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THREE YEARS OF WAR! An Editorial

Today marks the third anniversary of the dastardly sneak attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor which temporarily crippled the American fleet opening the way for Jap successes in the Philippines, Wake Island, Singapore, Burma and the Malays etc. That attack plunged this nation into the world conflict for which we had been preparing on a half-hearted basis for some months.

Black days for America and her allies followed that fateful date. The news was of retreats and surrenders by Americans and Britons in the Pacific, and of the seemingly relentless surge of the Huns in all directions in Europe and the merciless pounding from the air of England. American soldiers and sailors died by the thousands or were made captives of the Japs in the Pacific, and American ships were being sunk in the Atlantic faster than we could build them.

But America shed blood and tears and sweat in the following months, repairing, rebuilding and building anew, arming and training and straining. Gradually, by working and retreating, America regained her balance, while our meager forces and those of our allies held the line as best they could. The enemy march was halted. A little more strength and they began to fall back.

Now after three years for America, five for Britain and eight for China, the war is still in full fury although the enemy on all fronts has been pushed back almost to his doorstep. Long and hard days, maybe years, are still ahead, both for our soldiers and for us on the home front. The enemy is fighting for his life as we fought for ours and he is putting up a dogged resistance over every inch of ground. But the mighty forces of right in the world are relentlessly grinding him down—aggressors have been stopped and now are in for the punishment they deserve. Every American should forget sentiment and demand that that punishment be complete, final and ruthless—to the point of literal extermination if needs be, that never again shall the people of Germany and Japan be able even to threaten the peace of the world.

And on this third anniversary of the greatest and cruelest war in the world's history, it might be well for us here in Crockett county to take stock and see if we have done our part. We have sent more than 300 of our finest young men into the armed forces—and there is no question that they are doing their part and more. Heroes we have plenty among them; we have counted our dead and wounded.

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Football Squad, Pep Squad Girls Feted by Rotary

Club to Honor Champs Backers at Chuck Wagon Supper

Members of the 1944 district and bi-district champion Ozona High School football squad and their most enthusiastic backers, the girls of the Pep Squad and drum corps, will be honored at a chuck wagon supper in the high school gymnasium Tuesday of next week.

Hosts for the occasion will be members of the Ozona Rotary Club and their wives the occasion to take the place of the club's regular noon luncheon for that day and dedicated to doing honor to the grid warriors who battled their way through a tough season undefeated and who were crowned undisputed champions of District 4B and conquerors of the District 3B champs in bidistrict combat, and their inspiration, the Pep Squad and drum corps girls.

The evening's fare will be barbecued kid, ranch style beans, pickles, salad, bread punch coffee and other trimmings. It will be served buffet style in the big gymnasium.

Following the feasting, there will be an appropriate program of music and other features, under the direction of C. S. Denham, program chairman of the club.

Champ Gridders To Get Trip to Cotton Bowl Game

Town Folk Make up 'Kitty' to Send Squad And Coach to Dallas

Football fans and backers of school athletics are contributing to a "kitty" here this week for the purpose of sending Coach L.B. T. Sikes and every boy on his 1944 champion football squad to Dallas on New Year's Day to witness the annual Cotton Bowl gridiron classic between the Texas Christian University and Oklahoma A & M.

With eager backers of the champion Lions ready to contribute to the fund, arrangements are rapidly being completed for Coach Sikes and his 28 boys to go by bus from San Angelo to Dallas, witness the Cotton Bowl game and return. Tickets to the game have already been secured for the party and arrangements for transportation are already complete.

A canvass among fans of the community this week - end will complete the necessary fund for the team trip—the community's reward to the boys who played through an undefeated season to win district and bi-district championship honors, the third team in Ozona High School's history to win such honors. The first team to win the district and bi-district championship in 1941 was rewarded with a trip to witness the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans.

The squad will board a special bus in San Angelo the night of December 31, arrive in Dallas sometime the next morning, witness the New Year classic and leave soon after for home. The fund now being raised will be sufficient to provide an all-expense trip for the boys and their coach.

Annual Football Banquet Friday Honors Champs

Homemaking Rooms Scene of Grand Finale Of 1944 Season

Grand finale of the successful 1944 football season of Ozona High School the annual football banquet, will be held in the reception rooms of the homemaking department of the school at 7 o'clock Friday evening of this week.

Honoring the spectacular champions of District 4B and conquerors of bi-district honors, the banquet will be prepared and served by girls of the homemaking department under the direction of Miss Clementina Parker. Twenty-eight boys and the faculty men will be guests.

Toastmaster of the evening will be Bill McWilliams, quarterback and four-year letterman, who shares honors with two other four-year veterans, Jimmy Read and Byrd Phillips, as honorary captains of the champion squad.

Invocation will be pronounced by C. L. McDonald principal of the Latin American school. Dinner music will be provided by girls of the Pep Squad and a trio composed of Nan Tandy, Ruth Townsend and Marie Williams will sing "White Christmas." A duet by the Thompson sisters Jean and Darlene singing "Deck the Hall" will complete the musical features of the program. Miss Mary Frances Bradley, public school music teacher and Pep Squad sponsor, will accompany both the trio and duet.

And an opportunity to gloat over the undefeated season his boys turned in will be given Coach L. B. T. Sikes when he winds up the banquet program with a "Season's Review."

Turkey and venison will be the fare served by the homemaking girls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Blaylock of Corpus Christi were here over the week-end for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Blaylock were for a number of years managers of the Hotel Ozona.

Two Ozonans with MacArthur Forces On Leyte Island

Two Ozonans are thought to be on Leyte Island in the Philippines with American Army forces battling the Japs. One is Lt. Col. Woodrow W. Wilson, son of Lee Wilson of Ozona, and the other is Sgt. W. C. Brock, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brock.

Col. Wilson, former star athlete at West Point and now in command of an Army engineering unit, was stationed for a time in New Guinea as was Sgt. Brock. Both, however, were recently on the move and are thought to be in the Philippines. Sgt. Brock was attached to a Glider Infantry unit when he went overseas, but recently was transferred to the Paratroopers.

Crockett Second In State in War Fund Percentage

County Ranked First Region in Percent of Quota Subscribed

Crockett County ranked second among all counties of Texas who had subscribed 100 percent or more and first in Region 15 in percentage of oversubscription of quotas, according to the Texas War Chest Roll of Honor as announced recently by Wayland D. Towner of Austin, state chairman of the drive which ended November 11.

Only one county in the state, Randall county, Canyon the county seat, had a higher percentage of over subscription of quota than Crockett. Randall county subscribed its quota 206.8 percent while Crockett county over subscribed its quota 171.3 percent. Third highest ranking county was another West Texas, Edwards county in Region 12, with a percentage of 168.5.

Nineteen West Texas counties in Region 15 went "over the top" in the drive with 100 percent or better of their quotas subscribed. Crockett county led the list with the highest percentage, with other counties in order including Glasscock, Schleicher Reagan Menard Midland, Sutton Upton McCulloch Irion Tom Green, Runnels Concho, Brown Coke Coleman Sterling, Martin and Howard.

Mrs. S. M. Harvick headed the highly successful War Fund drive this year the second successive year in which she has directed the campaign to raise funds for the USO and other related war agencies. Crockett countians contributed a total of \$4,671 in the campaign.

Girl's Trio to Be Heard in Concert Here Monday at 3

The Music Makers, trio of girl artists, will be heard in concert in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon, December 11, at 3 p.m.

The program, featuring Doris Stockton of Chicago, "America's First Lady of the Marimba," is another in a series of winter entertainment features being presented here under sponsorship of the Public Schools. All profits above actual cost will be donated to Boy Scout Troop 53, C. S. Denham, superintendent has announced.

Besides Miss Stockton and her \$2,000 marimba, Mavis King violinist, a graduate of North Texas State Teachers College and a native Texan, and Alma Lundsford pianist of Springfield, Mo., will also be heard. The three young women will present a concert consisting of solos and ensemble numbers on the marimba, violin and piano.

Admission charges will be 10 cents for students and 25 cents for adults.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gray had as their week-end guests Mrs. Opal Casey of Coleman. Mrs. Gray's sister and their daughter, Miss Mary Gray a student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Ozona Boy on Carrier Damaged In Leyte Battle

Roy Coates, Back in U.S. Sees Naval Action in Pacific

Roy Coates, S/2c U.S. Navy, is back in the United States on the west coast, after participating in one of the most spectacular naval actions of the Pacific war, a unique battle off Leyte Gulf in Philippine waters in which a tiny force of three U.S. destroyers, four destroyer escorts and six escort carriers, or "baby flattops", took on a Japanese naval task force consisting of four battleships, five heavy cruisers and nine destroyers.

This tiny force of U. S. war ships was left to guard the entrance to Leyte Gulf and the U.S. landing ships which were putting men ashore in the Philippine invasion while Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet was off northern Luzon fighting a Jap carrier force and Vice Adm. Kinkaid's Seventh Fleet was engaged at Surigao Straits below Leyte. The middle prong of the three-way Japanese attack, coming through the San Bernardino straits, attacked the small carrier force.

The Ozona boy was aboard one of the flattops the U.S.S. Fanshaw Bay. Other carriers in the engagement as listed in the press dispatches from the South Pacific included the St. Lo, Gambier Bay, White Plains, Kitkun Bay and Calin Bay. The St Lo and Gambier Bay were sunk as were two of the destroyers and one of the destroyer escorts, the Navy reported. All of the other ships in the engagement were damaged and are now on the westcoast for repairs.

Seaman Coates in a telephone conversation with his parents said that he expected to get leave in time to be home for Christmas. He is expected to arrive about December 21.

The thrilling story of the gallant fight put up by the tiny American force against heavy odds and the final mysterious withdrawal of the Jap force after the Americans had been badly battered and open to annihilation is told in announcements from the Navy department in Washington and by an American commander in an interview on the west coast.

The outnumbered destroyer screen bored in to attack the oncoming Jap fleet and scored a number of torpedo hits on the battlewagons and cruisers. Commander Amos T. Hathaway, commander of the only surviving destroyer reported that the Jap destroyer force fled before the engagement started and the American force took on the heavy cruisers and battle ships. The destroyers fought with their five inch guns against the battleships' 14 inchers and the carriers also banged away with their five inchers. After sinking two of the destroyers, two of the carriers and one destroyer escort, the Japs mysteriously broke off the engagement and fled back through the Straits. Of the Jap airplanes sank one destroyer and force American surface ships and two cruisers and damaged all other Jap ships engaged.

AGGRESSION IS TOPIC

"Fear and Danger of Aggression" will be the topic for a lecture to be given Sunday morning at the regular session of the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church. C. L. McDonald, class teacher will be the speaker. All men of the community are invited to attend the Sunday morning class sessions beginning at 9:45.

FORMER OZONAN BEATEN

Elmer Armentrout of McCamey, brother of Leonard and Allie Armentrout of Ozona was seriously injured Sunday night when he was attacked by an unknown assailant on a McCamey street. Armentrout was unconscious for several hours but yesterday was reported on the way to recovery. He was severely beaten about the head. No information as to the identity of the assailant nor the reason for the attack was available.

Volunteers Asked To Help Sew Red Cross Service Men's Kits

A call for volunteers to assist in sewing 50 service men's kits this month for distribution by the American Red Cross to soldiers embarking for overseas service has been issued by Mrs. J. M. Baggett chairman of sewing for local Red Cross production program.

The Ozona chapter has assumed a quota of 288 kits to be made and filled for the service men. At least fifty of the kits must be made and shipped this month. Mrs. Baggett said, and she needs a lot of help in getting them made. Material is already cut and needs only to be sewed. Mrs. Baggett explained, and the material may be obtained at her home. Women who will volunteer for this work are asked to call at Mrs. Baggett's and take as many as can be completed this month.

The service men's kit's are filled with soap, tooth paste, tooth brush and other necessities for use of service men and materials which go to fill the kits cost approximately \$1 each. Additional donations are needed from persons who wish to have a part in this work to pay for the materials going into the kits. Persons who wish to make such donations are asked to call Mrs. Baggett.

Wayne West Appointed Member Of Ration Board

Banker-Rancher To Succeed Late C. C. Montgomery

Wayne West, president of Ozona National Bank and rancher, was named a member of the Crockett County War Price and Rationing Board last week, it was announced by John R. Bailey, chairman.

Mr. West succeeds the late C. C. Montgomery who, with the other two members of the board, had served in that capacity since the inception of the rationing program.

Crockett county's original War Price and Rationing Board was composed of John R. Bailey, chairman, C. C. Montgomery and Early Baggett and that board served intact until death recently claimed Mr. Montgomery.

The board, one of the most important of the local agencies charged with carrying out governmental war-time regulations, is responsible for the rationing of tires, gasoline, food and all other items on the government's rationing program. Serving the board as secretaries are County Clerk Geo. Russell and his deputy, Miss Leta Powell, also in service since the beginning of the program.

Three New Volumes to Library in Memory of Judge Davidson

Three new books all donated in memory of the late Judge Chas. E. Davidson county judge of Crockett county more than a half century, were received during the past week by the Ozona High School Library. C. S. Denham superintendent, announces.

The three volumes were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris of San Diego, Calif. Titles of the works are "Tomahawk—Fighting Horse of the Old West" by Hinkle; "Lassie Come Home" by Eric Knight, and "Silver Chief of the Rescue" by Jack O'Brien.

Fiddle and Guitar Music Entertains Rotary Club Members

Plenty of "good old mountain music" with a few tuneful waltzes and old favorite ditties sprinkled in provided after dinner entertainment for members of Ozona Rotary Club Tuesday, after a brief business session presided over by President Royal Caswell.

Providing the musical program for the day were George Senne and his violin and Hubert Baker with his guitar.

Bond Sales Zoom Past Half Million In Crockett Co.

'E' Bond Quota Still Lags \$12,000 Under Assignment

With the dawning of this third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Crockett countians may take pride in the announcement by Scott Peters county War Finance Committee chairman, that overall sales of War Bonds in the Sixth War Loan drive, now in progress have zoomed past the half million dollar mark, approaching a figure double the county's assigned quota in the drive and hanging up a new record of sales in any one loan drive.

One sour note in the report, however was sounded—the county still lags in purchase of Series 'E' securities, those destined for purchase by the small individual investor. Total sales of the Series 'E' bonds was reported at \$62,175 at the close of business yesterday short by \$12,825 of the quota of \$75,000 for this type of bond.

The Sixth War Loan quota for Crockett county is \$300,000 and to yesterday afternoon Chairman Peters reported total over all sales at \$516,095 with strong possibility that the county would double its quota before the drive deadline.

A big boost to the huge sales total was given in the investment by Crockett county of \$133,000 of its permanent school fund in War Bonds, the funds being realized from the sale of Fisher County road bonds in which the fund had previously been invested.

However Chairman Peters reported, this was the only large purchase by other than individuals most of the half million dollars coming from individual bond buyers. Few of the large corporation purchases have been reported to date, Mr. Peters said.

County Committee For AAA Program Elected Dec. 18

Participating Ranchers Called to Meeting In Courthouse

Election of a county committee to administer the range conservation program of the AAA during the coming year will be the principal business before a meeting of participating ranchmen called for 2 o'clock Monday evening, December 18. It was announced this week by Miss Betty Bratcher administrative officer of the AAA in this county.

The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Court room on the first floor of the courthouse. Ranchmen who participated in the AAA program in 1944 or who plan to participate in 1945 are eligible to attend the meeting and take part in the voting for election of the county committee.

Joe T. Davidson is chairman of the 1944 committee, W. E. Friend, Jr. is vice chairman and Fred Hagelstein, member. Alternates are Boyd Clayton and Stephen Perner.

The committee is charged with supervision of administration of the range conservation program in the county. In addition the chairman of the committee acts as chairman of the county War Board

Slow Falling Rains Accompany Strong Winds of Week-End

Riding in on a south wind of almost gale proportions a slow falling rain over the week-end brought additional moisture to a wide section of West Texas range land.

The wind, stronger than March's best, blew nearly 48 hours without letup, most of the time driving a fine mist. Heavier showers came at intervals however, to bring considerable moisture to most of the area averaging from a half inch up to an inch and a half in some sections.

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ed and the percentage seems high. More of our young men are destined to go and fill the gaps—eager young men, competent and brave. How long we continue to pour them into the battle lines depends largely on how we here on the home front do our job of supporting them.

We have bought bonds—poured millions into the government's war chest to make ammunitions, tanks, planes and ships to carry the fight to the enemy and overpower him in such decisive fashion that he never again will risk new aggression. We have given our money by the thousands of dollars to the Red Cross, the USO and related war relief agencies to bring succor and morale building entertainment to our fighting men and relief to civilian war sufferers among our allies and occupied countries. We have voluntarily served on the many local war boards and committees, distasteful work for the most part because war-time regulations are distasteful to freedom loving Americans—but like the soldier who obeys the orders of his officers, so we on the home front obeyed the summons to do our meager part. More of our citizens here have gone to the war factories, there to do their part toward supplying our fighting men with the equipment they need on battle lines. We have taken rationing, scarcities and high taxes, we have worked harder at our jobs to spare scarce labor for vital war production and men for the armed forces and to produce for our nation's needs.

Though it seems not enough as compared to what our boys in uniform are doing, that inventory points to a good job by the home fronters here in Crockett county. But the job is not done. There are more bonds to buy, more work to be done, more financial drives to support, more letters to be written to soldiers, more livestock products to be produced, more taxes to be paid, more regulations to be endured, more service on the war boards, more prayers to be spoken for victory and the early return of our fighting men—more sweat, more blood and more tears. Let's not let up until we get that unconditional surrender.

Woman's Society in All Day Meeting for Business, Program

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. B. B. Ingham for an all day meeting. The Executive Board met at the morning session and quarterly reports were heard from the officers of the Society.

At 12:30 a covered dish luncheon was served after which there was a short business meeting with Mrs. Alvin Scheel president, presiding.

Mrs. A. A. Carter reported on the aims of the "Crusade for Christ." It was voted that two life memberships will be bought with accumulated surplus funds in the treasury. These memberships will be awarded to the two members receiving the highest number of votes of the Society membership. They will be chosen by ballots submitted to all members at the business meeting to be held next Wednesday December 13, at the home of Mrs. Stephen Perner. The nominating committee is composed of Mrs. B. B. Ingham, chairman Mrs. J. M. Baggett and Mrs. R. A. Harrell. An anonymous gift of two life memberships has been made, the recipients to be revealed at a later date.

The Society also voted to give a sum of money to be used in the

Christmas activities at the Com- At 3 o'clock, the final class of the study course on "The Indian in American Life," was held at the home of Mrs. L. B. Cox Jr. "America" was the subject of the devotional by Mrs. John Bailey, after which Mrs. Cox lectured on "The Indian's Part in Tomorrow's World."

Those present for the meetings were Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. Alvin Scheel, Mrs. N. W. Graham, Mrs. Jack Wilkins, Mrs. L. B. Cox Jr., Mrs. J. M. Baggett, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. Chas. Williams, Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mrs. W. R. Baggett, Mrs. R. A. Harrell, Miss Mary Riddle, Mrs. Madden Read, Mrs. Scott Peters, Mrs. Paul Perner, Mrs. Chas. Dallard, Mrs. J. A. Fussell, Mrs. George Loper, Mrs. James Baggett, Misses Elizabeth Fussell and Mrs. Bill Conklin.

R. H. Sparks, employed on the Chas. E. Davidson Jr. ranch, suffered several broken bones in his left foot recently when a horse stepped on him at the ranch.

You can't make a place in the sun by lying down under the family tree.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
A. A. Carter, Pastor

945 — Church School at High School
11:00 — Morning Worship at High School
Sermon and Holy Communion
6:00 Youth Fellowship Groups

WEDNESDAY:

3:00 — W. S. of C. S.
8:00 — Choir Rehearsal
The Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." We want all readers of this invitation to respond in the same spirit. A warm welcome awaits all who attend the public worship services week by week.

PORK CHOPS ON TINIAN!

"Battle News" newspaper of the United States Marine Corps, relates the story of the young Marine stationed at Tinian in the Mariannas, who approached his superior officer and said: "Sir, I was attacked by a pig." Aware of the order forbidding Marines to kill any livestock found at large on the island, the officer deliberated the case in all seriousness, and after due consideration nodded his head and said: "Save me a piece."

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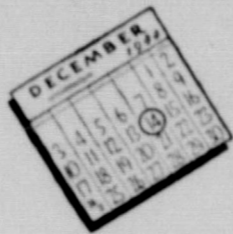
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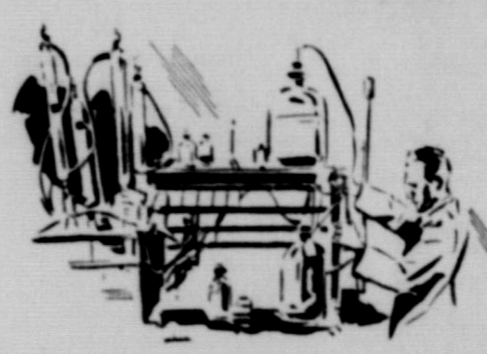
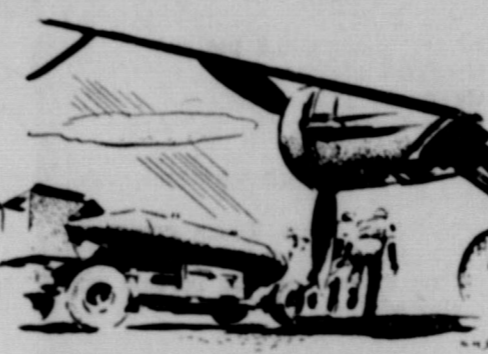
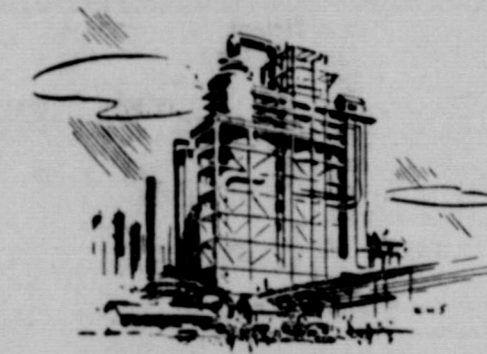

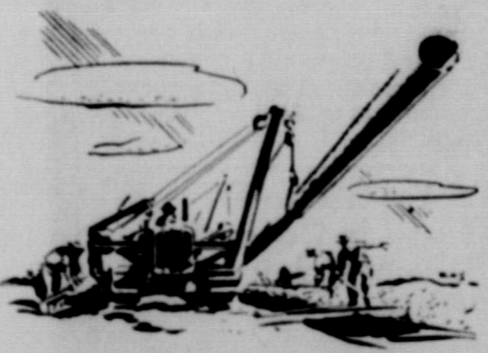

A story that hasn't been told

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On December 14, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the men and women of Humble Oil & Refining Company will pause in their work to commemorate, in appropriate ceremony, a feat unparalleled in the petroleum industry: The production of **ONE BILLION GALLONS** of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline at the Baytown refinery.

This accomplishment merits special commendation, because it climaxes 25 years of development, planning, and teamwork of a great organization. The cooperative effort of Humble employees has brought about a uniform progress in all phases of the Company's operations which has enabled them to establish remarkable records in finding, producing, transporting and refining petroleum during a critical period in the history of our nation.

 <p>Humble research and development, in progress for many years before Pearl Harbor, made possible these accomplishments and contributed greatly to the total production of toluene, and the tremendous quantities of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline required by our Armed Forces.</p>	 <p>Baytown Ordnance Works, first synthetic toluene plant in the world, has supplied toluene for at least one out of every two bombs used by the United Nations since Pearl Harbor. For this production feat, Baytown Ordnance Works has five times been awarded the Army-Navy "E".</p>	 <p>Baytown Refinery has made one billion gallons of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline—more than has been produced by any other plant in the world. The world's first commercial alkylation plant was built at Baytown in 1938. The alkylation process is the very backbone of 100-octane aviation gasoline production by the entire petroleum industry.</p>
 <p>Humble Oil & Refining Company is the nation's largest producer of crude oil, and is currently supplying about one-fourth of the increased production required for war, as measured by the gain since 1941.</p>	 <p>Through the facilities of Humble Pipe Line Company, there is being transported more oil than is being carried by any other system in the country. Nearly 700,000 barrels move daily through Humble pipe lines—one-seventh of all the oil production in the United States.</p>	 <p>United in a great singleness of purpose, 14,000 Humble men and women are devoting themselves to the task of providing vital petroleum products for war, looking to the day when their 3,000 fellow employees and all their comrades in arms will return.</p>

OPEN HOUSE AT BAYTOWN REFINERY—DECEMBER 14-17

So that one of America's great war plants may be seen in action, Baytown Refinery is holding open house from Thursday, December 14, through Sunday, December 17. The story of the refinery at war will be told by dramatic

exhibits of petroleum war products and a great Army and Navy show of war machines and materials. Specially conducted tours will take Humble's friends and neighbors into the heart of the refinery itself.

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DEMOCRACY?

We, the youth of today are confronted with the problems arising from this terrible second World War. The main problem to be solved is the preservation of democracy in our own country and the introduction of democracy to those unfortunate nations who have been battling for their existence since 1939.

In the economic and social order of the U.S. there is still a great lack of democracy. Sometimes youth thinks, "What's the use of it all—it is too much to handle." It is however, a principle that has been fought for since the beginning of the United States. It has been preserved in this country in government, but what about social life public schools which are neglected, communities under control of political machines universities under control of narrowminded regents, mercenary, instead of merciful hospitals, and many other such institutions which could be purified to such an extent that democracy would actually exist all over the 48 states of the United States?

So youth—it's up to you—Democracy is a personal trait as well as a national trait. If a person lives his own life democratically and fights for the principle in the institutions which are a part of his life then truly we Americans have the right to suggest this form of government to the other nations of the world!

HIGH NOTES FROM A LOW SCALE — BANG!

According to Bill W. and Larry "There Was a Hot Time in the Town of Pandale" over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Joyce looks at Bill Mc and croons, "I'm in Love with Someone," and he asks "I Wonder Who?"

Joe Ross drools over Louise with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Seems that Miss Craven's theme song is "Hard Hearted Woman."

Lefty and Be are singing a duet, "It Had to Be You."

Other O.H.S. girls chant "A Good Man Is Hard to Find."

Jane looks at Bob Bissett with that "Someone to Love" light in her eyes.

What's this about Byrd "Dancing with a Dolly" in Dallas?

Muggs muses, "I Don't Know Why." Could Sonny Bailey be the "Object of Her Affection?"

Nan, Baby and Lowell are singing a trio, "Together."

Dilly is still seeking an answer from Frank McMullan to her question, "How Many Hearts Have You Broken?"

When angry with Barbara, Larry pleads, "Why Don't You Do Right?"

Lillian looks at Nat and promises "Always."

Seems that all the girls are depending on the adage "Wishing Will Make It So" in reference to the tournament.

The high school chorus as a prelude to the dance Friday night are singing "I'll Walk Alone."

Ten to one ex-student Roy Coates is singing, "I'm Coming, I'm Coming" or "There's No Place Like Home."

WHAT IF—?

The town hadn't been so empty during the holidays? Corinne and Byrd went to Dallas; Muggs visited Doris in San Angelo; Benny Gail was in Ranger; and Louise, Nan, Larry and Bill Wilkins went to the ranch.

Jimmy hadn't had a date with Baby Saturday night? Baby has been trying to get her rring from him ever since!

Bill, Earl and Jimmy didn't find American History so funny?

Bill Womack didn't rave about Ruth's cousin?

Lowell wasn't in Kentucky?

Daphne hadn't been with a Big Lake boy last week?

Sue had been able to enjoy the show Saturday night?

Mary K. and Bob could get their English without each other's help?

Byrd wasn't so eager to go back to Dallas?

Larry hadn't asked Barbara for his Senior ring? There they go again—

Muggs hadn't gone to Dallas Wednesday?

Bill McWilliams wasn't such a help to the freshmen in solving their math problems?

Mr. Sikes didn't read "Calling All Girls" during chemistry?

Lillian didn't have a confession signed by Lowell concerning Nan?

THE GLOBE TROTTER

It seems regardless of war and rationing, people of O.H.S. manage to do a little traveling.

Two of the lucky trotters were Lowell and Marshall who went all the way to Kentucky to see an uncle returned from overseas.

Nan and Bill Wilkins were visiting Louise and Larry at their ranches. The hunting seemed to be the high light of the holiday.

And Bill Womack seemed to have enjoyed visitng Don Gorman at Baird.

Enjoying the excitement of the Rankin rodeo were Baby, Dilly, Sug and Joy. I believe Sug helped create some of it.

Muggs took a short trot to San Angelo to visit Doris but she declares that it was just the right distance.

Joe Ross Earl and Joe Corbell were others who did their "Christmas shopping" in San Angelo.

Although Sue keeps declaring that Junction holds "no excitement," she is continually going back for more. She was the house guest of Jean Pierce.

The A & M-Texas game seemed to hold a magnet toward Ozona. It drew Mike, Jimmy, Nat and Bob Bissett.

"Just to be going some place" Rosalie and Bernard decided to try

Victoria and San Antonio on for size.

Hazel Kirbie and Clem Parker were very excited about going home, Miss Kirbie to Canyon and Miss Park took in Ballinger.

It seems that two grandmothers were very happy when Dorothy and Dixie went to Sterling City and Billie Rose and Patsy to Sonora.

Taking in the hunting season were Bill and Donald Hoover, Joe Perry, Buddy Phillips and Carlton.

Not to be outdone by the rest Corinne, Byrd and Benny rode the choo-choo to Fort Worth together. Byrd and Corinne went on to Dallas to spend the holidays with the Spalti family and see the S.M.U.-T.C.U. game. Be went to Ranger to have the most wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with Marilyn Murray.

SOOO, I SEZ TO MABEL—!!

The ole town was pretty dead during the holidays. Most everyone was out of town. More wild hunting stories going around Monday.

Mrs. Bratton went to Dei Rio and went hunting in the rain.

Liz Gray was home for Thanksgiving. Of course we didn't see much of her. Basil took care of that. — Lowell Sweeten really

got smart and went to Kentucky. The reason: to see an uncle who just got back from overseas.

Louise and Larry went to the ranch and took Nan and Bill Wilkins with them.—We hear Nan and Larry enjoyed their trip very much. (Don't tell anyone 'cause Larry doesn't want Barbara to know.) — Joyce denies sitting by the telephone waiting for Bill Mc to call but Ann says she does. Sisterly love.—We're wondering about the Davidson-Bailey affair. Maybe Muggs, out of the kindness of her heart could give us some information. — Lefty Womack came home raving about Ruth's cousin from Sweetwater.—Sue got a letter from Oscar Tuesday. Ahh it must be nice—

FOOTBALL BOYS' BARBECUE

The football boys were invited to a barbecue last Tuesday night at the Scout cabin given by the Scouts and Mr. Piner. There were venison barbecue, potato salad, red beans and hot cocon. After all of the boys had three helpings each they all agreed that if they had any place else to put it they would still be eating. The football team really enjoyed it and gave their thanks to Mr. Piner for a really good supper.

FOOTBALL TRIP

Tuesday noon a special meeting was called in the gymnasium by Mr. Taylor Word who represented the local collection committee. He announced that the football team, manager and coach, totaling 29, were being sent by a chartered

Bowen bus to the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas.

The bus will leave San Angelo on the evening of December 31st

and will arrive in Dallas on the morning of January 1st. The fund for the trip is made up of donations by local citizens.



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Son-In-Law of Ozonan Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

Gilbert F. Noakes, son in law of Mrs. A. W. Jones of Ozona, and a native of Corpus Christit, Texas, has recently been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Forces.

Cof. Noakes, known as "Red" to many Ozona friends, is stationed at San Antonio and is Commander of Maintenance and Supply. He was an instructor in flying at the Municipal Airport in Corpus Christi where he enlisted as a reserve officer. He now holds a senior pilot's rating in the AAF. Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Noakes and their two sons reside at 1039 Kayton Street in San Antonio.

Humble Celebrates Production Billionth Gallon High Octane

HOUSTON, Texas. — In a fitting ceremony at Baytown, Texas, employees of Humble Oil & Refining Company on December 14 will commemorate a feat unparalleled in the petroleum industry — the production of one billion gallons of finished 100 octane aviation gasoline at the Company's Baytown refinery.

This achievement climaxes a quarter of a century of research planning, and development by the Humble organization, which in those 25 years has made uniform progress in every phase of its operations.

The war production record of the Humble Companies in the three years since Pearl Harbor is an amazing one and the December 14 celebration serves to spotlight the Company's leadership in all of its war operations and to pay tribute to its 14,000 employees.

Smart girls were those grecian gals. They counted their ages from birth.

Cattle and Hog Shipments Decline, Sheep, Calves up

AUSTIN, Texas. — Cattle and hog shipments in Texas during October continued to be less than they were a year ago, reports from the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research show.

Shipments of sheep and calves were larger in October than last year, however. Sheep shipments were 1,715 railcars in October 1944 and 1,566 in October 1943; shipments of calves increased from 2, 327 in October 1943 to 2,820 in October 1944.

The total cattle shipments were 8,471 railcars, and 7780 in October 1943 and hops decreased to 720 in October from 1,332 in October 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baggett have returned from a visit in Austin with their son in law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pace and children Sue and Baggett, and another daughter Mrs. Hiram Brown and Susan.

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Basketball Popular With Texas Schools, League Survey Shows

AUSTIN, Texas.—Keen competition is anticipated in the 1944-45 basketball season by the University of Texas Interscholastic League, since 949 schools will participate in the sport, R. J. Kidd, athletic director, reported today. The 1943-44 basketball season had 773 schools taking part.

Conference B will have the largest number of schools in the roster with 579 signed, Mr. Kidd reports. Conference AA will have 104 schools, and Conference A will have 275 participating.

Last season there were 98 Conference AA schools, 250 in Conference A, and 435 in Conference B.

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Pvt. Elmon Powell son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Powell, is here this week on furlough for a visit with his parents. He is stationed at Fort Riley, Kans.

HEALTH NOTE: He who laughs, lasts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Madden Read and sons, Jimmy and Nat and Mrs. J. M. Dudley were in Austin to witness the Texas University-A & M College Thanksgiving Day game.

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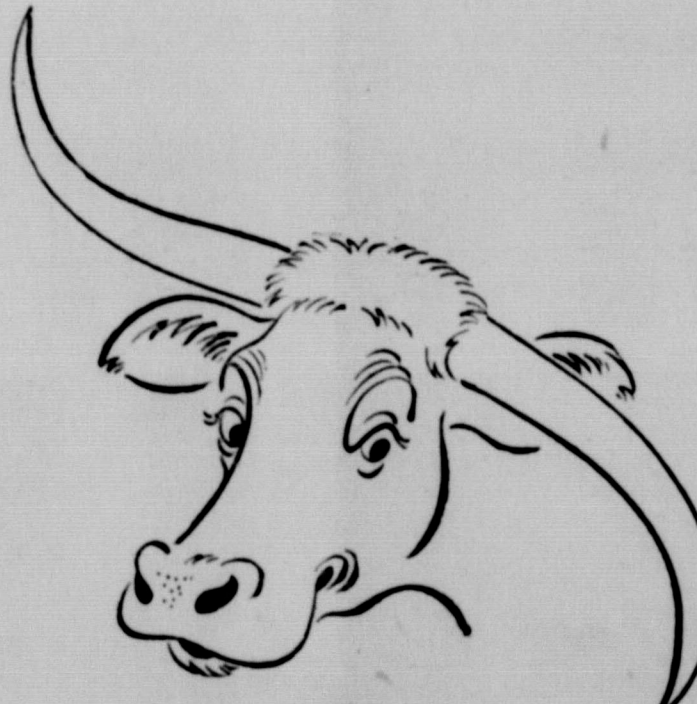
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A deficit of \$12, sales existing the week was wiped out spare by the close today, when total class of securities \$77,118.75, on a q the chairman reported.

Over-all bond activity were approach county's set quota in the Sixth War at the close of business at \$553,438.75, Mr ed, and sights were the double figure over the top here. ty citizens are un slackening in bond "The war is sti there are still bond the drive chairm: "Let's double our

Jan. 15 De For 1944 R On Range

Conservati es Must Be By Decem

January 15, 19 tablished as the filing performanc the 1944 Agricul tion program, Mis administrative offi in this county, week.

Ranchers are u formance reports sible to facilitate fice and in no ev filed later than payment, Miss B

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During the ye spections and app made on 58 diff the county, Miss ed. Out of this g ly a small perc have reported co or have had or inspection.

"You can rea have a lot of w January 15," sl county committe force urge your der that the job time."

Ozonan, P War, Plays To Celebra

Sgt. Boyd Ba war in Germany celebrated the F German prison pating in a base races, he has w Mrs. Alice Bake July 5, latest re

In the baseb teams were labi the South and gain, he said, b

Mr. and Mrs. returned to the ton, Texas, afte their daughter, lips and family