

COUNTIES COMPETE IN AGRICULTURAL CONTEST

112 WINNERS TO BE PICKED FROM 3,000 ENTRANTS

Emphasize Food's Importance to War Program.

Thanksgiving week, colorful "A" pennants will flap smartly in the breeze atop the courthouse of 112 counties in the U. S.

To the public, these pennants will symbolize the country's designation as one of the 112 outstanding food producing units in the country. The award will have been made after a national contest between every one of the nations 3,000 counties.

But even as the pennants are run up on the banyards, American farmers will be setting their shoulders to continuation of their tremendous efforts of the last two years. In 1944, they are expected to go beyond anything they have done to date, with the planting of 380 million acres. Upon the results of their work depend the feeding of our people and fighting forces, and the success of our international policy of feeding our Allies.

Composed of a blue "A" set against a head of wheat and half a gear of wheel on a field of green,

the pennants will be awarded by the War Food Administration out of nominations submitted by the state war boards of the U. S. department of agriculture. Factors which will be considered in the selection of the most productive counties include:

1. Extent to which 1942 goals were exceeded;
2. Extent of the shifts made in order to produce war crops not previously grown in the county;
3. Ingenuity shown in meeting production problems, such as labor shortages;
4. Records made in increasing yields per acre and per man, and in utilizing possible productive land and labor resources; and,
5. Extent of co-operation with other war programs.

It also was announced that pennants will be awarded to food processors with outstanding productive records. They will be judged on the basis of quantity and quality of production, the extent to which the plants are utilizing their facilities, effectiveness of management, and the degree to which they have maintained satisfactory labor relations.

As the farmers squared their shoulders for the great production effort for 1944, reports came out of Washington of the WFA's plans to use a billion dollar fund for promoting the output. The money would be used to support prices with crop loans and subsidies.

The plan calls for congressional appropriation of 500 million dollars. As it is, the WFA will have a fund of 500 million dollars of its own by the end of the year, with the liquidation of outstanding crop loans.

Of the one billion dollars it plans to use, half, or 500 million, would be advanced as subsidies for milk during fall and winter daily feeding seasons to counteract rising feed prices, vegetable oil crops, canning crops, and for sugar beets, dry beans and peas, and some fresh truck and fruit crops in flush marketing periods.

With the remaining half of the billion dollars, the WFA would support prices through crop loans on wheat, corn, tobacco, cotton, wool and potatoes.

In connection with the crop loans and subsidies, the WFA is expected to ask congress for authority to sell government-owned or government purchased commodities at a loss, thus stabilizing consumer prices.

As part of a national program designed to acquaint the public with the food situation, the government is urging farmers to assist each other in maximum production by sharing seed, machinery, fertilizer and manure in order to make short supplies go farther. Farmers also are being asked to help prevent crop wastage before marketing.

Through the WFA, OPA, OWI (Office of War Information) and OCD, the government intends to reach the average city dweller in the campaign to promote food consciousness.

City dwellers will be called upon to plant Victory gardens again in 1944, to ease heavy demands for vegetables for fresh consumption and processing; and civilians will be asked to work in canneries and relieve the labor shortage during the rush seasons.

Appeals will be directed to housewives to save food in the home, where 2/5 pound have been found to be wasted per person per day, in a survey of edible garbage in 48 representative cities. Collection of garbage in these cities ranged from 552 pounds per person per year to 76 pounds, with an average figure of 235 pounds. The normal range ran from 177 to 333 pounds, or from 1/2 to 3/4 pound a day per person.

Finally, the government will make a strong appeal to the public to stay out of the black market, where food sold to people of means siphons off a proportionate amount from the ordinary markets, where equal distribution is brought about through rationing.

Leading Allies to Berlin



Gen. Sir Harold Alexander (left), commander in chief of Allied ground forces, is pictured with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, as they toured the Allied battlefield in Italy. This front which started with beachhead landings has grown to 108 miles. It stretches across the Italian boot and is steadily moving northward.

Special Recognition Given Local Baptists On Training Union

Special recognition by the Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Convention, who recently completed a War Bond tour throughout the state of Texas, became the bride of Colonel George F. Hartman, commanding officer of Marfa Army Air Field's Advanced Two-Engine Pilot school in a surprise wedding here Friday evening.

The letter of recognition came this week to Mrs. Perkins, saying "We understand from reliable sources that you have one of the best Intermediate unions in the State of Texas." This union was organized by Mrs. Perkins nineteen months ago. Miss Virginia Coston being the only church member in the group. Today there are some twenty-five members in the union and they are all church members except two or three. There has been the grand total of sixty members in this union. During this time there have been over thirty conversions, and church members from the group.

This Convention department has asked for a picture of this group that they may run in a forthcoming issue of the Training Union Convention Magazine.

This union has during its existence attracted notice from various departments of the State work. The entire church is proud of this recognition and the young people who are regular in attendance and support of the church program.

Mrs. Perkins was elected to General Training Union Director of the church in September. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hancock are now sponsoring this union.

Health Protection More Important Now Than Ever

In discussing the possible danger of inflation to the American way of life, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has declared that he believes one phase of this menace which should not be overlooked is the danger of inflation in the incidence of disease.

"Just because we have a war going on is no reason why he should allow the disease and death rates in the country to become higher than in recent peacetimes," Dr. Cox said. "It is an urgent reason why we should sharply reduce these rates among our people and use every effort to keep the health levels among our civilian and military population at their highest possible peak."

The State Health Officer emphasized once again, as he has often done in the past, the necessity for using the more easily accessible, common-sense safeguards of health. Immunization against several of the more killing diseases is available to all, at little or no cost. Such protection should not be neglected and the person who allows himself or his family to suffer from a preventable illness is, whether he realizes it or not, actually handicapping the nation's war effort. Another health precaution which can and should be practiced in every home and community is careful sanitation; clean clothes, a clean body, and clean home environments do much to prevent the appearance of illness and the same sanitation practiced throughout the community will help to insure the good health of that community.

"Good, wholesome, nourishing foods, home and community sanitation, and the protection afforded by immunization can do a lot to prevent the needless inflation of the disease and death rates in this country," Dr. Cox asserted.

Movie Actress, Here For Bond Rally Last Month, Has Married

MARFA, TEXAS, Oct. 2.—Miss Elaine Shepard, RKO screen player who recently completed a War Bond tour throughout the state of Texas, became the bride of Colonel George F. Hartman, commanding officer of Marfa Army Air Field's Advanced Two-Engine Pilot school in a surprise wedding here Friday evening.

Chaplain Herman E. Dirks performed the ceremony before a small group of MAAF officers. Captain Cal H. Godshall attended the Colonel as best man.

The wedding was the result of a whirlwind courtship that started early in September when the former Miss Shepard received an invitation from Capt. Godshall of the air base to appear at the Marfa rodeo to sell War Bonds. She accepted the invitation and upon arriving, found that the 33-year-old flying colonel in command at the Pilot School was George Hartman, with whom she had been childhood sweethearts back in Lawrenceville, Ill. The two hadn't seen one another for 12 years and it took a War Bond tour to bring them together again.

When the plamorous 26-year-old model, who is famous as the original Chesterfield girl, finished the tour she had lost 15 pounds, but she had helped sell 30 million dollars worth of Bonds in the small towns of Texas. She accepted Capt. Godshall's invitation to recuperate at his C Bar G ranch at Victorville, Calif. She was there when the Colonel flew in to propose, and when she accepted they immediately drove back to Marfa for the wedding. Having no other clothes with her except "ranch duds," Miss Shepard was married in a picturesque Mexican peasant dress and wore a white scarf knitted for her by her aunt, as a bridal veil. The wedding took place on the 55th wedding anniversary of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shade of Olney, Ill.

Colonel Hartman, who like his bride is a native of Lawrenceville, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1921. He is rated a command pilot and took command of the Pilot School, one of the stations in the Western Flying Training Command under command of Maj. General Ralph P. Cousins, early in July. Before that he was commanding officer of the Chico, Calif. flying school.

Wyatt C. Hedrick of Ft. Worth, has purchased from W. P. Luse, of Dallas, approximately 4,000 acres of well improved ranch fields, together with livestock, in Smith Bend, Bosque County, about 25 miles southeast of Meridian, consideration about \$200,000.00, which is one of the largest transactions ever recorded in this county.

This tract of land is known as the old Clip Smith plantation, located on the Brazos River, and was formerly owned by Mr. McLendon, deceased, of Waco, and Mr. Luse bought same from his estate some time ago.

The livestock includes approximately 135 registered Hereford cows, 93 calves and yearlings, 60 heifers and 20 bulls. There are also about 100 grade cows and their calves, a small bunch of steers, Angora goats and Rambouillet sheep. Hedrick has several other ranches in West Texas.

The property will be continued as a registered Hereford ranch—Meridian Tribune.

First All-Texas WAC Company Planned to Speed Up Recruiting

Qualifying examinations for women who will serve in the first all-Texas WAC Company ever organized began as the Women's Army Corps completed plans to swear in this company in public ceremonies at Austin Oct. 13.

"This first all-Texas company of Wacs, including those who enlist from Hico, will take its Army oath in a body at the State capitol building on Oct. 13 and depart that same day for active duty at the Third WAC Training Center, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga." It was announced by WAC Lt. Geneva Young who is stationed at Brownwood, in charge of recruiting here.

Similar WAC companies are being formed in every State in the Union as part of a nation-wide movement to supply badly needed womanpower for the armed forces in a steady, controlled flow. Lt. Young explained. More such companies will be organized and shipped to training centers at frequent intervals during the next two months to assure an uninterrupted supply of women soldiers to meet the Army's growing needs.

"The North Texas district, of which Hico is one of the key cities, will supply more than a third of the total strength of the first all-Texas company," Lt. Young went on. "This company, after being sworn in at the capitol will go to Fort Oglethorpe as a unit, and will remain together throughout its period of basic training."

"Women from a particular section have been shipped to training center as a unit before, but this is the first time that it could be definitely promised they would remain together all through their basic training period."

"This first all-Texas company and the others from this State that will follow it are to serve a definite purpose in the Army. Now that invasion of Europe is under way, casualties in our fighting forces are mounting higher and higher, bringing greater and greater calls for replacements. Every one of the Wacs enlisted in this new program, known as the All-States Wac plan, will fill a behind-the-lines Army job somewhere to provide a male replacement for the fighting fronts."

"All told, 70,000 Wacs are needed between now and Dec. 7 to make up for battle casualties being sustained by our fighting forces at the various fronts."

Elaborate ceremonies will be conducted in Austin in connection with swearing in of the first Texas company, which is being formed under the personal sponsorship of Gov. Coke Stevenson, civilian head of the All-States WAC program in Texas.

Applicants for enlistment in the first all-Texas company will be accepted in Hico and other cities of the North Texas area until Oct. 16. Lt. Young said. Applicants who qualify after that date will be eligible for enlistment in all-Texas companies to be formed later and similar trained as units.

Three Possible Routes to Berlin



The absence of General Patton and his troops in the fighting at Salerno has led to speculation of another Allied invasion. This map shows three possible routes from Corsica, Sardinia and Bari. Dotted lines denote air miles to Nazi targets.

Meridian Coming Here Tonight For First Home Game

Tonight at 8:00 o'clock will begin the first football game of the season on the local field. The Meridian Yellow Jackets will be the Tigers' opponents. There will be three games played at home this season besides this one.

It is expected to be a well-matched game, furnishing excitement for the crowd from the initial kick-off to the final whistle.

The Tigers are hoping to be well supported by townsmen in this game, since it is at home. Admission prices will be 10 cents for elementary grades, 25 cents for high school, and 50 cents for adults.

Following is the probable starting line-up of both teams, as released Thursday:

HICO	Position	MERIDIAN
Keeney (135)	L. E. Allen (140)	
Burden (140)	R. E. Olson (150)	
Abel (155)	L. T. Paulson (170)	
Leroy Bobo (150)	R. T. Terry (180)	
Hutton (135)	L. G. Schulze (145)	
Ganoe (145)	R. G. Dagley (135)	
Hefner (150)	Center Word (160)	
McKenzie (145)	L. H. Duncan (150)	
Ross (140)	Q. B. Warren (130)	
Griffitts (140)	R. H. Golden (140)	
Jones (155)	F. B. Montgomery (160)	

Old Age Assistance Rolls Made Decline During September

AUSTIN, Oct. 2.—The old age assistance rolls made a net decline of 313 cases during September, leaving on the rolls for payments in October 182,305 persons. Total payments amount to \$3,776,807.80, which is \$18,939.32 more than the cost the previous month. The October payment averages \$20.72. Nine hundred thirty-six recipients were removed from the rolls because of current ineligibility and 937 died during September. 1,569 new names appeared on the rolls during the month.

The blind rolls made a net gain of 41 persons. A total of \$112,270 will be paid in October to 4,694 recipients, averaging \$24.54 per person.

The aid to dependent children rolls sustained a net loss of 362 families, representing 838 children. A total of \$233,938 will be distributed in October to 11,018 families representing 24,295 children. The payment averages \$21.23 per family.

Latest totals show Texas far over the State's quota in the Third War Loan drive, which came to an end last Saturday.

FDR says:
Originally we asked for 10 percent in bonds; now we need considerably more.

TOTAL OF LOCAL WAR BOND SALES SHOWS UP WELL

CHAIRMAN THANKS THOSE WHO MADE IT A SUCCESS; ASKS FOR "NO LET DOWN"

Sales of United States War Bonds during the Third War Loan showed up creditably, according to a report submitted after the close of the drive by the local committee chairman, E. H. Randalls Jr., to S. J. Cheek Sr., who acted as chairman of the special campaign.

The report shows total sales in Hico of \$95,950.00, including all series of bonds issued during the specified period at the First National Bank and the Hico post office. This was divided as follows: Hico, \$85,850.00; Carlton, \$5,600.00; Fairy, \$4,075.00; Olin, \$375.00.

The chairman pointed out that the communities of Carlton, Olin and Fairy had a considerable amount to their credit at other sales offices, which would bring their showing up when all reports were in.

A report from the county seat had not been submitted up to press time further than items from daily papers to the effect that Hamilton County had reported over the top in the drive. Similar news comes from Bosque and Erath Counties, in which a number of News Review readers live. When the final reports are in, there is no doubt that Hico and the communities north of the Leon River will show up well in comparison with other places in Texas which has reported over the top on its quota by millions of dollars. Hico exceeded its quota over 30 per cent on an assignment of \$61,600.00 by R. J. Riley, Hamilton County's 3rd War Loan chairman.

In closing the campaign, S. J. Cheek thanked the community in general for the magnificent response to the appeal to buy bonds during the 3rd War Loan. He especially wanted those who assisted in promoting sales to know that their efforts were appreciated, whether they canvassed, paid for advertising, helped in the rally, or assisted in any other way.

At the same time Cheek called attention to the importance of continued purchases of bonds on a regular basis, and expressed hopes for a similar whole-hearted response to the next bond drive, which is inevitable. "We must not fail," he said, "to continue furnishing the funds to back our boys."

Winter Legume Seed Available to Farmers of Hamilton County

Winter Legume seed are now available for Hamilton County farmers. Eugene C. Gainous, Administrative Officer, said last week in urging farmers to earn their soil-building.

The A. A. A. now has on hand several thousand pounds of hairy vetch and Austrian Winter Pea seed; and Mr. Gainous says that now is the proper time to plant winter legume seed in order to earn a seeding payment of \$1.50 per acre toward meeting soilbuilding allowance. Every farmer is being urged to place his order with the A. A. A. at the earliest possible date, for these seed, since the supply is limited and not expected to last long. Further information will be given to all farmers in regard to winter legume seed, if they will call at the A. A. A. office.

CARLTON SINGERS DEFER MEETING IN FAVOR OF CONVENTION AT WILSON

Regular singing at Carlton, set for the second Sunday, October 10, has been called off in order to allow attendance of singers at the convention to be held at Wilson on that date.

J. W. Jordan, in making the announcement, stated that another date for the Carlton singing would be set and announced following the convention.

JCE GISH

STICK-UP MEN REALLY HAVE A POST-WAR PROBLEM... C'N YA IMAGINE HOLDIN' UP AN EP-COMMANDER?

**What You Buy With
WAR BONDS**

On board ship and in the artillery their buddies call them "powder monkeys." Not disrespectful, just a personal, intimate term between friends. Civilians call them gun crews. During a battle the crews of "powder monkeys" must work like trojans bringing the ammunition to the guns.



The gun may fire an anti aircraft .50 calibre shell or a broadside from the 16 inch guns of a great battleship, but in either event the "powder monkey" must pass millions of dollars' worth of ammunition to make the gun effective, and your savings in War Bonds are necessary to supply the financial ammunition that provides the shells.

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"Meet the People..."

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



Admiral Andrew B. Cunningham

It was a victorious moment for Admiral Andrew Browne Cunningham as he stood on the bridge of his flagship with General Eisenhower and Commodore R. M. Dick to watch most of the Italian fleet steam by in review formation. It was for this moment, which brought control of the Mediterranean to the Allies, that Cunningham had been battling for four years.

Cunningham's short, pungent message to the Italian fleet, following its country's unconditional surrender, was typical of him. The 51-year-old admiral lives, works, and even writes as a man of action.

He was a destroyer commander during World War I and gained much respect for his daring small craft tactics. His campaigns have been characterized by knock-down, drag-out battles, with Cunningham's ships doing most of the knocking down.

In a message to his men just before a battle, Cunningham once said: "We are going to have some fun. All guns will be in action."

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Worrell of Waco visited his parents this week. Miss Adelle White left Thursday for Comanche.

Mrs. Clanton was very sick for a few days this week.

Rev. Jno. P. Cundieff had his tonsils removed at Holt's Hospital in Meridian Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cundieff of Hamilton visited their son and family here this week.

Mrs. Loughlin left Saturday for Brownwood to visit one of her brothers who is in service. He will be home and she wanted to see him.

Irene Worrell returned to her home in Cranfill's Gap Wednesday after a visit with her grandparents.

Charles Cockrell of Fort Worth was here Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Koonsman, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Blue, Mrs. Ivis Hanshaw and Mrs. Herman Koonsman were in Waco Wednesday.

Coy Newman visited his brother, Joe, and wife of San Antonio from Monday till Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Rogers Evans left Wednesday for Dallas to work.

Dorothy Rae Clepper spent the week end in Dallas.

John Tidwell was sick Friday. He was well enough to be in the store Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance Phillips were in Cleburne Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley were in Stephenville Friday.

Mrs. Bryan Bateman was operated on at Holt's Hospital on Saturday, Oct. 2, instead of Tuesday. Her friends hope she will be well soon.

Mrs. Marie Lawrence and baby of Duffau visited here this week end.

Born to the former Miss Pauline Burch, a daughter in Clifton Hospital. Pauline's husband is in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Brummel and baby of Coleman spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gosdin.

Mrs. Greebon and children and his mother were in Walnut Springs Friday. Mrs. Squires accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Houston were in Stephenville Friday to see his mother. She isn't getting along very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Laswell spent Sunday in Stephenville.

Iredell business houses were closed Thursday afternoon so all could go to the War Bond Drive at Meridian. Our county has gone over the top with their quota.

Pvt. E. H. Brown of McCloskey Hospital at Temple, who won the Purple Heart for service in North Africa, spent the past week end with his sister, Mrs. C. A. Mitchell.

Grandmother Greebon spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mitchell and children spent Sunday in Meridian with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Hey.

Mrs. Obie Dunlap and some of the children were in Hico this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tidwell and son of Stephenville spent Sunday here and attended Sunday school and church.

Mrs. Mayme Barrow of Waco is visiting her niece, Mrs. A. N. Pike.

Mrs. Helon Cunningham was presented a few days ago with a box of gifts from her friends. She is very proud of them.

Pvt. Ray Holt of Mineral Wells spent the week end here.

Hugh Harris of Fort Worth spent the week end here with his wife and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. James Porter of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Oldham were in Dallas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wyche, who have been visiting here, have now moved to Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. M. Lawrence, who is staying with Mrs. Stacy Tidwell, spent a few days in Dublin with her mother, Mrs. Ware.

Irene Jaehne of near Iredell spent the week end with Johnnie Gene Harper.

Mrs. Lee McDonel of Fort Worth spent the week end here.

Mrs. W. B. Baxter of Meridian spent from Friday till Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Stroud, in the apartment at Mrs. Houston's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loader of near Walnut Springs and her mother, Mrs. Collier, of near Iredell, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stroud also. Mrs. Collier is his mother and Mrs. Loader is his sister.

October 17, which is the Third Sunday, will be the last time for Rev. Greebon to preach here, as Conference meets November 2. He hopes to see all of his members present the Third Sunday. It is hoped that he will be returned.

Rev. Bailey, one of the school teachers, preached for Rev. Cundieff Sunday morning and night.

Mrs. Clark, the mother of Mrs. Jim Hensley, is recovering from a recent illness.

Mrs. Leslie Stroud left Monday for San Diego, California, to visit her husband. She had been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hudson, for some time.

Mrs. Ada Alfhart left Monday for her home in Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pike and son of Dallas spent Sunday night and part of Monday with his parents.

The W. S. C. S. met Monday afternoon with a few of the members present. The president urges all the ladies to be present Tuesday afternoon at 1 p. m. for the week of prayer. All the members are urged to come on October 19 at 1 p. m.

Falls Creek

By Virginia Coston

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston went to Ohio Wednesday after Grandmother Chumney. She had been spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. M. W. Neal, and family.

Margaret Allen spent Thursday night with Willa Dean Hancock in Hico.

W. A. Stubblefield spent Monday afternoon with David Foust.

Earlene Proffitt spent the week end with her uncle, Mr. Ray Proffitt, and family at Dublin.

Grandmother Chumney visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Jesse Rainwater, last Friday evening.

Lula Mae Coston of Fort Worth and Mrs. Rogers of Iredell and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston of Fort Worth spent the week end in the Grady Coston home.

Earlene Proffitt visited the school at Hico Wednesday.

WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO HELP YOU

Maintain and Repair

WITH EVERY MEANS AT HAND

There is no intention in any of the Government's current building restrictions to discourage maintenance and repair of existing structures or additions that are vital to the promotion of the "Food For Victory" program.

Many building supplies are not restricted, but we ask that our customers confer with us beforehand and anticipate their needs in any of the following:

- Buildings or structures required for storage of agricultural products produced by farmers, planters, ranchmen, dairymen, or nut and fruit growers.
- Shelters, barns, pens or sheds for livestock and poultry, or agricultural fences or gates.
- Maintenance and repair for any residence or other structure.

In certain instances we are required to submit a "declaration of use" for procuring above materials. Taking care of this in ample time will prevent the slight delay necessary from holding up operations.

Whatever your needs, we will appreciate an opportunity to cooperate with you in any way possible, and give you the benefit of our experience and information on the subject.

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(Ceiling Price \$1.28)	
100 LBS. COLORADO POTATOES	\$3.10
50 LBS. COLORADO ONIONS	\$2.35
100 LBS. BEWLEY'S WHEAT SHORTS	\$2.40
100 LBS. BEWLEY'S BRAN	\$2.40
100 LBS. 16% BEWLEY DAIRY	\$2.85
100 LBS. BEWLEY'S EGG MASH	\$3.15

The government is having all mills to increase the vitamins in flour—therefore there will be an increase in the ceiling prices.

Randals Brothers

We Want to Buy Your Produce!

WHICH WAS FIRST — HEN OR EGG?

That's a moot question that's been argued in biological circles for years.

In the present instance, however, we don't have time to argue, for BOTH the hen and the egg come first in importance in our war economy.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected upon calling attention of the management to the article in question.

Hico, Tex., Friday, Oct. 4, 1945.

TICKET TO PEACE

A new ration book, known as Ration Book 4, which is now being distributed, is made up so that it will last for a period of two years.

There is every reason to hope, therefore, that this will be the last of ration books. By October, 1945, when this new ration book will expire, there is a good chance that we will be at peace. There is also a good chance, however, that we will still be shipping enormous quantities of food to the people of foreign lands who will still be struggling to get back on their feet.

But no matter how great the demands on our supplies may be by the end of 1945, by that time our domestic economy should be better organized and our farm and transportation problems smoothed out. We should, by then, be able to send quantities of supplies abroad and still have an ample supply of food and goods to take care of the needs of the people in this country.

It may be a little optimistic to expect rationing to terminate when Ration Book 4 expires; but it would at least be a pleasant pastime, and with some possibility of it being true, to think of the new ration book as a sort of ticket to peace—to think that, as the coupons are gradually removed, we are approaching closer to the end of the war and when the last ticket expires, we will have reached our destination of a peaceful world.

NOW COAL'S THE PROBLEM

Last year at this time every family which had an oil-burner heating system was being urged to convert it to coal. This winter, because of a severe coal shortage, those burning oil will probably have a better chance of keeping warm than the people who burn coal.

Those who did spend money to convert their furnaces and now find that by doing so they have merely invited difficulties and discomfort, are naturally going to be incensed about it. It is going to make them unwilling to cooperate with other government programs. It is going to make them think that "the people in Washington" are making a mess of their control of domestic problems.

We will probably never get to the bottom of it. Part of the blame will be put on the mine strikes which did retard our nation's output by thousands of tons. Part of the blame will be put on the people who did not buy coal ahead of time, instead of waiting to order until winter was almost here. Part of the blame will be put on transportation difficulties. But no excuses will deflate the criticism of those who did what the government asked last year and are now having to suffer for it.

Wee Bits of GESTURE

About the most trying thing on morale here on the home front that I know of is to come home in the evening from a hard day's work, and turn on the radio for the news only to get hit in the eyes with a sack of flour, swallow enough pills to make every joint in your body ball-bearing, and just when you think of a "cuss" word long enough to use, you discover that you have been gagged with a new kind of tooth paste and can't talk.

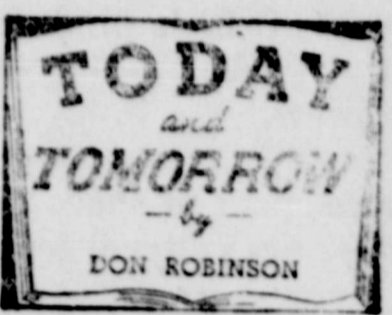
In fact, about all that prevents outright capitulation is the beer that you are drenched with at frequent intervals.

—By PRINTIS A. NEWMAN

7-Pound Bean



This giant 7 pound, 41 inch, string bean was proudly displayed in congress by Rep. Leon H. Gavin of Pennsylvania. It was grown by Wm Smathers of Charlton County, Pa., according to Gavin.



STRIKES . . . England

On the theory that misery loves company, people in our country may get some comfort out of the fact that England doesn't seem to know how to handle labor much better than we do.

Whenever there is a coal strike, or a strike in a shipyard or an airplane factory here, most of us can't understand it. We feel that the strikers must be totally lacking in any spark of patriotism. We can't conceive of how a group of thousands of men, many of whom have sons and relatives fighting for their country, will agree to lay down their tools and interrupt the flow of needed equipment to those men.

But in this country we can fall back on the possible explanation that it is difficult for some Americans to realize there is a war going on. We read about it, we know that millions of our men are fighting on foreign fronts, but we have never heard a bomb drop, seen a soldier shot or felt, personally, the real bitterness of war.

If we want to try to make excuses for labor, in this country, we can refer to that absence of personal contact with the war. But Britain's experience proves this isn't the true answer. For, after going through terrible bombings, seeing homes destroyed and friends killed, labor in England is still willing to stop war production in an attempt to get a few more shillings a week or to protest some minor grievance between a worker and an employer.

NEWS . . . sabotage

Somehow a lot of us think of the English as having everything pretty well in hand. I admit that I had forgotten about the possibility of labor problems in England until I happened to run into a whole slew of cabled messages from London on the subject.

One message said that 23,000 miners had quit work in protest because an 18-year-old surface worker was imprisoned when he refused to take an underground job.

Another said that 1,200 additional miners were on strike awaiting assurance of better pay.

And still another reported that a third group of 2,000 miners were "unable to work" because haulage men considered a fine imposed on a fellow worker for fighting to be "unfair."

And then there was a report of 1,500 shipwrights who were striking and were gradually gaining the support of thousands of other shipwrights on the Clyde river.

And to go on a little further, 8,000 welders staged a two-hour "token" strike to bring attention to their demand for a pay increase.

I won't go into the unrest in England's airplane industry, which has been definitely handicapped by labor troubles. But it is interesting to note that these troubles exist in spite of the fact that Sir Stafford Cripps, minister of aircraft production, has termed all strikes to be sabotage.

SOLDIERS . . . warning In spite of labor troubles, both in this country and in England we seem to be able to increase production of war equipment each month. Actually the hours lost through strikes in both countries are an infinitesimal fraction of the hours worked.

But those lost hours are the ones which stand out like a sore thumb when they are reported in newspaper headlines—and they are the ones which make our soldiers on foreign fronts fighting mad when they hear about them.

It may be that labor unions will continue to get away with making more and more demands throughout the war. The government and employers seem to have decided that the best way to prevent strikes is to give in to labor whenever necessary.

But the real fight for the unions will come after the war when millions of men who have learned to hate the word "strike" and think of it as being synonymous with "treason" come home to this country and demand an explanation.

Flight Perilous



ABOVE the HULLABALOO

By LYTLE HULL Overconfidence

Overconfidence has probably lost as many battles and wars as any other contributing factor. Hitler was so sure he could invade England at any time after Dunkerque which was convenient to him, that he put off the attempt until it was too late and thereby probably lost the war. He was so sure he could put Russia out of business that—according to hearsay—he over-rode the advice of his general staff and committed practically the same error which defeated Napoleon. Overconfidence was probably a contributing cause in the loss of Singapore; and there is reason to believe that the lack of caution it engenders made possible the success of the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor.

Military history abounds in tragedies, collapses and defeats caused by the fatal disease called OVERCONFIDENCE.

President Roosevelt in a recent message to congress on the progress of the war, warns continually of the danger of thinking the war is won—or nearly won. The President has as profound a knowledge of history as almost anyone who is not a professional historian, and when he warns us that we could lose all the advantages which we have so far won in this struggle—he knows what he is talking about. His knowledge of the past proves to him that wars have been frequently lengthened or lost by the feeling of assurance of one side or the other that "the battle was won." He knows that hundreds of thousands of added lives have been claimed by the military holocausts of the past because of the relaxation created by the feeling that "we can't lose now." We have never heard the President crow about how we are driving the Germans and Japs off the face of the earth, because he knows how fatal to our

cause this attitude can be. It is almost frightening by contrast to listen to some few of the radio commentators who declaim about Allied "blastings." Judging by the computations of some of the most optimistic of our "blastings," there cannot possibly be a German or a Jap still alive—and certainly they have no airplanes left. As we read and listen to this wishful thinking, it becomes difficult to forego the pleasant feeling that it is safe for us to relax a bit, on the home front, because "it won't be long now."

Well, that is just exactly how the Nazis felt after Dunkerque, when France had been knocked out, and Britain had her back to the wall. That feeling—and their little conceit that they could overrun Russia and later swallow the British Isles—may have lost the war for them—provided—we profit by their lesson, and the other one thousand lessons of military history.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau doesn't mince words about overconfidence and the resultant childish over-optimism. He warns that the attack on Italy is only the "beginning of the war" as far as the United States is concerned and states that if and when we conquer Italy we will still be nowhere near Germany. He lists the Allied material losses in Sicily as high—in some cases—as 54 per cent.

If we are to make certain of winning this war within a reasonable length of time we have got to keep punching our hardest right now while we have the initiative in our hands. If we let the enemy catch his breath for one little moment the struggle can drag along interminably. Our soldiers will do the punching if we will provide the money to buy the weapons with which to punch.

By LYTLE HULL Dictatorship

In any group of people, whether it be national, political, industrial or social, where the majority is ruled without its consent by a minority—the status is that of "Dictatorship." We may call it any name we like—it is still Dictatorship. If any minority group should seize control of our government, abolish the elections and run the country without the voluntary consent of the people—that would constitute a Dictatorship. Germany is a Dictatorship because a small group called the National Socialist party runs the country and orders are issued to the majority without their spoken consent. The same applies to Italy and Russia under differently named groups—and to a number of other nations on both sides of the ocean.

Many theorists believe this to be the best and sanest form of government, on their assumption that the majority is unfit intellectually to govern itself and should therefore be taken care of by a "wise" few. But to argue this is to assume that there exists upon this earth angels of extraordinary intellect and of a strength of character sufficient to render them impervious to the deteriorating effects of too much power. No such man or woman has existed in the short period of known history and if such a person should fly down here, he could never satisfy all the people and would eventually be compelled to use the firing squad to restrain the dissatisfied and to retain his job.

The theory of government by Dictatorship has not worked out satisfactorily and that is why the world, after so many centuries, has been breaking away from it during the last few hundred years, and struggling toward government of, for and by the people.

There are many in our country who are beginning to fear that sinister forces which would like to gain dictatorial power over our lives may be able to accomplish their purpose while we are engaged in this world struggle. We went through this same fear complex during the First World War and during the Civil War; but nothing serious developed. This does not signify however that we should sneer at such fears or that we should ever become negligent, for we will be sure to lose our free government at some time unless we guard it at all times.

It is during periods of great stress such as war, famine, pestilence and the like, that those sleepless neurotics, who are never satisfied with any status quo, get in their licks. Like the germs in a sick body, or the parasites on a weakened tree—these warped creatures breed and thrive at accelerated pace while the solid citizenry is occupied with the defense of the land and the home front is of necessity neglected. When the wars or famines are over the citizenry fumigates the land; but scars are left and they heal slowly. Sometimes they never heal at all and during the next convulsion the infection gains such headway that the body politic is almost destroyed, and it often takes years to bring it back to full health again.

You can find some of the results of this scheming almost anywhere you look carefully for it; it is often very subtle, it is often very flagrant, it is always destructive—and by this last one can usually spot it. It may not appear to be dangerous but it is just as well to watch it, even in times of peace and contentment. It never sleeps; it is always waiting; its aim is servitude—and its name is "Dictatorship."

FASHION for today. BY PATRICIA DOW



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Dale Carnegie

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People." Illustration of Dale Carnegie's face.

WHAT IS THE SECRET OF SUCCESS?

I'm often asked this question: What is the secret of success? A very difficult question, but I'll answer it by telling you what the Carnegie Institute of Technology discovered a few years ago. Their investigations revealed that in business one's success depended as follows: 10 per cent on superior knowledge; 85 per cent on superior personality.

Startling! In other words your chance to succeed in business does not depend so much on what you know as on how you act toward other people.

The next step is to find out how you can develop the all-important quality of personality. I went to probably the most outstanding authority in the United States on this subject to get his advice. This man is Dr. Henry C. Link, who is the director of the Psychological Service Center in New York. He has studied about 3,400 people on matters of personality problems, and is the author of two well-known books on psychology.

First I asked him to tell me what "personality" is, and this is his definition. I wrote it down so as to get it exactly right: "Your personality is the extent to which you have learned to convert your energies into habits or actions which successfully influence other people." Here's a striking thing he said: "A homely girl who can play a piano entertainingly has a better personality than a homely girl who cannot play a piano."

I asked him if we were born with a definite personality and could never change, or alter, it.

His answer: "You can develop your personality just as you can your piano playing, or your tennis playing."

I then asked him to give me three ways for my column by which my readers could develop their personalities. Here they are:

- 1. Play games at least once a week which require physical exertion. Play games once a week which require matching wits, such as bridge, checkers. This will help you make friends. You can often make more friends in an hour playing games than you would ordinarily make in a month.
- 2. Do something for other people. Become the secretary of a club, call on a sick neighbor, hop into your car and make a trip into town to help someone who is not free to make the trip. Don't develop the idea that the people you associate with at the office and in everyday life are ordinary people and that you are superior to them. Mingle with them, help them, make your life a part of theirs.
- 3. Learn to do some one thing exceptionally well. For instance, let it be your job. Become master of it. It will give you self-confidence and authority over other people.

Then he threw out a warning in personality-developing: As you get old, don't narrow your interests. Don't withdraw into your shell and take an interest in no one except yourself.

There you have three definite and concrete ways to develop your personality given by one of the greatest authorities in this country. You can begin to practice them at once. Now, try these three for a month, and see if you haven't added to your personality. Try it!

Successful Parenthood JOB OR SCHOOL?

(This week's Successful Parenthood column was prepared by a guest editor.)

A serious problem many parents are facing these days is the offer of a full-time job that a son or daughter in school receives from nearby drug stores, restaurants, candy shops, or other places where inexperienced help can successfully be employed. Employers are often forced into offering these jobs to children of school age because the armed forces and war industries have claimed almost all of the people usually employed in such places.

This problem becomes doubly difficult for the parent when he recalls (or when the child recalls) the fact for him that in normal times it has been considered sound training for school children to accept and even seek part-time employment.

Despite this fact the responsibility for the decision is directly up to the parent and must be based on a long-range viewpoint rather than on an immediate appeal to the

youth. It is true perhaps to say that education is one of the very things for which this country is fighting. But it is true and this should not be overlooked for a moment. No job of the type in question could ever equal or even approach in importance or experience the value of a school career. That statement can be accepted without much disagreement.

But parents are often misled into the stand that the war forces the children to take such employment and that to have them do otherwise would conflict with the national war effort.

Actually such is not the case. While it is true that school children are being mobilized in some sections of the nation for work on the farm during vacation periods, manpower officials have not yet seen fit to declare a labor emergency which would take children out of school and put them to work in industry and agriculture.

Until that time is reached parents will do well to be guided by the light of America's finest tradition—an education for every youth.

AMERICAN HEROES BY LEFF



Two hours after the ill-fated destroyer Hammann was sunk, her shipper, Comdr. Arnold Ellsworth Trues, was rescued from the water and found to be supporting two oil-soaked men. He himself was so exhausted that he did not realize both men were dead. Comdr. Trues, who was awarded the Navy Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal for heroism, typifies the spirit of our men in arms. They give to the limit of their endurance. Do YOUR part! Buy more War Bonds and Stamps!

U. S. Treasury Department

Personals.

Kathryn Alford of Hamilton visited her mother, Mrs. A. Alford, Sunday.

J. Joiner of Lott was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Benn Gleason Saturday night and Sunday.

J. J. Harvey of Hamilton visited here Tuesday with her son, Jos Carpenter, and family.

Mrs. Jack Meador came in last week from Amarillo for a short visit before going to Dallas.

Mrs. Rollie Forgy of Fort Worth visited the week end here with her mother, Mrs. J. R. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pirtle of Dallas spent the week end here in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pirtle.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lowe and daughter, Joy, of Weatherford visited the week end here with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Calder.

Robby Jones of Austin is spending the week here in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Orshel Williamson.

Mrs. G. H. Anderson and Miss Etta Wieser are spending the week in Fort Worth with their mother, Mrs. Ida Tunnell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kundts of Fort Worth visited Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

Mrs. C. L. Woodward and mother, Mrs. J. H. Roberts, visited at Wednesday and Thursday in Fort Worth with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poindexter of Ardmore, New Mexico, came in today to spend the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green.

Mrs. W. L. Iebill, who has been in Gaston and Baylor Hospitals in Dallas several months for treatment, was brought home Wednesday in the Barrow ambulance and is reported to be improving.

Mrs. C. E. Claywell and little granddaughter, Lavonia, of Mineral Wells came in last week for a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Leeth and with friends around Fair.

Mrs. A. H. Burden and little son, Max, and J. W. Burden returned home Tuesday from Dallas where they had been visiting since Saturday in the home of Mrs. Mayme Burden and other relatives.

Mrs. A. Alford, who has spent the past two months in Tahoka, returned home Saturday. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Goddy and son, Leighton, who went back to Tahoka Sunday.

Mrs. Benn A. Gleason and daughter, Annelle, of Lott spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benn Gleason. They left Monday for Los Angeles, Calif., for a visit with First Lieut. Benn A. Gleason, who is stationed at Camp Granite.

Mrs. Louise Knowles and two children of Fort Worth and Mrs. M. J. Faulk of Los Angeles, Calif., who are here for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers, and with their brother, Sgt. Joe Powers, home on furlough from service in Alaska, visited in Stephenville Wednesday with another sister, Mrs. Charles Roberson.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barnett were their daughter, Mrs. James B. Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hulsey of Fort Worth. Mr. Hulsey is employed as a patrol officer at the quartermaster depot and Mrs. Hulsey and Mrs. Moore are employed at the Consolidated Vultee aircraft plant.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-tft

IREDELL STUDENTS OF HOME ECONOMICS MET AND ORGANIZED THIS WEEK

The girls in Iredell High School who have had or are now taking Home Economics met this week to organize a Home Economics Club. The following officers were elected: President, Johnnie Jean Harper; vice-president, La Verne Williams; secretary, Mildred Harper; treasurer, Mildred Houston; reporter, Wilma Rae Burns; parliamentarian, Norma Jean Jones. The club decided to call a meeting once a month. At our meetings we will attend to both business and social affairs. Miss Rene Dickerson, our H. E. teacher, will be our sponsor. REPORTER.

Mrs. C. L. White of Houston, accompanied by her son, Charles, who recently received his medical discharge from Camp Hale, Colo., spent the week end here with her sister, Mrs. Roy Sears, and family. They returned to Houston Tuesday after receiving a telegram from Mrs. White's other son, Pfc. Paul White, stationed at Amarillo Army Air Field near Amarillo, saying that he was in Houston on furlough.

WITH THE COLORS

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enjoyed visits with A. C. and Grace Odell, Eugene Hackett, Bill Hall and Eursie Hackett and their wives. Sounds like old home week in California, but Mayme said they hadn't seen any of those mentioned in two or three weeks. After giving a hot tip on some news the paper has so far missed, Mayme commented on how they'd like to see Jack Hollis' baby, and mentioned several other things she had noticed had happened around home. "How happy we will all be when this terrible thing is over," she wrote, adding, "We are all working ourselves to death, but it will be worth it, won't it?" Geary and Mayme are still hoping to get home Christmas, but she says it is doubtful now.

FATHER'S POEM AND MOTHER'S LETTER TO SAILOR SON

Mrs. H. C. Roberts Sr. recently wrote a poem to her sailor son, H. C. Jr. (Clay) Roberts, FC 3/c in the U. S. Navy, stationed with Marines somewhere overseas. The poem was reprinted by the Shawnee News, and was read by the sailor's father, H. C. Roberts Sr., a captain in the Air Corps, stationed with a fighter squadron at Tulsa, Okla., Tenn., who wrote a letter to his son after having read the poem. This soldier-sailor and father-son combination are known in Hico as the son-in-law and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams of Hico, to whom we are indebted for the copies of the poem and letter reprinted below:

MY SAILOR SON
I make your bed and dust your chair,
From morn 'til night, I breathe a prayer
That God will keep you in His care.

While you're away, I'll do my best
Not to act weary or depressed,
But help you down this Axis pest.

By working hard I'll try to be
A soldier here while you're at sea,
So you'll be justly proud of me.

We're in this fight, and win we must,
So in our Lord we'll put our trust
For we know He is good and just.

Then on that day when victory's won,
At home once more we'll have our fun;
'Til then, good luck, My Sailor Son.

Sept. 19, 1943.

My Dear Son:
I read from the "Poet's Corner" in the Shawnee News the verse "My Sailor Son" by Mrs. H. C. Roberts and want you to know that I am sure that no man can find a greater urge than you have to destroy our enemies so "when victory is won, at home once more we'll have our fun;" that's your mother's prayer.

I too urge you to carry on as any brave and honest American soldier and sailor, but do your sworn duty to kill the Japs and Germans whose greatest ambition and hope in life is to kill and devour everything you love. Your accomplishments to date have been very gratifying to me and only but a few days ago I witnessed the mighty firepower from the guns, the like of which you man, and I said "My son shoots the same guns with the same perfect precision and deadly effect." I am proud of you.

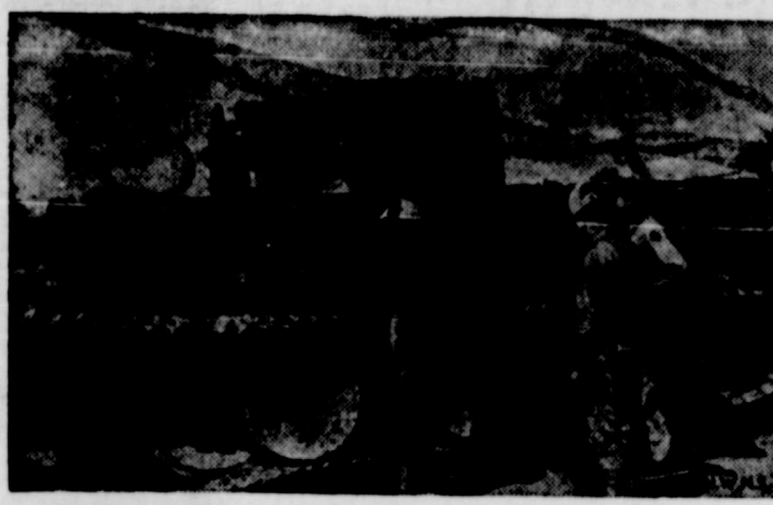
You go forth into the field of battle. Go there to kill the Japs and Germans. Give them no quarter, ask for none. Have no mercy on the people of Japan or Germany. Do not think it sufficient to kill a few of the Germans or Japanese soldiers or leaders, but set out with a determination to kill out the two races. They are alike. They have the same hopes and plans. They want to kill you, mother and me and all Americans. Label the projectiles from your gun "Mother." Send each one into the air, a direct hit against an Axis plane and let the exploded parts fall on the Axis and kill them so they cannot propagate the race that has caused and is causing so much suffering, hunger and

Drafted Dads Off to War



Three post-Pearl Harbor fathers kiss their offspring goodby as they leave for training at Fort Custer, Mich., after they were inducted. Sen. Burton K. Wheeler has been leading a movement in congress to postpone the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers until January 1.

One of 42,400 Wrecked German Tanks



American officers on duty in Moscow examine holes in a German Tiger tank. It is part of an exhibition of war trophies captured by the Russians. In two years the Germans have lost 42,400 tanks on this front.

death among civilized nations. Spare none of them. Do not as we did in 1918 and leave a job for your son as I did for you. Let him have a country of freedom and peace to live in.

I know you will never let one enemy plane fly over your mother's head. Be sure and get the correct height and range. Fire at the right time and shoot them down. Remember that I am by your side and with this same determination, and we have with us the millions in our armed forces, the greatest fighting force of all times.

Remember that your father and the government that you love is urging you ahead to kill the Japs and Germans, the hated enemy—spare none of them. Let not one fly by you.

It saddens my heart that I write you, my young son, such a letter just as you pass your nineteenth birthday, and as I pass my 49th. I know that it is only necessary because your father and his comrades in arms made the fatal mistake in 1919 when we gave the dirty devils another chance to live.

Write to me when you are not busy killing Japs and Germans. Your father,
H. C. ROBERTS.

PAPER GETS ADVERTISER RESULTS FROM AUSTRALIA

Several weeks ago the Corner Drug Company in Hico advertised Phenothiazine sheep drench. J. B. Ogle, manager, said he'd never had any cause to kick on our circulation or results (unless he was trying to get back borrowed investments) but that he had expected the startling result that was disclosed in a letter written from Australia by Postel Elkins, when he advised his father how to treat worms in sheep and where to procure the necessary medicine.

The service man wrote many other interesting things in his letter, which was passed on to the News Review by his father, W. D. Elkins of Duffau, and which read in part:

— Sig. A. W. Bn.
Wed., Sept. 15, 1943.

Dear Folks:
Just a few lines to let you know that I'm getting along O. K. Hope this finds you the same.

Looks like the war is finally going in our favor. One-third of the Axis powers out of it at last, so that makes one down and two to go. Hope the other two fold up in a hurry so we can get back to civilization once more.

Everything is about the same around here. The boys seem to think that something big is going to happen soon. It seems about time things would begin to break for the Allies.

From what you say about the weather there, I don't see how people are raising anything. I suppose it is getting cooler now, and hope you have had some rain.

It won't be long now until another Christmas. I believe I told you not to send me cigarettes, candy, etc., as we can get them plenty cheap over here. So don't bother yourself with those things. If you are determined to send something, I would appreciate a good billfold. As for me I won't be able to send you two anything worth-while. There is absolutely nothing I can get over here in the way of a Christmas present, so I am going to mail the two of you a money order about the first of November for \$50.00. That will be \$25.00 for each of you, and you can spend it on your Christmas presents as you see fit.

I have been in this tent over a

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Carlton

— By —
Mrs. T. C. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Clark and their daughter, Mrs. Luther Burden and husband were visitors in Hamilton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Clark were business visitors in Waco Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rogers of San Antonio spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lee, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Proffitt and daughter, Melba Jean, spent Sunday with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Proffitt, and children at Iredell.

Mrs. Clara Gibson and daughter, Mrs. G. L. Woolley, and children were in Hamilton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McAnally spent Sunday in Waco visiting their daughter, Mrs. Vernon Jones, and husband.

Mrs. O. J. Ford of Arlington visited her sister, Mrs. Charlie Proffitt, and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie McDonald and little daughter of San Antonio spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allred, and son, Douglas.

Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Miller and children were business visitors in Stephenville Saturday.

J. O. Pollard and wife were in Hico, Dublin, Stephenville and Hamilton attending to business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyney Mitchell were Dublin visitors Saturday.

Pvt. Travis King, who is stationed in Washington, came in Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus King.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Upham of West Columbia were here Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Upham, and Mrs. Gladys Osborne and son, Frankie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stuckey were business visitors in Fort Worth Friday.

J. G. Finley of Fort Worth is here visiting his mother, Mrs. John Finley Jr.

Mrs. Eloise Kennedy and children of Longview came in Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hance Sowell, and family; also Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Kennedy.

Rev. R. H. Gibson of Carlton, Rev. Smith of Comanche, and Rev. Walter Scott of Comanche were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zed Laws Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fullbright and daughter moved to Hamilton last week, where Mr. Fullbright has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allred and son moved to the Mrs. Clara Gibson house, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Fullbright, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilbite moved to the farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allred and son, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Vaughn bought the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilbite and daughter, and will move there. They also intend to do some repairing on the house.

Mrs. Dala Stephens and son, Capt. Harry Stephens and wife and son of San Antonio came to Hico Friday and spent the night with Mrs. Stephens' brother, Thomas Rogers and family. They made a business trip to Stephenville Saturday and spent a short while in Carlton with their many friends before returning to San Antonio Saturday night.



THERE IS TODAY

By Josephine Lawrence

The story of a young husband who faced the draft—and a barrage of questions from friends and neighbors. Here is a serial that touches realistically upon many of the personal problems that face the youth of today.

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HOUSE AND HOME

by Mary E. Dague

Clever vegetable concoctions go a long way toward adding interest to meals that otherwise might become monotonous. So, instead of serving these sources of minerals and vitamins day after day without benefit of change try carrot timbales and see if the family doesn't greet them with cheers.

Carrot Timbales.
Two cups grated carrot, 1 teaspoon grated onion, 1/4 cups milk, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, 2 tablespoons minced parsley, 1 cup cracker crumbs or stale bread crumbs, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 2 eggs.

Melt butter, add carrot and onion and cook over low heat for ten minutes stirring to prevent sticking. Add milk and bring to boiling point. Add crumbs and cook and stir until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in well beaten egg yolks and parsley. Season with salt and pepper and fold in whites of eggs beaten until stiff. Turn into buttered custard cups, filling cups not more than two-thirds full. Put in a pan of hot water, cover with buttered paper and bake 45 minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.).

The addition of milk and eggs increases the food value of this dish so that it can augment a very light meat course or be used as a main dish for luncheon.

Stuffed Baked Tomatoes.
Four firm, ripe tomatoes, 1 tablespoon butter, 2 tablespoons each finely chopped celery and green pepper, 2 teaspoons minced onion, 1/2 cup finely chopped left-over cooked meat, 1/2 cup stale bread crumbs, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1 egg.

Wash tomatoes and cut a thin slice from stem ends. Scoop out pulp, leaving a firm shell. Sprinkle inside with salt and a little sugar and let stand up-side-down while preparing stuffing. Chop pulp from centers. Cook onion, celery and pepper in butter for five minutes. Add tomato pulp, bread crumbs, meat, salt and pepper and cook, stirring constantly about five minutes longer. Remove from heat and stir in egg slightly beaten. Stuff tomatoes and arrange in a buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with coarse buttered crumbs and bake 20 minutes in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.).

If you like sauerkraut, tomatoes stuffed with an equal amount of kraut and bread crumbs and baked as in the preceding recipe is a good dish for a cool autumn evening.

Those hubbins of late sweet corn that won't make a meal for the family can be substituted for the meat in the stuffed tomato recipe.

THE KNOTHOLE

Only six big league players batted 400 or more before 1900, and only seven since. Highest average speed for a 300-mile auto race is 117.2 miles per hour, set in 1938 by Floyd Roberts, who was killed in 1939. . . . The Lake Zurich golf club was opened 48 years ago, but only this fall was the first hole-in-one recorded there. . . . In their 49-game series with the Green Bay Packers, the Chicago Bears have won 25, lost 19 and tied 5. . . . Myril Hoag, one-time Yankee outfielder, isn't remembered as one of the great Yankees, but in three World series he averaged .350 at the bat and fielded perfectly. . . . In California service men in uniform can fish without a license. . . . The University of Michigan has had a baseball team since 1866. . . . Walter Johnson pitched 17 years in the major leagues before getting into a World series.

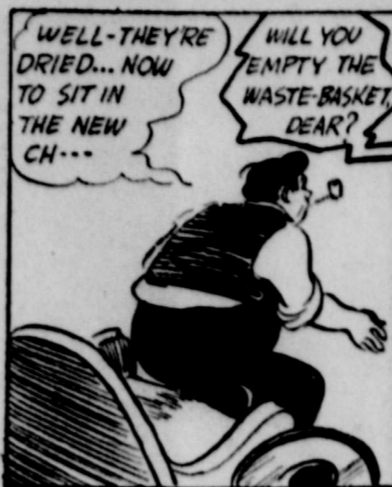
Owners of Count Fleet estimate that the horse's injured ankle cost them \$250,000 in purses this summer. . . . The American Bowling Congress has awarded 2,847 gold medals for 300 games during its 48 years of existence. Hank Marino of Milwaukee has had eight perfect games to lead in that department. Walter Ward of Cleveland has bowled seven 300 games.

Plan Next Move



President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and the Earl of Halifax, governor general of Canada, at the Quebec conference. The presence of T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister, Navy Secretary Frank Knox, and several Pacific military leaders coupled with the announcement of the Rikha occupation may indicate greater threat against Japan in the near future.

THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



AMERICANS PLAN HEAVY POST-WAR SPENDING

Big Demand for Buildings, Cars, Appliances Forecast

Both the government and business have officially gone on record to predict that the U. S. faces a period of high prosperity after the war.

Good times after the war have been expected by a lot of people, but it fell to government and business to crystallize the many factors that have led to high hopes. While the U. S. Department of Commerce concerned itself with such abstract questions as possible spendings of war-time savings and future income, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce was more exact, going into the number of people intending to buy specific goods.

In any event, post-war prosperity will have its problems, according to the department of commerce. It will not just be a matter of going right out and buying all of the goods you like. The real possibility of inflation—of purchasing power exceeding the quantity of goods for sale, thus resulting in a bidding up of prices—exists; and such a possibility of inflation complicates a picture that many now believe will be simple.

Deflation Possibility.
But, if there is a possibility of inflation, on one hand, there is an equal possibility of serious deflation on the other hand. According to the chamber of commerce, 39 per cent of the people it interviewed declared that they are not in a position to save now, thus indicating that unless they are employed immediately after the war, the nation will be confronted with a big relief problem. In this respect, the unemployment compensation insurance will serve to ease the shock for an extensive period.

In its popular poll, the chamber of commerce reported that 64 per cent of the number of families it interviewed have planned to make some major purchase within six months after the war. This was an 11 per cent increase over last December. According to the chamber of commerce, more than 3 1/2 million families intend to buy automobiles with a value of \$3 billion, 300 million dollars.

Families plan to spend 1 billion, 200 million dollars on household appliances, with radios and kitchen mixers in greatest demand. Prospective purchases of overall household furnishings approximate 700 million dollars.

Building Boom.
But it is in the building field that record expenditures are being considered, the chamber of commerce said. The possibility of such expenditures has been brought sharply into focus in many communities where industrial expansion has brought about a demand for rents or homes.

Because little building took place since 1929, many communities were unable to afford adequate living accommodations for new workers moving in; nor were homes available for purchase. In many cases old homes were remodeled into small apartments. The government's restriction on building shut off possibilities for relieving the congestion.

As a result, the chamber of commerce's survey shows that over 1 1/2 million families intend to build or buy homes with a total value of over seven billion dollars.

As would be expected, of course, the chamber's poll showed that people in the higher income brackets are saving more money; but they are saving more money than usual. However, it was revealed that 34 per cent of all interviewed are putting

aside about 10 per cent of their income.

Of those people earning more than \$210 a month, 54 per cent save an average of \$90, the chamber said. Thirty-two per cent of those making between \$90 and \$180 put aside \$60, while only 14 per cent of those earning less than \$90 monthly save that amount.

In its statement, the department of commerce stated that if the war continues through 1944, savings will exceed the total income of individuals in the best pre-war year.

May Hold Savings.
In considering this great mass of savings, the department said "(they) will tend to make the average consumer willing to spend more and save less out of his post-war income," at the same time encouraging the average producer "to expand employment and production in order to supply the market."

"The resulting wages and income payments to consumers will provide the buying power to take the production of consumer goods off the market without using up the reserves," the department declared.

In concluding, the department said the savings "will constitute a force which may be constructive or destructive in its violence, depending upon the wisdom with which it is handled."

That this great volume of savings will be available for purchases is a better, long-run picture of the Securities and Exchange commission, showing that people have been paying off their debts with current income to be free of obligations in the future. It must also be considered that restrictions on installment sales and declines in purchases on the installment basis because of shortages of merchandise, also have prohibited the accumulation of debts.

Since the first of the year, the SEC said that consumers have paid off nearly 800 million dollars in debt. During the second quarter of 1943 alone, Americans increased their cash and deposits by almost three billion dollars, or broken down among the 53 million working people, by \$60 per person. A total of 4 billion, 200 million was invested in war bonds during the same period, or on the basis of dividing the sum up among all workers, \$90 of bonds were bought by each individual.

PLOWING IS DESCRIBED AS SOURCE OF SOIL TROUBLES

Expert Says Disc Harrow Approves Better Fertility

All of the erosion, sour soils, mounting floods, lowering water table, vanishing wild life and impervious soil surface can be attributed to the plow!

When the average farmer first reads that statement, he might look twice to make sure that he's read right; when he sees he has, he'll likely be inclined to call it ridiculous. But before he throws the paper away in disdain, let him take heed that those are the words of Edward H. Faulkner, soil specialist, farmer, county agent and professor, contained in his book "Plowman's Folly."

Furthermore, let it be known that the U. S. Department of Agriculture, following his recommended use of the disc harrow in place of the plow, recorded an increased yield of 30 per cent in grain plantings.

Faulkner's theory isn't as odd as it first looks on the face. His theory is based upon the movement of moisture upward in soil; on the declaration that matter plowed under absorbs the rising moisture and isolates it from the planted topsoil; and on the contention that barren plowed land offers no impediment for erosion.

Growth Retarded.
"Assuming plowed land to be better for plant growth," Faulkner says, "we should find grass growing more freely on plowed than on similar unplowed land nearby. Weeds, too, should show preference for plowed land. Volunteer growth should take over and develop more rankly after land has been plowed than before. . . ."

"Observation is that, until plowed land has subsided again to its former state of firmness, plants develop in it quite tardily, if at all," Faulkner continues. "When dry weather follows the plowing, it may be weeks or even months before either natural vegetation or a planted crop will make normal growth. The fact is that 'bare' land, which notably erodes worse than soil in other conditions, consists almost wholly of land that has been dis-

turbed recently by plow or cultivating implement.

"Man with a team or a tractor and a good disc harrow can mix into the soil, in a matter of hours, sufficient organic material to accomplish results equal to what is accomplished by nature in decades," Faulkner says.

In stating his reasons, Faulkner explains that organic matter disked into the topsoil not only adds to the fertility by decomposition, but it also absorbs and holds moisture.

Soil Moves Upward.
In this connection, Faulkner believes there is a movement of moisture upward from the subsoil. When the surface of the soil contains organic matters, the top layer not only retains water, but is able to receive it from below. On the other hand, Faulkner says, when the soil has been plowed, the layer of green manure plowed under actually insulates the upper surface of soil from the subsoil.

Such insulation is often the reason why a crop shows lack of moisture when there is moisture in the subsoil, Faulkner believes. The crop has used all the moisture in the loose layer of topsoil, but it can get no more from below until the organic matter plowed under has become completely decomposed.

Concerning weeds which remain the farmers' bane, Faulkner contends that disc harrowing assures a better, long-run process for major elimination. Every time land is plowed, Faulkner says, seeds are buried for future sprouting. These seeds are brought to the surface when the ground is plowed again.

With disc harrowing, however, the weeds are mixed up into the topsoil, Faulkner points out, and their seeds are never very far below the surface. When such seed grows into a plant and it is cut, no seed remains below the surface to sprout. By this process, Faulkner thinks a field eventually may be rid of weeds entirely if they are cut before maturity.

System Succeeds.
If the department of agriculture's experimentation with Faulkner's theory has proved successful, so have Faulkner's own applications of his thesis. In the raising of tomatoes, for instance, the topsoil treatment produced a prize bumper crop. In a neighborhood where tomatoes averaged from 10 to 14 pounds a peck, Faulkner's weighed from 16 to 17 pounds, and brought him 25 cents over the top price in the Cleveland market.

While many of his neighbors leaned on their hoes and scratched their heads in wonderment, Faulkner first harrowed down a crop of rye that had grown three feet tall. He mixed the rye and soil thoroughly. Marking the land off in rows, he packed the worked soil firmly, so the subsoil moisture could rise up in capillary, or tube-like, fashion. After covering the tomato plant roots with rich soil, he packed it down by foot.

By late afternoon, every plant set in the forenoon was pointing toward the sky, and by the following morning every plant without exception was standing upright. The fact that no watering was used in transplanting, indicated nature's own system was at work, Faulkner declared.

Evidently, Faulkner's idea cannot just be brushed off, any more than some of the other agricultural discoveries developed from substantial research.

Notre Dame Girls for Grid



A potential backfield combination is shown in action as Notre Dame squads are trained into shape for another grid campaign. Left to right: Pat Filley, Bob Kelly, Bob Hanson, and Coach Frank Leahy.

Landings Force Italy's Surrender



When Allied forces swept across to the mainland of Italy from Sicily in the areas shown on the above map they gave a demonstration of such terrific power that Italy's unconditional surrender was quick in coming. General Dwight Eisenhower announced the surrender and it was under his command that the combined United Nation's armies forced the issue.

Deposed Dictator Takes a Duck



This soundbite received from Stockholm, Sweden, shows Benito Mussolini surrounded by the Nazi paratroopers who "rescued" him, according to the German caption. Shortly afterward, Mussolini's voice or a facsimile thereof appealed to the Italian people to "work and fight." The voice urged young fascists to "rise again."

Fighters Make Seashell Necklaces



Three members of a Seventh Air force bomb squadron in the Central Pacific return from the beach, become business of air warfare as they string seashells into necklaces. Grown passing through this region often pay as much as twenty or thirty dollars for such ornaments. Pictured left to right are Corp. Glenn Bernard, Pfc. Nick Alford and Corp. Edward L. Polnow.

Canned Blankets



Blankets now come in cans which can also be used as emergency water containers. The new containers are shown being inspected on board a merchant ship.

Curie in London



Marie Curie is pictured in London where she is serving in the Fighting French equivalent of the W.A.C.s. Her mother was the late Marie Curie, co-discoverer of radium.

Bets on Bonds



Governor Robert Kerr of Oklahoma stakes a barrel of pecans and a sack of pecan nuts on his state's ability to exceed its Third War Loan quota by a greater per capita amount than the state of Nebraska. Governor Griswold had started the betting by offering a "big, fat, corn-fed Nebraska hog."

Boris' Successor



Crown Prince Simeon, six, who inherited the throne of Bulgaria as King Simeon II after the mysterious death of his father, King Boris III, is pictured with his sister, Princess Marie Louise. The different names of the children were reported.

Your BRAIN BUDGET

1—"Flying tackle" is associated with which of these (1) Boating; (2) Engineering; (3) Football.

2—On the anniversary of what event in World War II did the Allies launch the attack on southern Italy? (1) German attack on Poland; (2) French armistice; (3) England's declaration of war on Germany.

3—What Nazi "guest" of Great Britain is reported to be a bit loopy, even for a Nazi? (1) Erwin Rommel; (2) Rudolf Hess; (3) Joseph von Ribbentrop.

4—Steen now sells in American cities for about 36 cents a pound. What did it cost in 1893? (1) 5 cents; (2) 14 cents; (3) 26 cents.

5—The capital of Switzerland is (1) Zurich; (2) Bern; (3) Lucerne.

ANSWERS:
1. Football. 2. Nazi Regime. 3. Hess. 4. 14 cents. 5. Bern.

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SENIOR NEWS

We Seniors are still admiring our rings, and I think they are all paid for.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying the American Government class until Friday morning when Mr. Lasater came in the room and told us to get our pencils and paper. As for me, I am going to study harder from now on, and from what I can hear, I think the rest of the class will too. I don't want to be caught unprepared any more.

We are hoping the band will have had enough practice by Friday night to play for the ball game.

Let's see what some of the Seniors did over the week end: Billy Jean and Wynne went to the show, as usual. Of course, I'm not saying what they did afterwards.

Mary Ona and Elva Jo went to the show, too. They also went to Hamilton. Jimmie went to the show also. Mary Nell and Carolyn had an antless picnic. They had it inside. Zedie went to bed. Dixie went to Sunday school for the first time in two months. Frank had a very important date. She stays in Dallas now, doesn't she, Frank? I don't know what Billy did, but I'm sure he did something. Moody, why did you stay in Dallas Friday? You didn't really think you could get a date, did you? Buzzie went fishing. Margie Lee went to Brownwood and from the looks of the pictures she brought home, she must have had a good time.

JUNIOR NEWS

Our fellow upper-classmen, the Seniors, have very generously offered part of the paper-collecting job to us. Notice they stress job and not profit. We thank them for their hearty invitation and will be glad to do half of the work—for half of the earnings.

The Juniors plan to sponsor a tremendous cakewalk in town either Saturday afternoon or night. Not being certain of the exact date, we can't say which Saturday other than that it will be in the near future. Most of the Junior girls have taken two years of Homemaking and several are taking a third year. Some delicious cakes will be baked for this occasion. If you like them of the melt-in-the-mouth variety, then you're hereby advised to be on hand at the opening chords of our Junior cakewalk.

What's that about the Dirt Column? It's gone out of business; not, however, due to a lack of customers. With all respect to Spv J., maybe The Mirror will contain news from now on.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Well, after all the fun Friday we don't know if we're going to be able to think straight or not. Students of the General Math class will recall Willa Dean jumping up and yelling, "I'm the moron." Our "Fish" friends were mostly the victims of the H. E. initiation. There were, however, three girls out of our room that underwent the foolery. They were Mary Louise Nachtigall, Nelda Paul Fallin, and Jean Moore. Jean won first place in the contest. The next person to interview is Paul Wolfe. Paul is 5 feet (I think) and weighs 103 pounds. Favorite sport, tennis; food, butterscotch.

ple; subject, History; teacher, Mrs. Pinson; girl, he likes a Fish but there are no mutual feelings.

HOMEMAKERS HOLD INITIATION

Thursday night the future Homemakers of Hico met in the Home Eco. Cottage at 7:30.

The girls were tied together and were required to get loose before they could enter the laboratory. As they entered, they were blindfolded and ducked in a dishpan of water. Then they ate bananas mashed with peanut butter which was given a different name. The last of all was the dessert, dill pickles with castor oil.

All the girls were good sports and had lots of fun. After the initiation they had a play hour in the gym with the V. A. boys. The party was over by 9:00 o'clock as the football boys had to go to bed early.

—Mary Nell Jones.

PAPER COLLECTING STARTS THIS WEEK

The Junior and Senior classes combined are starting to collect old paper this week. Anyone who wants their paper collected is requested to call the Hico High School when it is ready to be gathered.

Within the next four or five days it will be called for by a member of one of the two classes.

Your paper will not be collected if you have not phoned the school building or, in some way, notified a member of one of these classes. The phone number is 112.

TIGERS FOUGHT IN VAIN AGAINST BULLDOGS

The Tigers went to Hamilton last Friday with great hopes of winning the football game to keep up the record established last year. They were accompanied by a large crowd of Hico people.

The Hico boys were much smaller and less experienced than the Hamilton boys. Although they played a good game, they were still defeated. The final score was 13 to 0.

Although none of the Tigers received serious physical injuries, they were greatly disappointed.

Tonight the Tigers will play the first home game of the season. The opposition will come from Meridian. It is hoped that there will be a large crowd to back the Tigers.

ASSEMBLY

Friday afternoon we had an assembly program and I think everyone had a good time. The first year Home Economics girls had a program showing the way they were initiated. Jean Moore won first place. She sang and recited a tongue-tied poem.

Nelda Joyce Noland won second, and Margaret won third. Moody was called on the stage and Margaret asked him for a date. You shouldn't have been so embarrassed, Moody.

The prizes were an empty talcum can and an old toothbrush. It was all very comical and everyone enjoyed it.

After the program, we had several yells.

—Elva Jo Rainwater.

ACTRESS WHO VISITED HERE HAS SURPRISE WEDDING

Movie actress Elaine Shepard of the RKO Studios, who was recently featured at Hico Stadium in the Third War Loan Bond Rally, was married October 1 to a childhood sweetheart, Miss Shepard became the bride of Col. George Hamilton, commanding officer at Marfa Army Air Field here in Texas.

The Colonel proposed to her at C-Bar-G Ranch in Victorville, California, where she was recuperating from her Bond tour. After she accepted, they flew back to Marfa for the wedding. They had been childhood sweethearts in Law-

enceville, Illinois and had not seen each other for twelve years.

—Patsy Pinson.

JOKES ON THE FACULTY

Though sometimes falling to show it, we, the students of HHS, hold for our faculty a feeling of respect and admiration. There are times when we would be willing to stand them up against any in the world, for we consider them the best.

Since we do think they're tops, it is without the slightest hesitation that we print the following. We know the faculty as joke-loving people who are fine enough sports not to mind a joke on themselves. And so, just remember when you read these that it's all in fun.

Mrs. Angell

"I'm surprised," exclaimed a student as he came upon Mrs. Angell chewing gum in the building after school.

"Oh, no," replied Mrs. Angell with her usual aplomb, "you are astonished—I am the one who is surprised."

Mrs. Pinson

Just the other day someone was heard to remark, "Oh, it's not High School I dislike—it's the principal of the thing."

Mr. Bramlett

Boy taking V. A.: "When will these chickens be big enough to eat?"

Mr. Bramlett: "They do already; see them?"

Mrs. Segrest

It seems a Freshman when told that the great mathematician Socrates taught Plato and Plato taught Aristotle, asked, "And who did Aristotle teach—Mrs. Segrest?"

Mrs. Lasater

Mrs. Lasater: "How long have you been working in the Typing room?"

Typing Student: "Ever since I heard you coming down the hall."

Mrs. Greenway

Mrs. Greenway's report on her beet crop in the Home Economics garden: "Some were the size of marbles, some were the size of peas and, of course, there were quite a few little ones."

Mr. Lasater

(This last joke we can't vouch for, and any reference to actual persons or places is purely coincidental.)

Mr. Lasater, on a certain occasion, boasted he could eat three 15-cent lunches in the lunchroom. Came the day he was to prove his statement and after successfully consuming all three of the lunches, he was asked: "How did you know you could eat them?"

Mr. Lasater replied, "Well, I'll tell you, I slipped over here before anybody else—and tried it!"

—Anonymous (Can you guess why?)

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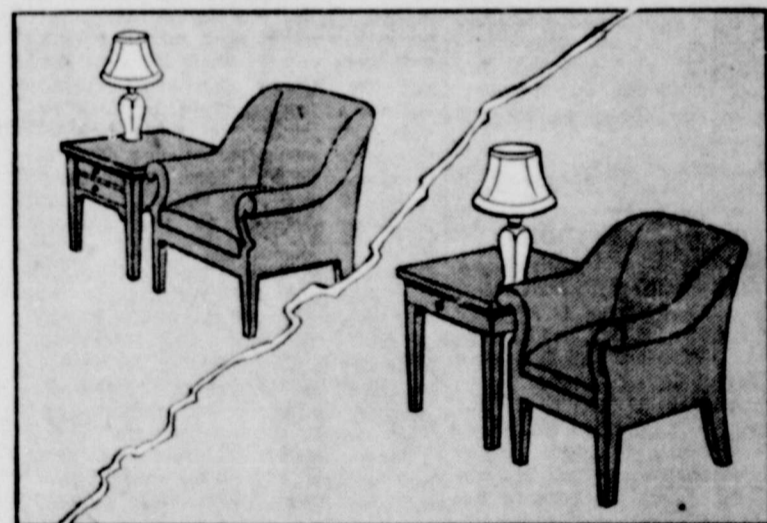
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WITH THE COLORS
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year with the same three fellows. They live in New York, Maine, and Massachusetts. We all do the same work. To say that they are homesick would be putting it lightly, but when we are off duty we try to pass the time by playing games and trying to dope out the war situation. Wish I could tell you about our work, but that will have to wait until later.

It has been raining here a lot lately, but looks now like it would be pretty weather for a while. The tide is really banging in just now. It is always the highest when the moon is full, and also the lowest. All we have to do is look out and we can always see plenty of water, also lots of sharks and other large fish.

Have you had any trouble with stomach worms in the sheep you bought? A good insurance against them is: One part by weight of powdered Phenothiazine to 9 or 10 parts of loose salt. If that is kept before the animal, I don't think you will have much trouble with worms. You can get it at the Corner Drug Store in Hico, and it will do a lot toward keeping them in condition. I am glad you are keeping the registration papers up on them, because it makes them worth a lot more money. I know it is a big job to take care of all of the stock by yourself, so hope you don't have tough luck with them.

Mama, you should have this climate to go with your flowers. I guarantee they would never die from a freeze here, but you would have a lot of mosquitoes to put up with, and they are big enough to eat them if they took a notion to. How is your arm by now? Hope it doesn't hurt you if you can't use it yet.

Looks like I am doomed for these parts until the war is over, but don't worry about me for I'll get by somehow.

Lots of love,
FESTEL.

WORD FROM T. McFADDEN

"Just a line to let you know Auburn T.'s address, as he is getting his college work at Ada, Okla.," wrote A. T. McFadden Sr. from Temple last week in renewing the subscription of his son.

The former Hico lad who put in considerable time with the Army in North Africa, came back to the States some time ago after his application for cadet training in the Air Corps was passed on favorably. He has not yet found time to visit back here with his friends, who will be glad to know that he is close enough to Hico that they may still look forward to the possibility of his slipping in on them some time in the near future.

"Best regards always," said a postscript to the letter from his dad, "and keep the news coming."

SGT. JOE POWERS HOME ON 30-DAY FURLOUGH FROM BASE IN FAR NORTH

Joe A. Powers, technician fourth grade, came in last Saturday about midnight for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers, and with other relatives and friends. He was accompanied from Los Angeles, California, by his sister, Mrs. M. J. Faulk, who also is visiting here.

Sgt. Powers, who left Hico in 1938 and worked at Bakersfield, Calif., up until the time he went into the service in February, 1941, has been stationed in Alaska most of the intervening time, serving in an aircraft warning battalion. After a 30-day furlough, a lot of which has to be used up in "running around all over the United States," he will report back to a base in California for re-assignment.

In spite of the fact that Joe wears Atlantic-Pacific, Good Conduct, and Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbons on his breast, he has very little to report about the war or his part in it. Censorship, added to a natural disinclination to do a lot of talking, make him a very discreet person to interview. Ac-

cused by the editor of bringing on the current cold spell by emptying his pockets of Alaska atmosphere, he inquired how we knew he had been in Alaska.

Joe then told a good story about how long it took his dad to recognize him, and the peculiarity of the circumstances—and then swore us to secrecy as to the details. So this is another case of readers having to work up their own story if they want one about a warrior returned from a theatre of action.

The local lad says he is enjoying some good Texas sunshine, and meeting old friends. He has taken a mid-week visit in Dallas and Fort Worth, and says everything looks pretty around this part of the old home state.

RETURN TO FLORIDA AFTER VISIT HERE

Lt. A. L. Betts, wife and daughter, Judy, returned last week to West Palm Beach, Fla., after a visit here and at Fairy with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Betts, and other relatives and friends. Lt. Betts, who enjoyed a visit from his mother some time ago, is still stationed at West Palm Beach where he and his wife and daughter have an apartment.

Other visitors in the Betts home at the same time were Mrs. Betts' two sisters from Eastland, Mrs. Lucille Burden and Mrs. O. L. Jacobs.

MRS. HODNETT HEARS FROM SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Mrs. Eva Hodnett last week received official information from the Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, regarding the loss of her son, R. J. Hodnett, coxswain, United States Navy, who was reported "missing" after the U. S. S. Plymouth was sunk on August 5.

The letter carried details of the tragedy, most of which had been related in a previous letter from the Red Cross, telling more in detail the manner of the ship's sinking and the efforts made to take care of survivors, who were taken to Norfolk, Va., and treated for their injuries.

"Although the body of your son was not recovered," the letter stated, "upon reviewing the circumstances surrounding the loss of the vessel as reported by a formal Board of Investigation, I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that your son lost his life in this disaster."

"I extend to you my sincere sympathy in your great loss," Secretary Knox said in closing, "and hope you may find comfort in the knowledge that your son gave his life for his Country, upholding the highest traditions of the Navy. The Navy shares your sense of bereavement."

COLLIERS HEAR FROM TWO OF THEIR SONS

Mr. and Mrs. John Collier have had letters recently from two of their sons in service, Clay and James, both in the Pacific.

Clay wrote that he was still doing just fine excepting for the heat which he described as something terrible. His letter continued in part: "Things seem to be going very smooth in this part of the woods, and I hope they continue that way. Have begun to get the News Review regularly, receiving the July 23rd issue yesterday. Was very sorry to read about Buck Russell. It is very unfortunate that boys like him and many others will have to give their lives to put the Rising Sun and Maniac Hitler. But that could be nothing but right that they taste one of the bitterest defeats ever known to man—and let's hope in the near future. Seems as if the Rising Sun is being eclipsed by the mighty force of right. I also read about June Martin and it was a shock to me. It is very wrong that a young boy like he should die in the hands of the Japs. Was very sorry to hear about Albert Harold Little being missing. Seems as if Hico is getting its share of misfortunes, most nearly all in a bundle."

James wrote "a line" to his mother and dad to let them know he was O. K. except for a cold. He had been on sick call and got some medicine, so thought he would be all right soon. He is having trouble getting delivery on his mail, and from the way he wrote, someone has been holding out some of their letters or he is due for a whole bundle at one time pretty soon. In spite of that, though, he keeps up with people and things at home pretty well and commented also on local happenings.

In closing his letter James wrote, "I hope this war will be over soon and all of us boys can come home."

IS THIS FIFTH-COLUMNING?

Pfc. Leonard M. Lively, with a medical detachment at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, wrote the editor a letter last week and enclosed a poem which he gave us permission to use. Leonard said the ditty was written by a Mexican soldier at Sheppard Field, but we are not reprinting it just now in the interest of the Good Neighbor policy. The service man from south of the border more than likely was joking, but the tone of his lament indicated that he didn't think Texas to be the paradise which we Hico folks have always maintained it is. We will print the poem some time—maybe—just after we review Wendell Wilkie's "One World."

Leonard said everyone up at the field was O. K. except the sick call. "And this is pay day," he added, "so there may not be many not able to be up. . . I must close as it is time to go to work. It is just seven o'clock, so you see I have to start early, too."

EMORY GAMBLE OBSERVES HICO EDITOR'S BIRTHDAY

Emory L. Gamble, MM 2/c with an address in care of the postmaster at San Francisco, commemorated the editor's birthday last month by writing him a letter and giving permission for publication. Emory probably didn't know anything about the birthday business, but we thought the coincidence worth mentioning as it had never happened before. Whether he knew it or not, the letter reprinted below is still appreciated.

Somewhere in the Pacific
September 17, 1943.

Dear Holford:

I've never been accused of writing an interesting letter. The present naval censor laws give me a wonderful excuse for not trying to describe my present surroundings. Consequently, I hope I'm not expected to compose a literary masterpiece in order to say I want to get my two cents' worth into your column, "With the Colors."

I do receive the News Review almost regularly now, and although it could hardly be described as "hot off the press" (I received my first week in August issue today) it can conservatively be called welcomed and interesting reading material. I guess all of us away from home enjoy learning what happened to whom. (Does that make good English?) Well, what I'm trying to say is that I'm glad I'm receiving my paper again, and I like the idea that inspired you to include your "With the Colors" column—keep 'em coming.

You know, I started this letter by saying I didn't have anything to say, and it turns out to be one of the longest of my "naval career." (Please show it to my family and Buddy Randals. I'd like to prove I can write more than a page at a time). Usually, my letters are very similar to the ones I copied from another sailor and I submit as a complete text of what there is to be said. The letters read something like this:

Somewhere in the Pacific
9 May 1943.

Dear Folks:
Arrived O. K. I don't like it here. No girls, no shows, no place to spend money. But they do have Japs.

Love,
JOE.

Still Somewhere in the Pacific
9 July 1943.

Dear Folks:
I like it better. We don't have Japs any more.

Love,
JOE.

By the way, Holford, may I hope this letter makes copy for your newspaper? Besides the fact I always did want to see something I wrote make news, I also want to say "Howdy" to all the old gang all over the world. I wish they would consider it a personal letter and let me know where they are by writing me. Please give them my address.

Thanks again for the paper and the interest you have in us.

Sincerely yours,
EMORY L. GAMBLE.

BUCKSHOT HAS GONE TO SEA

Mrs. Nettie Meador received a letter last week from her son, Ernest (Buck) Meador, P 1/c, saying he had been at sea for two weeks. "It is really rough," Buck wrote, "but I like it." Before going to sea he had been stationed at New Orleans for some time, after finishing a special course at the University of Missouri.

The fair-complexioned local lad is trying to make his mother believe he has a sun-tan, advising her that he is as brown as a Negro. Wouldn't you like to see him?

BILL RUSK NOW IN SERVICE

Mrs. Bill Rusk wrote last week in renewing her subscription that her husband was going into the Army October 2, and ordered the address on her paper changed to 2736 Marigold St., Fort Worth.

They have been living at Grand Prairie for several months while Bill was employed at the North American aviation plant.

Mrs. Rusk, the former Mildred Boustead, also wants to send the paper to Bill as soon as she knows his address. They are both formerly of Hico.

SGT. C. A. GELSECKE CHECKS IN OFFICIALLY

C. W. Gelsecke has served The News Review and the Millerville community too long to let the editor remain too long in ignorance as to the whereabouts of his son, Sgt. Chester A. Gelsecke, as regular readers will remember from a recent article in this column. But we would have been disappointed if we hadn't heard the news from C. A. himself, who wrote last week as follows:

Davis-Monthan Field,
Tucson, Arizona,
Sept. 28, 1943.

Dear Mr. Holford & Co.

What, again? Yes, I've got another new address. If your mail keeps going to an old base it will finally reach you, but it takes a long time.

We left Florida the last of August and went to Salt Lake City where we stayed for a few days and then came down here. This is really a swell place, although as is the case in all army camps, it is really busy. The climate is much better than where we were in Florida. The heat doesn't bother here—in fact it is quite pleasant. Here I hope to become an engineer gunner on a Liberator bomber.

I've met a lot of boys who didn't know before where Hico is, but they do now.

Yours,
C. A.

LOCAL BOY DESCRIBES THRILL OF FIRST PARACHUTE JUMP

Not many reading this will ever be obligated or privileged to jump out of a moving plane in a parachute. Perhaps they, like the editor, wonder just what feelings a fellow has before and during the jump. Well, here's an opportunity for all of us to learn, for Pfc. Bertice Barnett, Jr., local paratrooper training at Fort Benning, Ga., has written a very vivid description of that experience in a letter to his father and sister at Hico.

The editor feels that the home paper is fortunate in getting permission to use a letter of this type, and recommends that it be read clear through by everyone.

Sept. 27, 1943.
Dearest Daddy and Sister:

Will write you again this noon or at least I will start. Doubt if I will have time to finish as we may fall out before long. But I feel as though I have already done a day's work. The reason for it all is simply that I made my first jump today, this morning about 11 o'clock. But let me tell you all about it.

I thought I would write you yesterday (Sunday) telling you I was getting ready to start, but I figured I might as well wait until I saw whether I was man or mouse. But after going to church, and writing about four letters I really needed to answer and going to the show last night, I really didn't have too much time. Incidentally that was the first time I had been to the theatre since I came to Georgia. But the day before that first one you must really find something to occupy your mind. You sit down and write a while, get up and walk, light a cigarette, look in the mirror and wonder if that's really you with the crowfeet in your eyes. All in all you are dreading it deep inside. You're just not human if you are not. But we all kidded each other a lot about it. None of us would admit we were "sweating it out." I didn't sleep too awfully sound last night, but I slept. Then came this morning, and I was up early, still with it on my mind. But I managed to shave (without cutting myself) and finally came the time to go down to the field.

Went down about 8 o'clock, drew my helmet got my chute out, put it on, had several inspections, finally arriving at the edge of the field. Oh, but that harness was tight! And we were getting more nervous every minute. Finally the line got shorter as planes came in picking us up. Finally old No. 39 came cruising in and up we went. Plane riding is O. K., a thrill in itself, and a double thrill when you have jumping on your mind. As soon as we started upstairs, we were allowed to smoke. The lieutenant was all smiles. I just imagine he gets a kick out of looking into the tense faces of men about to "go" for the first time. But I can truthfully say morale was better up in that plane than it was in the 75th on the ground. We were all singing and trying to laugh. Still laughing he told us to put out the cigarettes, squatted in the door locking for the plane to drop us. Then he stood up, gave the order to stand up, and I stood up. I knew then I was going out for the jumpmaster had already said he could assist us out. I took my anchor line snap fastener and suddenly it closed on me. And I couldn't open it up to obey the command "hook up." I was hollering "Hey, Sarge, wait a minute," then the assistant jumpmaster came back and helped me. So down the line I shuffled, a

death grip on the line, slammed it toward the rear, did my pivot in the door, stuck my head out in the proper blast, swung my right foot forward and suddenly I was falling. I don't remember feeling the tap, neither did I count. But my head was low, and the first thing I knew there was the most beautiful sight I had ever seen. If you read this real fast, you will still be getting it slower than it really happened. I don't remember looking down, neither do I remember looking at the horizon, but I do remember seeing the tail of the plane as I slipped under it. I didn't get too much of an opening jerk, didn't skin my shoulders and did remember to check my canopy. Not a panel was blown, it was all there. So down I came, didn't seem like I was falling very fast, just coming down hollering at each other. I almost tangled with another guy on the way down, but by slipping in opposite directions, we freed ourselves. I came in backwards as usual but I had the presence of mind to turn. But I always came in that way off the towers without injury, so I figured it was as good as any. I hit, set down, my canopy filled with air and pulled me flat on my back. My helmet hit wham! and cleared my mind. A slight headache was all I got, you never let on to me, and I really wanted to know. She said you weren't, and that really made me feel good. That's the way I want it—you and Stella take it just in line of duty. Margie Lea could have told you I was to go out today, for she is writing to a boy in my class and he wrote her when he was to start. So you can drop in to Randals Brothers and tell her Jessie made his, and walked away also, if you don't mind. I don't believe he has written her yet.

I got the paper a while ago. Really proud to receive it, and learn what's going on. It was the first time since I left Ft. Wood.

Well, Daddy, you and Stella take care of yourselves. Remember I'm well, just a little sore in the back from being doubled up in the tight harness. Otherwise I'm O. K. Don't have "butterflies" in my stomach any more, but they'll be back tomorrow. I've heard old jumpers say they feel funny every time they go up.

Tell all the folks hello for me, and not to worry. I have the utmost confidence in my ability to back a chute and jump it. But I won't get overconfident. But it's a thrill you never forget. You have no sensation whatsoever of falling before it opens. To me nothing is more beautiful than a canopy over your head, and a bird's-eye view of the ground, "way below."

So, if the Lord is willing, I will be seeing you some time, and in the meantime just remember, you have my love.

BERTICE JR.

P. S.: We had a parade Saturday afternoon and they took motion pictures of it, so maybe you can see it all. It was my first real parade with the Paratroopers.

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