

# STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD

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## REV. ANDREW JACKSON POTTER

The famous Andrew Jackson Potter was one of the first Methodist preachers to come to Sterling. Rev. Potter carried his Bible in the end of his saddlebags and his .38-caliber pistol in the other. This armament was usually supported by a Winchester rifle strapped to his back. Mr. Potter was equally comfortable with either the Bible, six-gun or the rifle when occasion required. But the Bible was the favorite weapon of the old scout when permitted to use it peacefully. But if provoked, he didn't mind using the .38 and pistol if some Indian or squawneck disputed his right to carry the gospel to the dark nooks and crannies of the wilds of this country.

One day, Rev. Potter stopped at a ranch where he was hospitably entertained. He was invited to stay over and preach on the following Sunday. Accepting the invitation, a cowpuncher was sent out to invite all the neighbors to hear him preaching next Sunday. The next day, Dr. P.D. Coulson met the gospel messenger and inquired about his mission. He said there was a "Methody" preacher corralled at the place and that he was sent out to invite the hands to the meeting that they were going to pull off at the place next Sunday. He told the doctor to be sure and come, because there was going to be a "sarchin' ne."

"What denomination is going to hold forth?" asked the Doctor. "I don't know," answered the cowboy, "but I think it is a Methody outfit." "Sure enough they had a 'sarchin' time at that ranch next Sunday. The boss had a beef barbecue and a kettle of coffee together with all the fixings that went with feast of this kind at the noon hour. With a gospel feast such as his old preacher could serve and a feast on the ground went a long way to make the occasion unforgettable.

At a time when the Comanches entered the ranches of West Texas, Rev. Potter had an appointment to preach at Fort Concho. He was warned that there were Indians in the country and to be on the lookout. Mr. Potter was always on the lookout. That was the reason that he wore his scalp.

So he set out for his appointment early one day. When he reached a hill, he saw two Indians skulk behind the hill in front of him. He knew they intended to ambush him and kill him. So he rode around the hill, dismounted, tied his horse to a tree and crept to the point

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## "It Takes Both"



It takes both... two fingers to give the Victory sign. It takes both War Bonds and Taxes to make that Victory come true. Continue your purchase of War Bonds, at least ten percent of your income. Pay your Victory Tax and your income tax cheerfully and gladly. Both are in lieu of an Occupation Tax to Hitler.

U. S. Treasury Department

## Books of the Month



(WNU Service)

## Receive Interesting Jap Souvenirs

Masters Edwin and Don Aiken last week received some interesting Jap Souvenirs from their father, Lt. Edwin H. Aiken who is somewhere in the Pacific waters.

The souvenirs consist of a Jap helmet, a warbag, a gas mask and a 20-mm cartridge shell and bullet. This article is very substantially made and no doubt very powerful when powder is behind it. Comparing it to old time American caliber measure, it would be rated as oversized .78 caliber.

The helmet is a steel cap and is covered with cotton fabric and it shows to have seen hard usage.

The gas mask looks very much like any other gas mask.

The warbag has been in long use. It is made of cotton fabric.

This outfit, while well made, is not so substantially built as those made for Uncle Sam's soldiers. No doubt the Jap who owned this outfit had met an American boy and after the meeting, the Jap had no further use for it. Edwin and Don are very proud of these trophies which their Dad sent them.

## Catches a Sheep Killer

A couple or more coyotes had preempted quarters in Dee Davis' pasture in the Canyons. They had been dining off lamb chops for several days. Dee didn't like it a little bit, so he came to town to get Oscar Findt to help him out with his troubles. Oscar quit his kitchen at the City Cafe and went over and strung a lot of traps in Dee's pasture and told Dee not to expect a catch the first night, but look out thereafter. So on the morning of the third night, Dee found one of the coyotes hard and fast in one of the traps. There are ranchers who will bet that Oscar can tell where a coyote will put his foot tomorrow night. Oscar knows more about coyote psychology than most any man you meet. He spent years and years on this range studying their ways and habits and harvesting them. This boy has rid the range of these pests until the bombardiers have scared them into taking up new quarters.

## FUEL RATION FASHION



CHICAGO, ILL.—A new dinner dress designed by a prominent stylist features a warm sweater for wear in American heat-rationed homes. The costume, which boasts the maximum comfort and style for the wartime hostess, is modeled by Miss Marion Claire, star of the Chicago Theater of the Air. The sweater is of wool and rayon boucle and is decorated with simulated pearls and gold bugle beads. The skirt is white chiffon, smooth at the hips and flared at the bottom. The fur is sable.

## A Soldier's Cravings

A letter from Vance Brown who is over somewhere in the Pacific, to Postmaster Anna Lee Johnson reveals the fact that he is well and doing all right except he has a craving for a "good bath, a slick shave and a clean bed to sleep in once more." Anna Lee had sent a Christmas package along with her letter and Vance got them, and it was good to read how grateful that boy was to realize that he had been remembered by his friends back home. Everyone should write to those boys and let them know that their friends at home are thinking of them. According to reports, Vance is making a good soldier.

Every home should have pecan trees growing in the yard. As shade trees, no other tree excels it in this part of the country. Then there is great profit as well as pleasure in having these, the best of all nuts, falling when autumn comes. From January to April is the time for setting out pecan trees. Native trees budded with your favorite type of pecan is the best.

## Wimodausis Club and "Women in Defense"

The Wimodausis club met Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Sterling Foster. Mrs. David Glass, federation counselor, gave an interesting report on club activities. Mrs. Sterling Foster, Red Cross chairman, stated that 18,000 surgical dressings had been made here since September. 1180 hours were spent with an average of ten workers twice a week. The announcement was made of the one-day institute for the Sixth District will be held in Coleman, April 15th. The president appointed the following year book committee: Mesdames Rogers Hefley, Harvey Glass, Clyde Davis and T. F. Foster.

The club is sponsoring the sale of a hand made afghan, to be given away at the annual Sterling County Stock Show. The afghan is on display in the show window of Sharp and Bailey Dry Goods.

An interesting program on "Women in Defense" was given. Mrs. Harvey Glass discussed "Aptitudes of Women for Industry." Miss Ethel Foster told of a recent visit through an airplane assembly plant, where women are at work. Miss Prebbie Durham gave "Woman of tomorrow."

The entire program showed research and study of the latest activities of the women today in women's efforts for victory, which were very helpful and enlightening to the study group.

## Fire Boys Fight Out-County Grass Fire

The grass fires which did considerable damage last week in the Buras and other pastures between Sterling City and Big Spring were brought under control by the Sterling City Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief, Joe Emery says that many of those people in that locality turned out and gave all the help they could, but of course the fire truck saved the day. Our Fire Department is in need of funds for the upkeep of the equipment. Everybody is expected to chip in to help keep the outfit in perfect trim. Only for these boys and their fire wagons, we would be goners in case of fire.

## GARDENING

Vegetable gardening is all the rage now. Well may it be, because the chances are that the vegetable and fruit peddler will not call at your door this season and sell you fresh vegetables that should be raised at your home.

Most doctors will tell you that everyone should eat more vegetables and fruit. That it is cheaper to eat these things than to buy drugs to make up for them.

Fifty years of observation and experience in and around Sterling in gardening might be worthwhile to a beginner.

The soil here is suitable for most all kinds of vegetables, provided you have plenty of water. Don't ever let anyone tell you not to give your plants too much water. That can hardly be done. Don't be afraid of giving too much water. You haven't enough water for that.

The water here is fine for irrigation. The magnesia in it is inert and will not injure plants or the land.

Your land should be pulverized and if possible, should be made rich with cowlot, stable or sheep manure. Remember that the chief elements of plant food consist of nitre to stimulate the leaves or foliage of plants. Potash to stimulate the stems or woody part of the plant and phosphorus which stimulates the fruiting of plants. Iron is also generally needed in most of this land. The best form of iron is copperas, or iron Sulphate.

A lot 50x140 feet is sufficient to raise beans, peas, beets, cucumbers, lettuce, mustard, radishes, spinach, onions, cabbage, cauliflowers, celery, carrots, turnips and tomatoes, for a large family.

Cauliflowers are as easy to raise as cabbage. Plant the seed in a bed like you do cabbage from February to May and when large enough to transplant, set in rows 3 feet apart and about thirty inches apart. Keep them well watered and they should head in October or November. They will stand frost about like cabbage. This land will produce cauliflowers abundantly. You will be proud of these good eats in the fall when the beautiful creamy white heads begin to peep out and smile at you.

Celery is another plant that is easily raised here. I usually plant celery seed in trenches about four inches deep and keep it well watered until about four inches high, then I thin them out to about a foot apart. When about 8 inches high, I hill them up in order to bleach the plants. In the cool nights of August and September, or later it grows rapidly and soon matures.

Blackeyed peas will do fine if you open a furrow of moist ground and sprinkle granulated copperas in the furrow and plant the peas. If this is not done on some of the ground here, the peas will come up and turn yellow and soon die. The copperas seems to neutralize the alkali in the ground. Copperas is good for other plants.

After you plant your seeds, look after your garden every day to keep down the weeds and bugs. And don't forget to water—plenty of water. Don't be afraid of too much water.—Uncle Bill

The War Department has taken over several dormitories of Texas Tech at Lubbock to shelter trainees in the Aviation Schools at that place. Some of the college boys will have to find other quarters.



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HE'S DOING GOOD

Now you boys cut out your criticism of Senator Biscuit, alias Senator Lee O'. Can't you see that he is doing Texas a great service by staying out of the State and letting the olive branch of political peace wave over the land again.

Can't you see the good that he is doing the whole country by staying away from Wash, D. C. while he is lopping up and down the land making speeches to the various legislatures and getting his feelings hurt?

Senator Biscuit, or maybe I should say Senator Lee O', says that he is no yes man—not even to the President, and he wants to prove it, and how can he prove it if he stays in the senate? How is he going to prove it unless he lopes and orates the fact?

In one of the States where he had an appointment to make a speech in the House of Representatives, the boys put up this sign: "Hitler can't be here today—Senator W. Lee O'Daniel will fill his place."

Let Senator Biscuit alone. All we ask of him is to stay out of Texas and remain away from his job at Washington. As long as he does this he will be performing a great public service.—Uncle Bill

The Germans are considered as being an intelligent and industrious people, but they are the greatest suckers on the face of the earth. They have followed such men as Hitler and Kaiser William and their wildhog schemes to destruction. The people of Germany today are starving. They barely get enough food to keep body and soul together and little to wear. They are losing their best men by the thousands every day. They are facing the greatest disaster at this moment that Germany ever faced in its history by following Hitler who thought to conquer the whole world. They have proven themselves to be the greatest suckers of the human race. The only wise Germans in the world are those who are on this side of the Atlantic engaged in peaceful pursuits and helping us to win the war. They showed their good sense in not falling for Hitler's murderous schemes.

The policy of the Texas A & M College in training young men in the pursuits of peace as well as war, has proved it to be the greatest of all colleges in the world. While other colleges were training its students in the pursuits of peace only, the A & M was doggedly fitting its students for war or peace. Today these A & M boys are not only being trained to produce the best livestock and crops, but they have and are being trained in the science of war. Uncle Sam's armies would indeed be poor without the leadership and skill of the A & M boys. This should be a pointer to our great University and the allied schools of Texas, that a man should be fitted to work or fight as the occasion requires.—Uncle Bill



The chairman of the House Naval Affairs committee reports that, after thorough investigation, only 5 percent of the war contractors were found making excessive profits. These can be automatically sifted out by the Department of Internal Revenue in computing income taxes, so why employ an army of thousands to examine the books of the 95 percent who are honest.

95%

Profits of 95 percent of war contractors do not exceed 2 percent after taxes.

Only 5 percent of war contractors are found to make more than 2 percent after taxes.

5%



25 Per Cent Credit for Good Fire Record

A good fire record credit of 25 per cent will apply to fire insurance premiums on policies written in Sterling City for 12-months beginning March 1, it was announced today by Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner. This will result in a direct saving on fire insurance as 25 per cent of the normal premium will be deducted on policies written after the effective date.

The 25 per cent credit will result in an estimated saving of \$1,176 on fire insurance cost for Sterling City policyholders during the next year. The estimate is based on fire insurance premium payments in 1942. A 15 per cent credit has been in effect for the past year.

Too Busy to Raise H-ll

Sterling City News Record  
(Best Paper in Texas)  
Uncle Bill  
Sterling City, Texas.

Dear Uncle Bill: Sure would like to drop in for a good old time visit with you but we are so damned busy here lately hardly have time to eat.

Most all the workers in the factory belong to some union or other and are always raising hell about hours, overtime etc. but not the pilots—we are at work at sun up and go home at sun down. We don't get any overtime pay, we like our hours, and would be glad to do test flying at night if it would help the war effort. Our dept. is run kinda like a ranch, we don't quit until we get through.

Best wishes to all,  
"Little George" McEntire

Yes, these young bombardiers are setting the grass on fire with their bombs all right. Sure, they miss the targets, but they don't aim to do it. Suppose you were flying a mile high at the rate of three miles per minute and try to drop a 24-lb. package in a 50 foot circle, do you think you could make the bull's-eye every time? George McEntire says these boys must have practice and it is up to us to furnish the ground. If they set the grass afire now and then, we can put it out. Let them practice.—Uncle Bill

The papers have to be careful about publishing facts of the whereabouts of the boys in the armed forces. We must not publish the Company, Regiment, Division, Ship or Squadron the boys are in, because it might mean the loss of life when a spy gets the information.

YOUR STAKE IN THE COST OF WAR

"Renegotiation of war contracts" is a heavy-sounding term, and newspaper readers in the sections of America where public interests are localized and largely agricultural may wonder how such a subject can concern them.

But since every taxpayer has a personal stake in any measure that increases government expense and adds to the public payroll, especially at a time when every dollar is needed for the war effort, then this question of contracts for equipment and supplies becomes vital to all.

In the early days of lend-lease and of the huge task of mustering an armed force of millions of men, a few contractors receiving fat orders saw in these government contracts only a new gold mine. To meet the relatively small number of abuses which were brought to light, the last Congress passed a law requiring that all new and old Army, Navy and Maritime Commission contracts be written with a "renegotiation" clause, so that they could be refigured in the search for cases where contractors were making too large a profit.

This law requires that the Army, Navy and Maritime commission each employ a separate force of men to re-estimate all contracts for buildings, machinery, tanks, airplanes, guns, clothing, and the thousand items industry must turn out for war use.

The law seemed wise and harmless at first, but evidently it was not realized how large an "army" of employees would be needed to enforce it.

It is estimated that there are some three million such contracts, over 20,000 contractors, and an unknown number of sub-contractors. If the original law were carried out, it might easily require 200,000 new public payrollers, and 300,000 new employees hired by contractors to prepare the data for the federal authorities, and this at a time when manpower is scarce and every able-bodied person is needed for service in uniform or production work at home. The job would take years even after the war.

Amendments Not Sufficient  
Agriculture and industry are short of machinery and manpower, and these men are too badly needed in producing crops and equipment for ourselves and our allies to be wasted in checking up on contracts, especially when there is already an efficient means of doing that work.

REV. ANDREW

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where he thought the Indians might be waiting for him. He found them there where they expected him to come up. They didn't see him until he had shot them both dead.

I don't think this good old preacher took time to conduct a funeral service and bury them. He was in a hurry to get to his appointment where he could use his Bible on his sinful white bretheren with effect.

Brother Potter knew only one Master and he served Him well. All others to Brother Potter were his

True, the original bill has been amended; but the amendments still authorize each department concerned to refigure contract prices. This means the employment of a vast number of special auditors and accountants.

Congressman Disney points out that there should be an automatic method of screening out contractors from those whose profits are not excessive, "so that we will not have to use, in renegotiation, all of the accountants in the country."

A proposed amendment whittles at the original law and limits renegotiation to contracts which show more than 2 per cent profit. But this is no time for half-way measures. That sort of plan would still require a lot of unnecessary employees on both government and contractors' payrolls.

The Solution

The Internal Revenue department has a yearly check on all profits. It figures the taxes paid in all industries, including those with Army, Navy and Maritime commission contracts. If the Internal Revenue authorities discover an abnormal profit from any war work in any business, after payment of taxes, it could so certify to the department concerned so that renegotiation could be started. The ones that are within the fair and reasonable limit of 2 per cent profit after taxes would require no attention, and in that way millions of man-hours would be saved and duplication of effort, and delays caused by extra forces of employees refiguring contracts, would be avoided.

The Disney amendment, which seems simple and effective, has not yet been adopted. Yet it amply guards against excess profits, with a minimum of interference with wartime production and at the same time providing escape from the new load of non-essential payrollers which the original law threatened.

The ordinary man therefore concludes: Why not let the Internal Revenue tax man do the whole job at one sitting? Why not save the time of industrial management and employees for vital work? Why not use the established check on costs, and at the same time save the expense of extra payrollers?

Most of those payrollers could well be used in the armed service, or on farms, or in factories, or in some other productive kind of work, instead of occupying desks in Washington. They would then be doing something to help win the war.

brethren and friends. While he asked no favors for himself from any man, yet, the latch string of the door of every cabin on the wide ranges of West Texas hung on the outside to him. They were all friends to him because they knew that the good preacher was out only to ask favors for the cause of his Lord and Master.

They loved and respected him.—Uncle Bill

Our public schools are expected to close the scholastic year about May 14. This is earlier than the usual closing time, but the full nine months will have been completed by that time.



PADDY DIGS A CANAL

JERRY MUSKRAT had been to the Smiling Pool several days. But he couldn't stay long. Oh my, no! He just had to get back to see what his big cousin Paddy the Beaver, was doing as soon as he was sure that everything was all right at the Smiling Pool he hurried back up the Laughing Brook to Paddy's pond, deep in the Green Forest. As soon as he was in sight of it he looked eager for Paddy. At first he didn't see him. Then he stopped and looked over at the place where Paddy had been cutting aspen trees for something queer. He couldn't see it out.

Just then Sammy Jay came over. "What's Paddy doing?" asked. Sammy Jay dropped down to the top of an alder tree and fluffed all his feathers in a very important way. "Oh," said he, "Paddy and I are building something!" "You! Paddy and you! Ha! Paddy and you building something?" Jerry laughed. "Yes, me!" snapped Sammy



"Oh," replied Paddy, "Sammy Jay and I are building a canal." "That's what I said—Paddy and I are building something!" Jerry had begun to swim across the pond by this time and Sammy was flying across. "Why don't you tell the truth, Sammy, and say that Paddy is building something and you are making him all the trouble you can?" called Jerry.

Sammy's eyes snapped and he darted down at Jerry's brown head. "It isn't true!" he shrieked. "You ask Paddy if I'm helping!" Jerry ducked under water to escape Sammy's sharp bill. When he came up again Sammy was over the little grove of aspen trees where Paddy was at work. Then he discovered something. What was it? Why a little water path led up to the aspen trees and the end of the little water path was Paddy the Beaver hard at work. He was digging and piling the earth on one side very neatly. In fact he was making the water path long. Jerry swam right up the little water path to where Paddy was working.

"Good morning, Cousin Paddy," said he. "What are you doing?" "Oh," replied Paddy, "Sammy Jay and I are building a canal." Sammy Jay looked down at Jerry in triumph and Jerry looked at Paddy as if he thought that he was joking. "Sammy Jay? What's Sammy Jay got to do about it?" demanded Jerry. "A whole lot," replied Paddy. "You see, he keeps watch while I work. If he didn't I couldn't work and there wouldn't be any canal. Old Man Coyote has been trying to catch me and I wouldn't dare go on shore if it wasn't that I am in the Forest are watching for danger." Sammy Jay looked very pleased, indeed, and very proud. You see it takes both of us to dig this canal; I dig while Sammy watches. So we are building it together," continued Paddy.

"I see," said Jerry slowly. "I turned to Sammy Jay. 'I'll give your pardon, Sammy,' said he, 'do, indeed.' 'That's all right,' replied Jerry. 'What do you think of the canal?'" "I think it is wonderful," replied Jerry. And, indeed, it was a very fine canal, straight, wide, and deep enough for Paddy to swim and his logs out to the pond. Yes, indeed, it was a very fine canal.

Strong Back Anyway  
Smarty—Can you give me a sentence with the word "condult" in it?  
Toughy—Sure. Dere's a lot of guys around here who think they can lick me but I don't know one "condult."

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**Local Items**

**EDTIME STORY**  
by THORNTON BURTON

**SALE:** Crystal white onion  
Geo. Grosshans, 5 miles  
west of Sterling City. 2tpd

**UROC-Jersey Boar for Service.**  
subject to registration.—See  
my Augustine, Sterling City. 3p

**Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds and  
Steve Currie of Glasscock  
county were visiting and shopping  
last Monday.**

**County Treasurer Thad Green who  
been in a hospital at San An-  
to for observation and treatment  
several weeks came home last  
Monday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. R. B. House came  
from San Antonio last week end  
visit friends and relatives here.  
House is being transferred to a  
nursing school in Lubbock.**

**Mrs. W.H. Nessmith and two sons  
Sanderson, and Mrs. S.R. Roberts  
Alpine, spent last week here  
visiting their mother, Mrs. J.S.  
tten, and sister Miss Vera Cotten.**

**The rig for the new oil test on  
2. 122, Blk. 6 H. & T. C. Ry. Co.  
B. Atkinson lands, has been  
moved on the ground and drilling  
will begin in a few days. This loca-  
tion is 13 miles due south of Sterling  
City.**

**The caliche base for the Garden  
road is expected to be complet-  
ed in about four weeks. When  
completed, this will be one of the  
best stretches of road in West Texas  
and will save a distance of about  
10 miles between Midland and San  
Angelo.**

**Onion sets grown at home, or  
some place near where they are to  
be planted for the spring crop, will  
be better than those shipped from a  
distance. George Grosshans has an  
acre that are just right for setting.  
Set now, they will be matured by  
the last of May.**

**Rev. Ross Welch of San Antonio,  
came in last Monday to visit his  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Welch  
as well as to meet his brother, En-  
no Raymond Welch at Big Spring,  
who was in transit from Boston,  
Mass. to a point somewhere on the  
West Coast.**

**Edgar Helwig stationed at Camp  
Dale after spending the time of  
his furlough visiting his parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Helwig on the  
Ranch farm, returned to his post  
duty. Edgar says they treat the  
boys nicely at his camp and they  
seem to be contented.**

**Dale Hall who suffered an acci-  
dent to one of his feet several  
months ago and has been in a hospi-  
tal for treatment, sent a unique  
valentine to his parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. D. Hall, in the form of a Red  
Cross record of a short talk he gave  
both of us to while in a hospital for the occasion. It was  
Dale's voice all right and it was good  
to hear him talk again. Dale is  
hopeful that he will be transferred to  
El Paso and then maybe he will get  
to come home to Dad and Mother.  
How when they want to hear the  
boy's voice, they put the record on  
the phonograph machine and let it  
turn.**

**THE TEXAS CO.  
Petroleum & its  
Products  
R. P. Brown, Agent**

**Davis Drug Company**  
Successor to Butler Drug Co.  
Drugs, Jewelry, Notions  
Stationery and School Supplies  
Prescriptions carefully compounded

**Scrap Metal  
WANTED!**



**Will Pay Cash**

For every pound of scrap metal that  
can be gathered. Will haul it in for  
you if you have enough to justify the  
trip.

NOW is the time to make some more  
money; besides, Uncle Sam needs the  
scrap badly.

**"Scrap the Japs with Scrap"**

**M. C. MITCHELL**

**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 8.00, p. m.  
Prayer meeting at 8.00 Wednes-  
day evening.  
A very cordial welcome.

**Our Job Is to Save  
Dollars  
Buy  
War Bonds  
Every Pay Day**



**I CAN'T  
RUN OVER  
NOW AND CALL THEM  
TO THE TELEPHONE**

Think of your neighbor!  
Often it isn't convenient for  
you to use his Telephone.  
**YOU'LL NEVER TROUBLE  
ANYONE IF YOU HAVE A  
TELEPHONE OF YOUR OWN.**

**Palace  
Theatre**  
Now Showing

Sunday and Monday  
February 21-22

Henry Fonda  
Gene Tierney

In  
**"Rings on  
Her Fingers"**  
Also News of the Day  
Selected Short Subjects



Wednesday and Thursday  
February 24-25

Preston Foster  
Patricia Morrison

In  
**"Night in  
New Orleans"**  
News of the Day  
Short Subjects



Friday and Saturday  
February 26-27

George Montgomery  
Ann Sheridan

In  
**"Orchestra Wives"**  
News of the Day and  
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10:00 Sunday School lesson  
11:00 Worship Service  
P.m.  
7:45 Training union  
8:30 Evening worship  
Wednesday

P.m.  
4:00 Missionary Society  
8:00 Weekly Teachers meeting  
8:30 Mid-week Devotional  
We welcome you,  
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## War Stamp Sales Over Half Billion Dollars, Album Drive Opens



Appealing Margaret C. Russell of the War Savings Staff tucks up the new Treasury poster which will be seen from coast to coast. It pictures retailer slogan, "SAY YES." A drive is underway for Americans to buy additional War Stamps to fill albums and convert them into War Bonds.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The nation's retailers from the tiniest hamlets to the mighty cities are acting as a spearhead in a great Treasury Department campaign to sell the additional War Savings Stamps needed to fill more than 100,000,000 albums now in the hands of the American people.

According to a report released by the Treasury Department today, sales of War Savings Stamps totaled \$559,777,000 for the period from May 1, 1941, through November, 1942.

Stamp sales have risen from less than three million dollars per month when they were first introduced to the public to an average of more than fifty million dollars per month at the present time.

The Treasury's slogan, "A half-

filled album is like a half-equipped soldier," has been adopted officially by retailers for the campaign.

The importance of the drive is seen in the fact that a War Bonds potential of nearly two billion dollars hangs in the balance.

Every War Stamp album, converted into a People's Bond, in which the purchaser pays \$18.75 which matures to \$25.00 value when held for 10 years, adds its force to the war effort.

The Treasury Department is counting upon the country's school children to play a powerful role in the success of the SAY YES drive. The volume of stamp and bond sales is at the rate of \$200,000,000 for the current school year.

## STIRRING AROUND STERLING

BY GADABOUT

Our fair city was as empty as Hitler's and Hirohito's heads last week, but six or so were seen trying to stir up some excitement—my mistake: "Cooking with gas," as the slang goes.

Monday night: Walking and talking and wishing for a cake. Some of the more extravagant were seen dating and crowding for the show.

Tuesday night: Home, collecting on long needed sleep. All but Johnny, that is you've heard of triangles—put Dan as one angle, Johnny as the next and (censored) as the third. She seems to really believe in "threes."

Wednesday night: The show was stacked full of everyone and their dogs—only its defense stamps instead of dogs.

So goes—

"Three Days of Gracie"

Thursday: Rumors of a Valentine dance honoring the Seniors, but due to the district meet held Saturday the plans fell through. Thanks anyway, sophs. Reminders at the show. Georga Bell and Ewing in San Angelo.

Friday: Plans began for fun-filled week ends. One-third of the SHSers were at the show Friday night. Other two-thirds? You can guess.

Saturday: Everyone was outside enjoying the sunshine. Betty, Arlene and Maudine to San Angelo.

Sunday: Show, nearly everyone was there but "Herk Kerk the drummer boy." "Hi."

Highlights for week of 15th-20th: Banquet honoring seniors, given by the Baptist women. Thoroughly enjoyed.

## P.-T. A. Observes Founders' Day

Observing Founders' Day, the Sterling P. T. A. met on Feb. 11, in the school auditorium.

The following program was heard: History of Founders' Day, Mrs. Joe Snead; piano solo, Jacqueline Everett; playlet by the freshman English class on "Pioneers Forever" and a History of Sterling City P. T. A. by Miss Pearl Faibes.

## P.-T. A. Guest at Tea

The P. T. A. was guest of the homemaking department at a Founder's Day Tea on Feb. 11.

The tea table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a huge old-fashioned lace trimmed valentine. The same appointments were carried out in the pink and orchid guest book. Approximately sixty guests called.

## Red Cross Workers

Red Cross Workers Tuesday afternoon were Mesjames Lura McClellan, D. Hall, Warren Garms, John Welch, Jim Atkinson, Roy Foster, Templeton Foster, Frank Cole, Sterling Foster, H. F. Merrell, A. F. Clark, Lester Foster, Rufus Foster, W. B. Allen and John Walraven.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

CONSUMER DECLARATION  
 Processed Foods and Coffee

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am authorized to apply for and receive a War Ration Book Two for each person listed below who is a member of my family unit, or the other person or persons for whom I am acting whose War Ration Book One I have submitted to the Board;

That the name of each person and number of his or her War Ration Book One are accurately listed below;

That none of these persons is confined or resident in an institution, or is a member of the Armed Forces receiving subsistence in kind or eating in separate messes under an officer's command;

That no other application for War Ration Book Two for these persons has been made;

That the following inventory statements are true and include all indicated foods owned by all persons included in this Declaration:

**Coffee**

- Pounds of coffee owned on November 28, 1942, minus 1 pound for each person included in this Declaration whose age as stated on War Ration Book One is 14 years or older. . . . .
- Number of persons included in this Declaration whose age as stated on War Ration Book One is 14 years or older. . . . .

**Canned Foods**

Include all commercially canned fruits (including spiced); canned vegetables; canned fruit and vegetable juices; canned soups, chili sauce, and catsup.

Do not include canned olives; canned meat and fish; pickles, relish; jellies, jams, and preserves; spaghetti, macaroni, and noodles; or home-canned foods.

- Number of cans, bottles, and jars (8-ounce size or larger) of commercially packed fruits, vegetables, juices and soups, chili sauce and catsup owned on February 21, 1943, minus 5 for each person included in this Declaration. . . . .
- Number of persons included in this Declaration. . . . .

The name of each person included in this Declaration and the number of his or her War Ration Book One is:

Print Name	Number
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NOTICE.—Section 35 (A) of the United States Criminal Code makes it a criminal offense, punishable by a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment, \$10,000 fine, or both, to make a false statement or representation as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States.

(Signature of applicant or authorized agent)

(Address)

(City and State)

## USELESS SPENDING

Senator Harry F. Byrd, in a recent press release, said in part: "The United States Civil Service Commission reports as of August 31, 1942, that there were 2,606,300 employees of the United States government . . . . On Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, there was a total of 917,760 civilian federal employees. We have three times that many now. In the last World War we had one civilian employee for every four and one-half members in the armed service. In this war, we have so far one civilian employee to every one and three-fourths members of the armed forces, the ratio being two and one-half times more per soldier, and we are still increasing our civilian personnel at the rate of over 3,000 daily . . . . On November 11, 1918, there were thirty agencies of the government. Today there are 81 distinct agencies, many of these making no direct contribution to the war effort."

This remarkable statement should receive the careful consideration of every American citizen. When we consider that, since the release by Senator Byrd, the President has submitted his budget to Congress for the fiscal year, calling for 100 billion dollars for our war effort and nine billion additional for civic expenditures, we gain some idea of what the conduct of this war is going

to mean in the tax burden of the next generation.

**Curtail Civic Spending**

No one wants to limit a stipend activity necessary to win the war, but just ordinary common sense and economy indicate that every unnecessary civic expenditure should be until the emergency of war has passed.

Right now our new Congress is confronted with the problem of curtailing excessive profits on war contracts. Present law provides for "renegotiation" of their separate contracts by the Army and Navy departments and the Maritime Commission. There are some three million of these contracts, but probably not 5 per cent will show excessive profits after taxation.

The Internal Revenue department will find every case of excessive profits and, where such profits remain after taxes, can report such cases for "renegotiation." This practical economy and does the most efficient way.

Industry and agriculture, both which feel the pinch of shortage manpower, should support Congress in any method it decides upon practical and economical. Preventing new additions to the payrolls and cutting out useless civic expenditures and payrollers who have nothing to do that is constructive in the effort will help solve the manpower problem and ease the burden of tax-



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