

THEMES OF WAR AND LOVE

The themes of war and love, whether in fact or fiction, have ever been the chief factors that interest and moved the average human. Very few novels or movie pictures that does not carry a war or love theme.

After the Civil War I listened to the tales of the old Confederate Veterans until I was thrilled beyond measure. Had I possessed the foresight to have noted down an outline of some of the tales I heard, I would now have a rich treasure in the way of thrilling tales that are now forgotten lore. Some of these tales were extremely funny, while others were thrilling as a drama.

Old Captain Bill Reed, once a neighbor of mine and grandfather of our fellow citizens, John, Bill, Lee and Nick Reed, told me of a soldier at the battle of Pearidge in Arkansas, during the Civil War. This soldier was a member of Capt. Reed's Company, when the Yanks sent a hail of bullets that kicked up the dust around the soldier, he ducked behind a huge oak stump. When it seemed that the fire of the whole brigade was centered on that stump, but the man hugged the ground behind it until they quit shooting at him.

When he came out from his shelter, Capt. Reed said to him: "My friend, you had a close call. It was lucky for you that stump was there." "Lucky, nothing," he said, "if that stump had not been there, I would not have been there."

The late Bill Kotan, father of Mrs. Lillian Reed, always had a grudge against Richard Coke who afterward became governor of Texas and died while serving in the U. S. Senate. While serving in the Confederate Army, they were camped on a hillside. They made their beds down across a road. Coke's bed was next to Bill's and proved to be upstream from him. That night it came a heavy rain, and the water dammed up about a foot deep before Coke waked up. Then the big Colonel rose up and let the water float Bill out of his bed. Bill never forgave Dick for this.

While he was sheriff of McLennan County, I sat around a campfire in a creek bottom not many miles northeast of Waco, and heard General Sul Ross tell the story of the capture of Cynthia Ann Parker.

General Ross was extremely modest, and it took a lot of urging and coaxing to get him to tell about the part he took in the rescue of the long lost Cynthia Ann.

He said that while he was in command of the rangers that fought the Comanches that day, Lt. Tom Killiher deserved the credit of the capture.

When the rangers charged the Comanche camp, Peta Nocona, Chief of the Comanches and his wife, Cynthia Ann, mounted their horses and fled. Cynthia Ann carried her baby girl in her arms and an Indian girl rode behind her.

Killiher pursued Cynthia Ann, overtook her and made a prisoner of her.

Gen. Ross went after Peta Nocona and after a fierce fight, he wounded him. The Chief sat down by a tree and began to chant his death song.

Ross tried to induce the Chief to surrender, but the Indian tried to stab him. It was then that the General's Mexican servant finished Peta Nocona with a charge of buckshot.

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"V" for Victory—and Vegetables



Foster-Westbrook Nuptials

Miss Mary Lou Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster, became the bride of Pvt. Finis F. Westbrook, son of Mrs. Hazel Westbrook of Fresno, Calif., at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening.

The ceremony was read by Rev. L. O. Ryan, pastor of the First Methodist Church, in the Foster home before an improvised altar in front of the fireplace.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, carried a prayer book topped with a white orchid.

Miss Jamie Sue McEntire was maid of honor, and Carolyn Foster, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Carrying a basket of rose petals, Virginia Lou Wilkinson of Midland, cousin of the bride served as flower girl.

Reynolds Foster was best man and ushers were Foster Sims Price and William Foster.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson played the wedding marches, "Ave Marie" and accompanied Miss Ethel Foster who sang "Because."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Foster home. The couple was assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster and Mrs. Jennie Atkinson, aunt of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Lester Foster presided at the three-tiered wedding cake which was placed on a glass reflector and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand presided at the guest book.

The bride attended Southern Methodist University, where she was a pledge of Zeta Tau Alpha. The bride groom attended the San Angelo College and is stationed at the San Angelo Army Air Field Bombardier School. The couple will make their home in San Angelo.

Guests included relatives of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends.

Lions Club Hostesses

The Lions of the local club last Wednesday had cause to be grateful to Mesdames H. L. Hildebrand, R. T. Foster, Daisy Smith and Miss Caro-

Urged Synthetics



One of the most insistent pre-World War II advocates of a national synthetic rubber program, as a form of "national defense insurance," was John L. Collyer, since 1939 president of the B. F. Goodrich company. A 13-year term of service in Europe and Asia with the largest British Empire rubber concern (Dunlop) had given Collyer unusual insight into the international complexities of the rubber industry. He is a native of New York state and was a star athlete at Cornell.

lyn Foster, for the splendid chicken dinner they served the club in the basement dining room of the Methodist Church.

H. M. Kautz exhibited a fine collection of Indian artifacts consisting of arrow points, spades, drills, hammers and other artifacts used by the ancient Indians who inhabited this country years ago.

Mr. Kautz gave a very interesting lecture on the objects shown.

R. P. Brown, who had been in a hospital for several weeks, was at his old place at the table to the joy of his old time fellow Lions.

Home From Aleutians

L. B. Hallmark, is spending the time of his furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hallmark. L. B. has seen service in the Aleutian Islands and if allowed, could tell a thrilling story about the mopping up of Attu Island where only a few Japs live to tell the tale. L. B. said while on duty in the North-west Pacific, he met with his friend Melvin Ray Key. He said Melvin Ray was fine and getting along all right.

Dengue, Malaria Increase

According to morbidity reports compiled by the State Health Department a sharp increase in the incidence of dengue and malaria fever has been noted in Texas in the last four weeks. Inasmuch as both of these diseases are disabling and sometimes fatal, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is urging every citizen of Texas to cooperate in eliminating the mosquito which is responsible for transmitting both dengue and malaria.

"Malaria will continue to be one of our major public health problems just as long as breeding places are accessible to the female Anopheles," Dr. Cox stated. "It is vitally important to public health in this state that every home and business house cooperate in controlling this menace to good health by freeing their premises from tin cans or broken bottles, or any type of rubbish in which water may stand, so that the propagation of the Anopheles mosquito can be checked."

Dengue is characterized by its sudden onset and accompanying headache and pain in the back and limbs which has caused the disease to be commonly known as "break-bone" fever. The fever is usually of short duration but inasmuch as convalescence is extremely slow, the loss of time in recovery would constitute a hinderance to our total war effort.

Malaria, like dengue, is a very debilitating disease and one from which recovery may require weeks or even months of time.

Dr. Cox stressed the importance of conserving the nation's manpower and urged that every Texan cooperate in an effort to destroy the mosquito which is responsible for the transmission of malaria and dengue fever.

R. P. Brown, who was in a hospital at Temple for medical observation and treatment returned home last Saturday. Mrs. Brown brought him home in the family car after an all night drive in order to avoid the heat of the day. The veteran fire chief looks a little "drawn" but he looks good to his old time friends here.

EVERYTHING GOING FINE

During the spring and summer of 1943, the families of John and Nick Reed have been the victims of a long string of serious accidents that would cause the superstitious to suspect that the two Reed homes were the abode of a flock of Grem-lins.

Every member of Nick Reed's family has been a victim in one way or another. Last year Mrs. Reed became seriously ill and was a patient for a long time in a hospital before she regained her health.

In the spring of this year Triniteth, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Reed, suffered a broken leg from a fall and was a patient for several weeks in a hospital. She is now at home and walks with the aid of crutches.

A few weeks later, the Reed garage caught on fire and destroyed the family car together with a large string of ranch tools, in all worth over two thousand dollars.

Later on, Nick had jacked up the ranch pickup and as he poked his head under the car, the car slipped off the jack and fell on Nick's head inflicting a painful hurt on his scalp.

Later on, while Nick was suffering a headache, the news came that his son, Neal J. had been dragged by a frightened horse, while tangled in a rope with a sheep. The sheep was killed and the boy seriously hurt, and only for Arthur Phillip catching the horse, no doubt that Neal J. would have been killed.

Notwithstanding all these happenings, the Nick Reed family are all up and going as if nothing had ever happened to them. They are that kind, you can't keep them down. Nick can see a streak of good luck through it all. The car was not damaged when it hit him on the head.

The family of John Reed consists of only himself and wife, Bess. Their two children, Martin and Johnnie Bess have married and have homes of their own. Bess was full of energy and went about her household duties in a high lode.

One day Bess suffered a fall, but she was too plucky to admit that she was badly hurt. She reduced her speed to a trot and kept right on with her work. Next day her hip hurt her so much that she gave it up and went to a hospital. The X-ray revealed a broken bone. She is in that hospital yet, but she is nearly well and expects to return home this week.

One day while John was visiting Bess in the hospital, when he came out, he found his car missing from where he had parked it a short time before. He knew it had been stolen. He contacted the police and Highway patrol men and other authorities and soon the air was buzzing with police calls.

In less than an hour, John was notified that what was left of his car was lying by the roadside west of Ballinger and a dead man was nearby.

A streak of good luck followed John in this incident. The car was so completely pulverized that he never worried about repairing it.

The man who stole the car was so dead that John would never worry about going to court as a witness against him.

John did not weep to speak of about the sudden demise of the sick fingered youth. He didn't send a bouquet of green cockle-

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WOULD START A SHOW

Sgt. Wm. P. (Preston) Sullivan writes from somewhere in North Africa that he is well and doing fine.

The Sergeant sent us an excerpt of a letter written by Capt. D. C. Bintliff to the Stars and Stripes, an army newspaper.

The Captain wouldn't kill Hitler and his comrades in crime when they are caught, but he would put them to serving a good purpose.

He would build transparent, bullet proof cages mounted on wheels, put Hitler and the other criminals in it and start the greatest show on earth.

He would advertise them as the greatest collection of monsters ever collected in one cage. He would charge an admission price and use the proceeds to help the widows and orphans they have made. He would keep this show going for the duration of their lives and when they died, he would put their cockeyed regalia on them, cast them in glass and keep the show going.

While this idea is new, it might not be a bad one. Most anybody would give a good price to see this collection of blood suckers.

Cull the Chickens

You can cull 20% or more of your hens now if they have not already done so. A reduction of 20 per cent of culls in all flocks in Texas would mean a saving of approximately 72,000,000 lbs during the next two months.

Feed is scarce so help save it by culling now. Confine hens to the house during the night—next morning use a catching hook and work quietly among them. Take out all that look like this:

1. Striveled combs.
2. Yellow legs or beaks.
3. Molters.
4. Weak and extremely light birds.
5. Coarse or masculine heads.
7. All male birds.

Weed the culls—feed the layers. When you cull your flocks now you accomplish four important things.

1. Save feed.
2. Meat for the table—saves ration points.
3. Canned chicken—for year-round use.
4. Cash for loafers.

Cull Today—So You Can Feed Tomorrow.

If you need help in doing this job call on your County Agent.



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General Ross, in speaking of this victory over the Comanches, gave his men all the credit.

But a strange spell was cast over the veterans of World War I. Very few will talk about their experience in that dreadful war, and then only after being urged to do so.

It took me 25 years to learn that Will Durham, our popular deputy sheriff carried a lot of schrapnel steel dust in his leg that could serve a good purpose if it were reduced to possession and sold to a junk dealer.

Will was a lieutenant at the time he accumulated this dust. The shells were flying thick and fast when he ducked for cover. When a shell exploded, he felt his leg go numb. He was afraid to look at it for awhile, but afterward found that his injuries were not serious. He carries some of that steel dust around with him yet.

I had to find it out through the women folks that Sheriff Vern Davis who then was a U.S. Captain had been knocked out by schrapnel. After quizzing him, he admitted that a schrapnel had bit him on his tin hat and he went to sleep for a couple of hours. The damage to his hat must have been on his mind when he went to sleep, because the first words he spoke after he woke up were: "they have ruined a perfectly good tin hat."

One night Capt. Davis stationed his men on the first bank of a river with the orders to shoot the first man they saw coming up the bank. Then he went down to the second bank to get a better view of the enemy should they try to cross. When his watch was finished and he wished to join his men on the upper bank, he remembered the orders he had given. He knew what would happen if he poked his head above the bank. He had trained his men to shoot and to shoot straight and the thought gave him hours of suspense before he could rescind his order.

Jeff Davis, a brother of Vern's, went over and did the service he was expected to do, but I could never induce him to talk about his experience.

I doubt if Harvy Glass has yet told his wife about his adventures while touring France as one of Uncle Sam's doughboys. At least he has never told me any of his experiences in that awful conflict.

I caught Mike Slaton red handed one day soon after he had returned from France. No, Mike had been in no tight places during his tour as a doughboy in France. He allowed me to read some of the papers he had in his pocket.

One of these papers was a glowing Citation, commending Mike for courage and gallantry in action.

"How about it Mike? This citation says you were in action aboard a ship. How about it?"

"Aw, that aint nothin', I didn't do nothin worth telling about." Mike said.

"Me and a big crowd of fellows were riding on a big ship when a flock of submarines tried to blow us up. The Captain sent me and some fellows up in the crows nest of the ship to watch out for submarines. All we did when one poked its nose out of the water was to phone down to the gunner boss about it. We didn't even fire a shot but we had as much fun as hunting dipper ducks. As a sub stuck up its nose, a sub chaser let loose depth bombs. They told me not to look at anything except in my own sector. I couldn't help looking when the boys blew a couple of subs clear out of the water."

No, Mike didn't have much to

BONDS OVER AMERICA

In San Antonio, Texas, stands a mission fort of which is written:

"Thermopylae had her messenger of defeat, the Alamo had none." 182 men gave their lives here in 1836.

Alamo Chapel



How many relics, dear to the hearts of millions of Europeans, Hitler has wantonly destroyed? Thousands of shrines linking the present with past glory have been smashed to rubble.

Be Ever Alert Buy War Bonds

The voluntary enlistment of the four Cole brothers, Jack, Rue, John and Ervin Cole were outstanding examples of American Citizenship. Jack had a wife and two fine young boys and didn't have to go, but he went. All four of the Cole quartet ranked as sergeants. Irvin didn't have much to say about his experiences while serving as a marine.

John admitted to me one day that he stopped over in England while enroute to France, but I doubt if he has ever told Jewell, his wife, about his adventures in France.

I am reserving the heroic stories of Rue and Jack for another story. Ollie Carper would never tell much of his adventures in France.

The late Jimmie Hodges told me of his thrilling experience while on a mission in No Man's land. He and his comrades got lost one night in No Man's Land. They wandered nearly all that night between the muzzles of friendly and enemy guns. Flares sent up by the Ger-

mans would illuminate the country all around them. As a flare would go up, Jimmie and his comrades would lie flat on the ground and remain there until the flare faded. At dawn next morning they reached the American trenches safely. Jimmie came home safely only to meet death by accidental drowning at Galveston several years later.—Uncle Bill

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PIGS FOR SALE—See or phone E. K. Cherry

LOOK AHEAD!



Thanks

I want to thank my friends for all the letters, cards, and words of encouragement sent to me while in the hospital.

Your interest in me was encouraging and helped to pass the time and I will remember you always.

Also I thank Uncle Bill for mailing me the good old News-Record each week.

Your friend,
R. P. Brown



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.



A moment of kindness . . . a day of cheer

Interesting, isn't it, how some animals steal their way right into your heart? . . . Take a frisky pup for example, or a playful kitten or doe or calf. One look from those soulful eyes and the strongest man surrenders.

Most folks feel that animal friends add a lot to the fun of living, that they play an important part in our lives. A fellow feels proud of their confidence because it tells the world the sort of person he is.

Cultivate the good things. Enjoy and treasure them . . . and be sure to include among them the friendly cheer and cool refreshment of grand-tastin' Grand Prize. A beverage of moderation . . . Grand Prize is one of the pleasures that add much to the joy of living.

"Cultivate the Good Things . . ."



GULF BREWING COMPANY

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Local Items

B. B. Hestir will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Glass returned from a trip to the Davis Mountains Thursday.

Ed Counsel of Paris, Texas is looking after his ranch interests in the south part of Sterling County.

Mrs. R. L. Gill returned last week from a visit to their mother who was ill in a hospital in New Mexico.

Wyn G. Brown, son of D. M. Brown, is in the Fourth Engineer Aviation Unit, general painter, at Arch Field, California.

Miss Eula Slaton of San Angelo, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Key as well as relatives and other friends here last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyles of near Camery came in last Thursday to visit Mr. Lyles' mother, Mrs. Helen Lyles and other relatives here.

Mrs. J. F. Boyd and little daughter Christine of Houston, are visiting Mrs. Boyd's mother, Mrs. J. A. Howell and other relatives here.

Mrs. Wilbur Stone and little son Orange, Texas, are guests of Mrs. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blair and other relatives here.

Sgt. Carl Abernathy who had been on a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Abernathy, left last Thursday to report for duty in Florida.

The Federated Clubs will meet on Wednesday, August 18th at 5 o'clock at the County Library. Miss Ethel Foster, state president, will be featured on the program.

The friends of Tech Sgt. Robert L. Gill will be interested to learn that he married a New Mexico girl a short while ago. The Sergeant is stationed at Merch Field, California.

Pvt. Allen T. Hopper of Sterling City, has reported for duty at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, N. M. Before going to the Carlsbad base, he had been stationed at the Roswell, N. M., Army Air Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Collins returned a few days ago from Ruidosa, N. M., where their vacation was spent enjoying the cool atmosphere in that pine clad region. But they found us in the middle of a hot spell here at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Martin and daughter of Big Lake, visited Mr. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin last week end. Mr. Martin returned home while Mrs. Martin and daughter remained for a week's sojourn here.

Fire broke out in the grass of Bill Reed's pasture on the upper reaches of the North Concho last Sunday and destroyed about a half section of grass. Assistant fire chief Joe Emery and his boys responded to the call and soon brought the fire under control.

R. B. House came in a few days ago to spend the limit of his furlough visiting relatives and old time friends here. R. B. is with the Signal Service and has been in training for about a year. He will report for duty at a post somewhere east of here.

Much Livestock Saved In Flooded Midwest By Red Cross Program



Disaster crews of the American Red Cross saved livestock as well as humans, and fed both during its rescue and rehabilitation program in the recent Midwest floods which inundated great sections of six states. Feed was hauled to many marooned animals in high spots. Wagons and boats of every description were used to reach marooned livestock. Epidemics were averted by immunization of thousands of animals. Upper photo shows volunteers headed for a group of marooned livestock close to Chester, Ill., while the lower photograph shows Dr. R. N. Russell, veterinarian, of Morrilton, Arkansas, aided by J. H. Russell, injecting blackleg serum into a calf.

But It's True

DECLARED "TOO FRAIL" FOR SERVICE IN THE UNION ARMY IN 1901. CASCA HUDSON, OF GALESVILLE, WIS., NOW 46, CUTS A DAILY SUPPLY OF WOOD FOR HIS FURNACE AND FIRE-PLACE. SUMMERS HE HAS ENTIRE CHARGE OF HIS POTATO CROP.

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 --PLUS--
 Gene Autry
 Virginia Gray
 in

"Bells of Capistrano"
 Also News of the Day
 Selected Short Subjects

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday August 15-16-17
 Cary Grant
 Ginger Rogers

In
"Once Upon a Honeymoon"
 Short Subjects

Wednesday and Thursday August 18-19
 Bing Crosby
 Bob Hope
 Fred McMurray
 Dorothy Lamour
 Dick Powell
 Betty Hutton
 Alan Ladd and
 many other stars

In
"Star Spangled Rhythm"

News of the Day
 Short Subjects

Friday and Saturday August 20-21

Randolph Scott
 Elizabeth Bergner

In
"Paris Calling"

--and--
 Johnny Mack Brown

In
"Masked Rider"

News of the Day and
 selected short subjects

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 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
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 Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock

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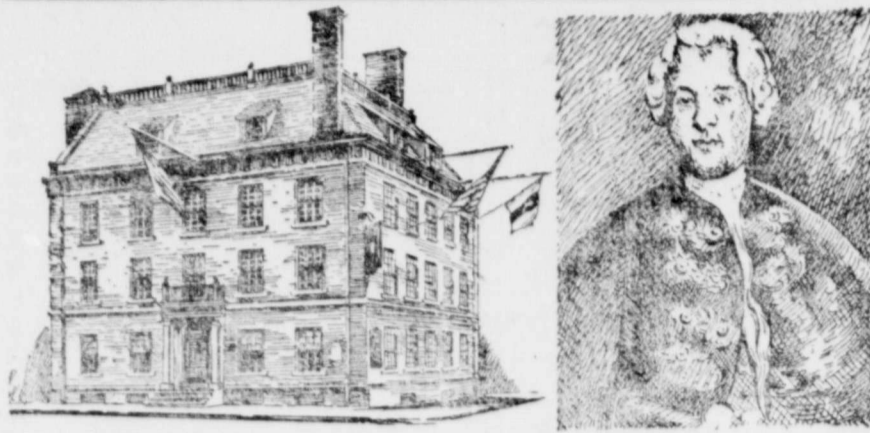
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The Men's Store

**ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON'S STEWARD
AND HIS FAMOUS TAVERN IN OLD NEW YORK**



Revolutionary Patriot Samuel Fraunces and his famous tavern, now an historic shrine in New York.

Fraunces' Tavern, one of New York's most famous Revolutionary shrines, celebrates its 180th anniversary this year and has just marked the 167th anniversary of the discovery of a plot to poison George Washington. The plot was exposed by its patriot host, Samuel Fraunces.

To count just another of its numerous connections with historic events it has also just marked the anniversary of its bombardment by a British warship in 1775 and the 1776 "scrap drive" of Samuel Fraunces which stripped it of leaden ashweights and other metal equipment which were immediately used to make munitions for the American forces.

The Tavern has been restored and is used as headquarters of the New York State branch of the Sons of the Revolution. It was a fine mansion in Colonial New York built in 1719 and was converted into a tavern by Samuel Fraunces in 1763. It became the social center of the town, the meeting place of notables of the day, and its proprietor was regarded as the most famous of colonial hosts. Great social events of the town were held in its famous Long Room which was the scene many years later of the historic ceremony of Washington's farewell to the high officers of the American army, at the close of the Revolution.

In the Tavern, the Sons of Liberty held their meetings before the Revolution and when our Independence was declared Fraunces commenced highly confidential intelligence work for the Continental army. Whether he actively served as a soldier is in doubt because

he was fifty years old in 1776, but a "Samuel Francis" was carried on the rolls of at least two famous regiments. Fraunces did a great deal of work in relieving the hardships of Revolutionary prisoners and probably helped many of them to escape. At any rate, his services were recognized after the war by a grant of 200 pounds by the State of New York, a vote of thanks and a gift of \$2,000 by Congress and a certificate of recommendation by General Washington.

His exposure of the poison plot against Washington is believed to have been responsible, later for Washington's selection of him as the steward of the first "White House" when Washington became President of the United States and established his official residence in New York. He was also steward of the second "White House" when the seat of Government was transferred to Philadelphia, and he retired from that position in 1794 and died in the following year.

In 1776 Fraunces' daughter Phoebe served as Washington's housekeeper in New York and she learned that one of the guards, Thomas Hickey, was involved in a plot to assassinate the Commander-in-Chief by poisoning him. Hickey is supposed to have sought her aid but while pretending to sympathize, she informed her father who warned Washington. Hickey was tried and hanged.

The Tavern has served the public in New York for many generations and at the present time the ground floor has been leased as a public restaurant and tap room where tankards of foaming beer and ale are dispensed as they were during the Revolutionary period.

**Entertained Recent
Bride With Gift
Shower**

Mesdames W. J. Swann, James McEntire, E. B. Butler, and Miss Jennie Sue McEntire honored Mrs. Finis Westbrook with a gift shower in the McEntire home Tuesday afternoon. Arrangements of gladioli were seen about the home. The dining table was centered with a beautiful white aster arrangement. Refreshments and decorations emphasized the bride's chosen colors of white and green. Miss Freda Mae Hodges and Mrs. Tommy Johnson poured punch. About seventy-five guests called to see the beautiful gifts to the bride and groom.

**Hostesses to Their
Bride Clubs**

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Vern Davis and Mrs. J. B. Atkinson entertained their bride clubs at the Atkinson home. Gladioli decorated the home and five tables were arranged for games. Mrs. Roy Foster and Mrs. Fowler McEntire received high scores and Mrs. Horace Spalti of Dallas, the floating prize. Ice cream and cake were served the guests, Mesdames Rufus Foster, W. N. Reed, Hal Knight, Rogers Hefley, Clyde Davis, E. B. Butler, E. L. Bailey, H. L. Hildebrand, Roy Foster, James McEntire, Ed Wyckoff, Lee Augustine, N. H. Reed, Wm. J. Swann, Fowler McEntire, W. E. Allen, T. F. Foster, Horace Spalti, Pat Kelli, John Boyd and Mrs. John Reed, tea guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Roberts of Abilene were here last week end visiting friends and relatives.

**Limit Your Telephone
Calls**

Some times—on some calls—the long distance operator will say:—"Please limit your call to five minutes, others are waiting."

Many Long Distance calls go through about as fast as ever. But sometimes there'll be an extra-heavy rush on certain circuits—especially to war-busy places.

When ever that happens, the operator will ask you to limit your Long Distance calls to 5 minutes.

The idea is to give everybody a fair share of the wire. That gets to be more and more important every day.—The San Angelo Telephone Company

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing on the County Budget as prepared for Sterling County for the year A. D. 1944 will take place at the courthouse at Sterling City, Texas at 2 o'clock, P. M. on September 13, 1943, at which time any taxpayer of Sterling County, Texas, shall have the right to be present and participate in said hearing, and at which time said Budget will be considered by the Commissioners' Court.

DONE by order of the Commissioners Court on this the 11 day of August, A. D. 1943

Prebble Durham
Clerk County Court
Sterling County, Texas



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I write letters in the nearly-dark

THIS is part of an actual letter from a soldier overseas:

"It's not the big things that you miss out here. It's the little things. Like street noises. Or an electric lamp. Where we are there ain't no such. Since I'm on duty all day, I write letters in the nearly-dark. Funny, how you can miss a common, ordinary light bulb."

Here in West Texas, folks take electric service for granted. We take for granted that, when our fingers flip the switch, the lights will blaze—*instantly!*

The fact that we do take electricity for granted is a tribute to the men and women who supply it.

They've made it dependable—and they've made it cheap.

Today the average West Texas family gets *twice or three times as much electricity for its money as just fifteen years ago.*

We're sorry, soldier, we can't do much about sending you electricity over there. But our power is helping train more men . . . helping build the weapons of war with which you will win the victory.

This we are doing the American way . . . under business management and free enterprise. We're in the war, as you are, fighting to dispel the darkness of state slavery—the Nazified system of centralized bureaucratic socialism that threatens all free people.

DON'T WASTE ELECTRICITY JUST BECAUSE IT'S CHEAP—and isn't rationed! Don't waste anything. Get thrifty again! *Insist that the money you pay in taxes not be wasted on unnecessary bureaucratic agencies.*

**West Texas Utilities
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