Rev. B.B. Hestir, pastor of the rst Presbyterian Church, will deer the baccalaureate sermon for ss next Sunday morning, May ditorium. Rev. Malcolm Black ll give the invocation, and Rev. at 9:00 p. m. B. Stovall will give the benedicn. Betty Jane Donalson and an Mathis will sing a duet. Rev. ovall will lead the congregational nging. Mrs. Tommie Johnson ll play the processional and ressional

Candidates for graduation are ommie Augustine, Billy J. Littleeld, Jack Mitchell, Frank S. Mcabe, Neal J. Reed, Clara Augtine, Charley Brooks, Sue Evitt, Frances Hudson, Marjorie umble, Alma Lawson, Jerrie nead, and Mary Earl Welch.

Commencement Program

Commencement exercises will be eld next Thursday night, May rill sing a trio, and Betty Jane Bade, Riley King and Jack Postal Receipts ill play a violin solo. J.R. Hale Douthit. nd Claude Collins will present ent the special awards.

The valedictorian and salutator- the meeting. in will not be named until the nal test papers have been grad-

This Week's **Red Cross** Workers

Monday night workers at the terling Red Cross workroom in he courthouse were Mmes. Henry Malloy, Sterling Foster, Joe Emry, S. M. Bailey, W. N. Reed, ura McClellan, Virgil F. Bomar, R. Clark, A. R. Clark, R. L. palding, and R.D. De Journette,

Workers Tuesday afternoon inluded Mmes. Henry Malloy, D. Hall, H.F. Merrell, Frank Cole, G.H. Cannon, Smoky Garms, Seth Bailey, Sterling Foster, W. N. Reed, Joe Emery, Lura McClellan and R.P. Brown.

Play School for **Tiny Tots**

There will be a "Play School" for pre-school age children each morning from 9 to 12 at the H.E. department at the Sterling school, May 16--26, announced Miss Mildred Atkinson this week.

The Sterling high school homemaking girls, under Miss Atkinson's direction, will conduct the play school.

All children below school age re invited to attend the school.

Grade School Graduation **May 10**

Rev. C.B. Stovall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver erling high school graduating the address to the Sterling grade school graduates, when the exerat 11 o'clock in the high school cises are held at the high school auditorium, Wednesday, May 10,

> Jacqueline Everitt will give the salutatory and play a piano solo. Carolyn Foster will deliver the valedictory address, and Mrs. Foster Sims Price will present the diplomas.

Frezen Locker Plant For **Sterling City?**

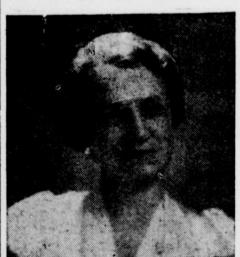
Does Sterling City want a frozen foods locker plant? That's what the Lions Club wants to know. The Lions club discharged its committee Wednesday, and will appoint another if enough interest is shown by the public in such a project.

Attending a meeting Tuesday I, in the school auditorium. Rev. night at the courthouse to formud. H. Lovelace, pastor of the late plans for such a project were irst Methodist Church, will de- Verne Davis, Mac Benge, Herman ver the address. Betty Jane Don- Carter, Dr. Swann, G.C. Murrell, son, Jerrie Snead and Sue Everitt Joe Emery, Aaron Clark, Julius

No action was taken because of ne diplomas, and Hale will pre- the slim crowd. It's shame too, so many good jokes were told at

> The new committee to work on the project is composed of Clyde Davis, Fred Hodges and J. E. Tatnm.

> Mrs. Lena Findt of Fluvanna arrived here Sunday at her son's, Oscar Findt. Mrs. Findt is now suffering with rheumatism. \star \star



Mrs. George C. Marshall

MRS. GEORGE C. MARSHALL FOUNDS THE GRANDMOTHERS LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, D. C.: General George C. Marshall's wife founded the Grandmothers League as a roll the Grandmothers League as a roll of honor for grandmothers who buy War Bonds for their grandchildren. Mrs. Marshall herself buys Bonds and stamps regularly for her three grandchildren, Tupper Brown, age 1, Jimmy Winn, 2, and Jimmy's sister Kitty, 9 months.

"Those Bonds fight for America today," Mrs. Marshall said in Washington. "When they mature they will bring to the coming generation the educational and other privileges that make America worth fighting for."

Return From the Short Session of National Club Women's Convention

STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD

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Miss Ethel Foster, state president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Lester Foster, president of the Wimodausis Club, returned Monday night from St. Louis, where they attended the National Convention rell represented the plaintiff. of Women's Clubs. They were among the forty-five Texas clubwomen that attended the conven-

More than two thousand women from over the nation were in attendance at this -- the last convention for the duration.

The by-laws were changed, eliminating directors, and having the state officers serve as directors. Thus Miss Foster will henceforth be President-Director from Texas.

Election of national officers at the triennial convention resulted in the following officers being elected: President, Mrs. LaFell Dickenson of Keene, New Hampshire; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. B. Buck of Richmond, Virginia; Texas clubwoman to be elected to from every section. a national office since Mrs. Percy national president 25 years ago.

Reach New High

An increase of \$95.55 in April, 1944 postal receipts over receipts of April, 1943 sets a record in monthly sales for the Sterling City post office. Due to the increased rate in postage, and the upped fees in registered mail, c. o. d. and insured mail, there is naturally a decided increased over normal sales. April, 1944 shows an increase of \$58.20 over March sales, those during March having equaled \$434.78, and for April, \$492.98.

District Court

NO BILLS FOUND; ONE **DIVORCE GRANTED**

The Sterling County grand jury met Monday morning as the May term of District Court opened. No bills were found by the grand jury and court was over in an hour.

Judge Sutton granted Jesusita Morena Hernandez a divorce from Rafael Hernandez. Chappell Mur-

Claude Collins served as foreman of the grand jury. Others were Worth Allen, W. B. Allen, Chas. Coulson, Dee Davis, Warren Garms, Bill Green, Jim Hinshaw, Wayne Jarrett, Ray Mathis, M.C. Mitchell and Martin Reed.

General Rains Over This Section

This week's news is highlighted by the rains which fell over this section last week-end. Sterling 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Hiram City itself, received only a little Houghton of Red Oaks, Iowa; better than three-fourths of an Secretary, Mrs. Oscar Algbren of inch, but heavier rains fell in ev-Whiting, Indiana; Treasurer, Mrs. ery direction out from here. Draws Volney W. Taylor of Brownsville, filled up, water gaps washed out, Texas. Mrs. Taylor is the first and general moisture was reported

Reports from over the state in-Pennybacker of Austin served as dicate that the rains were state-

> A daughter was born to Major and Mrs. Darrell G. Welch at Santa Rosa, California on April 25. The baby was named Deanna Dee.

Sterling War **Bond Quota for** April

QUOTA \$6,000.00 SALES \$0,271.25 Still to Go! \$5,728.75

March Sales \$6,000.00

"VASSAR CLASS OF 1966 - THANKS TO GRANDMOTHER'S WAR BOND!"



The Lions Club

Rev. B.B. Hestir, Billy Sue Everitt, and E.C. Grindstaff and C. C. Underwood-both of Ballinger, were guests at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday. Billy Sue sang three songs, accompanied by Mrs. Tommie Johnson at the piano. E. C. Grindstaff, deputy district governor, made an official visit to the club. The club presented Miss Everitt with a gift in recognition of her past favors to the club.

The club elected A. T. Bratton and G.C. Murrell as delegates to the Convention in Corpus Christi May 12. R.P. Brown was named alternate. Verne Davis reported on the frozen locker plant. His committee was discharged, and a new one is to be appointed-if enough interest is shown by the public in such a plant.

Mrs. Roy Foster and Mrs. W. J. Swann served the dinner.

Receives Wings **And Commission**



EMERY R. KNIGHT, JR.

Emery R. Knight, Jr. of Sterling City, received his wings and commission as an Army officer last month at the Altus, Oklahoma Air Field. Lieut. Knight will pilot a transport plane in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Lieut. Knight trained at Army Air Schools at A. & M., San Antonio. Enid and Altus.

He is Mrs. W.G. Welch's grand-

Mrs. L. Wyckoff **Announces for** Clerk's Office

Mrs. Leah Wyckoff this week announced that she would be a candidate to succeed herself for the office of County and District Clerk of Sterling County, subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mrs. Wyckoff was appointed County Clerk by the Commissioners Court April 10 to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Prebble Durham. District Judge John Sutton appointed her to the District Clerk's office.

Mrs. Wyckoff submits her candidacy for the office to Sterling voters, and asks their considertion and support in the election.

The century plant at the W. F. Kellis house is beginning to bloom. R. E. Martin, tenant, says the stalk grows several inches each night.

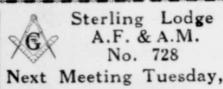
North Concho River Soil Conservation Service News

George Demere of Water Valley made application for district asassistance on his 5218 acre ranch northwest of Water Valley. He believes that a good growth of grass is the best type of engineering practice for holding the maximum amount of water where it falls on range land.

T.C. Davis is extending his field terraces to cover an area of adjoining pasture land which he plans to put into cultivation at a future date. This work was done with county equipment.

Riley King is planning to fence off some small areas around overfalls which were beginnidg to wash out pot holes. By excluding these areas from grazing and from trampling by sheep and lamds he will obtain a good vegetative cover which will retard further washing.

John Burroughs, 10 miles north of Water Valley, completed 10 additional miles of level closed end terraces on his cropland last week. A contractor is doing the week.



May 9, at 8:00 p. m. Regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month



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Dr. GEORGE BAKER, pastor of the First Methodist Church of San Angelo, who will do the preaching at the Methodist revival here May 19-26. Lovelace, local pastor, will lead the singing.

Volley Ball Girls To Receive Jackets

The first-string volley ball girls have been awarded jackets for their good playing this year. The jackets will be of school colors 'Conference Champs' will be placed on the letter B. Although jackets are hard to get this year, they should be here in six or eight

weeks. The following girls and Mrs. A. at the News-Record.

T. Bratton, coach, will receive jackets: Sue Everitt, Charley Brooks, Mutt Martin, Venera Mitchell, Betty Jane Donalson, Jerrie Snead, Beth Abernathy, Alma Lawson and Frances Hudson.

The Clyde Davises moved on Monday of this week from the with a letter 'B' on the front. Presbyterian manse to the C. C. Reynolds house.



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We never know who our friends are until we need one. Many Clyde Davis were notified that time of need.

Mrs. W.Y. Benge Sr.

Wedding announcements printed at the News-Record.

Six weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. thanks to my many friends in their son, Pfc. William C. Davis Sterling City for their kindness had an APO address. On Monday ane hospitality extended me in my of this week they received the first word from him--a V-mail letter 1tc from New Guinea. Bill said he didn't get seasick on the trip over. and supposed that he should be in the Navy like Papa Clyde was.

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second class matter.

he members of the freshman s, their guests, teachers and hers enjoyed a picnic last Friafternoon on the river at the k Reed ranch. The picnickers school at 1:45 and spent the ernoon in swimming, boating ball playing.

t mealtime the mothers of the thers of the class spread an apizing picnic supper of sandhes, deviled eggs, potato chips, kles, ice cream, cake and cold

After the outing at the river over, everyone returned to n and attended the show.

The following freshmen and ests participated in the activi-: Venera Mitchell, Jackie Durn, Bobby Edwards, Wesley Cleery, Anna Lou Knight, Billy sk, Marjorie Humble, Nelson Gee, Jim Butler, Helen Ledter, Donald Gill, Billy Vern Norvin Brown, Norman tler, Edgar Finney, Sadie Mae allace, Bonnie Ruth King, La nne Jones, Lora Mae Humble, sa Lee Langford, Jackie Tweed-Claudell Reed, Edith Fowler Joseph Blanek.

e following class mothers and chers were present: Mrs. Ted wn, Mrs. R. J. King, Mrs. V. Davis, Mrs. E.P. Finney, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Harvey Henni-Mrs. A. T. Bratton, Mrs. ner Brown and Miss Evelyn

College Choir

The modern choir of the San Angelo Junior College presented an enjoyable program to the Sterling students last Friday morning at 11:15 in the high school auditorium. The choir, under the direction of W.L. Ardis, is composed of 27 girls from the Junior College.

Before the program, Dr. W. H. Elkins, president, gave a short talk on the merits of the college.

The chorus sang "Say a Prayer

The freshmen students expressed their appreciation to all mothers

for the Boys Over There" as their opening number. Solists were Mary Duncan, Mary Catherine A.m. Dickson and Joecile Coffman. For their closing number, the group sang "Army Air Corps Song."

E'Louise Luckett of Lubbock spent last week-end visiting the Marvin Churchills and friends.

If enough owners of pressure Tatum, will have Mrs. Myrtle Lemay, expert, come up this month and hold a testing school. Call his office if interested.

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10:00 Sunday School lesson 11:00 Worship Service P.m.

Baptist Church

Sunday

7:30 Training union 8:30 Evening worship Monday afternoon 3:00 Missionary Society

Wednesday 4:15 Sunbeams

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Claude Stovall, pastor

Methodist Church

Ed Lovelace

Pastor

Church school 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock Evening worship, 8:00 o'clock

Political Announcements

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the Democratic Primaries:

For State Representative (91st): Cecil H. Barnes

For District Attorney: Robert G. Hughes

For County Judge:

G. C. Murrell

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector: V. E. Davis

For County Treasurer: O. M. Cole

For County-District Clerk: Mrs. Leah Wyckoff

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Wednesday & Thursday May 10, 11

"Leopard Man"

Dennis O'Keefe-Margo Friday and Saturday May 12, 13

'Oh My Darling Clementine'

Frank Albertson, Lorna Gray. Irene Ryan

"Man From Thunder River'

Wild Bill Elliott

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Parrot gets Will Dudley's Goat

Will Dudley never liked his wife's pet parrot. Claimed the parrot called him "Stinky"-and ate his pipe tobacco. And the Missus said it served Will right ... she'd told him not to smoke his pipe indoors.

To make her point, the Missus grabs Will's pipe and throws it out the window. So Will grabs the parrot and throws him out toe. Looks like unpleasantness -till in comes the parrot with Will's corn cob in his mouth. (And whistling "Home Sweet Home," Will claims.)

Well. Will and his wife both bust out laughing . . . and made peace over a friendly glass of beer, allowing how it's pretty silly getting mad at one another's differences.

From where I sit, that's a mighty happy ending. If all of us would live and let live in a spirit of tolerance - whether it's tolerance for a parrot or a pipe -we'd be a whole lot happier and better off.

Goe Marsh

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Look Out!

By Gadabout

This is the last week of school be Thursday and Friday. I think all of us have had a very enjoyable school year.

The seniors are having the usual Why Tommie is always cutting last minute activities. Baccalaureate Sunday the parents are planning to take us to San Angelo for dinner and the show.

> Several of the freshmen were seen "giggling" in the show Friday night. It seems that Sadie Mae was "doing all right."

Sue has been getting almost daily letters from Sheppard Field. Some of the rest of us need a few letters. (I won't mention any names.)

Frances seemed to be having a good time Monday night, but weren't we all??

Jerry, Jack, Charley, Paula and a few of the other kids went to San Angelo Monday. It is rumored that they were selecting graduation gifts.

I think that everyone enjoyed If Paula Sue knows now much the "Orchestra Dance" Friday were quite popular. The girls did most of the "cutting in".

> This will probably be the last of the school gossip until next year. I hope that you have learned the latest from the "We Wonder and Look Out". We have done our best to supply you with the important events.

"So Long"



Why the seniors wish graduation would come more often. (Well! Who doesn't like to receive for the seniors. Final exams will gifts.) Why James didn't walk to the

door with Mutt Monday night.

Frances's hair off. Whom Neal J. called long dis-

tance Monday night. Where Neal and Billy J. got the

two good-looking gals Friday night. Why Wesley couldn't find a

place to sit down in Jackie's car Friday night. What Sue was crying about

Monday afternoon. What Alma is so anxious for

something to happen Friday night.

Why "Honey" isn't quite so anxious as the rest of us for school to close.

What senior and junior girls stood two freshmen boys up Friday night.

fun she missed at the party for the night, especially the boys; they home economics girls Thursday night.

What junior girl has made a habit of starting untrue rumors.

Where June was going Friday night. She seemed pretty occupied.

What Frank was saying and who about Friday afternoon, and why he didn't say it out loud.

Well, folks, this is the last "We Wonder" column for this year, and I hope you've enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed writing it. C.B.

More school news on the inside

First and Second Spring?" **Grades Present Program**

The first and second grades presented a program last Friday afternoon to their mothers and the grade school. This program was the climax of the rhythm band activities for the year.

You Ever Been to Texas in the year.

The rhythm band rendered several numbers including "Playtime Song", "Little Things", "Billy Boy" and "Whipporwill."

The pupils presented two plays, "Old Glory" by the boys and "The Smallest Can Help", a patriotic skit.

In behalf of the first and second grades and their teachers, Billy The program included the follow- Joe Swann presented a graduation ing songs: "Train Song", "Old gift to Sue Everitt, who has been May 3. Black Joe", "Lullaby", "Have pianist for the group during the

Grade School

The fifth grade students had their picnic Thursday, May 4. The fifth grade is still buying war stamps. 58 per cent of the class bought stamps last week.

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The sixth grade enjoyed a picnic at the Benge ranch, Wednesday.

The picnic for the third and fourth grades was held Thursday, April 27, during the noon hour.

The room mothers of the first and second grades entertained the pupils with a picnic, Friday, May 5, at the park.

Formal Dance Last Friday Night

The senior class sponsored a a formal dance last Friday night in the gym. Music was furnished by a six-piece orchestra from the Big Spring Bombardier School.

Senior parents attending the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Augustine, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Lawson.

Wedding announcements printed at the News-Record.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

Surmounting the Capi-tol Dome at Washington stands Crawford's bronze statue of Freedom, symbol of the freedom and liberty our government has guaranteed to immigrant and native citizen alike, since the founding of the Republic.

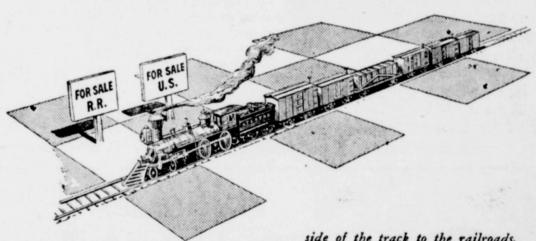


Home of Freedom

Keep America Free; **Buy War Bonds**

quered Europe freedom and liberty are hollow, mouthed by jackal puppets like Mussert, Quisling, Laval, Degrelle or Laurel.

The Railroad



* To speed the settling of the West, our nation wanted railroads pushed across great unsettled areas to develop rich but distant regions and to bind the country together for military and other reasons.

In the 1850's and 1860's, to encourage railroads to push their tracks into the undeveloped territory, Congress granted the odd sections on each side of the track to the railroads, with certain "strings" attached, and these grants varied in depth up to several miles.

The even sections retained by the government were for the most part sold to settlers at a substantial increase in price.

The Land Grant policy was very helpful in getting the railroads started in those early days. BUT ...

Isn't it out of date today?

In return for their Land Grants, the railroads originally were required, and are still required to do so in respect of military and naval property and personnel, to haul government passengers, freight, and mail at rates far below those applicable to ordinary traffic.

Since the Land Grants were made, railroads have paid out in reduced rates on government traffic many times the amount they have received from these Land Grants.

In the case of the Santa Fe, here are the figures: In more than 80 years which have elapsed since the

SANTA FE SYSTEM LINES

ONE OF AMERICA'S RAILROADS-ALL UNITED FOR VICTORY

Land Grants were made, Santa Fe's net realization from these lands bas been about \$23,000,000. In 1943 alone, the government received from Santa Fe, in the form of rate reductions, approximately \$40,000,000.

Many governmental agencies as well as private shipper groups are convinced that the time has arrived for the entire repeal of these burdensome Land Grant requirements.



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