

Postwar Job Survey Contest Under Way

A postwar job survey, both rural and urban, throughout its territory is being launched by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, under its inter-county agricultural and livestock contest and in collaboration with the state Committee for Economic Development, the WTCC has announced.

The contest was launched in January this year of competitive effort in strengthening West Texas' farm and ranch economy through soil conservation, increased production and improvement in quality of crops, herds, and flocks. Recently, at the regional chamber's referendum assembly, held Nov. 8, the directors voted to add postwar jobs as a contest objective; to broaden this to include jobs surveyed in the towns as well as on the farms and ranches; and to merge this phase with the similar aims of the Committee for Economic Development.

G. H. McKinney, Fort Worth, chairman of the WTCC's Postwar Economy and Planning Commission which is conducting the \$1,000 contest, also is chairman of the CED's District 5 covering most of West Texas. McKinney and T.W. Hardin, regional chamber president, are announcing that all West Texas county planning boards organized and functioning under the inter-county contest, also are being designated as county committees of the CTD. The jobs survey will get under way at once.

Hardin, in letters to the planning boards and local chamber of commerce secretaries in the area, said the contest in its closing year will be greatly simplified, majoring on two objectives only. One will be the check-up on the present undermanning of farms, ranches, industry and mercantile concerns "and the interpretation of this information into postwar jobs for your country." The other, he said, will be the making for each county of a 1944-45 agricultural and livestock planting and production program that will help win the war and best serve postwar needs.

The future of cotton in the postwar world will be closely studied in the U.S. Congress this month, and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be on hand. The regional chamber's Abilene headquarters has announced that Sen. George Moffett of Chillicothe will represent it in hearings starting Dec. 4 before the House Committee on Agriculture. Moffett, who is chairman of the Texas Senate's agriculture committee, left Saturday for Washington.

Purpose of the hearings called by Cong. Steve Pace of Georgia, chairman of the House committee, is to coordinate the interests of all concerned in the cotton industry, from grower to spinner. Special study will be made of the export situation and competition American growers will face after the war from countries with lower production costs than ours. The problem of synthetics in competition with cotton fiber also will be scrutinized.

"Rapid and far reaching developments are taking place in the cotton industry," Sen. Moffett pointed out. "It is to be devoutly hoped that foreign consumption of American cotton can be permanently stepped up. This is especially important in West Texas, for we expect more than 90 per cent of our crop."

"The inauguration of the federal government's 4 cents a pound subsidy program to stimulate

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who's
new
this
week

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baylock are the parents of a daughter born Dec. 2 in a San Angelo hospital. The young lady weighed 9 lbs. and 6 oz. and had not been named earlier this week.

Grandparents are Mrs. Frank Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blaylock of Eldorado.

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Construction REA Lines To Start Next Month

Eldorado To Be Headquarters For Project With Office Building And Warehouse To Be Erected After Five-Years Operation.

Ed Finnegan Is Burned When Gas In Home Ignited

First and second degree burns about the face, arms and hands were suffered by Ed Finnegan Monday afternoon at his home near town when an explosion occurred due to the accumulation of butane gas in a bathroom closet. Mr. Finnegan was changing connections between the bath and a bedroom and after testing for leaks, struck a match when the explosion occurred in the closet where gas had accumulated supposedly from a leak.

He was taken to a San Angelo hospital for treatment and returned to his home Monday night. Hospital attendants pronounced his burns as painful but not serious. Mr. Finnegan's right arm and hand were the most seriously burned, and the fact that he was wearing glasses probably saved his eyes from serious injury.

The quick response by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department prevented much damage to the house and furniture, although clothes in the closet belonging to Mrs. Finnegan were totally destroyed and a mattress and bed clothing on a nearby bed were burned.

Realization of one of the county's most progressive and beneficial enterprises is near at hand for families of the rural section of not only this but also portions of other counties surrounding Schleicher, in the erection and maintenance of the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperation that will have 217 miles of electric line construction to be begun in January, next.

No doubt, the cooperation will be one of the most beneficial endeavors ever undertaken in this area since electricity was introduced to townspeople. The completion of the line will immediately carry rural electrification into some 175 homes and has the possibility of later covering 1250 miles of line and serving more than 900 customers with a product that has tended to raise the standard of rural living higher than describable by furnishing lighting, refrigeration, power and other benefits.

According to records here, the original project was started by the Eldorado Lions Club, headed by E. C. Hill and assisted by P. K. McIntosh and others back in 1939. This committee has run up against opposition and obstacle after obstacle through the many months; some of which were enough to have caused many to have despaired and given up. Despite the fact that prior attempts had been made to secure a similar set-up but met with failure, those serving on the present committee would not consider defeat in their endeavors and have made many trips to distant points, met government officials and presented their cases to them time and again trying to secure the cooperative and locate its headquarters in Eldorado. A conservative estimate reveals that a few of the men on the committee have spent more than \$7,000 of their personal funds, not to mention the man-hours lost, the wear and tear of their automobiles in carrying on the work involved in the matter.

The area to be benefited by the cooperative as is outlined in the present set-up is as follows with lines extending north to Pecan, west across Irion county and on to Twelve-Mile Bridge, south approximately 20 miles into Valverde county and east to Hext, Texas.

BUILDING AND YARD TO BE ERECTED LATER

Offices are to be located in Eldorado together with warehouse and yard. Tentative plans are to secure a building to lease for a five-year period to house the office and warehouse. After the expiration of the five years, the set-up will provide a sum of approximately \$20,000 for the erection of a building and yard.

A manager for the enterprise is to arrive here about January 1, and a bookkeeper will be employed then following completion of construction, more employees are to be added.

Directors are as follows: E. C. Hill, president; P. K. McIntosh, vice-president; F. B. Gunn, treasurer; J. F. Runge, secretary; W. R. Bearce, Tom Johnson, E. B. Willoughby.

Mrs. Ben Hext is in Dallas this week visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe T. Hext.

B-24 Pilot With AAF



15TH AAF IN ITALY (Mediterranean Allied Forces)—Spl. to Success—Second Lt. Joe T. Hext, 28, of Eldorado, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy," it was announced by the 15th AAF Headquarters.

Lieutenant Hext is a pilot with a B-24 bombardment group in Italy. His organization commanded by Col. Henry K. Mione, New Orleans, La., has participated in more than 150 bombing missions against strategic enemy installations in southern and central Europe.

Hext, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hext, received his commission on April 15, 1944, at Ft. Sumner, N. M.

Grade School Honor Roll Announced

The grade school honor roll as turned in for the second six weeks period by Oma Ford, grade school principal, is as follows:

Fifth grade—J. Wiley Green, Betty Marie Yardley.

Sixth grade—Ireta Faye Mace, Gretchen Mund.

Seventh grade—Jonnie Lee Dickens, Lilla Jean Ellington, Mary Thompson.

Eighth grade—Patricia Elder, Ebba Ann Finley, Joyce Ann Van Horn, Frances Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Murchison of Carlsbad, N. M., are visiting here with relatives.

SIXTH BOND DRIVE QUOTA LESS THAN ONE-HALF RAISED

In a report compiled Wednesday morning, it was revealed that some \$33,768 in series E bonds had been purchased in the county. The overall quota is \$80,658, and to date less than half the quota has been purchased.

Only a short while remains to complete the quota. "Remember Pearl Harbor" date, December 7, should cause all residents and non-residents to exert a special effort to complete the drive in the next week or two.

High School Honor Roll Is Announced

The second six week honor roll for the Eldorado High School includes ten Seniors, four Juniors, four Sophomores and four Freshmen.

Those Seniors who had an average of 90 in four or more subjects include: Katherine Davis, George Finley, Donald Gholston, Joe Turner, Logan, Clara Lloyd Ochsner, Paul Page, Barbara Mund, and Gloria Watson. Ora Ballew and Jeanette Markham each had an average grade of 90 in three subjects, only needing these three to graduate.

Juniors on the honor roll: Wanda Dannheim, Mary L. Ellington, Louise Green and Dorothy Neil.

Sophomores: Bill L. Humphrey, Margaret Hicks, Frankie Thompson, and Joy Winters.

Freshmen: Emily Ann Harper, Marselaine Patterson, Juanita Williams and Dorothy Vales.

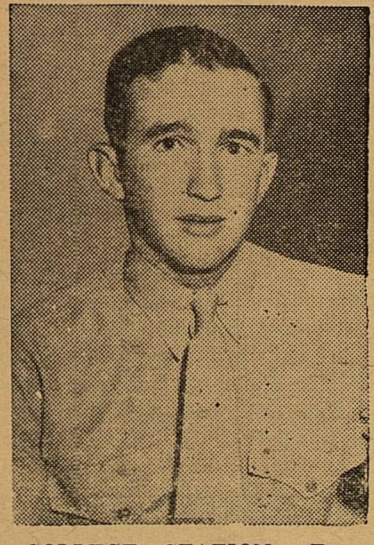
Presbyterian Special Services Postponed

Due to the continued unsettled weather prevailing this week, members of the First Presbyterian Church have indefinitely postponed their special week of services which were begun Sunday and were to have continued through next Sunday.

Possibilities are that the special services will be resumed following the oncoming holiday season.

World Globe with boundary revision privileges will make an excellent gift. The Success.

Goes To Cherry Point



COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 7.—Spl. to Success—One of a class of 26 to graduate from the Marine Aviation Detachments. Naval Radio Training School of Texas A and M College here, Private First Class Lawton Brevard, 21, has been sent to Cherry Point, N. C., where he will join the Ninth Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, with prospects for combat duty in the near future.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard of Talpa, Texas, and husband of Mrs. Tommie Davidson Brevard, Eldorado.

Before entering the service, Oct. 20, 1942, he was employed by the postoffice at Alpine.

Pfc. Brevard has a brother, S. J. Brevard, sergeant in the Army Air Corps, who has been given the Purple Heart.

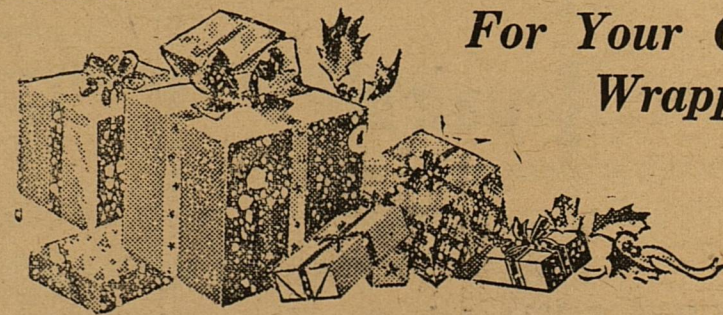
Winds, Cold Comes With Recent Rains

Rains which have fallen for the past six days over the area at the time of this writing and which averaged almost an inch, have been accompanied by high winds varying from all directions, cold, and occasional light snow flurries.

Roads and streets not paved are becoming a traffic problem in places since the present precipitation followed close behind general rains some two weeks ago.

LIONS TO BE HOSTS TO EAGLE TO SEE SATURDAY ANGELO-EL PASO GAME

The Eldorado Eagles are to witness the Bobcats-Austin Panthers as guests of local Lions Saturday.



For Your Christmas Wrapping

Your Gifts will need to be beautifully wrapped—and to do this you will want a packet of Gift Wrappings from our limited stock. These packets include 7 different designs of Christmas paper, 2 colors of tissue paper, 7 ribbon ties, 2 sheets of decorative stickers, one envelope of cards, tags, stickers; etc. All for \$1.00

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I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

It was a gray day early in December some dozen years ago in Fort Worth, and an icy wind was whistling around the corner where we stood. My companion was shivering and he had on an overcoat. I didn't have one on, so you can judge how comfortable I was!

Just a few months before, this writer had joined the Star-Telegram. I enjoyed seeing my friends from out West Texas way when they visited Cowtown, and I tried to get some bit of news from each one and thereby be able to put their names in the paper.

This friend, J. E. Spencer, was manager of a Chamber of Commerce. It was a new kind of work for him.

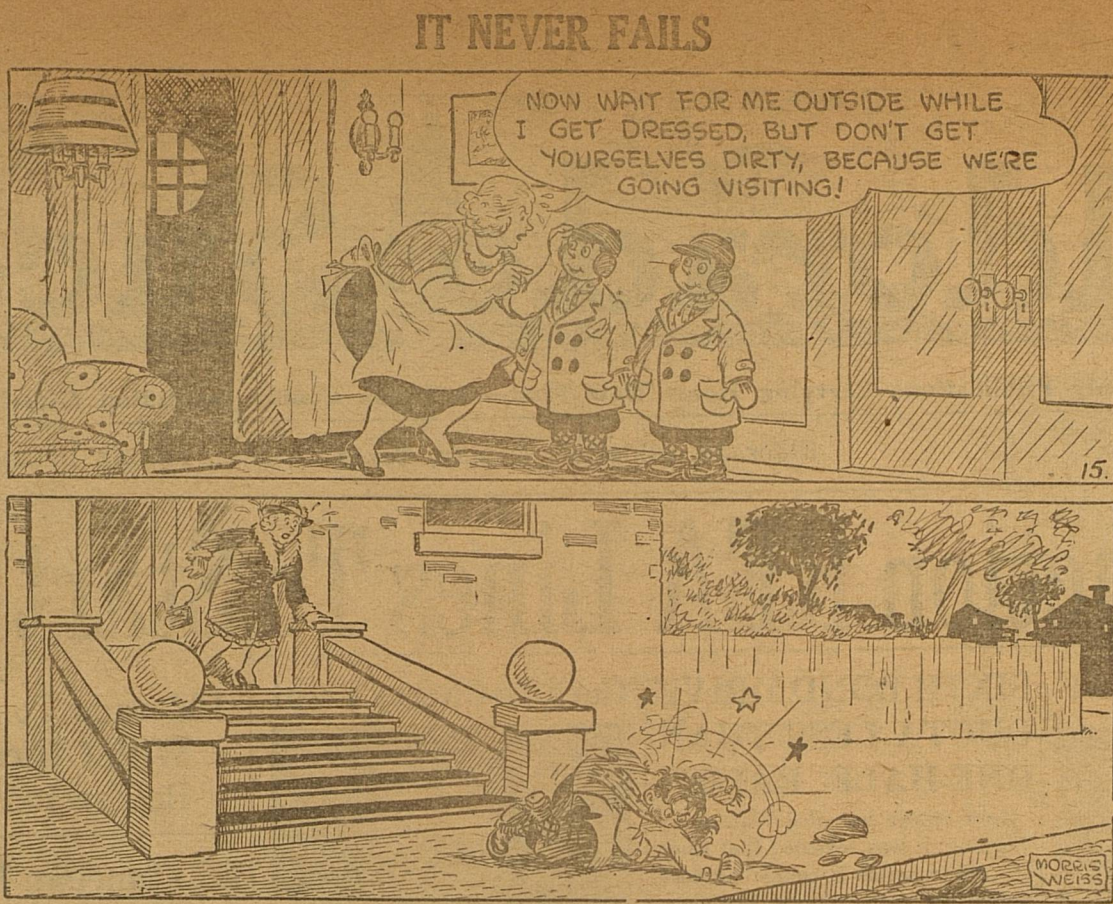
"What's happening out your way?"

"Not anything special," he replied.

"Try to think of something, so we can give the old town a boost." He studied a moment and then said:

"Well, we opened the Christmas shopping season yesterday."

Of course, that had happened or would soon happen in every



town in the United States.

He continued. "We had a big crowd at the airport for a special stunt—old Santa Clause came to town in 'an airplane.'"

"Well, much obliged, no use of my keeping you here freezing; glad to have seen you," I said and went on our ways.

And I did have my "story"—a full column on the front page next morning!

Because my friends town was the one place in all America that the coming of jolly old St. Nickolas was news.

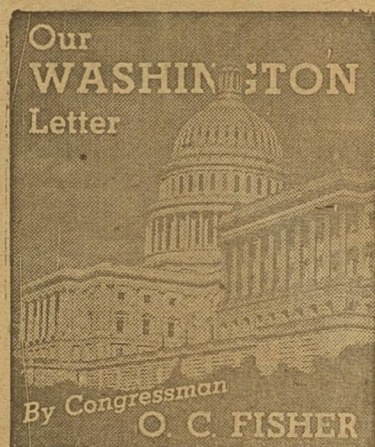
The "lead" on the news article was:

"Santa Clause has come to Cisco!

"The last time he had been seen there, he fled under a hail of lead leaving two dying citizens and ten others wounded. It was two days before Christmas in 1927 that a band, the leader disguised as old Santa, held up the bank.

"Because of the tragic associations, Christmas after Christmas went by without a Santa Clause being seen in town. There were

little children who could not remember ever having seen the be-whiskered old fellow. It was the only place in all Christendom where the patron saint of the Yuletide season was unknown. And now Santa Clause has come back to Cisco!"



WASHINGTON LETTER HOUSE CONSIDERS ROAD BILL

Prospects for a big era of road building in the post-war years were enhanced with recent House action on the Federal Highway Aid Bill.

This measure would supplement state and local funds and set up a three year program at the end of the year that would put 750,000 returning veterans and others to

work on a project that would add to the permanent economic strength of the nation.

The bill authorizes annual appropriations of 500 million dollars for three years. For states to benefit from this they must match the Federal funds on a basis of 40 percent the two succeeding years. Texas, for example, would receive \$28,775,000 per year for three years provided it matched the money as required. The Texas Highway Commission has said Texas will be prepared to match.

The Federal funds would be used in Texas as follows: On the Federal Aid Highway System \$14,250,000; on Farm-to-market \$10,087,000, on urban highways \$4,488,000.

FIRST MAJOR AID FOR FARM TO MARKET ROADS

As originally proposed farm-to market roads in Texas would have received seven million dollars of the total amount, but the Roads Committee, of which I am a member, go this proportionate share increased by three million dollars, with a corresponding reduction for highways running through cities and urban areas.

Farm-to-farm roads are the 'bread and butter' roads of the people close to the soil. These roads are traversed by the school buses, the mail carriers, the farm

trucks, and contribute to the social religious and economic welfare of the people. Forty percent of the people of Texas make their living from the soil. Therefore, it seems proper to me that in this special three year program these farm-to-market roads should be given aid along with other classes of roads. This is the first time material aid has been extended to feeder roads as a part of the Federal highway-aid set-up.

With respect to the justification for Federal expenditures for highway purposes, it is contended by many that the moterist is entitled to the best roads that the tax dollar taken from him because of

his use of the roads, will permit. In that connection, from 1932 to 1942 the Federal government collected from motorists in gasoline and other car-user taxes 40 percent more than was used for Federal aid in highway work. In gasoline and other car-user taxes, Texas will pay to the Federal government as much or more than the state will get back in Federal highway aid.

The declaration of Independence was signed by fifty-six persons, which included twenty-four lawyers, fourteen farmers, nine merchants, four doctors and one banker.

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Distribution for the present will be made from drug stores and newsstands, unless your agent can arrange otherwise.

We realize, with deep regret, that some of our old-time readers are not able to get copies of The News. We trust they will understand and bear with us while we're making every effort to restore service.

In the meantime, although many patrons will not have The News delivered to them temporarily, their names are still on The Dallas News' Big Book and we look forward to serving them again.

Thank you.

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Here's a curious critter

If you met this longhorn out on the plains, you'd yell for Mr. Ripley! When one horn curves up, you just naturally expect the other to turn up, too.

Same way, when war sent prices sweeping up, people expected all prices to follow suit. But at least one price didn't—the price of electricity.

In fact, like this longhorn, the price of electricity actually curved down the other way. The same government statistics which measure the increased cost-of-living also show that the average price of electricity has declined 3.2% since war began!

That's news—even more than a steer with two-way horns! . . . You can be sure that the far-sighted planning and sound business management which kept electricity dependable and cheap in wartime, will supply even better service to your electric post-war home.

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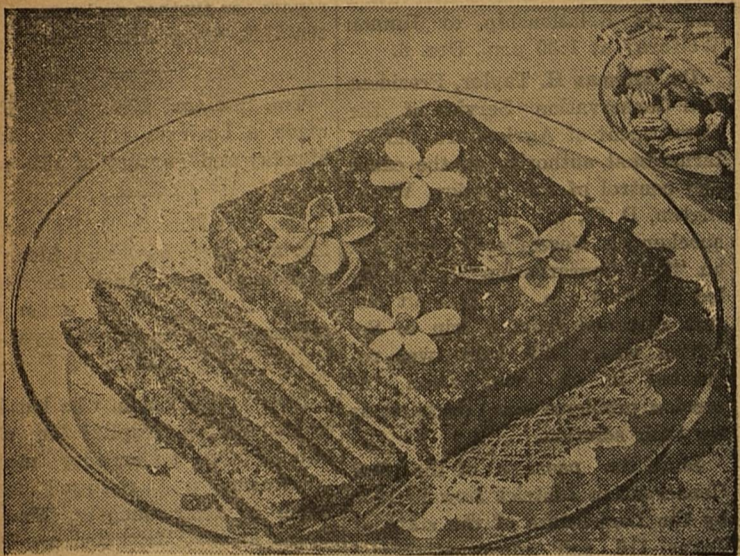
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It's so easy to make... actually you can whip it together with the very minimum of beating or mixing. And it's especially timely if you're looking for a recipe that doesn't dip too deeply into your ration points or pocketbook.

Don't worry if there's a little left over from the first serving. The oatmeal tends to keep it moist for quite awhile, so you can serve it the next day... and the one after that, too... and still enjoy its spicy goodness and fresh flavor.

Make a Holiday Fruit Cake today! Recipe makes eight-inch square cake.

HOLIDAY FRUIT CAKE
(Makes Square 8" Cake)

Time: 1 1/2 hours Temperature 325°

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| 2 cups brown sugar | 1 teaspoon cinnamon | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 2 3/4 cups hot water | 1/2 teaspoon cloves | 1 cup cut candied cherries |
| 2 tablespoons shortening | 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg | 1 cup rolled oats |
| 1 package seedless raisins | 2 cups sifted flour | (quick or regular, uncooked) |
| | 1 teaspoon soda | |

1. Combine brown sugar, hot water, shortening, raisins, and spices, bring to boil and cook 5 minutes. 2. Stir in sifted dry ingredients, rolled oats and cherries. 3. Bake in a well greased 8" square pan in moderately slow oven (325° F.) 1 1/2 hours. 4. Decorate with blanched almonds, citron, pineapple or candied cherries. 5. Store 48 hours before serving.

WITH THE MEN IN SERVICE



Pfc. and Mrs. Elton McGinnes and baby daughter of Laredo, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dithmore of Tennyson, Mr. and Mr. Sam Low of Menard and Mrs. Albert McGinnes of San Angelo were guests in the Sam McGinnes home during the recent Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Robert E. Doty received word from her husband, S/Sgt. Doty, early this week, that he had arrived safely in England. He stated in his letter that he had enjoyed a sight seeing tour of London and enclosed some cards of interesting sights and places he had visited.

S/Sgt. Doty, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Doty, has been in the service 27 months, and he left for overseas from Camp Picket, Va. His wife, the former Miss Edna Leudecke, is making her home here with her mother, Mrs. John Leudecke.

Pvt. Kenneth Doyle who is a student in class 4-4455 at the Army Air Field, Las Vegas, Nev., has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Doyle, that he will probably graduate from there as a turret gunner about Dec. 23. He hopes to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Another son of the Doyles, Sgt. Ray Doyle, writes that he is still in Italy and is doing fine.

Cpl. Andrew J. Halbert, Jr. has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Halbert, that he has been transferred from India to China where he is serving with the 14th Air Force.

Cpl. Halbert has been overseas about two months. His wife, the former Miss Frankie Edmiston, is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmiston.

Lt. Kathryn Montgomery spent a recent ten-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery. Lt. Montgomery is head dietitian for a large general hospital unit which is mobilizing for overseas duty soon. The hospital has a personnel of over 500 and a capacity of two thousand patients.

Mrs. Carson West learned this

week that her son, Lt. Young B. Newsom, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since last August 16, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The young pilot, whose bomber was shot down when he was on his twenty-eighth raid over German targets, also holds the Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters and a Silver Star on his European Theater of War ribbon.—Devil's River News

Marine Sgt. Jack Gann, who has been serving in the Pacific Area, and now discharged, is visiting in Eldorado. His wife is the former Miss Dorothy Jarrett.

Pvt. Raborn A. Pruitt, 19, a nephew of Mrs. G. A. Neill, has been slightly wounded in action November 6 on Leyte, according to a notification from the War Department received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Pruitt of Abilene.

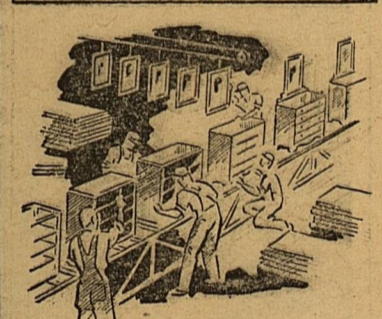
A recent letter from Pvt. Pruitt said he had also been wounded.

He enlisted in October 1943, and trained at Ft. Riley, Kansas with a mounted unit. He went overseas in July, and was in New Guinea for a while.

Jim Simpson, Seaman First Class, who has been serving for the past 23 months with a Pontoon Assignment detachment in the South Pacific, arrived in Eldorado Monday morning. He will spend a months leave with his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Mae Simpson, and other relatives.

Before enlisting Seaman Simpson was a ranchman. He entered the service in Oct. 1942.

Your Home
By Frances Ainsworth



When you read the news on "D" day of our air-borne troops landing behind the enemy lines in giant gliders, I wonder if you linked this up with the easy chair you may be sitting in as you read this, or your dining room and bedroom furniture? The story of these troop-carrying gliders is one of the exciting war stories of American production genius. Because they were made by furniture craftsmen.

I was privileged to see famous factories transformed into aircraft production lines when I visited the plants of Grand Rapids Industries, Inc.

It was hard to believe even my own eyes! Here were men working with wood to the precision specifications expected only from metal.

These men, trained to build your fine furniture from Grand Rapids, have helped to make our triumphs a victory, also, of expert cabinet-making. And here is why I am telling you this story this week. In learning to build aircraft of wood, these builders learned many new techniques, perfected new methods, discovered new materials... which you will find some exciting afternoon not too long after "V" day when you see the exciting post-war furniture that is being planned for your home.

There will be new uses of woods—entirely new materials that you will like—new ideas for beautiful, hard wearing finishes.

And the new techniques also mean that fine quality can be made faster and more economically. This fine new furniture will be for everyone.

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SOLOMON'S
Women's Wear
San Angelo, Texas

Lotty Moon Circle
Met With Mrs. Baker

The Lotty Moon Circle met in the home of Mrs. Thomas Baker on Monday, December 4.

The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mrs. Gordie Alexander. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Sec. Mrs. Thomas Baker. A motion was made and seconded to help a local Mexican lady who is the mother of twins and who is in need.

An interesting book review was given by Mrs. L. M. Hoover.

A Christmas package was wrapped to send to a college student, Gus Green.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses to six members: Mrs. Irvan Mund, Mrs. Fred Watson, Mrs. Gordie Alexander, Mrs. L.

M. Hoover, Mrs. J. A. Whitten, Becky Mund and Norma Jean Alexander.

Thanksgiving guests Thursday of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dickens were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Calhoun, Bobby, Jo Ann and Earl Glen of Christoval; Mrs. Vernon Beker, Buddy Wayne, Stevie and Jerry of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Luke Stephens; Jim Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Jr. and Ruth, and Mrs. Reuben Dickens.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking the people for all courtesies extended us in our misfortune the first of the week, and to all who assisted us in anyway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Finnegan

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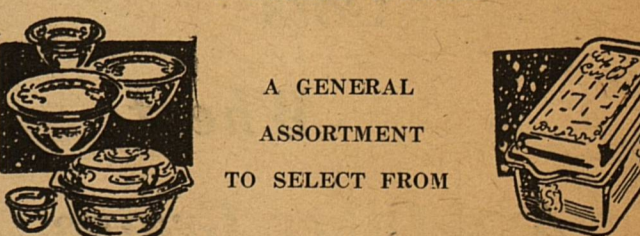


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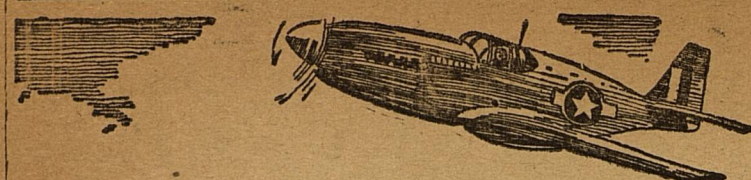
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The Ratliff Store



GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

Col. Robert L. Scott W.N.U. RELEASE

CHAPTER IX

We kept low to the flat country now, so that it wouldn't be silhouetted against the sky. Moreover the trees under us caused the olive-drab of the ship to blend in, making us harder to see. I thought many times that we couldn't get lower; but we kept going down until I know if the wheels had been extended we'd have been taxiing.

I guess we were both a little bit nervous as we peered ahead for any little dot that would mean a Jap. Fly specks on the windshield—and you get lots of them when flying as low as we were—scared us many times. I could feel the palms of my hands sweating as the tension increased.

Finally, straight ahead, I saw a lone column of smoke and thought it was Shwebo. The Japs must already have bombed that too. We kept right on going, expecting any minute to see about eighteen zeros on our tail. Bombs had started these fires, and where Jap bombers were, fighters could not be far away. The smoke plume grew larger and blacker as we came nearer, until we could see the glow of the fires and the licking flames. We both must have automatically concluded that the burning town was Shwebo, for without more than a glance to check the map we headed for the Southeast corner of the town, where the field was supposed to be.

Then I saw them, high overhead—three planes. But I almost sighed in relief, for they were only Jap bombers—no fighters yet. We kept on low, trying to find the field, while more bombs blasted the town. After searching for several minutes we realized that we were looking into the smoke of the wrong town, for farther South we saw another smoke column, and after checking our position by a canal to the West, we agreed that this town was Kinu and that Shwebo was ten miles South. Shwebo was burning too, and, as we learned later, had been bombed only minutes before we arrived. Jap fighters had accompanied the bombers. So once again some hand of Providence had intervened—had made us mistake Kinu for Shwebo and waste a little time circling.

Colonel Haynes saw the field at Shwebo and pulled the big transport around like a fighter, slipping her in and sitting her down like a feather-bed. We taxied over to the shade to try to partially hide the ship, and I stayed to guard the Douglas while he went to see Gen-

eral Stilwell. You could hear the staff officers and the soldiers yelling, and see them throwing their tin helmets in the air. Jack Belden of Life magazine told me later that they had never expected an American ship to get through, and that when the white star of the U. S. Army Air Force was identified, they had even sung "God Bless America." But to us right then, America seemed a very, very long way off.

While Colonel Haynes went for General Stilwell, I stationed the crew around the ship, and we watched the sky with Tommy guns. There was a dead feeling in the air—the smell of smoke and of human flesh from the burning town—and I expected any moment to see Jap Zeros diving on the transport. There we stood with our viritable pop-guns, waiting for Jap cannon.

Just a few minutes later a jeep drove up and C. V. Haynes jumped out, saying that most of the staff was on the way behind him but that General Stilwell wasn't going. At my look of surprise, he added that the General was going to walk out—that he refused to be evacuated by air. Well, for the life of me I couldn't see what face would be saved, for the British Army had gone up the road to the North, and most of the Chinese armies were also on the way out. Perhaps the General knew things that I didn't know. But I remember that Colonel Haynes and I talked it over during the minutes while we waited for the Staff to get aboard. We wanted to take General Stilwell out if we had to use force; after all, he was the Commanding General of all American forces in China, Burma, and India, and we knew he was to have a very slim chance of walking out to India through Burma.

I guess if we had captured General Stilwell and taken him back to Chungking we'd have been court-martialed and shot. But we didn't much care what happened then anyway. Burma was falling, and there seemed to be a never-ending stream of Japs coming North. I guess we thought we had a very slim chance of ever getting out alive. After all, we'd been flying around bombed Burmese towns all morning, and when you expect to see Jap fighters any minute for hours, with you in an unarmed ship, and then get to destination and the General won't go—things just don't much matter.

We loaded the anxious staff and took off for Calcutta, with over forty passengers. We could easily have taken from fifty to seventy, but the

staff colonel whom we instructed to give the signal when the load was aboard evidently lost count, for he came up and told Colonel Haynes that all were inside.

As we crossed South-Central Burma towards the town of Chittagong, we planned to come back that night and take General Stilwell out if we had to trick him into getting aboard. We crossed the many mouths of the Ganges in one of the worst rains that I've ever seen, and soon landed in the humid heat of Calcutta. While we were reserving for the second trip of some five hundred miles, Joplin landed from Assam, and Colonel Haynes had him unload his cargo and take off immediately for Shwebo. Once again we ourselves flew through black rain across the Ganges into Burma, but when we landed we found that all had been evacuated except wounded British and American soldiers. In the half darkness, for the night was lighted by the fires of the burning villages, we loaded them on and took them to Calcutta.

General Stilwell with a few of his staff, his ADC, Colonel Dorn, and Jack Belden, war correspondent, had gone on to the North on the long trek to India by way of the Uyu and Chindwin Rivers to the Manipur Road. For weeks no one knew where he was.

One of the officers in this last cargo handed me an itinerary that the General had given him, and I resolved to try to drop food and vitamin capsules to the party as it made its way to the West. The projected itinerary would lead them from Shwebo North to the Uyu River, down that stream to the Chindwin at Homalin, then down the Chindwin to Sittang and Tamu, and thence on the Manipur Road to Imphal. Using it, I expected to be able to contact them and drop the necessary food; Joplin and I even figured we could land on a sand bar in the Chindwin and pick them up. We planned all this out the next day as we flew back home, four hundred miles to the Northeast, transporting our first jeep into Assam by plane.

But though we began next day to fly into Burma to contact General Stilwell's party, again we found that there was many a slip 'twixt the cup, etc., even when one had an itinerary. After I'd crossed the Naga Hills in my single P-43, I would follow the Chindwin South until I



Gen. Archibald Wavell, who was commander-in-chief of British forces in India.

came to Homalin. Then I'd turn to the East up the river, flying right down in the canyon formed by the thick jungle trees. I carried a Very pistol to identify myself, but learned that we had no air-to-ground liaison code with which to establish our identity to General Stilwell. As a substitute I decided to fire a green light, figuring that anything but red would indicate that I was friendly.

Though I saw party after party, there was no way of identifying that of the General. I marked their positions on my map, and we went back later in a transport plane and dropped food to all of them—food, medicines, and blankets. Later I dropped letters attempting to establish a code between his party and our ships, so that if he wanted us to land when he reached the Chindwin, he could signal us with a panel. We were never able to contact him, but we continued to drop food to every party of refugees we saw.

Later on Joplin and I took food and carried two war correspondents on the Chindwin-Uyu circuit. Though we fired Very lights in compliance with the color schemes that we had dropped in the letters, again we got no answers by panel.

With the passing days we began to get reports from the British agents near Homalin that Jap planes were patrolling the sector. From then on, Joplin or Colonel Haynes would fly the food transport and I'd escort them with my lone P-43. I've often laughed since then at my ego. For what in hell could I have done with one little fighter—sans self-sealing tanks, sans big guns, sans brains? I guess I actually thought then that if nine of eighteen little old Japs jumped on me that I'd

shoot down that half of them at least, and the other half would run. Right soon I was to learn that I would have been shot down pretty fast. Such is the valor of ignorance.

As the days stretched into weeks and no news came of General Stilwell's party, we just dropped bags of rice and medicines to all parties, whether they were led by a General or by a British sergeant. On my single-ship escort trips I noted that burning barges were floating down the Chindwin, South of Tamu. One afternoon I saw four big riverboats burning at the docks of the town where the Manipur Road began. I reported this to the British.

Then, about three weeks from the day we had flown down to get the staff out of Shwebo, I met General Stilwell and his tired group at the little Tinsukia railroad station. I told him that practically all the Air Corps officers in Asia were waiting for him outside.

That night, as we gathered at tea planter Josh Reynolds' house, we had the greatest gathering of Generals' stars that all Assam had ever seen. There was Wavell, Alexander—who made on that occasion the classic statement: "The situation in Burma is very confused"—Brereton, Naiden, Bissell, Stilwell, Hearne and Siebert. Just about everyone except General Chennault, and he was very busy getting the AVG out of Loiwing and up to Paoshan. Burma had at last fallen.

The evacuation of these Chinese armies from Burma to India and China now gave us more adventures in the A. B. C. Ferrying Command. They were scattered all over northern Burma, from West of Myitkina, North to Shimbyang and Putao. It was our job now to drop rice, salt, and medicines to these thousands of starving soldiers. I remember that as I first saw Burma it used to look to me like the greatest hunting country in all the world, completely wild and unspoiled. And it was just that—but there was nothing to hunt, for

TO BE CONTINUED

R. T. Crain, who is operating a gin in Rails spent last weekend here with his wife.

Eldorado Divide Soil Conservation District News

REPORTED BY DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Mr. J. Forrest Runge, chairman of the Eldorado Divide Soil Conservation District, will be in College Station December 6 and 7 to attend the fourth annual meeting of the Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors who will hear Texas, national and international leaders of Soil Conservation. Mr. Runge is State Director No. 2 of the Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

Soil conservation district developments, progress and problems, the relationship of soil conservation to human welfare, and the post-war opportunities of Soil Conservation Districts will be discussed at the two day meeting.

Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, President of Howard Payne College at Brownwood, will talk to the Supervisors about "Soil Conservation and its Relationship to Human Welfare" at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 6.

Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, President Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture and international authority on the cause and control of soil erosion, Washington, D. C., will be the principal speaker on December 7. His talk on "Soil Conservation" is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Bennett has just returned from a trip to So. Africa where his help was requested in an examination of erosion problems and suggestions for their solution.

Since the passage of the Soil Conservation District Law in 1939 by the Legislature of the state of Texas, 116 soil conservation and wind erosion districts, covering

103,460,000 acres have been organized. Of course, 84 districts with 77,170,000 acres are now receiving assistance from the Soil Conservation Service technicians.

The Eldorado Divide Soil Conservation District was organized and put into operation in March, 1942. Since the organization of this District, complete soil and water conservation plans have been worked up on 123 farms and ranches covering approximately 210,888 acres.

Mrs. Mattie Cozzens accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Black of Junction and her son, Lt. Wallis Cozzens, are in Dallas this week where they will visit with their sister and aunt, Mrs. J. A. Nixon. Lt. Cozzens will go on to report for further assignment with the U.S. Army Air Forces.

The Rev. and Mrs. F.B. Faust made a business trip to Austin Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harper and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Steen are spending this week in Dallas where Mr. Harper is undergoing treatment for an injured eye.

Mrs. J. S. Hudson, who has been in San Angelo hospital for about two months undergoing medical treatment, was returned to the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ed Finnegan and Mr. Finnegan, Tuesday this week.

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"November Mailing Good, But Not Good Enough" Says Postmaster General Walker

Public response to the Post Office Department's "Shop Now! Mail in November" campaign is good but needs to be better, according to the Postmaster general. "Extraordinary war time con-

ditions face us," Mr. Walker said. "Unless more people buy and mail this month, the Postal service cannot do its job of delivering all the Christmas gifts on time.

"It is not pleasing to us to have to ask the American people to mail packages so far in advance of the delivery date. We do so only because it has to be done. The job is a tremendous one, but we are confident that it will be done because we know from experience that, given sound reasons, Americans co-operate magnificently. "Unprecedented shortages of

man power and transportation facilities growing out of the war compel early mailing. The Postal Service has given 50,000 experienced employees to the armed forces and 300,000 railroad workers have gone to war. Equally serious is the fact that rail and other transport facilities are taxed to the limit with the great burden of war traffic which all of us know must take precedence.

"In a great number of our 43,000 post office the man power situation is critical. The 200,000 extra workers whom we normally recruited to handle the swollen Christmas volume of mail were able to work long hours of overtime and to do heavy work. This

cannot be expected from the women and high school boys and girls to whom in large part we must look this year to meet the situation.

"The way in which everyone responded in making it possible for us to handle a volume of 70,000,000 parcels for the armed forces overseas leaves no doubt in my mind that the November Christmas mailing will be equally successful. I ask for the help of the press, radio, business advertisers, civic groups and all Americans in making it possible for the Postal Service to do its work.

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Humble Oil & Refining Company Baytown Plant To Hold Open House Thursday, December 14

Houston, Texas, Dec. 7—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 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. Here are some of Humble's war accomplishments:

Attainment of the billion gallon record in the manufacture of finished 100 octane gasoline gives Baytown refinery the distinction of being the first and only individual refinery to have produced this much.

Baytown Ordnance Works, the first plant in the nation to manufacture toluene from petroleum by chemical synthesis, has supplied the toluene for at least one out of every two bombs used by the United Nations since Pearl Harbor. For this achievement it has been awarded the Army-Navy E five times.

Humble refineries have also supplied very large quantities of other aviation and military gasolines, aviation engine and heavy duty lubricating oils, Navy special fuel oil, and other essential products. They are supplying about one-sixth of the material being manufactured from petroleum for the critical synthetic rubber program.

Humble is producing more than any other Company in the U. S. One-fourth of the additional crude oil needed for all is being produced by Humble, making its current production amount to one barrel in barrels of the nation's supply.

Humble Pipe Line Company is transporting more oil than any other system. Its daily load of approximately 700,000 barrels amounts to one in every seven barrels of the nation's supply.

Highlights of the December 14 celebration will be the formal presentation of the one-billionth gallon of 100 octane aviation gasoline to a high ranking military official by H. C. Wiess, Humble president. In addition to military officials there will be in attendance also state and national government officials and leaders in industry.

To interest visitors at Baytown there will be set up a number of Army and Navy displays of war equipment, each of which will emphasize how dependent modern mobile armies and navies are on petroleum.

Additional exhibits and motion pictures will portray the Humble Company's operations and will serve to orient visitors before they inspect Baytown refinery. Special tours will be conducted through the refinery and its associated war plants from December 14 through December 17.

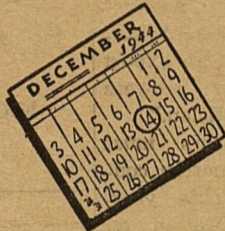
The entire program for the celebration is being arranged in such a manner that employees and their families may participate as much as possible.

A bronze medal commemorating the event will be presented to the 14,000 active employees, and more than 3,000 in the armed forces in a special book which contains a message from the Company's Management expressing appreciation for the contribution each employee has made toward the establishment of war production records. Another booklet, telling in pictures and story the accomplishments of the Companies, will be mailed each employee.

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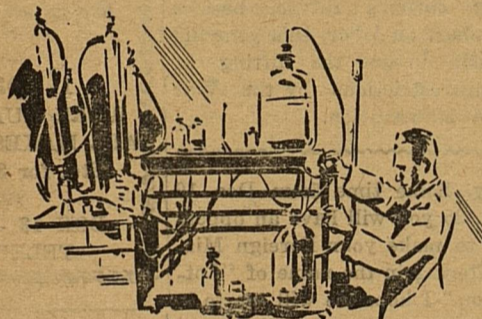
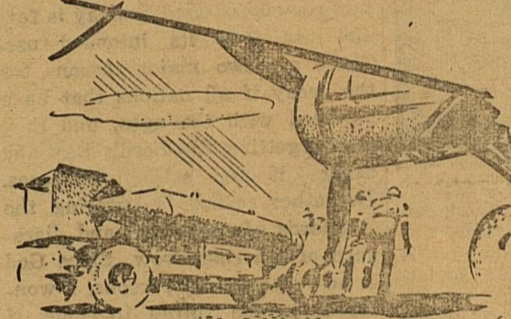
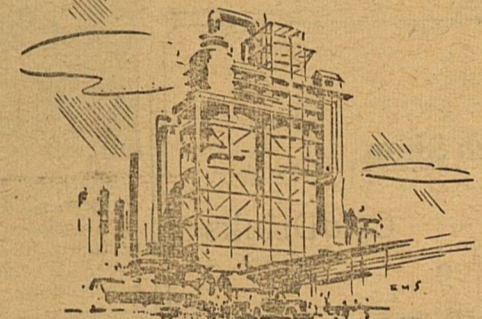
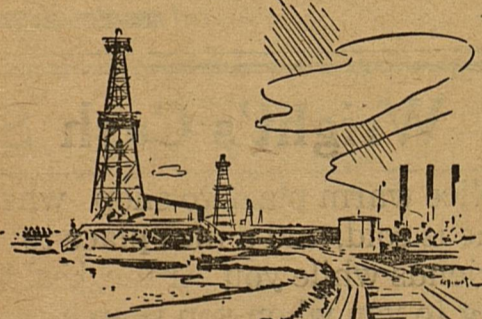
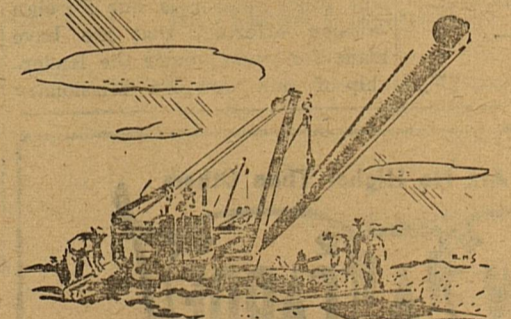
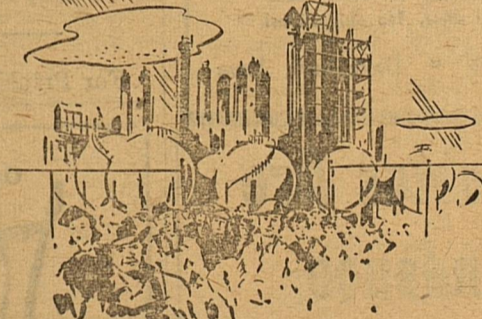
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AN AMERICAN WAR PRODUCTION RECORD THAT DESERVES TELLING . . .

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. This 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>

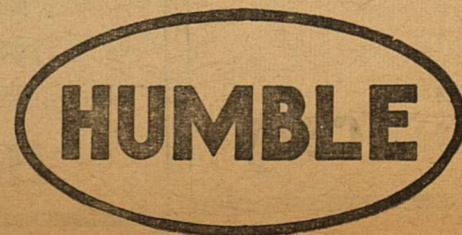
OPEN HOUSE AT BAYTOWN REFINERY—DECEMBER 14-17

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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Top 4-H'ers in Texas

TWO 4-H boys have been selected by the State Club office as Texas' winners in 1944 wartime activities. The two State winners, who each receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Dec. 3-6, and brief outlines of their records, are:

Royce Howard (top photo), 16 of Midland, wins the coveted honor for his achievement in the Westinghouse 4-H Rural Electrification Activity. His 3 year record shows that he studied electric installation, helped set poles and wire family residence, barns, henhouse, garage, water pump, cream separator, electric fence, houses for hired hands, and lights for lawn. He also installed plugs and switches for reading lamps and radio in his home.



Laddie Sloan (bottom photo), 16 of Estelina, is the State's highest scoring participant in the International Harvester 4-H Food for Victory Activity. During 4 years in club work he handled 149 beef cattle, 148 dairy cows, 37 hogs and 200 fowls, helped harvest 200 acres of alfalfa, and raised a Victory garden from which a large part of the vegetables was canned for his family's use. Although he attended school, he produced enough food to feed 59 service men. Three participants scoring next highest to Laddie, who each received a \$25 War Bond, are: Alvin G. Davis, of Post; Billy Snodgrass, Tokio, and Clyde Jacobs, of Goliad. Laddie was also a State co-winner in the 4-H Farm Safety Activity, for which he received a \$25 War Bond from William G. Mennen.



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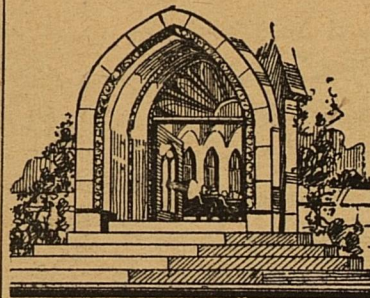


MONROEVILLE, IND.—Seth F. Painter, shown above, professionally associated with *last* rites, was certainly in on the beginning this time. Weekdays he's an undertaker here. On Sundays he preaches in nearby rural churches at Pleasant Mills and Salem.

Learning that the Methodist Church was soon to launch a "Crusade for Christ," raising \$25,000, 000 for post-war relief and reconstruction, he and his farmer-parishioners jumped the gun.

Bishop J. Ralph Magee, crusade chairman, reports a check for \$916, their full share, landed in Chicago headquarters ten weeks before the official starting date, Dec. 1. Of 41,000 congregations, Mr. Painter's two country churches were first.

AT THE CHURCHES



What a great Community we would have if everyone would just remember what Sunday is for: and use it to its intended use. There are two major reasons for the decay if all nations that have perished with the ages, and they are forgetting the Lord's Day and using it for selfish purposes. The other reason is lowering the standards of the home; and disregard of marriage vow. Since God is no respecter of persons, I wonder if in the future to come, if our nation will perish for the same two reasons.

There are two important events in our church program that we should not forget and place equal and special emphasis upon. Sunday is the day we have set aside for our Christmas offering to Buckner Orphan's Home. I hope we may all respond as we feel need too. The other matter is our Foreign Mission offering, that we have made for years, under the leadership of our woman's Missionary

Former Eldorado Teacher Buried In San Angelo

Funeral services for Mrs. Alma Eaton, 50, native of Kaufman County, who died last Thursday, November 30 at Hanover, Wash., were conducted from Massie Chapel Monday afternoon in San Angelo. The Rev. C. E. Bludworth and J. P. Crenshaw, Minister of the Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery.

Survivors include the husband, Frank Eaton, three sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Eaton, the former Miss Alva White, taught in Eldorado and Sonora schools from about 1918 to 1928. She was married in San Angelo on June 13, 1928 to Frank Eaton. After which they lived in Eldorado on a ranch at Mountain Home and later in San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Corey Hall, Hiram Hall, Warren Kline, of Mountain Home; George H. Neill and Vernon Hamilton, Sonora; and Mans Hoggett of Mertzon.

Mrs. S. E. Jones has gone to Quantico, Va. where she will visit with her husband, Cpl. Sam E. Jones, Jr.

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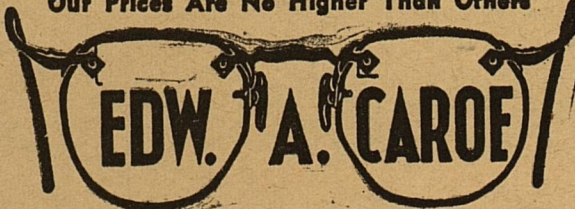
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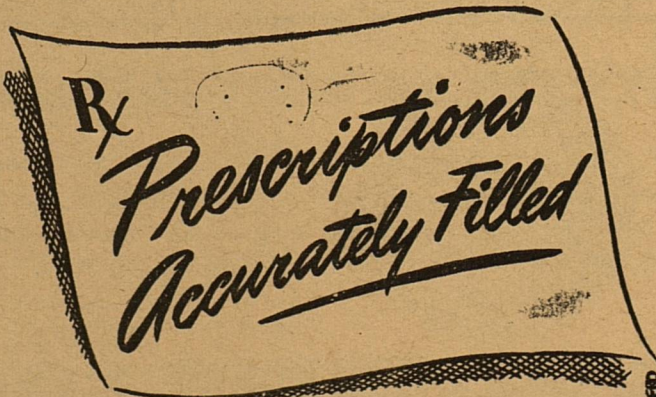
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cotton exports may help, but the West Texas Chamber of Commerce believes, and so do I, that permanent solution of the problem lies elsewhere. We believe that advent of a perfect cotton picker has many ramifications—some of which may be almost revolutionary in the cotton world, and especially our West Texas world; for, under our mechanized production methods, we are a long jump ahead of the cotton belt as a whole.

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"West Texas growers must again be made acutely cotton conscious," Moffett said. This year, with no government limitation on planted acreage, area production—as of the government's report on Nov. 14—stood at only 731,352 bails, against 908,961 bails in 1943, same date. At a third of a bale per acre, this indicates that 1944 West Texas total planting was 30 per cent under the 3 1/2 million acre sown in 1943, when production reached 1,200,000 bales. The year's total probably has not exceeded 2 1/2 million planted acres. West Texas growers, fearful for cotton's future, besides being short on labor, this year did not cash in on the lifting of planting restrictions by the War Food Administration.

Society. Some time from Dec. 10 to Dec. 25 you will have an opportunity to make your Foreign Mission offering in the name of "Lottie Moon." I hope we will see to it as far as possible, we will do our best in carrying out our Saviour Command.

Our Services Sunday; Sunday School and Preaching 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Training Union and Preaching, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Our midweek services each Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Our Woman's Missionary Society meets each Monday afternoon at 3:00.

Annual Four-Cour Red Cross Meeting Friday December

Annual meeting of the four-county Concho Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, Dec. 15, at Hotel Cactus in San Angelo, J. V. Schilling, chapter chairman, has announced.

Anyone in the four counties interested in Red Cross work invited, Mr. Schilling said. Officers will be elected for the coming year, reports given on various Red Cross services, and plans for future activities discussed. A general explanation of Red Cross objective also will be presented, Mr. Schilling stated.

The Concho Valley Chapter includes Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, and Tom Green counties.

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