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We had never read anywhere or heard the statement that the city of Waco furnished five general officers to the Confederate Army until we read Roger N. Conger's introduction to the newly-published "Gaines' Hill to Appamattox," by Col. H. B. Simpson. Mr. Conger, an eminently qualified historian and perhaps the outstanding authority on Waco's history, made the statement in his scholarly introduction to the story of Waco and McLennan county in Hood's Texas Brigade which the Texian Press of Waco recently brought out.

This is quite an enviable contribution for a town the size Waco must have been during the Civil War, so we asked Mr. Conger to supply names and facts concerning these five men who rose to high military rank in Confederate Army. According to Mr. Conger Waco's Confederate generals were Thomas Harrison and his brother James E. Harrison, Alison Nelson, Hiram G. Granbury, and Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Harrison, an attorney by profession, had been a member of a regiment commanded by Jefferson Davis in the Mexican War. He came to Waco in 1855, was a member of the State Militia, campaigned against the Indians and was with Texas State troops at the surrender of the U. S. Forces at Camp Cooper in 1861. General Harrison was a member of the famed Terry's Texas Rangers and served in Hood's Brigade. He was distinguished many times for bravery and after the War, served as a district judge in Waco for a number of years.

Brig. Gen. James E. Harrison, a prominent planter of the Brazos bottom below Waco, served two terms in the Mississippi state senate before moving to Waco in 1857. He was a member of the secession convention in Austin and entered the Confederate service as a member of the 15th Texas Infantry, the unit with which he spent almost all his army career.

Brig. Gen. Allison Nelson, a former mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, was a member of the secession convention in Austin and cast Waco's ballot in that decision. He was instrumental in raising the 10th Texas Infantry Regiment and was elected to command the unit with the rank of colonel. He was killed in action at Pea Ridge, Ark., in October 1863.

Brigadier Gen. Hiram B. Granbury was also a member of Hood's Brigade and was one of six Confederate general officers killed or mortally wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., on Nov. 30, 1864. Twenty-nine years after his death, General Granbury's remains were removed from their burial spot in Tennessee to the town of Granbury in Hood county which was named in his honor.

Brig. Gen. Lawrence Sullivan Ross was one of the youngest and most distinguished Texas generals to come out of the War. He was only 27 years old when the war ended but had participated in 135 battles and skirmishes, had had 5 horses shot from under him, and had been commended by such notables as J. E. Johnston, Van Dorn, Hardee, Forrest, S. D. Lee, and W. H. Jackson.

Prior to the outbreak of the War, he had gained distinction as a Texas Indian fighter, had "rescued" Cynthia Ann Parker from the Comanches and killed her husband, Peta Nocono. After the War, he served as sheriff of McLennan county, state legislator, governor of Texas and the first president of Texas A&M College.

According to Mr. Conger, five other Wacoans reached the rank of colonel in the Confederate army. They were Joseph W. Speight, Richard Coke, E. J. Gurley, P. F. Rose, and W. A. Taylor. Quite a reputation for Waco's fighting men to live up to.

We wish some of our readers would tell us something about Maj. Horace Haldeman, a native of Pennsylvania who served as a lieutenant in the Eighth U. S. Infantry at Fort Gates, near Gatesville, in 1849. Haldeman resigned from the Army about 1858 and took up residence near Troy, was offered a commission as a colonel in the U. S. Army by Secretary of War Simon Cameron at the outbreak of hostilities, but chose instead to cast his lot with his adopted state.

When the news of General Lee's surrender reached Major Haldeman, he brought his artillery command back to his ranch in Bell county—after first sinking his cannon in Red River—and gave each man a written discharge. It is said of him that he always boasted that Haldeman's Battery never surrendered.

Major Haldeman lived in Belton for a time and we are interested in locating someone who knows of his family or the family of Mrs. Eugenia Haldeman Oppeheimer of Austin, the major's daughter.

Recommended Reading for This Week: One can hardly speak of Waco, as we have done in the foregoing space, without speaking also of W. M. Morrison, the intrepid book man and collector of Texana who makes his home there. Mr. Morrison, who does a bit of publishing now and then, has done Civil War buffs a favor by bringing out a book entitled "Texas Book Prices" which readers of this column will find useful in determining the value of their Civil War Texas books and in locating helpful reference works. The introduction is written by another well-known bookman and collector of Texana, Herbert Fletcher of Salado.

Morrison also has out two other items which we have found unusual and helpful. These are "Confederate Postmasters in Texas," a listing by Grover C. Ramsey which names the postmasters in Belton and Farmersville, two of the towns where newspapers carry this column; and "Leon County CSA Sketches" by Captain W. D. Wood, a reprint of a book originally published in San Marcos in 1899.

Less specialized readers will find McGraw Hill's "Two Roads to Sumter" by William and Bruce Catton a fascinating study of the North and South in the decade just prior to the Civil War. The first collaboration between Bruce Catton and his son Willia, "Two Roads to Sumter" traces the-march of North and South to war through the lives of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis.

**Miss Margo Mittel Honored With Shower**

Miss Margo Mittel, bride-elect of Wm H. Harrison Jr., a lieutenant in the U. S. Army stationed at El Paso and a native of Columbus, Texas, was honored with a coffee and bridal shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ratliff last Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:00.

The serving table was covered with a cut-work linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of white pompon mums flanked by a white umbrella.

Alternating at the silver coffee service were Mrs. Ronnie Mittel, Miss Judy McGregor and Miss Martha Ellen Topliffe, Miss Nancy Jo Jackson and Miss Becky Mund registered the guests.

Hostesses assisting Mrs. Ratliff were Mrs. W. H. Hale, Mrs. Oliver Teele, Mrs. Henry Moore, Mrs. E. H. Topliffe, Mrs. John Stigler, Mrs. R. D. Johnson, Mrs. Joe Christian, Mrs. Ed Meador, and Mrs. J. T. Jackson, Jr.

About 70 guests called during the hours, some from San Angelo and Sonora besides the ones from Eldorado.

**Home Demonstration Council Meets**

The Home Demonstration Council met in the conference room of the Southwest Texas Electric Co-operative building, with nine members and the agent present.

The president, Mrs. Roy Boynton, presided.

The roll call was answered by: "What I did today, before coming to the council."

Council voted to sponsor a county-wide picnic Aug. 2, followed by a bake sale and games. There will also be a white elephant table.

Next council meeting will be on July 5th. —Mrs. J. Tom Williams.

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### Jackson-Stanford Wedding Solemnized



MRS. JOE RAY STANFORD

The ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson of Eldorado was the setting, on Friday, June 7th, at 6:00 p.m., for the wedding of their daughter, Nancy Jo, and Joe Ray Stanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truett C. Stanford of Eldorado.

The ceremony was performed by Dan Sebesta, minister of the First Presbyterian church, Eldorado.

The bride was attended by Miss Jean Pietsch of Houston as maid of honor.

Albert Stanford, Chickasha, Oklahoma, brother of the bridegroom was best man.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of shell pink peau de soie and chiffon featuring a deep V neck line and draped bodice. A shell pink band of chiffon petals held the short veil of French illusion. Her shoes, peau de soie were of matching color. She wore a heart shaped pendant of diamonds, gift of her father.

The bride carried a colonial bouquet of white carnations centered with a large white orchid.

Bill Rucker, Nacogdoches, soloist and Miss Judy Hext, Eldorado, organist, provided nuptial music.

Following the reading of the marriage vows, a reception was held in the home. Members of the house party were Mrs. W. W. Jackson, Mrs. Edwin Jackson and Mrs. Dan Sebesta. Miss Sandra Smith of Houston presided at the bride's book.

The bride is a graduate of the Eldorado High school and Austin College at Sherman where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, January of this year. She is a member of Theta Phi

Mrs. Susan Steele and James Storrs are attending summer school at East Texas State College at Commerce.

Delta social sorority, served two years on the Student Senate, was secretary of the dormitory council, named on the dean's list, and was secretary and state representative of the Students National Education Association. She was a teacher this past semester in the Midland school system.

The bridegroom was graduated from Eldorado High school and received a degree in May from the School of Music, Baylor University at Waco. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha, national music fraternity. He was president of the Chamber Singers, in the Baylor Opera for two years, in the A Capella Choir and the Oratoria Chorus.

Mr. Stanford is minister of music at the First Baptist church in Hamilton.

After a wedding trip to New Mexico, the couple will reside in Waco, where he will attend graduate school at Baylor University.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Joe Jackson, Sr., grandmother of the bride, of Menard; Mrs. W. W. Jackson, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stanford, Fay Marie of Chickasha, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Truett Kent Stanford, Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford, Wichita Falls.

The bride was honored by the Women of the Presbyterian Church with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. John Williams.

Other parties included a miscellaneous shower in Hamilton, given by the First Baptist choir; a breakfast in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Edwin Jackson, and a coffee given by Mrs. Arch Mittel and daughter Margo.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boyer of San Angelo visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyer and Danny.

Mary Dyer, who has been a student at Colorado State University at Fort Collins, is home spending the summer with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Dyer.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Van Dusen last week end were Mrs. Van Dusen's mother, Mrs. W. L. Reed of Yantis, Texas, and her brother, Donald Reed, his wife and daughter, Sherril Ann from Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ruth Williams, Mrs. L. T. Wilson and Mrs. Nan Montgomery visited sick friends in the Sonora hospital Sunday afternoon. They visited Mrs. B. K. Cheek, Ernest Hill, and Mrs. Wiley Logan of Sonora. Mrs. Logan is Mrs. Wilson's sister-in-law and the mother of Fred Logan of Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker have returned from Estes Park, Colorado, where they went with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hampton of Dallas. They also visited in Fort Stockton where they attended Jackie Shugart's graduation, and in El Paso where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Baker.

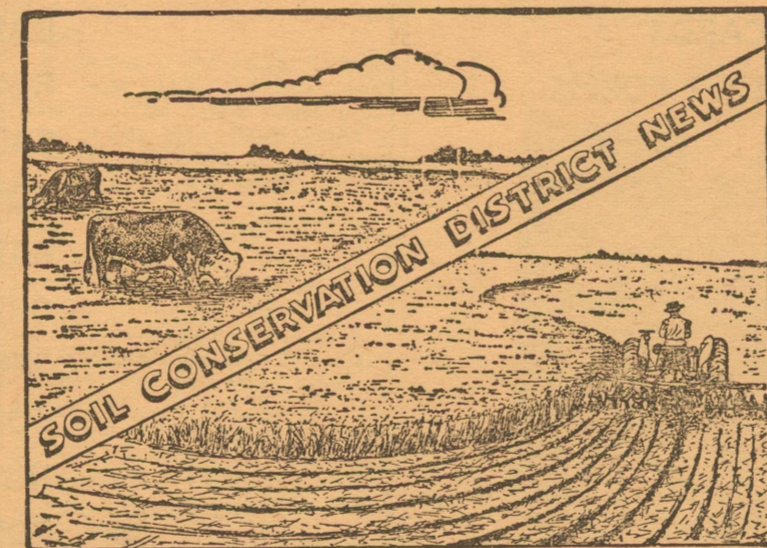
The Kimble-Menard county singing convention will meet Sunday, June 16, at the London community hall at 9:00 a.m. for all day singing with dinner on the ground. Each lady to bring a cake or salad stated Mrs. Frank Schuessler.

Jenice Rowe is spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Erwin. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rowe, Vicki and Bobby, plan to join her July 3rd at Sentinel, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Long left early Monday morning for Quanah to attend the funeral of John L. Jesse, 80, an uncle of Mrs. Long. The funeral was held on Tuesday in the First Baptist church at Quanah. The Longs expected to be back home Wednesday night.

Mrs. Dan Turman and children, Deanna, Ronnie and Lynn of Odessa visited Mrs. Turman's mother, Mrs. Hattie Martin, all last week. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sessums and baby from San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Robinson and children, Robbie, Claud and Sydney over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sessums and family are moving to Odessa this week end to make their home. Tommy has accepted a job with the Ralph Clark Development Co. He has been employed by the Clovis Taylor Oil Co. here and will finish his work with them this week.



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The leveling of 40 acres of irrigation land was checked for completion on Melvin H. Crabb's irrigated land last week. The work was started in March and was delayed by machinery break down and rain.

The purpose of the land leveling was to alter to a planned grade the topography of the land in such a manner to obtain efficient use of irrigation water and to make efficient use of rainfall, prevent erosion, and facilitate proper soil and water management.

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### Miss Phelps Wins I In State In Vocal



TERRY PHELPS

Mrs. Oliver Teele, director of the high school choral groups, took the students who had won rating I in Regional Music Competition Festival in San Angelo in February to the State Vocal and Piano Contest in Austin June 10. In vocal contest Terry Phelps won I, George Draper III, Bob Lester III, and in piano Mary Ann Page won III and Kay Peters III.

These pupils did a fine job. They were competing in vocal with 115 students and in piano there were 50 contestants. The state only gives five first places in vocal and three firsts in piano. They grade very hard.

The accompanists were Mrs. James Page for Terry Phelps, Judy Hext for Bob Lester, and Terry Phelps for George Draper.

Mrs. Peters went with Mrs. Page to Waco on Sunday to get the students who were at the Baylor Music Camp, and brought them over to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Mittel and Margo visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevens at their farm near Leander Monday night. Carl's condition seems to be about the same.

Mrs. Maud Courtney of Fort Worth and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Courtney of Hearst, and Raymond Wilson of Dallas, visited the Halberts last week. Mrs. Courtney is Jack Halbert, Sr.'s, sister.

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### BACK FROM SHORT COURSE

Elvis Parker was in Dallas last Thursday and Friday where he attended a 16-hour course in automobile air conditioners conducted by the Ford company. He also took five hours of instruction in alternators.

Parker is employed as mechanic at Joe Gault Ford Sales here in Eldorado.

Mrs. John Michalski Jr. and children, Sandra Kay and Mike of San Antonio are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Moore this week. They were accompanied to Eldorado by John Michalski Jr. and his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Michalski Sr. who spent the week end and returned to San Antonio Monday. Other guests in the Moore home for the week end were a niece, Mrs. George Wilcoxson and children, Paul and Mary Kay from El Paso.

### PETE LOGAN GOES TO MEMPHIS

Lewis Fuller "Pete" Logan left last Friday for Memphis, Tenn., where he will be stationed with the U. S. Navy.

Pete graduated from boot camp on May 23 after completing the training at the U. S. Naval Station at San Diego, California, and came home for the two weeks before reporting at the next duty station.

He is the son of J. M. Logan of Sonora, and the grandson of J. F. Logan of Sonora and Mrs. L. T. Wilson of Eldorado.

Jim Simpson has moved back to his house here.

R. L. Stanley is new in Eldorado and has rented the Jack Halbert house.

James Williams and son Keith have been fishing on Upper Lake this week.

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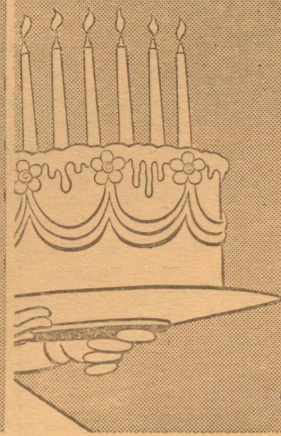
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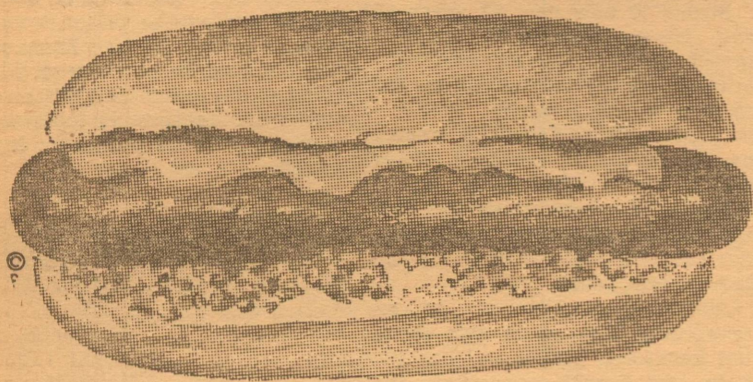
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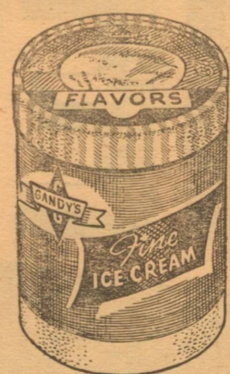
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