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## WAAC Recruiters Stress Need For More Enlistments

A group of WWAC's composed of Lt. Raymond J. Dees, Lt. Rose Smothers, Auxiliary Merittia Mills, civil service employee, Ola Lee Pickens, one of our home town girls of whom we are very proud, were in Spur Tuesday seeking recruits for the WAAC organization. Dickens county fell below its quota of six for this organization for January, February and March. We have not furnished a single member for this quarter. It is true, two girls from Dickens county families have recently joined the WAAC's, but their applications were not handled through this district, therefore, we cannot claim them as part of our quota.

Lt. Dees was very emphatic in stressing the great need for women to respond to this call, emphasizing how our boys had volunteered for service to their country in this great crisis, asking "Are American girls and women going to let their son, husbands and sweethearts down by refusing to serve where they can render the greatest possible service—is it possible that that American women are not concerned about the womanhood of our allies?"

Lt. Smothers mentioned the fact that women for some time clamored for an organization for women where they might serve their country in a more definite manner, and now that this sort of place is open to women, they are offering the most flimsy excuses to evade the issue.

To serve in these places created and planned for women, is not to be considered as a fling or an adventure, but a patriotic duty. One company of women arrived in camp and replaced the men 2 to 1, allowing these men to do combat duty.

## F.F.A.-4-H Club Fat Stock Show To Be Held April 3

The WAAC organization has been asked to raise 150,000 members by June 30. They now have 45,000 members. 375,000 men serving in the armed forces at the present are doing women's work. America does not ask that her women occupy a fox hole, but does ask that she serve her country in the best possible manner.

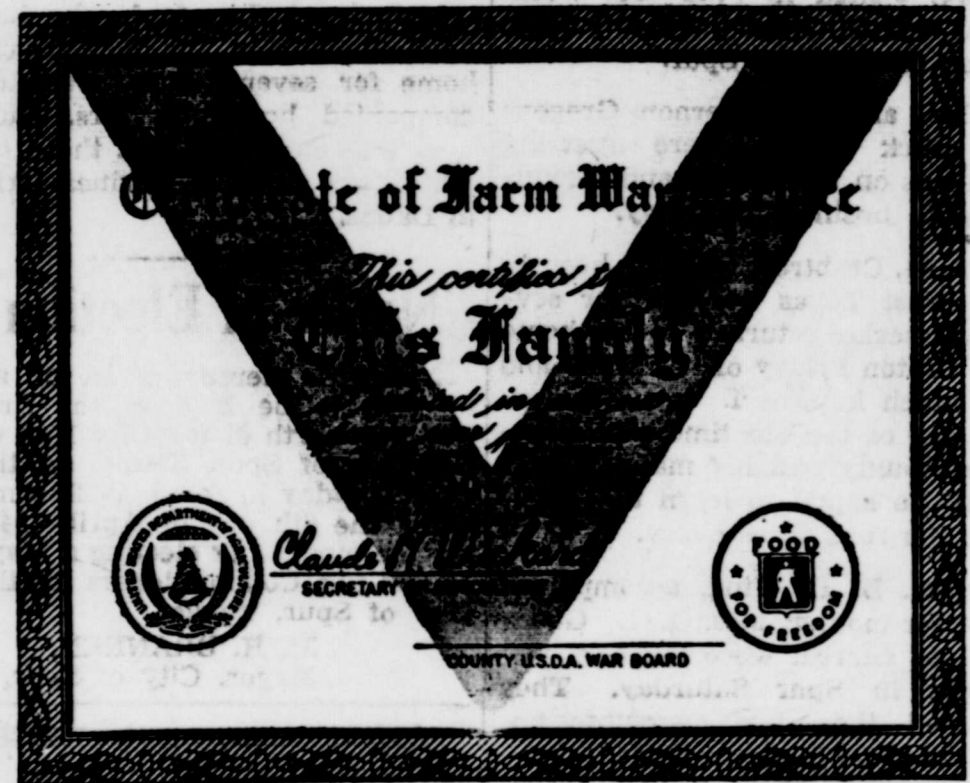
Where can she find a more desirable place than the WAAC organization?

## District Attorney



Richard F. Stovall of Floydada, court reporter of the 110th district court since 1935, and a member of the bar since 1938, who was appointed district attorney Saturday by Governor Coke Stevenson to fill the unexpired term of John A. Hamilton of Matador who has enticed military service. The district is composed of Motley, Dickens, Floyd and Briscoe counties.

## Farm Families Receive Award Certificates



Certificates of enlistment for all-out food production will be awarded Texas farm families who have enlisted in this year's Food for Freedom program.

The 11x14 inch certificate, pictured above, which has been signed by Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, will be presented to farm families by local county USDA war boards after the completion of the 1943 farm sign-up campaign.

The 1943 farm plan, which Texas farmers and ranchers now are filling out in all sections of the state, will be the basis for making the award. This drive, aimed at obtaining maximum production of food and feed from each farm and ranch is to be completed this month.

"It is a simple word of appreciation and encouragement to

the fighting units of the food front, the nation's farm families," B. F. Vance, chairman, Texas USDA war board, said in explaining the purpose of the certificate. He pointed out that for three years in a row farm operators and their families have broken all production records with emphasis on the war-needed crops and meats.

Although working under handicaps, such as shortages of labor, machinery and transportation, goals of many commodities have been set still higher for 1943 than they were during 1942.

"In spite of these handicaps, if the weather is generally favorable, I believe Texas farmers and ranchers will reach new goals and break production records once more," the chairman said.

## \$50,000,000 In Red Cross War Fund Already Subscribed

Never before and with so little effort has the War Fund campaign for the American Red Cross achieved such marvelous goals. Dickens county continues to receive daily through Captain Jack Christian, its chairman, and E. S. Lee, its treasurer, more donations. The record set smashed all previous records. Again any who so desire and who have not yet contributed, have the privilege of sending in donations.

A recent bulletin from the St. Louis headquarters of the Mid-Western area announces that under date of March 18, \$50,000,000 of the \$1125,000,000 for the nation has been secured. Hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers have made this splendid achievement possible. Walter S. Gifford, national chairman, writes "That leaves a long way to go but campaign workers everywhere are carrying on with enthusiasm and there is increasing understanding by everyone of the importance of the Red Cross in the war..."

Continued and sustained effort on the part of all campaign workers is essential and there must be no let-up in hard work and effort until we have met the complete success, both locally and nationally... The \$125,000,000 which we are seeking to obtain is the largest amount every asked for in any single campaign by the Red Cross or any other organization in this country. Its successful attainment in March—a month of income tax payments, to say nothing of continued purchases of War Savings Bonds—will be an achievement that our country can be proud of."

## VISITS DAUGHTERS IN FORT WORTH AND SAN ANTONIO

Mrs. W. T. Marshall accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Vesta Evans, on her recent move to Fort Worth, where another daughter, Mrs. Treva Warren joined them on a visit to San Antonio with another daughter and sister, Mrs. Winnie Barton.

While in San Antonio Mrs. Marshall and her daughters visited many places of interest including Duncan and Kelly Field, Camp Normoyle, Brackenridge Park, the Alamo, the Buck Horn bar, the Federal building and the post office.

Mrs. Marshall returned to her home here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Harker of Littlefield and Mrs. Joe Salem and little daughter, Betty Mae, were week end guests of Mrs. Betty Hyatt the past week.

## School Lunch Rooms To Operate With 7c Per Child Fed. Aid

Frank J. Riovian, area representative of FDA, met Miss Esther Sorensen, district supervisor of Homemaking, Miss Madge Stanford, deputy state superintendent, and representatives of each school in the county, to discuss plans for operating the lunch room on a Federal and state basis. The meeting was held in the office of the county school superintendent, O. L. Kelley, March 18.

The plan briefly, is to make each school board and local superintendent responsible for operating the room and upon agreement, the Federal government will pay 7c per child per day to each school operating on this plan.

Certain requirements as to what foods to be served must be met. But the administration of each room is entirely in local hands.

This project is for feeding all the boys and girls in every school in the county so that we will not have malnutrition to face during this generation.

Mrs. Dell Trawick, county superintendent of Cottle county, also attended the meeting. Others present were J. W. Adams, superintendent at Patton Springs; Miss Velma D. Speal, home ec teacher; C. C. Head, superintendent at Dickens; Miss Viola Archib. teacher.

Mrs. O. L. Kelley attended the meeting in the absence of Mr. Kelley who was in the hospital at the time.

## EMPLOYED IN AIRCRAFT PLANT IN FORT WORTH

Miss Lois Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holloway of Spur, was recently employed at the Consolidated Aircraft corporation in Fort Worth as an aircraft fabrication worker.

## REV. McKISSICK FILLS FIRST CHRISTIAN PULPIT

Rev. J. T. McKissick of Abilene filled the pulpit at the First Christian church Sunday at both morning and evening services. He was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ratliff.

## TO PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. John A. Winslow of Lubbock will preach at the Episcopal church Sunday, March 28, at 3:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Horace Hyatt and Patsy Jean, accompanied by Mrs. Betty Hyatt, made a trip to Shamrock to see baby Bradley and to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dempse Bull.



Cecil V. Conatser, son of Mrs. Wate White, route 2 Spur, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. His wife, Mrs. Katherine Conatser, resides at 110 1-2 Quincy street, Enid, Okla. Sgt. Conatser is a member of the 472nd Basic Flying Training squadron, stationed at the Enid Army Flying school.

Corp. B. B. Saxon, stationed at Las Vegas, New Mex., as supply clerk, spent the week end in Spur visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Saxon.

Corp. James Watring of West Virginia, stationed at Las Vegas, New Mex., specialist in air transport command, and Pvt. Tom Beeton of Cario, Ill., who is stationed at Las Vegas, New Mex., as electrical specialist, were guests of Corp. B. B. Saxon the past week in the Saxon home.

Pvt. J. C. Bilberry, stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bilberry, and other relatives of Spur. Pvt. Bilberry has been kept on the move. He was first stationed at Ft. Sill, and then transferred to Camp Grant, Ill., and has just recently been transferred to Camp Rucker. He returned to his station Wednesday.

A. C. K. (Fred) Kinney, stationed at San Diego, Calif., who is serving with the Marines, writes his wife that he is well and getting along fine.

Pvt. Jack Carnes of Sheppard Field visited his wife and friends in Spur last week end. He is a member of the Quartermaster corps.

Pvt. John Hazelwood Jr. of Sheppard Field visited his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hazelwood the past week end.

Staff Sgt. R. D. Harrell, stationed at Greenville in the Air Corps, is spending a 10-day furlough with his wife and parents here.

Pvt. Gerald Fincher of Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga., is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fincher of Girard.

Corp. Odell Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Owens, former residents of Spur, who is serving with the Marines somewhere in the Pacific, writes that he is getting along fine, but is more anxious to get back home than he was to get there.

Corp. Coy O. Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Powers of McAadoo, who serves in the anti-aircraft division, is stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Corp. Powers was one among the first boys to leave from Dickens county. He has been in the army two years.

Mrs. A. C. Hull has received word of the promotion of her brother, Lt. Col. Roy Ward, to the position of staff officer at Randolph Field.

Pvt. Ralph Sherrill of Lubbock spent the week end in Spur visiting his wife and friends.

daughter, Mrs. J. P. Fosteretao Staff Sgt. George Culberson, son of Mrs. Roscoe McCombs of Spur, who has been stationed at Camp White, Ore., has been transferred to Ft. Sill, Okla., where his wife and son are with him.

Pvt. W. A. Gillam of the Lubbock Flying school, visited his parents in Jayton and friends in Spur last week.

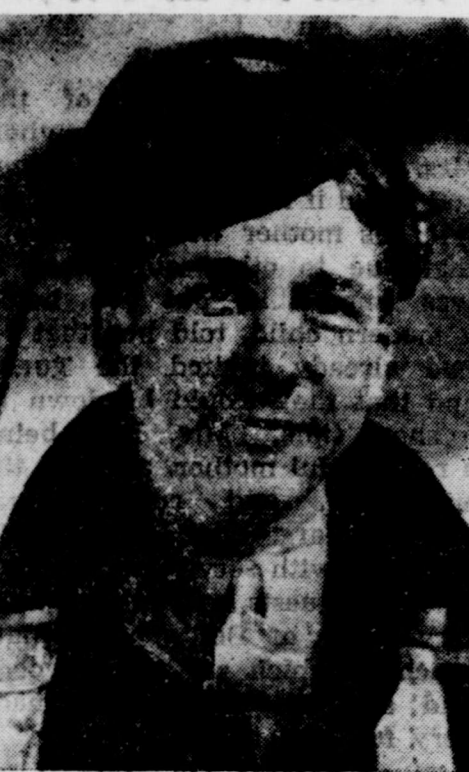
Sgt. McAlpine, nephew of Chester McAlpine of Spur, writes that he is on maneuvers in Wakama, Wash.

Mrs. G. Ledbetter was a guest in the Hyatt home the past week.

Mrs. Annie Worthington was a visitor to Mrs. Betty Hyatt this past week on her way to Post to visit relatives before returning to her home in Dickens.

Mrs. Ed Lisenby is visiting her daughter, Miss Mary Louise Lisenby, at Austin.

## Two Spur Boys Get Wings, Commissions



LT. MAX W. MCCLURE

Mrs. Ann McClure has been notified that her son, Max W. McClure has received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant on the morning of March 20, from the Foster Field Army Air school.

Lt. McClure is the youngest son of Mrs. McClure's and the late Oran R. McClure, who established the Texas Spur. Mr. and Mrs. McClure came to Spur while it was in the stage of development—referred to as a tent town. Lt. McClure was born and reared in Spur, where he has many genuine friends who are interested in his flying career. When Lt. McClure volunteered for service, he was editor and business manager of The Texas Spur.

He volunteered for service in the Air Corps, was accepted at Lubbock, and arrived at Sheppard Field Jan. 20, 1942, where he remained until the following July awaiting orders. He was then transferred to San Antonio where he entered pre-flight school. From this primary training he was sent to Spartan Field, Tulsa, Okla. for his basic training; then to Terrell Field, Sherman.

While at Sherman Lt. McClure was referred to by his friends as Hot Pilot McClure, and here won much praise from his instructors on his perfect co-ordination. As one instructor expressed it, McClure has the "feel of flying."

From Sherman Lt. McClure was sent to Foster Field for his advanced training, and here he received his wings and commission. He left Foster Field on the afternoon following his graduation and his destination has not been announced at this time. Congratulations from The Texas Spur to Lt. McClure.

## Burns From Oil Stove Explosion Fatal To Mrs. Ray Stoneman

Mrs. Ray Stoneman, wife of Ray Stoneman of the Lower Red Mud community, died Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock from burns received when an oil stove exploded at their farm home.

Mrs. Stoneman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuqua of Spur and had lived here all her life. She is survived by a large circle of friends to mourn her passing.

Funeral services were conducted by C. V. Allen at the Red Top school house at Lower Red Mud Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Chandler Funeral home was in charge of arrangements. Pall bearers were Tom McArthur Sr., Ab Fry, Gene Fry, Milton Smith, L. M. Moore and Forrest Harrell.

Interment was in Red Mud cemetery. Survivors are her husband, Ray Stoneman, and six sons, Chas. Edward, Kenneth Ray, Aubrey Cleo, Alvis Lenoy, Lester Wendell and Delevan Arlu, and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fuqua of Spur; one sister, Mrs. Lois Irene Howell, and her grandmother.

Mrs. Stoneman was alone with her baby, sitting before the fire with the child in her arms when without warning, the explosion occurred. She threw the baby out of the window and then crowded out herself as her exit was cut off from the doorway by the flames. After she had put out the child's clothing and her own, with the child in her arms she walked and carried it to the field where her husband was working.



LT. ANDY HURST JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hurst Sr., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hurst, and Emily Cowan of Lubbock, drove to Altus, Okla. Friday afternoon to be present at the graduation exercises of Lt. Andy Hurst Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hurst of Spur.

Andy volunteered Dec. 15, 1941 and was sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas, then to Sheppard Field, where he received his basic training. From Sheppard Field he was sent to Kelly Field, and later to Ballinger, Flying school, and from Ballinger he was sent to Brady. Then to the Altus school for his advanced training.

At 9 o'clock Saturday morning, March 20, in the Post theatre on a flag-draped stage the exercises were held. Lt. Col. Nichols T. Perkins made the graduating address. The diplomas were presented to the graduates by Lt. Col. John M. Price. Miss Emily Cowan of Lubbock pinned the bars on Lt. Hurst. To his mother was bestowed the honor of pinning on the coveted Wings, earned by hard work and earnest application.

In the Lt. Colonel's address, he praised the fine spirit of the class, stressed the fact that it was the first class to graduate from Altus Advanced School of Flying; said it was one of the most perfect groups to complete the required training in the state of Texas in the last six months—70 hours being the required number—while this class have to their credit 77 hours and 45 minutes.

Out of this group 44 were sent to Randolph Field where they will enter as instructors school.

Relatives and friends present for this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hurst, parents of Lt. Hurst, Rev. Lance and wife of Dallas, L. J. Hurst and wife of Lubbock, (Lance and L. J. Hurst are brothers of Lt. Hurst), one aunt, Mrs. Bill Bud, and Hurst's 77 year-old grandfather of Vernon, and Miss Emily Cowan, a friend from Lubbock.

On Friday evening a dance was given for the graduating class in the Armory building.

As the wives, mothers and sweethearts entered the room, a beautiful corsage was presented to each, with the compliments of the Altus Advanced School of Flying.

## Rotarians To Hear Outstanding Speaker Next Wednesday

The regular Thursday luncheon of the Spur Rotary club next week will be moved up a day—to Wednesday, March 31—in order to hear Dr. Willis A. Sutton, one of the outstanding educators of the nation and superintendent of the Atlanta, Ga. schools who will be guest speaker on this date. All Rotarians are urged to be present and hear Dr. Sutton's talk.

Three speakers will be heard at today's luncheon. W. T. Andrews will talk on the Victory Loan drive, O. B. Ratliff on Series E Bonds, and M. C. Golding on the 10 Per Cent Plan.

Rotarian Ed McLaughlin of Ralls was a guest of the club last Thursday when he made an interesting talk on the Fellowship and Friendship of Rotary. Mr. McLaughlin, one of the district's outstanding Rotarians, is an ex-district governor, and at one time was a member of the seven-man board of directors of Rotary International.

Arthur Swanner of near Spur was a business visitor here Saturday.

## Dr. Willis Sutton, Outstanding School Man, To Speak Here

The people of this section have an unusual opportunity coming up March 31 when Dr. Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of Atlanta, Ga. public schools, will speak to all who are interested in schools at the Spur high school auditorium at 3 p. m. O. C. Thomas, school superintendent, announced this week. Dr. Sutton is brought to Spur by the West Texas Teachers association of which Thomas is president. On this occasion Spur will be host to teachers and patrons from Crosby, Motley, Cottle, King, Kent and Stonewall counties.

Superintendent Thomas appeals to the people to take time from their work to hear Dr. Sutton who is one of America's foremost educators and speakers.

This same program will be given at Odessa, Big Spring, Lamesa, Brownfield, Lubbock, Littlefield and Plainview.

## Saturday, April 3 Set For School Trustee Election

The Spur Independent school district will hold a trustee election Saturday, April 3, in the office formerly occupied by the county home demonstration agent, at the rear of the Fair Store, for the purpose of electing two trustees. The terms of Robert Lewis and A. M. Walker expire on this date. Each of these gentlemen have agreed to allow their names to come up for reelection.

G. L. Delisle will serve as judge, and Mrs. J. M. Foster and Mrs. Hattie Turvan will serve as clerks at the election.

The law provides that any person desiring to have his name on the official ballot as a candidate for the office of trustee, shall have this request signed by five resident, qualified voters, or have his written request filed with the county judge ten days before election date. All requests for names to be printed on the official ballot must be duly presented to H. P. Gibson, tax assessor and collector, not later than April 1.

## Wade Gilbert Makes Excellent Record

Wade Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, has made one of the most outstanding scholastic records ever made by Freshmen at Texas Technological college this past semester. Wade took eight courses and made six "A's" and two "B's," making a total of 19 semester hours of credit. His course includes chemistry, algebra, drawing, band, and orientation.

President Clifford Jones congratulated Wade very highly for this unusual achievement.

Wade graduated from Spur high school last May.

## She's TOPS



Miss Idalee Golding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding of Spur, was commissioned a Provisional Officer in the TOPS at Ward-Belmont school, Nashville, Tenn., Friday morning, March 19. TOPS—Training Offered for Patriotic Service—is a semi-military organization under the direction of the Physical Education department at Ward-Belmont. Miss Golding was one of four girls commissioned a Provisional Officer in TOPS.

Buy WAR BONDS and STAMPS

## Social Happenings

### BLUE BONNET CLUB MEETS IN SOCIAL HOUR THURSDAY

Mrs. J. M. Foster and Mrs. E. C. McGee were co-hostesses to the Blue Bonnet Social club Thursday night, March 18, when they entertained members and their husbands with several games of "42."

Following the game hour the hostesses passed a refreshment plate of ice cream and angel food cake.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCulley, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. John King, Mmes. Emma Lee, W. R. Weaver and Kate Morris.

### FLOWER BEDS TO FOOD BEDS TO HELP TO EQUALLY DISTRIBUTE FOOD

"Victory Gardens" will solve all your point rationing problems of food buying, says Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs, county home demonstration agent. Every family can help in the equal distribution of all processed foods by turning those flower beds into food beds. All members of the family can have a share in helping to "win the war and win the peace" by helping to cultivate the family garden.

Families which have always planted gardens should enlarge the space and plant enough to can foods for the coming year. Our food problems will be multiplied in the year to come and Mr. John Doe and family can smile through these problems when they have that very necessary

"Victory Garden." Guides for planning and planting your garden may be secured from your county home demonstration agent.

Frame gardens will supply a generous amount of fresh vegetables for home use through all kinds of weather. These gardens are easily constructed and prove most successful for this section where there is insufficient rainfall. This method of subirrigation prevents deterioration of the soil and produces an abundance of vegetables.

### HOBART LEWIS ENTERTAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Hobart Lewis was host to his Sunday school class last week with a party at the Lewis farm where they cooked their supper out on the creek and played out-door games until a late hour.

Those present for this treat were Jimmie Koon, Chas. Lewis, Billie Yarbrough, Neal A. Chastain, Virgil Bert Elliott, Kenneth Hairgrove and the host, Mr. Lewis.

### MRS. RAY F. PENN HOSTESS 1931 STUDY CLUB

The members of the 1931 Study club met in the home of Mrs. Ray F. Penn and enjoyed an interesting program on American Citizenship. O. C. Thomas presented a brief sketch of Dr. S. J. Turner, a speaker who will be in Spur in the near future. He urged all members to hear him.

Mrs. Winston Brummett read the Preamble to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Mrs. Geo. Glover gave the history and meaning of the "Star Spangled Banner," and Mrs. C. N. Turner gave a report on "Our Fortunate Children."

Miss Virginia Penn assisted Mrs. Penn in serving refreshments to the following members: Mmes. Bynum Britton, Winston Brummett, Jerry Ensey, Harold Karr, George Glover, Hobart Lewis, Robert Simmons, Carl Proctor, C. N. Turner, Horace Woods, Mack Woodrum, Spencer Campbell, Ray Karr and George

### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY LAST WEEK FOR JOE BELL

Joe Neal Bell had a surprise birthday party last week on his 8th birthday, March 17.

The surprise feature of the birthday came to Joe's mother, Mrs. Bell. Joe called his mother and asked if he might have a party. His mother tried to explain that due to other obligations it was impossible, but Joe being a modern child, told her that he had already invited the guests and that they would be down in a short time. Mrs. Bell, being a resourceful mother, arose to the emergency, and rushing out, bought a large birthday cake laid the table with service for six and when the guests arrived they were served six of Bell's best plate lunches (which are plenty good) and six little boys were made very full and happy.

Those present for this treat were Marvin Barrett, Franklin Gabriel, Pat Applegate, Paul Simmons, Walton Walker, and the host, Joe Neal Bell.

### W.S.C.S. MEETS MONDAY

The W.S.C.S. met in regular session Monday afternoon, March 22, in the Roundup with Mrs. J. M. Foster presiding after a short business session. Mrs. H. L. Thurston gave the scripture reading, Mrs. J. A. Koon discussed the second chapter of the book on Stewardship, "Will a Man Rob God." Those present were Mmes. J. M. Foster, J. C. Payne, J. R. Lane, Lester Ericson, J. J. Ensey, W. F. Gilbert, H. L. Thurston, and J. A. Koon.

### HONOR CONFERRED UPON MRS. S. L. BENEFIELD

The Home Demonstration clubs of Dickens county were honored by the president of District 3 of the Texas Home Demonstration association when she asked Mrs. S. L. Benefield of the Espuela Home Demonstration club to make the response to the welcoming address when the Texas Home Demonstration association meets in April.

The Texas Home Demonstration association will meet in Wichita Falls, April 8. Each county in District 3 will be represented by the three delegates elected by the councils of each county.

This recognition given to Mrs. Benefield is appreciated by all the Home Demonstration club members of Dickens county.

have a host of friends in Spur who regret to see them leave, and hope to have them back as permanent resident after the war.

## Personal

W. O. Formby of Spur received word Friday morning from his son, Leon Formby, who lives at Long Beach, Calif., that A. W. Formby, 75, of Los Angeles, had passed away Thursday morning, March 18. Death was due to paralysis stroke. He had been in ill health for several years. Funeral services were held in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shearer of Henrietta, Mr. and Mrs. George Shearer and daughter, and Mrs. Bill Robbins of Denison, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ball of Spur. After a nice visit in the Ball home, they all motored to Lubbock to attend the graduation exercises at the Lubbock Flying school where 2nd Lt. Dale Shearer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shearer, received his wings. George and Herbert Shearer are brothers of Mrs. Ball.

Mrs. R. G. Beetle and Miss Marie Bilberry, bride-elect of Pvt. L. D. Beetle, left last week for Alexandria, La., where Miss Bilberry and Pvt. Beetle were united in marriage. Mrs. Beetle will remain for an extended visit with her husband.

John Edwards of Dickens, who is seriously ill of pneumonia, was taken to Lubbock hospital Sunday by the Chandler Funeral home ambulance, where he will remain for further treatment.

Mrs. Fred Kinney accompanied Mrs. Ed Williams and small son Donny, to Lubbock Monday where the child was placed in the Lubbock hospital for treatment of a serious stomach disorder.

Mrs. M. Wilson left Wednesday of last week for Lamesa, where she will visit her brother, E. J. Bean, and niece, Mrs. Everett Keen of Lovington, New Mex.

Mrs. C. R. Hurrence of Lubbock visited her daughter, Mrs. Truman Green of Spur, last Saturday.

Kye Bird of Clifton, Ariz., who is employed in the copper mines there, is spending a 15-day vacation with his parents of Spur.

Mrs. K. D. Adams returned to her home in Seagraves after several days stay in Spur. She is manager of the Wacker store there.

Mrs. Dick Speer and daughter, Marion, left Sunday for Alexandria, La. to be with her husband, Lt. Dick Speer, who is stationed there. Mrs. Speer and Marion Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee visited their daughter, Winifred, at Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Smith and family, former residents of Spur, have recently moved to Texas, to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Truet Hutto and baby of Lubbock visited Mrs. Hutto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bell here last week.

Jack Gipson of Dickens was greeting friends and transacting business here Saturday.

Mrs. David McAtee, north of Spur, was shopping with local merchants Saturday.

Miss Bonnie Campbell of Texas Tech, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell of Spur last Sunday.

Mmes. George Williams, Wilmer Rutledge and daughter of Childress, were week end guests of Mrs. Jerry Willard.

Mrs. Speck Lunsford of Olney was a week end guest of Mrs. A. C. Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor of the Wichita community were trading in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg of Croton were business visitors in Spur Saturday.

S. L. Benefield of Espuela was in Spur Saturday trading with Spur merchants.

Mrs. E. J. Lassiter of Foreman's Chapel, was greeting friends and trading with the local merchants Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aston of Espuela were in Spur last Tuesday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scroggins of Croton were trading in Spur Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Scroggins are the kind of people that keep the wheels rolling. This year they have already purchased 300 baby chicks and will get that many more. They will have early fryers on the market and have an egg production that brings in a nice profit nine months of the year.

Mrs. Ivison Yeates reports that the ladies of Afton will soon be in need of more yarn for Red Cross knitters as the last two garments will soon be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forbis of Afton were business visitors in

Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raul English and children were visiting relatives in Haskell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. Robinson left Monday morning accompanied by Mrs. Buster Roberson, on a business trip to Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Braddock of Afton were in Dallas this week on business.

Mr. Ab Bingham of Bluit, New Mex. visited in Spur last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham were former residents of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gregory of Duck Creek were greeting friends on the streets and attending to business Saturday.

L. G. Crabtree, who has been ill in West Texas hospital for several weeks, returned to his home in Croton Friday of last week and is much improved. Mr. Crabtree is one of the old timers in Dickens county and his many friends will be happy to learn that he is on the road to recovery.

Mrs. B. H. King, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. G. B. Goodall of Girard, were business visitors in Spur Saturday. They stated they had oversubscribed their quota to the Red Cross drive. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Porter of the Croton community made a trip to Jones county last week where they visited Mrs. Wert Womack.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cheney of Jayton were business visitors in Spur last Saturday.

Mrs. F. B. Crockett of the Espuela community was greeting friends and trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Goodall of Girard were trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

Johnnie Koonsman was among those from Dickens greeting friends and transacting business here last Saturday.

Mrs. Rudolph Page of Girard was shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hale of Afton were in Spur Saturday greeting friends and attending to business affairs.

Mrs. E. D. White of San Diego, Calif., who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Carcol of Spur, will return to her home this week.

Mrs. John O. Gilbert of Abilene spent the past week end here in

the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Johnson.

Mrs. G. B. Erath of Steel Hill was shopping in Spur last Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Lewis of Girard was greeting friends and shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. David Sisto of Dallas is spending a ten-day visit with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Clemmons of Spur, and sister, Mrs. Cap McNeill.

Mrs. Speck Lunsford, who has been a guest in the A. C. Hull home for several days, was accompanied home by Mrs. Hull who will meet Mr. Hull there on his return from a business trip to Dallas.

### Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given of an election to be held at the first building north of the City Hall of the City of Spur, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, 1943, same being the 6th day of April, 1943, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners for the City of Spur, Texas.

M. H. BRANNEN, Mayor, City of Spur.

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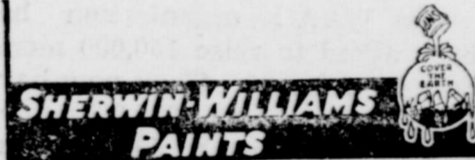


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Juniors To Present Play In High School Gym Friday Night

The Junior play, "Don't Keep Him Waiting," a 3-act comedy by Anne Coulter Martins, is to be presented tomorrow night (Friday, March 26- in the Spur high school gym, at 8:30.

Summary of the play: Perhaps there have been more hilarious moments in the theatre than the laugher-climax in which Betty's kid brother and his friends mistake her prospective employer for a would-be sitter for a photograph, and maul him about, and almost scare him into fits with their talk of "shooting" him from this angle or that. But we doubt if the students at Spur high school would admit it. For in their premiere presentation of this play, this scene "stopped the show."

Yet there were plenty of other scenes to come close to it in the number and length of laughs. For much happens in the Ramble family when Betty, the 20-year-old sister who has been their mainstay, loses her job. Dave urges Betty to marry him, and leave for South America, where his new job is taking him. But Betty won't run out on her family, and before long she has a fight with Dave, and breaks off their engagement. Then Betty begins to get a new slant on her family.

They have all bought birthday presents for her and they have all charged them to her account! Also, Toodles wants a new scooter, Jeff wants an expensive new camera, and Aunt Selina wants some new clothes . . . which she charges to them! The Rambles hardly know what to do when they see Betty looking very chic in new clothes, and behaving as frivolously as the rest of them. In a photographic contest, Jeff is offered an award which does not rightfully belong to him, and he accepts it. Betty and even loyal Jinny, who adores Jeff, turn from him, and when Jeff later tries to tell them that he has refused the award, none of them will look at the news item that proves his honesty. When Jinny and Betty discover what Jeff has done, they try to find him to apologize, but Jeff is gone, and they fear he may have run away. To add to Betty's perturbation, blonde Sally Lou, who has been flirting with Jeff, now sets her cap for Dave, and it looks as if Dave is falling for her.

But the complications all clear up for a finale that combines laughter and excitement in a way to captivate everyone. The cast is fine—Pretty Betty, handsome Dave, teen-age Jeff and Jinny; Toodles, who goes about munching bananas in the hope they'll make her slim enough to captivate the drawing, indifferent Chester; impractical Dad; superstitious Aunt Selina; the pair of charmers, Sally Lou and the giggling Minerva; and the fussy Mr. Atkins, who thinks he's going to be "shot." A gorgeous comedy full of fun, frivolity, and excitement.

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Future Sergeants and Corporals Being Made of Physical Ed. Studies

Under the direction of "Sgt." King, capably assisted by "Cpls." Hahn and Brashear, some of Uncle Sam's future soldiers are getting ready.

Fifteen boys in a physical education class are going through the paces that should help prepare them for the armed forces. Half the period is spent in continuous military exercises while the remaining time is devoted to military drills.

The boys seem to like it and they are getting something that will really help them when they join the armed forces. Mr. King states that they are accomplishing more than he had expected. He is working on a program that would give every high school boy 15 years old or over an opportunity to take these drills.

JOKES

Marie Whitwell was asked to parse the word "kiss," and this was her reply: The word is a noun, but it is usually used as a conjunction. It is never declined and is more common than proper. It is not very very singular, in that it is generally used in the plural. It agrees with me.

"I don't want any callers this afternoon," said Mr. Followill to Zona Hinson. "If they say their business is important, just tell them that's what they all say." That afternoon a lady called and insisted upon seeing him. "I am his wife," she exclaimed! "That's what they all say," said Zona.

Mr. Owens: "How did you list the money that fortune teller got from you?" Rose Petty: "I entered it under the heading of 'Prophet and Lost'."

Royal Russell: "Professor Brannen, did you ever hear a rabbit bark?" Mrs. Brannen: "Rabbits do not bark."

Royal: "This biology book is wrong then. It says that rabbits eat cabbage and bark."

Mr. King: Called Mrs. McNeill. "Here, Mrs. McNeill, look at this letter. I can't make out whether it's from my tailor or my lawyer. They are both named Smith."

This is what Mrs. McNeill read: "I have begun your suit. It will be ready to be tried on Thursday."

Lane Ericson: "Our geography teacher asked us today what made the world go around." Father: "And what did you answer?"

Son: "I told her that I couldn't name quite all the brands but that you had a whole cabinet full of stuff at home."

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"But I had to. She died."

Landlady: "I think you had better board elsewhere."

Boarder: "Yes, several times." Landlady: "Several time what?" Boarder: "Had better board elsewhere."

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BE SURE AND SEE THE JUNIOR PLAY, "DON'T KEEP HIM WAITING," AT HIGH SCHOOL GYM FRIDAY, MARCH 26th

Advice To the Lovelorn

Dear Sisters: I am a very handsome and brilliant fellow, but awfully bashful. I long for some nice girl to smile at me, but when she does I feel my face get red, my tongue get bit, and my feet spread out. I can't even answer, so the think: I am not very bright and she goes hopelessly away. What can I do to cure this terrible thing that comes over me? Bashful Bumpkin. My Dear Boy: Somebody must be leading you astray. Did you ever see a bashful and good looking boy that all the girls in SHS didn't fall for? In fact, during these times you don't have to be good looking. If the girls turn away it is simply because they are bashful, not you. You ought to be the He-man type and drag 'em off by the hair of the head. Yours, Abigail and Phoebe.

Dear Abigail and Phoebe:

I am a Jr. girl and you won't find many more girls better looking than I. I have been going with a certain boy since I started to high school and intend to marry him some day. He is dark haired and plays football. The only thing is a certain little Freshman girl has started keeping her eye on him. I can't talk to him in the hall without her butting in. Should I beat her up or just let her have him? Jealous. Dear Abigail and Phoebe: Our advice to you is to use the famous one-two on this unwanted creature. If this fails, try arsenic in her beer. The Sisters.

Dear Abigail and Phoebe:

Gee, this is the first time I have ever written to any kind of lovelorn column. But this is the first time I have ever had a problem like this. I am a Soph. and not so bad looking considering. I have been crazy about a certain senior since school started this year. To me he is the cutest boy that ever breathed. The only thing the matter with him that he doesn't seem to like girls. Could you tell me what I could do to make him realize that I am the girl for him? A Heartbroken One.

Dear Heartbroken:

Why don't you pull the old sprained ankle gag? You know how it works. You see him coming and quite suddenly sprain your poor little old ankle. He gathers you up in his arms and carries you home. It ought to be easy from there! The Sisters.

Dear Abigail and Phoebe:

I am a freshman. I have been going with a freshman girl for the past nine months and we were madly in love. We even became engaged to marry, but last week she suddenly pops up and starts going with another boy. She has gone with him seven times in the last week, and she won't even look at me anymore. Do you think I should break our engagement? A Fish in Trouble.

Dear Fish in Trouble:

Of course your girl friends could be trying to make you jealous, but personally we never heard of a girl going with a boy seven times in one week just to make another boy jealous. After reviewing the facts we sort of believe she is trying to give you the old brush off—but definitely. Why don't you drown her out of your malted milk, and thetaohrdeta thoughts by getting drunk on malted milk, and then start going with another girl? The Sisters.

IT ISN'T ANY TROUBLE TO S-M-I-L-E

The following song is not our hit of the week, although it probably should be. Of late, the theme of this song has been practiced around school with great enthusiasm. It isn't any trouble to S-m-i-l-e. Oh, it isn't any trouble just to S-m-i-l-e. If you smile when you're in trouble It will vanish like a bubble, If you will only take the trouble just to S-m-i-l-e.

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Scandal Section

This is your new friend "The Buzzard." Remember, I sweep down on you when you least expect it. I was a very close friend of "El Diablo," so you see I am fairly well informed about matters.

It looks like the Junior play has cut out a lot of "courtin'" or maybe it is just keeping them up later at night. How about that, Lou Emma and Pat?

Well, it seems as though the fight for Leon Hale is over, and we are happy to announce Zona Hinson—the winner.

I guess Roy Ball won't be keeping the road hot out in the west part of town any mure since Marion moved; we wonder who'll be the next lucky girl.

Jerie Crondron and Billy Joe McMahon, along with J. E. Bachman and Nelda Hindman seem to be getting off to a good start.

We wonder what Bob Weaver's opinion will be of the company Melba Lewis is keeping lately.

What is this about Billy Ady beating Leonard Wilson's time—how about that Leonard? How is everything down Girard way A. B?

Marvin Blair and Winona Pace seem to be affected by the gasoline rationing.

Gwen Adams' old flames seem to have returned this week and there seems to be quite a mix-up.

The love bug seems to be doing all right with the Arthur and William case.

What has happened to the Hogan and Allredge case? Could uniforms have anything to do with it? But Betty Jean, don't be too sure of yourself; that Bob Fletcher has been receiving quite a lot of attention from quite a few around town.

"Wolf Man" Ward hasn't lost any sleep over Autrey Nell. He has decided to play the "Freshman" field. Isn't that right Forrestine, Patsy, Elise, Jean, etc?

Age doesn't seem to mean a thing to Patsy Arrington. When she gets tired of Billie D. Starcher she adds Eldon Williams and Hayden Moore to her collection of males.

From all points of view, conditions look favorable for a romance between Dorris Taylor and Warren B. Cooner.

"Lucky Strike" Wilson seems to have more than one nickname. I've just found out that he is called E.B.—"Bouncing Boy" Wilson. Isn't that just too, too sweet, Evelyn?

Ann Thurston got a long distance phone call from a certain boy in California. Could a Ball boy have anything to do with it?

I wonder if the story that blondes are fickle is really true. At any rate, Cecilia Fox has changed boyfriends again. It's Bobby Grise this time.

If you haven't noticed the interest that Betty Weaver has taken in Marvin Blair lately, you're one in a million that hasn't.

Gwen Adams has been quite a lot of fun lately. I wonder if Billy Carlisle could have anything to do with it.

While practicing on an assembly program the other day, Betty Barnett kept moving around until she was sitting by a certain bass player. Wonder what interest she had over there.

Boys and Girls To Have Full Time Athletic Program

While the girls are playing volleyball in the gym, the boys are going to play baseball and touch football. When the girls finish their volley ball tournament, the boys are going to play basket ball and the girls are to play baseball. In this way a full time athletic program for both boys and girls can be in full swing all of the time.

The boys have been broken up into eight teams. While two teams are playing baseball, two other teams will be playing football.

The teams are as follows: C. E. Byrd, Capt.; Keith Garner, Leonard Wilson, Harold Casey, Troy Boothe, Anderson Young, L. D. Johnson, Thurmond Moore, Kenneth Carlisle, Billy McMahon, Doyle Aiken, Robert Ward.

Elmer Gannon, Capt.; George Walker, Joe Thornton, Junior Fry, Billy Joe Calvert, Preston Smith, Billy Joe Crafton, Cleston Pritchett, Lyndon Marchbanks, Van Phelps, Ned Blackwell.

Orville Robinson, Capt.; Calvin Holloway, Donald Delisle, Carl Grantham, Wendell Parker, Lowell McDaniel, Pete Adcock, David Hull, Ted Smith, Charlie Robinson.

Elmer Gannon, Capt.; Calvin Simmons, J. D. Elkins, Pike Dobbins, Mr Followill, Dale Fry, Lester Young, Zane Freeman, Sammy Graves, Billy Moore, Pat Cope land.

Roy Lee, Capt.; Jimmie Draper, William Randall, Dewie Lee Watson, Richard Elkins, Charlie Kimmel, Billy D. Starcher, Alton Delisle, Rex Taylor, Henry Gruben, Herbert Young.

Alfred Walker, Capt.; Wilburn Brashear, Jackie Paul Draper, Robert Hahn, Marvin Blair, Leon Hale, Billy S. Smith, Tommy Towles, Royal Russell, Sam Orland, Calvin Hull, Wendell George.

A. B. Carlisle, Capt.; Lane Ericson, Alex Fry, Mr. Morris, Wilburn Ball, Warren Cooner, Johnny Rucker, Winford Morrow, Max Yarbrough, Hardy Dement, Sherian Campbell.

Raleigh Adcock, Capt.; Tomny Burger, Jimmie Vernon, Pete Dollins, Glenn McDaniel, Filly T. Smith, Billy Hale, Pat Christal, Mr. Owens, Virgil Rogers, J. E. Bachman, Frank McNeill.

West Texas Teachers Convention To Be Taken To Teachers

It is at this time of year that the West Texas Teachers association holds its annual spring convention. This year, because of the difficulties of traveling to one meeting place from 28 counties, the convention is being brought directly to the teachers.

Mr. Thomas, president of District 4, will accompany the speakers to eight different cities over the district. Spur will be the host city on March 31, at 3 p. m.

Mr. Thomas extends a cordial invitation to all the people of our community who are interested in the welfare of the schools to be present at the high school auditorium at the time to enjoy the program. The main speaker will be Dr. Willis A. Sutton, a distinguished orator and school man, and superintendent of the Atlanta, Ga. public schools. Charles A. Tennyson, director of Public Relations for the Texas State Teachers association, will also speak. The Spur band will play for the meeting.

The school buses will run at noon on March 31, and school will be dismissed for the afternoon, so that the teachers will be relieved of their pupil responsibility to attend the convention.

It is hoped that a great many of the high school pupils will wish to take advantage of this opportunity to hear Dr. Sutton.

Freshman News

The Freshman Kid circus opened for one night Friday the 19th from 7:30 to 10. Room parents who were present for the opening night were Mr. and Mrs. Dyess and the Freshman sponsors.

Foot races were run, and the games played were London bridge and baseball. A contest was held to decide which girl was the typical brat and which boy was the

Spur High Girls Organize 4-H Club March 18th

Some of the girls of Spur high school met with Mrs. Marrs, our home demonstration agent, and organized a 4-H club March 18. This was the second meeting. We finished electing our officers. She told us the qualifications of all the officers.

The officers elected were: Elsie Frazier—President; Jackie Rector—vice president; Ila Ruth Draper—secretary; Virginia Crockett—reporter; Jo Ann Smith—program chairman.

Doris Rape—social chairman. Joyce Proctor—song leader. Mr. Collier, sponsor.

Hi School Students To Buy Jeep; To Get Service Certificate

The cost of Spur high school's Jeep—mind you, we said Spur high school's Jeep—is to be 900 dollars. The collection begins March 25 and ends April 19.

After buying the Jeep we will get a certificate on which will be inscribed: "For Service to the War Savings Program, through the successful completion of a school's at War Jeep Campaign. This Citation is Awarded to—"

Let's fill this blank in with Spur high school. To get this Jeep each student will have to buy approximately four dollars and ten cents worth of stamps. That ought to be easy! Come on, students, let's give Uncle Sam a Jeep from Spur school!

HONOR ROLL

The following are the honor rolls of the second semester, first six weeks of Spur high school: FRESHMEN — Jane Brannen, Autrey Nell Dyess, Thelma Gannon, Joyce Hagins.

SOPHOMORES—Eurena Hoover, Mary Louise Puckett, Jackie Rector, Orville Robinson, Johnnie Rollins.

JUNIORS — Betty Alldredge, Dorris Taylor.

SENIORS—Gwendolyn Adams, Beth Arthur, Betty Jo Barnett, Pat Christal, Evelyn Lewis, Winona Pace, Elizabeth Ramsay, Melva Jo Swaringen, Alfred Walker, Marie Whitwell.

Song Hit Of The Week

I'VE HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE It seems to me I've heard that song before. It comes from some familiar score. I know it well that melody. It's funny how a theme Recalls a favorite dream, A dream that brought you so close to me.

I know each word Because I've heard that song before, The lyric as forever more, Forever more's a memory, Please have them play it again, And I'll remember just when I've heard that lovely song before.

Buy War Bonds!

REPEAT AGAIN & AGAIN Vision for Victory The Better Vision Institute, comprised of the big manufacturing optical companies, are running reader advertisements in the Saturday Evening Post, Colliers, Life, American Weekly, and American Magazine, reaching 20,207,102 families. Many leaders contend that the present war will be won on the Industrial Front and America is conceded the arsenal of the world. Eye experts claim, if workers were deprived of the eye glasses, the resulting confusion would be worse than Pearl Harbor. They also stress the crucial need of better eyesight to speed war production and advise eye conservation to the general public. The Magazines mentioned above will print the "Eye Conservation" information throughout 1943. DR. BAKER'S 25 YEARS SERVICE TO LOCAL CITIZENS IS YOUR BEST GUARANTEE OF SATISFACTION. -SEE- DR. FRED R. BAKER OPTOMETRIST At Wilson Hotel Mon., March 29 Only. "SEE BAKER AND SEE BETTER"

Science Meeting Comes Off With Bang . . . Or Two!

The T.N.T. Science club held its third meeting Tuesday, March 16, at 8 p.m. Those present were Jane Brannen, Sammy Graves, Elizabeth Ramsay, Sherian Campbell, Roland Hairgrove, Jackie Rector, Henry Gruben, Pat Christal, Frank McNeill, Cleston Pritchett, Thurmond Moore, Billy Ady, Winford Morrow, Robert Ward, Calvin Hull, Lou Emma Shugart, and Mrs. Brannen.

The initiation of Calvin Hull and Lou Emma Shugart was first carried out. As no preparations had been made, this ceremony was not as gruesome as could have been hoped.

Several individual experiments designed to scare Hitler, were conducted. Several members were absent, but will probably be in evident next time. A few minor injuries were recorded, but most of those present had a good time, which is the object of the meeting. By the way, Sherian's blue eye really was the result of running into a door and not of physical violence. Frank McNeill, Reporter.

Homemaking News

With the help of the Junior class and the agriculture boys, the homemaking girls are covering the couch in the homemaking lab. The springs have been repaired by the boys. Dark green was the color chosen for the cover. It is a lovely shade and matches the woodwork and curtains in the living room of the homemaking lab.

The H. E. girls have been working on the days they have off from home nursing on some kit bags for the soldiers. This is sewing put out by the Red Cross chapter. In each bag the girl who made it is allowed to put her name and address.

So, boys, be careful or your homemaking girlfriend will be writing a soldier!

UNIVERSAL VERSE

Arcadia, land of my dreams, Where teachers ain't, it seems, No books, no schools, no crazy rules, And folks are all as dumb as fools, Arcadia, land of my dreams.

Oh, please heed my plea impassioned, Why can't lessons all be rationed?

Nostalgia is an ache quite painful, With results exceedingly baneful, People have it every day, But mostly so in algerbray.

Teachers are people, so I'm told, They have hearts—but fairly cold, They're sweet and gentle—if I'm a bard, I THINK they're people—but fairly hard.

By the Beardless Bard.

F. F. A. News

F.F.A. boys have been contributing to the war effort by building A-type farrowing houses. A total of four farrowing and one self-feeder has been completed during the last week. A boy only has to save two pigs from one litter to pay for one of these houses. Thus each pig saved will furnish more pork for our men in the service.

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## AND DICKENS ITEM

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## Who Is the Government?

This country is face to face with the question of who rules the destinies of the American people. Have we a government of the people by the people and for the people, or have we a government of powerful cliques, by groups and for vote control?

The United Mine Workers of America, through John L. Lewis, the president, has issued an ultimatum to induct into his union all supervisory officials of the nation's coal mines. There are some 60,000 of these men who occupy positions as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, tippie foremen, etc. They run the mines under the supervision of the mine management. The official announcement ordering these men to join the union by March 31, also orders them to pay \$10 initiation fee and \$18 a year dues.

If the United Mine Workers and its officers can take over the management of coal mines in this manner and, in effect, oust the owners and run the mines as they choose, the same thing will shortly happen to all industry. It is frightening to think of an organization so powerful that it can calmly tell 60,000 individuals to join that organization, pay a \$10 initiation fee and \$1.50 a month—\$1,680,000 the first year—or else. It is still more frightening to think that so far there is no government control sufficiently strong to protect an individual in his right to his job if he fails to join and pay dues as directed.

And this brings up the pertinent question—who is the government? What has become of the guarantee of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, in our country?

Apparently the first step to correct this iniquitous situation is for Congress to revise our laws and control the rights of powerful organizations to coerce men at will. It is no attack on the labor union movement to make it subservient to government and to protect the right of an individual in his job against coercion from whatever source.

## Restrictions

The American people do not naturally take kindly to restrictions. They like a free life. This is an inheritance from pioneer days, when there was little control over them.

The action of the people in starting the American Revolution might be said to have been due to unwillingness to live under British restrictions. The unfortunate War between the States might be said to have occurred because the North and South could not agree about the restrictions that should be placed on the things they wanted to do.

The development of women might be said to have been a long protest against restrictions imposed on them. They struggled for more than half a century to abolish the restrictions that excluded them from the right of suffrage. They have chafed under the restrictions that for many years held them out of occupations which they felt fitted to enter. They are glad now to work at many of these jobs, and feel a sense of freedom in the abolition of old restrictions. Perhaps the satisfaction which many of them find in wearing slacks and trousers comes from a feeling that a restriction against their free choice of clothing has been done away.

The American people overthrew national prohibition because a big part of them chafed under that restriction. A large part of the active life of America has been a protest against restrictions.

Yet to win a war, many restrictions are necessary. How will our people stand rules and regulations that work against their traditional habits of freedom. So far they are showing an excellent spirit in submitting to these restrictions. Many people evade them or try to, but the great majority realize that to win a war it is absolutely necessary to submit to restrictions. It would be mighty

foolish to lose the war, or miss the chance of final victory, because we cannot change our old habits enough to accept wartime restrictions.

## Start Saving

There is no longer any way of loading the tax bill "onto the other fellow." It is now in the lap of every family in the land. Taxes come ahead of all family bills. The American family will have to learn to economize as never before.

A single person with an income of \$100 a month will pay the Federal government approximately \$175 in 1943, and this does not include any state income tax, property tax or excise taxes. A single person earning \$15 a week, with no dependents, will pay some \$56 Federal taxes, not counting other taxes.

We will have to go without a lot of things hereafter to accumulate tax money. As we scrimp to meet our tax obligations, we will take increasing interest in seeing that city, county, state and Federal governments also economize; that frills and a furlow in government are eliminated for the duration, and for a long time thereafter.

Congress could ease the situation for the taxpayer by passage of the Ruml, pay-as-you-go tax collection plan.

## Win the War First

President Roosevelt, discussing the question of how far the United States government should now go as respects reorganization of the world after the war, said he believed the first thing to do is to win the war, and second, to work for general objectives.

There are very many people who want some organization formed quite soon to plan for reconstruction of the world, and prevention of future wars. The question of winning the war is so terribly absorbing, that the attention of the nation's leaders is necessarily concentrated mainly on that issue. Also the people need to be thinking all the time as to what they can do to help on and speed up victory.

The question of world reconstruction can not be left out of sight. People should form intelligent opinions about it. It is generally admitted that the United States will need to cooperate with the rest of the world for peace and restraint of aggression. While the thick of the fight is on, the people can hardly stop to think out the details of how to rule the world when the fight is over.

## Fighting the Submarines

High ranking United States, British, and Canadian officers have reached an agreement, after conferences at Washington, about how to beat the submarine menace. It is reported that naval construction in Germany now consists wholly or mostly of building and maintaining the U-boats. That is the one naval weapon with which the Nazis have been highly successful. These submarines constitute a terrible peril of our convoys carrying men and supplies to our overseas forces. It will take a long war to beat the Germans, unless these submarines are licked.

An abundance of speedy escort vessels, hitting submarines when they show a periscope above the water, should do the trick, and provide safe passage for our great overseas expeditions.

Why do dogs leave home and run away? Our psychology expert says probably because they have found the demand for bones around home greater than the supply.

The farmers need more help, but they would like to get fellows who can tell a turnip from a gladiola.

What is the best decoration to make a kitchen bright and cheerful? Ma says Daughter working cheerfully there would be the nicest decoration she can think of.

The bad boys on the next street are very fascinating to the kids, up to the time they begin distributing bloody noses and black eyes among their weaker visitors.

This is a hard world. If you have brains, people will say you talk too constantly and offer them advice too often. And if you haven't brains, they will say you annoy and bore them.

Now if point rationing could ration the number of points a tiresome speaker can make, some listeners would be relieved.

If Fido, Towser, and the rest of the neighborhood purps look kinder worried, they may be thinking of the perils under which they will live in case of a food shortage.

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
BY GEORGE S. BENSON  
President, Harding College  
Searcy, Arkansas

## MAN POWER

The gravest problem confronting the United States this spring is manpower. Food shortages, want, and even bread riots are forecast freely by persons in a position to have facts upon which to base their predictions. One thing is certain: if want overtakes the American people, if as a nation we suffer hunger, Hitler will be blamed for it but Hitler will be only an enthusiastic spectator. If famine comes we will bring it on ourselves.

Two million workmen have left the farms of America to enter war and war industry since the busy WPA days when men with sound bodies reclined on spade handles for a dole. Part of these two million available men were not needed on farms then. A surplus of man-power existed, even on some farms. The agricultural industry would be fortunate if half its departed men could be replaced. One million men would help a lot.

### Those Useless Jobs

Qualified observers insist that there are a million or more people in America holding useless government jobs. Is that not an ironical paradox? Farms that have fed the people of the United States for 150 years need a million workers while a million bureaucrats are doing needless things and prudent men with long faces and slender slide rules mutter about privations before the war is won. If our people hunger it will be for the same reason that people have hungered before; because of unwillingness to do each his own fair share of work.

On my desk is a copy of a little publication issued by a California ship building company for its 30,000 employees. Right on front page an article tells about men staying away from work on account of the weather. California weather keeps them indoors. Think of that! On some days in some departments, absentees outnumber the men on the job. Wonder what could be the matter?

### It's Anybody's Guess

Having no positive knowledge, I can only speculate. But it seems reasonably certain that when half the men on some job are absent at once (a job where average absenteeism approximates 14 percent) they feel they can afford to lose time. Surely they are not in need of money. Perhaps they are earning so much that they have to "lay off" one day a week to spend it. Then, too, there is the possibility that they have such a riotous time about one night a week that they can't work the next day.

Whatever the cause may be, something ought to be done about it. "Work or Fight," as a government policy, probably wouldn't touch many such men; they would have some immunity from military service. But if they can work in a shipyard they can work anywhere, and the Army still has labor battalions. It is my opinion that any man, able to build ships with which Uncle Sam could win this war, who falls four days a month to be on the job building ships, ought to be put on a back-private's pay, under military rule for the duration, and used for hard, distasteful work. Why not sent to war? Because such a man should not be allowed to wear a soldier's uniform.

### Man-Power Exists

There is plenty of man-power in the United States if it were willing to exert itself. These ideas may not constitute a complete solution, but I suggest the following remedies for shortage of man-power:

- (1) For absenteeism, a court-martial sentence to hard work at low pay.
- (2) For bureaucratic idleness, the arbitrary reduction of government personnel by one-third.
- (3) Then if farm labor shortage still exists, there are other measures. The "Dallas Plan," lending volunteer labor from city to farm at peak seasons, discussed in this department last week, would go a long way toward spanning the gap.

## JUST HUMANS

By GEORGE CARR



"He Got All That Bologna Out of a Book!"

bill because it abolishes the right of a man to select or quit a job of his own accord, and the right of an employer to hire or fire at his own discretion.

According to Under-Secretary of War Patterson, American aircraft plants produced approximately 5,500 planes (65 per cent of the combat type) during February. Other production figures stated that this legislation is necessary. Other production figures stated that this legislation is necessary. Other production figures stated that this legislation is necessary.

Representative W. M. Colmer of Mississippi told the House of Representatives that before another year has passed America's war costs will have reached 213 billion dollars, compared with 88 billion dollars for the British Empire. The 100 billion the United States will spend this year is 11 billion more than the combined 1943 budgets of England, Russia, Canada, Germany, Italy, and Japan, according to Representative R. Rizeley of Oklahoma.

An organization of technical researchers now offers a loose-leaf service on substitutes for hundreds of scarce materials.

Cardboard liners for concrete forms have been developed to add resistance to abrasion as well as to freezing and thawing.

A coal mining company is distributing multi-vitamin tablets to its employees.

## Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

One of the most fundamental and important issues that have confronted the nation in nearly one hundred years, in the opinion of Congressmen, is the issue of a compulsory labor draft that has suddenly been thrust into the limelight.

To clear up the muddled manpower situation. Some lawmakers consider the measure a possible vehicle for carrying certain labor reform legislation, pointing out that union "featherbed" and "make-work" rules, union responsibility, absenteeism, strikes, and racketeering are all factors in the manpower picture.

Other Congressmen, however, said that those desiring such corrective legislation might well look twice at the Austin-Wadsworth

This measure, sponsored by Senator Warren R. Austin of Vermont and Representative James W. Wadsworth of New York, would permit the President, if he sees voluntary methods inadequate, to draft any man or woman in the United States from his or her job to serve in any capacity or job designated by a governmental board.

While the first endorers of this measure were the War department and the American Legion, initial opposition came from War Manpower Commissioner McNutt, the AFL, and the CIO. Labor proposed as a substitute the Tolson-Pepper-Kilgore bill to set up an Office of War Mobilization. This now rests before the Military Affairs committee.

Grenville Clark, New York attorney, who drafted the original Selective Service act, as well as the Austin-Wadsworth bill, has stated that this legislation is necessary to convince our Allies that Americans are determined to go all-out for war. Congressional proponents of the legislation, like Mr. Clark, contend that equality of sacrifice is necessary and that some legislation must be enacted

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- The chiropractor by his chiropractic spinal adjustments removes this pressure of bone upon soft tissue and the transmission of life impulses becomes normal. With normal transmission of impulses health follows as matter of course.
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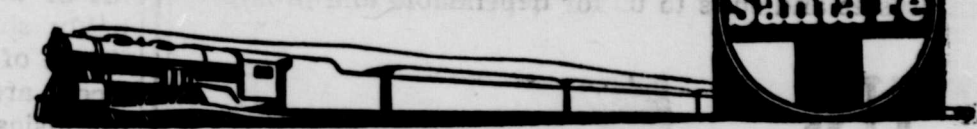
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**Speaking of Health**  
By DR. VICTOR G. HEISER  
MEDICAL CONSULTANT  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

**The Health of Business Leaders**

In connection with work I am doing as consultant to a committee which is interested in the maintenance of healthful working conditions, I have occasion to making many visits to factories humming with war production work.

During almost every such visit I cannot fail to note one condition that needs immediate attention. This conditions has to do—not with the workers themselves—but with the executives.

The fact is that, in protecting the health and well-being of the production workers, executives all too often neglect their own health and well-being.

**Workers' Health Safeguarded**

The nearly 20,000,000 men and women engaged in turning out ships and planes and tanks and guns in America's factories work, on the whole, under good conditions.

America's modern factories are well ventilated or air-conditioned and scientifically lighted. Wash rooms are fitted out with individual lockers and show-

ers. Nutritious food is available at attractive cafeterias or lunch rooms in many plants, and refreshment trucks are wheeled down the aisles between meals to help abolish fatigue.

"Music while you work," rest periods, and recreation facilities are often provided. Workers' hours are definitely limited, and each worker must abandon his machine to a worker on the next shift when his time is up.

Most important of all, workers are under plant medical programs designed to protect their health.

**Many Executives Overwork**

On the other hand, many of the same men who provide these safeguards for the health of the worker neglect their own health, and many a businessman and industrial executive is today overworking himself in his effort to help win the war. Long hours mean nothing to him, and, even when he is at home, he lives out of a briercase.

The men who direct the activities of the millions of men and

women in industry today must, like the workers, keep well.

When I find these conditions in a factory today I always try to say to the manager before I leave: "We can't win this war with our industrial executives—any more than with our generals—directing operations from wheelchairs. Take care of yourself!"

After they help win the war, we shall need our business leaders to help win the peace, too.

**TALL TALES**

This comes from the Associated Press and gives the people in the included mire than 70,000 bombs, quilts really grow in Guadacanal.

Jap evacuation of these vital islands releases for the first time the most fantastic story of World War II—how mosquitos aided the Marines during the push on Kokumboa:

Until you've lived on (censored) you've never seen mosquitos. There is no denial by the Henderson Field ground crew that one of the medium sized mosquitos landed on the runway at dusk one evening and before the refueling crew found out their mistake they had pumped 40 gallons of gas into it. One medical officer here swears he found one mosquitto looking over the identification tags of sleeping patients to learn what type of blood they had.

Two lieutenants from New York asked permission to experiment. Breeding and crossbreeding, they developed a race of Siamese mosquitos joined together at the neck, having every appearance of Lockheed P-38s. Radio control was rigged and 12 of these fierce hybrids took off from Henderson Field, Kokumboa bound. Within a few moments the Jap ack-acks opened up. Not one of the hybrids was shot down. Then radio-control allowed one of our mosquitto P-38's to be grounded, and when the next flight went over not an ack-ack shell was fired.

Then it happened. Real P-38's were sent up—direct to Kokumboa. Down to 1,000 feet they roared, but stillness was their only greeting. Direct over vital supply dumps and supply lines they dropped their tons of bombs and were away before the Japs learned of the deception. The mosquitto fleet had done its work.

Henry D. Moore, 2/C Yeoman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Moore of Springerville, Ariz., brother of (Continued on Last Page)

**Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

**Lesson for March 28**

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**THE APPEARANCES AFTER THE RESURRECTION**

LESSON TEXT—John 20:19-31. GOLDEN TEXT—I am alive for evermore.—Revelation 1:18.

The most important day in all history was the first day of the week following the crucifixion of Christ. Then He appeared to His disciples as their risen Lord. All the hope of all mankind for all eternity depended on His victory over death.

By evitend news had come to the disciples of His resurrection, and half in hope and half in uncertainty they had gathered to talk over these matters. Fearful of the Jews, they met behind closed doors. All at once He was there—the Lord Himself. What a wonderful change came over them as He made Himself known to them. They went

**I. From Fear to Gladness (vv. 19, 20).**

Their eyes had been upon their enemies and they were afraid. Now they "were glad, when they saw the Lord." We need to learn that lesson. If we look within we are ashamed and discouraged. If we look around us we are confused and fearful. If we look to Christ we are glad and strong.

Notice that their joy was not based only on an emotional impulse. They saw Christ in His resurrection body—the very One who had died. The evidence was there before them. Now they could understand the things He had said to them. The whole realm of spiritual truth was now in focus again, and they were glad. So are we when we really see Christ.

**II. From Weakness to Strength (vv. 21-23).**

The disciples who were called to be witnesses for Christ had lost their testimony when He died on the cross. Unbelief and discouragement had so weakened them that they were in hiding instead of being out proclaiming His truth.

Now the risen and victorious One sent them forth with the Father's blessing. They were empowered by the Holy Spirit, and given great authority (v. 23). Note that it was given not to one man or to the leaders, but to all the disciples. It was "a declarative right, and it belongs to every true disciple. Those who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit are in a position to declare to men that their sincere repentance brings forgiveness" (Douglass). The opposite is also true.

**III. From Doubt to Faith (vv. 24-28).**

Thomas, who had doubts and who cultivated them by his stubborn attitude (v. 25), did himself and his brethren a serious disservice by being absent from the meeting on the evening of the first Easter Day. When he did appear he had only doubts to contribute. Let those who make a custom of absenting themselves from the place and hour of service beware lest they do likewise.

His doubts were honest ones—and God always meets such questions, honestly and intelligently. When the evidence was before him, the heart of Thomas leaped the chasm from doubt to faith in one cry of complete devotion (v. 28).

It is significant that down through the ages many doubters have been won to Christ by the proof of the resurrection of Christ, which is by the testimony of historical scholars "the best authenticated fact in all history." The risen Christ stands before men today and says, "Be not faithless but believing." Many respond with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

**IV. From Death to Life (vv. 29-31).**

Christ arose from the dead not just to show that He had power to do so, but, as Paul puts it, "for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). The reality and dependability of the entire plan of salvation hinged on the return of Christ from the dead. Had the grave held Him, His claims of deity and of the ability to forgive sin would have been entirely discredited. Because He lives we shall live.

The experience of regeneration is therefore likened in Scripture to a passing from death to life (John 5:24). Thomas saw the Lord, and believing, passed from doubt to faith. We cannot see Him now, but we have the blessed privilege of believing and thus receiving life (vv. 29, 31).

This was the message which the now radiant and empowered disciples went out to preach. The book of Acts tells us how effectively they did it, and shows how much of their preaching centered on the fact of the resurrection.

The command and the commission was not to them alone, but also to all of us who believe in Christ. May God take out of us the fear of men, overcome our weakness, and send us out with renewed faith to make this life-giving message known to our fellow men.

**THIS BUSINESS OF Living**  
By SUSAN THAYER



**The Right to Work**

"Just what does this 'right to work' that some people are worrying a lot about, mean?" asked my grea-Aunt Matilda the other day. "Seems a lot of postwar planners say it's the main issue and want to get ready to pass laws or something about it."

"Well, you know what happened after the last war," I reminded her. "A lot of boys couldn't get jobs when they came home, and pretty soon we had a depression. We don't want the same thing to happen this time. Every able-bodied man—and woman for that matter—has a right to work, if he or she wants to."

"Humph," rejoined the old lady, "they ought to have lived in the old days before mass production was heard of and people made practically everything by hand. They'd have had right to work then, all right! Why, a century ago, all but a very few had to work long hours, day after day, just to get enough to eat and wear. And a lot less it was than we have now, even with ratooning."

"Then you don't think jobs are important?" I asked her.

"Of course, they are. Every man—and woman as you say—must have something to live on. But, as I see it, to always harp on work is wrong. Work, itself, is no virtue or the old days when men ploughed with a wooden stick and made fire by rubbing rocks together would have been a Golden Age. What the postwar planners ought to be thinking about is making things. If we make enough things after the war's over, jobs will take care of themselves. Did you ever hear of a manufacturer not wanting to hire more men to make more goods if he saw a chance for selling them at a reasonable profit?"

"No," I admitted, "I didn't. The more of anything a manufacturer can make, the better off everybody is... and of course, after the war an awful lot of people are going to need an awful lot of things."

"That's just it!" Aunt Matilda

was evidently pleased. She was making her point. "And if the manufacturers of this country are freed from all the regulations that are necessary in wartime, I guess, but just hinder in peace, they ought to be able to supply this colossal demand and in doing that keep people busy and well paid.

"Work," the old lady continued, "is a means to an end. The end is production, and the more of that we have the better—provided it's based on the old American system of freedom and independent initiative."

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### Postmaster Arthur Announces Change In Postal Rules

Sealed parcels not exceeding eight ounces in weight on which postage at the first-class rate is prepaid, will be accepted for dispatch to Army personnel at APO's overseas without the presentation of an approved request from the addressee.

This modification of postal regulations was announced this week by O. C. Arthur, postmaster.

Mr. Arthur said the modification has been agreed to by the War department in order to facilitate articles such as eyeglasses, watches, fountain pens, insignia, etc.

The postmaster said that individual copies of so-called "House Organs" or employee publications, church bulletins and similar publications may also be sent to such personnel under the same conditions as to weight and postage.

He pointed out that the revised rules apply to parcels for military agencies, including those sent to Army post exchanges, canteens, Red Cross, USO and military officers, religious material addressed to chaplains in their official capacity and articles sent to commanding officers addressed to them as such by title.

Such parcels should be endorsed for Military Agency. These new rulings are not applicable to personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, it was pointed out.

Postmaster Arthur said that the War department has informed the Postoffice department that hereafter renewals of present subscriptions for overseas personnel of the Army to newspapers and other publications entered as second class matter from any source will be considered as a continuation of the present subscriptions.

They may be continued regardless of whether or not the renewal has been specifically requested in writing by the addressee, Arthur pointed out.

### Plans In Making For Expansion Of County Farm Bureau

Plans are in the making for the

expansion of the local Farm Bureau organization according to Bob Hahn, president of the Dickens County Farm Bureau.

This expansion program includes a county-wide meeting at Dickens, Tuesday, March 30, at 2 p. m. in the court house to get all set for the official campaign of reorganization which will start April 1. All Farm Bureau members, farmers and business men are invited to attend the meeting at Dickens.

Each community present at the county meeting will organize teams for the membership drive.

The local Farm Bureau expects to have a banner year by offering special services to members of the organization. This plan may include several different services that will aid members in preparing farms and other data in connection with the war program.

Farmers are being asked to prepare forms and applications in connection with the war program that the Bureau could assist in completing without charge provided the membership is large enough to afford paying personnel to perform this job.

The membership goal of the Dickens County Farm Bureau is 100 per cent. The least any farmer or businessman can give for the welfare of agriculture is his membership in the organization, according to Mr. Hahn.

### Farmers In Better Position To Obtain Operating Credit

With planting time approaching and for America's greatest farm production year, an appeal was issued here yesterday to Dickens county farmers, who still may need financing, to make necessary arrangements without delay.

Walter E. O'Neal, rural rehabilitation supervisor for the Farm Security administration, said farmers today are in a better position to obtain necessary operating credit than at any other time in history.

"This is one year," he said, "when every farmer, tenant, and share cropper in the land can get adequate credit for producing critical foods.

Banks and all of the different public and private credit agencies have plenty of money to lend and are anxious to put it to work so that this nation and her allies

### Crop Insurance To Cover 10 Per Cent Acreage Increase

Cotton crop insurance has been extended to include all cotton planted within 110 per cent of the 1943 acreage allotment.

Under the 1942 program, initial year of cotton crop insurance, protection was limited to insurance on the production from the acreage allotment for the farm. Extension of insurance to include the additional acreage follows Secretary of War Wickard's announcement that cotton growers may plant 10 per cent over their 1943 cotton allotments without losing AAA farm program payments and privileges.

The additional cotton acres, up to 110 per cent of the allotments, are subject to the same insurance requirements as all other cotton regularly planted on the farm. Such acreage must be planted and cared for in accordance with good farming methods and usual practices followed on the farm.

Since only two closing dates, April 1 and 15, remain in which applications may be signed this year, Cothran urged Texas cotton farmers to contact local AAA committees immediately and review insurance possibilities for their farms.

Under the FCIC contract, either 50 or 75 per cent of the farm's normal yield may be insured against all unavoidable hazards, such as wind, rain, hail, drought, boll weevils and other insects.

War Board Studies Future Needs For Farm Machinery

Farm machinery needs for 1944 were being studied this week by the Texas USDA war board.

Purpose of the study is to help determine a 1944 farm machinery production program which will provide sufficient machinery to meet food production goals and at the same time require a minimum amount of critical materials.

Under this year's farm machinery rationing program, there was not sufficient time in which to consult state war boards as to their needs, and as a result allocation of machinery was smaller than needed, in many cases.

Although too early to appraise 1944 needs with final accuracy, the study now underway will act as a guide to manufacturers in procurement of materials for construction of machines to be used

early in 1944.

The Department of Agriculture also must obtain an allocation of steel and other critical materials from the War Production board and machinery estimates from each state will help determine approximate needs.

Through careful and deliberate consideration in estimating machinery needs, over-production or serious under-production of equipment for 1944 use can be averted, B. F. Vance, chairman of the board, said.

Mrs. Mary Bertha Harkey of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Perry, last week.

Tall Tales—

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Jack Moore, employed at Bryant-Link's, writes he is seeing action in the South Pacific. Mrs. Moore and baby live in Spur. Seaman Moore has a lovely daughter, 13 months old whom he has never seen. He has hopes of returning to the states during the year. He

has not been back to the states since 1940. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Moore we use the above humorous article, sent to her by her husband.

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Wednesday-Thursday—

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With LORETTA YOUNG BRIEN AHERNE Also

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"Omaha Trail"

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In Order to Distribute Shoe Repairing Equitably, and Not Deprive Those Who Need It—

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\$19.95 VALUES

One of the most popular coats of the times and just the thing for strenuous Spring days. Planned for service and lasting smartness. Note the smooth set of the shoulder, the casual collar and big patch-pocket effect. Easy and natural as a Spring day. Charmingly right over suit, sweater-suit, or Spring Prints, for everywhere you go. Thrilling in Nude, Blue, Red and Cocoa.

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