





Items from Neighboring Communities

RIVERSIDE (By Mrs. Cap Adkins)

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tole spent the week-end with Mrs. Hibit Grisham of Byers. Mrs. H. H. Hopkins has been on the sick list the past week. Horace Taylor returned Wednesday from a visit with his moth-

er in Garland. Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Butler and family of Chiloicthe spent Sunday in the R. G. Whitten home. Mr. and Mrs. George Grant and sons spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Pope, and family. Mrs. Ben Bradford visited her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Hopkins,

of Paducah last week. T. J. Cox spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Portales, N. M. Mrs. T. C. Pope spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Grant, and family. Mrs. Allie Huntley returned home from South Lockett last Tuesday. She was accompanied home by Ben Lowe and daughter, Charlene. Mr. and Mrs. John Matus have received word that their son, Pvt. Rudolph Matus, had been sent to

El Paso for medical treatment. Rev. Hudson of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Price and son of Five-in-One, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bursey, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Fox and daughter of Thalia, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson were visitors in the Cap Adkins home Sunday.

VIVIAN (By Mildred Fish)

Pvt. Cecil Davidson left Sunday night for Fort Meade, Md., after spending a furlough in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Davidson, and family. Miss Tommie Eaton and Miss Sue Jones of Crowell spent Saturday night with Marion and Glenn Self. Mildred Fish and Orda Maye Davidson spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams and daughter of Crowell. Miss Elizabeth Elliott of Crowell visited Miss Neoma Fish Friday. Mrs. Warren Prater of Paducah spent from Saturday until Monday with her brother, Benny Fish, and family. Miss Marion Self spent Sunday with Miss Dessie Gamble of Crowell. Miss Bernita Fish of Five-in-One spent from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fish. Misses Tommie Eaton, Jeanne Breedlove and Billie Morrison of Crowell visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Fish and family Sunday afternoon. Mrs. H. H. Fish and Mrs. Paris Rasher of Paducah visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Fish and family Friday afternoon.

THALIA (By Minnie Wood)

Mrs. Winnie Phillips of Level-land visited her mother, Mrs. J. A. Abston, here last week. Mrs. M. Woodson left Wednesday for a few weeks' visit with relatives in Tulsa, Okla. Gene Hathaway of Vernon visited his brother, Charlie Hathaway, here Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. George Solomon of Louisville, Ky., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Flesher, here last week. Her husband visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Solomon, in Lubbock. Floyd Webb was a business visitor in Camden, Ark., last week. He accompanied Ben Stokes of Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Durham of Littlefield visited relatives here a few days last week. Mrs. C. H. Wood, Mrs. W. G. Chapman, Mrs. H. L. Swan, Mrs. J. K. Langley and Mrs. M. C. Adkins attended the zone meeting of the ladies society in the First Methodist Church in Crowell Friday. Gussit Hammonds visited his brother, Fred, in California last week. Mrs. B. D. Webb received medical treatment in Vernon last week-end in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Watts. She is improved. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abston went to Fort Worth Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. E. H. Abston. Pvt. Alton Abston of Camp Hood visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abston, here Sunday. Miss Audra Abston of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thompson of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Miss Nell Thompson of Gilliland, B. P. Abston and family of Rayland, and Bob Abston and family of Crowell attended funeral services for Mrs. E. H. Abston here Sunday. S. B. Neill, S 3-C, of Chicago, who visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Neill, here last week, left Monday for San Francisco, Calif.

Mainly About Oil

By Weldon B. Hill IPPA News Director What about the future oil production in the United States? That question is being asked more and more by the consumers of this nation and it is being answered consistently by the geologists. These geologists, whose business it is to find oil below the surface of the earth, say there is plenty of oil yet to be found in the United States. They describe the world "plenty" as being "as much or more than has been found and produced since the discovery of oil by Colonel Drake in Pennsylvania in 1859. This would mean, based upon geologists' opinions, that there is yet to be found in the United States as much or more than 60,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil. To find this new oil under the ground is going to require an increase in the number of exploratory or wildcat tests. Although 1944 witnessed a record drilling campaign, the discovery of new reserves by these wildcat tests amounted to an unofficial estimate of only 204,650,000 barrels of new oil as compared to the nation's all-time peak production of 1,685,000,000 barrels. The year 1945 will again find the oil wells of this nation producing crude oil at another record level and to keep pace with this heavy flow of oil from under the ground requires increased drilling. The barrels per well of new oil discovered as compared with the number of wildcat tests drilled during 1944 is very low. The trend is toward deeper drilling in equalizing the annual production of oil with the discovery of new reserves in this country. Such a trend, together with higher costs for material and manpower, is making it difficult for the independent oil operator to live up to the adage that "the

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independent oil man is the backbone of the American oil industry. The independent earned this title by discovering between 75 and 80 per cent of the oil reserves of the United States. An increase in the price of crude oil is essential in the independent oil operator's quest for new reserves. Finding and developing these reserves assures the consumer an adequate supply of petroleum products at a reasonable cost.

The investigation to determine the cost of finding, development, and production of crude oil now being made by the National Oil Industry Advisory Committee, appointed by the Office of Price Administration to make such a survey, is a substantial step taken in the long campaign that has been conducted to obtain recognition of the necessity for the correction of the subnormal price for crude oil.

The Petroleum Subcommittee of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce submitted to the House on January petroleum products at a reasonable cost. In its report, the committee said that exploratory drilling should be increased. "Such a program is desirable, both from the standpoint of a possible oil need in case of an indefinite postponement of victory, and also to provide a secure source of oil from the standpoint of a long-range supply of petroleum products."

In an address before California oil producers in Los Angeles, February 6, Ralph T. Zook of Bradford, Penn., president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, declared that the potential oil producing capacity of the United States at the beginning of this war has been, to a large extent, the source of supply for the ever-increasing demand of the Allied Nations. He said the Allied cause was saved by the oil reserves and the producing capacity of this nation. "When enemy submarines cut off the oil from the Caribbean area and oil from the Middle East was forced to take the long route around the southern end of Africa because of the almost complete control of the Mediterranean area by the enemy, it was the United States that supplied the oil which enabled the Allies first to check the Axis gains and then begin moving to victory," Mr. Zook said. "This is a lesson that must never be forgotten."

INTERESTING FACTS OF THIS AND THAT The gardenia was named after Dr. Alexander Garden, of Charleston, South Carolina. Great Britain is the only country that has generally conscripted women. Half of all the employees in the British postal service are women. Mary Churchill, daughter of Winston Churchill of Britain, commands an anti-aircraft gun crew on the British Isles. More than 12,000,000 men are enrolled in the U. S. armed forces. Sale of bonds in the Sixth War Loan totaled \$21,621,000,000. According to estimate released by the United States Commerce Department, Americans spent \$7,000,000,000 for alcohol beverages in 1944, about one billion more than was spent in 1943.

New Hampshire led the nation by 21 per cent of its quota in the Sixth War Loan.

- ANSWERS (Questions on page 2). 1. Ludon in the Philippines. 2. James Forrestal. 3. A. J. Cronin. 4. He is a tennis champion. 5. The Russian troops.

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