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Dr. W. H. Elkins to Speak at Meeting Of Scout Leaders

Ozona Rotary Hosts To Ranch Dist. Scouters in Gym Tonight

Dr. Wilson H. Elkins, president of San Angelo College, will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of Boy Scout leaders from eight towns in the Ranch District to be held in Ozona tonight, Thursday, in the high school gymnasium.

More than a hundred visitors from Menard, Junction, Sonora, Rocksprings, Roosevelt and Eldorado, Scout leaders and their wives, are expected to be here for the annual meeting. Reports of the year's work in Scouting in the district will be heard from the different troop representatives attending the meeting and officers for the coming year will be named.

Dr. Elkins who will address the assembly, was a student of the University of Texas where he lettered in football, basketball and track for three years. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees there. He was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in England receiving the degrees of B. Litt. and the Ph. D. Returning to Texas he taught there in the University for two years. He has been president of the San Angelo College since 1938.

The arrangements committee composed of E. D. Stringer, Sonora, Jerry Pennington, Eldorado and Frank James, Ozona, are anticipating a large crowd. Scout leaders and their wives are to be the guests of the Ozona Rotary Club and Rotary Anns, for a barbecue supper which will begin at 7:30 in the evening in the gymnasium of the high school.

H. C. Grafa, President of the Council and Jack Hodges, Executive will be in attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. Hubert Baker Named President Of Woman's Club

Officers Named at Annual Meeting of Group Tuesday

Mrs. Hubert Baker was named president of the Ozona Woman's Club for the 1945-46 club season when the group met in January session Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Baggett, with Mrs. Hugh Childress assisting Mrs. Baggett as hostess.

Mrs. P. T. Robison was elected as first vice president of the club, and Mrs. A. E. Deland was named second vice president. Mrs. Lowell Littleton was chosen recording secretary; Mrs. Joe Pierce, corresponding secretary; Miss Elizabeth Fussell, treasurer; Mrs. N. W. Graham, historian, and Mrs. L. B. Cox, parliamentarian. These officers will be installed at the last meeting of the club in May and will assume their duties with the opening of the new season in the fall.

A Bible program was presented following the business session. Roll call was answered with a favorite Bible quotation. Mrs. Neal Hannah led in singing a hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." Mrs. Carl Colwick reviewed the book, "The Brother" by Dorothy Clark Wilson, a story of the life of James, the brother of Christ.

Mrs. James Mitchell was elected to membership in the club. Present for the meeting were Mrs. Carl Colwick, Mrs. Lowell Littleton, Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. J. H. Henslee, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Mrs. Early Baggett, Mrs. Morris Dudley, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. V. I. Pierce, Mrs. Hubert Baker, Mrs. Lee Childress, Mrs. J. M. Baggett, Mrs. Hugh Childress, Mrs. Neal Hannah, Mrs. Chas. Williams, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. Bill Cooper and Mrs. G. L. Nesrsta.



SCOUT MEET SPEAKER—Dr. Wilson H. Elkins, president of the San Angelo College, will be the principal speaker here tonight at a meeting of Boy Scout leaders from the Ranch District. Ozona Rotary Club members will entertain the visiting Scouters with a barbecue supper in the high school gymnasium starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Birthday Ball Benefit Paralysis Drive Here Feb. 1

Dime Boxes for Local Contributions to Be Set up Soon

Under the direction of Frank James, Crockett county chairman of the March of Dimes and president's Birthday celebration, for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis control, plans are being made for full participation by this county in the 1945 drive for funds to combat the dread disease.

As the climax for the local campaign, a President's Birthday Ball will be staged in the district courtroom of the courthouse on Thursday evening, February 1, with Harrison's Texans, San Angelo orchestra, providing the music. All proceeds above actual expenses of the dance will go into this county's drive quota.

As has been done in previous years, collection boxes will be placed in downtown places of business for the March of Dimes contributions. Ozonans are urged to support this campaign liberally. There will be no personal solicitation, but all contributions for the dime boxes will go into the fund.

The appointment of Mrs. Gertrude Perry of Ozona, as Treasurer of the Crockett County Committee for the March of Dimes and celebration of the President's birthday was announced by Geo. Waverly Briggs, vice chairman of the Texas State Committee from state headquarters in Dallas. Mrs. Alvin Harrell of Ozona, was appointed vice director for women's work. The appointment of Frank James as Director was previously announced.

The celebrations, Jan. 14 to 31, will mark the twelfth annual campaign to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis. Of the funds raised here, fifty per cent will remain in the county to direct assistance to local victims of infantile paralysis, and for preparedness against a possible epidemic here, while the other half will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for national research toward eventual eradication of the dread disease.

Ozona Theatre will again join in the drive with collections after each performance from Jan. 25 to 30th, Mrs. B. B. Adwell, manager, has announced.

Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, Jr., and her mother, Mrs. C. L. McDonald, and Tom Kincaid, left Friday for Dallas where they were to meet Captain Kincaid, who was to be in Dallas on Army business from his station at Camp Claiborne, La. Mrs. McDonald also planned to visit another daughter, Mrs. C. B. Baxter and family in Comanche.

Mrs. Bill Littleton and Sue spent the week-end with Mrs. Littleton's mother, Mrs. B. B. Ingham and other relatives.

Ten Teams Line Up for Ozona's Annual Tourney

Opening Game at 2 Fri., Lions Face Big Lake in Opener

With ten teams from as many West Texas high schools lined up to compete for handsome trophies offered to winners and runners up in two brackets and a total of thirteen games scheduled in five sessions, basketball fans of Ozona and surrounding area are in for a game feast this week-end when Ozona unfolds her fourteenth annual invitational basketball tournament in the high school gymnasium.

Teams to participate in the meet here Friday and Saturday include Iraan, McCamey, Fort Stockton, Sonora, Barnhart, Eldorado, Big Lake, Rocksprings Rankin and Ozona.

The tournament will get under way at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon with the Rankin Red Devils and the Rocksprings Angoras tangling in the opening rounds opener at that hour. Opening round games will continue through the Friday afternoon and evening sessions, with one first-round game left for the Saturday morning session.

Coach L. B. T. Sikes' undefeated Ozona Lions, winners of the Eldorado tournament and victors over every team they have faced so far this season, are bracketed to go against the Big Lake Owls in their opening round game at 7:30 Friday night. The Lions have taken two games during the past week from the Owls by top-heavy scores, last Friday night in Big Lake by a count of 44 to 13 and Tuesday night on the local court by a 56 to 26 margin. If they can do it a third time in the week-end tournament, they will enter the semi-finals against the winner of the first-round battle between Rankin and Rocksprings.

The tournament will be divided into five sessions, Friday afternoon, Friday evening, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night, the championship finals and presentation of awards slated for the Saturday night closing session.

Admission charges will be 10 cents for students and 25 cents for adults for each separate session. No season tickets will be offered for sale. Doors will open 30 minutes before the opening game in each session, the session hours being 1:30 to 5:30 Friday afternoon and 7 to 10 Friday evening; Saturday morning 8:30 to 1, Saturday afternoon 8:30 to 1, Saturday afternoon (Continued on Last Page)

All Fall Mohair On Storage Here Moved in Sale

Guy Burton Buyer of Approximately 165,000 Pounds of Hair

Approximately 165,000 pounds of fall mohair, the entire accumulation in the warehouse of the Ozona Wool & Mohair Co. here, was moved out this week in a sale to Guy Burton, buyer for Forte, Dupree and Sawyer Co. of Boston, Melvin Brown, manager, announced.

The local purchase was part of a total tonnage of approximately a half million pounds purchased by Burton and C. J. Weber of Kerrville, another buyer for the same Boston firm, from warehouses in Ozona, Lampasas, Goldthwaite and Brady.

The purchases, first since a buying flurry at the beginning of the year, cut the accumulation of 1944 fall mohair in Texas warehouses to an estimated half million pounds remaining unsold. Prices paid will net the growers 55 cents for the adult hair and 75 cents for kid hair, it was reported.

Orders were also reported out for contracts on the 1945 spring clips at the same figure, but no local contracting had been reported this week.



HOLDS REVIVAL HERE—Jess Hall, minister of the Church of Christ in El Paso, will preach during a revival meeting at the Church of Christ in Ozona February 4th through February 11th it was announced here this week by church leaders. Mr. Hall is one of the church's outstanding ministers in this area and Ozonans are extended a cordial invitation to hear him during the meeting here.

El Paso Minister To Hold Revival Meet Here Feb. 4

Jess Hall to Preach at Church of Christ Meeting

Jess Hall, minister of the Church of Christ in El Paso, and one of the outstanding leaders of that church in the West Texas area, will hold a revival meeting at the Church of Christ in Ozona beginning February 4 and continuing through February 11, it was announced by church leaders here this week.

Since the Ozona Church of Christ has been without a minister for several months since the resignation of Warren E. Starnes, members are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the coming week-long revival services here. Invitations are being sent out to members and friends of the church throughout the surrounding territory and good crowds are expected for the revival.

Services will be held twice daily during the revival period, afternoon services at 4 p.m. and evening services beginning at 8 o'clock. John G. Hufstetler will direct the song services, it has been announced.

S-Sgt. W. C. Brock, Jr. In Leyte Rest Camp After 36 Days Combat

S/Sgt. W. C. (Sonny) Brock, Jr., paratrooper attached to General MacArthur's forces now wreaking vengeance on the Japs in the South Pacific, was sent to a rest camp in the landing beach area of Leyte island after being in combat for 36 days, he wrote his mother in a letter received here last week.

Sgt. Brock wrote under date of January 2, when he was returned to the rest area after the 36-day grind against the Japs in the interior of Leyte, presumably in the Ormoc Bay area, where the Jap garrison on the island made their last desperate stand during the fall and early winter months.

Christmas dinner, consisting of K rations, was eaten in a foxhole with dead Japs, too long dead, littering the surrounding area, the Ozona lad wrote. The odor, he said, did not add much to the K ration "banquet."

SON TO MOORES

Leslie Britt Moore is the name given the 8-pound-6-ounce boy born in a San Angelo hospital Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Moore of Ozona. Mr. Moore is local wholesale agent for the Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Mrs. Ladd Hoover and son, John from Hattisburg, Miss., visited here recently with Elam Dudley and family. Mrs. Hoover's husband, Major Ladd Hoover, is serving with the Army Medical Corps in the European theatre of war.

BYRD PHILLIPS, 17, AWARDED CARNEGIE HERO'S MEDAL FOR SAVING LIFE OF COMPANION

National Recognition Given Ozona Lad Who Bulldogged Frightened Horse to Save Companion, Draggin at Rope's End

Announcement was made yesterday in Pittsburgh, Pa., of award of the bronze medal for heroism to Arthur Byrd Phillips, 17, Ozona High School senior, in recognition of his heroic action on July 14, 1943, in saving the life of a companion, Neal J. Reed of Sterling City.

Young Phillips, then 15 years of age, earned the hero's medal by a daring feat of horsemanship that rivalled anything ever dreamed up by the creators of the Western movie thrillers.

Dr. A. R. Watson, 89 Father of Ozonan, Dies in Brownwood

Pioneer Churchman Formerly Pastor of Ozona Church

BROWNWOOD, Jan. 19.—Dr. Allen Richie Watson, 89, former Texas legislator and for 65 years a Baptist minister, died here today.

Dr. Watson was the first student to enroll in Howard Payne College, which he was instrumental in establishing.

The pioneer churchman was born at Hot Springs, Ark., in 1855 and came to Texas in 1874. Ordained in 1882, he later organized 20 churches.

Representing Mills and Hamilton Counties, Dr. Watson was a member of the state legislature from 1912 to 1916. He introduced a resolution resulting in the establishment of Howard Payne College, enrolled as its first student in 1890 and in 1942 went back to receive an honorary DD degree.

For several years he was chaplain at the Texas state penitentiary. Funeral services will be held here at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Alice McGarrity, Brownwood, Mrs. W. T. Pyeatt, Dublin, Mrs. J. W. Littlefield, Greenville, S. C., and two sons, Ralph, Ozona, and Vedder B. Waco.

Dr. Watson was pastor for a time of the First Baptist Church of Ozona in the early days of Crockett county and on several occasions had visited his son, Ralph Watson, and family here in recent years. Miss Wanda Watson and Mrs. Henry Carden of Ozona, attended funeral services in Brownwood Sunday for their grandfather.

Already a hero in the eyes of fellow students in Ozona High School and football and basketball fans of Ozona, Byrd typifies the best of clean-cut American youth. An all-district end on Ozona's championship football team the past season, a star on its basketball squad, member of the all-tournament team selected at the recent Eldorado tournament which the Ozona squad won, the Ozona High School senior has tucked away this national honor in stride, in class as usual this morning, and more concerned about his team's chances in their own 14th annual basketball tournament Friday and Saturday of this week than in hearing about award of the Carnegie medal for heroism.

Five Ozonans Leave For Physical Exams At Fort Sam Houston

Five Ozona young men left Tuesday night for San Antonio for pre-induction physical examinations at the Fort Sam Houston induction station. A sixth, transferred to another board for examination, completed the examination call. Three of the number, however, previously rejected, were sent for re-examination under a recent order affecting certain registrants.

In the group leaving here by bus Tuesday night were Tom Ed Montgomery, Donald Ross Talley, Melchor M. Cardenas, Jesus Ramos and James Robert Bailey, Burl Sparks, a student at the University of Texas in Austin, was transferred to the Austin board for physical examination.

Slicing a beautiful girl into four parts, shooting a live canary into a burning light bulb, causing a

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THURSDAY JAN. 25, 1945

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11:00 — Morning Worship at High School
6:00 — Youth Fellowship
7:30 — Evening Worship.
Wednesday
3:00 — Womans Society
7:30 — Choir Rehearsal
Thursday
7:30 — Church School Workers Conference.

THE CHRISTIAN OPTIMIST
"There is a Methodist in the far West who thinks up all sorts of excuses for his frequent contributions to Overseas Relief. He is a stockraiser, and when two of his calves died, he reckoned that he was saving money which would have fed them through the winter — and off goes the money to help those who have no cattle." This is the Christian way to put a financial "loss" in "reverse;" and it isn't likely that any adversity can ever defeat a man like him.

Texas Livestock And Range Conditions Good at Year's Start

COLLEGE STATION, — The conditions of Texas livestock and range feed rated uniformly higher at the end of 1944 than at the corresponding time 12 months earlier. The annual report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Austin, received by the A. and M. College Extension Service shows that cattle continued in good flesh. The reported condition of 81 per cent was five points higher than one year previously, but the same as the 20 year average. Cold, wet weather had caused some shrinkage, especially in cattle grazing wheat pastures. But grain and roughage supplies, were considered adequate in most areas if the remainder of the winter is not unusually severe.

The report gives sheep and lambs an even higher rating. They were in good condition and reported at 84 per cent at the year end. This compared with 79 per cent the preceding year, and 83 per cent for the 20-year average. Moisture conditions were reported favorable in most of the sheep country and, although cold weather in December retarded growth of winter weeds and grass, early spring range prospects were promising. More ewes than usual have been bred to lamb in February.

The report, prepared by V. C. Childs and F. E. Finley, agricultural statisticians, defines range feed conditions as continuing above average at the close of the year, despite a "more than seasonal" decline during December. While most areas have good range feed and adequate supplies of grain and roughage, it explains, winter weeds and grass were making rather slow growth as a result of continued cold weather. At the same time, there was a scarcity of green feed in most districts, and small grain pastures were becoming depleted in parts of the Panhandle and curtailed generally by freeze damage.

Regardless, the outlook was bright. Moisture conditions were very favorable and only a short period of warm weather was needed to promote good growth of winter weeds, grass and small grains, the report says.

Mrs. Bill Conklin is in a San of physicians. She is reported Angelo hospital under treatment resting well.

1945 Theatre

March of Dimes Drive

The management and employes of the OZONA THEATRE were gratified at the co-operation shown by Ozona audiences during the 1944 March-of-Dimes Drive. Although we had the trailers only two nights the proceeds amounted to \$38.42 for the two nights. We and the National Foundation were well pleased and gratified.

This year, we will run the trailer from the 25th of January through the 30th, during which period we will take up funds at each performance.

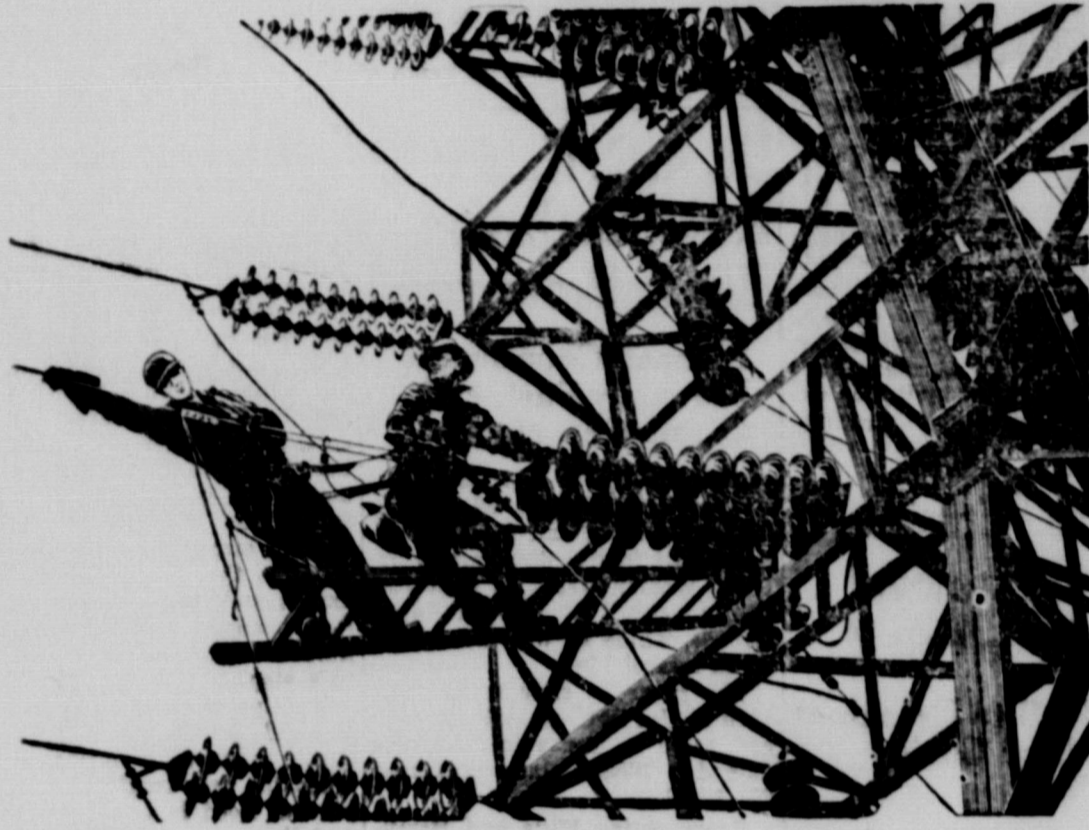
The motion picture industry believes that we will be able to realize 54 cents for each seat sold in the theatres during the drive period. Ozona Theatre has 355 seats, and on the basis of the national estimate, our goal has been set at contributions totalling \$191.70 in the drive period.

Let's all join in and show just how much can be collected in Ozona during this drive. When the house lights go on at each performance, collection plates will be passed. Regardless of the fact that you have given before, give again each night. Think what a few cents might do to help protect your child or some other child from the dread infantile paralysis.

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Mrs. B. B. Adwell, Manager



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Failure to Endorse Gas Coupons Causes Trouble for Dealers

Failure to endorse gasoline ration coupons properly, especially "T" coupons issued for commercial vehicles and fleet gasoline coupons, is working a hardship on dealers and is contributing to black market practices, John R. Bailey, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board, said today. Mr. Bailey issued an appeal for better cooperation from the public.

"A lot of coupons are being charged back to dealers," he said, "because many people fail to realize the importance of endorsing gasoline ration coupons properly. Failure to do so not only makes them invalid for the transfer of gasoline, but also encourages the theft of coupons at a time when it is necessary to conserve gasoline."

Mr. Bailey added that, while drivers of passenger cars often forget to endorse coupons as they should, the biggest offenders are users of "T" coupons.

Pfc. Mark Corbell Wounded in Action

First information that her husband, Pfc. Mark Corbell of Ozona, had been wounded in action on the Western Front came in a letter received recently by Mrs. Mark Corbell of Ozona, in which Pfc. Corbell advised that he was sending home the Purple Heart which had been awarded him. Corbell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Corbell, also of Ozona.

Pfc. Corbell wrote that his wound was slight, saying only that he had received a "cut on the leg." He is thought to be with the American forces in the Luxembourg area. He has been overseas since September.

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Sunday school 9:55
Morning worship 11:00
EVENING
Training union 6:45
Evening worship 8:00

"All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name; for thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone." — Psalm 86:9,10.



The famed 36th "Texas" Division which fought so heroically in Italy, is picking up new laurels in France, where it already has taken more than 17,000 German prisoners — an average of more than one and a half prisoners for each member of the Division. The figures count only live Nazis actually in the hands of the Texans, and not the several thousand killed outright.

Most recent news reports say the 36th is in a new offensive. Apparently the Texas boys just don't know how to retreat!

And, speaking of Texas boys, here's a tip that may help you make them mighty happy at little cost; send them your home-town newspaper. Better still, enter a subscription for your son, husband or friend, so that the paper will go to them direct from the newspaper office each week. Nothing makes a better gift, for every soldier wants to read all the home-town news. The boys abroad would rather have the home-town weekly than the New York Times plus all the current magazines!

But back to the 36th Division — Sgt. Fred Hall of Mansfield, Texas, who weighs 202 pounds and is the biggest man in his headquarters battery, recently was forced to sleep in a baby crib while fighting along the Seventh Army front in France. It was the only available sleeping place in the house where he was billeted . . . and Fred reports that it was lots more comfortable than a fox-hole in the cold!

S/Sgt. Rector Schnahals of Bastrop has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism in helping extinguish a crashlanded bomber. He did the job despite constant danger that several bombs still left in the ship might explode. The official citation pointed out that his deed constituted "heroism at great risk of life."

S/Sgt. Cy Key, whose farm home is near Crowley, recently won the Combat Infantryman's badge for outstanding service with the 2nd Infantry in France.

And from Leyte comes word from another scrapping Texan who knows what it is to be lucky.

He is Pfc. Jim Pavlicek of West, who has fought through two of the toughest campaigns of the war without being scratched.

"I guess God has been with me," Jim told a war correspondent who talked with him recently. He has been in service four years, and has fought the Japs on several Pacific Islands.

Another West resident, Marine Corp. John Stepan, has earned his "M" with a Marine football team in the South Pacific. The former Texas University guard plans to coach football after the war, and he's keeping up with the game even while fighting the Nips.

Also in the Pacific is Russell Cole of Brownsville, who believes in working when there are no Japs around to fight. While waiting for a new combat assignment after several months of front-line service, Cole volunteered to work with a construction unit building Quonset huts on the island.

Incidentally, Texans at home are going to receive a lot of national publicity when the final report on the recent War Chest drive is made. Details aren't ready yet, but Wayland D. Towner, United War Chest of Texas general manager, has let slip the fact that Texas generosity came through again!

All you who contributed so generously can be sure that you have helped toward victory . . . and you have helped make life better for our fighting men, too!

Ozonans Enjoying Air Freight and Passenger Service

Post-war aviation service has become the topic for discussion and planning in many communities, but such service has become a reality in the midst of war for Ozona.

Inauguration of passenger and freight service by air has been announced by Ralph Jackson, who is operating two planes from Ozona Airport, giving flying instructions to student fliers and operating charter plane service for passenger and freight transportation. Mr. Jackson reports that business interests, especially oil operators and drillers, are taking advantage of his air service in securing prompt delivery of repair parts, equipment and supplies to prevent shut downs in operations while deliveries are made by the slower truck or rail routes. Mr. Jackson is giving flying instructions to about 15 student pilots.

Texas University To Install New Electron Microscope

AUSTIN, Texas. — Installation of the University of Texas' new electron microscope — the only one of its kind in the South — will soon be underway, C. Read Granberry, professor of electrical engineering, has announced.

The microscope is one of only 12 manufactured last year under strictest war priority, and it is useful in determining the basic physical properties of matter. It will be of value to engineers, geologists working in metallurgy, physical chemists, and other scientists, Mr. Granberry says.

While the ordinary microscope magnifies up to about 2,000 times the normal size of any object, the electron microscope — which magnifies beams of electrons, instead of light waves — magnifies up to 100,000 times.

A special laboratory in the University's main engineering building has been prepared for the microscope. It contains a spectrophotometer, which was built two years ago by University electrical engineers to identify color accuracy; a darkroom, air-conditioned to stabilize atmosphere changes, and other electrical equipment. L. L. Antes, special instructor in electronics and microscopy specialist, will be in charge of the microscope.

An appropriation for the microscope was made by the 48th Legislature, and purchase price plus installation charges will be approximately \$15,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McDonald were here on a brief visit with relatives recently from their home in Canyon.

Buy Bonds! — And Hold Them!

Marshall T. Deaton Promoted to Rank of Technical Sergeant

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England — The promotion of Marshall T. Deaton, 25, of Ozona, from staff sergeant to technical sergeant has been announced at this station.

Serving as engineer and top turret gunner on a B-17 Flying

Fortress, Sgt. Deaton is taking part in bomber combat operations over Germany. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deaton, he is a graduate of Ozona High School. Prior to entering the service in July, 1943, he was engaged in ranching. He is a member of the 384th Bomb Group, a veteran unit on the European aerial front with more than 240 missions to his credit.

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NOTICE TO ALL TAX PAYERS

This is the final month for payment of 1944 taxes without penalty, and your prompt attention to tax matters is suggested in order that penalties and interest may be avoided.

Remember that 1944 taxes will become delinquent if not paid before January 31, 1945, and will become subject to penalties and interest thereafter. Poll taxes must be paid before that date to make you eligible to vote in 1945 elections. Poll taxes may be paid without paying property tax.

Your Help Please!

COME TO THIS OFFICE TO RENDER YOUR PROPERTY

Due to the present shortage of help, we must ask the cooperation of taxpayers this year in securing rendition of property for tax purposes.

Heretofore, it has been possible for this office to assign one employe to call on property owners for renditions. However, since adequate help is not now available, we must ask property owners to come to the office to sign rendition blanks.

Renditions must be completed before April 30. It will take but a few minutes of your time to complete the form at the office and we will greatly appreciate your help in this emergency to get the work completed on time.

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Athletic Dept.

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The current tour is Birch's twentieth annual one, and his attractive personality makes him one of the most pleasing entertainers the magic world has ever produced. Thurston publicly declared that Birch is the only magician sufficiently talented to be his successor and the man he picked to "fill his shoes."

Heading the Birch staff of assisting artists is Mabel Sperry, hailed by critics as the world's greatest xylophonist. Miss Sperry charms music lovers everywhere with brilliant solos on her special built Marimba Xylophone.

Ten Teams -

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ternoon from 1:30 to 6, and Saturday evening from 7 to 10.

Coach Sikes of the host team will be the tournament director. Former coach, Ted M. White, will be the official scorer and Joe Ripple, timekeeper. Lefty Walker will referee all tournament games.

An added feature of the two-day basketball festival will be a volleyball game between the girls teams from Ozona and Eldorado. This game is slated for 5:30 Saturday afternoon.

Following is the bracket of first-round games as lined up in the drawing early this week:

Friday, 2 p.m. — Rankin vs Rocksprings.

Friday, 3:15 p.m. — Iraan vs McCamey.

Friday, 4:30 p.m. — Fort Stockton vs Eldorado.

Friday Evening Session:

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Ozona vs Big Lake.

Friday, 8:45 p.m. — Championship Quarter final, Iraan-McCamey vs Fort Stockton-Eldorado.

Saturday 9 a.m. — Consolation quarter final, Rankin-Rocksprings vs Ozona-Big Lake.

Saturday, 10:15 a.m. — Sonora vs Barnhart.

Semi-final games are bracketed for Saturday, the first at 11:45 in the consolation bracket between Iraan and Ft. Stockton-Eldorado clashes. The other consolation semi-final will be at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the championship semi-finals will be at 3:15 p.m. and 4:40 Saturday afternoon. The consolation final game will be at 7:30 Saturday evening and the championship final at 8:30.

Richard Miller, owner of Miller Firestore Service Station here, was taken to a San Antonio hospital last week where he is under treatment. His condition was reported improved the middle of the week. Richard Miller, Jr., in the U. S. Army Air Corps stationed at Marfa, was given an emergency furlough to operate his father's business while he is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cox of San Angelo were here Thursday. Mrs. Cox planning to attend the surprise birthday luncheon given Friday for Mrs. B. B. Ingham by

her daughters. They were forced to return to San Angelo Friday morning, however, when Mrs. Cox became ill.

Sgt. Lionel Aguirre, Native of Ozona, Dies in Action in France

Sergeant Lionel Aguirre, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fermin Aguirre of Del Rio, former Ozonans, has been reported killed in action in France, according to information reaching relatives here.

Sgt. Aguirre's parents were advised by the War Department of his death in a telegram received last week. The telegram stated that he was lost December 29.

Serving as an aerial gunner with the U.S. Army Air Corps, Sgt. Aguirre had been overseas since June, 1944. He entered the army in April 1943.

Sgt. Aguirre was born in Ozona April 24, 1924. He attended grade school in Ozona and after the family moved to Del Rio he was graduated from San Felipe High School in that city. He attended A & M College before entering the Army.

Another brother, Pfc. Fermin Aguirre, Jr., is stationed at Grand Falls, Montana. Other survivors are the parents, two brothers at home and two sisters.

Installation of Frozen Foods Plant Nears Completion

The new Frozen Foods Locker plant, being installed at Baker's Food Store here, was nearing completion this week. Workmen were installing the individual lockers, putting the final touches to refrigeration machinery installations and testing the equipment in readiness for placing the plant in operation within the next few days.

Hubert Baker, manager, said that unless unforeseen difficulties arise the plant may be ready for final testing and cooling ready for operation next week. A formal opening to which the public will be invited for an inspection of the plant is planned as soon as it is in operation and announcement of the opening plans is scheduled to be made next week.

Daughters Honor Mrs. B. B. Ingham with Birthday Luncheon

Honoring their mother, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, on the occasion of her birthday, Mrs. R. A. Harrell, Mrs. Bill Littleton of San Angelo, Mrs. Bill Conklin and Mrs. T. N. Boothe entertained with a surprise luncheon at the Harrell home Friday.

Among a number of gifts received by the honored guest was an English silver piece given by friends who were guests at the luncheon. Present were Mrs. J. M. Dudley, Mrs. Jennie Riddle, Mrs. Carl Colwick, Mrs. Scott Peters, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mrs. J. M. Baggett, Mrs. E. B. Baggett, Jr., Mrs. Paul Perner, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. J. A. Fussell, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Jr., Mrs. Chas. Williams, Mrs. W. R. Baggett, Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. Early Baggett, Miss Mary Riddle, Miss Vivian Stallworth and Miss Elizabeth Fussell.

"Stars and Stripes" in England Carries Story of Ozona Marine Who Spent Christmas Day on Texas Soil on Island in Pacific

News of Ozona and Ozonans does get around.

Recently Associated Press newspapers in this country carried a brief story about an Ozona boy, Pfc. Donald Garrett McWilliams, a Marine in the South Pacific, spending Christmas day on Texas soil without leaving his South Pacific island. His mother, Mrs. R. E. McWilliams of Ozona had sent her son a package of Texas earth to relieve his loneliness.

After going the rounds of newspapers in the states, that little story found its way, under an Ozona dateline, into the Stars and Stripes, the Army Newspaper in the European theatre. And a clipping of the yarn from Stars and Stripes has made its way from England back to Ozona and the Stockman office.

The clipping was mailed to the Stockman by Pfc. Virgil Oden, Jr., from somewhere in England.

"I thought you might be interested to know that I cut the enclosed clipping from today's (January 2nd) issue of the Stars and Stripes," Virgil wrote. "Once again Ozona and her residents have made the news. No matter how far you go, eventually you meet someone or read something from Ozona. Truly it's one of the greatest little towns in the U. S. and really it 'the best place on earth to call home.'"

The Stars and Stripes version of the story was titled "Panhandle by Mail" and was dated "Ozona, Texas, Jan. 1 and credited to Army News Service.

Off the subject of the clipping Pfc. Oden writes, "I'm still here in England and I can't say when I'll be leaving. No one except the 'little boys at the top' know I suppose, although I have my own ideas. But when the Army says no speculation, they mean exactly that."

Voters of Sheffield community, comprising Justice Precinct 6 of Pecos county, in a recent election voted continuance of legal sale of alcoholic beverages by a margin of 13 votes. Forty voters favored outlawing liquor sales while 53 favored continued legal sales.

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Open Door Topic for Wednesday Program of Woman's Society

"The Open Door that No Man Can Shut" was the theme used by the Woman's Society of Christian Service for its pledge service in meeting Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Fussell led the devotional, with musical accompaniment by Mrs. V. I. Pierce.

A play portraying "The Open Door" and those who have benefitted from its influence was given by members of the society. The vocal part was taken by Mrs. Joe Pierce.

Present were Mrs. J. A. Fussell, Mrs. V. I. Pierce, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Mrs. J. M. Baggett, Mrs. Hugh Childress, Mrs. E. B. Baggett, Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Mrs. Tom Harris, Mrs. Floyd Henderson, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Mrs. R. A. Harrell, Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mrs. Paul Perner, Mrs. Carl Colwick, Mrs. Chas. Williams, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. Madden Read, Mrs. Scott Peters and Miss Elizabeth Fussell.

Trio Honored at Open House Sunday

Major H. B. Tandy, who returned last week on leave to visit his family after more than two years of foreign service with the Army Medical Corps in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Loper were named as honored guests when Mrs. Charles Williams entertained with open

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house Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Clayton. Mr. and Mrs. Loper, who have been active in the Methodist Church, leave this week to make their home in Dallas. About forty guests called during the evening.

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Watch for Announcement
Of Opening of Our
FROZEN FOODS
Locker Plant
Installation of your Frozen Foods locker plant is nearing completion. Lockers are being installed and final testing is in progress this week.
Watch next week's Stockman for announcement of our opening plans.
If you have not engaged your lockers, see us at once.
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