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War Fund Group Attends Angelo Meeting

Judge and Mrs. Chappell Murrell, Mrs. Tommie Johnson and Seth Bailey attended the United War Fund workers all-day meeting in San Angelo Monday of this week. On the program were talks by returning service men, a motion picture of what the money goes for, etc. and a dinner at the San Angelo Army Air Field.

The Sterling County quota is \$1353.00 for the drive which opens October 10. G.C. Murrell is the chairman of the local drive.

The United War Fund money goes to the U.S.O., War Prisoners Relief, and other war causes, all worthy of contributions. The various organizations are supplied with funds to help our boys who are now in prison camps abroad, the U.S.O. organizations, Army and Navy Relief, etc.

Chairman Murrell hopes to complete the drive within a week's time. Let's all help to make it possible.



A Hard Letter To Write

Tinian, Marianas Islands (delayed) — Marine Corporal Willard E. Cole, 21, of Sterling City, Texas wrote the toughest letter of his life—a letter to the mother of his best friend.

The friend, Private First Class Kenneth W. Ripple, 19, of San Angelo, Texas, was killed during a Jap banzai attack August 1st.

"At 2:30 in the morning, the Japs rushed the outfit. 'Rip' fired away at them with his 37mm. I was about 50 yards away, with my rifle," Cole said.

Our outfit killed all 200 of them but later in the morning I learned that 'Rip' had been shot in the heart—never knew what hit him."

The Texas Marines went through grade school and San Angelo high school together. When Pfc. Ripple left Texas A. & M. College to join the Corps, Cpl. Cole quit work and followed suit.

With the Second Division, they fought through the bloody sieges of Tarawa and Saipan and Tinian.

Missing in Action

Sgt. Z. Max Mitchell, husband of Liska Bengé Mitchell, has been reported missing in action by the War Department. He was a waist gunner on a flying fortress and had been in England about a month. The message said he had been missing since September 5.

Mrs. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. Peb Cope, left Sunday to go visit her at her home in Denver, Colo.

Notice—After this week freight will be unloaded on the sidewalk in front of the business houses. We have no help and need your co-operation. —Pink Abernathy.

Pacific Veteran Now at New Jersey School



LT. COMDR. EDWIN AIKEN

Lieutenant Commander Edwin H. Aiken has been transferred to the Navy's Pre-Midshipman School at Asbury Park, New Jersey as executive officer from West Coast duty. This veteran Lieutenant Commander has been an officer on a naval troop transport that played an important part in the delivery of Marines and Sea Bees in the Aleutian, Gilbert and Solomon Island campaigns. He spent 18 months at sea in such duty.

As executive officer, Commander Aiken is second in command at the Pre-Midshipman School. His family moved to Asbury Park the first of the week to be with him.

Aiken received a commission as Lieutenant (junior grade) in March, 1942. He was elevated to a full Lieutenant in May, 1943 and to his present rank in February of this year.

Memorial Service

FOR DURWOOD RHODEN

A memorial service is to be held at the first Baptist Church next Sunday evening, October 1st, in memory of Durwood Rhoden. Durwood, a U. S. Marine, was killed in action at Saipan this summer.

The program will be as follows:

Time 8:30 p. m.

Quiet Music

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers" Recognition of Service Men Present Special Music—Anna Lee Johnson In Memoriam

Taps

Poem: "Flanders Field of 1944"—Mrs. Clyde Davis

Quartet

Pastor's Message

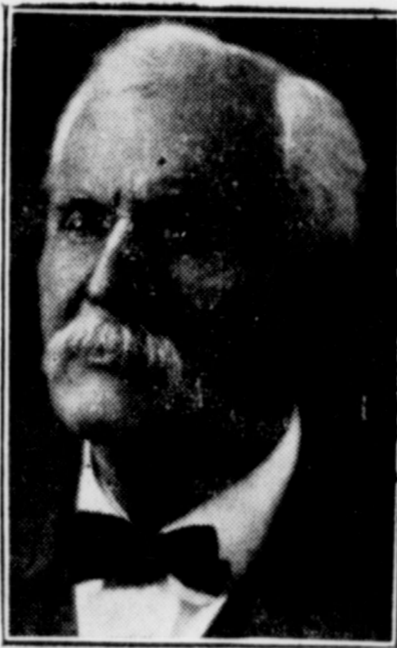
Invitational Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" Benediction

Daughter to the Jack Hills

A daughter, named Tommie Jo, was born to M-Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Hill last Friday morning, September 22. The baby weighed seven pounds and nine and one-half ounces.

The father, Master Sergeant Jack Hill, is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Mrs. Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dearen.

Sterling Countians in the Shannon hospital in San Angelo include Mrs. Claude Collins, Mrs. Horace Donaldson and Mrs. Worth Allen.



JUDGE B.F. BROWN

91 Years Old

Judge B. F. Brown, retired, who reached his 91st birthday Friday, September 15. This pioneer has served as Sterling County Judge 1910-1916 and 1920-1933. He's been a Mason since June 23, 1877 and held many Masonic offices.

Wimodausis Club Has Reassembly Luncheon

The Wimodausis Club held its annual reassembly luncheon on Wednesday, September 20th in the home of Mrs. Clyde Davis. Twenty-six members were present.

Year books were distributed. The course of study for the year is "Today's Problems and Tomorrow's World".

The Club voted to keep the library open. Mrs. W. N. Reed was appointed custodian for the next month. Club members also voted to donate \$5.00 to the Ethel Foster Educational Fund. This Latin-American Fund, established by the Texas Federation will provide scholarships to ambitious and deserving students from South American countries.

The program for the day consisted of the following numbers:

Allegiance to the Flag

"Picking up the Thread of Club Work" Mrs. Roy Foster

"What Club Has Done and Will Do to Promote War Effort" Mrs. Roy Morgan

Patriotic poem Mrs. Lee Reed

Hostesses for the occasion were

Mmes. Sterling Foster, Clyde Davis, D. Hall, Fowler McEntire, Ruth Allen, Herbert Cope, T. F. Foster, H. H. Everitt, Lester Foster, W. N. Reed, C. A. Bowen, and V. E. Davis.

Bible Class Has Dinner

Approximately 45 persons were present when the Adult Bible Class members gathered for a dinner party in the basement of the Methodist Church last Friday night. A chicken dinner was enjoyed.

Rev. Ed Lovelace acted as master of ceremonies. George Loper played violin numbers; H.L. Hildebrand and Marvin Churchill pulled a gag; and group singing and games completed the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Herbert Cope is teacher of the class.

Candlelight, Heart Attack Communion Fatal to Mrs. Fred Hodges Service

Sunday evening at 8:30 the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches are uniting in a Candle Light Communion Service in honor of the men and women from these churches who are in the service of their country.

Rev. B. B. Hestir will bring a brief communion meditation following which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be held. As each name of the service men is called, a candle will be lighted and some relative or friend will represent him at the communion table.

Sunday is World Communion Sunday and Evangelical Churches throughout the world will, in so far as is possible, observe the day with a communion service. Chaplains all over the world will be observing the day and this candle light service is designed to draw all mankind together in closer fellowship.

As communicants take their places around the Communion Table, they will bring an offering for suffering humanity of all nations.

Rally Day will be observed at 10:00 a.m. as part of the Church School program.

The regular worship service will be held at 11:00 with the Pastor bringing the message of the hour.

On Monday at 2:30 the second in the series of W.S.C.S. study of "The Indian in American Life" will be held at the home of Mrs. Joe Barton with Mrs. Ed. Lovelace in charge of the study.

Sesame Club Officers Are Installed

Mrs. F.S. Price installed new officers of the Sesame Club Monday when the club met with Mrs. Homer Pearce.

New officers are as follows:

Mrs. Tommie Johnson-president

Mrs. Frank Cole-vice-president

Mrs. Homer Pearce-treasurer

Mrs. F.S. Price-Federation counselor

Mrs. Taylor Garrett-reporter

Present besides the officers were Mrs. Ed. Lovelace, Mrs. J. H. McCabe, and Mrs. Fred Hodges.

Lions Club

District Governor Herb Petry of Carrizo Springs made his official visit to the Sterling City Lions Club Wednesday. He gave the Lions program as a whole in his talk.

Serving the luncheon were Mrs. C.C. Ainsworth, Mrs. Glass and Mrs. Ed Lovelace.

WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN NOW!

Texans are fighting on battle fronts all over the world. Now, more than ever before, they need our help.

GIVE TO THE NATIONAL WAR FUND

The community was shocked and grieved when Mrs. Fred Hodges, 50, succumbed to a heart attack at her home at 9:30 Wednesday morning. Fred had gone to town for a few minutes and when he returned, he found Mrs. Hodges had died—the victim of a heart attack. She had complained of not feeling well the night before, but otherwise was in good health.

Final rites conducted Thursday afternoon from the Methodist Church. Interment was in Foster Cemetery. Lowe Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace, assisted by Rev. B. B. Hestir conducted.

Survivors include the husband; three daughters, Mrs. Dayton Barrett of Eagle Pass, Lucille and Freda Mae, both of Sterling City; and one son, James Clinton, Sterling City.

Pallbearers named were Will Durham, Tom Brown, W. R. Hudson, Riley King, O. T. Jones, S. M. Bailey, Lee Reed and M.E. Churchill, Ralph Bynum of Sterling City; J. E. Tatum of Eden; and J. H. Sims of Veribest.

Born Elizabeth Jane Woods on March 16, 1894, in Rannels County, Mrs. Hodges had made her home in Sterling County since 1905. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

WAC Recruiters To Visit Here

Are you eligible for the Women's Army Corps? Have you had two years in high school? The WAC needs you now as never before.

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WAC recruiters will be in Sterling City October 6 to interview women that are interested.

Dr. Wm. J. Swann attended the Fourth District Medical Society meeting in San Angelo Monday afternoon and night.

Ellis Lee, brother of Mrs. Mac Bengé, is the new clerk in Bengé's Grocery and Market.

The storage room of Mrs. Lena Findt, at the Will Meyer home, somehow caught fire Monday night. A few things were ruined before firemen put out the blaze.

Marjorie Humble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Humble and student in Texas Tech, spent last week-end here visiting her parents.

Mrs. Clyde Everitt spent last week in Brownwood with her daughter, Billye Sue, a student in Howard Payne College.



Slow rains ranging up to 1 1/2 inches fell Tuesday and Wednesday. Still rainy on Thursday.

Red Cross Work Home on Leave Resumed

The Red Cross medical work-room was resumed this week at the library room in the courthouse.

Ladies present Monday night were Mmes. Henry Malloy, Sterling Foster, W.S. Nelson, Lester Foster, W.Y. Bengé, Sr., Lee Augustine, W.B. Allen, D. Hall, Joe Emery, Vern Davis, Hal Knight, Rufus Foster, and Ed Lovelace.

Tuesday afternoon workers included Mmes. Henry Malloy, Lester Foster, Smoky Garms, Chappell Murrell, Sterling Foster, Hal M. Knight, Lura McClellan, R. F. Burns, Harvey Glass, E.B. Butler, Roy Foster, Joel R. Barton, W. S. Nelson, J. E. Ware, J. A. Revell, S.M. Bailey, D. Hall, R.P. Brown, and Miss Lometa Wood.

Pins for completing 100 hours work were awarded to Mrs. Smoky Garms and Mrs. G.C. Murrell.

Visitors at the D. C. Durhams last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan of Rankin, Mrs. D. K. Durham and daughter, Rachel Ann, and Mrs. Worth B. Durham and son, David, all of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. McCabe and Dixie and Anna Lou Knight spent last week-end in Austin visiting Frank McCabe, student in the University, Mrs. James Knight and other relatives.

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Home on Leave



L. B. HALLMARK

L. B. Hallmark, Seaman 1c, a lookout on the USS Nevada, is home on leave here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hallmark. Seaman Hallmark has seen action along the Normandy coast on Invasion Day and further action in the European area.

Long Time in Italy



CPL. H. W. HART

Cpl. H. W. Hart, Jr. writes from an ordnance base in Italy saying that he has seen Naples, Sorrento, Salerno, Anzio, Cassino, Rome and several other places that he can't spell. Cpl. Hart has been in the Army since July 1942 and went overseas in February 1943. His organization has been in the Italian longest, which makes him a veteran among veterans.

27 Years Ago

Taken from the files of the News Record, September 28, 1917.

W. V. Churchill visited his sons, Marvin and Raymond at Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth, last week. Mr. Churchill says the boys are getting along fine.

Will Durham, who is at Camp Bowie, writes that a cyclone struck the camp a few days ago and demolished the tents.

Dr. W. B. Everitt left last week on a prospecting trip to New Mexico.

Ben and Oscar Findt have closed their feed store, as they are leaving soon for the Army.

County Judge Ayres returned yesterday from a business trip to Plainview.

Last week while driving in a Ford car on the Divide, Joe Conger and Oscar Findt chased a wolf down and ran over it.

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OSCAR FINDT

Oscar Findt is pictured here with his cook's cap on. He runs the City Cafe and has for the past 7 years. For 20 years he was a trapper, ridding the range of coyotes, cats, etc. During World War II he was an ammunition truck driver in France. He was Corporal Findt then.

A resident of Sterling County for 36 years, Oscar married Willa Belle Williams in August, 1922. They have four children, Nan, Billy, Jimmy and Jeannette.

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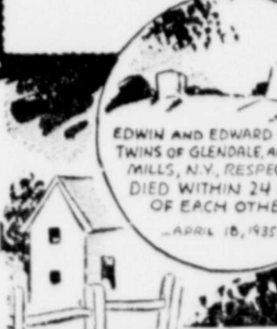
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Visiting Parents



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Captain Roy T. Foster, Jr. and Mrs. Foster are here visiting their parents, the Roy Fosters and the George Demeres, and other relatives. Capt. Foster is stationed at Hattiesburg, Miss.

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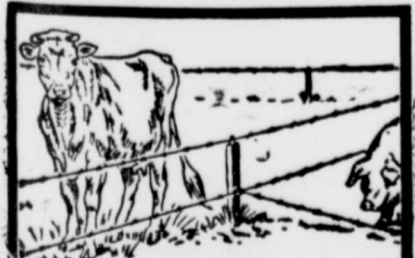
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TOM ONSTOTT

Tom Onstott, West Texas Utilities Company manager, is just about the busiest man in town—always on the go. He's been the utilities manager here for the past 14 years. He was company manager at Ozona 2 years and with the meter department in San Angelo for 2 years. Tom was assistant engineer at the old San Angelo Power Plant for 7 years.

Worshipful Master of the local Masonic Lodge, Onstott bought a farm home in Water Valley in 1939 to which he plans to retire some day. He and Mrs. Onstott have a little daughter, Tommie.

T-Sgt. Alvin Walraven and family of the Hobbs, New Mexico AAF, and the Joe Walravens of San Angelo spent Sunday here with Alvin and Joe's parents, the John Walravens.

Johnny Garner Bo'sun's Mate Ic Home on Leave

Johnny Garner, Shipfitter 2-c, U. S. Navy, arrived home on the 15th of this month on leave to visit his wife, relatives and friends. He has to report to San Francisco on October 10 for reassignment.

Johnny joined the Sea Bees on November 11, 1942. He has been stationed in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and the Aleutians. The Japs raided Attu while he was there. He saw Sgt. Jean Durham in Dutch Harbor.

Johnny said that the coldest weather he'd seen was 34 below zero. He said that the water 3 feet under the surface stayed about 66 degrees the year round.

SeaBee Garner has a brother, Cpl. George Garner, with the U. S. Army Engineers now in New Guinea.

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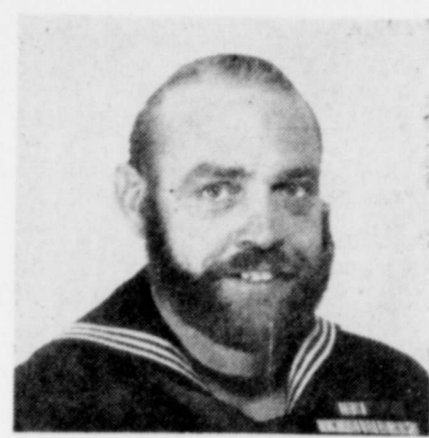
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JACK BENGE

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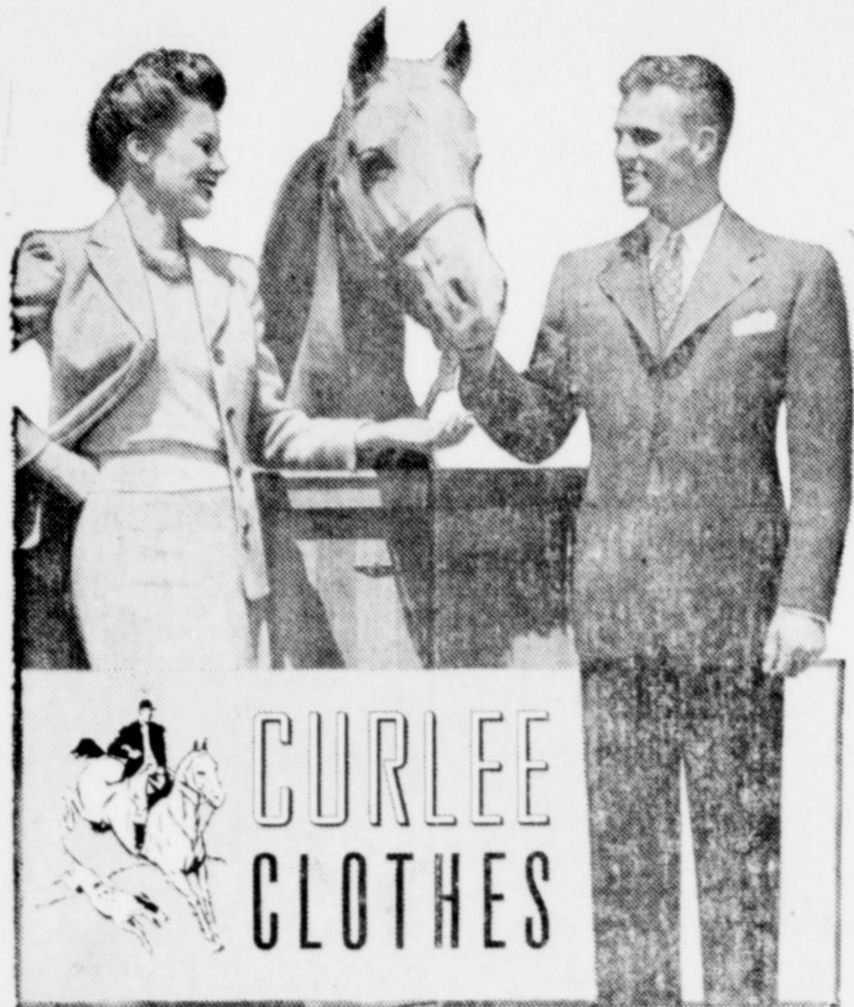
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We Wonder Dinner Honoring Faculty

Where Bolivar lost his billfold Saturday night.

What freshman girl was seen on the courthouse lawn early Sunday morning.

If Joe had to fix a flat Sunday night.

Whom Jean was seen with at the show Saturday night, and why they weren't seen together after the show.

Why Mary Ann went to see Beth Sunday instead of going to the hotel.

If Dixie and Annie Lou had a good time in Austin last week-end.

Why Beth wouldn't get out of the car Sunday.

Who will be seen at the circus the 7th.

If Jackie Tweedle had a car-load Saturday night.

Where Billy Hudson got his experience in driving.

Why Mary Ann went home with her mother after the show Saturday night.

Who was found unexpectedly Saturday night.

Homemaking News

The Home Economics Club met Friday, September 22 in a regular meeting. The program consisted of the following parts:

- "The Characteristics of a Dress"—Carolyn Foster
- "The Characteristics of a Good Character"—Jean Mathis
- "My Aunt" (a reading)—Peggy Hinshaw

P. T. A. To Continue

At a called meeting of the P.T.A. last Monday afternoon, it was decided to continue the organization for the 1944-45 school year. Because of the apparent lack of interest among the school patrons, discontinuance of the P. T. A. was contemplated. But those present at the meeting voted unanimously in favor of carrying on. Mrs. Riley King, president, led the discussion.

The following committee chairman were appointed at the meeting:

Publicity, Miss Evelyn Vernon; chairman of room mothers, Mrs. Taylor Garrett; parliamentarian, Mrs. Homer Brown; historian, Mrs. O. T. Jones.

The members voted to have as a project for this year the improving of the rest rooms at school for both the boys and the girls. The following committee was appointed

Last Friday evening the Sterling School faculty members were entertained with a dinner and a bridge and forty-two party at the home of Mrs. A. T. Bratton. Mrs. Bratton was assisted by Mrs. Homer Brown and Miss Evelyn Vernon.

A buffet dinner was served to the guests. Fall flowers were used as a table centerpiece and throughout the home.

Miss Lucille Hodges won high score in bridge, and Mrs. A. L. Davis had high score in forty-two.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Davis, Mrs. John Wade, Miss Mildred Atkinson, Miss Rena Ball, Miss Hodges, Miss Nettie McMaster, Judge and Mrs. Chappell Murrell, Miss Vernon, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. W. B. Chapman of Mt. Enterprise, and Mr. and Mrs. Bratton.

Grade School News

The fourth grade has a new pupil this week. She is Elsie Rae Dickerson from Sweetwater. The Study Club of the fourth and fifth grades examined bills and coins from ten foreign countries and sixteen army emblems. Charles Turner brought all these things.

The sixth grade pupils are proud of their new room mothers; Mrs. Gann, Mrs. Hildebrand, and Mrs. Hodges. Henry Bliznak stuck a nail in his foot last week. Edwin Henry Aiken is missed by his classmates. Billie Jean Nickols missed school Monday.

The eighth grade is glad to have Nelson McGee start to school again. Trina Beth Reed is not here this week.

Leon Dickerson is a new pupil in the second grade. Donald Clayton Carper and Thomas Fowler have birthdays this week. Both will be eight years old.

Last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Kenneth Garms entertained the first grade with a birthday party honoring her son, Robert, on his sixth birthday. Punch and cake were served to sixteen pupils and two visitors, Sandra Poole and Jodie Green. Mrs. Green, one of the room mothers, presented Robert with a gift from the first grade.

ed to investigate conditions:

Mrs. Verne Davis, Mrs. John Skeete, and Mrs. Martin Reed.

At the first meeting it had been decided upon to sponsor the annual Halloween carnival. Mrs. Cledis Smith is chairman in charge of the arrangements.

NOTICE!!!! ALL SCHOOL PATRONS Pay your P.T.A. dues in October.

Just Patter

Here it is starting the fourth week of school. Things are pretty well in swing.

Paula was brought home Saturday and was seen at the show Saturday night; so between you and me, I think she is getting along fine, and we hope she will be back in school before long.

Seen at the show Saturday were Fred, Paula, James, Ruby, Eula Mae, Peggy, Jean, Beth, Joe, Norvin. Most of the kids were seen sitting in front of the show or other places.

Seen together Sunday night were Betty, Joe, Beth, Mac, Peggy, James, Bolivar, Frances, Jimmy, Marylene, and Lena.

This is about all the happenings of this week-end; so until next week. **SO LONG!!**

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John Reed built two miles of fireguards on his fence line adjoining the highway. They were constructed with the county main tainer and were blocked on sloping areas to prevent washing. He also built 1.8 miles of ranch road. Nine blocks were built across the borrow ditches to divert the water which collects in the ditches for use by adjoining grass land and to prevent erosion.

George Broome has a good crop of barley growing on a field which he prepared with large buzzard wing sweeps. This method was used in order that as much dead vegetation would be left as possible. A deep furrow drill was used in sowing the barley.

Robert Foster completed construction of a storage tank at a new well which he drilled this year in his north pasture. He plans to divide this pasture, using the well to water both pastures.

Soil surveys were completed this week on W. W. Durham, J. T. Davis, and W. Y. Bengé, Jr.'s farm and ranches.

June Augustine, daughter of the Lee Augustines and student in Texas Tech, spent last week-end here with her parents.

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