









# A Letter From Germany . . .

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett of Cisco received the following letter from their son, Joe.

Erlangen, Germany  
January 2, 1946

Dearest Folks:

I was so glad to get your three letters and the Putnam news this morning. I got back from my furlough last night but didn't get my mail till this morning.

Jim and I left here at 8:30 on the morning of the 22nd and went to Nurnberg by truck. We got on the train there about eleven o'clock on our way to Switzerland. We ate a late dinner at Augsburg and a late supper at Karlsruhe and arrived at Strasbourg, France about three o'clock in the morning. We slept there the rest of the night and left the next morning by train for Mulhouse, France where we were processed for entry into Switzerland. We arrived at Mulhouse about noon and ate dinner and then started our processing. By processing, I mean we had to select our tour, get our clothes pressed, shoes shined, attend an orientation lecture and etc. There are more than a dozen tours to choose from and Jim and I selected the one that covered the western part of Switzerland. We then got our money changed into Swiss francs, attended the orientation, saw a short movie on Switzerland, ate supper, got our clothes pressed, shoes shined, ate two dishes of ice cream, and went to bed for the night. Prisoners of War work in the mess hall and they also press your clothes and shine your shoes and there is no charge for it. We got up early and ate breakfast and took the train for Basle, Switzerland, which is about a forty minute ride. We had to go through the customs there but it didn't take long. We took a short street car ride over the city and then went shopping before lunch. The store windows are beautiful and the Swiss people seem to take great pride in their window displays. It is the

nearest thing to the States I have seen since I left. The people were very friendly everywhere we went and nearly all of them spoke English. After dinner we took the train for Thun, where we spent the first night. It was Christmas Eve and we sure had a grand time. There were seventy in our tour but we were always split up into smaller groups and sent to several hotels. Jim and I were sent to a smaller hotel with five other fellows and when we got to the station and got off the train there were two girls there to meet us with a wagon to carry our bags. The girls were twelve and fourteen years old and seemed tickled to death to meet us and take us to the hotel. When we got to the hotel, we washed up and went down to eat and they had a party all planned for us. They had a table fixed in the shape of a "T" and there were about 24 people who ate supper there. Almost every one spoke English and we had a big time while we were eating. They served wine with the meal and after supper, but still early in the evening, I counted 14 wine bottles at one time. You had to drink or they would be offended. After supper we played games, sang, talked, and really had a swell time. One of the girls played the piano and one played the accordion. They also had a radio and a record player with all the latest American records. I started playing the piano about mid-night and every one was singing and we finally got to bed about two o'clock in the morning. When we got up Christmas morning the ground was white and it was still snowing. We ate breakfast and proceeded with our tour. We rode the train to Frutigen and then rode the bus on to Adelboden. It took us an hour on the bus and it was a beautiful ride up the mountains. We got to Adelboden about eleven o'clock and went to our hotel and we really had a nice hotel there. It was up on the side of a moun-

tain and was a pretty steep climb, especially in the snow. We got a room on the third floor, with two single beds, a big wardrobe, two big lavatories with a huge mirror reaching across both of them, reading lamps on each side of our beds, and everything was so nice we almost felt like civilians again. There were double doors opening onto a balcony on the outside where we could get a beautiful view of the country. There was also an elevator to ride up and down, one of those you get in and push the button yourself. We had excellent meals there and everywhere we went. The meals were always served in courses and we sometimes had as many as two knives, three forks, and three spoons. I know I used the wrong utensil more than once but so did the others. The day after Christmas was a beautiful day. When we got up it was clear and we could tell the sun was going to shine when it got a little higher for there were mountains all around us. Herbie loaned us his camera and some film so we could have some good pictures when we get them developed. We went down to town, and I bought me a watch. It is a nice looking watch and is self-winding, water-proof, shock-proof, and anti-magnetic. It cost me 133 Francs which is about \$32.00. I don't think I ever told you but there was something wrong with my watch when I was in France so I sold it rather than try to get it fixed. Herbie bought him a watch in Switzerland so I had been wearing his old watch for about a month. I am sure glad to have a watch of my own again. I also bought two clocks, one for you and one for myself. I don't know whether I will send yours or keep it and bring it when I come. If I send it it might get broken in shipment and if I keep it someone may swipe it so I don't know what I will do. After we ate dinner we went to Engstligenalp, a place high up in the mountains. We had to walk for an hour and fifteen minutes in the snow and then take a ten minute ride in a cable car the balance of the way. The cable car took us two thousand feet higher than we had climbed on foot. There was a restaurant up there so we had some coffee and cake, took some pictures and then came back to the hotel. We had planned to go skiing the next day but it was raining so we didn't get to ski. After spending three days there we started on to Geneva. We stopped and ate lunch in Martigny and then arrived in Geneva about five o'clock. We rode right along the shore of Lake Geneva for miles and miles. It rained most of the time we were in Geneva but we did a lot of shopping, mostly window shopping, and we saw the League of Nations building there. Geneva is a beautiful city. It is right on the lake and they say it is even more beautiful in the summer. We left Geneva Sunday afternoon and spent the last night in Olten. We arrived back in Basle on Monday morning which ended our tour. We went back to Mulhouse and ate dinner and caught the train for Strasbourg where we had to wait till after mid-night for the train coming back to Germany. Our train was over an hour late so we greeted the New Year in the lounge of the leave center at Strasbourg and got on the train about one o'clock in the morning. We stopped for breakfast in Karlsruhe and for dinner in Augsburg and we had turkey dinner. We ate supper again in Nurnberg and had turkey there also. There were twelve of us from here so we called and a truck came after us and we got back here about nine o'clock last night. It was a marvelous trip and I couldn't have had a better Christ-

## Cottonwood Chips

Community Clatter Carefully Collected for Your Consideration.  
By Mrs. S. B. Strahan

Mrs. H. S. Varner is on an extended visit with her sisters in Arizona. Don, son of ex-Callahan county sheriff Clarence Nurdyke, now ranger stationed at Brownwood, lost his life by a hunter's gun last Friday. Mrs. Nurdyke is a sister of Mrs. Floyd Coffey here. Wes Everett, former resident of Cottonwood and father of Mrs. Oral Strahan, expired at his home at Cross Plains Saturday. Burial was there. Many Cottonwood friends attended. The cold weather and snow practically put the school here on the suspended list, says principal Sudderth. The sunshine Tuesday is welcome weather. Ex-sailor Fred Kelly and Momm Sudderth left last weekend to resume old positions in Lubbock. Milton Joy, son of Bob Joy, has announced for a county office recently. Mrs. Floyd Coffey, who has been ailing, is improved at this time. Mrs. La Vern Fortune and Nelma Jean Thompson went to Austin last week to take exams to qualify them for their beautician careers. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tucker and son, Teddie, left Friday for a several days visit in De Leon with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Frasier, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Tucker.

## Denton Doings

Delectably Disseminated to Distinguish and Delight Deserving  
By Mrs. J. E. Scott

Pfc. John E. Scott came home December 23rd from the European Theater of War after discharge at Camp Fannin. He trained at Fort Knox, Ky. and left for overseas duty January 4, 1945. In service almost four years with the 707th Tank Bn., he is authorized to wear several battle stars. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scott, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Scott and son have gone to Freer to work in the oil fields. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have another son, Lerna Dale, in the Navy. They are expecting him home from China soon. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller of Austin; Mrs. Daisy Kelton, son and daughter, Buck and Clara Bell, and her grandmother, Miss Ruby Gelfreath, all of Midland; and Mrs. H. T. Miller of Roseville, Calif. attended the funeral of their sister and aunt, Mrs. Elwin Scott. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Golithly of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Kate Lewis of Big Spring also attended the Scott funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Grantham and Mrs. Wylie Loper left Friday morning for their home in Freer after attending the Scott funeral. They reported Mr. George Grantham is in the hospital at Freer, very ill. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Baggett of Dudley and their daughter, Mrs. Louise Freeman of Abilene visited here Wednesday.

## MRS. SNYDER HOSTESS TO DELPHIAN CLUB

Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., was hostess to the Delphian Club Tuesday at three p. m. Mrs. Brightwell, president, presided. After roll call of current events, the club welcomed Mrs. M. C. McGowen back to the club after an absence of three years. Mrs. L. Stubblefield.

H. S. Parker spoke on "Food As A Medical Value," and Mrs. Snyder on "The Effect Of Movie, Radio and Comics On Children." The president stressed the importance of each one contributing to the March of Dimes and the Clothing Drive. The club will meet February 26 with Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield.



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mas unless I could have been at home. I have heard some good rumors today. It seems that the 55 pointers are supposed to leave here about next Sunday and I heard that we would leave about the fifteenth of this month. I haven't seen anything official on it but I sure hope it's so. I couldn't begin to describe the beauty of Switzerland so I will continue it verbally when I get home. All my love, JOE

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### Eula Episodes

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By MRS. R. G. EDWARDS

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Nichols, owner and operator of Eula's only grocery store took a vacation last week. They left Sunday morning for a short trip to El Paso, but due to the fact that the roads were closed most of the week, they didn't return until Thursday night. The road was closed shortly after they entered the stretch of snow and ice between here and there and they had to drive over a two-hundred mile stretch of really rough road.

Aaron White suffered a stroke at his home southwest of Eula last Wednesday night. Friday he was moved to the Callahan County Hospital. His condition is serious.

Mrs. A. L. Barnes presided at a luncheon in the banquet room of the T. & P. Cafe Saturday noon. Miss Jackie Gilliland of Baird rendered several special numbers on her accordian.

The luncheon is an annual affair held in connection with the officers training school of the Callahan County Home Demonstration Clubs, which is held in the District Court room.

"America needs to wake up to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship," spoke the Rev. R. H. Campbell pastor of the local Methodist Church who was principal speaker at the general assembly of the training school held in the district court room for Home Demonstration Women.

Two points under the duties and responsibilities of Citizens were: "Fill your place, whether great or small, fill it in such a way that you might do the most good to the most people." "That you, the mothers of the men of tomorrow, should make the most of your opportunities, in your work as Home Demonstration women, in teaching and showing you neighbor new and proven practices in home storage and preservation of foods. New tricks in sewing and home decoration so that the community where you live will be stronger Mentally and Physically."

Another point was to make it worth while, "Put your shoulder to the wheel and make it worth while."

Mrs. L. A. Groene of Abilene gave instructions to presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries and treasurers and council delegates.

Marvin Hunter, editor of the Baird Star spoke and instructed reporters.

Mrs. Mallie Johnson, Oplin, spoke on 4-H Club activities.

Other guests from Abilene were Mrs. Fate, chairman of Taylor County Home Demonstration Council and Rebel Hope, Reporter-News photographer.

Mrs. A. L. Barnes, Mrs. N. H. Stephenson, Mrs. Fred Farmer, Mrs. F. F. Harrison, and Mrs. R. G. Edwards attended the training school at Baird Saturday for Home Demonstration Clubs.

"An Old Fashioned Mother" will be on the stage of the Eula school Wednesday night and a basket ball game will be held in the Gymnasium Thursday night, for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

### Putnam Putterings

Pertinent Pointers Purposely Prepared to Please and Perplex People.

By Miss La Verne Rutherford

Joe Clark S 1-c is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mundt and son of Austin are visiting in the home of Mrs. Mundt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruett.

Coly Maynard is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Maynard.

Mrs. C. K. Peek of Dallas returned home Sunday after a short visit with her brother, L. J. Cook who has been ill for sometime.

Max Kennedy S 1-c spent the weekend visiting among friends.

Jack Everett arrived in Putnam Saturday night with an honorable discharge after four years in the Marines.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pruett and family are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruett.

Wes Everett of Brownwood passed away Saturday morning.

E. H. Wagley returned to Putnam to open his garage in the near future.

Norman Dale Lawry of A. & M. College spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lawry.

Gilbert Shackelford of the Navy is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. F. P. Shackelford.

Mamie Ruth Weeks of Beaumont is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Weeks.

### Tecumseh Topics

Tersely Told, Typographically Tended, and Tolerably True.

By Mrs. Dolph Hodges

News published below received too late for publication last week:

Mrs. Dolph Hodges, Mrs. Allen Hodges and Carolyn Hodges visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Keele.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Keele have been down with the flu but are doing OK again. Arthur Keele of Fort Worth is visiting in their home.

Cpl. J. T. Longbotham has just returned from the Marines. His mother, Mrs. Ora May Longbotham, is a Red Cross worker in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan of

Louisiana are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Atchee over the weekend.

### Midway Musings

Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.  
By Mrs. W. B. Tarver

Rev. White of Clyde brought a fine message Sunday afternoon. His wife was with him.

Reese Cook returned last week after about two years on navy duty in the Pacific. His mother Mrs. R. W. Cook had a dinner Sunday at her home in his honor. Most of his relatives and a number of friends called. Forty persons ate dinner.

Joe Wayne Griffin has returned from El Paso for another extended furlough.

E. S. Nelson, Jr., returned last week from a long duty in armed forces. He and his wife and son are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nelson, Sr. He received his discharge before coming home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Strain and small son, of Granbury are visiting in the Tarver home.

Dorothy Bruce, Tootsie Chatham and Eloise Grant of Baird were in our midst Sunday, also calling on Louise Faircloth.

Ode Ray Faircloth was visiting Gene Faircloth over the weekend. Ode Ray lives at Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schaffrina visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nelson, Sr., Sunday.

Florence Sherman and Alyce Floyd were in the Tarver home Sunday from Abilene.

Albert Owens of Clyde was with his brother-in-law, C. J. Wilson, Sunday at church.

Most every home in our community has one or more cases of flu. Some are serious.

### Cottonwood Chins

Community Clatter Carefully Collected for Your Consideration.

By Mrs. S. B. Strahan

News published below was received too late for publication last week:

Sailor Oliver Robbins, who has been stationed at Pearl Harbor for two years, is home with a discharge.

Wyatt Robinson, who with his family moved to Baird recently, is here this week looking after unfinished business. He will drill water wells in New Mexico this next year.

Mrs. Lloyd Connel and children of Baird visited Mrs. W. O. Peavy Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sudderth of Tokyo, Texas visited his parents here Sunday.

Ex-service men Wallace Bennett and R. T. Peavy went to A. & M. this weekend to investigate school entrance.



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## IT'S A FREE COUNTRY NOW, SO LET 'ER RIP

He was a nice-looking, medium-sized chap of 35, but his eyes were blacked, there was a line of stitches from an eye up into his hair and an arm was in a sling.

He stood in a sort of cemetery and he asked a big man too young and too cheery for a sexton or undertaker, although he is partly both, "How long before I can get it? And how much?"

And the big man, Jimmie Albright, busy as a department store executive and standing amid a cemetery of man's own making, looked the mess over. It had no top, no windshield, no radiator. The sides looked like corrugated paper, the engine slanted at an angle no designer ever planned and shiny piece of chromium trim was askew like the arm of a drunk.

"Bout two—three weeks and about \$575," replied Albright. The man studied. "I'll—I'll think it over."

He was but one of the increasing visitors at Rip & Jimmie, undertakers and plastic surgeons for sleek metal jobs owners have mishandled or made bad guesses on or didn't guess at all. They—the owners—come with cuts and bruises and limps and casts, when they come at all. But their mistakes are coming faster—with bumpers in huge Z's, grilles like crossword puzzles, engines where the front seat was and in some cases bottles on the floorboards.

Six months ago when gasoline was rationed that acre at Live Oak and Hawkins was largely vacant. Now it is an acre of the costliest junk in town—300 cars that were worth \$500,000. One hundred of them will be repaired for their owners—eventually. The other 200 are done for—crumpled tin cans from which an occasional unpurchaseable part will be taken to make another hunk of damaged tin run again.

Thirty men inside the shop are hammering away at man's mistakes and the mistakes come in faster than they rectify them. Before the city antiwreck-chasing ordinance, Rip & Jimmie used to chase wrecks. Now the wrecks chase them. Three telephones jingle with queries from owners, adjusters and lawyers. The acre lot is full, the adjoining curb is full, the shop is full and a new building with three times the floor space is planned as a monument to human or mechanical error, alcohol or Barney Oldfields, as the case may be.

Near the entrance to the cemetery lot was what had once been a fine sedan.—Just before Christmas the owner was headed down

the highway zipping through the dew. Something happened, it turned a few flips and in the hat of an eyelash its value dropped from \$1,450 to the \$400 the owner took. It would help pay his hospital bill.

Not far away was what had been a nice coupe. It was gathering rust and dust. The owner was hitting 'er up a bit when a cow, grazing by the road shoulder, saw a greener pasture on the opposite side. The driver tried to dodge the cow. He didn't. That radiator crumpled, the hood went down as the cow went up, then the top flattened as the cow went on. It killed the cow, of course, the cow that didn't think. It didn't kill the driver who didn't think the cow would cross the road. But it's a good bet the \$325 bill will make him think in the future.

Then there was a gorgeous \$2,000 job. Well, it had been gorgeous. Once it had everything, lighter, heater, radio, etc. And the radio danced as the owner shot along to a football game. It was to be a hot game, the winner probably would take the title. At 70 a tire went out. There was a flip flop. Then a few more. And the \$2,000 job brought \$300.

Not far away was a small coupe. It was loaned to Son for a date. And Sonny Boy and his gal wondered how much the old boy would do. It did seventy-three before it hit that culvert and Sonny's date cost \$475.

What is left of a \$3,000 limousine sits and rusts and waits for time and another such limousine that might need a back fender or differential. The highway was wet that night. But what the hell. And the soft-eyed, gorgeous thing beside him said something like what the hell, too, although in far nicer words. Well, the curve that came up fast as they kissed came up too fast. Six or seven times they rolled, it was said, into a pasture. And under one of those rolls was that soft-eyed girl. She was nearly halved.

And that cute, light convertible—now an accordion-pleated tin can. It didn't have much sense. Not enough to keep from ramming a train. Of course the driver wasn't thinking then. He isn't now, either.

There was another accordion-styled number, but it looked like a whole orchestra was involved. A young boy from the North in it didn't slow up as he neared Dallas and an underpass pillar. That pillar has reflector buttons and white and black lines on it and is stout and wide. But that didn't mean anything. The boy just kept on and the engine came up and sat in his lap.

Another resembled a housewife's preparation for the tin-can drive. It belonged to a broad, stocky man and had been going down a wide road. Yes, there was a black dividing line in the center. He was astride it. He usually got his way about things, bluffed others out of the way. But this time he came on another man astride the line who usually got his way by bluffing other people. They bluffed at each other at seventy-five. Bumper to bumper, grille to grille, nose to nose they bluffed. Now neither will bluff anyone any more.

Those are only the high lights of an acre of destruction. The rest are run of the mill—slink streets, blinded by lights, met a fool, the old bus came apart. But a great majority are due to two things: speed or alcohol.

It's a free country, now, brother. The bureaucrats can't ration your gas any more. Now you can hit 'er up, take another snort and floorboard it. The sky's the limit the Rip & Jimmies are waiting for you and your friends may say, "Don't he look natural?" after the undertaker has worked all night with a picture of you in front of him. Happy New Year—The Dallas Morning News.

Miss Joyce Hunt, employed in the Farm Security office for two years, is attending school at Canyon. Miss Florence Balch of Coleman arrived Monday to take over the Farm Security office duties. She was in the San Saba office a year.

Dudley H. D. Club members attending the meeting here Saturday were Mrs. Dolph Hodges, Mrs. H. E. Baldrige, Jr., Mrs. L. L. Atchley, and Mrs. John McKinzey.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ACC FEB. 5

Don H. Morris, president of Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, has announced that the school will hold a memorial service for its 37 ex-students who lost their lives while in the uniform of their country during World War II. Time of the service is set for 7:30 p. m., February 5, and will be held in Sewell Auditorium on the ACC campus.

The men, whose memory will be honored, are as follows: Elbert Alvis, Joe W. Boyd, J. W. Burns, Raymond Burroughs, Ray DeBusk, Dan Finch, Ted Hale, Edwin W. Hampton, Harold Haun, Freeman Holly, W. Robert Hornsbaker, Albert Hunter, C. W. Johnson, R. B. Kendrick, Robert King, Emmett ee, Dane Lovelace, John Middleton, Glen E. Moore, John D. Moore, Bruce Munday, Wyatt Oliver, Homer Osburn, Austin Parrish, Earl Proctor, David Purrch, Reginald Reynolds, Henry Scarborough, David Rose, Charles Scarborough, Gene Allen Scraggs, Paul Sherrod, Jr., Will Smith, Hulen Stromquist, Charles Yates, Gene Young and Nick Young.

The program will consist of songs by the ACC A Cappella chorus; prayers by James F. Cox, president emeritus of ACC, and by Maj. Landon Hill, former student in ACC; and addresses by Chaplain Jack Fogarty, returned veteran now enrolled in ACC; and President Don H. Morris.

Mrs. J. C. Lee, Mrs. Harold Ray, Mrs. Mattie McLoughlin, and Mrs. Hayworth spent Thursday and Friday in Fort Worth.

Miss Evelyn Blakley returned Sunday from Putnam, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Taylor.

Miss Agnes Eastham and Mrs. Bess Johnson and daughter, Bobby, of Dallas visited their mother, Mrs. Sallie Eastham, during the weekend.

Jack Everett was discharged from the Army recently and arrived in Baird Friday.

## MARINE RECRUITERS TO BE AT EASTLAND

Marine Sergeant Norman V. Perna, of the Abilene, Sub-District Recruiting Office, will be in the Eastland, Texas Post Office Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29 to enlist all eligible men of this district in the United States Marine Corps for a period of two, three or four years.

Complete evolutionary to the Marine Corps recruiting program, the two-year enlistment period which became available last month to applicants is designed to attract more youths between the ages of 18 and 26. Sergeant Perna will enlist all those in that age bracket with or without military experience providing they have no dependants, are of normal health and a good standing in the community.

Others eligible to come in under the new enlistment period are veterans of the armed ser-

VICES out of uniform less than a year.

Sergeant Perna will be more than glad to explain all the advantages of the Marine Corps educational program to the young men who desire to continue their education while in the service. This is in addition to the Government sponsored program after being discharged from the service.

Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. Will Young, Mrs. Sam Sherrill, and Mrs. H. E. Hansen represented the Enterprise club at the H. D. council meeting held at the court house Saturday.

Members from the Eula H. D. Club attending the council meeting here Saturday were Mrs. A. L. Barnes, Mrs. Fred Farmer, Mrs. N. H. Stephenson, Mrs. E. E. Harrison, and Mrs. R. G. Edwards.

Office Supplies—Star office

## TELEPHONE SERVICE

We know that many residents throughout our territories are anxious to have a telephone installed, but due to the continued shortage of materials, we are asking for your patience and cooperation. Until new telephones are again available, we will do everything possible to give the best of telephone service.

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"I therefore urge every American to heed the appeal of the Victory Clothing Collection for Overseas Relief. The spare garments contributed by Americans last spring has helped clothe twenty-five million men, women, and children in Europe, China, and the Philippines and has made possible the start of their rehabilitation this winter."

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TUESDAY WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29 - 30 YOU WILL SHAKE WITH 1,000 THRILLS WHEN YOU SEE- "Jungle Captive" OTTO KRUGER VICKY LANE

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MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

The following marriages licenses were issued at the County Clerk's office this week: James Donovan Brookerson and Peggie Johnson, Luther L. Freshour and Thelma M. Yates, Robert A. Neal and Margie Geneva Williams, Cloys E. McMillian and Martha M. Woody.

NEW "MUMMY" FILM STARS LON CHANEY

From the numerous horror roles Lon Chaney portrays, one could easily form the idea that the actor lives in a cob-web covered castle, dines on a stew of bats' wings, and walks in his sleep. On the contrary, motion pictures' No. 1 quiver star has about as sane an off-screen existence as anyone in Hollywood. Chaney, for example, upon finishing his latest thriller, Universal's "The Mummy's Curse," which is due Saturday at the Owl Show at the Plaza Theatre, left for his 1300-acre ranch in Northern California to do the fall plowing.

During shooting of the picture, laid in a moss-strewn swamp in Louisiana, the actor would end the day by unwrapping the yards and yards of mummy bandages from his body, remove the gruesome greasepaint from his face and hands, and going home to feed his chickens and turkeys.

Chaney lives on a small "residence-ranch," as they are known in the San Fernando Valley. Only a few acres, it is large enough for fruit trees, fowl and a couple of horses, and is within B-card distance of Universal City.

The "Mummy" stories have proved one of Chaney's most popular horror groups. "The Mummy's Curse" is the fifth of the series, and features Peter Coe, Kay Harding, Martin Kosleck, Virginia Christine, Dennis Moore, Leslie Goodwins directed; Oliver Drake produced.

POLITICAL

Announcements

The Baird Star is authorized by candidates listed below to announce their candidacy for the respective offices subject to action of the Democratic Primary, July 27th.

Tax Assessor-Collector O. CLYDE YARBROUGH M. H. (BOB) JOY

Sheriff W. A. PETTERSON (Re-election) S. S. (Nick) NICHOLS of Eula

County Judge J. L. FARMER (Re-election)

Commissioner, Prec. No. 3 I. G. MOBLEY (Re-election)

County Clerk LESLIE BRYANT (Re-election)

County Treasurer: MRS. WILL McCOY

Commissioner, Prec. 1: M. E. JOLLY

District Clerk MRS. CORRIE DRISKILL

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell and daughter, Billie Beth, left Saturday for New Orleans, where Bruce will receive his discharge January 23.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Davis talked to their son, Buddy, from Seattle, Wash. Tuesday. He has just returned from the Pacific and expects to be home within the next few days.

"TAKE IT EASY" SAYS SHIRLEY

Shirley Temple, who is co-starring with Ginger Rogers and Joseph Cotten in Dore Schary's production "I'll Be Seeing You," comes to the Plaza Theatre, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, receives letters every day from servicemen warning her to keep herself unsophisticated.

She passes this information on to girls of her own age who might be tempted to grow up too fast during these war years, and suggests that photos sent to boy friends or brothers be posed in suits or dresses that cover the shoulders.

"One serviceman," says Shirley, "wrote me that he wanted to return home to find his sister and girl friends still young and sweet. He said the boys had fun with pin-up pictures of the nearly nude variety, but that they don't want their own girls posing like that. Men have always been like that about the women they love."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends, for the many kind words, the deep sympathy and the beautiful flowers passed our way, during our sorrow of the death of Don, May God's blessings abide with each of you.

Sincerely, CLARENCE, LILLIAN and DOYLE NORDYKE

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WYLIE FUNERAL HOME

Rev. A. A. Davis and W. D. Boydston made a business trip to Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe McGowen and son, Cary Sidney, and Russell Warren spent a few days last week in Waco visiting Mrs. McGowen's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hinds.

Mrs. I. J. Lewis of Eastland left January 17 for San Diego, Calif. where she will join her husband who is employed there.

Mrs. M. C. Hughes is recovering from a seriously burned foot, which was scalded January 17. She has been receiving medical aid since that time.

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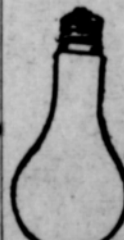
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