readies the student for additional specialized engineer training.

Begins WAAC Training

Port Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 22 - Auxiliary Mavis Marie Hardy of Hico, Texas, has begun training at the First Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Training Center here. She was immediately assigned to a Receiving Center company for a week of elementary training. Here she was issued clothing and equipment, instructed in rudiments of drill, and given Army classification tests.

Texas Counties Claim

Brownwood, Feb. 23 - Two Central Texas counties claim Capt. T. H. McArthur, who has shot down his second Axis plane on the North African front within a month. Captain McArthur was credited Sunday with downing an Italian seaplane. He shot down a German Messerschmitt fighter recently over Tunisia.

Junior and Senior High School Students Eligible for Navy

Dallas, Feb. 24 - Eligibility of high school junior and senior students for enlistment in the Navy's V-1 Accredited College Program was clarified last week in a statement by Commander E. D. Walbridge, Director of the Office of Naval Procurement for the Eighth Naval District with headquarters in New Orleans. This information was received at the Dallas Branch, Office of Officer Procurement, 1530 Allen Building.

Some accredited colleges have lowered their entrance requirements to the extent that large numbers of high school juniors and seniors are now being admitted, prior to their regularly scheduled graduation from high school. Other colleges are contemplating similar lowering of their entrance requirements.

In some cases, Commander Walbridge said, "high school students who normally would not meet standard college entrance requirements until June, 1943, are being accepted for admission to certain colleges on a probationary status so that their enlistment under the V-1 Accredited College program may be completed before the deadline of March 16, 1943, established by the Navy Department."

"Such students will not be eligible for the program, as the primary requisite for V-1 enlistment still remains a secondary school education equivalent to graduation from an accredited high school under the normal full course, as a prerequisite for admittance to college."

Spring Term of District Court to Open Monday

The spring term of court for the 52nd Judicial District will convene March 1, 1943. The venire of 16 men summoned for grand jurors are:

J. T. Chesley, Hamilton; W. N. Fuqua, Hamilton Route 2; M. E. Parks, Fairy; W. H. Keller, Hamilton Route 1; W. P. Lawson, Hamilton; Sidney White, Ireland Route 1; Lampton Woodward, Hico; J. W. Hodo, Evans Route 1; J. F. Pierce, Carlton; E. N. Ren, Indian Gap Route 1; A. G. Register, Hamilton Route 2; Ernest Wilkins, Pottsville; Grady Hooper, Hico; S. F. Dickerson, Hico Route 3; Paul A. Winn, Hamilton; Odie Shaffer, Hico Route 5.

The petit jurors summoned for the second week, beginning March 8, are:

Ray Hemphill, Hamilton; Wesley Jones, Jonesboro; O. M. Dittrich, Jonesboro; Hubert Stueckey, Carlton; Ernest Bottlinger, Ireland; I. W. McGilvray, Evans; Oscar Hillier, Hamilton; B. T. Slater, Hico; Hobdy Thompson, Carlton; R. W. McAdams, Jonesboro; O. F. Jones, Hamilton; B. F. Driver, Hico; H. C. Blum, Jonesboro; Earl Smith, Hamilton Route 2; H. M. Johnson, Hamilton Route 3; M. K. Taylor, Carlton; C. R. Williams, Hico; Walter Chambliss, Hamilton; Newman Fuqua, Hamilton; R. O. Kemp, Hamilton; B. W. Riley, Jonesboro; E. E. Lewis, Evans; Jack Adams, Hamilton; Bert G. Trantham, Hico; James Cropper, Hamilton; R. E. Colwell, Hamilton; T. R. Parks, Hico; E. E. Douglas, Hamilton; Albert Knestein, Hamilton; Willie Platt, Evans; C. E. Cox, Pottsville; Melvin Lunge, Ireland; A. H. Burden, Hico; M. C. Daniels; Cecil Trigg, Jonesboro; Joe Schwartz Jr., Hamilton.

Blazing Arrow and Wolf Patrols Win Boy Scout Contest

The Boy Scouts met for their regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 22, at the gymnasium. Those present were Ralph Ellis, Bob Wren, Leroy Bobo, Wayne Honston, Billy Hutton, Frank Gano, Buck Meador, Billy McKenzie, Don Griffiths, Billy Keeney, Russell Johnson, Wendell Higginbotham, Paul Kenneth Wolfe, Weldon Houston, Lloyd Angell, James Lee Proffitt, Billy Jackson, Moody Ross, J. B. Hall, Maynard Marshall, Donald Lewis, and James Ray Bobo.

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Sgt. Hackbarth stated that the duties at the local office would be the same as in the past with special emphasis on the enlistment of WAAC recruits, not only in Brownwood, but in Hamilton county as well.

Mayor Proclaims Feb. 28 to March 6 As 'Texas Week'

Texas Week, set apart by act of the Forty-second Legislature, is the calendar week in which March 2 comes. This year Texas Week begins Feb. 28 and ends March 6.

Mayor J. C. Barrow has issued the following proclamation on relative thereto:

WHEREAS, the approach of Texas Independence Day and Alamo Day herald a week of deep significance and profound meaning in the minds and hearts of all Texans; and

WHEREAS, I am prompted by the patriotic members of the 42nd Legislature, as expressed in the Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8, and by my own feelings of love, loyalty, and patriotism toward my State:

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. C. Barrow, Mayor of the City of Hico, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of February 28 through March 6, 1943, as

TEXAS WEEK.

I urge all citizens of this municipality and of Texas to observe Texas Week in an appropriate manner. No one of us will fail to cherish the rich heritage which our founders and forefathers prepared for us of this generation.

During this week let us make much of the spiritual values of our history and of our traditions. Let us dedicate our lives afresh to ideals of statesmanship, character, leadership, and service. Let us make it possible, as did our forebears, for our own and for future generations to enjoy liberty as of conscience, of speech, of the press, of worship, or public assembly, and all the other liberties we cherish.

In this critical hour when democracy, even civilization itself, is at stake, it is more than ever fitting to commemorate the glorious deeds of those who laid the cornerstone of the Texas Empire. Let us prove ourselves not unworthy of the incomparable heritage left to us by pioneers and martyrs.

What they fought for in the past are determined to hold.

Remember Goliad. Remember the Alamo. Remember Pearl Harbor! IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of my Office to be impressed hereon at Hico, Texas, this 22nd day of February, A. D. 1943.

J. C. BARROW, Mayor of Hico, Texas.

Local School Man Now In Service Gives Public Treat

First Lieutenant Harry T. Pinson now at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, was largely responsible for the fine program which was given at the Hico High School Auditorium last Friday evening. Of course, he told his wife about the fine educational films which are available for the civilian public from the film library at Camp Bowie.

His wife told the community program committee and the program was arranged. All of this goes to show that Harry Pinson has not lost his interest in Hico since he has gone into the service of Uncle Sam.

Hamilton Loses Pre-Glider School by Recent Order

Late last week the following news from the War Department at Washington brought consternation to Hamilton people: That all preliminary glider pilot training was terminated, and Col. Dan F. Hunter informed the school that with the completion of the courses now being given the school in Hamilton would close - Hamilton County News.

More than 50 distinct types of soil are found in Brown County, Texas.

On Radio Feb. 28



PAT M. NEFF, Waco, Tex.

President of Baylor University and of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a former Governor of Texas, who speaks on The Baptist Hour Sunday morning, February 28th, at 7:30 A. M. (CWT).

Pat Neff to Speak On 'Christian Patriot In This Chaotic World'

Hon. Pat M. Neff of Waco, Texas, will be the speaker Sunday morning, February 28th on the Baptist Hour radio series, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, Georgia, Chairman of the Radio committee sponsoring the network.

These weekly religious programs, featuring outstanding speakers from the South and heard at 7:30 CWT Sunday mornings through March, are carried on an independent network of 36 stations. "American Christians Amid World Crises" is the general theme for the three months. The programs may be heard in this section on Stations WFAA of Dallas; KPRC of Houston and KPRO of Longview.

Neff, who speaks on the subject, "The Christian Patriot In This Chaotic World", is President of Baylor University and will speak from the Waco campus of this largest Baptist University.

Speakers who will be heard in March on The Baptist Hour are: Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tenn., speaking the first three Sundays; and Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville, Ky., President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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The best that you can do today should be your tomorrow's starting point.

Local Chairman Reports Ready On Red Cross Drive

Rev. Floyd W. Thrash, guiding his lions for the forthcoming Red Cross War Fund Drive, of which he has accepted the chairmanship, announced this week some of his plans for the campaign which begins March 1 and continues through March 15. The Hamilton county quota has been set at \$4,000, he said, and the Hico committee has accepted responsibility for raising \$562.50 of this amount.

Max Hoffmann, Paul Wren, and H. E. McCullough have accepted appointment to service on the large gifts committee, the chairman said. Others making up the general committee have been named: Mrs. H. N. Wolfe, Mrs. Lusk Randalis, Mrs. Louis Cheney, Mrs. D. R. Proffitt, Mrs. Wade Greenslit, Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Mrs. J. W. Fairley, Mrs. Harry Hudson, Mrs. Mae Dorsey Bates, Miss Florence Chenuit, Mrs. Roy French, E. H. Randalis Jr. will act as treasurer.

Boy Scouts headed by Bob Jackson and his patrol leaders, Wayne Houston, Billy McKenzie, Lloyd Angell, and James Ray Bobo, will distribute literature Friday and Saturday of this week.

The following news release has been submitted for publication by R. J. Riley, county chairman of the 1943 War Fund Drive:

"Hamilton county's War Fund Drive for the Red Cross begins next Wednesday, March 3. The quota for this county is \$4,000 - almost double the last call made by the Red Cross soon after Pearl Harbor. Yet the duties and responsibilities of the Red Cross in this world-wide war are in have doubled a hundred-fold.

"This War Fund Drive affords the most wonderful opportunity for those of us at home to contribute to one of the most essential parts of the war effort. The Red Cross is the only organization that is in the front lines all over the world looking after the welfare of our boys. So in the direct interest of your own boy, your neighbor's boy, your husband, brother, nephew, and all American soldiers, whether you have any relatives or not in the armed forces, every soldier, sailor, marine, or flier is the son of some American mother. The Red Cross is taking the place of the mothers on the battlefronts, and I know the good people of Hamilton county are going over the top in this drive for so worthy a cause.

"Below is a list of the good people of each community that have agreed to act as chairman of their respective communities. So please see them, and help save gasoline and tires. If you don't, they are going to see you and double any former contribution you have ever made to the Red Cross."

Alemann, Erwin Schrank. Tonkawa, Mrs. John Blum. Carlton, Mrs. Walker Curry. Eldson, Mrs. B. A. Dunklin. Eliza, Mrs. John Wright. Evergreen, Mrs. John Boyar. Fairy, Miss Johnnie Broyles. Faddview, I. W. McGilvrey. Gentry's Mill, Mrs. Clyde Neely. Goad, Hubert Viertel. Gum Branch, Mrs. Ruby Lee Brummett. Hico, Rev. Floyd W. Thrash. Hamilton, Mrs. Joe Cleveland Jr. Honey Grove, Mrs. Avery Coffman. Indian Gap, Mrs. Ernest Anderson.

Jonesboro, Mrs. Chas. McAnelly. Lanham, Mrs. Chock Broyles. Liberty, Mrs. W. A. Sumnerford. Lund Valley, Mrs. Lela Woodard.

McGirk, E. E. (Gordon) Crews. Mt. View, Cecil Pendleton. Mustang, Mrs. Stoney Hammack. Olin, R. S. Jackson. Pecan, Mrs. Lucille Brummett. Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Mark Muckstick.

Pottsville, Mrs. W. F. Reinert. Rock House, Mrs. Lillian Sellers. Shive, Gordon Nettleton. Sunshine, Mrs. John Guest. Blue Ridge, Jack Stribling. Union, Mrs. Bratton Arnett. Vista, Mrs. Ben Putnam. West Point, Mrs. Clara West. Littleville, Mrs. Willie Gilmer.

JOE GISH THE ONE NICE THING ABOUT THE NEW HATS IS - WHO'S THERE? SAY SOMETHING THAT'S IN STYLE OR NOT?

CLIP THIS CHART and HANG IT UP---You'll Need It to Figure Points On Grocery Lists

FLUIDS $\frac{1}{2}$ pint = 1 pound
 $\frac{1}{4}$ quart = 2 pounds

POINT VALUES

WEIGHT	OVER INCLUDING																PER LB.
	Over 0 Including 4 oz.	Over 4 oz. Including 7 oz.	Over 7 oz. Including 10 oz.	Over 10 oz. Including 14 oz.	Over 14 oz. Including 1 lb. 2 oz.	Over 1 lb. 2 oz. Including 1 lb. 6 oz.	Over 1 lb. 6 oz. Including 1 lb. 11 oz.	Over 1 lb. 11 oz. Including 2 lb.	Over 2 lb. Including 2 lb. 4 oz.	Over 2 lb. 4 oz. Including 2 lb. 8 oz.	Over 2 lb. 8 oz. Including 2 lb. 12 oz.	Over 2 lb. 12 oz. Including 3 lb.	Over 3 lb. Including 3 lb. 4 oz.	Over 3 lb. 4 oz. Including 3 lb. 8 oz.	Over 3 lb. 8 oz. Including 3 lb. 12 oz.	Over 3 lb. 12 oz. Including 4 lb.	
FRUITS AND FRUIT JUICES																	
Canned and Bottled (including Spiced Fruits)																	
APPLES (including Crabapples)	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
APPLESAUCE	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
APRICOTS	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
BERRIES—all varieties	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
CHERRIES, red sour pitted	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
CHERRIES, other	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
CRANBERRIES and SAUCE	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
FRUITS FOR SALAD and FRUIT COCKTAIL	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
GRAPEFRUIT	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
GRAPE JUICE	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
PEACHES	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
PEARS	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
PINEAPPLE	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
PINEAPPLE JUICE	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
All other canned and bottled fruits, fruit juices, and combinations	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
Frozen																	
CHERRIES	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
PEACHES	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
STRAWBERRIES	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
BERRIES, Other	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
All other frozen fruits	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
Dried and Dehydrated																	
PRUNES	3	8	11	15	20	25	31	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73	78	20
RAISINS	3	8	11	15	20	25	31	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73	78	20
All others	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
VEGETABLES AND VEGETABLE JUICES																	
Canned and Bottled																	
ASPARAGUS	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
BEANS, FRESH LIMA	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
BEANS, GREEN and WAX	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
BEANS, all canned and bottled dry varieties including Baked Beans, Soaked Dry Beans, Pork and Beans, Kidney Beans, and Lentils	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
BEETS (including pickled)	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
CARROTS	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
CORN	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
PEAS	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
SAUERKRAUT	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	4
SPINACH	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
TOMATOES	2	5	7	10	13	16	20	24	28	31	34	37	41	44	47	50	13
TOMATO CATSUP and CHILI SAUCE	1	4	6	8	11	14	17	21	23	26	29	32	34	37	40	43	11
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OTHER PROCESSED FOODS																	
SOUPS, CANNED AND BOTTLED—all types and varieties	1	3	5	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	8
BABY FOODS, Canned & bottled, all types and varieties except milk and cereals	4 ounces—including $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces - - 1 Point								Over $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces—including 9 ounces - - 2 Points								

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED:
 Canned Fruits. Chili con Carne. Fruit Cakes. Fruit Puddings.
 Jams—Jellies. Olives. Pickles.
 Potato Salad. Preserves. Relishes.
 Frozen Fruits in containers over 10 pounds.
 Frozen Vegetables in containers over 10 pounds.
 Fruit Juices in containers over one gallon.
 Meat Soups containing some Vegetables.
 Pasta Products—such as Spaghetti, Macaroni, Noodles, whether or not they are packed with added Vegetable Sauces.
 Vegetable Juices in containers over one gallon.
 By-products of fruits or vegetables such as soy bean oil, soy bean milk, fruit and vegetable dyes, and similar products.

INSTRUCTIONS.—To find the Point Value of an Item:
 1. Find out the net weight of the contents (from the label, if any).
 2. In the line across the top of the chart, showing the weight in ounces and pounds, find the column in which this weight belongs.
 3. Find the item in the listing of items in the column to the left.
 4. The POINT VALUE of the item appears on the same line as the item and in the column listing the correct weight.
 All Point Values must be determined by weights. If no weight is marked on the item, the item must be weighed.
 In finding the Point Value of a container where contents are given in fluid ounces, consider the fluid ounces to be the same as the avoirdupois weight ounces. One pint is one pound; one quart is two pounds.

The Point Value of any item weighing over four (4) pounds shall be arrived at by multiplying the number of pounds of that item by the Point Value per pound of that item as given in the "Per Pound" column. Fractions of a pound should be figured in quarter-pounds. Fractions of a quarter-pound should be figured to the next higher quarter-pound. Thus, an item weighing 4 pounds 9 ounces would be considered as weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces for the purpose of getting the Point Value of the item.

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THE PERFECT BOY

A group of Sophomore girls have put their heads together and compiled the following list. We hope no one feels slighted.

1. Hair—Donald Hefner.
2. Eyes—Paul Wolfe.
3. Teeth—Baby Bruner.
4. Dress—Don Griffiths.
5. Smile—Lloyd Angell.
6. Physique—Milburn Kundson.
7. Politeness—Frank Ganoe.
8. Student—David Battershell.
9. Gentlemanly Qualities—Harold Todd.
10. Most Fun—Billy Keeney.

THE PERFECT GIRL

Some Freshmen boys made up the list that follows:

- Hair—Carolyn Holford.
- Eyes—Joyce Gandy.
- Teeth—Billy Jean Williamson.
- Dress—Carolyn Holford.
- Smile—Jimmie Thompson.
- Figure—Jo Evelyn Rellihan.
- Lips—Virginia Coston.
- Student—Patsy Pinson.
- Lady-like Qualities—Mary Nell Ellington.
- Most Fun—Mary Nell Jones.
- Complexion—Winnie Oma Polk.

DIRT COLUMN

Wonder what Billy Jean meant when she told Don to remember what she said when they were walking home one night. Do you know, Don?

What was Herman M. doing here yesterday? Maybe Wanda knows. Do you, Blondie?

If Mrs. Pinson would look closely at Ada Lee, she would see her winking at Roy P. in History. Isn't that right, Ada Lee?

Has anyone seen Dale and Don? Wow! They have it bad (I think). It surely is funny that Patsy and Lloyd were absent the same day. They say it's their vaccination.

Wonder who Mildred was out walking with Sunday afternoon. Could it have been Frank G.?

Joyce and Billy Jean were certainly absorbed in Mr. Levisay and Mr. Sargent Sunday afternoon. Jody is doing all the good, so we have heard. Bet you can't guess who she went with Saturday night.

SENIOR NEWS

We Seniors wish to express our appreciation for the military picture show which we enjoyed immensely last Friday night.

We are sorry to lose Harold Todd as he joined the Marines. He was our class president, but we elected David Battershell to take his place. Milburn Knudson was our vice-president and since his absence, we chose Maxine Lively to fill in.

This week we are trying to interview one of our popular Senior girls, Norma Ruth McGlothlin, better known as "Norma" to her many friends. Norma came to Hico from Fair, and we are mighty glad to have her. She is smart in her subjects and also a swell athlete. O. K. Norma, start talking!

Favorite food: Pecan pie.
Sport—Basketball.
Hobby: Collecting photographs.
Subject—Bookkeeping.
Song: "Gone with the Wind."
Boy friend: Oh, oh! Guess who. None other than that cute little boy, L. G. Astrey. Say, Norma, we all thought you had a boy friend at Lanham. Did you drop him again? Poor thing, don't you feel sorry for him?
Norma is 5 ft. 6 in. tall, weighs 116, and is 17 years of age. She has brown hair and those gentle, "kitty" eyes. Honest, folks, Norma is a very cute "kid" (and we do mean girl).

JUNIOR NEWS

In accordance with our Physical Fitness Program, we received charts last week which we checked to see if we eat the right foods. Several of us are finding out just how much candy we do eat when we have to subtract 10 each time.

The Home Economics classes have really decorated our school pretty. Almost anywhere you look you may see a can or box for collecting materials needed in the war effort. And all of these are decorated in red, white, and blue. Just to look at them makes us feel more patriotic.

But the Home Economics classes aren't the only ones who are patriotic. Last week the Juniors decided to collect papers. In doing this, we will not only raise money to entertain the Seniors, but we will also help win the war. So if you have any old papers around the house, we will be around to collect them.

FRESHMAN NEWS

We are glad to have Muri Dean Pingleton visiting us this morning. She attends school at Stephenville.

We are sorry to lose some of our students. Wanda has moved to McGregor. H. C. is going to Washington to visit his father. We hope they will have much success in their work.

Boy, the Freshmen are really appreciating the show. Just ask some "Fish" girls.

Dale and Don are still making it all right, as well as Jackie and Paul K., and Lloyd and Patsy—a nice group.

The Freshman class was rather disappointed this last week. We had planned a party Friday night but there was a picture show in the auditorium. However, we hope to have a party this coming week. We enjoyed the pictures and the speeches.

"Meet the People..."

(Each week in this space will be presented a picture and word portrait of someone whose name is news.)



Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby

• Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby is a pretty, trim little woman in her late thirties who has successfully combined motherhood with a career—in fact, several careers.

• Before she was catapulted from the war department's public relations bureau into her present position as director of our first women's army, Mrs. Hobby was, at one time or another, parliamentarian of the Texas legislature, a lawyer, a banker and co-publisher, with her husband (former Texas governor, William Pettus Hobby), of the Houston Post.

• As director of the WAAC Mrs. Hobby holds a rank corresponding to that of colonel in the army and is frequently addressed as "colonel." She apparently doesn't object to that, but definitely does not want to be called "madame director." Soft-spoken, deliberate and not the least officious, she is known as a good executive.

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Lora Martin and daughter left Friday for Brackettville where he is working.

Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Della Phillips and Mrs. Horton spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Luckie, who live east of town.

Mrs. Eddie B. Cunningham is in Fort Worth going to a defense school.

Johnnie Kimbro of Gordon, Texas is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Olin Edwards.

Mr. T. P. Owen, who has been in the Stephenville Hospital for some time, has returned home, of which all are glad to know.

Sgt. Jack Krailo and wife of Brownwood are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jaehne.

Mrs. C. R. Conley spent the week in Dallas with her daughter, Miss Charlene.

Byrum Loader returned Thursday night from California.

Miss Sarah Jane Chaney of Dublin is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chaney.

Mrs. W. R. Gosdin is in the Stephenville Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. C. L. Tidwell spent the week end in Dallas with her daughter, Mrs. Clepper.

Miss Kathaleen Hughes, who works in Fort Worth, spent the week end at home.

Mr. C. R. Conley spent the week end in Dallas. His wife accompanied him home.

Miss Wilma Russell, who works in Fort Worth, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Plummer are at home from Mexico, where Mr. Plummer has been working.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McElroy have moved to their new home, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Wright who moved to the Pylant house in the west part of town.

Pvt. Ralph Echols, who is stationed at Waco, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. W. B. Smith has returned from Oklahoma City, where she was with her husband who is in the army.

Starting Feb. 28 the Dedication Week will be at the Methodist Church, which will continue till March 7. All Methodists are urged to come. This Dedication Week will be all over the United States from Feb. 28 to March 7. C. M. Tidwell, the Sunday school superintendent, will have charge of the service Feb. 28. All come. Will be at night only.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Plummer have rooms with Mrs. Ida Weir.

Pvt. Lee Phillips who is at Camp Wolters, spent the week end here.

Mr. Allen and his band marched from the school house Tuesday night and played some of their marching and played several pieces on the streets, which all sure enjoyed.

Word was received here Monday from Oklahoma City that the only brother of Mrs. Ella Harris had passed away. She has the sympathy of her friends. Her name was Hefflin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heyroth entertained a large number of their friends at their home Sunday night with a George Washington supper. All enjoyed it very much.

Pvt. Lynn Holley, who is stationed at San Antonio, visited his aunts, Mrs. Emma Houston and Mrs. Clark the past week end.

Mrs. Emily Schumacher of Arlington and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wead of Fort Worth spent the week end with Emily's parents.

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Please look for the number in your directory first before calling. It will be a big help to the operator in keeping the switchboard clear for important calls.

It's a little matter but when multiplied several times, it means much toward serving you better. Thank you.



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Mr. and Mrs. Turner. He is in camp at Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Luther Tarver of Walnut Springs visited her sister, Mrs. Gregory, Sunday afternoon. She was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Baggett.

Rev. Cundieff was sick Sunday night and a large crowd of the Baptist members came to the Methodist church. We were glad to have them, but all are sorry that their pastor is sick and hope he will be well soon.

All remember the Dedication Week which will start Feb. 28 and run on till March 7. This week will be observed perhaps all over the world. The pastor urges all to bring Bibles. The book of Revelations will be studied. All come and enjoy it.

Buck Sargent and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elry Baker of Amarillo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Oldham, and other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodman and Mrs. Albert Pike and baby spent Sunday with their parents. They returned to their home in Dallas Monday.

Mrs. Viola Waldrip and son have rooms with Mrs. Gregory. Mrs. Sally French visited relatives in Fort Worth from Thursday till Sunday.

Dry Fork

By Johnnie Ruth Driver

Mr. Eula Bell of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Burnett and son Oliver of Hico, and Mr. and Mrs. Oran Columbus and baby of Groesville spent Sunday with Mrs. Orval Bell and J. P. Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables and sons and Ray Alan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ables of Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson and family of McGregor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders and daughter, Mildred. Mildred returned home with them for a few days' visit.

G. C. Driver and daughters, Opal and Johnnie Ruth, and Murrell Ables were visitors in Hamilton Saturday morning.

G. C. Driver and son, Herman, were business visitors in Goldthwaite Friday.

Mrs. Ford, who has been visiting her sister in East Texas, has returned home.

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DON'T pull plug from iron socket while cord is connected to outlet. Each time you do so, the electricity arcs or flashes when connection is broken, gradually burning and pitting the terminals and eventually resulting in unsatisfactory operation of iron due to damaged electrical contacts. Always disconnect cord at wall outlet. If your iron is automatic, use thermostat to regulate heat instead of pulling plug.

DON'T drop your iron. Of course, you wouldn't do this intentionally, but use every precaution against it. Dropping your iron may break inside connections or damage the thermostat. More irons are put out of commission by being dropped than by any other single cause. Always set iron firmly on a stand or its heel rest... never on a sloping or slippery place.

OTHER TIPS on Iron Care: Avoid ironing over buttons, hooks, zippers and other hard articles that might scratch sole plate... Keep bottom of iron clean by wiping with damp cloth when cool or by using mild abrasive or fine steel wool if necessary... Never immerse iron in water... To remove starch, sprinkle a little salt on waxed paper and run warm iron over it... Never wrap cord around hot iron... Always let iron cool before putting it away.

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Hico, Texas, Friday, Feb. 26, 1943.

THIS AND THAT By JOE SMITH DYER

LAST GREAT BUFFALO HERD: The last buffalo herd to roam the prairies of western Canada is to be killed to make room for a military camp.

The three hundred thousand acre reserve will be filled with soldiers training for war, instead of thousands of thick-maned buffalo that have grazed there peacefully for many years past.

Besides the buffalo, many other animals are doomed to slaughter. Fifteen hundred elk and five hundred moose are to follow the buffalo to other grazing grounds from which there will be no return.

This great herd of buffalo was developed from four calves that refused to move from the dead bodies of their mothers when a band of Blackfoot Indians had cleaned out a small herd across the Canadian border.

When Chief Mountain called their hands, "The Palefaces are killing off the buffalo," he warned, "Put these calves into a corral-and we shall soon have more herds." The Blackfoot obeyed.

When Michael Pablo, a rancher in Southern Alberta, heard of the Indians' herd he very quickly crossed the border and, after bargaining with the red-skinned owners, he rounded up the herd and drove them north into Canada.

They increased so rapidly that it was often necessary to thin them out. Each autumn the old, tough ones were killed and their meat and hides were sold.

Now they must all go! They will be replaced in the big reserve by modern warriors, who will be expertly trained in the arts of War so that they may join the active forces overseas.

WE CAN LIVE FOREVER: The average span of a person's life is sixty years.

If you are now thirty you have only thirty more years left. Half of that time you will spend in sleep so that leaves you only fifteen years.

You'll work a third of each day and that will leave you only ten years.

You'll be sick and indisposed a month of each year and that will leave you only eight years.

Barring accidents, you haven't long to live. Sundays and evenings are all that's left you in which to enjoy your decreasing moments. So why not begin now to do the things you say you will begin to do tomorrow?

MISS FIELDS' FAREWELL: Some months ago Rachel Field passed away.

It was only a short time after she had completed her last contribution to the literary efforts of America. This last was "And Now Tomorrow," in which she writes of the labor problems in the New England states. She writes of them as only she could. She also wrote "All This and Heaven Too" which many of you saw on the screen with Bette Davis. Since "And Now Tomorrow" has been published it has climbed steadily to the top and is now the most widely read book in America.

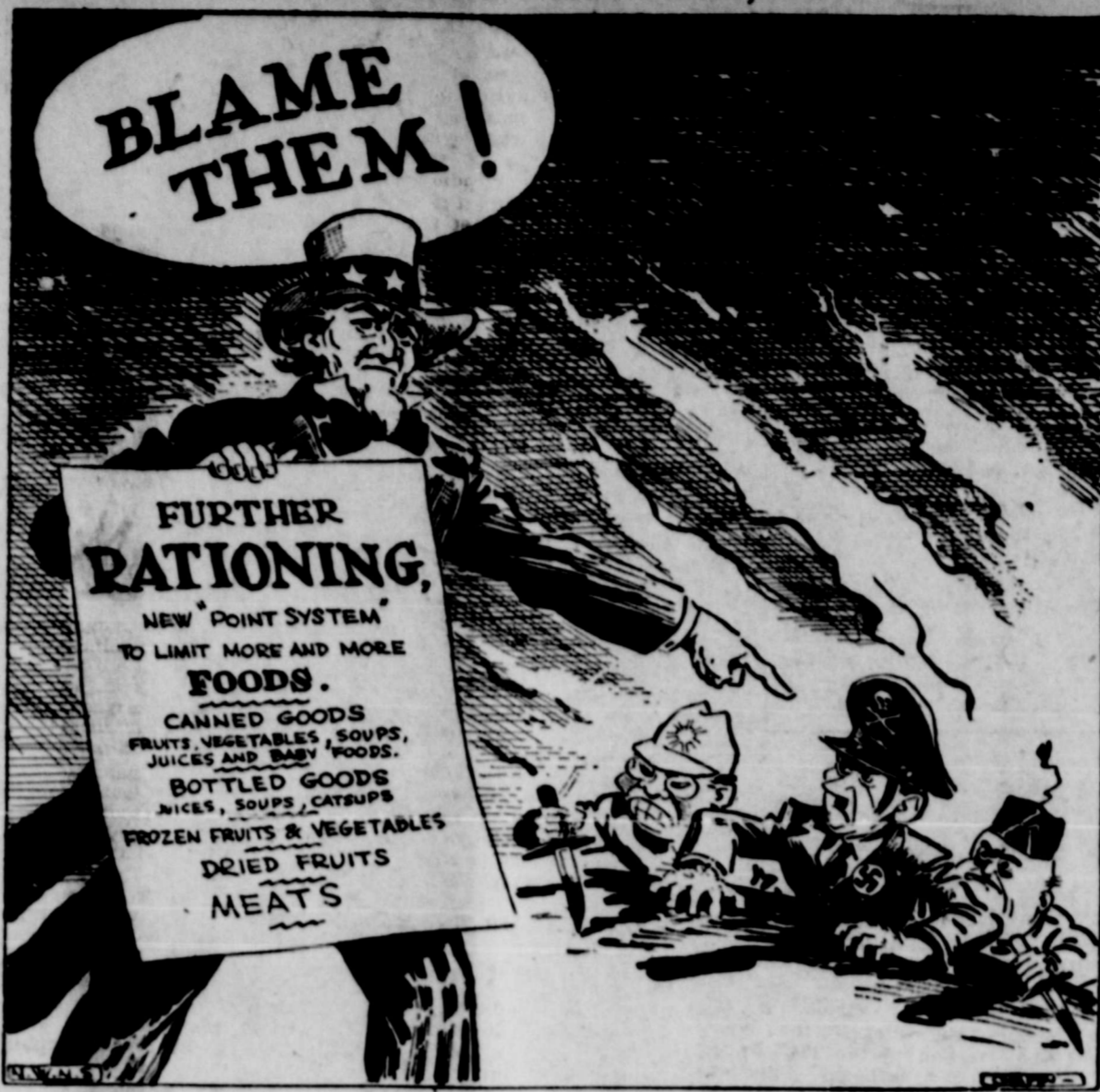
If you must change the field after you have put your hand to the plow, never stop to look backward, but always look forward.

Fights With U. S.



When Sgt. Ben Kurahl lets go with his .50 caliber machine gun from the turret of a Liberator bomber over Axis-occupied territory he's proving to the people around Casablanca, that their confidence in the family on the Kurahl farm was not misplaced. Sergeant Kurahl is one of four Nebraska-born brothers of Japanese ancestry serving with the U. S. Army.

Don't Blame Me,



ABOVE the HULLABALOO By LYTLE HULL No Room for Democracy!

In his speech of December 8 Generalissimo Franco stated that the post-war world must be either a Communist world or a Fascist world. The Liberal theory—and by Liberal he meant democracy, not socialism—has dry rotted and is now making its last stand, according to the Spanish dictator.

The principal weakness of Senor Franco's argument lies in the fact that, having never lived in what we call a "free world," he has no knowledge of what real freedom means. His conception is a world managed by an individual or by a minority party, supposedly for the benefit of the majority. Not a bad idea if the individual, or the party, was sent down by Heaven and classified "perfect" by St. Peter. It would relieve us of a lot of tiring activity in the way of elections—and where those are not allowed—revolutions.

But unfortunately the man of today who works himself to the top of the heap, is only a human being. There is nothing divine about him. He may have more energy and be a little smarter than the average run—but he is no Superman. Supermen just don't exist today—except in the funnies—nor have they ever existed; and this fact has made necessary the creation of a system, called Democracy, in which the majority of the people whose welfare is at stake, have the final say. This majority elects a "ruler" to manage their affairs. If this "ruler" satisfies them, they re-elect him. If he displeases them, they employ someone else.

Under any system of government yet devised by mortal man, abuses will occur. Gangsters from all walks of life will take advantage of the weaknesses of others and the

Washington, D. C. (NWNS)—Taxes, rationing and the various phases of the labor-manpower situation are, in that order, the three things congressmen are hearing most about from their "bosses" back in the home towns.

Although the conduct of the war itself is undoubtedly the subject of greatest interest to the people of this country, congressmen tell this correspondent that they hear from surprisingly few parlor-generals who want to direct how the war should be carried on. Either the people do not think that is the job of congress or they are satisfied that the fighting and planning are being conducted in a capable and intelligent manner.

But the conduct of the home-front end of the war is something else again—and citizens are telling their representatives here, in no uncertain terms, what is wrong with our within-the-nation programs.

With the first payment on the record 1943 taxes about due, congressmen are being deluged with letters from incensed constituents who want no further delay about the enactment of a pay-as-you-go system of taxation. In general, these letters indicate the people prefer the Rural plan of forgiving 1942 taxes and going immediately to a pay-as-you-go plan—even though the amount to be collected is increased.

The present attitude of the committee working on a new Revenue act, however, indicates that, although a pay-as-you-go plan will be enacted, only the low income groups will be assessed from payments on 1942 taxes. Those earning higher incomes will probably be required

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SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD

By MRS. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

MUSIC CAN BE FUN

Last week we suggested that the importance of music lessons to his future enjoyment of life was to be made music fun while he was studying it. But we didn't have space to suggest how this might be done and so probably had a lot of skeptical readers among parents who find "practicing" one of their major disciplinary problems.

The most frequent solution which comes to us in letters from parents is that of making practice hours a shared interest. One mother wrote that her daughter, though possessing a talent for the violin, was bored with practice until the mother took up her own piano playing again and the two could practice together. Where both play the same instrument there are duets to be rehearsed and individual practice so I can play my part as well as mother (or father) does.

It is also important that music should have some connection with a child's other activities. Music lessons lagged at our house until the operetta "The House That Jack Built" was put on in our town. Two of our family had parts so Mother sent for a copy of the score. The tunes were lovely and not too difficult and it was all part of the general excitement to learn to play not only our own songs but the solos of the principal characters, who were wonderful in our eyes anyway.

Why, the Queen of Hearts was the prettiest High School senior in town and our grade school affections were completely won by her charm. The result of this mixture of hero worship, back stage inspiration and Mother's cleverness in using it to further our music lessons was that in the space of six weeks we accomplished more at the piano than in any previous six months. Doubtless we went into a slump when the operetta was over and our costumes

packed away, but most learning comes in waves, anyway, not in equal daily measure, and one way to progress is to be ready to get the most out of each wave of opportunity or enthusiasm.

Another good tie-up is with the child's greatest interest of the moment. If he is absorbed in the shining array of family or neighborhood heroes the war is providing for all United Nations boys and girls, now is the time to become familiar with the great martial music of the ages. Most of it can be heard from records or over the radio, and then one of the less difficult compositions, such as Schubert's "Marche Militaire," can be given him for study and practice.

Then, in spite of the ghastly "rehearsals" of our youth, where little girls were often more concerned with having the biggest sash and hair bow on display than in playing for the enjoyment of others, and little boys were so mortified by new shoes and being too dressed up that the whole experience was painful—in spite of these adult dominated affairs, children do like to play for an audience. The best way is to encourage them to form a club where everyone performs at each meeting—perhaps only a string or community orchestra. Of course, it isn't always possible to have a number of instruments and performers in the family, but you can sing together. Memories of singing at home have spiritual as well as musical meaning for all of us.

Above all, show genuine interest in your child's growth in musical knowledge, skill and appreciation.

GO TO THE BOTTOM OF IT!

One day in 1886 a farm boy came home from school very much discouraged. His mother saw there was something the matter, but said nothing about it for a time.

The town where the country boy went to school was Angola, New York. The boy was ten years old.

The farm was a dairy farm, and the boy had to help milk. His mother milked with him; and as she did, she watched him. She prepared his supper for him, and then asked him to come into the kitchen where they could be alone. Then she inquired as to what was the matter. The boy told her that he had been called dumb at school.

The mother asked why, and he said it was because in the arithmetic class he didn't understand fractions. His mother had been a school teacher, so she asked the boy to define fractions. The boy said they were figures, one above the other, with a line between them.

The mother thought for a moment, then got an apple and cut it in halves. "There's fractions without any line," she said.

The boy was interested. Here was something that touched his life. It meant something to him.

Then his mother cut the apple into quarters, sixteenths; as she did so, she said something that changed the boy's life.

"Think to the bottom of things," she said. "Try to understand why a thing is. Most people are surface-thinkers. Be a bottom-thinker. It's better to learn the 'why' of one thing than to see the surface of a dozen things."

It made an impression on this boy—whose name was Willis H. Carrier. He wasn't able to do at once the profound thing his mother had outlined, but he did begin to think things through. In a month he was no longer the "dumb" student in the class! He was the smart one.

He had become so interested in fractions and mathematics that he decided to go to Cornell university, and take an engineering course. He pursued the same method of thinking to the bottom of things. Graduated with honors. He took up engineering. At the age of 27 he thought of the bottom of a problem which has made him rich and famous. A firm in Brooklyn wanted him to cool the air in their printing plant. He began to think into the idea, and worked out the Carrier air-conditioning idea.

What a splendid thing his mother did for him! She showed him he wasn't dumb at all, and taught him to look into the bottom of everything he went into.

Your BRAIN BUDGET

- 1. According to the last census, what percentage of the population lives on farms: (a) 18%, (b) 24.5%, (c) 13.6%, or (d) 15%?
2. Essen, Germany, recently polished off by the RAF is bigger than Washington, D. C., yet smaller than Pittsburgh, Pa. 7.5 or false?
3. Libya, about three times the size of Texas, belongs to: France, (b) Italy, (c) England, (d) Spain?
4. If one silver shoulder bar designates a first lieutenant, eagle a colonel and a gold leaf a major, what does a silver designate?
5. "Pipe down" is originally a nautical term. So what means (a) stop smoking, (b) fresh out of tobacco, (c) don't do so much racket, (d) watch where you're walking?

ANSWERS: 1. (b), 2. True (17,000), 3. (c), 4. Lieut. Colonel, 5. (c).

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Personals.

Victor Segrest of Nolanville spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Segrest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tinsley Jr. of Honey Grove spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bodford.

Miss Saralee Hudson returned to Austin Monday after spending the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hudson.

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Miss Mettie Rodgers of Waco visited here through the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers.

Mrs. Lillian Smith and Mrs. Katherine Lintner, both of the AAA office in Hamilton, were business visitors in Hico Tuesday.

Joseph Paul Rodgers returned to Hobart, Okla., after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rodgers.

Wendell Blackburn of Fort Worth spent the week end visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blackburn, and family.

Mrs. Wilmon Rich and daughter, Donnie Nell, of Alice, Texas are here for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks, and other relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Stewart and sons, Nolan III, and Mac, of Dallas were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. E. H. Henry and her mother, Mrs. W. O. McKinnon.

Chas. H. Sargent and Thos. D. Levisay, both former instructors in Hico High School, but now of Bangs, were in Hico Sunday visiting with friends.

Russell Powledge and Miss Frances Powledge of Dallas spent the week end here with their mother, Mrs. L. A. Powledge, and family.

Miss Louise Blair, who is a student at John Tarleton College at Stephenville, spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blair.

Miss Pansy McMillan, who is employed in radio work at the NYA Center in Waco, is spending several days here this week with her mother, Mrs. J. R. McMillan.

Mrs. V. R. Leeth returned to her home in Dallas last Friday after spending the week here with relatives and friends in Hamilton, with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Boone, and family.

Sunday visitors in the home of J. J. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and daughters of Temple, Mrs. J. H. McNeill of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weeks and son, Jack, of Duffau.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Creath brought her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wiseman, home from Dallas last Thursday where they had been for several weeks. Mr. Wiseman, who has been in the Medical Arts Hospital where he underwent two operations in a very short time, is improving nicely and his many friends are glad to have him back home. Mr. and Mrs. Creath plan to return home the latter part of the week.

Make some choice snapshots and send to the boys in service. It will cheer them up and they will appreciate this thoughtfulness on your part.

Albert Brown of Fort Worth underwent an emergency appendectomy early last Saturday morning at St. Joseph's Infirmary and developed pneumonia that afternoon. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, were called to Fort Worth Saturday afternoon and remained with their son until he passed the crisis, returning home Monday night.

Miss Gwendolyn Jones, Hamilton county home demonstration agent, was in Hico Wednesday in connection with nutritional work as related to the point rationing program. She visited the school, and put special emphasis on the importance of orchards and gardens, setting up exhibits to show the limited amount of food available

O. H. Fincher Jr. of Stephenville visited here Sunday in the home of his cousin, Mrs. L. J. Chaney.

Mrs. Ed Schaffer and little daughter, Barbara Ann, returned to their home in Shamrock Wednesday after spending several days here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Longbotham.

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Rev. and Mrs. Ralph E. Perkins and little son, John Newman, spent the week in Meagard with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins, and in Abilene with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Cole and son, Billy Garth, of Quanah, and Mrs. Ray Duckworth and daughter, Latrelle, of Dublin spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Garth, and sister, Miss Jessie Garth.

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Mrs. Edwin Seilheimer of Dallas, the former Miss Tommy Jo Allison, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison Sr., at Fair, and other relatives in this section. Mrs. Seilheimer's husband works at North American Aviation Company's plant near Grand Prairie, and they live on Penrod Ave. in Cockrell Hill. She subscribed to the home paper while on her visit here.

Announcement was made this week from North Texas State Teachers College at Denton of 25 North Texans who were selected to represent the various departments of the college in the 'Who's Who' section of the 1943 Yucca, the college yearbook. Selections were made by the heads of the departments on the basis of personality, scholarship, and extracurricular activities. Among students chosen in the department of History was Miss Dorothy Box, Junior from Hico, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Box of Route 3.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Mrs. Brown

Funeral services for Mrs. W. A. Brown were held at the family home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. John P. Cundieff, pastor of the Iredell Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in the Hico cemetery with Barrow Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Active pallbearers were R. W. Hancock, Charlie Meador, G. C. Kenney Sr., J. R. Bobo, I. L. Lasater, and H. E. O'Neal. Floral offerings were handled by Mary Nell and Willa Dean Hancock, Mary Nell Jones, Mildred Rellihan, Joyce Gandy, Evelyn Wren, and Lola Mae Hendrix.

Adella Hefner Brown was born July 18, 1881, in Missouri to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hefner, and came to Texas with her parents in 1900. In 1901 she married William Austin Brown and they were the parents of eight children, of whom four survive. Mrs. Brown, who had been seriously ill for the past two weeks, had been in ill health for nearly two years. She died at the family residence at 11:30 Tuesday night, Feb. 23, 1942.

Surviving beside her husband are two sons, Leo of Fort Worth, and W. A. Jr. of Camp Howze; and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Smith of Brownwood, and Nancy Brown of the home; also seven brothers and two sisters. Many out-of-town relatives and friends were here to attend the services.

CYRUS KING SURPRISED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Thursday night, Feb. 18, a group of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Anderson for a surprise birthday party in honor of Cyrus King. When all the guests had arrived a bountiful supper was ready to be served. Before supper was served, the guests marched around the honoree and began singing, "Happy Birthday" before the honoree was aware of what it was all about.

After everyone had eaten many good things which were spread, games of "42" were played by the guests. The honoree was presented with some nice and useful gifts. Those present to enjoy the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Tado Flibanke, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lowery and daughter, Louellen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogie and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus King and sons, Damon and Travis, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Anderson and daughters, Billie Fay and Carolyn. CONTRIBUTED.

Gordon
By —
Reba Nell Perkins
Reba and Tressie Perkins spent Sunday with Paula Morgan. Hugh Harris visited home over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ford and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perkins visited Abe Mings Saturday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sawyer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Flannery.
Harvey West visited in the W. D. Perkins home a while Sunday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Smith visited Abe Myers Monday night.

Church News

Baptist Church

The first anniversary of the acceptance of the pastor was observed by the church on Sunday. There was no fanfare, but both services were marked with a good attendance. At the close of the evening service 11 candidates were baptized, this making the total additions 110 for the past year.

Sunday will be the beginning of the study of the Annie W. Armstrong Week of Prayer. Sunday evening Mrs. Perkins will review the book, "They Need Not Go Away" written especially for this study of missions at home. Other services of the W. M. S. and Auxiliaries during the week will complete the study. There will be no circle meetings for that week but all come together at the church for the program.

Sunbeam Band will meet at the church Monday at 3:00 p. m. R. A. and G. A. Fellowship and study will be on Wednesday evening. These meetings are important.

Don't forget to work every possible hour at the Red Cross, especially so on Tuesday for that is our responsibility. Again on Monday night those who cannot during the day are urged to go.

Instead of the Circle meetings, the W. M. S. will have a Week of Prayer for Home Missions as follows: Monday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday evening at 8:15 p. m., and Friday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

Church of Christ

Meets each Lord's Day at 10 a. m. for Bible study, in classes. Preaching at 11, communion service at 11:45, preaching at 7:45 p. m. each Sunday.

Elder Oran Columbus will preach Sunday morning on the topic, "Unity". Ladies' Bible study each Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

Preaching each first and third Sundays by Eld. Stanley Giesecke; each second and fourth Sundays by Eld. Oran Columbus. You are welcome to all these services.

Methodist Church

Methodists of Hico will join in a country-wide observance of a Week of Dedication, beginning next Sunday, February 28, in which nearly 8,000,000 members of the denomination will be asked to pledge a "new dedication of self, service and substance" in meeting the challenge and needs of a war-torn world.

The Rev. Floyd W. Thrash, pastor of the Hico Methodist church, is issuing a call for all members to attend services on the next two Sundays to make personal commitments.

Culmination of next week's special services, home prayer meetings and discussion groups and of two months of preparations will come on Sunday, March 7, when personal commitments will be made and a voluntary, sacrificial offering will be taken to aid in meeting wartime emergency needs of the church.

The Methodist Council of Bishops and the General Commission of World Service and Finance, in joint session last August, approved plans for the Week of Dedication, and expressed the hope that more than a million dollars would be contributed for the various causes which demand immediate financial aid.

Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf of Chicago, chairman of a special committee, enumerated the emergency needs to benefit from the offering as follows: spiritual services for men in the armed services; religious work among families in industrial defense areas; relief for war refugees; aid to chaplains in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps; expansion of missionary work in Latin America;

evacuating and re-establishing foreign missionaries; building churches in defense areas, and aid to Methodist schools.

"To challenge present-day threats of barbarism, paganism, and materialism," declared Mr. Thrash, "we must have a new spiritual power of Christian faith and idealism. It is our hope that this will be sought by Methodists during the Week of Dedication."

"Every member of our church can join in this vast effort—strong laymen, humble people, shut-ins, youth, little children, aged folks—all those who wish to help build a better world."

A feature of the national Week of Dedication climax on Sunday, March 7, will be the holding of services in every one of the 42,000 Methodist churches in America—the first time this has ever happened on one day. On circuits where the pastors are unable to conduct services in all churches, laymen will occupy the pulpits of some churches.

Special services during the Week of Dedication will be held in the Hico Methodist church as follows: Sunday, Feb. 28:

11 a. m., "The Highest Reality—God."
8:15 p. m., "The World's Greatest Calamity—Sin."

Monday, March 1, 8:15 p. m.: "What God Has Done to Save Sinful Man."
Tuesday, March 2, 8:15 p. m.: "What Man Must Do to Be Saved."

Wednesday, March 3, 8:15 p. m.: "The Benefits of Justification by Faith."
Thursday, March 3, 8:15 p. m.: "How God Changes Human Nature."

Friday, March 5, 8:15 p. m.: "How Christians Know They Are Saved."
Saturday, March 6, 8:15 p. m.: "What Every Christian Must Have."

Sunday, March 7:
11 a. m., "The Perils of Apostasy."
8:15 p. m., "The Terrible Alternative."

Church school will begin at 10 a. m. Sunday. A good way to begin this Week of Dedication is to come to the church school.

All Methodists are urged to attend these services in order that they may participate vitally in the spirit and power of a renewed dedication to God.

An invitation is extended to the entire community to join in making these meetings of vital importance to the community as a whole.

Sinners and backsliders are invited to come to these meetings seeking God's blessings of forgiveness and salvation.

God will give a revival if we do our part. Will you do your part?
FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Pentecostal Church

Prayer meeting and Bible study will be held every Wednesday night at 7:45.

Sunday school on Sunday morning at 10:30 and the evening worship at 7:45. Hear the old-time gospel and singing. Everyone invited.

Victory Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock for the duration of the Pentecostal Church.

The prayers at these meetings will be especially for the safety and return of our husbands, sons and other relatives and friends and victory for our nation.

Everyone who is concerned is urged to be present who can have the force of each other's prayers.
DOLLY LINCHE, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends who have been so thoughtful and kind during the illness and death of our loved one. Your thoughtfulness expressed a beautiful but silent tribute of your regard for her, which helps us bear our sorrow.
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Clairette

By Mrs. H. Alexander

Rev. Greenwood of Bluffdale, who has been ill for some time, was able to be back with his congregation here and filled his appointments Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone is glad for him to be able to be back again.

Remember that next Sunday night, Feb. 28, is our regular singing night. Everyone is invited to come.

Mrs. Will-May Sprowles and mother of Lindsay, Okla., have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dowdy.

Miss Leota Mayfield, Mrs. Joe Mayfield, and Cecil Mayfield of Fort Worth visited relatives here over the week end.

Howard Flemmons is here from Fort Worth visiting his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Head, Mr. and Mrs. Deward Head and little daughter of Conyn, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard and daughters, and Mrs. Susie Salmon and little granddaughter, Patsy Jo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Head Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John East were Sunday guests in the home of Conda Salmon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberson and daughters, Reta and Veta, and Nila Marie Alexander of Stephenville attended church here Sunday and were guests in the home of Hub Alexander and family the remainder of the day.

Mrs. Bill Head honored her little daughter, Janet Sue, who was six years old, with a birthday party Saturday afternoon. She had as her guests seventeen little friends. We regret very much to lose Mr. and Mrs. Bud Partain and little daughter, also Mrs. Parlee Harvey, from our community, who moved to Stephenville last week.

Mr. Lois Mayfield of Abilene spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mayfield. They all took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield.

Wilma Harvey and Charline Sherrard visited Barbara Haslett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson were called to Fort Worth Sunday on account of illness of their granddaughter, Donna Kay. She is the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Thompson of that city.

Mrs. Homer Lee has been visiting a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Luther Hudgens, and Mr. Hudgens at Grand Prairie, also a son at Wichita Falls. She returned home Sunday.

The H. D. Club met with Mrs. John Golightly last Friday. Miss Hannah Nabors, the county demonstrator, was present. She gave an interesting demonstration on gardening, and also gave some interesting points and information about the new rationing program on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winters, Mrs. Menloe and little daughter of Stephenville, Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth

THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



—by Mac Arthur

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Jesus Restores Lazarus to Life. Lesson for February 28: John 11: 30-29, 32-35, 38-44. Golden Text: John 11:25.

The home of Mary and Martha has become a type of the Christian home on earth. The two sisters were unlike in temperament and exhibited the difference throughout the association of Jesus with their home.

Martha showed her practical turn of mind during the first visit of Jesus to the home—when she complained that Mary had left her to serve alone. When Jesus approached the house of sorrow, Martha went forth to meet him. At the grave she bluntly spoke of the work of death in her brother's remains. Some have called Mary a mystic. She who sat at Jesus' feet and heard his word, remained within in her grief when Jesus came to the bereaved home, and said nothing as they went to the tomb but to agree with Martha that if Jesus had been with them their brother would not have died.

At the sepulchre, quoting the shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus wept." Then the sisters learned that He who could have prevented death was the master of death. He who could weep beside the grave of his friend cried with a loud voice and Lazarus came forth, still wrapped in the habiliments of the grave.

And Jesus said, "Loose him, and let him go." What a blessed thing is this command to all who grieve and to all who may fear death for themselves! Through Him who is the "resurrection and the life" we may be loosed from all the things associated with death and find life in Jesus for evermore.

who is teaching school at Lone Oak, and a son, John Jr. of New Orleans who is a flying instructor. Mr. Cecil East and Mr. Geo. Herrard of Dublin were guests in the home of Mrs. S. O. Durham last Sunday.

Rev. Greenwood was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bishop Sunday. Guests of Mr. R. M. Alexander Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander and family and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Corby and little son, Don.

Relatives here have received word that Judge J. B. (Burt) Salmon of Winkler County is in a Kermit hospital suffering with heart trouble.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lee Dee Dunn of Odessa were conducted here at the Methodist church Sunday by Rev. Shannon of Stephenville. Mrs. Dunn was born Sept. 15, 1912, at Gustine, Texas. She was married to Clarence W. Dunn November 27, 1930. She passed a way at a San Angelo hospital. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Clarence Eugene, age 11 years, and Elmer Dean, age 10 years. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tuttle, also survive, as do two sisters, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Kelly, and two brothers, Jimmie of Panama Canal Zone, and Charles of San Diego. Mrs. Dunn united with the Baptist church in August, 1937, and had been a faithful Christian. She had taught a Sunday school class for some time. She had been sick since June 1942, and bore her suffering and told her loved ones she did not mind going for the rest was prepared. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Clairette cemetery. We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family, relatives and friends.

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Carlton

By Mrs. T. C. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huffhines of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pollard of near Altman spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pollard.

Ross Whitehead and wife of Gatesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellison of Purvis spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Box and son and daughter of McGregor visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Box and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde LeFevre of Dallas spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Edd LeFevre.

Miss Gladys Lee Salmon who is attending business college in Dallas spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Salmon, and daughter.

Rev. R. A. Cox and wife of Stephenville spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright.

James Horace Clifton of Stephenville spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton.

Mrs. John Henry Clark and Mrs. L. D. Sowell, and Mrs. Charline Morgan were Stephenville visitors Tuesday.

Miss Katherine Lackey of Waco is visiting her sisters, Miss Doela Lackey and Mrs. Fannie Byrd.

Ernie Burnett was a business visitor in Hico Monday.

Mrs. Sam Turner returned to her home Monday after visiting

her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Hobson, and family of Dallas. Dock Finley, Ben Smith and Joe Bush were business visitors in Hamilton Thursday.

Mrs. Stuart Partain of Waco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Upham.

Mrs. Grady Littleton and daughters of Mineral Wells visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dyer, and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr., last week.

Walker Curry and T. C. Thompson were in Hamilton Monday looking after business.

Falls Creek

By Virginia Coston

Pfc. Grady T. Coston of Camp Crowder, Mo., is spending a few days with homefolks.

Mrs. L. B. Turner, of Lubbock has returned home after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Ryan, and family.

Those who visited in the Grady Coston home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Omer Cook and son and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Knight and family of Greyville visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell and son last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen and children visited Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. Parker, at Hico Sunday.

Lula Mae Coston of Fort Worth is spending a few days at home with her folks.

Margaret Allen, spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Parker, at Hico.

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- 5—What position did President Roosevelt hold during the last war?

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- 1—Brazil.
- 2—231,312.
- 3—Twenty years.
- 4—He was a prosperous practicing attorney.
- 5—Assistant secretary of the navy.

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The JADE GOD

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CHAPTER VII
SYNOPSIS

Released from prison after serving fifteen years for a murder he didn't commit, Mark Grant goes to the office of a lawyer named Fosdick to collect a legacy left to him while he was in prison. When Fosdick tells him he will have to wait, Mark accepts an invitation to a party to help Teddy Banks win a bet with Archie Landon. Although Mark tells them his real name, Archie introduces him as "Stewart Byram." At the party Mark meets Burleson, the man who sent him to prison, and Burleson's niece, Pamela Rodney. Burleson does not recognize him, and Mark decides not to reveal his identity to Pam until he finds the real murderer. Fosdick learns of his deception, but keeps the secret for reasons of his own. Burleson is walking home from his office when he meets Pam. They are talking about a young man Pam likes. Burleson remembers the young man at the party, who looked vaguely familiar to him. He asks, "What sort is he, Pam?"



"You deserve a thrashing, you young reprobate!"

Pam did not reply at once; they had come to a crossing and Burleson observed that she took advantage of it to hurry him across and point out the magnificence of a florist's display. "Those are blue carnations. I don't like them; they're unnatural." "I see that I'll have to observe this blue carnation young man, myself," Burleson retorted dryly. She laughed delightedly. "I wish you would! You'll like him; he isn't like—like—"

"Archie Landon?"

She was indignant. "Archie's such a social idiot; he only dances and plays bridge and keeps tag on Aunt Lynn's social list!"

"Well, that's more than most of us can do!"

"You wouldn't want me to marry Archie Landon, would you?"

"No! But I don't believe you'd pay any attention to my 'wants'; you're too modern."

"I wonder why you're so nice with me when we're alone together, Uncle Herbert?" She leaned her head back to look up at him. "You're really jolly, and you're terrible, sometimes!"

"I lose my temper, Pamela; that's my trouble," he admitted; "you see, I've got the devil of a temper. Perhaps this new young man of yours will rouse it."

"You'll rouse mine if you call him 'my young man!'"

He laughed, a little grimly. His mood with the girl was passing; that old gray look that the doctors were figuring settled down on his lean face. He had a big nose like a hawk's, and his eyes were too near together, but—saving the look of temper in the eyes themselves—it was not a notably harsh face. They walked on for a while silent, then Pam caught at his arm again, nestling her hand under his elbow. It had stopped snowing and the crowded corner was full of swaying wet tops of cars and busses. The big eye of the signal tower glowed yellow white at them.

"Uncle Herbert, I want something of yours," said Pam, coaxingly. "Will you give it? It's not much, really!"

He looked at her and his big mouth widened into a hard smile. "Not to be caught, young woman. You'll not get John the Baptist's head on a charger—out of me. What is it?"

"Your little jade god—please, Uncle Herbert!"

"No!"

She had coaxed for it before, but never before had she been refused with such violence. A red streak went up over his thin face; it showed vividly between his eyes like a scar. She was startled; for a moment she said nothing and then she ventured,

"Why?"

"That's my business," he replied sharply; then, seeing her face fall, he qualified it. "It's not transferable; a friend gave it to me long ago. Besides, it's unlucky; you needn't covet it!"

His sharpness alarmed her; she peeped at him as they parted to pass through a crowd at the corner. He did lose his temper! She lagged a little; he had to wait at the other side for her to come up, but she pretended she had been dodging motors. He looked at her shrewdly and knew he had frightened her.

"I'm sorry," he said, more considerately, "ask something else, Pam. You can't have that bit of jade! Before I die I'm going to smash it."

"I wish you'd tell me all about it, then!" she pleaded.

"I expect to tell the Angel Gabriel," he said, "but no one else."

She smiled, shaking her head at him, but she said no more about the jade god. Something intervened, too, to sweep it from her thoughts. They had come to another corner, waiting for the traffic. Suddenly she caught his arm.

"Look!" she said softly, "don't you see that tall man getting into the bus? See, he's had to wait for that old woman and the child to go first. He doesn't see us—that's Stewart Byram."

It was a moment before Burleson found the young man in the crowd and then he stepped up and began to climb to the top of the bus. Seen in profile thus, his face showed clean-cut and pale. Burleson studied it; the bull's-eye in the lower flashed white again and they crossed over, the big bus swaying past on the other side.

"Did you see him?" Pam asked eagerly.

He nodded. "You say he's Landon's friend?"

"Archie brought him. You remember, don't you?"

Burleson assented, musing, "Yes, I noticed him. I wonder if Landon always knows his friends?" he added dryly.

He did not hear the girl catch her breath; she gave him a quick sidelong glance from under her dark lashes, and then looked away. She was angry—the blood rushed up to her hair.

"Do you mean you don't like his looks?" she asked after a moment.

He turned quickly; he had apparently forgotten her. "I meant nothing of the kind," he replied briefly. "He's extraordinarily like a man I knew once—in profile, that's all. But you say Landon brought him, and he's a Byram?"

"That's what he's called," she was ill at ease. Fosdick's horrid stare came back to her. "Whom does he look like, Uncle Herbert? I've got to know!"

They had come now to a corner where some taxis were signaling for fares. He called one and put her in it.

"You go home," he said authoritatively. "I'm going to stop at the club."

But she leaned out, calling to him. "Whom does he look like, Uncle Herbert? I've got to know!"

He seemed surprised at her persistence; he answered with a shrug, shutting the door on her.

"Look like? Oh, like a dead man!" and he gave his own address to the taxi-driver, lifting his hat to her punctiliously as she was driven away. The girl, peeping out of the back window at him, felt a queer tightening about her heart.

"How ill he looks! He thought, 'how broken and how old!'"

She could not remember that she had ever seen him really happy!

Teddy Banks had been losing money since he won his wager and forced the indignant Landon to pay up. The young man had the habit of losing money, but he had inherited a good deal from those unimpaired people whom he called the "Mudbanks." The only difficulty about it was the fact that it was tied up and old Fosdick, that dry-as-a-bone lawyer, had charge of it. Thus it happened that Teddy had to make occasional visits to the lawyer's office and take—usually—a lecture before he got his money. Nevertheless, he got the money, because under his grandfather's will, he had a right to a fairly large income, paid quarterly.

The day after Pam lunched with Mark happened to be quarter day and Teddy Banks called a taxi and drove down into the swarming street where Fosdick's hive rose imposingly. He found the old lawyer in his usual mood; he looked Teddy over with his lizard eye.

"You've been gambling again," he remarked dryly, "drinking, too. I should imagine from your eyes. Of course you're after money."

Teddy nodded, not at all abashed, but seating himself on the edge of the table opposite and dangling his walking-stick between his knees.

"I'm broke," he admitted cheerfully; "stony broke!"

"Humph!" Fosdick began to turn over some papers. He had no valid excuse for holding up the legacy, but he wished he had. He despised the young man heartily; there was nothing in Teddy's make-up that appealed to him. "I suppose you're in debt, too, as usual?" he snapped.

"Not so deep," Teddy assured him affably. "I got five hundred out of Landon's—er, got it cold."

"You're a scoundrel," said Landon's lawyer, suddenly regarding Landon's

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WITH THE COLORS

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with it so we are changing the address to their home street number. While here on that business, they also took opportunity to visit with friends and relatives in this part of the country.

Capt. and Mrs. Claude Emmons of Camp Wolters spent the week end here with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Emmons, Capt. Emmons received his new commission about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Roy Sears has just heard that her brother, Pete Martin, is a Japanese prisoner of war. Official notice recently came from the War Department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Martin of Blum. Pete has been in the Navy for 11 years.

Bill Hardy got a letter last Friday morning we couldn't read. It was from his WAAC daughter, Auxiliary Mavis Hardy, at Camp Des Moines, Iowa, and was in the form of a talking phonograph record.

Pvt. Harold Haight, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Haight, Route 1, Hico, recently was transferred from Blackland Flying School at Waco to Chanute Field, Ill. Pvt. Haight will attend a mechanics school at this field for about three months.

Mrs. S. M. Baird, registered nurse living at 638 North Graham Ave., Stephenville, writes to send money for subscription price of the paper for her husband, S. M. Baird, S. F. 3-c, U. S. N. R., in care of Fleet Post Office at San Francisco, Calif.

Geary Cheek has been selected in a group of Navy men to attend a special training school at Columbus, Ohio, for several weeks. So his good wife, Mayme, living out at El Centro, California, while her husband is based there, has ordered the paper addressed to her own address until Geary returns.

W. J. White Jr. spent several days here before leaving for induction into the armed forces on Feb. 12. He visited here with his wife and baby daughter, who will remain here for the duration with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, W. J. was employed by the Community Public Service Co. at Pecos before his entry into the service.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Howerton received a letter from their son, Charles R. Howerton, which said he had recently been promoted from a corporal to a sergeant at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. He was doing fine and having plenty of icy weather. He stepped out on the back steps of the barracks to wash the mud off his overshoes, and they iced over before he got them washed. He is expecting a furlough home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thornton, Route 5, Hico, received a letter Tuesday from their son, Pfc. Lawrence D. Thornton of the U. S. Army, saying that he had landed safely in New Guinea. Pvt. Thornton has been stationed in Australia since last April. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton have another son, Cpl. J. T. Thornton, also in the army, who was in England when they last heard from him about three months ago.

Authorities may, or may not, have received the following letter, according to Boyce House, who sends the following on its rounds of weekly papers through his column, "I Give You Texas": Dear Adjacent General: My husband was induced into the service 18 months ago and I ain't received no pay since he was gone. Please send me my elopement as he is my only support and I need him every day to buy and keep us in clothing. I am a pore woman and both sides of my parents are very old and I can't get anything from them. Do I get any more than I am entitled to get? Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband has made application for a wife and a child. I have already written to the

President and got no answer and if I don't hear from you, I will write Uncle Sam about you and him both.

Just after Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Russell had ordered the paper sent to their son, Pvt. Harold Russell, at Amarillo Air Field, they received a letter from him saying he would sure appreciate an opportunity to read the home paper. Another instance of thought transference.

Joe D. Betts, sound man, second class, has just completed his training at West Coast Sound School, and is now on receiving ship detail. He gets his mail through Treasure Isle, San Francisco. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Betts of the Fairy community. Joe was recently promoted from third class to second class.

"Best paper I ever read" was the flattering statement beginning a post-card message from Pfc. Ralph M. (Babe) Horton, mailed at Omaha, Nebraska. "Flying on down to St. Louis," the message continued, "and then back to base at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Wish you would give the Holladays my sympathy—although late. I'm still fighting the battle at Sioux Falls, but I'm about to win—O. C. S. maybe."

Capt. Homer Hodges, stationed with the Medical Corps at the Unit Training Center in New Orleans, La., talked his commanding officer out of a week's leave and came home to help his wife burn up her gasoline allotment. While riding by the editor's home Sunday with her and his son and daughter, Doc stepped to laugh at a working man. He admitted that he would enjoy a good Hico steak or two while here, though, as the Army fails to include too much of that delicacy in its customarily good rations.

Pfc. Harry Hodnett, a mechanic in an observation squadron, sat in his pup tent on the desert somewhere in Arizona and wrote a note on his knee to his mother, Mrs. Eva Hodnett of Hico. Harold detailed some of his hardships, saying he was eating more sand than food, and that he would look like a desert rat after two weeks without shaving and bathing. He said he could take it though, even if it was a little tougher than his last station at Will Rogers, Field, Okla.

Butter is the solid product from the lacteal fluid, says a contemporary. In some areas of the United States there is a great shortage of this commodity. But leave it to Junior Blair, now instructing in the Air Corps at West Point, New York, to arrange for the kind of grub he was raised on. His dad came by the office one day recently carrying a package to be mailed at the post office. The container, a very elaborately wrapped package (probably executed by Mrs. Blair) contained a pound of good old country butter for Lt. S. E. Blair Jr. We could see no reason why it should not reach its destination safely, and maybe Junior and his wife can feast for a while on it while longing for some of that good old Texas chili and real hamburgers with meat in them.

Staff Sgt. Langham Weds (Houston Chronicle, Feb. 8) Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Dorothy June Nored of Olney to Staff Sgt. Wayne B. Langham of Kelly Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Langham of Miami, Ariz., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Austrey of Hico, which took place Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins officiating.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. F. Nored of Olney, mother of the bride; Miss Thelma Hammond of Brownwood and Sgt. Morris Messer and Sgt. John Tippet of Kelly Field.

Sgt. and Mrs. Langham are guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Harrow of Houston.

1210 Irma St., Brownwood, Tex. February 22, 1943. Dear Mr. Holford: I am writing in regard to your paper. I would like to send the paper for one year to my husband, Sgt. Jeff K. Strother, at Camp Bowie, and also to Pvt. G. B. Strother Jr., Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, New York.

I just received a letter from G. B. saying he had been moved from Laredo, Texas, to Orangeburg. I know some of his friends will be sorry to hear this. My husband has been moved from Camp Bowie. I don't know his present location. My son and I are making our home in Brownwood with my mother, Mrs. J. B. Elakley.

Yours truly, MRS. J. K. STROTHER.

Sam Abel, aviation machinist's mate, third class, has been in the service for about 2 years. He will be remembered as that mountain that opposing football players had trouble going around when playing Hico High's team. But Sam has fallen off some, and apparently toughened up quite a bit. Judging from a picture of him and two of his buddies recently received by his mother. There were coconut trees in the background, indicating some tropical island base. His mother paid Sam's subscription, saying she always wanted him to have the home paper because he reads it so thoroughly and enjoys it so much. Then she gave us a story which establishes a new long-distance record for how news gets around. Mrs. Abel doesn't take the

paper herself, and admitted that Sam's letters often contained bits of news, gleaned from the News Review, of which she had known nothing before hearing from him. From Hico to Guadalcanal and points east and west—and back!

New Orleans, La. February 17, 1943. Dear Editor: Hello everybody! Hope this finds everyone up Hico way doing all the good.

I'm stationed at the quartermaster depot here in New Orleans and like it just fine because it's always warm and being from the good old state of Texas, naturally I like this climate in preference to Wyoming which I was proud to get out of.

Will you please send our paper to 4339 Freret St.? Boy, we really do look forward to getting the old home paper every week. I read even the want ads now.

Well, I sure would like to be back in Texas again, especially on the streets of Hico. Well, thanking you in advance for the change in address, I am still a Texan in body and thoughts always.

Your friends, CPL. AND MRS. PAT MORRIS. Camp White, Oregon February 7, 1943.

Dearest Mother and Dad:

Your responsive feeling toward the two of your sons is highly appreciated by both. I can understand your deep concern regarding world situations and the war in having both your boys in active service; and probably one on foreign duty. I can see the difficulty and dissatisfaction of anticipation by those of you back home whom we love. I can realize the torture of fretful days and sleepless nights through just waiting and waiting—not hearing, not knowing. I have a vision of the many things that can easily turn over in your minds by lack of information. But for the safety of ONE, for the safety of many; for the safety of a nation, it is best that you not know.

Somewhere out yonder there is an enemy seeking to stab in the back, seeking to undermine our entire way of living, who would give a lot to have that information of which you are now short—the whereabouts of the best bombardier in the U. S. A. A. F. And he is that. I would give a lot to have him in the skies above me and my men, but I am glad I do not know where he is.

Patience, understanding, courage, and faith can win a war. Keep them all for our sake and for Victory.

Your loving son, ALVIN A. PRICE, 1st Lieut. 362nd Inf. Commanding.

Corporal Eugene Lane, who has found time hanging heavy on his hands since entering the army, had to stir up an argument to keep himself occupied. This is about the third chapter of the story. In case you didn't get in on the first, you might be interested to know that Cpl. Lane is at the basic flying school in Independence, Kansas, and took up with a newspaperman from nearby Sedan who, being in the service himself, realized that something was needed for a spare-time project for the boys. So he turned over some space in his paper, the Sedan, Kansas, Times-Star, to Eugene who insulted the Kansas good and proper. Then we put in our nickel's worth, and Cpl. Ivan P. Gillett, the Kansas editor, further demonstrated his sense of humor and broadmindedness by reprinting it in its entirety.

Now comes Cpl. Lane howling from a recent blow below the belt, and hollering for help. He admits it was plenty easy to get into this argument, but says he can't tell when he might need help from some other part of the country before this is over. "The clipping I am sending you," he wrote, "is from some Kansas jerk that is stationed at Wichita Falls. I would consider it a great favor if you would have one of the Hico boys stationed there to look him up and take care of him for me."

The clipping follows: Dear Editor: I read your paper nearly every week and enjoy the many articles of interest to me, especially those about the fellows in the service. Many of them I know personally, as they were buddies of mine when I went to Sedan High School.

I noticed in your last issue you carried a poem and short articles about the shortcomings of Kansas by two Texans who are stationed with Cpl. Gillett in Independence. As to the qualities and quantities of these two states, it is even up, but for quality there is no comparison. We do not try to say that Kansas is a cure-all for all your troubles, we just merely say that it is a place where people can live and be friendly with neighbors and enjoy life.

Our guest friend from Texas talks of mud in Kansas. Naturally wherever it rains there will be mud. Ask him if he has ever walked in mud over his shoe tops with sand and dust blowing in his face. I have—and in Texas. Yes, Texas really has the largest dust storms in America. It is true that our friend had a hard time getting used to American music again. I'm really having a hard time with these Spanish numbers and those sing-through-the-nose cowboys. Down here I walked into a bank. There on the counter was a sign—Robert E. Lee's birthday, January 15th, Bank Will Be Closed. If we

could only see these Texans interested in the fight war! I think he is right about not wanting to give one foot of Texas for Kansas. Down here the way it blows around you would have trouble getting good top soil like we have in Kansas.

One good thing about these dust storms, they simplify plowing. People here tie the plow to a fence post and tip the ground as it goes by.

There is a story down here on the way the war started. It seems that we offered Texas to Japan. They wouldn't take it. We tried to make them take it—and, bingo—Pearl Harbor.

I know that I am really opening myself to criticism from all those Texans in Kansas, but I just couldn't see our state take a beating from someone who hasn't learned to like the state like I have.

Both states have a number of good advantages. All arguments could be settled by that old familiar saying, "There's no place like home."

PVT. D. E. FISHER, 316 T.S.S., Bks. 783 Sheppard Field, Tex.

Obsolete arms and old ammunition, we understand, have been discarded in this modern war. But held over from World War I is a ditty that caused a lot of entertainment and might come in handy some time to the boys in the battle of the barracks.

"Texas" is the name of the composition, author unknown, and it no doubt will have a familiar ring to most of our readers. But it was unearthed last week somewhere by one Urban D. Brown, who helped put down the paved streets in Hico but now lives in Waco. Urban's find is reproduced below, without copyright, being passed on for what it may be worth to the home boys who may run across an ignoramus most any time. "Texas occupies all of the continent of North America, except a small part set aside for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Texas owns the north half of the Rio Grande, known at one time as the only river in the world with one wet bank and one dry bank. Texas is bounded on the North by 25 or 30 States, on the East by all of the oceans except the Pacific, on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and South America, and on the West by the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the world. Underneath Texas they have drilled at times, without what it may be worth to the home boys who may run across an ignoramus most any time. "Texas occupies all of the continent of North America, except a small part set aside for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Texas owns the north half of the Rio Grande, known at one time as the only river in the world with one wet bank and one dry bank. Texas is bounded on the North by 25 or 30 States, on the East by all of the oceans except the Pacific, on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and South America, and on the West by the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the world. Underneath Texas they have drilled at times, without what it may be worth to the home boys who may run across an ignoramus most any time. "The chief occupation of the people of Texas is to try to keep from making all the money in the world, and at that the wealth of Texas has increased 549% between 1900 and 1927. At one time Texas was so wild that not even the law of gravitation was obeyed, and the chief pursuit of the Texans was Indians and Mexicans, but now it is so healthful in Texas that out in Eastland a horned frog lived 30 years sealed in a corner stone without food, air, or water. "Texans are so proud of the Lone Star State that they cannot sleep at night. If a Texan's head should be opened the map of the State would be found on his brain. The word 'Texas' is of Indian origin meaning 'Friends' and the Texas people are that way unless

you talk about their State. If your front gate is not at least 18 miles from your front door, you do not belong to society as constituted in Texas. Down on the King Ranch the front gate is 150 miles from the front porch and the owner is thinking of moving the house back so as not to be annoyed by passing automobiles.

"Other Texas landlords have whole mountain ranges on their ranches, and one Texan has 40 miles of navigable river on his farm. If the proportion of cultivated land in Texas were the same as in Illinois, the value of Texas crops would equal that of the other 47 States combined. If all the people of the United States were to move to Texas, it still would be no more densely populated than Massachusetts. Texas has land enough to supply every man, woman, and child in the whole world with a tract 20 feet by 200 feet and have enough left over for all the armies of the world to march around five abreast.

"To move the Texas corn crop would take a string of box cars longer than the distance between New York and San Francisco. If the 1,500,000 tons of sulphur mined in Texas annually were in the hands of His Satanic Majesty, they would solve his fuel problem. If all the cotton grown in Texas were baled and built into a stairway, it would reach the Pearly Gates. If the 378,233,017 barrels of oil produced in Texas in 1934 were made into gasoline, it would run a well-known make of car through-out eternity. If all the hogs of Texas were one hog, he could dig the Panama Canal in three months and one grunt. If all the Texas steers were one steer, he could stand with his front feet in the

Gulf of Mexico and his hind feet in Hudson Bay, and with his horns punch holes in the moon, and with his tall brush the mists off the Aurora Borealis."

W. D. Elkins has sent a letter from his son, Pvt. Festel Q. Elkins, now with an aircraft warning battalion far away from home, along with money for subscription. The letter said everything was about the same there. "We are on the job all around the clock, 24 hours a day. Time passes pretty fast over here, but I will be glad when it is all over and we can come home. I think when Spring opens up something big is going to happen. Anyhow I hope so, for the faster things happen now the sooner it will be over with." After asking about things back home, Pvt. Elkins advised his folks about some of his personal and business matters, indicating that he keeps up with his affairs even though far away. "Guess you are having lots of cold weather now," he said, "which is just the reverse from this country down under. It is summer time here and it gets plenty hot at times. But we generally have a breeze when the tide is in. The mosquitoes here are giants by the side of the ones you have there, and no amount of wind will blow them off. You just have to take your hand and brush them off. We keep under nets lots of the time to stay away from them."

In requesting the home paper, the old Hico-Duffau boy wrote: "I have been getting some of the papers you are sending me lately, but the magazines have not come through yet. It will be all right with me if you just send the Hico paper and leave off the Star Telegram. The local news from around

home is what looks good to me after all. The different kinds of people that live on this island would see what they are missing if they could see the U. S. A. The cars here look more like a pile of junk than an automobile, and they drive on the left side of the road in one country that I was in. Most of the cars are English make, and have the steering wheel on the right side." Remarking that he hadn't seen anyone he knew since he left El Paso, Pvt. Elkins said he hardly ever saw anyone from his state. Replying to a recent letter, he wrote: "I think sheep at that price were a real buy—don't see how you could possibly lose money on them—think the wool and the rams will take care of the balance. A balanced ranching program of sheep and cattle is hard to beat now. I have been studying how they do it in the New Zealand way. That's a good livestock country, and I have made some close friends from there. They deal in a lot of registered stock also." After asking about other folks at home, Pvt. Elkins closed his letter with: "Tell John Rusk I've thought about his barbering lots, when we were waiting in line for a native to cut our hair. Some of us have had all our hair cut off, and are real bald-headed now. After all it's less trouble that way."

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