

EARLY POLITICS IN STERLING

When the legislature fixed the metes and bounds of Sterling County in 1880, Sterling County didn't get a square deal by about 70,400 acres of rich pasture lands.

At that time, Sterling was a part of the western territory of Tom Green County, out of which many counties have been carved.

Sterling and Reagan Counties were the last two counties to be carved from the once vast area then known as Tom Green County.

A glance at the map will show that Sterling County should be a quadrangle instead of its present shape.

When we petitioned the legislature for designation of metes and bounds of Sterling County, we asked to begin at the northwest corner of the County. Thence south with the west line of Coke County, at 30 miles pass the southwest corner of same. Thence south about ten miles to a point in the north line of Irion County. Thence west with the north line of Irion County to the northwest corner of same. Thence north to the northeast corner of Glasscock County. Thence east to place of beginning.

When the legislature had finished naming us, we were short about 70,400 acres of our just and natural heritage.

At that time we were an easy-going people without adequate leadership to stand up for our rights. Our representative at that time was a Tom Green county man who looked strictly after the interests of that county, but was generous enough to allow us enough terrain on which to build our court house.

But we were glad to be separated from our mother county so we could set up housekeeping for ourselves.

One day in June, 1891, the elected officers of Sterling County met under the big liveoaks at the Kildare each three miles up the North Comcho from where Sterling City now stands and held the first court of Sterling County.

As time went on, politics grew hot among the citizens of this county. Populism was in its flower.

The population of Sterling County was almost equally divided between Populists and Democrats.

Each faction would hold debates where mud slinging was indulged to almost the scrapping point.

The Populists would tell the world that a Democratic candidate was a bloated bond holder working for Old Wall Street, (when in fact neither faction could borrow a hundred dollars at the bank without at least four names on his note.)

The Democrats would tell the world that the Populist candidate was a cripple, could neither read nor write and his worldly lands and goods did not exceed \$250 in value. So it went hammer and tongs, but they only used words instead of guns and nobody was hurt.

VOYING OFF A TIE
At a general election one year, there was a tie between two candidates. One was a Populist and the other a Democrat. It was a problem with the voters of that precinct, for each one knew that each would support his man to the last ditch.

John Maloney sponsored the cause of the Populist candidate and he didn't care who knew it. John was a fine neighbor and a good citizen, but at times, John had a weakness for "white caww."

Dick Holloway, before he got re-

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Uncle Sam's Victory Garden



(WNU Service)

Sugar Allowance For Canning

Canning sugar allowable under present regulations varies in amount according to the actual canning done by a family unit, its present supply and its reasonable needs not set at a fixed amount, H. L. Hildebrand, chairman of Sterling County war price and rationing board, explained today.

"There has been a lot of confusion among some householders on this point, because the boards in some counties have been more strict than others," Mr. Hildebrand explained.

"The State OPA office recommended on June 16 that canning sugar be limited to six pounds per person yearly in urban or city areas and to nine pounds per person in rural areas which is the national canning average."

"However, the State OPA office made it clear that this was not a hard and fast limit on the quantity of canning sugar allowable. It still is within the discretion of the local board to increase a canning sugar allowance up to one pound of sugar for each four quarts of finished fruit.

"All applications for the 6 and 9 pounds national average or less will be handled at the time the application is made. Applications in excess of this national average will be referred to the Local Board to be considered at its next meeting.

"Of course, we have to consider each application on an individual basis, in the light of the number of quarts of fruit a family canned last year, how much it has on hand, and the amount of fruit available to it this year which it expects to can. The size of a family is another factor.

"We realize that the canning sugar regulation imposes a great responsibility to administer. It is flexible. We must administer the regulation in a manner that will conserve the fruit supply, and at the same time, carry out the objectives of the sugar rationing program.

For this reason, he said, the local board will ask for a strict account of the use of sugar, and its misuse for preserving or for any other purpose besides canning constitutes a violation of federal rationing regulations.

Mr. Hildebrand added that home canning contributes to the war effort, because it conserves fruits that otherwise might be wasted.

"It also supplements commercial supplies," he said, "and that cuts down on commercial canning and transportation facilities which are already taxed beyond their capacity.

J. F. Ramsey Is Buried Here

J. F. (Frank) Ramsey died at a hospital at Big Spring last Friday and was buried in the Sterling City Cemetery in the afternoon of the following Saturday.

Had deceased lived to August 7, 1942, he would have been 80 years old.

He is survived by the widow, a son, J. B. Ramsey, and a daughter, Mrs. Everett Overton.

Deceased was once a citizen of Sterling County where he had many friends who are grieved to learn of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Churchill, Mesdames A. E. Ballou and Zelma Rawls and Miss Carlene Ballou returned the latter part of last week from a visit to Denver, Colorado.

Mamie Lyles Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Mamie Lyles, mother of our fellow citizens Hal and Lawrence Knight, died at her home in Austin, last Monday, July 13, and was buried in the Sterling City Cemetery in the forenoon of last Thursday. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, the Reverend B. B. Hestir, of Carlsbad, preaching the funeral sermon.

Active pall bearers were, Riley King, H. G. Garlington, Tom Branman, H. L. Pearce, R. P. Brown, C. C. Ainsworth, E. L. Bailey and W. Y. Bengel, Jr. Lowe's funeral coach met the body at San Angelo and brought it to Sterling City.

At her death, she was 67 years old.

Deceased is survived by three sons: Lt. James Knight, San Antonio, Hal and Lawrence Knight of Sterling City. Three daughters: Mesdames Mary Gladys Thomason, J. R. Bissett, and Miss Evelyn Knight of Austin. Eight grandchildren, one brother, W. H. Mitchell, Alcoa, Texas, and a sister, Mrs. Ida McAulay, Fort Worth.

With her husband, the late Hallie Knight, Sr., she came to Sterling City about 47 years ago, where she reared and educated her children.

She was a teacher in the Sterling City public school for several years. She was a charter member of the local Wimodausis Club. In 1913, she became postmaster and served in that capacity the following four years.

During her useful life in Sterling City, she was an outstanding unit in all civic progress.

All Sterling mourns the loss of a good and useful woman.

Col. E. O. Thompson A Visitor Here

Col. E. O. Thompson, head of the railroad commission was a caller at this office last Saturday. Col. Thompson is a First World War Veteran. When the present war broke out, he promptly went into the army service. Later, President Roosevelt feeling the need of ex-

Has Highest Grades



Miss Ruby Jim Slaughter of Staples, Guadalupe County, made 35 A's and 6 B's with no C's during her student days at Texas State College for Women. She received the Alpha Lambda Delta scholarship award last month for having the highest average of all graduating seniors.

perienced and efficient men to handle the oil situation, sent him back to Texas to resume his post as Chief of Railroad Commission. Col. Thompson knows more about oil and the part it plays in the present crisis than perhaps, any other living man. Texas would indeed be poor without the services of such men as Thompson.

Homer Pearce, Jr., Promoted

Homer L. Pearce, Jr., well known electrical engineer of Sterling City, has been appointed to the rank of First Lieutenant, it was announced at Base Headquarters today.

Lieutenant Pearce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pearce. He is a graduate of the Sterling City High School, and of Texas A & M College where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Lieutenant Pearce was first commissioned at McCamey, Texas, August 27, 1941, and was transferred to Hamilton Field, Army Air Base near San Francisco, California, on December 20, 1941.

Lieutenant Pearce is now serving as Base Signal Property Officer.

Mrs. C. N. Crawford is ill in a hospital at San Angelo.

Miss L'Jean McEntire Is Married

Miss L'Jean McEntire and Mr. Harold Gober were married in Denver, Colorado, last Saturday, July 11.

The bride is the elder daughter of Mrs. James McEntire. She was born and reared in this community where she was graduated from the Sterling City High School. She attended Texas Tech and the University of Texas. She is one of Sterling's most popular girls.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gober of Brownwood. He is a graduate of the Brownwood High School. He studied at the Daniel Baker College and Texas University. He is now in the army service and stationed at Lowery Field near Denver.

Mrs. McEntire and daughter, Miss Jamie Sue McEntire, accompanied by Mrs. Alton D. Holland attended the wedding.

About Two Sections of Grass Is Burned

Fire broke out in the grass of the Brown F. Lee pasture at Broome last Tuesday. It is reported that about two sections of grass was destroyed. Also a fire Monday night in the hills north of Broome is reported to have destroyed about 300 acres of grass.

Both fire trucks of the local Fire Department made the run and soon brought both fires under control.

The San Angelo Fire Department also co-operated in putting out the fire. The fire is thought to have originated on the highway. It leaped across the railroad and set a number of crossties on fire, but was soon under control.

When we mentioned a number of our boys last week who were in line for promotion in the army service, we overlooked Jimmy Hall, Mark Mathis and Pug Garrett. Pug is due to receive his wings in the same class with Joe Mims.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin were spending their vacation last week at Red Bluff Dam on the Pecos where they caught plenty of fish.

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RUMBLINGS

"I bring you good news. We are now over the hump. The war will be over before we know it. And we won't have rationing of gas or rubber in Texas." The oracle of the flour barrel has spoken. All of us feel relieved. It is good news. Welcome news. Some of us had begun to believe the professional war-mongers who were telling us of the Japs success in China, of their landings in the Aleutians, of the sinking of over three hundred and fifty of our cargo ships in our own waters. Forget it, my friends. Take it easy. Relax and with tranquility await the primaries in July. Then, when the Senatorial race has been decided without a run off, and the Gold Dust Twins have been relegated to political oblivion, we can each get our worries, our destiny is assured, safe in the hands of the man whose batting average is 1,000.

Almost we had begun to believe our war correspondents in other lands. That Rommel was at the gates of Suez, that Sevastopol had fallen, that the Russian line to the Caucasus had been pierced, mere rumors started probably by professional politicians, like Roosevelt, or Churchill, or others of their ilk.

Rubber shortage—forget about it. There is no shortage of tires. Can't you people count? We are campaigning with seven cars including our own orchestra. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. And they say Nero wasn't such a good fiddler at that.

You who are skeptics, examine my record. Against the extension of the draft three months before Pearl Harbor. (Americans don't need training to fight Germany or Japan.) My colleagues are all agreed on this point. Wheeler—Fish—and even Lindbergh. Lindy knows whereof he speaks, he won the German Iron Cross.

That proves it. Don't doubt it for a moment, especially you old Folks whose old age pensions have been doubled and trebled since 1936. God bless you, old folks.

All contributions gratefully received. Thank you. Victory before winter.

EARLY POLITICS

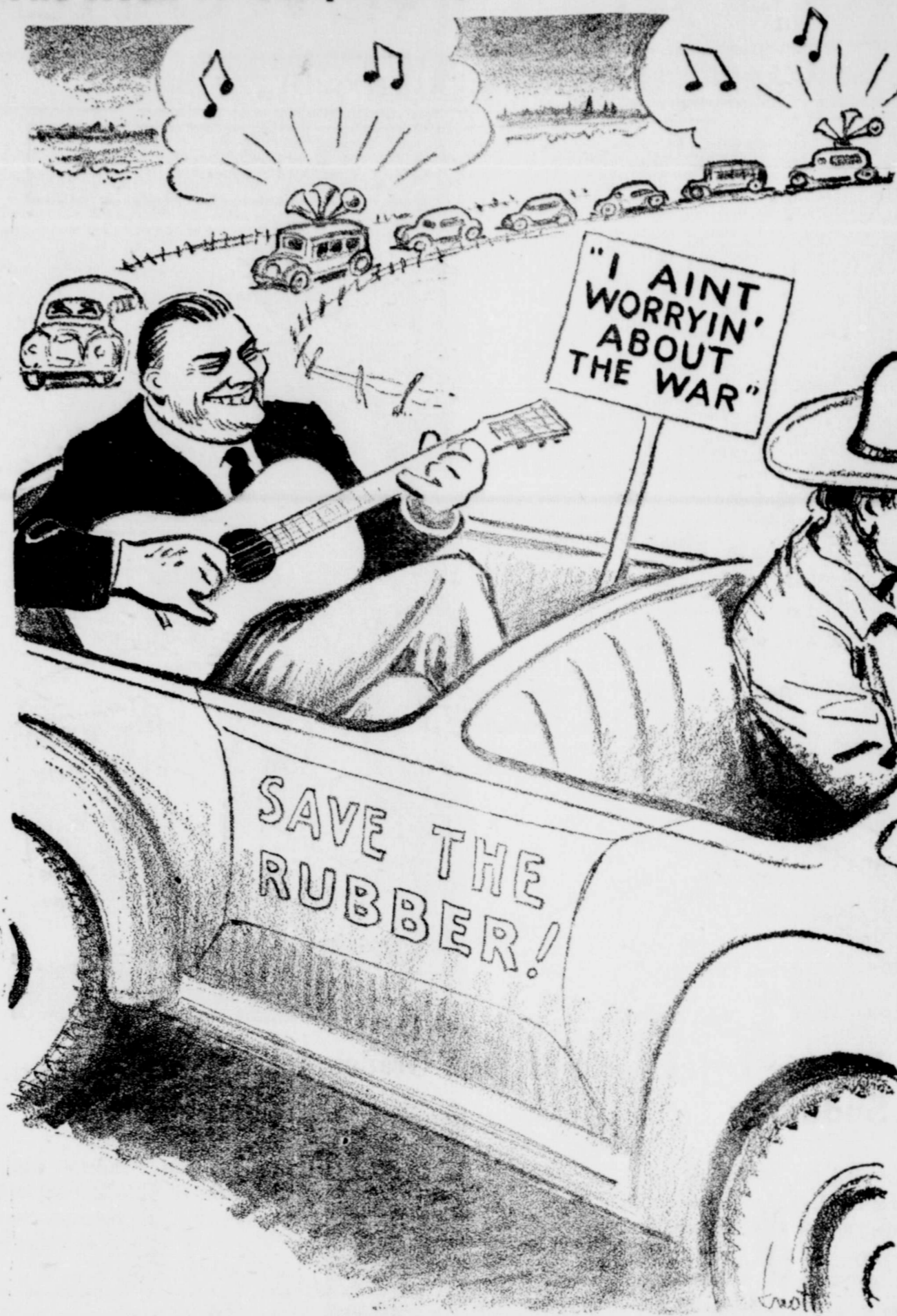
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ligion and joined the church was one of John's pals. They were always putting up a job on one another. Dick knew John's weakness for 'white cawn' so he used this weakness to vote off a tie between two candidates on Sterling Creek. Dick thought he would be doing a service to Sterling Creek precinct by settling the problem.

On Saturday, the week before the election, Dick and John met at the third parlor in Sterling City. Dick asked John to help him roundup the next week. John would, except he must be at the election the following Saturday. Dick told him that he would have him to Sterling City by Saturday noon.

So, on Monday, John was at

The Road to Complacency —By Knott



THAT "SOMETHING ABOUT A SOLDIER" STRONG APPEAL TO WIFE AND SONS



That "something about a soldier" which appeals to boys and girls is especially strong when the soldier is father and husband. That is shown in this family scene of Lieutenant Vernon Lemens, taken this week at Camp Hood, Temple, while his happy family were visiting him from their home in Waxahachie. Mrs. Lemens is completing her husband's campaign for Lieutenant Governor which he began before entering the army.

Vernon, Jr., age 6, shows a preference for the U. S. Army uniform of his father, while Bobby, age 3, wears the sailor suit selected by his mother.

Senator Lemens served in World War I, was an active Legionnaire and reserve officer in the peace

period, and is now on duty as assistant adjutant with the tank destroyer command at Camp Hood. As Senator of the Twelfth District he will be granted leave to serve in Austin during the session of the Legislature under War Department rules governing reserve officers holding public office at the time of army induction.

He is asking a promotion to Lieutenant Governor so that he can preside over the Senate. He feels that his fourteen years of continuous legislative service and his military experience and standing especially fit him to direct the Senate in the wartime session ahead. The duties of Lieutenant Governor require no more time in Austin than those of Senator, which he now is.

Dick's ranch on the Diyde early. They rounded up the stock and did other work until Saturday. John must get away early and not miss the election. In the meantime, John had plenty of "white cawn" to drink.

According to program, John was in Sterling City at noon. He met several friends at the third parlor. After a few rounds of "white cawn" John made an argument for his favorite candidate. Then he had another glass of "white cawn". At last at about five o'clock, they gave him a pint of mountain dew and told him that he had to ride 15 miles if he got to the election. They

helped him on his horse and he went off all right. In crossing the river, John had to have water. So he got down to drink, but he could not mount his horse again. Some boys came along and got him mounted again. When he came to a gate he dismounted to open it, but could not mount again, so John feeling the need of a nap, he lay down and slept the sleep that "white cawn" induces.

The successful candidate was elected by one vote. Only for the "white cawn" there would have been another tie.

No, we didn't vote out the saloon. We just stayed away from it until

it closed up business. Years afterward, we voted the county dry. Ten years later, we found the election was illegal.—Uncle Bill

Conservation Supervisors in Regular Meet

The Supervisors of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District held their regular monthly meeting Monday, July 13 in Sterling City. They approved plans for a conservation program on the Tom Humble and Clyde Reynolds ranches and approved an application for assistance on the John A. March ranch.

Those in attendance at the meeting were Zach Jones, Lee R. Reed, J. R. Mims, E. F. McEntire, all Supervisors, H. P. Malloy, E. J. Hughes, and J. D. Prewit, District Agent for the Extension Service.

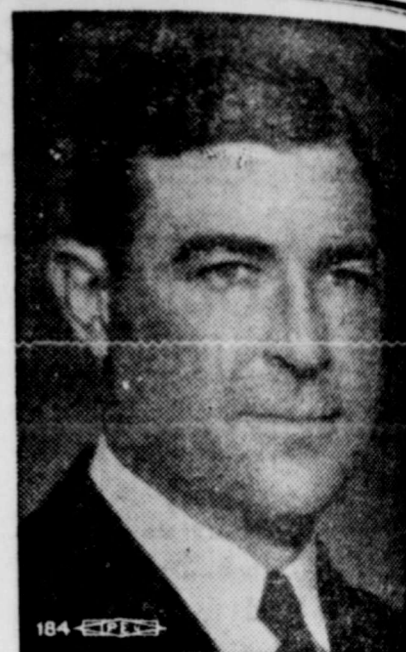
Dorsey B. Hardeman

Dorsey B. Hardeman, State Representative and candidate for reelection to that office without opposition, wants the people of Sterling to know that he will be grateful to them for their support in the primaries July 25. The fact that Hardeman has no opponent is a fine tribute to his past service

I Regret

I regret that because of illness, I have been unable to contact each and all of you personally, but at the polls on July 25, I earnestly ask you to remember me for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Sterling County.—Sallie Wallace

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Local Items

White Pigs for Sale.—W. Y. Bengel has a fine lot of white pigs for sale. Home in Sterling City for sale. Mrs. Lena Findt of Sterling City has a fine lot of white pigs for sale. See Harry Bernathey. 4t. pd.

Woods of Colorado City.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Philips, of Colorado City, spent last week end here with their mother, Mrs. Minta Philips.

Marie Phillips, of San Angelo.—Marie Phillips, of San Angelo, spent last week end here with her mother, Mrs. Minta Philips.

Arch Bengel and J. R. Hewitt of San Angelo were greeted by old friends at our barbecue last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyles and sons were over from their Pecos County home this week to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lane of near San Angelo were visiting friends and attending the barbecue here last Wednesday.

Rev. B. B. Hestir will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ray Jr. of Belton were last week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Glass and daughter of South Bend, Ind. spent last week end visiting Mr. Glass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Glass.

Billy Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cole of Ellis, Kansas, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole and other relatives here.

Pink Sherrard of the Big Bend country visited his father, T. J. Sherrard, last Tuesday. The latter has been ill for the past several weeks.

Johnnie Molouf, of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hart last week end where he visited with W. Jr.

H. W. Hart, Jr. has volunteered for army service. He is with the Ordnance Corps and has been assigned to 302nd. Ord. Regt. at Camp Sutton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Douglas and their daughter, Miss Mavis Douglas and Mrs. R. L. Williams, of Brownwood were guests at the barbecue here last Wednesday.

Miss Alice Simpson, a student nurse of P. & S. Hospital at San Antonio, spent several days last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Simpson and other relatives here.

Mrs. Marion McClure, of Abilene, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hart. Mr. McClure volunteered for army service in the infantry. He is now at Camp Wolters for his basic training before entering officers' training school.

John Allard of Carlsbad, brother of our Pete Allard, was reported in a serious condition a few days ago after an operation for appendicitis at a hospital in San Angelo, but he is reported to be recovering at last accounts.

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and Dubious Men On Our
High Courts!**

**RE-ELECT
James W. McClendon**

(Political ad)

Mrs. Ada Carruthers, of Fort Stockton, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Henry Bade, and other relatives here, returned to her home last week.

Claude Miller of Big Spring, and his grandson, Jim Boy Allred were callers at this office today. Mr. Miller is the father of Jo Betsy, Mrs. James V. Allred.

Lt. John C. Littlefield, after a ten-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Littlefield, at their ranch on the Divide, left yesterday to join his bomber squadron at Savannah, Georgia.

Lt. James Knight of the Army Service near San Antonio, attended the funeral and burial services of his mother, Mrs. Mamie Lyles last Thursday. He remained over the week end to visit friends and relatives here.

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Announcements

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Sterling County subject to the action of the Democratic party in its primary elections in July 1942

- Chief Justice Court of Civil Appeals
E. F. Smith
- For Congressman 21st District
O. C. Fisher
Harry Knox
- For State Senator
Penrose B. Metcalfe
- For Representative 91st District
Dorsey B. Hardeman
- For District Attorney
W. C. (Bill) McDonald
Ralph Logan
- For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector
V. E. Davis
Jerry F. Brown
- For County Judge:
G. C. Murrell
- For County and District Clerk:
Prebble, Durham
- For County, Treasurer:
Sallie Wallace
Thad Green
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
R. T. Foster
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
Herbert Cope
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:
L. R. Knight
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:
W. N. Reed

Baptist Church

Sunday
A.m.
10:00 Sunday School lesson
11:00 Worship Service
P.m.
6:00 Training union
7:00 Evening worship
Wednesday
P.m.
2:30 Missionary Society
7:00 Weekly Teachers meeting
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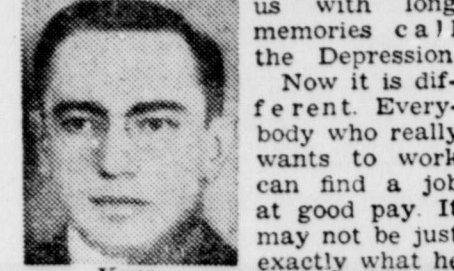
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RURAL TRENDS

WHAT TO DO WITH MONEY

A few years ago, many of us were asking ourselves the question, "What shall we use for money?" That was during the time those of us with long memories call the Depression.



Kyes

Now it is different. Everybody who really wants to work can find a job at good pay. It may not be just exactly what he likes to do; many people have had their usual occupations or businesses interrupted by war conditions. But there are jobs for all, and the pay is good. We have lost our unemployment problem, except for the unemployables.

That is the usual result of a war—increased employment and more money in circulation.

Twenty-five years ago, we were in another war. Then, as now, jobs were plenty and money was easy. Prices were sky high, but there was plenty of goods to be had. Factory workers wore silk shirts, sometimes to work in.

The main difference between that war and the present one is that now we have a growing shortage of merchandise. That is not going to improve, at least not until the course of the war is pretty well decided, and we can predict about when it will be over.

It's a brand new experience for a good many Americans to have money in their pockets and no place to spend it.

We've often heard that advice is cheap, and seldom worth its price. But at the risk of trafficking in that sort of commodity, this column takes its courage in its hand and offers a few suggestions about what to do with money.

The number one thing to do is to buy war stamps and bonds as liberally as possible. That represents money saved rather than spent. It is putting away something for the future, in the safest possible place to put it. And the quickest way to get the war won and paid for is to keep the war chest full.

Next, contribute generously to the war agencies that are not directly supported by the Government, such as the Red Cross and the U. S. O., with a thought for the relief funds of the peoples of other nations less fortunate than we are.

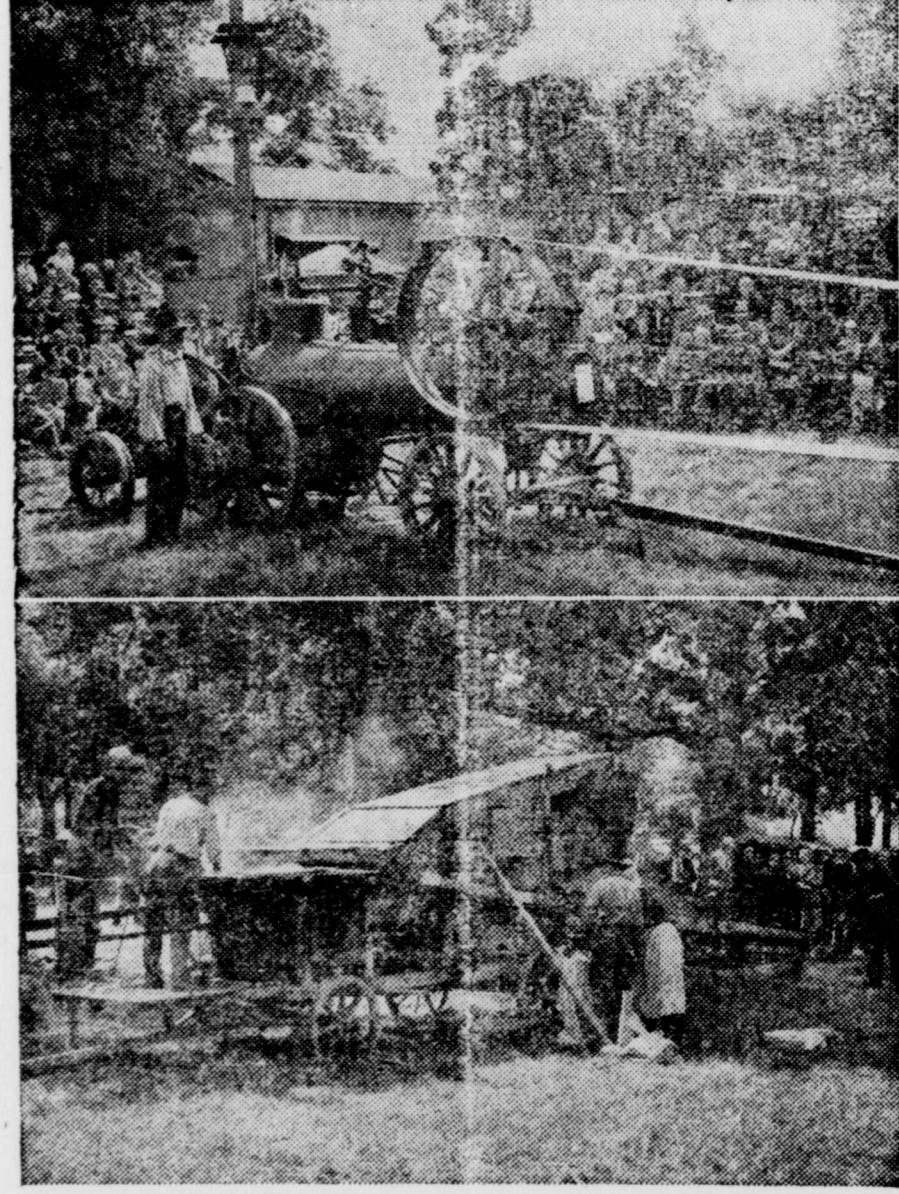
Next, use surplus funds to pay debts. There is a clear net profit in paying up obligations that are costing 5 or 6 per cent, or more, to carry. Paid now, those debts will not be hanging over our heads when money may not be quite so plentiful.

Perhaps the next most important things for which to spend money are education, and the upkeep of the home, so far as materials are available for repairs and renovation.

Beyond those things, it is quite likely that our good old Uncle Sam is going to reach pretty deeply into the pocketbook for higher taxes. We can't begrudge him what he takes. We get more real value for tax money than they do in any other country. For where is there a better place to live than under the Stars and Stripes?

Money is a fine thing to have. We can do a lot with it. But when money is relatively easy to earn and save, we should not forget the values that cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents—good health, good character and good humanity, along with the spirit of mutual helpfulness.

FOOD WON WARS THEN, TOO



UNION GROVE, WIS.—This could have happened 72 years ago when the Old Settlers' Society of Racine County was formed. Actually, the photo was taken recently at its annual reunion picnic. The engine is Case No. 1, brought back for the occasion from the Henry Ford museum, and the thresher is an Eclipse, both built in the late 1860's. The celebration was in honor of 100 years of threshing and farm power progress by the J. I. Case Co., whose founder built his first threshers in the county in 1842.

UNION GROVE, WIS.—The importance of farm food products in the war was emphasized as a century of progress in threshing and farm power was displayed at the 72nd annual meeting of the Racine County Old Settlers' Society. Cradling and flailing were the most primitive steps. Then there was a demonstration of a one-horse tread-power driving a "ground-hog" thresher such as Jerome I. Case brought to Wisconsin in 1842. This was no more than a crude spiked cylinder which threshed the grain, after which the chaff had to be winnowed from the grain as after flailing.

Most spectacular of the demonstrations was a 12-horse sweep-powered thresher. Six teams of horses walked in a circle to turn a "tumbling rod" that operated an Agitator threshing machine introduced in 1880. To show the type of equipment used at the time the Old Settlers' Society was organized, the Case Company brought back

their No. 1 steam engine from the Ford Museum, and threshed grain with an old wood Eclipse machine. Both engine and thresher, shown above, were introduced in the late 60's.

The Racine County Old Settlers' Society is one of the oldest pioneer organizations in the State of Wisconsin, and it was in this county that many major developments in power machinery took place. In 1892 the J. I. Case Co. put the first gas tractor to work on a farm near Racine.

Born: On July 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pickett of Lampassas, a girl.

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Urges Dental Care For Children

A child by the time he is two and a half or three years of age should become acquainted with the atmosphere of a dental office and the ministrations of a dentist is the advice given by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. It is of prime importance, according to Dr. Cox, that children look upon the family dentist as a friendly guardian of their health.

In stressing the importance of early dental care, Dr. Cox quoted the following from a bulletin of the American Dental Association:

"Parents should teach the child that the dentist is his friend. They should not allow him to receive the impression that a visit to the dentist means unpleasantness and pain. Such impressions are usually created in a child's mind before he ever sees a dentist.

"Parents can prevent fear in the child by taking him to the dentist before the teeth are decayed. Thus the first visit will consist of an examination only. Subsequent visits will consist of a simple cleaning or, at the most, the painless filling of small cavities. It is a grave mistake to neglect a child's teeth that his first visit to the dentist must be associated with pain."

Dr. Cox said that the importance of good dental health had been called to national attention by recent selective service examinations and added that a great percentage of physical rejections for military service could have been avoided by dental care in the first few years of life.

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