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Editor, The News Review Hico, Texas Dear Sir: In our Eighth Grade English class we had a contest to see who could write the best editorial. Our teacher promised the winner his paper would be mailed to the Hico News Review for possible publication. The class judged my editorial the best and we shall be happy if you can use it. Yours very sincerely, BILLIE LOU MARTIN.

MY OPINION OF THE CITY By Billie Lou Martin Iredell Grammar School

People may say, "Give me the city life. Of what interest is the country with nothing to do but work, work, work—work your life away and not have a cent? Give me the city," they say, "with the pleasures of life, the theatres, the night clubs, dance halls, public park, and the nice clean swimming pools."

Yes, that is what some people may say, but ask the common class of people. What do they say? Yes, they say, "there is nothing to take the place of the country with the smell of flowers and the sound of trees blowing in the wind."

The common people do not need big theatres. What is a prettier sight than children playing or the cows from the pasture? They would not enjoy a night club at all, with all the smoke and people. The common people want fresh, clean country air with the quiet countryside. What interest is there in the dance halls with nothing but "live" music? They want to sit by the radio and listen to a waltz or the music our ancestors adored.

What is there so grand in a public park? We can step into our own back yard and have a private park all our own, filled with the things Mother Nature put there, whereas in a public park most of the things are put there by man.

Ask your son about the swimming pools in large cities. He will tell you they are not as good as the "old swimming hole" behind the house. In addition, he will say it is open all the year 'round and the ones in large cities do not open until warm weather.

So do not go to the city just to have a good time when you can stay at home and have a better time. The transportation is bad, so let a soldier boy come in on the bus to see his relatives, on the one you were going to the city on and decided not to.

You have your own opinion of the city, but this is mine. There is nothing the editor can add to this timely and logical presentation of facts so evident to those of us who feel ourselves fortunate in having an opportunity to live where we can breathe.

Billie Lou has our thanks for her paper which won the prize, and The News Review staff considers it so good that it is placed in front-page position. In addition, as a token of our appreciation, we are awarding her a year's subscription in the hope that she will enjoy a "country" weekly as much as she apparently enjoys life in the country.

Don't say anything about Rain Bird—he and the editor are not speaking. After having explicit instructions to turn off the witness for a spell, R. B. (described as temperamental, but more temper than mental) takes particular delight in slipping out every now and then and casting short spurts of moisture from the clouds.

Apprehended after one of his recent excursions, he coyly admonished the editor: "Look at the dictionary, Boss. You said to taper it off, and that's what I'm doing." The ensuing conversation won't bear repeating, since the editor is an old believer in planting his "taters on St. Patrick's Day." He made some ill-considered remarks to R. B. about where the latter could go, and was told that might be better than a printing office.

So now, with the editor and Rain (Continued on Page 5)

JOE GISH



THERE'S SOME EXCITING DAYS AHEAD FOR THIS TOWN... MISS CRIST WHO'S ALLUS RIGHT, IS MARRYIN' ZEKE WISACKE. WHO'S NEVER BEEN WRONG

Learning to Replace Wives in Kitchen



With wives and mothers now working in war factories, a lot of men folk are beginning to realize that if they want to eat they must learn to cook. A Brooklyn utilities company has just opened an experimental cooking school for men at their home service center and kitchen. Here we see Jeanne Wake, an instructor, supervising the rolling of biscuit dough by students Fred Kohl and Carlton Roll.

W. P. McCullough Builds Finest Ranch In Mills County

The Goldthwaite Eagle carried an interesting story recently about W. P. McCullough, father of H. E. McCullough of Hico, and his efforts which had resulted in increasing value of land in Mills County by clearing it of timber.

"Carving a ranch out of the wilderness in this section of Texas seems fantastic to most of us; but this is just what W. P. McCullough has done and is doing with the 2700-acre Barnes & McCullough ranch on the mountain, about 19 miles north of town. From land which would not support enough livestock to pay taxes, he has converted about 1900 acres to the finest grazing land in Mills County and possibly the whole state. This winter it supported about 3,000 head of goats and sheep and some two hundred head of cattle without feeding them—and they came through in good shape.

The story behind this transformation is also fantastic: A few years ago Mr. McCullough had about a section of land 'bull-dozed,' the trees and saplings pushed down. Goats were placed on the land to keep the sprouts killed off. The goats prospered and made good money while finishing the clearing job. The year after the land was cleared it was covered with winter weeds and 'hoar-bound,' finest of winter pasture for sheep, goats and cattle. The next year Buffalo grass and rescue grass began crowding out the weeds, and by the fourth year after clearing, a wonderful turf had covered this rich mountain land—providing pasturage for several times the number of animals as theretofore.

"Mr. McCullough, in the meantime, had had several fine concrete tanks and several big dirt tanks built in order to supply sufficient stock water and to reduce erosion. Taking advantage of the federal government's new land-clearing program, he is now having the remainder of the 2,700 acres 'bull-dozed.' Hugh McKenzie is doing the work. Mr. McKenzie lays off a strip of land as if it were for breaking. Then he drives his huge machine at a speed of about 10 miles per hour, leveling everything in its path—big trees, small trees and saplings, tearing them up by the roots and crushing them under the treads of the Caterpillar. The machine does not hesitate when pushing over the largest trees. Mr. McKenzie clears about 25 acres per day.

It has been estimated that approximately one-fourth of the land in Mills county needs clearing. Should the owners have this done, it will easily equal doubling the number of livestock which can be raised in Mills county—or equal to doubling the size of the county.

"When he has the remainder of his land cleared, Mr. McCullough will have one of the finest—if not the finest—ranch in Mills county."

HICO SCHOOL GIRLS INVITE PUBLIC TO "FUN NIGHT" The Hico Future Homemakers are sponsoring a fun night Saturday, March 18, at 7:30 in the vacant building where Teague's Variety Store was located. There will be fun for everyone. There will be a Chinese cake auction, checkers, bingo, dominoes, table tennis, fishing, and plenty of punch and good sandwiches.

After everyone has had his turn at playing, there will be a one-act play, "Don't Tell A Son" by nine girls. For plenty of laughter and fun, be sure to be there on time. The play will be only five cents and each of the other games will be the same price.

CONTRIBUTED.

Palace to Screen "At His Side", A Red Cross Film

Grim battle scenes and tender moments of mercy combine to make the gripping story of "At His Side," a short feature opening next Thursday, March 23, at the Palace Theatre, ushering in the national Motion Picture Theatres Red Cross Week, which extends from March 23rd through March 29th.

"At His Side" the motion picture industry's own tribute to the American Red Cross, is being distributed by the War Activities Committee and will have country-wide showings during Red Cross Week.

In addition to "At His Side," scenes of which were filmed on the actual fighting fronts, the Palace Theatre will also present a brief screen commentary, "Report from the Front," featuring Humphrey Bogart. The actor returned recently from an extensive tour of the battlefronts, where he entertained our troops, and he brings first-hand news on the work the Red Cross is doing.

"Report from the Front" will be shown at every performance of the Palace Theatre for the entire week of March 23rd through March 29th, and collections for the Red Cross will be taken during that time.

"The Red Cross is by his side—and the Red Cross is YOU!"

Ratliff Recovers Portion of Goods Lost In Burglary

Wallace Ratliff last Friday night had recovered a part of the money and merchandise lost in the early hours of that morning when burglars entered his grocery and market after having pried open a door at the front entrance. Accompanied by Sheriff Houston White from Hamilton and a State highway patrolman from Meridian, he went to Waxahachie Friday afternoon after having been called by Ellis county officers.

Three youths, who had made their escape from the State Training School at Gatesville, had been taken into custody after having wrecked the car they were currently "borrowing." In a cardboard carton, previously used as a wastebasket at the Ratliff store, were found sales slips and papers showing some of the loot found in the car. This furnished the clue which led to their connection with the local burglary. They are also said to have admitted similar robberies at Evant, Glen Rose, and Stephenville, as well as that of a small sum of pennies at Terry's Ice Service in Hico the same night, where they forced a cash register.

Their local operations were carried on around 2 a. m., the boys said. About half of the money and similar portion of the 25 cartons of cigarettes were reclaimed, Ratliff said. He also had reported that he lost a ham, five pounds of cheese, ten pounds of wieners, and a steak knife, and probably other items.

The lads, who said their homes were in Houston, freely admitted the crimes, it was reported. In an astounding tale that would do justice to seasoned gangsters, they told of having escaped a week previously, stolen a car at Evant which they discarded because "it wouldn't run good," and hitchhiked to Wax. They said they were looking for a certain model of car which they were sure would outrun officers, but hadn't been able to find one so had to take just what they could pick up.

"Why didn't you boys drink some milk?" Ratliff said he asked them before they replied that they did drink two bottles.

"What did you do with the cheese and wieners?" was another question.

"We ate some of the cheese and fed the rest to a dog alongside the road," they replied. Then we ate a few wieners and threw the rest at people we passed on the highway."

The boys were returned to Gatesville, but their victim said they didn't seem to be particularly worried about their chances of getting by in the future.

Salutes Red Army



A mural depicting a fighting Red Army soldier forming the background for this stage setting in London, on occasion of celebration of 26th anniversary of Russia's Red Army.

Skilled Workmen Badly Needed for Naval Maintenance

Shortage of skilled workmen handicaps the efforts of our West Coast and Hawaiian Navy yards now when maintenance of the U. S. Navy at top fighting strength is of vital importance in shaping the course of the war in the Pacific. Lt. Comdr. N. N. Dahl, construction officer at Mare Island Navy Yard, pointed out this week. The accelerated pace of warfare in South Pacific waters has brought additional demands for repair and overhaul of battle-damaged vessels which must be returned to the fighting fronts as rapidly as possible.

Navy Department and Civil Service Commission representatives are conducting an intensive recruiting drive throughout the Southwest to enlist electricians, machinists, sheetmetal workers, and other types of workers, both skilled and unskilled. Persons not engaged in essential industry are urged to apply for these positions.

Information may be obtained at Navy recruiting stations, U. S. Employment offices, or first or second class post offices. A representative is available in most localities to offer immediate appointment to qualified applicants.

All appointments are made in conformance with War Manpower Commission regulations.

START CIVILIAN OUTPUT SENATE GROUP URGES

Truman Committee Hails Record U. S. War Output

Victory in the battle of production, greater leeway in resuming manufacture of civilian goods, and more efficient disposal of surplus war goods—all three subjects drew the major attention in the Truman senate investigating committee's latest report.

Headed by Democratic Senator Harry Truman (Mo.), and including Senators Connally (Texas), Mead (N. Y.), Hatch (N. M.), Kilgore (W. Va.), Brewster (Me.), Burton (Ohio), Ball (Minn.) and Ferguson (Mich.), the committee

pointed to a criticism of past faults to look the way toward corrective means of the future.

To underline their report of America's victory in the battle of production, the committee revealed that during 1941, '42 and '43, the U. S. turned out: Guns, tanks, equipment and clothing for 10,000,000 men; More than 153,000 airplanes; Almost 750 combat naval vessels; Exactly 1,889 Liberty ships with a cargo capacity of 20,450,800 tons; More than 702 commercial ships of other types; More than 1,500,000 military trucks, and 23,867 landing craft.

In addition, American industry constructed housing and training facilities for 10,000,000 men, airfields and bases throughout the world, and about 14 billion dollars' worth of defense plants.

With U. S. war production at its peak and many military contracts being reduced in the light of surplus of materials or change in battle conditions, the committee came out for a resumption of production of civilian goods on three bases: 1. Where availability of basic commodities such as steel and aluminum exists in shapes and forms not required for war or essential civilian purposes; 2. When the manufacturer does not operate in a district with an acute manpower shortage;

a special agency, and responsibility for the disposal of surplus war goods, the committee cited the example of the army's scrapping of \$1,721,136 worth of new tools for \$36,924 when they were vitally needed elsewhere. However, the army later reported recovering 95 per cent of the tools from the scrap pile.

Originally destined for use in making airplane engines, the tools were junked when the army switched the production contract from the factory where they were to be operated. Rather than go through the trouble of cataloging and sorting the tools, the war production board ordered them to be sold as scrap, but they were recovered when it was revealed that other plants were waiting for manufacture of such facilities.

War Plants. Regarding the government's 14 billion dollar investment in war plants, the committee said that about 40 per cent of them are capable of producing civilian goods, and at least half of the remaining 60 per cent can be put to limited use.

In disposing of these plants, the committee said, the government should not be fearful of crowding pre-war competitive business fields, especially in view of the fact that profits of corporations during the last two years approximately doubled the 1936-'40 average.

However, the committee declared, it does not think that it would be fair to prewar industry to dispose of its war plants on too liberal terms, either by allowing present operators to keep excess profits or selling them the facilities at a fraction of their costs.

The committee also was critical of the government's contract with the Aluminum Company of Canada, under which it advanced the company \$25,000,000 at 2 per cent, to be returned upon delivery of 170,000 tons of the metal at 17 cents a pound. Meanwhile, the government loaned an American aluminum concern money at 4 per cent, while price for the metal was cut to 15 cents a pound in the U. S.

WITH THE COLORS

Horace Todd, who receives his mail in care of the postmaster at San Francisco, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Todd, that he has been promoted to corporal.

Pvt. Earl Bowman of Fort Sam Houston, who has been here several days for a visit with his wife, the former Aline Roberson, and his aunt, Mrs. W. M. Marcum, will leave this week end for his new station at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Pete Russell and Paul Lane arrived in Hico Tuesday from Camp Ibis, California, for a visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lane.

First Sergeant Alvin A. Bell, who has been in a station hospital in North Africa for several months, has written his sister, Mrs. Edwina Kinser, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eck Bell, that he is now out of the hospital and is back with his old company in Italy.

Pvt. Cecil E. Russell, who has been stationed at Sheppard Field near Wichita Falls for several months, came in last Friday for a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Russell. After his visit, Elton will report to Hammer Field, California.

A card written by Mrs. Vida Mangum to have the address on her paper changed, stated that her son, Sam, had been promoted to seaman first class. She said he was serving somewhere in the South Seas and had not seen any winter in over a year.

Pfc. Leonard Lively left Wednesday for Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, after a 14-day furlough spent here with relatives. "Play is over for a while," he told his sister, Lennie Lively, and his brother, Ernest Franklin, when they took him to Stephenville to catch a bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffiths and daughter, Joy Ann, were over from Dublin Saturday and came by the office to have the address changed on the paper going to Gerald Griffiths, SP 3/c (M), who has been on duty in the post office at the SPAR training center at Palm Beach, Fla. Gerald is now at Key West, where the Coast Guard is superseding the Navy.

Luskie Randals, PH2c, is now taking laboratory and technical training at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., according to advice from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lusk Randals. The course will last for about four months. Luskie's wife, who has been living at Austin, expects to join him in Maryland in the near future.

Mrs. W. J. White and young daughter, Devalca, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Will Landrum to their home in Odessa Wednesday morning, where they will make a short visit before leaving for Albuquerque, New Mexico. They will spend the week end with their husband and father. Private First Class White, who is stationed at Kirtland Field near Albuquerque.

Pfc. J. B. Leeth, home on a 9-day furlough for a visit with his parents, said we could quote him on the statement that everything is all right. "Let's all pull together," he said, "and get this thing over so the boys can all be back together again." He is stationed at Camp Seibert, Alabama, where he was transferred a few months ago from Camp Polk, La.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. W. H. Brown Jr. came in Tuesday night from San Antonio for a short visit here with his parents. They left the latter part of the week for Fort Worth and from there expected to go to Pochontas, Ark., where they will visit her parents. Sergeant Brown will report back to San Antonio and Mrs. Brown will remain with her parents for an extended visit.

First Lieutenant Ralph E. Perkins was in Hico last week end, after being sworn in at Camp Wolters recently as an Army chaplain, and in uniform preached his last sermon at the First Baptist church Sunday morning. He resigned the pastorate of the local church upon his entry into service. He left the first of the week for Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he expects to begin immediately a five-week course at Harvard University. Mrs. Perkins and their young son, John (Continued on Page 8)

Red Cross War Fund Making Headway; Seniors Win Trip

The campaign for the \$1,000.00 quota for the Red Cross War Fund made considerable headway over last week end and the first three days of this week. Latest figures at the time of the closing of the contest between the Seniors and Juniors of the Hico High School showed that a total of \$907.42 had been contributed. The Seniors were the winners of the contest, with total credits amounting to \$484.94. The Juniors were not far behind, with a total credit of \$422.48.

The drive does not close until the end of March, and persons who have not yet contributed may leave their donations at the bank or with any of the men who worked the business district. These men are Grady Barrow, S. J. Cheek, C. D. Richbourg, and S. W. Everett. There are some requests out and Rev. Floyd W. Thrash, local War Fund Drive chairman, expressed the belief that the quota would be reached, since the amount lacking is only \$92.58.

The chairman wishes to thank the above-named men, the Seniors and Juniors, the teachers of the public schools and especially Mrs. E. H. Randals Sr., for her help in making the drive successful thus far. On behalf of the Red Cross and our boys in the service I wish to thank each of the persons who were responsible for the 385 contributions made during the week of the campaign. A little extra from those who have given and the contributions of those who have not yet had a part will put us well over the top.

Let's go over during the next few days!

FLOYD W. THRASH, Chmn. 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive.

Special Invitation For Reorganization Of Church At Unity

To those who are interested in the Sunday school in the Unity community:

On next Sunday, March 19, we are to reorganize our Sunday school at this place, and we are anxious to have the consideration of all who are interested. You are invited and it is requested that you be in our Sunday school next Sunday for the reorganization in the interest of our community, our children, and everyone concerned. May you lend your presence at 11 o'clock for Sunday school, and also at 12 o'clock for the preaching hour.

UNITY CHURCH.

Building Purchase Reported Monday at Firemen's Meeting

The Hico Volunteer Fire Department met Monday night for their regular meeting, with 18 members present. Both trucks were taken out for some practice.

The department has recently purchased the K. of P. lodge hall for their fire hall. This building was formerly used by the Review Club. The building and fixtures were paid for by the department, and makes a much better hall for their meetings. Included with the building were about 35 chairs, a desk, kitchen cabinets, a stove, and tables.



TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LEAVE

By Renee Shann

During those dark days when the Battle for Britain was raging in the murky skies over London a romance was blossoming in the midst of the bomb craters below.

But a duplicate of an engagement ring nearly spoiled things for Cherry Pycroft and Simon Lindon.

Read this thrilling story of a girl of the WAFF and the man she loved. Starts on Page 6 IN THIS PAPER

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SENIOR NEWS

Maybe after this week the Juniors and Seniors will settle down and get to work (like they haven't been working this week, collecting money for the Red Cross) and start studying—on their plays.

Last week we were measured for our caps and gowns, and since everyone voted on white, we will get white if we can. We also received our calling cards along with a white and blue "Senior Memories" book.

We received our play books Monday morning and we are very anxious to start working on them.

JUNIOR NEWS

Up one street and down another, here and there and everywhere the Juniors have been seeking donations to the Red Cross. Most everyone solicited has been kind and helpful and has given generously. By the time this is read, one class will be on its way to the Stock Show. If it's not the Juniors, we hope to be good losers; and if it is, we also hope to be good victors. May the better class win.

The manpower shortage is very serious, even in the Junior room. Two (or is it three, Lu Dell?) girls have decided to divide Windfall Seago into different parts. Now, Marie, and Lorene, why not try dividing his attention instead of him? It would probably be less painful.

Mary Jane Barrow, Mildred Relihan and Virginia Coston report all is well in Fort Worth. They say the ride back on the bus was rather bumpy but a few soldiers made conditions gay.

James Ray Bobo and Don Griffiths were looking for a way to Stephenville Sunday night. James Ray gave up the idea, but Don finally got there, too late for the picture show.

TRACK

Mr. Lasater plans to take fifteen boys to the Fat Stock Show Track Meet Friday (today). For more details, see next week's Mirror. If nothing unforeseen happened, he planned Monday to take some of the boys to Stephenville for a track meet with the Stephenville High School on Wednesday. He still has a large number of the boys practicing of the ones that began at first. Before these events they had not had an opportunity to show how they had progressed.

CONTEST EXTENDED

Seniors were relieved Friday to hear that they still had a chance to win the Stock Show trip. Since the quota had not been reached at that time, the contest for collecting Red Cross money was extended until Wednesday.

At the last report Monday the Seniors were leading the Junior class by fifty dollars, and the quota was lacking over one hundred and fifty dollars being reached. The classes still retained a hope that they would raise the money, no matter which one lost.

V. A. NEWS

The V. A. boys went to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth Saturday, which was Future Farmer Day. Those who took cars were Mr. Bramlett, V. A. teacher, Mr. Lasater, superintendent, and Leroy Brooks Sr., father of one of the boys. The boys all seemed to have had a good time and are ready to go again.

The Chapter wishes to thank Keeney's Hatchery for their gift of twenty-five baby chicks and 100 pounds of feed. These chicks will be used at the Father and Son banquet later in the spring.

HOMEMAKING SUPERVISOR VISITS

Monday, the Homemaking girls and their teacher, Miss Hammons, were surprised by a visit from Miss Gladys Short, area supervisor. While spending a short time in the morning with the girls, she gave many helpful suggestions.

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Altman

By — Mrs. J. H. McAnally

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell in the Sunshine community Sunday.

Mrs. A. S. Partain of Dublin spent the week end visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Upham.

Pvt. Jim Carter of Tyler spent the week end visiting his wife and Mrs. Ray King and children.

J. E. Hyles visited his brothers, Bud and Arch, near Hamilton from Thursday until Saturday.

Lawell McPherson visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McPherson, a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cozby and little daughter, Waynele, were Stephenville visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Larn Johnson of Purves was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Upham from Wednesday until Friday. Her son, Claude Johnson, and children came after her.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilhite of Carlton attended the funeral of Mrs. C. H. McKeehan Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Faulkner of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gibson and children, Doris D. Jackie, and Ouida Sue, of Palm Rose visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stringer Sunday, March 5th, to celebrate Mrs. Stringer's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cozby and little daughter, Waynele, visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wehnt at Morgan Sunday. Mrs. Cozby's sister, Mrs. Malone, and little daughter of Jacksonville, Mo., accompanied them home for a visit.

Funeral services were held at the Altman cemetery Wednesday afternoon, March 8th, for Mrs. C. H. McKeehan, who passed away at her home in Dallas Sunday, March 5th. She with her husband, who preceded her in death 13 years ago were residents of this community for more than thirty years. She had reached the age of 85 years. Her grandson, Rev. James McKeehan of Houston, conducted the services. He was assisted by Rev. Helm of Carlton. Barrow Funeral Home of Hico had charge of the arrangements. She is survived by four sons and one daughter: C. D. and L. L. McKeehan of Dallas, O. P. McKeehan of Big Spring, and Mrs. Bertha Barbee of San Angelo, and a number of grandchildren. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. P. McKeehan and family and Rev. James McKeehan of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McKeehan and Lon McKeehan of Dallas, Mrs. Bertha Barbee of San Angelo, and a large crowd of their friends from this community. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Clairette

By — Mrs. H. Alexander

Rev. Arch Jones filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Head Saturday night were Misses Charlene Sherrard, Wilma Harvey, and Elizabeth Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Conda W. Salmon

of Lubbock are visiting Mrs. George Salmon.

Sgt. Etheridge Mayfield of San Diego, California is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee and daughter, Betty, and Misses Eunice and Nola Lee are visiting relatives at Colorado City and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander, of Fort Worth.

Roy Carpenter of the U. S. Navy is visiting relatives here.

Miss Florine Havens of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Havens, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mayfield of Fort Worth spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Mayfield.

Mrs. Dwain Jones of Fort Worth is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack McGough and son of Fort Worth have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wolfe.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayfield Sunday were Sgt. Etheridge Mayfield of California, Sgt. Grady Mayfield, Mrs. Joe Mayfield of Fort Worth, Miss Viola Mayfield of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Littleton of Hico, and Russell and Cotton of the home.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander Monday evening were Mrs. Iva Gollightly, Mrs. Emma Stipes and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander.

Betty Gollightly and Inez Broughton spent Sunday with Laverne Stipes.

The young people had a party at the Dowdy Park Monday night. Those present were Betty Lee, Virginia, and Gloria Jean Mayfield, Charlene Sherrard, Wilma Harvey, Elizabeth Alexander, Junior Fincher, Buck Hubbard, Leola Wolfe, Truman Noland, Russell Mayfield, Von Scott, and Dwain Wolfe.

Dinner guests in the home of Hub Alexander Sunday were Mr. R. M. Alexander, Charlene Sherrard, Wilma Harvey, and Buck Hubbard.

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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.)



Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle

James H. Doolittle's name ranks first in many fields of aviation. He was the first airman to span the continent in a day, first to fly the hazardous outside loop, first to make a totally blind flight, first to fly a plane faster than 300 miles per hour, and the first to lead a bombing raid on Tokyo.

Although he is a product of the daredevil period of American aviation, Doolittle has a reputation for scientific planning of operations. He is considered one of the best aeronautical engineers in the world and holds a doctor of science degree.

At 46 Doolittle is small, bald and chunky. He has a precise military manner of speaking and a natural way of taking charge of situations as they arise.

In this war he has been credited with doing much to prove the invincibility of superior air strength. As commander of the Eighth air force he is playing an important part in the bombing of Germany from England.

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Clem McAden spent the past week in Dallas.

Cpl. Raymond Thompson of Camp Swift, Texas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson.

Susie Freeman spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Wingren and husband in Dallas.

Mrs. C. L. Tidwell spent the week end in Dallas with her daughter, Mrs. Kennedy. She was accompanied by Dorothy Rae Clepper.

Mrs. Bryan Bateman and daughter spent the week end in Fort Worth. Bryan works there.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hutchins and baby came in Saturday from Missouri to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Battershell are the proud parents of a daughter, born March 9, weighing 8 lbs. and 7 ozs. The name is Mary Carolyn. The parents live in Fort Worth. She was Miss Bonnie Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson and son of Fort Worth spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loader.

Mrs. Elvis Loader and baby of Dallas spent Thursday and Friday with his parents.

Mrs. Sallie Roberts of Hale Center spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Elvis Lott.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hester of Lubbock are visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Woody, and also her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arval Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Douglas and sons and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal who are on the Lamb Ranch, 11 miles from Iredell, were here Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Hensley returned Tuesday from Florida.

David (Pink) Schenck, who is stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, was here this week.

Mrs. Ida Bryan is very ill at her home. Her brother, Ben Shields and wife of Dublin, came to see her.

Mrs. Robert Mack of San Francisco, California, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ford, this week.

Mrs. Dacus spent the week end in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pace spent the week end at her farm between Hico and Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of near Walnut Springs were here Saturday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Echois of Waco spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. Polnac, who works out of De Leon, spent the week end with his wife.

Robert Sawyer, who works in Fort Worth, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Claude White heard from her brother recently. He was well and considered they had drawn an easy number. He was with the Marines that invaded the Marshall Islands. Sgt. Charles G. Speer, whose address may be obtained from his sister, would be glad to have all of his schoolmates and friends to write him. He will appreciate it very much.

The Iredell basketball girls and boys went to Glen Rose and played Friday night. The girls won their game, but the boys lost.

Pvt. Frank Wead, stationed at Mineral Wells, spent the week end with his wife.

Rev. and Mrs. Greenb and children returned Monday from Odessa. His mother was a little better since they came home. She had a stroke and has been in a very serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodman and baby of Dallas spent the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Pike. Her mother accompanied her home.

Mr. J. S. Miller visited in Meridian Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jones and his brother, Will Jones of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Sunday.

Misses Sue Whitley and Faye Falls, both of McGregor, spent the week end with homefolks.

Mrs. John Miller is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Miller, in San Antonio.

Rev. Greenb left Monday for Odessa to be at the bedside of his mother.

Mrs. Willis Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Plummer, and Mr. and Mrs. Carter visited Mr. Plummer Sunday in the Stephenville hospital.

Mrs. J. D. Gregory visited her father, Mr. Heyroth, and wife in Walnut Springs over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Adkinson and son of Fort Worth spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. T. M. Tidwell, and husband. They also visited Mrs. Adkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Loughlin spent the week end in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright sold their laundry to the laundry at Hico.

Fred Lumberg

Mr. Fred Lumberg was born May 11, 1872 to Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Lumberg in Sweden, and passed away at his home here at 11:00 p. m. Tuesday evening, March 7, 1944 at the age of 71 years, 9 months and 21 days.

He came to this country at the age of nine, and settled in Travis county where he lived for nine years. He then moved to Bosque county, where he lived the remainder of his life.

He united with the Lutheran church at the age of 15. He married Miss Rogna Olson, February 6, 1895, in Bosque county, and to this union 11 children were born, seven daughters and four sons, all of whom are still living; Mrs. Ernest Holder and Tom Lumberg of Venus, Texas, Mrs. Martin Nicholson of Cranfill's Gap, Mrs. William Miller, Earl Lumberg and Mrs. Tohe Warren of Meridian, Garrison Lumberg, Lloyd Lumberg, Mrs. Melvin Parker, Mrs. Thornton White and Miss Ola Lumberg of Iredell. To these children were born 30 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Besides his wife and children and grandchildren, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Sophie Swenson. Three brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

He was a good man, good to his wife and children who will miss him so much. He was a prosperous farmer, well known here, and had many friends. The life he lived will live on down in the years to come. His children will rise up and call him blessed. He is gone from them, but not forgotten. I knew the Lumberg family and considered them a good family. He hadn't been well for some time, and was sitting up listening to a radio program and very quietly passed away.

The funeral of this good man was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Iredell Baptist church, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was in charge of Mr. Barrow, Rev. Maakestad, pastor of the Lutheran church in Cranfill's Gap, officiated, assisted by Rev. Cundieff and Rev. Floyd Lester of Cooper. The floral offerings were large and beautiful, which told of the high esteem in which he was held by his friends. Some of his granddaughters were flower girls, and some of the grandsons were pallbearers.

Interment was in the cemetery east of town. Out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Lester and sons of Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Lumberg, Mrs. Oscar Lumberg, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lumberg and son, Alva and Marie Lumberg of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Knudson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knudson, Mavis and Adeline, and Mr. and Mrs. Martis Knudson of Cranfill's Gap, and a large number of friends from the nearby towns. All of the children attended the funeral.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lumberg and her children and other relatives.

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Rev. — Mrs. Charlie Wilhite

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson and children, Don and Shirley, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Turney in Lewisville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Curry were Fort Worth visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Proffitt and Melba Jean visited Mrs. Raymond Proffitt and children in Dublin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Alfred of

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666 TABLETS, SAME, MORE DRUGS

time for them to meet with me, March 7.

A good crowd came, and the meeting was very interesting. The Methodist ladies sure miss some good spiritual meetings when they miss these meetings which are very helpful.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Patterson were very busy in the kitchen, and as I was in my room cutting out quilt pieces I never went to see what they were doing. We had hot rolls that night and I supposed that was what they were making.

After the meeting of the W. S. C. S. was over Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Patterson came in with cake and lemonade and all began to sing "Happy Birthday to You." This was a great surprise to me—you could of knocked me over with a feather. After all had finished the refreshments, Mrs. Greenb told me some one wanted to see me in my room. I came in expecting to see some one, and beheld a large number of nice and useful gifts laid out on my bed. I was dumbfounded. Everything was nice and pretty and I thank each and every one for their gifts. We were glad to have them. I want also to thank Mrs. Pike and Mrs. Patterson for the nice refreshments. Sure was nice, and all a great surprise to me. I got between 20 and 30 gifts, and nearly that many cards.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday afternoon, March 21, in the Methodist church. A memorial service will be held for Mrs. Lizzie Tidwell who died August, '43. All are invited to attend.

Besides my birthday, which is March 8th, Mrs. Claude White and little Miss Maurine Landis and Tom Bill Davis now in service have March 8th for their birthdays. Would be glad to hear from any others whose birthdays are on March 8th.

Hamilton attended singing at this place Sunday afternoon.

Hob Thompson, Harry Yochum, Walker Curry, and Fern Jordan attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dyer and granddaughter, Annetta, were in Hamilton Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr., Mrs. Grady Littleton, Mrs. Damon Weaver, and Misses Gwendolyn Fine and Marilyn Pierce attended the show at Hamilton Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wilhite and Rev. Helm attended the funeral of Mrs. McKeehan at Altman last Wednesday. Mrs. McKeehan had lived at Altman some forty years, leaving there five years ago to live near Dallas, and passed away at the home of her son, Claude, in Dallas on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Milton Whitehead and daughters, Dorothy and Loretta, and Vasta Rose Wilhite were in Dublin Monday evening.

Roy Wright of Fort Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright, over the week end.

Mrs. S. C. Rallsback and Mrs. Doyle Partain were Dublin visitors Monday afternoon.

Falls Creek

By — Virginia Coston

Cleo Dennis and Cecil Blakley of Fairy spent Saturday night with Eugene Washam.

Mr. and Mrs. Hapacock and son of Fort Worth spent last week with Mrs. Walter Tolliver and family.

Mrs. Pete Stuts, who has been visiting with her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Foust, has returned to her home in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown of Greville and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tolliver and Charles of Hico spent Sunday with Mrs. Walter Tolliver and family.

Miss Virginia Coston spent the

week end in Fort Worth with Miss Betty Smith and relatives.

Miss Billie Niel Washam spent the week end with Miss Margaret Barbee.

Mr. Dugar Foust of Fort Worth spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. W. W. Foust.

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Hico, Tex., Friday, March 17, 1944.

A LETTER A DAY

Letters, according to an army officer who is in the thick of the fighting in Italy, do more to keep up the morale of our soldiers than do good food, victories in battle or any other one thing.

That's something every one of us should think about when we postpone writing to a soldier because we want to go to a picture show, or because we want to listen to a radio program or because we don't happen to feel in the mood for writing a letter.

Writing letters to soldiers is something which every one of us can do toward helping to win the war. It is a little thing to us—but it is so important to the men in the field that the army sees to it that mail is delivered even during the most heated battles.

The one thing every soldier wants most is to get this war over and to return home. But until that happy day arrives, the closest he can come to it is to get personal letters from the people who are home letting him know that they are thinking of him and praying for him.

YOUR GASOLINE SUPPLY

If it wasn't for the sale of gasoline through black markets, "A" ration book holders would get considerably more gasoline than they do today.

That fact was recently confirmed by Chester Bowles, head of the office of price administration, who estimated that at least five per cent of the total available gasoline supply was sold through black markets.

This admission by the head of the OPA should act as a challenge to the millions of people who have to get along on the meager supply of gasoline to which "A" books entitle them—when we hear someone bragging about being able to get extra gasoline on the side—that whoever is doing that is actually helping himself to gasoline which could be in our own tanks.

As long as the majority of us let the black market customers continue to think they are doing something smart when they buy bootleg gas, these markets will flourish.

ADVICE ON ADDRESSING LETTERS TO SEAMEN

Many letters to seamen are being improperly addressed, often in violation of national security rules, the War Shipping Administration reports. The address of the steamship company, a specific street address, or a place name of a foreign country should not be given. The proper form to be used is—Seaman's Name, Name of Ship, Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, New York, or New Orleans (depending on coast from which address is mailed). The return address of the writer should appear in the upper left corner with the name of the Steamship Company in the lower left corner.

Amunition Saved for Farmers

While it is possible that by fall there will be sufficient rifle and shotgun ammunition for game shooting, the WPB said that for the time being none can be spared from supplies needed by farmers to protect crops and livestock. No ammunition will be made available for amusement purposes.

Wee Bits of JESTURE

The mechanical age we are now living in has made some great strides. Remember the "good old days" when a farmer had to drive his team with one hand, and ward off heel flies and "candidates" with the other?

—By PRINTIS A. NEWMAN.

Ration Reminder!

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps Y and Z in Book Three are good through March 20. Red 10-point stamps AS, BS, CS, DS, ES, and FS in Book Four are good through May 20. Waste kitchen fats are redeemed at two ration points plus four cents a pound.

Processed Foods—Green stamps K, L, and M are good through March 20. Blue 10-point stamps AS, BS, CS, DS, and ES in Book Four are good through May 20.

Sugar—Stamp 30 in Book Four is good indefinitely for five pounds. Stamp 40 in Book Four is good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, next year.

Gasoline—In states outside the east coast area A-10 coupons are good through March 21.

Tire Inspection—Deadline for A-coupon holders, March 31; for C-coupon holders, May 31; and for B-coupon holders, June 30.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in Book One is good through April 30. Airplane stamps 10 and 11 in Book Three is good indefinitely. Another ration stamp good for one pair of shoes beginning May 1 will be announced soon.

Who Must File Declarations

The following persons must file a declaration of estimated income and victory tax for 1944 on or before April 15—single persons (or married persons who have separated) who expect to receive more than \$2,700 of wages subject to withholding or more than \$100 from all other sources, provided total income is expected to be \$500 or more; married persons if they expect to receive more than \$3,325 of wages subject to withholding or more than \$100 income from all other sources, provided that their combined income is expected to be \$1,200 or more or his total separate income is expected to be more than \$824. Blank forms are to be distributed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue late in March.

New Farm Gasoline Rules

To aid in the drive against the Black Market in gasoline, the Office of Price Administration announced that after April 1 the five-gallon "R" coupon will be invalid at filling stations and may be used only by those who buy gasoline at bulk points or who have it delivered into storage tanks on their premises. Farmers buying most of their gasoline at filling stations have until April 1 to exchange at local boards their "R" coupons for "E" coupons, which will be accepted at filling stations. After March 15, "R" and "E" coupons in all cases must be endorsed whether for gasoline delivered into storage tanks or picked up at filling stations. However, to ease the task of endorsing the coupons, the consumer buying a large quantity of gasoline may endorse whole strip or block of coupons with a single signature and address written across the required number of coupons given as a unit for his single purchase. For one gallon he continues to endorse one "E" coupon.

Reduce Ceiling On Flour

The OPA has reduced the ceiling price on all enriched flour by five cents a hundred pounds. About 75 per cent of all family flour is enriched.

ROTTEN-EP—

Total U. S. War casualties as announced March 9 by OWI were 162,282—including 37,853 dead, 57,228 wounded, 35,565 missing, and 31,636 prisoners of war.

WPB announces that the ban on two-trouser suits, trousers with pleats, vests with double-breasted suits, and other clothing production restrictions will not be eased.

Restriction on such items as baby rattles and teething rings from nitro-cellulose plastics have been removed. Phonograph record manufacturers in the second quarter of this year may use one-fourth as much shellac as they used in 1941, due to increased supplies.

The Department of Agriculture announces a 1944 goal of 22 million victory gardens, 1.6 million more than last year. Achieving the goal would mean 10 million tons of fresh food or 25 per cent more production than in 1943.

Duffau School News

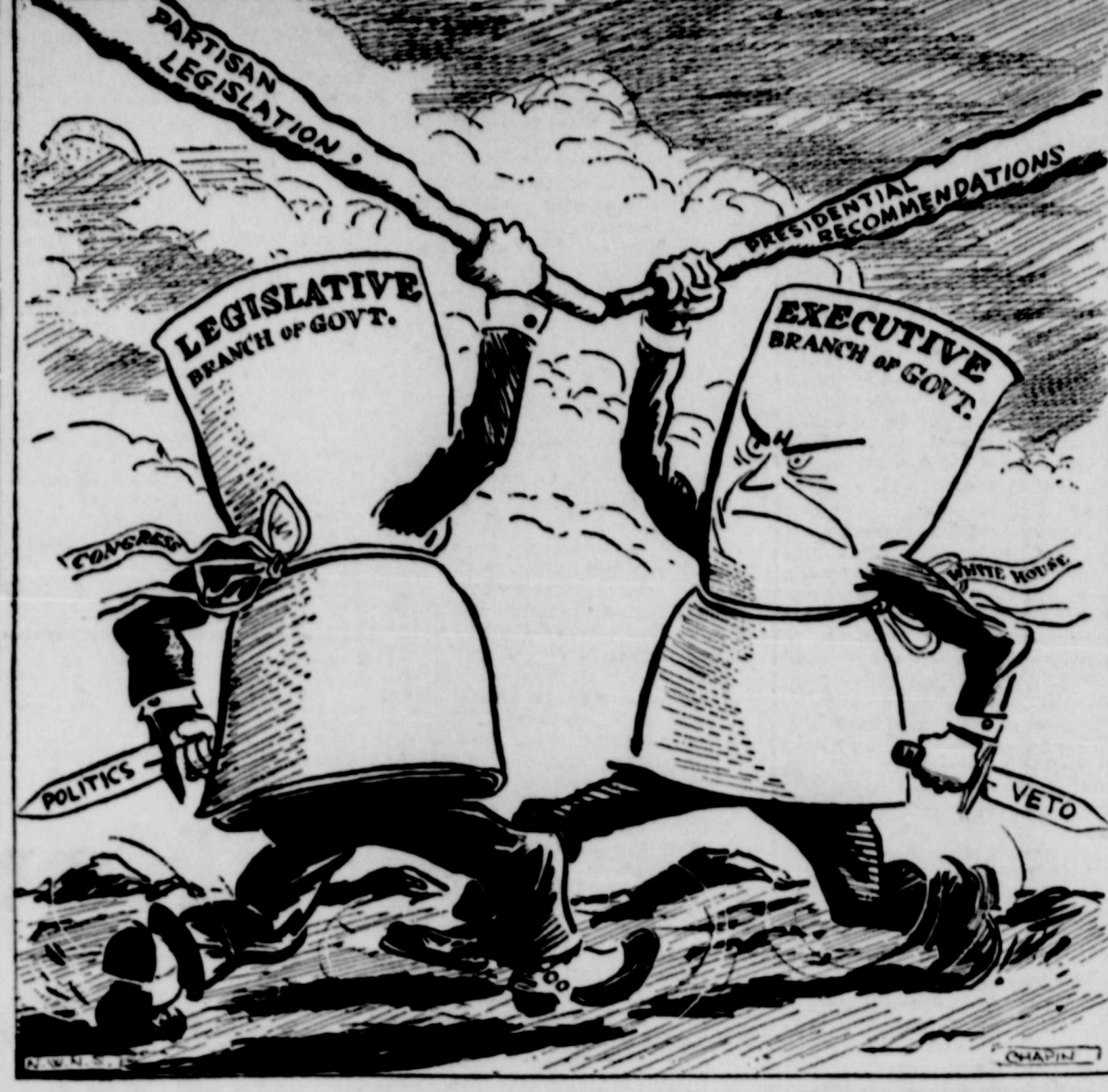
By Wynona Childress Our school lunch room is finished and in operation now, and we had our first meal there Monday. We all think it is very nice, and will do our part in keeping it sanitary.

We had quite a few visitors Monday afternoon. A resident of the Alexander community died and the bus came back at noon. Those who were with us were: Pete Childress, Lanham Magee, Jessie Mackey, Wynona Herod, Dorcas Gieseeck, Hester Burgan, T. H. Anderson, and Nina Burgan. Others that were here who don't attend school were: Reba Bowie, Max Burgan, and Mrs. Marilyn Mills. We enjoyed having them very much, and we hope they will visit with us again.

Wynona C. said she liked to sing. She said she could sing loud, too, but some of us weren't so sure of that, so she told us to ask Bobbie R., who lives near her, and here is what Bobbie said: "She certainly can, and at all hours of the day, too." Wonder what she meant.

Bulldog Hill was absent Monday. We hope he was just playing hooky, and wasn't ill.

Never Ending War



THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

FROM MY DIARY:

August 2nd, 1935: 11 P. M. Tonight I'm in Damascus, oldest city in the world. This little hotel is set at the end of the Street Called Straight and along the way are tiny little shops selling everything from pins to mutton—which should have been eaten many days ago. This afternoon I went into a shop to buy postcards and a huge rug was spread upon the floor for me to sit on while making my selections. I find that many of the customs here are the same as they are in other parts of the world and especially in India where I was earlier in the year. I stopped in to see the works of the Damascus Weavers this afternoon and it was interesting. The warp was 12 feet wide and extended all the way from the floor to the top of the room. The design the young girl was working on was both intricate and lively. She had no time to look at us. She was too busy. No doubt this girl started her weaving when she was a small child because most of the youngsters here work from the time they are able to stand alone. Tonight I hear weird, strange music from somewhere. For years it has been a habit of mine to sit at the window of my hotel in foreign countries, and late at night, and hear music—all of a different kind. The monotonous melodies of the Orient, the wild, care-free music in Arabia, soft, smooth music in Java and the bagpipes of Scotland and the Glens. On a drive this morning I went to numbers of small villages which were full of children—their eyes were bright and they seemed to like living but perhaps they do not realize that they are cut off from many of life's things that they should be enjoying now. Tomorrow I am going back to Palestine to await the Afghanistan to London. I was on this same trip two years ago and I do hope that they have scrubbed the decks ere this.

THE BOOK SHELF:

"They Came to London" by Paul Tabori is the story of exiled men, taken by the Nazi scourge, who came to London to make their own way and to fight the Axis army. Mr. Tabori moves each of the characters in his book deftly across the map of Europe and returns them to London in a way that is amusing and entertaining.

"Nobody Lives Forever" by W. R. Burnett is a story of the Los Angeles underworld with its gangsters, rich women, and its strange characters of violence and lust, all of whom are uncovered and exposed in a fast-action novel by the same man who wrote "High Sierra" and "Little Caesar."

"Bonin" by Robert Standish is the story of three men who set sail across from Honolulu in 1850, accompanied by a beautiful Spanish girl for the Bonin Islands which lie 700 miles south of Japan. Out of their experiences in those early days comes this very exciting story of romance and high adventure.

BRIGHT FUTURE: A man who was five years in arrears for his hometown paper, who never had a good thing to say for the editor, and who was always against the betterment of his town, was dying. The editor was there to write the obituary and when he went into the room he asked, "How do you feel?" and the dying man said: "All seems bright before me." And the editor said: "You will be seeing the blaze in a few minutes."

Most any person can handle adversity, but it takes a person of common sense to handle prosperity calmly.

HOUSE & HOME By MARY E. DAGUE

More than likely spring house cleaning and gardening will play havoc with the housewife's hands. Safeguard them with gloves in every possible instance and use hand lotions generously. A simple home remedy is made of fine cornmeal dampened with lemon juice and a few drops of peroxide. This mixture rubbed into hands will remove odors, too, such as fish and onions as well as the stains of fruit and soil.

Speaking of house cleaning, let preparedness be your slogan. When the urge to start cleaning strikes you, you don't want to be hampered by lack of materials. Cleaning cloths, polishing cloths, chamois and sponges, metal polish, furniture polish, cleaning paste or crystals for washing woodwork, wallpaper cleaner and floor wax all should be replenished and ready for the spring drive.

Many of us will be doing our cleaning with or no help this spring, so we'll have to plan the campaign with utmost care. Above all, don't try to do too much in one day. Make out a schedule allowing plenty of time for each job to be done and allotting certain days to certain tasks. Always remember that one pair of hands can't do the work of two. Plan to finish a day's work in good time for at least a few minutes rest and freshening up before dinner time.

To go back to the actual cleaning—Every material used in household furnishings needs special treatment. Glass sparkles best if washed in warm soap suds and wiped dry without rinsing. Milk glass as well as crystal should be taken care of this way. Lustre ware should not be washed but wiped with a soft clean cloth. Warm water is said to have a deleterious effect, making the lustre less brilliant. Unless you really use your modern reproductions, you will find this the best way to take care of them, too.

Brass and copper are cleaned with a metal polish prepared especially for these metals. The old standby of salt and vinegar is effective for removing stains but must be washed off immediately or it in itself will discolor the metal.

Silver needs a smooth polish made exclusively for fine metals. Some grades of pewter respond to this polish and the old-fashioned Britannia ware comes up gleaming after a good cleaning with silver polish.

A good furniture polish that cleans as well as polishes is essential and saves much time and effort. Liquid wax is much easier to handle because it saves the hard rubbing that goes with a paste wax.

150,000 Planes in Three Years

Of the 150,000 planes produced by the United States since March, 1941, the U. S. has retained 122,000 for its own use and has shipped 28,000 to its Allies, the Foreign Economic Administration has announced. The Allies paid cash for almost 7,000 planes and received more than 21,000 under lend-lease. The British and Russians produce most of the planes they are using, but American Lend-Lease planes with British, Norwegian, Polish, Czech, and other allied pilots are playing a vital role against Germany.

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KEEP ON BALKING AT WAR

Dale Carnegie Author of 'HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE'

AROUND THE WORLD

I once met a man in Peking, China, who had done what almost everybody longs to do: He had made a leisurely trip around the world all by himself. He spent 27 months visiting 41 countries, and traveled over 60,000 miles. The cost? Less than \$1,100. Yes, he traveled around the world at an average cost of \$40 per month for everything, including photographic films.

How did he do it? I'll tell you. If you want additional facts, write him direct: Douglas Carr, 168 King Street West, Ingersoll, Ontario. He is 28, and unmarried. After finishing high school, he started work in a shoe store and worked his way up to the managership. After five years he was tired, nervous, needed a rest; so for \$32 he bought a tourist class ticket across the Atlantic and saw the coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth. In London, he purchased a bicycle for \$26 and bicycled across Europe and northern Africa. He pedaled his way from Cairo to Capetown, with the exception of a certain stretch across the Sudan desert where he traveled up the Nile on a barge.

How much do you suppose he paid to travel for seven weeks on a tramp ship from South Africa to the Philippines and French Indo-China? Those 49 days cost him precisely \$35, for good food and good service. Tea was served him each morning in bed. He traveled 10,000 miles through India by train for \$60.

For \$9 he traveled 1,800 miles by bus from the borders of Afghanistan to Bagdad. During this bus trip, he usually ate in a mud hut, sitting on a colorful Persian rug. His food—bread, eggs, sour milk—cost about a nickel a day. He carried an air mattress and mosquito netting on his entire trip.

Down in Nyasaland, in Central East Africa, his food cost him only two cents a day; for he traded salt to the natives for eggs, milk and chickens. He slept in all sorts of places: on luggage racks in trains; on restaurant tables, in buses; in missionary compounds.

When he left Cairo, he carried a tent in his pack sack, but he was warned that if he slept in a tent in certain parts of Africa, he would probably wake up and find himself in the stomach of a lion. So he discarded the tent and spent his nights in native huts and Indian shops. Sometimes he would go into a native church, take the blackboards off the wall, lay them across the top of two log seats and sleep on them.

As he bicycled through Africa, he saw zebras, giraffes, wildebeest, baboons and lion; but he was never in any real danger. Mr. Carr told me that a white man traveling through Africa was more liable to be killed by the bite of a tick than the bite of a lion. Yet during all this trip, he was never hungry, never sick. Is he glad that he did it? Sure, he is glad. He wishes that all young chaps had to go out on such a trip and fend for themselves. He declared that it taught him to appreciate his home, his parents, the conveniences of civilization—things that he had always taken for granted.

Of course, such travel is impossible today, but adventurers will know a better day.

ABOVE THE HULLA BALOO

By LYTLE HULL 'Prohibition' Again

If it were possible to create a condition in which alcohol ceased to exist as a beverage, there are literally millions of good, clean, sober, minded drinkers who would willingly forego the pleasure which they derive from a cocktail, or a whisky, or a glass of wine, in order to advance the cause of civilization to that extent.

Alcohol is admittedly a toxic poison. If you don't believe it—try to drink a glass of it and see how quickly you will acquire a pair of wings. A full glass of ether has been "downed" and the "patient" lived—but never alcohol. You may have heard of someone tilting up a bottle of whisky and holding it in that position until it was empty. But you only "heard" of it—because it can't be done. The heart cannot continue to thump if that much toxic poison is poured into the system in so short a space of time.

One does not have to be a doctor, or a toxicologist, or an historian to realize what a "stabber in the back" the old King Alcohol has been to his friend, the human race. He holds out the hand of good-fellowship for sometimes years, and then sneaks up from behind and clouts his victim over the head. He has probably wrecked more human lives than all the wars in history. He is just a dirty, mean, poisonous turncoat and false friend. So what?

So well-intentioned men and women all over the world have been trying for generations to get laws passed to prevent its use, to prevent humans from drinking it, or selling it, or buying it. The most notable "achievement" of these often really noble and selfless reformers was the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This amendment almost stopped the sale and consumption of "aged" liquor—liquor which had been "aged in the wood" by law, long enough to eliminate the deadly fusel oils which can cause almost instantaneous death. It practically stopped the consumption of fairly innocuous light wines and beer and substituted bathtub gin or rot-gut whisky which were about as health giving as the wrong end of a machine gun.

This well meaning amendment created—incidentally—the wild era of bootleg gangs and drunkenness which will leave a black mark in the pages of American history. The very existence of this abnormal condition seemed to have a psychologically demoralizing effect upon the moral structure of the whole nation.

Why was this "achievement" such a failure? Simply because the American human has become so fashioned by 150 years of habit that he will not permit laws to interfere with his own private life. If he wants to take a bath once a day—he is going to do so; if he wants to go to the movies on Sunday—and it doesn't injure anyone else—he believes that to be his business, and he goes. If he feels like standing on one foot while he brushes his teeth—he does it—and no law would stop him; and if he wants a drink of whisky he is going to get it, law or no law—fusel oil or no fusel oil.

Your BRAIN BUDGET 1—A combination of which of these two metals will make brass: (a) lead and zinc; (b) copper and tin; (c) copper and zinc? 2—A kilometer is about (a) three-sixteenths of a mile; (b) one and one-third miles; (c) five-eighths of a mile? 3—The island of New is located (a) in the Carolines group; (b) in the human body; (c) north of Madagascar? 4—A coronet is (a) brass wired instrument; (b) a ceremonial crown; (c) an official of the county government? 5—Nutria is the fur of the (a) muskrat; (b) coypu; (c) hair seal? ANSWERS: 1. (c) Copper and zinc, 2. (c) Five-eighths of a mile, 3. (b) In the human body, 4. It is within the teeth, 5. (b) Coypu was by addition a South American rodent.

Personals.

Miss Oleta Fewell of Houston visited here this week with her father, N. A. Fewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ratliff and nephew, Bobby Ratliff, attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Charles Shelton of Fort Worth visited here a short time last Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Randals Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and daughter, Billie, of Temple visited here Sunday with his father, J. J. Smith.

Mrs. T. A. Randals has ordered the News Review sent to her brother, W. M. Johnson, Sherman, Texas, as a birthday gift.

E. H. Randals Sr., who has been confined to his home for a week with influenza, was reported improving Thursday as the News Review went to press.

Week-end visitors in the home of Miss Thoma Rodgers were Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Harrison of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hudson returned home Tuesday from Austin after a few days' visit with their daughters, Misses Saralee and Lucy Hudson.

Mrs. Harry T. Pinson and daughter, Patsy, spent the week end in San Antonio with relatives. They were joined there by Captain Pinson of Camp Hood.

Mrs. Will Siddons and daughter, Elizabeth, of Hillsboro visited Tuesday in the home of her sisters, Mrs. G. H. Anderson and Miss Nettie Wieser.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gandy spent the week end in Fort Worth. They were met there by her daughter, Mrs. Raby Bruner, and niece, Kay Plant, both of Galveston, and they all attended the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-17c

John L. Gorman of Brownwood, salesman for Southwestern Paper Company, was in Hico the first of the week on business.

Miss Nettie Rodgers of Waco spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg and daughter, Mrs. W. J. Conaway of Abilene visited the first of the week in Beaumont with their son and brother, F. M. Richbourg, and family.

Mrs. Lenora Langston returned home Sunday after an extended visit in Moran with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Wylie, who accompanied her home, returning to Moran Monday.

Mrs. Billy Thomasson of Brownwood visited here Friday with her brother, Tullios Carpenter, and family. She also accompanied them to Stephenville that day to carry their young son, Tullios Roy, to the hospital where he has been undergoing treatments for the past several weeks.

Mrs. J. F. Cope of Paint Rock and daughter, Miss Johnnie Louise Cope of Denton spent the week end here in the home of Mrs. Cope's sister, Mrs. G. C. Keeney. Miss Cope is a junior at TSCW in Denton and has written several articles which have been accepted for publication by national magazines.

Miss Mildred Bobo of Fort Worth arrived late Saturday afternoon and spent the night here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bobo. She, with her parents, attended church in Stephenville Sunday and spent the remainder of the day with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beaman. Mildred returned to Fort Worth late Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marcum and son, Marks, left this week for Bellville where they will make their new home. Mr. Marcum, who has been manager of the local office and plant of the Southern Union Gas Company until the recent sale of the properties to the Lone Star Gas Company, will be agent for the Southern Union Gas Company in a district of several towns, with offices at Bellville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Callan of Kaufman were in Hico Saturday visiting with Mrs. Callan's mother, Mrs. Sally Purdon. They were on their way home from Menard, where they had been for three weeks while Mr. Callan was taking a vacation from his duties as editor of the Kaufman Herald.

Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Hays, formerly of Hico, who have been in Houston recently where Dr. Hays has been connected with the Naval hospital, were here the first of the week from Walnut Springs, where they had been visiting for several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Loader. Dr. Hays said he was considering relocating in Hico, and was looking around for an office, but hoped to have a more definite announcement to make in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones spent the week end in College Station with their son-in-law and daughter, Lt. and Mrs. Macel V. Coleman. They also had a visit with their granddaughter, Miss Louise Coleman, who is teaching at Buckner's Academy in Dallas, and with their grandson, Col. Macel V. Coleman Jr., stationed at Drew Field, Fla., both children of Lt. and Mrs. Coleman who were spending the week end with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were accompanied to College Station by Mrs. John V. Lackey and Miss Florence Chenault who spent the week end with their brother, W. I. Chenault, and Mrs. Chenault.

Don't neglect that Family Group picture!

They're appreciated now and in years to come!

THE WISEMAN STUDIO HICO, TEXAS

Du Pont Company Coming to Texas As Manufacturer

Wilmington, Del., March 10.—The Du Pont Company has taken option to buy an 822-acre site containing the San Jacinto shipyard property of the U. S. Maritime Commission a mile and a half north of La Porte, Texas, it was announced here today.

This transaction will bring E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., into Texas for the first time as a manufacturer in a sizeable plant. Construction and adaptation of certain present shipyard facilities is expected to begin within 60 days of what will be known as the Houston Works of the Grasselli Chemical Department of Du Pont. The first production unit will be devoted to phenothiazine, a chemical for ridding livestock of internal parasites which normally cost the nation an estimated \$125,000,000.00 damage annually.

Two adjoining sites are involved in the sale. The shipyard property of 40 acres fronts on San Jacinto Bay opposite Baytown and is being disposed of as surplus war property by W. L. Clayton, Surplus War Property Administrator. The first deal to be consummated since the appointment of the administrator two weeks ago, it was described as netting the Government a price substantially in excess of the value placed on the property by an independent appraiser.

The remaining 782 acres is being purchased outright from H. C. Cockburn of Houston, Texas. It is an area one-half mile wide, running back from the bay about three and one-half miles.

It was emphasized in the Du Pont statement that the phenothiazine manufacturing unit will be designed for large-scale peace-time production and is not a temporary wartime installation.

J. J. LEETH'S 89TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED WEDNESDAY

J. J. Leeth was in town Wednesday afternoon greeting friends after celebrating his 89th birthday quietly with a family dinner at his home. Besides his wife, who will be 82 in June, the following relatives were in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sorley, Mrs. Howard Jordan, and Mrs. Leonard Sorrenson and three daughters of Cranfill's Gap, and one grandson, Pfc. J. B. Leeth of Camp Seibert, Alabama.

Mr. Leeth was born in 1855 in Cherokee county, Texas, moving to Hico nearly 25 years ago. He married Miss Ella Watson, 7 years younger than himself, when he was 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeth have reared a large family of children, many of whom make their homes in Hamilton and adjoining counties. Their grandchildren, including a number of great- and great-grandchildren, number nearly 100.

The following grandsons are in the service of their country, nine of them on foreign duty: Pvt. Adolph Leeth, Buddie Trimmer, Pfc. J. B. Leeth, Sgt. Clinton G. Leeth, James McAnally, Lt. Rudolph Brown, Kenneth Brown, Geo. D. Leeth, Cpl. Harold (Sonny) Leeth, Adrian Burden Chief MoMM, J. W. Burden, A/S. Howard Jordan, RMic, and Roy Leeth, who has passed his physical examination and is awaiting his call. Also the husbands of five granddaughters are serving their country, as follows: DeWitt McCormick, Pfc. Ralph Horton, Sgt. Andy Campbell, Sgt. Joe Powers, and Samuel B. Ogan.

LAST TWO W.S.C.S. MEETINGS HELD AT HANSON HOME

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Hico Methodist Church has been meeting in the home of Mrs. C. D. Hanson for the past two Mondays for study.

The Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. C. D. Hanson, gave devotional to open these study sessions. Mrs. N. M. Colwick, study leader, introduced and gave the first chapter of the book, "God and the Problem of Suffering" on March 6.

Those present besides the above at this meeting were Mrs. Herbert Wolfe, Mrs. Hord Randals, Mrs. Lusk Randals, Mrs. Ed Ford, Mrs. W. H. Greenslit, Mrs. Geo. Jones, Mrs. S. E. Blair, Mrs. Floyd W. Thrash and Judy, Mrs. Harold Hanson and Martha Lou.

On March 13th Mrs. Lusk Randals had charge of the program. Mrs. Thrash told of Saul whose suffering resulted from sin. David likewise suffered. Mrs. Randals then gave "Developing Character Through Suffering" as illustrated in the lives of Jacob and Moses. Those present besides those on the program were Mrs. S. E. Blair, Mrs. L. A. Wheeler, Mrs. George Stringer, Mrs. Annie Waggoner, Mrs. W. H. Greenslit, Mrs. N. M. Colwick, Mrs. Harold Hanson and Martha Lou and Bobby, Mrs. J. C. Barrow, and little Judy Thrash.

We were happy to have Mrs. Wheeler as a new member. The meeting on March 20th will be at the parsonage. Mrs. S. E. Blair will be in charge of the program, continuing the study.

REVIEW CLUB MEETS AT HOME EC. COTTAGE

A meeting of the Hico Review Club was held March 9, at the Home Economics cottage with Mrs. R. B. Jackson presiding in the absence of the president.

"People of the News" was the subject, conducted by Mrs. Webb McEyer, assisted by Mrs. N. M. Colwick and Mrs. L. L. Laater.

The next meeting, which will be a book review, will be held on March 23, at the home of Mrs. McEyer.

REPORTER.

Church News

Methodist Church

Our Sunday school attendance last Sunday jumped to nearly double what it was the Sunday before, but we are not overcrowded yet. Come and find your place in the Sunday school next Sunday.

"Meeting the Test" is the subject chosen for the sermon for Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The fourth and final study in the book, "The Church After the War" will be given Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Here is an opportunity for our people to learn of some of the problems which the church must face in order to render an effective service now and after the war.

We appreciated the many visitors Sunday. A welcome is waiting for visitors at all times.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Baptist Church

Rev. Carl Grissom of Fort Worth will preach at the Baptist church, both morning and evening, next Sunday.

The entire membership is urged to come and hear Rev. Grissom, as he has been so highly recommended by the Registrar of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

PULPIT COMMITTEE.

HICO GIRL IS AMONG WARTIME GRADUATES OF STATE UNIVERSITY

Among the list of graduates as released by the University of Texas News Service, is Miss Mildred Christine Gatlin of Hico, who will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Degrees are being conferred on 291 University of Texas graduates by mail, the Registrars Office has announced.

These students completed their work during the winter semester which closed Feb. 29, but final grades have just been turned in and the graduation list compiled. No commencement ceremony was held since many of the graduates were Navy students who were commissioned on Feb. 28, and ordered to active duty.

DOG MOIRNS MASTER

(Stephenville Empire-Tribune) Mrs. W. B. Guthrie of the Olin community, north Hamilton county, called at the Empire-Tribune office on business late last week. Mrs. Guthrie, who lost her husband in death on January 27, tells a pathetic story of the grief of "Jud," a mongrel dog, the pet of her late husband. "The dog will not eat or drink, and lies about crying, sounding almost like a human. His grief adds to ours, and we have no power to comfort him. We have done everything that we could think of to tempt him to eat and to attract his attention in some way that will assuage his sorrow, but nothing has seemed to avail, and we fear he will die of starvation," said Mrs. Guthrie as tears filled her eyes.

HERE IN HICO

(Continued from Page 1)

Bird feeding, anything can happen. We deny any responsibility for weather regulation until such time as a truce has been made with our pesky rain bird.

"Want to do a really good deed?" asks Charlie Hall in the interesting column he manages to whip up for the McGregor Mirror each week in addition to his other alleged duties. Then he turns right around and gives some advice which is timely.

"Well," he says on the subject we keep trying to present to News Review readers, "take that service man's address that you have been saving for weeks, out of that dresser drawer. Sit down NOW and write him a letter. Fill it with humor, honest down news, plans for the future which will include him. Believe me, licking the flap on the envelope that contains that letter will leave a good ole red, white and blue taste on your tongue."

Good advice, to which we can think of nothing to add except that if you've had the address in the drawer "for weeks" you'd better check up on it again and see if it is the same. That is if Charlie's mailing list is riddled weekly by changes as is the News Review's.

The Office of War Information puts out a lot of reading material, most of which we don't find time to read. But in a news release of recent date, the following story on incidents "Behind the Battlefronts" appeared:

A German miss arrived late for work one morning in a German office in Oslo, Norway, and gave as an excuse: "I can't get along without coffee!" As punishment she had to report ahead of time several mornings and for five minutes say: "I can get along without coffee, hell Hitler!" Suddenly she was ordered to report still earlier. Not until later did her so-workers learn that she had been saying: "I can get along without Hitler, hell coffee!"

It would be interesting to know what the German equivalent for OWI is telling the flat-heads about conditions and incidents "Behind the Battlefronts" in America.

And for variety in reading, you may be interested in the Washington release that follows.

The official newsletter for local

draft boards noted with approval that Lieutenants W. H. Hurriszistizi, a registrant of Board 156, New York City, was listed on the rolls with an initial instead of a middle name.

Col. Arthur V. McDermott, New York City director, set the national office straight. The registrant has a middle name. They gave it as Willikiminzissizleizil.

The colonel sent photostats to prove it.

DODGE THE DOTS AND GUESS AT LOTS

There has been no weather the past week, said Doublel Hudson, local observer, in explaining that he had been out of town and didn't have his regular report. If we had time we'd write to the gas company and tell 'em that JWR is not a deadbeat, just absentminded when it comes to remembering discount dates.

When Mrs. Jim D. Wright visits out of town, as she's now doing with her daughter and son-in-law, the Geary Cheeks, she never knows where she'll be living when she returns. She may be surprised to learn that during her present absence, Jim D. is reported to have made a deal for the property of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Diltz—but our guess is that she was duly consulted beforehand.

Remind us to give a write-up when we get time on the marvelous success Mrs. Geo. B. Golithly has made with the Red Cross drive in Hamilton. Dink makes a success of anything she goes into, for that matter.

Paul Neel told the other day of a little black book a woman in Dallas keeps to write down the names of places where she doesn't get courteous service, so she can remember them after the war; the editor has a few names, but his little black book is full of too many other things like this.

If you cheated on your income tax return due March 15, or didn't turn in one, we hope you sleep well for the next few months. The old man with the whiskers may not catch you, but chances are he's going to do considerable checking up, in spite of all that griping and cussing congress about the forms.

Mark Waldrop, down town in the wee small hours of Thursday morn, saved the editor's life (at least, his disposition) by producing a whole package of our favorite brand of cigarettes when bummed for one smoke or maybe just a snipe. Mark is another guy who can't keep regular hours, for gasoline convoy men won't wait when they fetch down a truck load of the rationed commodity.

Signs are that plenty of heat will be generated in the congressional race in this district by the time things begin to jell. Clyde Garret says he'd like to have his old job back—Sam Russell says he's willing to keep it himself and will tell the folks so if he can ever get loose from Washington. And R. M. Waxstaff of Abilene, World War I veteran, will try to show voters where he can be of more service to them than either of the ones who've already tried it. Judge Dyess of Albany, father of the late Col. Dyess, and several others have been mentioned. Hold your hats, folks!

Max Hoffman has sold his Falls Creek place, the old Hico Natl. Bank acreage, to a Mr. Boyd from Fort Worth, we are informed. Our information also is that some of the Boyd family plan to move down and make some improvements. They will find a cordial welcome, surely.

Sorry we don't get around more to find out what's happening, or to learn more about what we do find out—but look back at the subhead on this stanza.

Six-Inch Sermon

REV. ROBERT H. HARPER Jesus Crucified.

Lesson for March 19; Mark 15:21-47. Golden Text: Isaiah 53:5.

Chief incidents of the Crucifixion may be summarized by thinking of the persons present. Simon of Cyrene was compelled to bear the cross when Jesus fell under its weight; an unknown person, just before Jesus was crucified, offered him a drug which he refused; the soldiers crucified Him and gambled for His seamless robe; the Centurion said, when Jesus died, "Truly this man was the Son of God;" the two thieves crucified stood near the cross. It appears that when Jesus committed His mother unto John (John 19: 26, 27), He at once led Mary away and neither was present at the end. We can only conjecture that Joseph of Arimathea, who provided a tomb for Jesus, and Nicodemus, who brought spices to anoint the body, were present at the crucifixion.

The death of Jesus was unique. Of thousands killed on crosses, we think only of Jesus when we hear or see the word, "crucifixion."

Determined from eternity, wondrously approached by Jesus, celebrated by the redeemed in heaven, theme of Paul's glorying, and means of our redemption, let us hold to the crucifixion as the great fact of our Christianity. Observe that of all present on Calvary, not one was neutral toward the crucified Lord.

MARCH 31st . . .

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Twenty to One in Hand by Renee Shann

CHAPTER I
They were hurrying this morning, those of them who were snatching their twenty-four hours leave. It didn't come very often—only once in every fourteen days. That was why they had to make the most of it. They worked hard—harder, they often thought, than many of the girls in the Waafs. They were plotters—girls who had enlisted for "special duties" in the most interesting branch of the service where they were right in the thick of it all. In the Operations rooms they needed to use their brains and needed to have plenty to use, too. Cherry Fycroft had plenty. She was quick as lightning, small, with dark hair and blue eyes, vital, alive, full of restless energy. She was breaking her neck now to catch the one-thirty to town instead of hitchhiking with the others. This was a grand and most economical way of getting to the city, and a girl in uniform could always get a lift. But today Cherry wasn't trusting to any chance way of getting to London. Denise expected her at the apartment as soon as she arrived. And it had been a long time since she'd seen her or heard any news of Simon, Denise's husband. Simon had gone to America with the War Purchasing Commission, but Denise had said in her last letter: "Simon will be back any day now. It seems quite incredible to think he's been gone nearly six months. The time has simply flown. But I suppose that's because I've been enjoying myself."



"No, darling, I mean I'm going to avoid meeting him."
"Couldn't we meet again sometime?"
For Cherry that had been the beginning. There was something about him, the way he looked and spoke, that she had been unable to put into words even to herself. But her heart turned over and her pulses quickened whenever he was near her, and she had known—almost with a sense of foreboding, which she was to learn later had certainly been justified—that there could never be any other man for her. At the time she and Denise had been sharing an apartment. Denise had been a much sought after photographer's model. Her lovely face smiled at you from billboards. From magazine advertisements and newspapers, too. Denise had been away when Cherry had met Simon. When she returned Cherry said, "I've met rather a nice man while you've been out of town. He's coming around this evening. His name's Simon London."
"Shall I like him?" Denise had asked.
"I'm sure you will. No one could help it."
Denise had liked him so much that within six weeks she had married him. From the very first moment they met Cherry had known it was going to happen. She hadn't blamed Denise. It wasn't her fault that she was so beautiful that every man she met fell in love with her. It wasn't as if she, Cherry, had even given her a hint as to how she herself felt about Simon. If she'd said, perhaps, before they met, "Please, darling, even if you do like him, leave him for me. After all, I found him first. You have so many other men. And, you see, I've fallen in love with him." If she had only said something like this, then everything would have been different. And yet... No, she didn't really think so because Denise would still no doubt have wanted Simon and Denise always got what she wanted. So Cherry had said nothing, just taken herself in hand and shut her heart against him. What else could she do without letting Denise know how much she loved him? Her only prayer had been that the other girl would make him happy. Hurrying from the station to the London apartment, Cherry hoped that Denise would make Simon's return a welcome one after their six months' separation. She must surely be longing to see him again. Connie, Denise's maid, opened the door to her. "Madam's in her room. Miss Cherry."

Stranded Invaders



Training for invasion of fortress Europe, these men of a British Bren gun carrier went a bit too far to sea and now stand atop their vehicle awaiting rescue. U. S. and British forces are receiving the most thorough training for the great military operation.

Figure Skaters



Marcella May and James Lockheed Jr. of San Francisco, one of the best dance pairs in the history of American skating, are shown defending their title in the national figure skating championships at Minneapolis. Lockheed won the 1944 junior men's championship.

After Bombing of Germany



P-51 pilots of the Ninth air force discuss their penetration of Germany, in which they flew over Berlin. They are, left to right, Lieut. Robert L. Biererve, Sand Point, Idaho; Capt. Wallace Kemmer, St. Louis, Mo.; Lieut. James J. Parsons, Seattle, Wash.



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NOTICE OF SALE

By the order of the Meridian Ind. School District and the Cranfills Gap Common School District, the Cove Springs School building (size 60' x 30') will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on March 18th 1944, 2:30 P. M. Said sale to be held at site of above named building, 7 miles west of Meridian, just off Highway 22. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved by the trustees of the Meridian and Cranfills Gap School Districts.

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Fairy

By Mrs. J. O. Richardson

We have had more rain since our last writing, and grain in low places is damaging from too much moisture. However, some of the grain on higher ground is looking fine.

We had a glad surprise Wednesday morning of last week, when we heard the sound of a car horn and stepped to the door to see none other than our nephew, Joe Betts (whom we were thinking of as being over in the Pacific) half way down the walk. He is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Betts, and other relatives.

This is the first time Joe has had leave to come home since joining the Navy about two years ago. We hope before another two years pass by, that our old world will again be at peace and our boys can soon return home to stay.

Sgt. Audie Parks, who is stationed somewhere in Arizona, came in Sunday night to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Parks and family and other relatives. He was here on furlough last October. We are glad indeed he has been given leave to come home again. He came by plane to Dallas, where he was met by his parents.

Cpl. Charles Darwin Hoover, with the Machine Records Unit at Governor's Island, New York, another one of our nephews, came in to Fort Worth last Saturday and was met there by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover, and Patsy Ann. His sister, Miss Daphne, of Fort Worth accompanied them home to be with her brother, who only had a five-day stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Adams and children, Jimmy and Marlene, of Hico spent Sunday here visiting in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clancy Blue and little son, Dorsey Dwin, of Hamilton were visiting Sunday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Wallace Edwards, and Betty Lou.

Mrs. Brittle Little went to Hamilton Monday to make arrangements to have her home wired for electricity.

Mrs. L. M. Hutchens went to Dallas the first of the week for a physical examination. She has been ill for several weeks. We hope her illness isn't a serious nature, and that she will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover and family visited last Sunday night in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Heyroth, and their daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Newton and little daughter, Barbara Jean, of Gatesville. Mrs. Newton has made her home with her parents since the death of her husband two years ago.

Mrs. T. L. Betts and son, Joe, spent a while Sunday afternoon visiting in the E. M. Hoover home to be with Darwin. All went to the old school ground where all had attended school, including the old and young, and made pictures.

Some fifty guests enjoyed the singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ercey Parks last Saturday night.

There was about twenty ladies present at the Ladies' Club Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Claude Brunson. They quilted on two quilts, almost completing them. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Roy Blakley in April. We will announce the exact date later.

J. D. Porterfield Dies Suddenly
The following is as recorded in The Press, an Amarillo paper, concerning the death of Dixon Porterfield:

J. D. Porterfield, 902 Mississippi St., prominent San Jacinto resident and one of the oldest mail service carriers in point of service, was found dead in his car Tuesday morning about three-fourths

of a mile east of the Llano cemetery. Mr. Porterfield was last seen about 11:30 o'clock Monday morning, when he left the post office to begin his daily mail delivery. Not hearing from her husband, Mrs. Porterfield began a search at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and found the car an hour later in the country lane. The Porterfields have lived in Amarillo for the past 36 years. Mr. Porterfield has been employed in the mail service for 34 years, first carrying a city route, and during the last four years, a rural route. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Oris Dixon of Lometa, Calif., and WAC Lt. Dorothea Beal of Des Moines, Iowa; and one granddaughter, Doris Jean Dixon.

Mr. Porterfield's car was found near a mud hole on his route, and from the tracks they formed the conclusion was reached that he had had difficulty in getting his car through the mud. The fuel tank was empty, the radiator dry, and the switch on, and it was concluded that the motor ran until the gas was exhausted. Mr. Porterfield was sitting in a slumped position with his left hand still on the steering wheel. He had an attack of influenza recently which left him in a weakened condition, and it was presumed he had a heart attack from the muddy place in the road.

Mr. Porterfield is a cousin of J. O. Richardson and Mrs. T. L. Betts.

James Dixon Porterfield, son of the late J. D. and Mary Porterfield, was born in Ellis county on Dec. 10th, 1886, and passed away Feb. 28, 1944. He came with his parents to Hamilton county at the age of one year, residing on the Ellis place east of Fairy, later moving to the Long Point and Agee communities. At the age of about 21 he went to Amarillo, where he was married to Miss Flora Buckingham. Two daughters, Imogene and Dorothea, were born to them, who with their mother survive. Mr. Porterfield also leaves two brothers, Walter of San Angelo, and Isaac of Waxahachie; and two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Poyner of Hendrix, Okla., and Mrs. J. E. Blakley of the Agee community, all of whom were in Amarillo to attend the funeral; also the following nieces and nephews attended: Lawrence Porterfield and sister, Miss Helen McWhirter, of Dallas and Lewis Porterfield and wife of San Angelo, and Miss Geraldine Porterfield of Waxahachie.

Services were held at Griggs Chapel in Amarillo at 2:00 p. m. March 4, being conducted by Rev. Clinton V. Oldham and E. R. Carver of the Church of Christ. Active pallbearers were H. A. Roak, Hugh Bray, Clyde Farmer, A. B. Jones, L. D. Whiddon, Henry Neal, A. L. Graham, and Roy F. Crittendon. Honorary pallbearers were the post office force and carriers. Interment was in the Llano cemetery near Amarillo.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 1944
By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Hico, Texas I hereby order an election to be held in said city of Hico on the first Tuesday in April, said date being the 4th day of April, 1944. The election herein ordered is for the purpose of electing the following City Officers, to-wit:

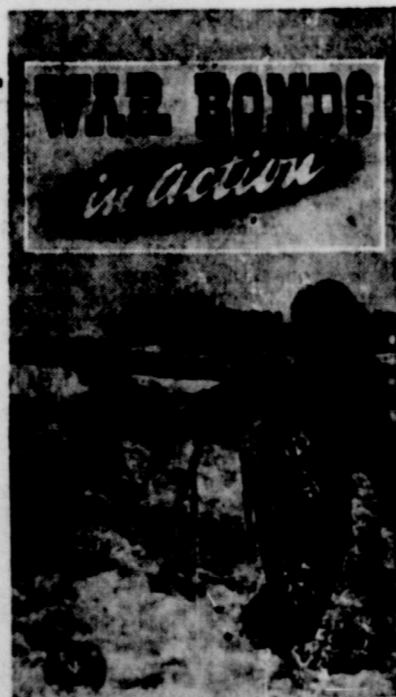
A Mayor to succeed J. C. Barrow; an Alderman to succeed J. V. Lackey; an Alderman to succeed Morse Ross; an Alderman to succeed S. E. Blair.

That said election shall be held on the above date in said City at the City Hall. J. W. Autrey is hereby appointed Presiding Officer of said election.

All candidates are asked to file their names seventy-two hours preceding opening polls on said day of election.

In evidence of the above order I hereto affix my Official Seal of the City of Hico, Texas.

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



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"CLAUDIA"
DOROTHY McGUIRE
ROBERT YOUNG
INA CLAIRE
TUES. & WED. (NEXT WEEK)—
"DANCING MASTERS"
STAN LAUREL
OLIVER HARDY
THURS. & FRI. (NEXT WEEK)—
"A LADY TAKES A CHANCE"
JEAN ARTHUR
JOHN WAYNE

WITH THE COLORS (Continued from Page 1)

Newman, have moved to Abilene to reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Newman.

Pvt. Edward D. Crist has written his mother, Mrs. E. W. Crist, that he arrived safely in England. His wife, who is recuperating from a tonsil operation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds in Fort Worth, plans to visit Mr. and Mrs. Crist in the near future.

Mrs. Gerald G. Clepper, the former Ione Marie Seay, came in from Chairette Tuesday to subscribe for the paper for herself and have it sent also to her husband, Private Clepper, who was inducted into the Army at Camp Walters in February, has been stationed with a signal training battalion at Camp Kohler, California. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clepper, who also have two other sons in service, Pvt. Alvin Clepper in California, and Pvt. Hubert Y. Clepper, in Australia. Mrs. Clepper and the three children, two girls and a boy, are keeping their residence at Chairette while Gerald is in service.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe and son, Paul Kenneth, returned home Wednesday night from Houston after a few days' visit there with their son and brother, Midshipman Tom Herbert Wolfe. Midshipman Wolfe, who has already made two crossings of the Atlantic in a cargo vessel with the United States Maritime Service, is now attending the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Mrs. Roy Burleson returned to Hico Sunday to make her home with her mother, Mrs. Anna Driskell, for the duration. She was accompanied from Dallas by her sister, Mrs. Oliver Rosamond, who visited with them through Sunday. Mrs. Burleson has been living at Bruning, Nebraska, with her husband, Technical Sergeant Burleson, since their marriage in January. Sergeant Burleson is being transferred from the Bruning Army Air Field.

Oops! Again we went to sleep and in mentioning last week that Mrs. Claude Barbee had gone to California to be with her husband, we ended up the name wrong. So here's the straight of it (two hope). Mrs. Claude Barbee left recently for California to visit with her husband, Claude Barbee, S2c. He is taking advanced training there, according to his mother, Mrs. W. A. Barbee of Hico. Claude Barnett, S2c, is still stationed at Beville, and doing well, we hear. He is not married yet.

Charles W. Shelton Jr., who expects to have a corporal's stripes awaiting him when he gets to his new station (and he ought to know, for he's company clerk and knows his name is up) came in Thursday from San Antonio for a visit with his mother, and his sister, Mrs. Grady Hooper, and others. He has been transferred to Lincoln, Neb., and will leave soon. Buster has been taking his basic training in a railway operating battalion of the transportation corps, a unit of the Army Service Forces. In private life he was classified advertising manager of the San Angelo Standard-Times, and he says he guesses his qualifications for his present work consist of having lived so long in Hico, which is now the only railroad town in Hamilton county. He says he likes it, however, and expects to learn a lot in his technical training. His wife, the former Miss Jewell Carr, is here with him. She is society editor of the Standard Times, and is on leave of absence to be with Buster

in Nebraska while he is stationed there. Buster says that among the things he misses here is the golf course with tempting offers of matches with his old friends, and the presence of D. F. McCarty Jr., also in the newspaper racket, who is now at Abilene.

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Somewhere In England
February 15, 1944
Mrs. A. A. Brown, Hico

Dear Mother:
Everything is still about the same over here. I've quit going into town, because there sure isn't much there. I just found out the other day there are three of the boys I used to work with over here and I'm trying to get in touch with them.

Have't been to London yet, but hope to go before long. I got the billfold that James and B. sent O. K. It'll come in handy because English money fits it better than mine.

I finally got rid of the cold I took soon after I arrived, and am feeling fine.

Love to all,
RUDOLPH.
(1st Lt. Arthur R. Brown)

MARGIE SAYS HER FAMILY IS NOW 100 PER CENT OUT IN THE WAR EFFORT

Fort Worth, Texas
March 7, 1944

Dear Mr. Holford:
Just a few lines to give you some grand news. I suppose you know that Owen and Odell are in the Navy. They left the 23rd of February. Would you please transfer our Hico paper to them? They don't know what to do with themselves when they don't get the old home paper. Yes our family is still reading the paper, too, but we will send another subscription.

Mother is now working at North America in Dallas. I am also working there. I work in the salary department as a typist and I really like it. I feel that I am really helping in this war now. I have something to work for, too, with my brothers and my boy friend all in the service.

Owen and Odell are really liking the Navy so far. Odell's bunk is right under Owen's and they march side by side, along with their friends. That really helps them.

Dad is now working at Consolidated and is liking it fine. The only bad thing about it is that he and Mom are only together during the day on Sundays.
This family is really 100% for

the war, and I'm sure that we are only one family out of hundreds.

Moody Ross spent the night with us the night before he left for Missouri, and we enjoyed having him so much.

Tell everyone in Hico hello, and thanks again.
MARJORIE WELBORN.
[Thanks to you, Margie. We now have it arranged where you won't miss getting the paper up in Fort Worth, for we can't stand to think about your dad not being able to sleep Saturday nights. By the way, how is he going to get off for the opening of fishing season? And does your mother have trouble driving the car in all that traffic like she did when a WBAF worker hit her in Granbury while she was taking you up to the beauty contest in Cowtown?—ED.]

CORPORAL HENRY IS HOME AGAIN, WITH PROOF THAT WORLD IS REALLY ROUND

Mrs. E. H. Henry went to Waco last Saturday afternoon to meet her husband who is being allowed a 30-day furlough from Reams General Hospital at Palm Beach, Fla., after a period of overseas service lacking only three days of being one year.

Corporal Henry, who has been in service for nearly two years, left out of San Francisco with his Engineers unit last February. He sailed west, and was in theatres of war that entitle him to wear the Asiatic-Pacific and Middle East campaign ribbons along with his ribbon for Good Conduct. On a visit to the Holy Land he was bitten by a sand fly and contracted a fever which, with complications, resulted in his hospitalization and later return to the States. Last month he was flown from North Africa to Florida, coming back home from the east after having completely circumnavigated the globe, thus proving again that the world is really round.

The corporal, good-humored and friendly as in former days when he took over the management of the local theatre after a hitch in newspaper work, has interesting tales to tell of his travels, and also some very definite ideas on the amount of sweat and blood and tears necessary to win a war. But his interviews with the editor so far have consisted mostly of telling minor sidelights on the main event, and asking questions about the home front. In one such discussion he was apparently making a very good listener, looking off into space in some kind of a reverie, when suddenly he popped a question.

"Pardon me," he said, "I don't want to interrupt, but does anyone have any idea wherein I left my bicycle?" After mentally retracing his route from home to town, and recalling each stop, he fortunately remembered that his trusty gas-and-tire-saving vehicle, used so deftly by him in pre-service days to buzz up and down the street on goodness only knows what kind of errands—he remembered that the bicycle was parked in front of the furniture store and that he had come down the alley to accept Grady Barrow's invitation for a cup of coffee at Walt's.

Henry politely declined the editor's invitation to help eat up the counter display of "K" and "C" rations, threatening to throw the cans and us along with them out the window.

"I brought home a little bottle of desert sand from North Africa," he said, "and gave it to my wife with instructions to call my attention to it if she ever heard me griping about the weather, food, or anything else." He said she hadn't shown it to him yet.

DOC WOULDN'T LIKE THE KAISER, KU KLUX, OR ANY OTHER THING USING A "K"

Started 2/16/44 Aboard Ship
Completed 2/26/44
Coral Atoll, Central Pacific

Dear Roland:
Have reached our designated destination by the more common mode of travel for one of lesser light, traveling by way of places one would expect in reaching here. The accommodations for traveling were not any different than usual, hot, sultry, overcrowded. However we didn't buy de luxe—or any other kind of tickets for the free ride. Our food was very good and quite like the quality we would use to fatten a hog in preparation for hams and good streaked bacon. Bathroom facilities as near to a "Chic Sale" type as could be made with plenty of distance from bedroom to said accommodations, especially during blackouts. The usual number of barked shins and knots on heads and other parts of body resulted from groping in the dark and coming in contact with objects unyielding to ordinary human contact.

The piece we arrived is as one would expect, and no different than you would expect if you knew you were coming here. The time—well, the sun comes up and goes down not unlike it does there and elsewhere. The stars are here and we expect to see the moon some night. Even then we don't expect a Hollywood version of a typical paradise. The coral so prevalent in the Pacific doesn't all have the beautiful pink color so often associated with it. More common is a white kind, quite like limestone, covered with a growth of seaweeds. And it smells like all that.

We expect to be housed in tents and maybe thatched huts. Our bathing facilities are unlimited—after all, the Pacific is quite a bath-tub. Yes, even for washing clothes. We believe any of us could qualify for Tub Number Two, or Three at least, in some laundry on returning—that is, if we can get union recognition on experience

and pay a hundred or so fees—as that seems to be the way to get a job now.

Our inner-spring mattresses over here have felt the ravages of war—no springs except the elasticity of a tightly-stretched piece of canvas. Out in the open the wind blows not unlike those hot summer Texas winds. Our lofty shade trees produce fruit. Our helmet is a wash basin—no plug to remove for drainage—a simple case of tilting.

Our food is pre-refrigerated by process of drying. We have been told it could be made as tasty as fresh food. Well, I spent four months in Missouri and am still waiting to be shown. Spam, bologna, etc. doesn't taste like steak or any other fresh meat.

The insects are not unusual, have not noticed the Jap countenances of glasses and buck-teeth as yet, although would not be surprised at any time. Maybe these flies are good old American brand that came over and landed with us.

The size of these places doesn't compare with Texas, and I find myself somewhat smothered by lack of breathing space over land. One long breath would take up half a barrel of salt water here. K's will be forever taboo after the war—after this ration was given that name, all will wringe and scream at its mention. I'm afraid.

Later—Finally landed on our atoll. Not so bad—plenty of food and free cigarettes, also brine bathing water. Few coconuts. You can hereafter believe these pictures of war—they are true, but omit the most important part, the aroma.

Hell, you're tired and I passed away some time on board ship writing this. Hope you can read these passing thoughts.

Best regards to your family and the folks at home.

Sincerely,
H. V. HEDGES,
Captain, Medical Corps.

SILVER STAR AWARDED TO HUSBAND OF LOCAL GIRL NOW LIVING IN DALLAS

Pvt. Joe J. Foyt, with a medical detachment overseas, wrote from somewhere in England to his wife, the former Wynonne Arrant, who is now making her home in Dallas where she is employed at Drew's Hatchery. The main item of news was, of course, his affection for his wife and how badly he missed her. The serviceman then mentioned that he had been awarded the Silver Star.

Mrs. Foyt visited here last Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Arrant. She said her husband also was wounded last fall in Sicily, and had to remain in a hospital for about seven weeks, but he is now in England, getting along fine.

Excerpts from the letter, dated February 27 and mailed from "Somewhere in England," follow: "I guess you know by now that I got a Silver Star. I am really proud of it, darling—it's awfully nice. I will have my picture made with it on and then send you the picture.

"I guess you know what a Silver Star is. It is a medal, in the shape of a star, with red, white and blue ribbon on it. Only time you get a Silver Star is when you do something that's awfully dangerous work.

"I guess you wonder what I did to get it. Well, when we were in Sicily fighting, I stayed with 24 boys that were wounded real bad. I stayed with these boys till help could come. I was the only aid man to take care of the 24 men at one time. It was a tough job, and some of them looked awful bad.

"I was really proud to get that Silver Star, darling, but I was still more proud to know that I saved the life of every one of those boys. It happened at the same time when Lt. K got hit. Five of those boys are back in the U. S. A. They were hurt awful bad, and the rest came back to their company. I was glad to see each one come back. They are really nice to me, and they thank me a lot for what I did for them.

"I want you to know this, darling, that the Silver Star means a lot to me and you. It belongs to you just as much as it does to me, 'cause you are my sweet wife. I will send it to you some time this week."

[The Silver Star, instituted in 1935, is granted to persons serving in any capacity with the armed forces of the nation cited for gallantry in action which does not warrant the Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross. It replaces the tiny Silver Citation Star of 1917-1918.—PRO File.]

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WELBORN TWINS ARE IN THE NAVY; TRAINING AT FARRAGUT, IDAHO NOW
U. S. N. T. S. Camp Hill
Farragut, Idaho
March 6, 1944
Dear Mr. Holford:
How are you? Fine, I hope. How is the weather down there? It sure is cold up here.

already getting homesick. They are wanting to hear from home. I am now in the hospital with German measles. I came over here last Saturday night. I think I will get out of this place tomorrow. I certainly hope so.

The Navy chow isn't what they say it is. They say a person will gain weight during boot camp but I don't see how they can. They keep you busy all the time. These boys would give anything for a good home-cooked meal.

Mr. Holford, Granddad told us that our paper had expired. I have been so busy I haven't had time to write you until now. We sure do want to continue the paper. If you will write and tell me what the price is, I'll send it as soon as I hear from you. We would like to find out where, and how the other boys are.

Well, it's time for taps, so I'll close this letter. Please excuse my spelling. It's bad.

Yours truly,
COHEN ODELL WELBORN, A/S.
[Dear Odell: Your subscription

is all fixed up now. Your Granddad came in Monday morning before the editor got down and just waited so he'd be sure it would be started. And your spelling's all right. If you do as well as that in the rest of your training, you'll be O. K. Write again some time.—ED.]

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MASTER SERGEANT R. D. NEW TO BE HELD AT SAN ANTONIO

Funeral services for Master Sergeant R. D. New, who died with meningitis in an Army hospital at Las Vegas, Nevada, Wednesday night, will be held in San Antonio this week end.

Word of his death came to his sister, Mrs. H. L. McKenzie, early Thursday morning. Sergeant New had been with the Army Air Forces at Las Vegas for two years and had been ill for the past two months. His wife was with him when death came.

Other relatives surviving, who live in Hico, besides Mrs. McKenzie are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. New, and a brother, Leslie New.

FINAL CLEARANCE

—WOMEN'S WINTER—

COATS

\$12.50



- Coat values up to \$24.50 — and with coat prices slated to be higher this winter you can save up to half on your next season's coat.
- Buy and take them home, or use our lay-away plan and pay them out.

SPRING COATS Also Reduced!

If you need a coat, Madam, "Now's the Time!" Toppers and full length coats at deep cut prices.

● See Them!



On-the-spot blood transfusion in the midst of battle — given through the Red Cross — has saved the life of thousands of our fighting men!

You could know no greater satisfaction than may be found in the knowledge that YOUR BLOOD, converted to precious plasma, will be flowing through the veins of an American hero whose very life it saved. He might be your own son, or brother or nephew. Lack of that blood may mean his failure to come home alive! Don't put it off — sign up immediately for your BLOOD DONATION and help Hico provide its quota for the local Blood Bank. The physical examination alone will be worth your trip, and you are assured by doctors and nurses in charge that it will not be injurious to your health if you are accepted.

- SOUTH TEXAS CABBAGE PER LB. 2c
- FIFTY (50) CABBAGE PLANTS 15c
- THREE (3) BUNCHES ONION PLANTS 25c

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