

CHRONICLES OF EARLY DAYS

When Gid Ainsworth, J. L. Glass, W. L. Foster, Henry (Hank) Davis and others rode the ranges of the Conchos in the early days of the settlements, they faithfully did their work without much foolishness.

But there were times that they could see the funny as well as the sunny side of a situation.

One day a new hand showed up at the Foster outfit and craved a job. He was hired. When he was shown the horse he was to ride he asked:

"Is he gentle?"

"Well, Giddie rides him," he was told. Gid Ainsworth was just a "button" with the outfit, but he could ride anything that went on four legs and wore hair, but the stranger didn't know it.

The horse was roped up and saddled. When he mounted, the horse threw him so high that the boys declared that the bluebirds were prospecting for a place to build their nests in his anatomy.

"Giddie rides him," became a favorite phrase when the temper of a horse was doubtful.

Henry Davis, now "Uncle Hank" joined the riders of the range here more than half a century ago.

When Hank showed up at a roundup on Lacy Creek, the boys all noted that he rode a good horse, had a fairly up-to-date saddle, wore good boots, modern spurs and his bridle was above reproach. He wore a good hat, and his appearance was o. k. with them. In fact they liked him at first sight.

That day he rode and worked like a veteran, but after dinner at camp when all hands sat on their hunkers to smoke, they noticed that Hank pulled from his pocket an ancient black pipe and filled it with "home spun" tobacco, they had their suspicions. That pipe and the tobacco was a dead give away, because no up-to-date cowboy smoked anything but Bull Durham and brown paper makins. While they liked Hank in every way, they sized him up as "green from the east." So they decided that they would have some fun out of him that night.

Had those boys known Hank as well as I do, they would have put in their time sleeping that night, but they didn't.

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What You Buy With WAR BONDS

A Flying Fortress is to America's air fleet what heavy artillery is to the Army. This gigantic four-motored bomber, equipped with heavy cannon, carries about three tons of bombs and reaches a speed of about 300 miles an hour.



These ships carry a crew of seven to nine men, weigh about 22½ tons, have a wing spread of 105 feet and each motor develops 1,000 horsepower. We need more of these "Flying Fortresses" to compete with the Nazi air force. You can help by investing at least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every payday. Buy them from your bank, post-office or other convenient issuing agent.

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Now To Strike A Balance



Mary Lee

Mrs. J. T. O'Bar Fatally Injured by Automobile Crash

Mrs. J. T. O'Bar, 76, was buried at 10 a. m. Sunday at Ledbetter following death from automobile wreck injuries in a local hospital at 6:30 Friday evening. She was injured Wednesday morning in the crash of a pickup in which she was riding with her son, George, and a truck, between Eden and Brady. Harry Snow of Edinburg and Stanley Branch of Denver were occupants of the truck and they were unhurt. George was in the hospital temporarily but he was able to attend the rites.

Survivors include the husband, Dr. J. T. O'Bar, residing on a ranch between Sterling City and Big Spring. He had been a pioneer medical practitioner in that area. Children include J. D. O'Bar of Big Spring, George O'Bar of the ranch, Mrs. Lois Smith of the ranch, T. P. O'Bar of Ledbetter, and J. C. O'Bar, on the mechanical staff at Goodfellow Field. There are also five grandchildren.

Mrs. O'Bar and her son, George, were on their way to visit the son and brother at Ledbetter ahead of gas rationing at the time of the accident. All the children were at the rites.—San Angelo Standard-Times

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McEntire Honor Visiting Soldiers

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McEntire entertained with a dinner and various games last Friday evening in their ranch home. The honored guests were Lt. and Mrs. Harold Gober and Lt. Roger Williams.

Other guests present were: Messrs and Mesdames Hubert Williams, Fred Allen, Worth Allen, Martin Reed, Trinton Revell, Misses Mildred Atkinson, Mickey McGuire, Leola Jones, Sue Nelson, Hallene Gibbs, Vernell Hevron, Marvin Foster, Mesdames Forrest Foster, John J. Cole, Studie McEntire, and Mr. William Foster.

Bingo prizes were awarded to Miss Gibbs, Mrs. Revell, Mrs. Wil-



Little Sister

That's how the members of the Ted Weems' orchestra feel about Mary Lee. She was only thirteen when she won a contest to appear as singer with the band; and during its tours, she was the special charge of every one of the musicians. Then she came to Hollywood, was spotted by Republic, and achieved popularity in the Gene Autry westerns and several feature films. Now she, Jane Withers, and Ruth Terry are to appear as the "Three Little Sisters," in Republic's film based on this Hit Parade tune.

liams, Lt. Roger Williams, and Lt. Harold Gober, and Fred Allen. Gifts were presented also to the honorees.

P. T. A. Makes Financial Statement

The Sterling City P. T. A. makes the following financial report:

Cash taken in	\$316.53
Expenses	40.82
Profit	\$575.71

In addition to the above receipts, five \$25 war bonds and \$20.85 in defense stamps were sold.

The following shows the total amount in tickets and cash taken in by each attraction: Cold drinks, \$8.10; fortune teller, \$1.65; novelties, \$12.56; white elephant, \$14.35; fish pond, \$9.13; bean jar guessing, \$15.34; football throw, \$13.36; spook room, \$6.30; chuck wagon, \$33.04; pop corn, \$8.15; bingo, \$39.50; cake walk, \$37.60; game room, \$25.47; donations, \$2.00; and coronation, \$166.00.

Uncle Sam wants the people to raise a billion pounds of vegetables in 1943. Fix your ground now and have it ready to plant next season.

Lions Entertain Lts. Gober and Williams

At its weekly luncheon at the State Hotel last Wednesday, the Lion's Club had as their guests of honor, Lts. Roger Williams and H. M. Gober.

A fine Armistic Day program was executed. Mrs. Corley and Miss Charley Edna Brooks of the school faculty made interesting talks. Lt. Williams and Lt. Gober spoke to the club. Mrs. Ina Sproul of the Agriculture Department was a guest. Miss Marvin Foster who sponsors letters for the soldier boys was present as a guest.

Postmaster Anna Lee Johnson was there with her war bonds and stamps for sale, and she sold them too. When the Lions filed out of the hall, each one was decorated with a stamp. The boys spent \$100.50 with Anna Lee.

Then she went to the school and the kiddies bought \$69.35 worth of her stamps. Then to celebrate Armistic Day a little more, she sold \$1,550.00 worth of bonds. That gal is a big headache for Hitler. She is never so happy as when dealing misery to that guy.

Outstanding Picture at The Palace This Week-end

One of the greatest films ever made is to be on the screen at The Palace this week end. "Sergeant York" is one of the most outstanding pictures made in recent years, and one that is recommended to everyone.

"Sergeant York" portrays one of the two greatest soldiers of World War I. Sergeant York is the popular hero of the American people. Although he came from the backwoods and was inclined to be a conscientious objector, he developed into a consummate soldier. Sergeant Alvin York will go down in history as one of the great soldiers in the ranks, and this picture will impress upon everybody the exploits of Sergeant Alvin York.

Ross Foster Awarded F. F. A. American Farmer Degree

At a recent national F.F.A. convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, Ross Foster, a 1942 graduate of Sterling High School, was awarded the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree to be acquired in F.F.A. work.

Ross was awarded this honor because of his outstanding work in the Sterling City vocational agriculture classes with sheep and beef cattle as projects.

Herbert Mills is the only other Sterling boy who has won this honor.

Ross, who is a student at Texas A & M college, is majoring in animal husbandry.

Along with this degree, the Mid-States Steel and Wire Co. of Indiana, presented Ross with a check for \$25.00 for his outstanding work.

Vance Brown Getting Along Fine

Pvt. Vance Brown writes to Joe Emery from somewhere on an island in the South Pacific that he is getting along fine. Before leaving here last spring, Vance was due a little sum to Joe, and when he mentioned it, Joe told him to forget about it, but if he could he might get a few Japs to even things. In his letter, Vance refers to his rifle as "Dumplin." He said the nights were so dark that he couldn't see very well, but he gave Joe to understand that he had evened up. It is safe to guess that if a Jap gets lined up in the sights of "Dumplin" there will be a Jap funeral.

Disappointed in Her Garden

Mrs. Herbert Gope planted her first crop of cauliflowers last spring. She gave them good care during the summer and they grew to be promising stalks, but no heads. She felt disappointed until one day she went out to look at them and to her delight, she saw the creamy white things smiling at her. She says they grew like mushrooms and now some of them are about so big. Cauliflower is a delicious vegetable and as easily raised as cabbages.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Actual experience on the world's war fronts has proved the collapsible boat an essential safety feature for both Naval and land based planes. They are made of rubberized material, easily inflated.



At the Battle of Midway an Army Lieutenant, after bombing a carrier, was forced to bail out of his bomber. He was able to get a "fish eye" view of the entire battle from his collapsible boat and was later picked up by an American plane. Your purchase of War Bonds with at least ten percent of your income every payday will help protect the lives of men who are flying for you. Get behind them today.

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GERMANY EATS

Some weeks ago, Hitler had one of his Fridays to tell the world that Germany would eat even if the rest of Europe starved.

Last week, when the German troops in North Africa had an urgent desire to put as much sand between them and the British and American troops as they could, it is said the German troops boarded every car to be found. When the Italian soldiers tried to ride out on the same cars with the Germans, the Germans kicked them out and ran off and left them in the desert to perish for water and food.

At that time the papers stated that the Italian troops were fighting a rear guard action. It is certain that they are doing a lot of surrendering. At last these Dagoes have found out that they have ganged up with a gang who eats while they starve and ride while they walk.—Uncle Bill

CHRONICLE OF

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After the boys had bedded down on the ground under the big live-oaks that grew on the banks of Lacy Creek, some of them waited until they heard Hank snoring. Then they crept up and stole his rope and bridle and hid them.

Next morning Hank missed his rope and bridle and began searching for them but no where could he find them. He didn't squawk or crab about it, but went about rigging a substitute bridle and rode out to work with the other boys.

All that day no one in the outfit offered Hank any sympathy for the loss of his bridle and rope. Even the boss took no interest and seemed to be unconcerned. Neither did Hank show concern, but in his mind he was of the opinion that the outfit would be deeply concerned later.

That night Hank waited until the boys were all asleep and then he crept from saddle to saddle, gathered every bridle and rope he could find. He took them away and hid them where they were hard to find.

Next morning there was a roar in camp. The words that were said can not be printed here. The boss was anxious to start work early, but their bridles and ropes were gone. No one had a bridle or rope.

The boss organized a search for the missing equipment. After while they began to find their stuff including Hank's outfit and soon the work was resumed.

No doubt some of the boys would liked to have accused Hank of putting up the job, but they knew he was the first victim of the joke.

Those who knew Hank in his younger days would have never dared to put up a job on him, because they knew he would pay them back with compound interest.

There were no hard feelings about the incident, and the longer these boys knew Hank, the better they liked him.

Hank and I have been pals since we were small boys over 70 years ago. In our youth we played, hunt-

Record War Bond Sales Is Goal Of Women At War Week Nov. 22

WASHINGTON, D. C.—America's women in the cities and on the farms—in war factories and in their homes—are determined to make Women At War Week the greatest War Bond selling effort since Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt sounded the keynote for the Treasury Department's Women At War Week, Nov. 22 to 28, with an appeal to women to save on "little things" to provide money for War Bonds.

"We women want to work hard, we want to be a part of this strenuous period because unless we are, we will not be able to face the men when they return and claim our share of the future responsibility for building a peaceful world," the First Lady declared.

The overall direction of Women At War Week rests with the Women's Section of the War Savings Staff under the leadership of Miss Harriet Elliott, Associate Field Director, and Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Chief of the Special Activities Unit.

From coast to coast women in every community have made plans for torchlight parades, fashion shows, teas, rallies, store window displays, Stamp and Bond booths, pageants, civic sings, balls and mardi gras. In each locality administration of the one week drive rests with the local War Savings Committee which has worked out activities adapted to their areas.

Mrs. Morgenthau, in a special message for Women At War Week, declared that the spirit of America's pioneer women lives today more strongly than ever.

"The average American woman began to rise to new heights on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941," Mrs. Morgenthau said. "This winter the average American woman will be spending less in order to save more to invest in War Bonds and Stamps. She will not, please God, ever have to fire a gun or fly a bomber. But she will, please God, always do everything she can to help buy anything—and the best of everything—that fires or flies or floats in this terrible war."



During Women At War Week volunteer War Bond saleswomen will wear an armband similar to the one being attached to the sleeve of Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., by Miss Harriet Elliott.



WOMEN AT WAR—Overalls, wrenches and drills replace fineries as these war workers in an Army Arsenal march to tank repair shops. Note the determination on their faces. These women are typical of hundreds of thousands who are working in war factories and investing part of their earnings in War Bonds.



Mrs. Roosevelt (left) says women help men at front by buying War Bonds. At right is the lapel tag which volunteers will wear during Women At War Week, Nov. 22 to 28.



ed, and fished together and later we did business together. Only at short intervals of time have we been separated in all those years. Hank was and is a good pal.

But we are octogenarians now. We will not fish and hunt any more, but we have much in common. Each of us love the other's children as if they were his own.

We both smoke "grown man's" tobacco as we learned to when we were "buttons." If one of us found some extra good tobacco, it was no good until it was shared with the other. As I have said before, Hank is a good old pal.—Uncle Bill

Marshal Erwin Rommel, Germany's ace general, with his Nazi and Italian troops are engaged in making tracks in the desert sands of North Africa in search of a place where it is quiet and serene, while Hitler and his goosesteppers are having an outing in the beautiful snow around Stalingrad and wondering where they will sleep tonight.

THE SOLDIER

(Contributed by Clarence Mogford with the Army)

A soldier is a nobody
We hear a lot of folks say;
He is an outcast in the world
And always in the way.

We admit there are some bad ones
From the Army and Marine,
But you will find the majority
The most worthy ever seen.

Most folks condemn the soldier
Who takes a drink or two,
But does the soldier condemn you
When you go take a few.

Now do not scorn the soldier
But clasp him by the hand,
For he who wears the uniform
Means protection for your land.

When soldiers go to battle
You cheer them on their way,
You say that they are heroes
When in their graves they lay.

So with these lines I close sir,
And hope they don't offend,
But when you meet a soldier
Just treat him like a friend.



WHOSE SCRAP IS IT?

Those thousands and thousands of people who say, "What can we do to help?" are undoubtedly sincere, but few of them are self-starters. They are waiting to be told.

And now Uncle Sam is telling them—and you. Our Grand Old Uncle says, "the scrap is all mine; I need it to help win the war."

And while there are committees and organizations in every community to handle the National Scrap Harvest, the real responsibility for its success rests squarely upon the shoulders of every individual farmer, home owner and factory operator.

No committee can possibly go through every house and barn, and search every fence corner to look for needed iron and steel, copper, aluminum and zinc, rubber, cotton and woolen rags and burlap. That's your job. It's the undivided responsibility of every member of the family, young or old.

Most of us are thrifty by both instinct and training. We remember the old adage: "Save a thing 100 years and you'll find a use for it." Now that use has caught up with us, sooner than anyone expected.

There is a surprising number of tons of these vital materials around

the country, waiting to be turned into the national supply bins.

Don't neglect to turn in small quantities. They count up. A single wheat stalk doesn't produce a very big handful of grain, but an acre of them yields a good many bushels.

A worn-out tire may yield only five pounds of reclaimable rubber. But if each one of our six million farms would turn in one old tire, we'd be putting to useful work three average shiploads of rubber that today is almost worth its weight in gold.

Each one of us must become a volunteer collector of scrap. Boy Scouts, members of 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers, members of the National Farm Youth Foundation, are all making sound plans to do their share. But we need a Scarp Army that is bigger than any that ever before existed. There is a big job to be done, and your help is needed.

By the millions, our finest and strongest young men have gone to war, willingly and cheerfully. We who stay at home owe them the best possible support. Many of them will give their lives; all are giving some of the best years of their lives, that the world may again know peace.

Is it too much to ask that you start your own home scrap-collection committee? Get all the members of the family in it. Get together every single pound and turn it into the place that will be locally designated as the collection center.

And start today. Be ready to make your contribution the very moment your local collection time is announced.

You are not asked to give scrap materials, unless you want to make a personal offering. Uncle Sam is willing to pay you a fair price if you ask it. But the important thing is to get the scrap going for all of us quickly. The more scrap you turn in, the sooner the war will be over that much sooner, and the more young men returned to

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Pair of broken mules for sale: See W. L. Foster, Sterling City. My home in Sterling City for sale. —Mrs. Lena Fandt

Local Items

White Pigs for Sale.—W. Y. Benge

Mrs. D. W. Watson, of Wick, is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. C. Carper. Mrs. Watson is the former Miss Elsie Carper.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walraven came from San Angelo last week end to visit relatives. Joe is serving in the aviation as a mechanic at Goodfellow Field.

Thomas Merrell came up from M & M College last Saturday and spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Merrell at Water Valley.

TURKEYS:—Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys, corn-fed. Place your order now.—W. Y. Benge & Son 3tp.

Owing to the tire and other war situations, I will not buy any more scrap. Everyone please take notice. Thank you for past favors.—M. C. Mitchell

Richard Abernathy and Lloyd Sharp attended the Tech-T.C.U. football game at Lubbock, Saturday. They visited there with Winston Churchill, who is attending Texas Tech.

Glenn Crawford of Mertzon was a last week end guest of his mother, Mrs. G. N. Crawford. Mr. Crawford said the range, crop and stock conditions were at their best around Mertzon

Lt. and Mrs. H. M. Gober were visiting Mrs. Gober's mother, Mrs. James McEntire during the past week. Lt. Gober has been transferred to Fort Worth where he will be stationed for further orders.

Misses Ruth and Babe Cole returned a few days ago from a tour in New Mexico. They spent several days in Albuquerque viewing the interesting features of that historic city. They report an enjoyable time.

At the 45th annual convention of Texas Federated Clubs, convened at Austin last Wednesday, Miss Ethel Foster was nominated President of the Federated Clubs of Texas for the ensuing year. All Sterling rejoices in the thought that one of its girls bears this distinguished honor.

Mrs. Alice D. Scott, Mrs. Britton Scott and little daughter, Danna Scott, all of Murchison, Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dearen a few days ago. The former is Mrs. Dearen's mother and Mrs. Britton Scott is her sister.

Approaching Marriage Announced

Announcement of the approaching marriage of Lt. John Colbert Littlefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Littlefield of Sterling City, to Miss Reta Mae Parker of Novice, Texas, was made at Coleman on Nov. 6. The marriage is planned to take place at Blythe, California, at an unnamed date.

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Lieutenant Burgess Meredith (center) stops to entertain A.W.V.S. worker Virginia Peine, lovely bride of Quentin Reynolds, and her famous author-war correspondent husband, backstage at Schrafft's "Appetite-Relief Station" for the million dollar Army Emergency Relief Show in Madison Square Garden. Leading stage, screen and radio stars put on a vast entertainment lasting nearly 6 hours and playing to an enthusiastic audience of over 20,000.

Henton Emery came in from Amarillo a few days ago to visit his mother, Mrs. W. L. Emery and other relatives here.

Miss Babe Cole left last Thursday in company with Dr. and Mrs. Bill Rhodes of Colorado City, for Washington, D. C. where they will visit Representative Geo. Mahon, who is a relative of the Rhodes. From Washington the party will go to New York City where Dr. Rhodes is to be stationed. Miss Cole was technician for the Rhodes Clinic at Colorado City which ceased operation when the Dr. Rhodes enlisted in the military service.

Church of Christ
R. D. Smith, minister

You are invited to attend the services at the Church of Christ. You will always be welcome and your presence will be appreciated.
Bible class at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m.,
Communion Services at 11:45
Preaching at 8:08, p. m.
Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
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Joan Whisnant in Program at School November 23

Joan Whisnant will appear in the high school auditorium on Monday November 23, at 11:15 o'clock.

A year ago Webster High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, graduated the most unusual student in its history—Joan Whisnant. This popular and beautiful youngster received an ovation, not the stereotyped hand-clap, when she was handed her diploma.

Joan Whisnant was born without arms and yet has lived a life so normal that her friends and school-mates have long ceased to wonder at her. She has asked and received



Joan Whisnant

no special favors from her teachers, and with the help of remarkably wise parents is one of the happiest young persons that we have ever known.

Astonishing as it may seem, she earned her Driver's License a year ago, a fact which was publicized throughout the nation. She is not only able to eat, comb her hair, put on "make-up" by herself, but she is an excellent crayon artist and plays the electric guitar. She will demonstrate all these abilities in her program—from pouring and drinking a Coca Cola to drawing a landscape in colored chalk. One of her school-mates will accompany her on the tour and will participate in the program.

Joan will tell her audience how she achieved these abilities and why she feels as she does. At the auditions in November, 1941, in Chicago she told Mr. Paulus of the Chicago office: "Do you know, when I see the opportunities some of the folks with two arms pass up, it makes me furious. I'll show them what I've done and maybe they will get busy."

Joan Whisnant's story is significant, however, not because she is so self-sufficient, but because she has maintained a happy, cheerful and friendly attitude toward life and people.

District Championship Game Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1:30 p. m. there will be a football game in Sterling City. The Sterling Eagles will play the Courtney Eagles for the District Championship.

Admission to the game will be 15 and 30 cents. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend this game.

H. E. Class Studies Home Nursing

The third year Home Economics girls took up the study of Junior Red Cross Home Nursing during the past week. We have selected this particular course because we feel that there will come a time when we may be of use as Junior nurses or nurses aids.

We have enjoyed three special reports from Hygeia Magazine given by June Augustine on "Sex Education in High School," Charley Edna Brooks on "Our Medicine Cabinet," and Georgia Bell Martin on "What You Should Tell the Doctor."

Our lessons covered so far deal with heredity, environment, in recreation to health, and how to make a bed with envelope corners.

Mrs. Corley has made this subject very interesting and we feel that we will enjoy this course very much.

FROM NINE TILL THREE

By GADABOUT

Hello, all you Sterlonites! We're back again and, due to more lessons, with less gossip.

Steadies are still: Marylene-Billy, Ewing-Anna Lou, Neal Margaret, and Tommie Marjorie.

Seen together now and then:—Charley Edna-Johnnie, Fred-various ones and Wayne and "Rootzy."

Here and there: Mary Lou was home Sunday night and Ross was here from A & M looking o.k. in his uniform.

Arlene was Mitzi's guest at S.A.C. last week and it is rumored her last Saturday night date was none other than the Theta president—Maudine also went down and was included at the zillite party.

Say, don't forget the district champ game here Saturday, Eagles vs. Courtney. Come and bring the "missus."

Doing nothing in particular Monday night were Charley, Billy, Marylene, Billy J., Johnnie, Frances, John and Maudine

Name-guessing and having cheese burgers and cokes were Juandell Maudine, Marylene and Arlene Sunday afternoon.

Two of the prementioned have seemed awfully lonesome these last two weeks.

Richard and Lloyd were seen at the Tech-T.C.U. game last week-end Quote Lloyd, "Blondes preferred". Unquote. P. S. He dated a blonde both nights.

Slime Lindsey seems awfully interested in an ex-Sterlonite—Joan Cole, and McCamey-Sterling mail is awfully handy.

The senior's rings are rapidly disappearing.

Durwood, where is your ring? I thought so.

First Grade

The first grade are very proud of their new library books—and are very anxious for their new desks to arrive.

They are studying ways to be a good citizen. Morning inspection is causing each child to take an interest in his personal appearance, as well as their personal lockers which are also being inspected.

Seventh Grade

The seventh grade Citizenship Club met on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Jacqueline Everitt gave the program on "Hobbies." It was very interesting. Estelle Reed and R. T. Smith were chosen the Best Citizens for the week. Tomorrow is Armistice Day, and our room is going to buy some stamps and bonds.

Eighth Grade

Monday morning we started going to school at 9:45 o'clock.

Edith Fowler was ill last Thursday. Friday and Monday afternoon but she returned to school Tuesday.

Watch for the date of the "Hoodooed Coon," a comedy to be presented at the High School Auditorium soon. The play is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. Admission 15, 25, and 35 cents.

Because of the postponement of gas rationing until December 1, the Sterling Schools will be dismissed for the Thanksgiving holidays, Nov 26-27.

Late Flowers

In the spring time in this part of West Texas, nothing is more beautiful than the plumes of bear grass with their creamy flowers scattered over the hills and valleys.

As summer advances, these gorgeous flowers fade and dry up on a tough stalk and are not seen until the next spring.

Last Tuesday, J. D. Lane, who ranches near Stiles brought in a fully developed plume of bear grass flowers which he found growing on the range. Mr. Lane says he never saw a bear grass flower in November. Indeed they are rare, but they have been seen growing in the Big Bend country flowering at this time of the year.

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FARM TRACTORS IN WARTIME

High-Compression Tractor Engines
 (Fourth of a Series of Six Articles)

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More work to be done with less labor to do it, is the situation that now faces farmers throughout the country. Thus it is up to the farmer to do everything possible to obtain the highest efficiency from his farm equipment and this, of course, involves principally his tractors.

Of the 1,800,000 tractors on American farms today, there are



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hundreds of thousands that are more than six years old. These were built during the years when it was the usual thing to compromise the design of tractor engines to enable them to burn any fuel the owner happened to choose; gasoline, distillate or kerosene. When, however, one progressive manufacturer designed a tractor engine to take real advantage of gasoline and brought out a high-compression tractor in 1935, it was well received by farmers and other manufacturers soon followed the leader. This first high-compression engine out-performed distillate-burning engines in every respect.

In order to understand the difference between gasoline and distillate as a fuel for tractor engines, it is necessary to know something of the way in which an engine operates. All internal-combustion engines, whether for use in automobiles, trucks, or tractors, produce power by burning a mixture of fuel and air in a series of cylinders. The fuel is vaporized in the carburetor, mixed with air, and drawn into the cylinder as the piston goes down on the suction stroke. As the piston comes up it compresses the mixture, which is then fired by the spark plug. As the mixture burns it produces a steadily increasing pressure which forces the piston down.

The amount of useful power that a tractor engine develops depends on the size of the engine, the speed at which it turns, and the pressure developed by the burning of the fuel in the cylinders. The first two of these factors cannot easily be changed after an engine has been built, but it is entirely possible to increase the pressure in the cylinders. One way to do this is by high-compressing the engine and another is to let the engine breathe more fuel and more air on each piston stroke. This latter can quickly and simply

be accomplished by changing manifold controls from "hot" to "cold" positions and removing any metal shield or "stove" that happens to be present, if gasoline is burned.

Here's what happens when the change is made. Gasoline vaporizes at a much lower temperature than distillate. Therefore the manifold temperatures required with gasoline are lower. This in turn means that the air mixed with the fuel will be cooler and therefore heavier than the air that goes through the hot manifold of a distillate-burning engine. Since the air-fuel mixture is cooler and heavier, a greater weight of fuel and air, and hence a greater quantity, is drawn into the cylinders. This greater quantity of fuel mixture is then compressed into the same space as would be the distillate-burning unit. Therefore, there is increased pressure and the gasoline-burning tractor—as compared with the distillate-burning unit—will pull greater loads or get over the ground faster in high gear. If these changes are made, of course, the tractor will not run on distillate or heavier, hard-to-vaporize fuels, and other changes necessary when gasoline is used exclusively should be made. These include: adjusting carburetor for gasoline, and installing "cold" or gasoline-type spark plugs.

The greatest advantage of using gasoline, however, is obtained by high-compressing the engine. This involves replacing the pistons with high-compression or "altitude" pistons and making the other changes mentioned above. By such a change it is usually possible to increase the power of the engine by as much as 30 percent over that obtained with distillate. The change-over to high-compression can be done by the farmer himself if he is so inclined and equipped, or it can be done at a garage. In any event, the cost of the new parts is no greater than would be the cost of the same number of replacements in an ordinary overhaul. Because of the present shortage of parts, however, it is not recommended that tractor engines be high-compressed until they are due for an overhaul anyway.

(NEXT WEEK: Gasoline for Less Wear and Tear)

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