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Yanks Take La Roche As Nazis Retreat

COUNTY QUOTA FOR RED CROSS DRIVE \$17,000

Eastland county will have a quota of \$17,000 in the annual Red Cross War Fund Drive which opens March 1, and Homer Smith of Eastland will again head the drive as county chairman.

This announcement has just been made by Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins of Eastland, county chairman for the Red Cross, who also stated that exact quotas for each of the communities in the county have not been assessed, with the exception of Eastland, Cisco and Ranger, each of which will have a \$4,200 quota.

Mrs. Perkins and County Chairman Smith will attend an area meeting of the Red Cross in Waco on January 17 at which time plans for the drive will be discussed. Following this meeting further plans for the campaign in Eastland county will be announced.

It is the intention of Chairman Smith to have the County so well organized before the opening date for the campaign that the quota can be raised with the greatest possible speed. The fact that the county has always oversubscribed the quota is the basis for the belief that it will be done again this year. In 1944 the total subscribed was \$22,076.19 and in 1943 the fund reached \$19,431.31.

Community chairmen wishing information as to the drive can contact the Red Cross at the new headquarters in rooms number three and four of the Prairie building, South Seaman street, Eastland.

Judge Davenport Convenes Grand Jury Jan. 16th

The following list of persons selected by the Jury Commission appointed by the Honorable 91st District court of Eastland County at the October term 1944 to serve as Grand Jurors at the December term of that court, have been summoned to appear for service at 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 16th:

J. B. Webb, Rising Star; W. J. Foxworth, Cisco; F. W. Roberts, Rising Star; J. R. Huntington, Pioneer; E. L. Hazlewood, Dothan; L. L. Bruce, Ranger; Wright Emfinger, Ranger; Dee Anderson, Ranger; E. O. Maheffey, Gorman; Roy D. Parker, Gorman; Devo Dover, Carbon; F. C. Williamson, Eastland; W. C. Stark Olden; Jim Flournoy, Cisco; E. E. Woody, Eastland; Tobe Morton, Eastland.

Baptist Church At Chaney To Ordain Deacon

Sunday, January 14, at 3:00 p. m., a deacon ordination service will be held at the Sweet Home Baptist church at Chaney. The church has selected Lee Bishop as a candidate for ordination.

Rev. J. W. Seay, the pastor has charge of the program of installation. All members of the church and other friends are cordially invited to attend.

RANGER CASUALTIES REACH TOTAL OF 89

Files at the Ranger Times revealed today that to date Ranger has suffered 89 casualties in World War II.

This includes men wounded in action, missing in action, killed in action and prisoners of war, and covers all theaters of operations.

As near as can be estimated this is a high percentage in proportion of the number of men from Ranger in service. It has also been observed by members of the Times staff that casualties are averaging about one each day since the early part of December.

JUDD C. BENSON TO SPEAK AT DALLAS MEET

Ranger life insurance men and women will share in the pooling of sales experience by some of the nation's leading salesmen at the Dallas session of the tri-city sales congress of the Texas Association of Life Underwriters February 15 at the Hotel Adolphus, it was announced today by J. Max Spangler, president of the Dallas Association of Life Underwriters.

Keynote speaker will be Judd C. Benson of Cincinnati, Ohio, a trustee of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

Benson will be a member of a team of five nationally known life underwriters now being selected from key production centers of the country to discuss war-time selling problems. They will open the sales congress by conducting an all-day meeting in Dallas February 15, move to San Antonio for a similar program February 16 and then wind up the series at Houston February 17. Scheduling of the same program in the three cities will enable the Texas agents to attend the session nearest them and thus minimize traveling, it is pointed out.

The program is being arranged to permit the life underwriters to study ways and means of stepping up their contribution to the war effort not only in their capacity as life insurance salesmen but also in various volunteer assignments directly tied up with the war program.

Benson, who is general manager of the home office agency of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, has been in the life insurance business since January 1, 1924. He is currently chairman of the Federal law and legislation committee of the National Association of Life Underwriters, and is a former president of the Cincinnati General Agents' and Managers' Association and the Ohio Association of Life Underwriters.

Last Rites For Mingus Pioneer To Be Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Velta Jane Reasoner will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock at the home of the deceased in Mingus with Rev. W. H. Rucker of Strawn in charge of the services. Burial will be in the Reasoner Cemetery near Gordon and arrangements will be by Morris Funeral Home of Ranger.

Mrs. Reasoner who had resided in and near Mingus for the past 70 years died at her home there Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. She was born in Wayne County, Missouri April 10, 1861.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mack Preslar of Fort Worth, Mrs. Norma Richardson of Mingus and Mrs. T. E. Bott of Mingus; one sister, Mrs. Alana Phillips of Bridgeport and one brother, Vertie Gibbs of Bridgeport; eight grandchildren. Ted Bott of Ranger, Cpl. Charles Bott of Lubbock, Jimmie Reasoner of Wichita Falls, Mrs. J. R. Greer of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Cleet Crockett of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Joe Mataaska of Wichita Falls, Hillis Rigby of El Paso and Bill Bott of Mineral Wells. Six great grandchildren survive.

Southwestern Music Co. Buys Oasis Novelty Co.

I. D. Carlisle announced today that sale of the Oasis Novelty Company has been completed and the properties of the business are now being operated by the Southwestern Music Company whose headquarters are in Dallas.

It is understood that the new owners will continue to operate through the territory covered by the former owners and that headquarters for this area will remain in Ranger. Jim Smalley is manager for the recently purchased business and is already in Ranger to take up his new duties.

Carlisle stated today that his plans for the future are not certain but it is likely that he will go into business in some other territory.

PVT. WILSON FULL FLEDGED PARATROOPER

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Jan. 10 — Pvt. William J. Wilson son of Mrs. Fred Wilson of 817 Elm Ranger, Texas has won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the United States Army Paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Jumping at The Parachute School has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. American Paratroopers have been recognized throughout the world for their meritorious actions against the enemy.

In addition to producing jumpers, Parachute Specialist Training is given to qualified men in Communications, Demolition, Rigging and Parachute Maintenance, vital skills for Airborne troops.

Pvt. Wilson is expected any day for a visit with his mother while enroute from one assignment to another.

RANGER CAGERS TO PLAY CROSS PLAINS, CISCO

Ranger high school Bulldog basketball team will go to Cross Plains late this afternoon to meet the Cross Plains cagers in a game at 8 o'clock tonight.

A tough game is expected between the two teams as both were contenders in the semi-finals at the Howard Payne College invitation tournament held in Brownwood last week and Cross Plains played Abilene in the semi-finals and was defeated by a score of 38 to 31.

Friday night in Ranger the Bulldogs will meet the Cisco high school team in the first conference game of the season for Ranger. Cisco defeated Weatherford in their first conference game which was played last Friday night.

Sgt. M. P. Herring Is Awarded Purple Heart For Wounds

Sgt. Milton P. Herring has been awarded the Purple Heart, two stripes and three stars, for wounds received in action. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Herring of Eastland, received the medal here Tuesday along with a merit badge awarded for good conduct, efficiency and fidelity.

Sgt. Herring is with headquarters of the 83rd Infantry Division in Europe. He and another soldier were credited several months ago with rounding up 200 Germans in France at one time.

GHOLSON NO. 1 AT 2983 FEET THURSDAY A. M.

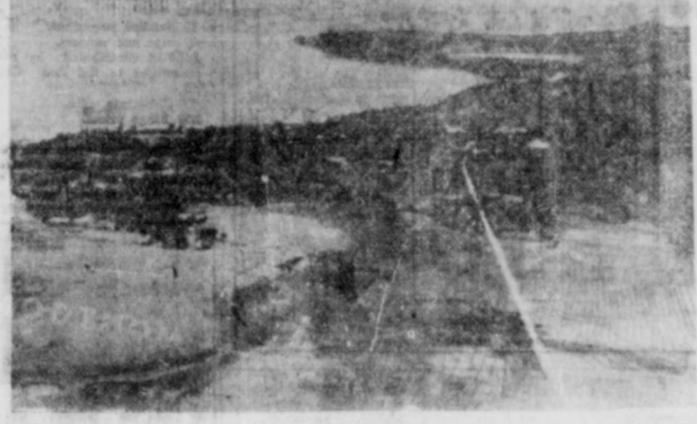
North American Consolidated's No. 1, John M. Gholson Estate being drilled in the east edge of Ranger has reached a total depth of 2983 feet this morning and drilling was shut down for a few hours while drilling cable was spliced.

L. H. Choate of Cisco is drilling contractor for the well and will drill to the Ranger sand and possibly to the Ellenburger if production is not encountered in the Ranger. The Ranger will likely be encountered around 3375 feet.

Since the well was spudded on December 5 the drilling crews have averaged almost 100 feet per day of actual drilling time. Two fishing jobs caused slight delays in drilling and the well was shut down for a two days holiday at Christmas.

The nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, has been awarded by the War Department to only 65 officers and enlisted men for valor in the present war.

Airview Of Lingayen Gulf



Aerial reconnaissance photo made before the war shows the town of San Fernando, on the northern approaches of the Lingayen Gulf in Luzon, Philippine Islands. (U. S. Navy photo from NEA Telephoto.)

PVT. GRAHAM IS REPORTED KILLED IN WAR

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Graham of Route 3 Ranger and Mrs. Nancy L. Graham of Ft. Worth were notified today that their son and husband, Pvt. Marion Graham, Jr. who was previously reported missing in action, was killed in action on December 24.

First word that the soldier was missing in action reached the family Saturday January 6 and the message stated that he had been missing in action in Germany since December 24.

He had made his home at the Route 3 address for a number of years and was educated in schools at Frankell and Caddo.

A brother, Sgt. James W. Graham is stationed with the Air Forces in India.

Urges Farmers To Use Hybrid Seed In Planting

By Floyd Lynch

Any farmer that raises corn should secure Hybrid Seed Corn for his planting seed. Hybrids are better able to withstand adverse conditions than are open-pollinated varieties, and consequently may be expected to give comparatively better yields in unfavorable years.

The growing of hybrid corn should reduce the hazards of corn production under severe weather conditions and tend to make corn a more certain crop each year for the farmer.

Over a 3 year period from 1942-1944 hybrid corn yielded at least 40 per cent more than the open pollinated varieties, according to experiment station reports.

Hybrid No. 8 seems to be most drought resistant of the various hybrids and is better adapted to West Central and West Texas. Hybrid No. 18 is the newest of the Texas hybrids and gives very satisfactory yields at most stations this year. These results indicate it is quite well adapted to the central and western corn growing area of the state. No. 18 has a much larger, softer grain with a deeper color than the other hybrids. One of the highest yielding hybrids in the tests so far has been Funk G711. This hybrid adapts to have a rather wide adaptability range and gave especially good results at Temple and Beeville.

Production of Texas hybrids for use for farmers in the state is expanding rapidly and in 1944 approximately 4,000 acres of certified hybrid seed corn were produced in Texas. This acreage will furnish enough hybrid seed to plant less than 10 per cent of the Texas corn acreage, so farmers are urged to place their orders for seed early.

A list of certified Texas hybrid seed producers may be secured from this office.

America has literally built tankers by the mile. Lined up end to end on the Hudson River, new American tankers built since Pearl Harbor would reach to Peekskill over 40 miles.

His Story Reverses



On December 24, exultant Japs made this photo of General Honma, coming up the gang plank, as he stepped ashore on Luzon at San Diego, in Lingayen Gulf. By an historic turnabout U. S. forces turn the wheel of war a full circle as they land on Lingayen Gulf to drive the Japs into the sea. (NEA Telephoto.)

As Churchill Visited Western Front



Prime Minister Winston Churchill accompanied by Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, has been met by Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery at a small Belgian Railway station during the Prime Minister's visit to the Western Front. (British War Office Radiotelephoto from NEA Telephoto.)

BIRTHDAY TURNS UP ALMOST EVERY DAY

LAKE PLACID CLUB, N. Y. (UP)—"Happy Birthday" seems to be the pass word at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station here.

With thousands of overseas returnees being sent to the station for processing prior to reassignment and with their wives coming to visit them, the singing of "Happy Birthday" rings out through the dining room practically every other night.

As much as 1,577,565 pounds of tin scrap have been collected in one month from the tin can salvage at army service forces installations in the eight western states of the Ninth Service Command.

PFC. THOMAS IS MISSING IN EUROPEAN WAR

Mrs. George W. Thomas, mother of Ranger was notified this morning by the war department that her husband, Pfc. George W. Thomas, Jr., has been missing in action in Germany since December 21.

Pfc. Thomas is the son of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Thomas of Caddo who formerly made their home in Ranger while Rev. Thomas served as pastor of the First Baptist church. His wife and their three children, Georgia Pauline, Bobbie K. and George Jay, are making their home at 309 Elm Street.

The missing soldier entered the service of the Army March 29, 1944 and had been in service in the European theater of war since October 1944. He was serving in the Infantry at the time he was reported missing in action. He received his training at Camp Hood.

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EXPLOSION OF BOMBER STOPS SLAYER HUNT

SEMINOLE, Okla. — The mid-air explosion of a heavy four engine bomber six miles south of Bartlesville, Okla., reportedly killing at least one of the 12 persons aboard, today interrupted the combined aerial-ground hunt for the fugitive slayer of a Seminole deputy sheriff.

Highway patrol Lt. C. T. Raley, called in from McAlester, Okla. to aid in the manhunt, radioed patrol headquarters in Oklahoma City that the body of one person, whose parachute failed to open had been found near the crash scene.

Up to noon, peace officers reported they had received no new trace of the killer, who fatally wounded deputy Erick Nicholson, held a city employee hostage nearly five hours and warned that he "would not be taken alive."

U. T. REGENTS NAMED; NEW SETUP URGED

AUSTIN — Academic freedom and the University of Texas affairs got squarely before the new session of the Texas Legislature today.

Gov. Coke R. Stevenson presented the Senators six deponents of the University to be confirmed or rejected and Sen. A. M. Atkin, Jr., offered a bill setting up a specific division of the powers of the administration heads and governing boards of all state supported schools of higher learning.

The bill provides that the powers of the governing board shall be confined to general policies governing the institution and that details shall be left to the administrative head and that this division of authority be adhered to strictly.

The University regents named that go to the senate include the interim appointments of Dudley Woodward, Dallas, and David M. Warren, Panhandle—the interim and new term appointment of Dr. C. O. Terrell, Ft. Worth, and new appointments for E. B. Tucker, Nacogdoches—Ernest E. Kirkpatrick, Brownwood, and Dr. Walter H. Scherer, Houston.

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Future Of Ranger Subject Of Talk At Rotary Meet

E. T. Eubank was in charge of the program for the Rotary club at the regular meeting held Wednesday at noon at the Gholson hotel. Eubank introduced Hall Walker who gave a talk on the future of Ranger and possibilities for bringing to the town fresh enterprise.

C. E. May, president of the club presided at the meeting which was attended by a large number of members and one guest, M. R. Newsham of Longview.

BARRY TRIAL MAY 2 HOLLYWOOD

Superior Judge Samuel R. Blake today set May 2 for the retrial of Joan Barry's paternity suit against comedian Charlie Chaplin.

GERMANS HEAD FOR SEIGFRIED; LUZON FORCES DRIVE IN DEEP

PARIS (UP)—American forces today captured La Roche, northern anchor of the fast-advancing Ardennes salient from which the out-matched Germans were fading back into the Siegfried defenses beyond the borders of the Reich.

American forces in the Philippines drove deep inland over the Luzon plain to within 90 to 95 miles of Manila today, while on the western front the Germans were reported in retreat from their Ardennes bulge to the Siegfried line within the Reich.

The situation on the widely separated battle field was briefly as follows:

On Luzon, vanguards of the Sixth Army penetrated 18 to 20 miles inland from the Lingayen Gulf beachhead, overrunning about 30 cities, towns and villages and at least one airbase. Patrols were reported to have reached the Agno River, along which the Japanese had been expected to make a firm stand, at a point about 20 miles from the sea.

In Belgium, the bulk of 20 German tank and infantry divisions were withdrawing rapidly but still in good order from the Ardennes salient, with Allied forces pressing in from north, south and west, and trying to cut across the base, field dispatches said.

On the Russian front, Soviet forces turned back two German relief columns 15 miles from Bad-Lippspringe and threatened the enemy rear with a drive to Komarov, north of the Dagebu. Within the capital, Nazi resistance was reported breaking down as the Russians captured another 2,000 city blocks.

Soviet front dispatches said nearly all of Pest and the industrial island of Csepel had been occupied.

Only patrol activity was noted on the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts in Italy.

Stimson Says All Able Men Under 30 To Be Taken

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today "there seems to be no escape" from inducing into the Armed Forces substantially all physically qualified men under 30.

He told a press conference the Army is upping its monthly calls on selective service from 80,000 in January and February to 100,000 for March. The Army's big need is for young and physically able youths with aggressiveness and endurance, he said.

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H. D. Agent Gives Summary of '44 Work Program

By Myra Tankersley County H. D. Agent The program of work for 1944 was again based on the Victory Demonstrators Pledge—to produce and conserve more food in '44; take care of equipment and household furnishings; buy more bonds and stamps; but not buy unnecessary items and help with other war activities.

The work has been carried on through eleven home demonstration clubs and with the assistance of the Agricultural Victory Council; County Home Demonstration Council and committee members in communities without clubs. One of the goals was to try to reach as many people as possible with some phase of the program of work. One thousand three hundred forty-three people, non club members were reached with can-

ning problems; cooker clinics; machine clinics; bulletins; letters and other information. The women have cooperated with all the war activities such as collection of waste fats; tin, waste paper, etc. Their Red Cross work done in addition to all other farm and home task included: 174 1-2 hours work done in sewing and surgical dressings rooms. \$40 contributed to buy curtains for Camp Hospital and the making of 44 pair of these curtains. 249 boxes cookies sent to the hospital. 27 boxes candy sent to the hospital. 185 pounds of waste fat turned in. 9 Afghanis made. 8 Pillows. 45 bundles magazines. 40 cups and saucers. \$456.16 contributed by rural communities to the Red Cross fund. 37 Christmas gifts. 146 Bingo prizes. 16 Blood donors. Demonstrations given this year include gardening; insect control; preparation of soil; varieties to plant; seed treatment; saving of

seed; poultry management; control of poultry diseases, food preservation—canning, brining; drying; curing of meats, food preparation; storage of food; causes of food spoilage; checking pressure cookers and sealers; preparation of food for frozen lockers; making of slip covers; upholstering; reseating chairs; sewing machine cleaning and adjusting; home management problems; landscaping and many others. Some of the home improvement work accomplished is as follows: 28 houses had windows added; 115 walls, wood work, floors refinished; 4 bathrooms added; 38 houses painted; 249 pieces furniture refinished; 85 chairs re-seated; 40 chairs and sofas upholstered; 44 slip-covers made; 142 families reduced household pests; 541 shrubs planted and growing; 263 trees and shrubs grown from cuttings. The Home Food Supply and conservation program work included: 28000 farm home victory gardens; 1000 frame gardens; 509 tub gardens; 700 families disinfecting seed; 2000 families controlling garden insects; 1250 families sewing seed; 169 families checking cookers; 76 families

cleaned and adjusted sealers; 57 storage spaces improved this year; 18 storage spaces built this year; 9,916 quarts fruit canned with estimated value of \$1,780; 46,212 quarts vegetables canned with estimated value \$16,174.20; 2,382 quarts meat canned with estimated value \$518.00; 2,063 quarts other food canned with estimated value \$1,057.15; 221 quarts vegetables brined; 186 pounds fruit dried; 27.99 pounds meat cured with estimated value \$4,198.54; 4,379 pounds fruit stored with estimated value \$427.90; 13,674 pounds of meat frozen with estimated value \$1,387.40; 504 pounds of other food frozen. Some of the other work accomplished included: 230 families salvaged fats; 299 families salvaged tin; and 2 6 8 helped with other salvage programs. 29 women took on additional farm jobs; 51 improved the business center in the home; 289 cooperated with others in the community by sharing use of equipment; 150 cooperated with others in the community by swapping work; 78 cooperated with others in the community by swapping trips; There were 125 garments

made and 255 garments made over; 97 hats were made and 368 purses; 14 closets built and 5 remodeled; 126 garments cleaned at home; 163 sewing machines cleaned and adjusted. In order to accomplish this work the agent spent 219 days in the field and 78 1-2 days in the office; received 454 office calls; 256 telephone calls; held 144 method demonstrations with an attendance of 5,283, 18 training meetings with attendance of 229; 39 other meetings with an attendance of 4,779; wrote 57 news stories; made 491 home visits and 69 visits to demonstrators; gave 1,588 bulletins and travelled 624 miles on official duty.

By J. R. Williams Out Our Way



WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Staff Correspondent

THERE is nothing duller than when one columnist writes a piece about what some other columnist said. But at the risk of being so small, this latest crack of the President's about columnists being ex-

cesses is worth another look, to see what caused it. On the day the President delivered himself of this nifty, what were the columnists saying about Mr. Roosevelt? Mr. Drew Pearson that morning cited chapter and verse on the fact that the President had been out of town and away from his desk 27 out of the last 52 weeks.

Mr. Arthur Krock of the New York Times had just delivered himself of a piece to the effect that the President's press conferences seldom produced any news but were held for the President's own enjoyment and to give the admiring throng its chance to laugh at the President's cute remarks.

Mr. John O'Donnell of the New York Daily News Syndicate had just aired his view that the President's admission that the Atlantic Charter had never been signed was a pretty admission that the Chicago Sun's daily gossip column, the work of its Washington staff, had just printed a story that the President had rowed with Democratic National Chairman Bob Hannegan.

PM's columning reporters had just finished 10 days of concentrated hell-raising over the President's six nominations for assistant secretaryships in the Department of State.

NOW no man, President or proletrian, could be expected to take a paper pasting of that sort and like it. But the way the President reacted in calling columnists a three-syllable name, he was most certainly asking for more, which he will undoubtedly get.

The President has called Mr. Drew Pearson a liar and a chronic liar, often and with emphasis. To Mr. John O'Donnell he once awarded an iron cross for bad taste. Are they supposed to love him for that? Such things aren't newspapering. Instead, they become personal feuds.

But for the New York Times and the Field publications, PM and the Chicago Sun, to intimate that everything about the President and what he does is not perfect—that must really get under the hide where it is thinnest.

All this is written not through any sense of need for protecting the President. There are a few columnists—notably Ernest Lindley, Samuel Grafton, and Jay Franklin—who seem to defend his policies when or wherever necessary, but this goes beyond policy and becomes a personal thing. When the President of the United States resorts to name-calling, what does that accomplish?

Edson

Advertisement for Anderson-Pruet Chevrolet Co. featuring a bear mascot and the slogan 'LINE UP WITH BEAR'. Text includes 'TIRE TORTURE!', 'A 6.00 x 16 tire out of alignment less than an inch will be dragged sideways, one mile for every sixteen miles of travel. Drive in for Bear wheel and axle service.', and 'DRIVE IN Anderson-Pruet Chevrolet Co.'

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By Merrill Blosser



By V. T. Hamlin



By Fred Harmon



Large advertisement for Montgomery Ward's 'CLEARANCE!' sale. Text includes 'MONTGOMERY WARD'S clear the shelves CLEARANCE!' and 'Get your share of these bargains! We've slashed their prices way down so they'll sell out fast.'

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Montgomery Ward clearance sale list. Categories include: REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE (Women's Dress Shoe Values, Non-Rationed Shoes 15% Off!, Save on House Slippers, Slipper Bargains for Tots, Men's La Salle Shoes); CLEARANCE OF FURNITURE (Kitchen Cabinet Base, Maple Bedroom Clearance, Wood Frame Box Spring, Boxspring Underpriced!, Compartment Mattresses, Clearance! Hollywood Bed); CURTAIN PRICES ARE CUT! (Curtain Material Ends, Odd Lot Cottage Sets, Shop Worn Sofa Pillow); FLOOR COVERINGS CLEARANCE (Rug Cushions to Clear, Hooked Rug Values, Shaggy Rugs Cut 20%, Tufted Rugs Cut 25%, Bargains in Rag Rugs); PAINT PRICES ARE SLASHED (1-Coat Semi-Gloss Enamel, Reduced! Flay Wall Paint, Coverall House Paint, Master Painter House Paint).

Montgomery Ward logo and footer text: * Shop in our Store or our Catalog Department... use our convenient Monthly Payment Plan!

Prefers Good Old U. S. To Tokyo

ABILENE, ex. (UP) — Fireman I Cecil Woodlock, veteran of 10 months and 5 major battles in the Pacific, has got a lot of courage.

He is not one of those who state that they are waiting only for the day when they enter the City of Tokyo.

What Woodlock says is: "I don't really want to walk down the streets of Tokyo. In fact, I'd like to stay here in the United States."

Christmas Letter Arrives Just Two Years Late

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, (UP)—Mrs. Paul Meyer got a Christmas letter from her husband, Colonel Meyer—exactly two years late.

In 1942, while Meyer was a lieutenant colonel with the Army Air Forces during the African invasion, he wrote a long Christmas letter to his wife and two sons, but they didn't get it. Frequently in later letters the Colonel made re-

ference to his "long Christmas letter."

A few weeks ago, Colonel Meyer returned to Port Arthur to resume his medical practice, and just before Christmas, the letter came—censored and re-censored and very travel-worn.

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THE WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVE

A DAY IN A VIRGINIA PLANTER'S LIFE (1713)

III

WHEN breakfast was over Swain and Randall delayed their departure to play a game of billiards and to have a long and meaningless talk with a music master who had come out from the village to tune a spinet that stood in the large hall, or living room.

They were both saturated with the spirit of leisure which was an outstanding quality of life in colonial Virginia. In this, respect Puritan New England and Virginia were far apart. The Puritans were tense, nervous, industrious and so reluctant to waste time that they labored even when there was nothing to do.

The Virginians were placid, friendly, lazy and pleasure-loving. They did not mind if time were wasted, for they had learned from experience that many a thing that ought to be done today could wait until tomorrow without harm.

Their sense of hospitality was so remarkable that one may search the files of history in vain for a parallel. In the 18th century a stranger in Virginia, if he were decent and well-behaved, might have lived for a year without any expense for board and lodging, simply by moving from one locality to another and allowing the inhabitants of the various places to entertain him as a guest.

This desire to entertain strangers showed itself in some rather astonishing ways. There are recorded instances of Virginia gentlemen waiting on horseback on a well-traveled road for the purpose of intercepting wayfarers and inviting these travelers to come home with them as guests. The Virginia inns complained frequently that they could make no money because most of the travelers who passed through the neighborhood were entertained without charge, at private homes.

Edward Swain and Henry Randall did not leave Williamsburg until 10 o'clock. About a dozen yards behind them rode their two servants on shaggy farm horses. Swain's man, Dave Pottle, was white, blond and Welsh by birth. He was an indentured servant who had still two years to serve before his freedom was due. Swain had bought him from a ship captain in 1708 for 2500 pounds of tobacco, which covered the cost of his passage from Bristol, the money value of which was around 12 pounds sterling. To repay this debt David had been indentured for seven years. Upon his release from service his master would give him, according to the Virginia law, 50 acres of land, two suits of clothing, a felt hat, 12 bushels of corn meal and a gun worth 20 shillings.

Randall's servant was a Negro slave, a native of Africa, alert and quick and unusually intelligent. He was about 35 years old, and had been in America for more than 10 years. As he had never worked in the fields, but had always been a house boy, he spoke English remarkably well.

Mathew, or Mat, took care of his master's clothes and saddle horses. The garments of a gentleman, in that period of Virginia history, required a great deal of attention, for they were expensive and made of delicate fabrics. The greater part of Mat's time was given to them. He had become a fairly competent journeyman tailor, and could make repairs in the garments.

Henry Randall's suits, like those of many Virginia gentlemen of that era, were made in London. Every Virginian of means had a English tailor who kept his measurements on file and also knew his tastes in clothing. An order for a suit took from three to five months to fill, on account of the long ocean voyage both ways. There were some tailors in Virginia, but it seems that the

higher social class did not patronize them.

THE usual costume of men of wealth and authority consisted of knee breeches made of broadcloth, velvet or silk; a vest of colored silk—usually green or scarlet; and a coat of broadcloth. The vest was long in front and tight fitting. The coat reached nearly to the knees and was square-cut, with large pockets. Below the waist it flared out. It was usually dark-blue or black, but other colors—such as scarlet, brown and green—were also worn. A gentleman's clothes had buttons of silver or brass; men of lower rank had wooden buttons. Shirts were of white linen, with lace ruffles on the bosom and at the wrists. The well-dressed man wore silk stockings, usually red in color, and boots with wide, spreading tops. But these "lummy" boots were not worn all the time. On bright, clear days the gentleman would appear in low shoes, and indoors at home he wore soft leather slippers. The head covering was a large, wide-brimmed felt hat which carried a plume. In cold or rainy weather a cloak was worn. There were no overcoats.

The habit of wearing wigs never became as popular in Virginia and the southern colonies as it was in New England; nevertheless wigs were common enough. Nearly all men of authority, or distinction, or wealth, wore them.

Both Randall and Swain were wig-wearers. Randall had adopted the fashion because he was partly bald and he thought that a fine, bushy wig would not only conceal his baldness but give him also an air of dignity. Swain's reason was altogether different. He detested wigs, but he wore them because Governor Spotswood was a wig-wearer, and he wanted the governor to have a good opinion of him.

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Society, Clubs

NEW ERA CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. RICHARDS

The New Era Club met at the home of Mrs. Ross Richards Wednesday at 4 p. m. The meeting was opened by silent prayer which was followed by the club collect in unison. Mrs. W. F. Creager, president presided over the business meeting. Minutes were read and approved and reports from chairmen were given. Flashies from headquarters were given by Mrs. J. L. Turner. Mrs. B. S. Dudley, Book

of the Month chairman, gave a short sketch of the following new books: *Cannery Row* by Steinbeck, *Great Son*, by Ferber and *Beave Me*, by Ernie Pyle.

A most inspiring review of Dr. Truett's Life was given by Mrs. L. L. Bruce. She chose for her review, the biography of George Truett by James. Mrs. W. W. Mitchell gave Tributes to Dr. Truett. Refreshments were served by the hostess to mesdames: L. L. Bruce, W. W. Mitchell, Arthur Deffebach, J. L. Turner, B. S. Dudley, Don Martin, A. W. Warford, M. H. Hagaman, George

Robinson, Paul MacDonald, W. F. Creager, and Miss Anne McEver.

COLUMBIA STUDY CLUB MEETS ON TUESDAY

Mrs. W. L. Downtain was hostess to the Columbia Study Club at the regular meeting held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin, secretary of the club, presided over a business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. Pats Jensen. A committee composed of Mrs. J. E. Matthews, Mrs. L. R. Pearson, and Mrs. W. D. Conway, was appointed to make plans for a hobby tea to be held in the near future. At the close of the afternoon coffee was served to the following members: Mrs. McLaughlin, John Thurman, P. M. Kuykendall, Matthews, Conway, H. W. Imholz,

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