### MEDITATIONS By The Editor

Says A. Patrick Flood, State Salvage Manager: "Washington is worried over whether you Texas Salvage Workers are going to quit on V-E Day (Victory in Europe).' Flood's opinion: "Texans aren't silly. No Texan ever went home in the middle of a DOUBLE HEAD-ER. We are going to stay in there and pitch."

Some of our readers may be interested to know the Sixth Annual Pecos County Livestock Show will be held at Fort Stockton on February 23 and 24. It is reported this show will present the largest number of registered sheep breeders to meet at a spring show anywhere in the United States.

"Sixth time in history that the Senate has failed to confirm a cabinet appointee," says an article written by Congressman O. C. Fisher appearing in another place in this issue.

We cannot vouch for four times, certainly left an impression, what with some two weeks of national publicity on both radio and in the daily press, will be lasting.

### \* \* \* YOUR NEW LICENSE PLATES.

new highway license plates for the is hoped for to enjoy it. current year. Most noticeable will be one full sized license plate that is to be attached to the rear of all series of vehicles with the exception of truck tractors, which are to have the plate attached to the front. All plates have black numerals and letters on a gold background.

A new numbering system is used whereby four-numerals are the most used on any one plate, and these are to be preceded by two control letters. Under the old system of numbering, each hundred ply, WFA Office of Distribution of thousand over a million was identified by a letter of the alphabet and it was necessary to use seven or eight letters. Under the new system, in each ten thousand registrations or each time a control letter changes, there are hundreds of plates with three numerals or less. For all series of plates except passenger, the type of series is embossed on the plate.

The order passed by the Highway way Commission also requires the removal of all registration in chase orders. signia for previous registration

# This Soldier Knows

The Success is in receipt of the following communication from Pfc. that follows:

"Just a few lines to let you know how much I enjoy your paper, and to give you my correct address. I realize what a problem it is for you trying to see that all the boys get their home town paper as regular and rapidly as possible, and with all the boys' addresses changing so much lately, I can easily understand the situation you are up against; we all deeply appreciate the splendid job you are do-

"BILL." Thanks, Private First Class Gal- Cotton Ginnings breath. It makes us take new courage to know there are men like you who realize what we are up against in the regular delivery of

our weekly news. addresses have changed frequently in Washington, there were 1,364 in the last few months.

HERE FROM TENNESSEE TO VISIT HIS DAUGHTER

Thomas E. Ryan of Martin, Tennessee, is here for a visit of bales less than last year. several days with his daughter, Miss Virginia Ryan.

Miss Ryan, recently injured in a fall at her apartment, is able to be visited the first of last week in the noise was terrible, no one having like a wild bronc— some of the up and resumed duties at her of- home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. heard that kind of noise before, so A. J. Atkins.

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## Lieutenant From Goodfellow To Be Sunday Speaker

Members of the Methodist Church and others who care to attend, will have the privilege Sunday of hearing Lieut. George M. Ricker of Goodfellow Field, Sunday morning and evening at the church.

The youthful Army man was a minister prior to joining the Army Air Forces, and is recommended by Dist. Supt. F. H. Hamner.

The Lieutenant was secuerd by but the Jones-Wallace incident has Reverend Hamner to fill the Sunday hours while the local pastor is out of town to officiate at the marriage of his daughter, Libby Ann, to Marine Captain Earl Ralston in Shreveport, La., Saturday.

The service man, no doubt, will Several new features are to be have a timely and worthwhile in evidence with the advent of the message and a good congregation

## Government To Use Million Pounds Dried Eggs Daily In 1945

Attention has been called by a local business man of an article carried in the January 1945 Poultry Supply Dealer Magazine of a statement by Lt. Col. Ralph W. Olmsted, deputy director for sup-Federal Government, quoting him as saying that the government will use "a million pounds of dried egg powder a day in 1945."

"Col. Olmstead declared that Russia will take 150 million pounds of dried eggs in 1945, the United Kingdom 70 million pounds, and the United States armed services 70 million pounds. In addition, he said, 75 million pounds will go to various liberated countries for relief purposes, partly on direct pur-

pounds of this total, he indicated, home, but when the sun came up will be filled from stocks currently in the West, we knew our course owned by the government. The had changed. We traveled in that remaining 265 million pounds, same direction for days, nothing which is the equivalent of more happened except an occasional Troubles Of Publisher than 25 million cases of shell eggs, BOOM of an "ash can" or heavy will be processed from the 1945 gun, that was only practice or fresh egg crop.

Billy Galbreath, now stationed at government dried egg require- was so much the better. Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, He ments indicated that they alone writes a very "sympathizing" note will more than cancel out the pre- nearing "hot water" (enemy waviously predicted surplus. In addi- ter) so we were ordered not to tion, he said, the United Kingdom swing hammocks or pull off clothwill take from one to three million es; we slept in any way possible, cases of processed shell eggs. His on barrack bags, floor or the tabestimates included no figures to les. indicate the amount of fresh eggs

> These estimates, coming from a high authority, show that the previously accepted surplus egg figure of 22 million cases of shell eggs for this year need cause little more concern.

# Off 177 Bales

According to tabulation card reports furnished by J. C. Capp, Di-Billy is among the many whose rector of Department of Commerce bales of cotton ginned in Schleicher County from the crop of 1944 prior to January 16, 1945, as compared with 1,541 bales ginned to January 16, 1944. A total of 177

Mrs. H. T. Bird of San Angelo happened to be up front, so the



KNOW YOUR BRANDS? Last week an ad of the Santa Fe Railroad appeared in the Succeess in which many Texas Cattle Brands were portrayed. Many of our readers have commented upon the novelty advertisement. Above is shown F. Mitchell, General Agent of the Santa Fe, presenting Governor Stevenson an enlargement of the ad. The advertisement is appearing in over 400 newspapers over the nation.

## SOLDIER FROM ELDORADO TELLS OF LANDING IN NORTH AFRICA; FOUND HE WAS SLOWEST MAN IN COMPANY WHEN THOUGHT SHIP WAS STRUCK

From Somewhere in Italy this Eldorado man writes of the invasion of North Africa, telling of incidents of landings and attacks.

The letter was written to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Joiner by their son, Sgt. Wallace Joiner.

We left the base one night to board the ship, not knowing our destination but had a pretty good idea. After leaving the harbor we sailed the opposite direction from thing I knew I was under the rack the place we thought of going; trying to get the jacket on when sailed straight out and went with- someone said: "It's okey boys, in 200 miles of the coast of \* \* \* \*, "Approximately 100 million even hearing the rumor of going maybe an enemy submarine, we "Col. Olmstead's estimates of never knew which was which, and

By this time the convoy was

Here is a little incident that our own armed forces will con- happened I'll never forget: One to get a glimpse of the "Rock" night about 10 o'clock we were all



sleeping, when for some reason the ship dropped anchor. Our section naturally the first thought was of

an air raid and the enemy must be straffing the ship— so things happened fast. Right there was where I learned I was one of the slower men of the company. One boy always wore glasses and could not see very well without them. He rail and walked all the way around thought was my lifejacket, which was under a gunrack nearby. Next just one of the funny incidents that happened, but it would take

too much time to write them all. We pulled anchor sometime that night ,and kept sailing east. By that time every one knew exactly his destination, "North Africa.". We were each given a small book on how to deal with the natives, also how to speak French, which did no good, because the first people we saw were Arabs. By this time we were nearing the Straight of Gibralter (about 10 o'clock at night). We could see a large town ahead. No one knew the name, but We slipped through the Straights with most everyone on deck trying Just then a plane flew over and dropped flares, and right there we made a dive for the hole like a also have charge of the loan and bunch of rats. Why, I can't say, but when we are on deck and something happens, we want to go something happens we try to get are the only two places to go on a

Now we were well out into the harbor we were given orders to go high school gymnasium tonight.

## Response Good In Paralysis Fund Drive Last Week

Committeemen were out working in earnest last Saturday on the Infantile Paralysis Fund, and formerly known as the March of Dimes.

C. L. Meador, Jr., is County Drive Chairman, and a committee from the Lions Club composed of Hugo Mika, O. B. Bradshaw, and Bill Sproul were also working. The committee drafted an ardent worker in Ernest Finnegan, who proved his abiity in getting subscriptions, heading the list as high man. FIREMEN DONATE

The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department donated \$36.50, the proceeds from a recent dance. THEATRE RUNS FILM

ers of the Lone Star Theatre ran a film narriated by Miss Grear Garson for several days, in which an appeal was made for funds to carry out this very necessary work. tained at the theatre when col- gunner on the B-17 Flying Fortlections were taken following the ress "Reich's Ruin," a veteran of

raised by Meador at noon Wednes- against Germany. day of this week. One-half of this amount, or \$170.15 will be added to a small sum already on deposit meritorious achievement in aerial here to be used in case of a case or combat. He is a nephew of Joe and an epidemic of the dread polio V. G. Tisdale, and of Mrs. J. E. should show up in the county. The Tisdale, all of this community. balance of the amount will go to the National Foundation Headquarters to carry on research and \$500 Subscription other work.

More cases of the disease apfell off a table, landed on a 2x4 peared in the United States than in many years. There are one or it without his glasses. My first more cases reported in Tom Green County at present.

## Sixth Time In History Senate Body Fails To Confirm An Appointee

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

Public attention the past week has been centered on the President's nomination of Henry A. Wallace to replace Jesse H. Jones as Secretary of Commerce.

Most of the expressions I have heard here are that the President of a donation in December. should have virtually a free hand in choosing his cabinet member, whether he be Henry Wallace or some other person. There have been but six times in history that later found it was Casa Blanca. the Senate has failed to confirm a cabinet appointee.

> But there is much concern expressed, and much of it from the Pause To Pray For President's closest friends, as to the wisdom of having Mr. Wallace Service Men In Battle

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Mediterranian. Next day came and ent-Teacher Association have been offer a prayer for the men in the nothing happened until about 8 or diligently preparing everything in service of their country. 9 o'clock and then all hell broke order that they may well serve an loose from every direction. We appetizing plate to those who come fice that the mayor and fire chief knew this was it. Pulling into the to the R. E. A. gathering at the had approved the proposal, and

seemed like hours, but finally the Fred Watson and Chester Wheeler daily. order came to go over the side on have completed final arrange- Suggested time for the signal rope ladders to the landing barge, that being some job with full field available to consumers of electric- which can be distinguished from a pack and rifle. The water was al current from the Electric Coop- fire alarm should it be necessary rough and the barge was bucking erative. The program will consist to turn one in at the period desigbut speakers and texts were unop- Further details will be announc-See "LETTER", Page 2, Col. 2 tainable at press time yesterday. | ed as soon as they are worked out.

### **Gunner Wounded**



Sgt. Abram A. Millar, of Hanford, Wash., was seriously wounded in action over Germany on Jan. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hext, manag- 10, according to a communiaction to his uncle, Max Millar, of Eden.

Sergeant Millar, a graduate of the Eldorado High School, entered the service in the Spring of 1943, and has been serving with the 305th A Sum of some \$75.00 was ob- Bombardment Group as a waist 100 missions which has participat-A total of \$340.30 was reported | ed in 10 daylight bombing assaults

The wounded gunner was recently awarded the Air Medal for

## **Heads Schleicher Red Cross Drive**

Mrs. Lillian Page, who for several years, has been an official in local Red Cross work, and who has had much experience, has agreed to accept the position as County rive Chairman for the Red Cro Drive which is beginning in the county now, according to W. M. Patterson, County Chairman.

It was reported early this week that T. C. Meador, ranchman, had headed the donations list with a \$500.00 gift of which one-half was designated to go to Chinese Relief and the other one-half to Duropean Relief. This amount is a repetition

Patterson stated the quota was todate unannounced, but that when it was assigned the amount would be raised by popular subscription.

## Morning Fire Sirene Will Denote Time For

A committee composed of ministers of the town conferred with below; and when we are below and Arrangements Ready and City Mayor L. L. Baker in re-Eldorado Fire Chief Palmer West on deck. Maybe it is because they For R.E.A. Gathering fire sirene each morning at a given time to signal a designated period Members of the Eldorado Par- to pause from work and study to

A report was brought to this ofthat the local telephone exchange on deck with full field pack, and await further orders. The minutes W. T. Whitten, Truett Stanford, see that the signal would be given

"APPOINTEE"—

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## High School Honor Students Announced

dents have made an average of 90 stead, had TNT and bombs that described as "the most colossal or more on four major subjects had been unloaded from the ships. banking institution the world has and have been placed on the honor The snipers only killed one man, ever known, either public or priroll for the third six-week period shot him right through the head. vate." It has invested billions in ry, sister of Mrs. Humphrey, and according to information furnish- For about one week we went war plants and materials. It has Mrs. Henry's daughter and family, ed by Supt. C. A. Reynolds:

Page, Katherine Davis, Jeneatte thing happened except an occasion- loans and commitments in excess Class, Bobby Broad, all of McCul-Markham, Clara Lloyd Ochsner, al bombing. This lasted about of 40 billion dollars, and has acand Gloria Watson.

Juniors: Wanda Dannheim, Mary Lillian Ellington and Louise

Sophomores: Bill Lewis Humphrey, Patsy Ballew, Margaret

Hicks, and Joy Winters. Freshmen: Emily Ann Harper and Marselaine Patterson.

first of the week from Austin hospital, Saturday of last week. where she has been visiting with She is reported as recovering nice-Mr. Marshall, who is employed ly and was able to assume her

## LETTER—

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boys dropped their rifles in the Mrs. W. Irl Breedlove Adv. Mgr. water, the order kept coming, "get off, get off." We did not know at the post office at Eldorado, to wait long to find out. Just as Texas, under the Act of March 3, everyone was on the barge two the ship. Our anti-aircraft opened up on them, claiming one plane was shot down, but I didn't see it fected my eyesight, I don't know, Administrator. any way after we made shore, the poration which may appear in the down the road. Every time a snip- the President to have Mr. Wallace France on Dec. 25, 1944. columns of the Success will be er shot into us the Marines and in his cabinet and appoint another Before entering the service he brought to the attention of the opened up with everything from a ed by the Senate, to be Federal Survivors other than Mrs. Page in-

Mama, do you remember when I merly the case. was a little kid how I would try to run from lightening? Well, that was the same way I was try- tude of the work done by the Re-The following high school stu- not have you to hide behind, in- and its 10 subsidiaries. It has been through this kind of thing, then invested \$700,000,000 on synthetic Seniors: Donald Gholston, Paul moved on to the interior, there no- rubber plants alone. It has made Ann, Alfred and Seaman Third three or four months. Since then I counted for all its transactions. haven't seen any action at all.

the 27 months overseas.

UNDERGOES MINOR EYE

Miss Oma Ford underwent mi-Mrs. G. R. Marshall returned the nor eye surgery in a San Angelo regular duties in school this week.

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investment agencies of the government.

Normally, the Secretary of Entered as Second Class Matter what was coming, but did not have Commerce is entirely separate and BROTHER OF MRS. BOB PAGE | TWO REPORTING FOR apart from the job of being Federal Loan Administrator. The reaenemy planes came over straffing son Mr. Jones has handled both

It is now proposed to separate tion in Belgium on Jan. 7. game of hide and seek began in the two jobs and put them back Private First Class Brittain was Navy men spared no lead; they man, who would have to be approv- made his home in San Augustine. 30 caliber to a three-inch gun. Loan Administrator, as was for- clude two sisters and three broth-

ing to dodge bullets, except I did construction Finance Corporation

These Loan agencies are, there-I consider myself very lucky in fore, of crucial importance in the the States from the Philippine Is- was written on Jan. 15. economic life of the Nation. They use and disposition of these plants holder of several decorations. SURGERY LAST WEEK along with loan policies, can have business structure.

As the post-war period is approached, the commitments of our government in making loans and be of utmost importance. In that wise administration of those agencies could dissipate vast amounts a new assignment. of the taxpayers' money, by trying to be a sort of International Santa Claus.

For these reasons, I am one of the many who believe stricter controls should be placed by Congress over the loaning agencies.

All agree that whoever heads those agencies should be a man of proven business ability and of sound business judgment. That is especialy important at a time when our public debt will be upwards of 300 billion dollars.

MRS. J. E. TISDALE LEADER FOR W.S.C.S. BIBLE STUDY

to assume the duties of recording ing Cross with three clusters. secretary in the place of Mrs. Ben The couple are now at home at

for the meeting.

### WITH THE MEN IN SERVICE



DIES OF WOUNDS IN THIRD

ARMY PARATROOP DUTY Mrs. R. J. Page received word jobs is because in 1940 President Thursday of the death of a bro-Roosevelt got a law passed to per- ther, Private First Class Thomas mit that to be done so Jones could B. Brittain, about 27, who died in go down. Maybe excitement af- be in the cabinet and also be Loan an unannounced hospital Jan. 16 after having been wounded in ac-

earnest. Snipers were on all the where they were. One man can a Paratrooper attached to the 17th high points and the Battle of Anzu then devote his full time to the Air Borne Division of General Pattion of any person, firm or cor- was in full swing about 200 yards Loan agencies. That would enable ton's Third Army. He landed in

-(\*)-It is hard to visualize the magni- SAILOR, FORMER ELDORADO MAN, VISITED HERE THIS WEEK WITH FRIENDS

> Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Humphrey had as guests in their home during the past weekend, Mrs. Mae Hen-Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Broad, Patsy louch County.

> lansds, where he spent almost two

"Bo" formerly resided with Mr. ployed in the City Grocery for a time.

Naval Warrant Officer Robert advances to foreign countries will Page left Wednesday after a two- drivers along the West Coast. day visit here with his wife and regard the head of the Loan agen- parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Page. cies will have much power. An un- Page, who has been stationed at Camp Parks, Calif., is en route to

## Lt. Julian Carr And Eden Girl Married

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mary L. Smith, and Lt. Julian M. Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carr of

Brownwood. The bride is a daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. N. A. Hurst of Eden. Lieutenant Carr, a former resident of Eldorado, attended school here and is a graduate of the Pridy High School. He entered the serce December 1942, and finished Mrs. J. E. Tisdale was leader for as a Senior Pilot at Independence, the Bible Study when the Woman's Kansas, Nov. 3, 1943. He has re-Society of Christian Service met cently returned to the States from Monday afternoon at the Metho- the European theatre, and has been awarded the Presidential Ci-Mrs. J. F. Isaacs was appointed tation and the Distinguished Fly-

the Wylie Courts, San Angelo. There were 13 members present Lieutenant Carr is stationed at Goodfellow Field.

For Printing Call No. 77. News of service men? Call 77.

## NAVY DUTY SUNDAY

Bobby Barber and Gus Green are to leave Sunday to report for Naval service.

Both youths were graduates of the local high school last year and Barber attended Lubbock Tech and Green Hardin-Simmons the first semester this year.

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Cpl. Elton (Red) Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones, is in the Hawaiian Islands, after spending a 30-day leave in the States, according to a letter received by his <del>(\*)</del>-

Pvt. Jack Carriker of Camp Hood, spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Carriker. Jack just recently entered service. His. father is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, coming to Edorado from Marion, Ohio.

### SAMPLE BROTHERS ARE SEEING OVERSEAS DUTY

Mrs. Tom Johnson has received a letter from her nephew, Sgt. John Edgar Sample, informing her that Seaman Broad, known here as he has arrived safely overseas and 'Bo", has just recently returned to is somewhere in Italy. The letter

Sergeant Sample, a truck drivwill own thousands of industrial years, participating in several ma- er with the 10th Mountain Quarplants at the end of the war. The jor campaigns. The seaman is the termaster Battalion, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sample who now reside in Dallas, and is a much to do with the future of our and Mrs. Humphrey and was em- graduate of the Eldorado High School.

> Before going overseas, Jim Edgar was among a group of four truck drivers chosen as the best

> A brother, Seaman Jolly Sample writes that he is fine and is still stationed somewhere in the Solomon Islands.

# SUCCESS

-For Rent-

FOR RENT: Large, modern building in Eldorado. Formerly known as the Richey Self-Serve Grocery. If interested telephone 68 Sonora, or see Hicks Hall.

### —For Sale—

FOR SALE: 1941 Plymouth fourdoor Sedan. Good motor, tires and new paint. L. W. GARDNER, Jr., Box 73, Eldorado.

WANT TO TRADE: Home Comfort, wood or coal cook stove for liveoak wood. Stove in good condition with hot water heater. Apply at Success Office. (54p)

FOR SALE: Three Black Angus Bulls, one 6 1/2 months old, two 9 months old. See Mrs. W. L. Kinser, or call 6102.

FOR SALE: Household Furniture from the Methodist Parsonage. See Mrs. S. D. Harper, or telephone 77. (1c)

### —Personal—

IF YOU want to get married, write Box 358 Juliaetta, Idaho. Send (tf) stamp.

## **WOLFE'S ROSSBERRY** The New Berry Sensation



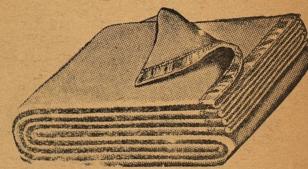
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OD IS MY CO-PILO Col. Robert L. Scott



CHAPTER XII

After following the Salween to the South until I could see Lashio, I turned West for the field and came in right on the treetops, strafing the anti-aircraft guns in two passes. On the second run across the field I felt and heard bullets hitting my ship, but didn't see their origin until nearly too late. Down close to the West end of the field, almost under the trees, were Japanese ground sol-They were grouped into two squares like the old Macedonian phalanx, and were firing rifles at me. I turned my guns on them and could see the fifty-calibre fire taking good toll from the Jap ranks. But even after I had made three runs on them, I noted that they continued to hold their positions, an excellent demonstration of perfect battle discipline. Later on one of the AVG aces, Tex Hill, told me that he had seen the same thing down in Thailand, and that after he'd strafed one of the squares of about a hundred men and there were only two or three on their feet, those few still were shooting at him when he left

Leaving Lashio, I went to Katha looking for a Jap train on the railway, but succeeded only in gathering a little more ground-fire. From there I went back North to Bhamo, and seeing no barges, continued on to Myitkyina, keeping very close to the surface of the Irrawaddy, and strafed the gun positions of the enemy on the field with the last of my ammunition. When I landed I had made almost eight hundred miles, which is just about the limit for a fighter ship, especially since I had strafed at full throttle for several minutes. There were a few holes in my ship, but mostly in the fabric of the rudder and the flippers. The Japs couldn't learn to lead me

In less than an hour I took off again and made a shorter trip to Mogaung and Katha, searching without success for a train. After getting more fuel I went back and strafed Myitkyina, turned South, and caught a barge of enemy equipment at Bhamo. Though I didn't sink this river boat, I put at least eight hundred rounds of ammunition in it, and left it settling in the water and drifting slowly with the current. The crew either were killed or jumped into the river.

And now, to close the big day, I got in the air again and set my course for the bridge on the Salween about twenty miles West of Paoshan. I had received a radio report that the AVG under Tom Jones, Bishop, and Tex Hill were dive-bombing the Japs who were constructing a pontoon bridge there. Reaching the rendezvous point, I couldn't see a thing except some burning trucks that the AVG had strafed on the Jap side of the Salween; evidently I had got to the bat-

I had turned South towards Lashio and was flying through a moderate rain when, down below on the Burma Road. I saw a troop column marching South, probably towards Chefang. At this point the Burma Road is about eight thousand feet above sea level, rising nearby to its ceiling, just over nine thousand feet.

The troops below me were Japanese soldiers, evidently retreating from the mauling they had taken back there on the river, when the AVG had bombed them with fivehundred-pound bombs. I turned to the side, to watch them-they were in heavy rain, and from the standpoint of their own safety they were in the worst possible place on the road. The Burma Road was cut out enough; I guess they'd never hunted of red Yunnan clay, and there were

steep banks on both sides of the column-besides I don't think they had heard me over the roar of the rain, and I know they hadn't seen ny ship.

I turned my gun switches on and love for the kill, sighting carefully hrough my lighted sight. My tracers struck the target dead center. or I had held my fire until the ast moment. There was no need of loing this job at high speed, for f I merely cruised I'd have longer so shoot at them and could also look out for the hills hidden in the rain and the clouds. This time there was 10 dust, but the red, muddy water went up like a geyser. The six Fifties seemed to cut the column to oits. As I passed over, I could see hose who hadn't been hit trying desperately to crawl up the muddy pank to the safety of the trees and slipping back.

Turning very close to the hills. I came back over. Every now and then I'd lose them, for the rain was neavy and it was dark in the clouds, so dark that my tracers burned briliant to the ground and then ricocheted away into the air again, still burning. I think it was in my third pass, as the Japs seemed to be giving up the effort to climb off the road, that I decided my ship would oe called "Old Exterminator."

Their officers must have called double-time, for they spread out as much as they could and ran South on the road through the rain. I kept on cutting them to pieces until my ammunition was gone; I fired 1,890 rounds into those three or four hundred Japanese, and I don't think more than a handful escaped.

Rather tired from ten hours' flying that day, all combat, I went back home excited but somewhat on the thoughtful side. It had taken me about two weeks of flying this ship to realize what a weapon it really was. I had just seen it cut a Japanese battalion to bits, had seen the firepower of one American airplane leave three or four hundred dead and dying enemy soldiers in the mud of the Burma Road. As I listened to the roar of that Allison engine and patted the gun-sight affection-"Old Exterminator" was more than ever a character to meit was an institution. I knew right then that this ship was almost a human being.

As the May days drifted into weeks, I made up little schemes to fool the Japs. Perhaps the schemes worked, perhaps they didn't-anyway they eased the disappointment of not getting letters from my wife and little girl and from the other folks back home.

I'd make my two, three, or four mission flights a day with the fighter. But I'd go early in the mornwith the spinner on the "shark's" nose painted white, and I'd attack Lashio or Mogaung from the South. Later in the morning I'd strike from the West, with the spinner painted blue. After lunch the eager painters or my drafted crewmen would have the spinner another color for my flight. By the time I made the fourth sortie, with the spinner a fourth color and my approach from a fourth direction, I'm sure the Japs didn't know where I came from—and most certainly

fighter force in Assam was composed of one single Kittyhawk. If they had, they would have been forced to do something to "save face." For at the moment, with me drunk with the wine of my first combat, the Jap was losing face.

During this month I went to China as much as possible to talk to members of the AVG. Some of these pilots I had taught to fly in the Army Schools back home. I had checked quite a few of them and I was older, but I'm glad I realized then



Symbol of the American Volunteer Group "Flying Tigers" which made aerial combat history over China and Burma when the Japs were having their inning. The AVG was later inducted into the Army Air Corps, with General Claire Chennault as commander.

that these younger pilots knew a million times more about combat than I did. I'd corner some of these Flying Tigers and ask them questions, for I longed for the day when I'd get to fly on attacking missions with them.

At first they were hard to know The men they had met as representing our Army in China had been pretty harsh with these high-strung flyers, who after all had done the greatest job in the war against the enemy. In the beginning they were reluctant to answer my questions or tell me the secrets of their success in combat. They couldn't understand why a Colonel in the Army Air Corps had to know anything. As George Paxton put it: Didn't the Army know everything? "Seems like to me," he said, "every army officer we've seen out here knows all the answers."

When he found out that I was serious, and that my ambition was to get over there and fly with them, and learn combat from them, so that in the end I might teach it to our younger pilots who would be coming out, he told me things that I would never have learned otherwise.

"First," he said, leading me off under the wing of one of the P-40's, "first, the Old Man says, never turn with one of the Zeros. He says that's bad."

I learned that the Jap ship would outmaneuver anything and would outclimb the P-40 four to one. "But that doesn't matter," Paxton said. the world. It's heavy as hell, but that makes it out-dive just about anything, and it'll out-dive the Jap two to one. With those two Fifties and the four thirty-caliber guns in the B's we have done pretty good. Now with the six Fifties in the new Kittyhawks we out-gun anything."

He told me that Hill, Rector, Bond, Neal, Lawler, and other aces had seen Zeros disintegrate in front of their six Fifties, and went on to advise that I use the good qualities of the P-40's against the bad qualities of the Jap, but never try to beat him at his own game-climbing and ma-

neuverability.

Paxton did me a lot of good-he got me my first flight with the AVG on the Emperor's birthday. But the Jap didn't come in. We were the most griped bunch you've ever seen Everyone up and waiting at three a m .- and then the dirty so-andso's didn't have the guts to come in!

I heard a story on George Paxton that will show you the kind of tough Texan he was. It was down over Rangoon, near Mingaladon airdrome, in the early days of the Burma war. Doctor Gentry, who told me the story, said that the squadron

George was in was aloft and engaging the Japanese over the field. Looking upstairs, you could see the condensation streamers criss-crossing the sky, and every now and then a trail of smoke as a Jap Zero burned and plunged towards the earth.

Finally eight or nine Zeros ganged up on George Paxton. They got on his tail and they got all over him. He fought his way partially out of the trap, but two of them right on his tail literally shot him to pieces. George's ship was seen to trail smoke and dive straight down, from about fifteen thousand feet. Doctor Gentry said they watched the stricken Forty and knew who it was by the number. As it disappeared behind the trees they mentally crossed the boy Paxton off their list of liv-

But George and the sturdy P-40 were not through. There was the surging scream of an Allison engine's last boost, and the ship skimmed over the trees and made a belly landing on the soft part of the field. Even then, considering the number of Japs who had been using George for target practice and the way the ship looked, with big holes in the tail, wings, and fuselage, as they drove out for him in the jeep they expected to find just a

Instead, they found George Paxton standing by the side of his ship, swearing and shaking his fist at the

Doctor Gentry said he looked into the cockpit. The instrument panel was just about shot away, the rudder pedals were partly shot to pieces, the armor of the pilot's seat was badly bent-but Paxton was out there yelling:

"I still say those little snakes can't shoot!"

Even his Texas boots were practically shot off. Two doctors picked rivets from George's back all the afternoon, and Jap explosive particles from his feet, legs and hands. The worst injuries had been caused by the Japanese explosive bullets hitting the seat armor and driving the rivets through into George's back. But for the armor, those explosives would have been in Paxton's back, instead of just the rivets.

On May 17, I flew with the AVG on mission from Kunming into Indo-China. Squadron Leader Bishop led the attack. I flew the wing position with R. T. Smith, one of the aces of the Flying Tigers and one of the pilots I remembered checking during his training days at Santa Maria, California.

We got off the Kunming field with our fighters and headed South over the lakes at twelve thousand feet. In a few minutes we passed Mengtze and the clouds thinned out and the weather got pretty clear. We went just about over Laokay, on the Chinese-Indo-China border. Then we followed the River Rouge through the very crooked gorge in the mountains, on South towards Hanoi.

Just about halfway between the border and Hanoi we saw a train coming North on the railroad. Bishop led four of us down to strafe it while the other four stayed at twelve thousand for top-cover. We circled over the train as we spiralled down to attack, and while the speed of the dive built up I got my gunswitch on and tried to trim the ship for the increasing speed.

As we levelled off and went in for the kill, I saw Bishop's tracers hitting the engine. By the time I got there-in number two position, on Bishop's wing now-the white steam was spraying from the punctured boiler. I saw the engineer and fireman jump from the locomotive, and as we went on down the cars, shooting into them, I saw Jap soldiers and probably Vichy French civilians jumping off too. We came back and set some of the cars on fire. It was a cinch now, for the train had stopped and was no longer weaving through the narrow curves of the gorge.

While the boys talked to one another, we re-formed and I heard Bishop say, "Let's bomb the railroad yards at Laokay with our frags." (Fragmentation bombs.) I thought then that was wrong, for we had alerted Laokay as we flew over and they were probably listening to us and would be waiting for us.

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"The object of the Crusade for inner life of the members of the headings. Methodist Church, and the extenyou give to the world and to those launched now because of the des- McBurnett site this week. This Iothink life is for and what the not only in Europe and Asia, but wildcat located east of the Page nities because of the stress and was reported to be at 3,985 feet. Sunday School and Preaching, strain of the war pariod. It is em. Training Union and Preaching, The program does plan some re- using some 3,500 barrels of crude hospitals destroyed or badly refinery through pipeline from bombed by the war machine, but their own wells in the Illinois Oil To all who live in our town and that is only because these struc- Basin.

There are five major causes which are being emphasized It is our hope all our people will through the Crusade, says Mr hear the Baptist Hour on your Ra- Faust. One of these is the rehabilitation and relief of sufferers from Can you be counted upon and de- the war-mostly innocent victims to render to these people there is being raised a fund of \$25,000,000 among the seven and a half million The Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Faust Methodist of the United States. ing raised by the Eldorado Methbeing raised or secured, and the goal will be reached shortly.

Another phase of this crusade is The Fausts were accompanied as the effort, begun more than two molding of public opinion, especially with relation to cooperation Don't send your printing out-of- among the nations of the world for will be just and permanent. It is felt that heretofore the church has not spoken enough and acted unitedly enough to influence the government's attitude toward proposed movements of this kind that affect the lives of millions of people attendance at the Sunday Schools. tioned at La Junta, Colo. Juvenile delinquency being partly caused by lack of religious traintheir lives, and their professions."

## Supper, Council Given

Methodists Youths Mesdames F. B. Faust and W. Irl Breedlove were hostesses at a supper for the Methodist Youth Fellowship Tuesday evening of last week in the basement of the Methodist Church.

It was voted by the group to make a donation of \$30.00 to the Methodist Crusade and World Serice, and to have a banquet at a later date with District Superintendent F. H. Hamner of San Angelo as guest speaker.

A round table discussion was held on ways of improving the Youth Fellowship and enlarging its membership. There were some 15 guests present.

JUNIORS FETED WITH DANCE AT SCOUT LODGE RECENTLY Members of the Junior Class of

the local high school were enter-

tained with a dance at the Scout Lodge Tuesday evening, Jan. 23. Frosted cokes and cake were ooys from the Sophomore class.

served and guests included several Chaperones were Mmes. J. F. Runge, Carl Ellington, John Wilams and Miss Avis Deavers.

## Among The Derricks

A false rumor here the first of the week circulated a report that the No. 1-E Page was producing a The Official Board of the Metho- heavy oil output, but according to dist Church has voted to join with a later report it was failing in a other Methodist Churches in this second attempt to acidize the oil state and throughout the nation in bearing section of the Strawn lime promoting a "Crusade for Christ" at a depth of from 5,601 to 5,609 which will be in operation from feet and operators were considernow until 1948, according to the ing sealing off perforations in a liner between 5,480 and 5,510 feet opposite gas horizon before trying further to treat the oil zone which Christ," says Mr. Faust, "is ba- staged heading of 15 to 20 barrels sically the strengthening of the daily through perforations in three

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### God Is My Co-Pilot—

(Continued From Page Four) That didn't matter, though; we'd get the railroad yards and some of the anti-aircraft crews too, if they didn't

We spiralled down to bomb the target and I saw Bishop's bombs hit dead center on the round-house. Then I dropped mine. Just at that instant Bishop's fighter belched fire and smoke, and I saw him slide his canopy open and jump. His chute opened so close in front of my ship that I pulled up for fear I'd run into it. I hung there for what seemed like hours, with my air speed indicating three hundred miles an hour, while black bursts of anti-aircraft fire broke all around me. The ship just seemed to stand still, but I saw Bishop floating down towards the river that was the boundary between China and Indo-China. At the very last moment, as I got my nose down and got out of the center of the anti-aircraft, I saw an unlucky wind blow the chute back to the Indo-Chinese or Jap side of the river, and Bishop was captured. We heard from him tater that he was really a prisoner of the French and was getting along all right.

We re-formed North of Laokay and went back to Kunming. General Chennault said that the train wasn't worth Bishop-we should have left Laokay alone.

(TO BE CONTINUED) Willie L. Bride the world over. Other emphasis of rived last Friday for a 15-day the Crusade call for the greatly furlough with his parents, Mr. and increasing of the enrollment and Mrs. B. O. Bridgeman. He is sta-

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