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Ozonan Ate Soup Made from Weeds in German Prison

Pfc. Lucio Diaz Home After Eight Months as Prisoner of War

Pfc. Lucio Diaz, a prisoner of war in Germany eight months before making his escape from a work detail in the city of Munich aboard an American jeep, existed on a ration of soup made from weeds for months before his liberation, he told members of his family on arrival here Saturday night to spend a 60-day furlough.

Pfc. Diaz was captured by the Germans in a French village in Normandy on August 7, 1944, when units of the First Battalion were having a hard time storming and holding the village. Americans had been driven out by the Germans for the third time when the Ozonan found himself surrounded by Germans and was made a prisoner.

Recently the First Battalion, 17th Infantry, was presented the Distinguished Unit Citation in Germany for "outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy during the battle of the cranking of the Siegfried Line north of Aachen and the sensational Stavelot defense, the 'little Verdun' in the battle of the Belgian bulge, press reports of the citation ceremony recounted. The Distinguished Unit Citation was awarded for the battalion's heroic stand against Germany's finest panzer divisions attempting to drive to the sea at Avranches to split the American First and Third Armies.

After his capture in Normandy, Pfc. Diaz was taken to Muechich to a POW camp. They were poorly fed, existing for the most part on a diet of soup made from some kind of weed, he said. A group from the camp were on a work detail inside the city when their liberation was effected. Knowing that the Americans were near, the prisoners were on the alert, although continuing their work. When they saw an American jeep cruise by, all that could be done was to be whisked back to American lines, the Ozonan recounted. He was among that number. Later, others in the camp were liberated by the advancing American armies.

Pfc. Lucio Diaz is the oldest of three sons of Mrs. Enemencia Diaz of Ozona and the only one of the trio to return from the war. The other two brothers, Pvt. Manuel Diaz and Pvt. Pablo Diaz, both were killed in action, Manuel being wounded and captured by the Germans on October 16 and died the following day as a prisoner in the hands of the Germans, according to information gained through the International Red Cross. Pvt. Pablo Diaz, 19, youngest of the trio, was killed in action in France on March 15.

Both Manuel and Lucio Diaz were riflemen of the 117th Infantry, 30 Division, while Pablo was a rifleman with 157th Infantry, 5th Division.

20,000 More WAVES Needed to Care for Navy, Marine Wounded

HOUSTON, Texas. — An immediate need for 20,000 additional WAVES, half of them for duty in the Hospital Corps to care for Navy and Marine wounded, was announced by the Navy today, and the Houston Office of Naval Procurement called on Texas women to become an integral part of the navy and work at important jobs that will help speed the winning of the war.

"The Navy will not reach its full strength until later this year," Lieutenant Commander O. H. Wayze, in charge of the Houston office, said. "They are making plans for the job ahead, and 20,000 more WAVES are part of this plan. Thousands of shore based sailors are moving out of the country for the tremendous job in the Pacific, and as many thousands of WAVES must take their places."

Ozonan, One of Only 40 Men Saved From Destroyer Sunk by Jap Suicide Planes Off Coast of Okinawa, Home

S-1c Israel Ramoz Saved from Jap Strafing by U. S. Fighter

Seaman First Class Israel Ramoz of Ozona, one of only 40 men of the crew of a U. S. destroyer saved when the vessel was sunk by Jap suicide planes off the coast of Okinawa, credits luck, his own dive for the comparative safety of the water ahead of a speeding Jap suicide flyer, and four American fighter pilots who shot down a Jap plane bent on strafing him and two companions in the water, for the fact that he is home this week for a visit with his family.

And, while those American fighter pilots, who flew off Okinawa bases or from nearby carriers to aid in defense of the fleet units, are heroes in the eyes of Ramoz, he himself is no doubt a hero in the eyes of two of his shipmates who were saved from drowning because Ramoz swam back near the stricken ship to lend them a hand.

But for the fact that he went back after the two men, both members of his 20 millimeter gun crew, Ramoz would have escaped without injury from the tragic sinking. An American fighter pilot spotted Ramoz in the water and dropped him a life jacket. Ramoz swam to the jacket and looked back and saw his two companions, one barely able to stay a float. He took the life jacket in tow and went back to let his companions hang on.

"I didn't know whether it would keep three of us afloat or not," he said, "but I thought if it wouldn't it would be just too bad for all of us."

Just as the two men took hold of the jacket, the destroyer blew up in the water from three direct hits and one near miss by bomb loaded suicide planes. The concussion from the terrific explosions temporarily paralyzed Ramoz from his waist down and fractured several ribs. He was injured internally from the pressure of the water resulting from the explosion and for four days was unable to take food by mouth. He has not fully recovered from his injuries but is improving.

Seaman Ramoz was a gunner aboard the U. S. S. Luce, which, with the destroyer Morrison and a landing ship, was sunk by Jap suicide planes off Okinawa on May 4. He had been at sea 15 months aboard the vessel and wears four battle stars denoting his ship's participation in four Pacific engagements, as well as the Purple Heart. The four engagements in which the Luce took part were the landings at Leyte and Linguyan Gulf in the Philippines, pre-invasion bombardment of Iwo Jima and the Okinawa campaign.

A heart-rending story is told by the survivor of the last battle of a gallant ship. For four days, almost without let-up, Jap planes had circled the ship. Ramoz recounted, keeping crewmen at their battle stations almost without rest. Endlessly they circled, always well out of range of gunners, he said, and occasionally one would attempt a run only to be driven off or shot down by the gunners. While they circled, the Jap planes dropped "windows," pieces of plain glass, about two feet square, which floated down to confuse gunners and radar operators. The bits of glass, twisting and turning as they fell, caught the light of the sun or moon, and gunners had to learn to distinguish the difference between these shimmering specks and the planes which dropped them.

On the fourth day of the alert, fifty Jap suicide planes were reported making a run for an attack, Ramoz said. When they came into range, the five-inch gunners opened up and Ramoz, manning his 20-millimeter gun, waited for the order to begin firing. He had previously been assigned to a five-inch gun crew and was at his first station on the 20 millimeter.

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Sunday Roping Matches Opened To All Comers

Club Broadcasts Invitation to All Ropers To Enter

All West Texas calf ropers are extended an invitation to participate in Sunday afternoon roping contests being sponsored here during the summer months by the Ozona Roping Club, it was announced this week by Abe Carruthers, chairman of the club's steering committee.

"Nobody is barred and everybody is invited — each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock," the chairman said.

Out-of-town ropers are especially invited and urged to enter the contests next Sunday afternoon, when a good program is planned. The club held its first matches of the summer last Sunday afternoon with some 20 home-talent ropers in the arena to enter the jack-pot ropings and several matched affairs. It was a warm-up session for the season's weekly matches and a good crowd of spectators was on hand for the show.

Beginning next Sunday afternoon, the club will "pass the hat" during each afternoon's performance, funds thus raised to be used in helping to defray the expense of maintaining the herd of 39 head of salty Brahma calves purchased for the contests. The calves are being kept at the fair grounds, available for the Sunday matches.

A committee composed of Abe Carruthers, chairman, Dock Lee and Chas. Black, Jr., was named at a meeting of members of the club Tuesday afternoon to have charge of arranging and staging the matches. Oscar Kost is acting as treasurer for the group.

Rodeo Association rules will apply in all roping contests it was announced, and a ground rule of the club will limit ropers to one loop in all jack-pot ropings. In matched roping contests, the club will collect a fee of 25 cents per head for use of the calves.

Repairs are being made this week on pens, gates and chutes to facilitate the handling of stock. Later, it is hoped that loud-speaker system can be installed to transmit announcements of times, etc. to spectators.

Amerada 8-A Todd Rates 1,944 Bbls. From Ellenburger

New Deep Field Producer Is Fourth from Formation

Amerada No. 8-A J. S. Todd estate in the north part of the Todd Deep field in Crockett County has become the fourth completed Ellenburger producer in the area, rating 1,944 barrels of 41.6 gravity oil daily.

The potential was based on a three-hour flow of 243 barrels through a three-quarter inch tubing choke. Gas-oil ratio was 535-1. The well topped the Ellenburger at 5,930 feet, drilled to 6,225 and cemented 5½-inch casing at 6,220 feet with 300 sacks.

Cement was drilled out to 6,196 feet, the casing was gun perforated between 6,120 and 6,194 feet with 296 shots and 4,000 gallons of acid was injected. The well is 660 feet out of the northeast corner of section 25-WX-GC&SF.

F. A. Callery and others' No. 2 Shannon estate, indicating a quarter mile north extension to Ellenburger production from the same operators' No. 1 Shannon, was due to drill plugs from 7-inch casing cemented at 6,040 feet. It topped pay at 5,930 and drilled to 6,115 feet. Location is the C NW SW 27-WX-GC&SF.

8-Inch Water Mains to Be Laid In Business Area

Expansion Program Interrupted by War to Be Completed

An expansion program, contemplated in the original plan of improvement to Ozona's water distribution system when the water control and improvement district was created and which was interrupted by the outbreak of war, soon will be completed.

A shipment of eight-inch cast iron water main sufficient to connect with the end of the eight-inch main which now leaves the storage tank on the hill and to circle the main business section of the town to a point beyond the West Texas Utilities Co. offices, is being delivered this week, Bill Cooper, manager, announced.

In addition to the 2,200 feet of 8-inch main contained in the shipment already received, district officials hope to be able to secure a sufficient amount of the big mains to be laid all the way east on Broadway to connect with the 6-inch main which comes off the water works hill at about the Pleas Childress home. If this is accomplished, a considerable boost in water pressure and volume will be evident all over the town, in addition to furnishing plenty of water for fire protection in the main part of town.

Laying of eight-inch mains to this point was contemplated in the original plan of expansion for the system, but only a small section of the eight-inch was laid from the storage tank to a point off the hill when war and the resultant scarcity of materials made it impossible to secure the necessary additional pipe. The new mains will be laid a distance of 1200 feet from the present main to the hotel corner, thence south to the highway intersection and east as far as pipe is available and to connect with the six-inch main if possible. Contract has already been let for completion of the job, Mr. Cooper said.

Baptists From 30 Churches at Conference Here

Inspiring 2-Day Program Attended by Ministers of Area

Inspiration for intensive work in behalf of the nationwide Baptist Centennial Evangelistic Crusade to win a million souls in 1945 was gained by some 30 visiting Baptist ministers in a two-day Evangelistic Conference held at the First Baptist Church in Ozona Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The local conference was sparked by the messages of the Centennial Crusade brought by Dr. Julian Atwood, pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church in Dallas and State Director of the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade in Texas, and Dr. W. W. Melton, also of Dallas, secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Conference here was one of a number being held throughout the state in lieu of the usual statewide conference held at Seminary Hill in Fort Worth. The Fort Worth meeting was called off in favor of the regional meetings this year because of wartime transportation difficulties.

The two-day conference got underway at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with sessions Tuesday afternoon and evening and Wednesday morning and afternoon. Visiting ministers and lay delegates were entertained in the homes of Ozonans Tuesday night and the local Baptist church was host to the visitors at a luncheon served at the church Wednesday noon.

Mrs. Beecher Montgomery is here from Fort Worth for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery.

AAA Discontinues Giving Aid in Farm Transportation Plan

Beginning July 1, 1945, agencies of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will no longer give assistance to agricultural operators in connection with the farm transportation program, B. F. Vance, administrative officer in charge of the state AAA, has advised Miss Betty Bratcher, Crockett county administrative officer.

The AAA heretofore has assisted farmers in determining their needs for supplemental gasoline, tires, new trucks and off-highway gasoline. After June 30, the Office of Price Administration and the Office of Defense Transportation will handle the farmers' transportation program without the assistance or recommendation from the AAA committee, Mr. Vance announced.

Commissioners Survey Proposed Oil Field Road

Oil Companies Ask For County Aid on Soma Field Route

Members of the Crockett County Commissioners Court in June session Monday, were occupied for the most part with road building problems, a drainage problem in the town of Ozona and an oil field road in the vicinity of the Soma Field in western Crockett county.

A drainage problem created by construction of the Ozona-Barnhaart highway, which obstructs the drainage from a small wash from the hills on the east side of the highway in the northeast sector of the town, was surveyed by the court. State Highway Department aid will be sought in making a suitable drainage across the highway at the McKinney corner in an effort to relieve the problem, the court announced.

At the request of operators in the Soma field area the court spent Tuesday surveying possible road sites in an effort to work out a plan for construction of a road from the Pecos River valley to the top of the hills in the area to facilitate drilling operations and production from wells on the divide.

Because the present road up the mountain is not negotiable for heavy equipment, operators in the area are seeking county help in constructing a road from the river crossing at Iraan and up the mountains on the Crockett side of the river.

Sgt. Baker, Freed From German POW Camp Lands in US

Ozonan on Way Home After Two Years as a War Prisoner

Sgt. Boyd Baker, liberated from a German prisoner of war camp in the Branau Woods in Austria on May 2 after nearly two years in the hands of the Germans, has landed in the United States and is expected to arrive at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio possibly tonight.

Sgt. Baker telephoned his mother, Mrs. Alice Baker, from New York about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had landed six hours before, he said. Sgt. Baker told his mother that he now weighs 170 pounds (he had written her in January that his weight was 160 — from a normal 200 pounds or more — and it was presumed that he had lost even more weight as a result of a 200-mile march of prisoners from Stalag 17B at Krems, Austria, south of Vienna, to Branau Woods.

Sgt. Baker was tail gunner on a Liberator bomber based in England. The plane was shot down in a mission over Bremen, Germany, on October 13, 1943. Three months later word was received that he was a prisoner of war. All members of the bomber crew parachuted down and all were imprisoned.

2½ Million Hike In Oil Values in County Proposed

Hearings Continued By Court as Operators Resist Raises

A raise in property valuations in Crockett county, principally on oil properties, producing wells, proven and potential producing areas, pipelines and equipment, totalling approximately two and a half million dollars, contemplated by the Commissioners Court on recommendation of its tax auditors, is being resisted by representatives of oil companies and operators in the county.

At a hearing as a board of equalization Friday, members of the court were besieged by nearly a half hundred representatives of various oil companies, independent operators, pipeline companies and royalty owners who presented evidence in their own behalf in opposition to the proposed raise in values.

The court heard the company representatives and adjourned subject to call at the convenience of the company representatives who asked for more time to present further arguments. The court this week is standing by ready to continue the hearings.

Development of new fields, extensive expansion of existing production areas, including the Todd Deep Field, World Pool, Soma Field and others, led to a new survey of oil values in the county by the auditing firm which represents this county in arriving at a fair valuation of oil properties, Judge Houston Smith said. The recommended raise in values would increase the county's total valuations for tax purposes by approximately 2½ millions, a raise which, if put into effect, will boost county values past the ten million dollar mark.

County \$35,000 Short of 'E' Bond Goal in Seventh

Speed-Up in Buying Is Necessary if Quota Reached, Peters Says

Crockett county yesterday was still \$35,000 short of its Seventh War Loan quota in the purchase of Series E bonds and a speed-up in bond buying is going to be necessary to make sure that the county does not fall short if its assigned goal in the Seventh, Scott Peters, county War Finance Committee chairman, announced.

Total sales of "E" Bonds to yesterday afternoon stood at \$84,918.75, the chairman reported. The county's quota in this type of bond for individual investors is \$120,000 in the Seventh War Loan drive which will continue through this month.

"Rate of bond buying must be speeded up or we will be short of the goal when the drive ends," Mr. Peters said. "A lot of small purchases will add up to big sums. Buy a small bond if you can't buy a larger one."

Ozona Gunner on Carrier Becomes Veteran in a Day

"Hitless Wonders," Naval Gun Crew, Got 3 Nip Planes in Battle

Aboard a U. S. Carrier in the Pacific. — Eziquiel Ramirez, 23, seaman, first class, USNR, son of Jose and Angela Ramirez, of Ozona is a gunner who became a tried and proven veteran of rough-and-tumble warfare in one dramatic afternoon after engaging in three major Pacific operations on this ship without firing a shot.

Since then, serving aboard this carrier of the Independence class, he has taken part in a number of (Continued On Last Page)

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THURSDAY JUNE 14, 1945

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to provide for continuous salary per diem of all members of the Legislature during their tenure of office.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 24. Members of the Legislature shall receive from the public Treasury a per diem of Ten Dollars (\$10) per day during their tenure of office. In addition to the per diem the members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct

route of travel by land, regardless of railroads or water routes; and the Comptroller of the State shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat, now or hereafter to be established; and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of and regular or called session."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, A. D. 1945, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon: "FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for continuous salary per diem of all members of the Legislature during their tenure of office" and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for continuous salary per diem of all members of the Legislature during their tenure of office."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State."

Sec. 4. The provisions of this Constitutional Amendment shall be self-enacting, and if a majority of votes at said election shall be cast for same the Governor shall, within thirty (30) days after said election, issue a proclamation declaring this Amendment to be a part of the Constitution of Texas.

IRONERS AND WASHERS IN QUANTITY — 3 TO 6 MOS.

It will take three to six months before manufacturers as a whole are rolling out washers, ironers and driers in quantities that will be really noticeable in stores. L. C. Upton, president, American Washer & Ironers Manufacturers' Assn., says in commenting on WP-

B's go ahead signal on these products.

There is a pent-up demand for 5,835,000 washers and 3,300,000 ironers, according to Mr. Upton.

Wife of Pilot of Bomber Praises Ozona Lad as "Best Gunner"

An example of the fraternal spirit that exists between members of the crew of one of Uncle Sam's heavy bombers in action against the enemy is contained in a letter received during the past week by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vitela from the wife of the pilot of the four-motored bomber on which their son, Cpl. Napoleon V. Vitela, is a gunner.

The bomber and its crew were attached to the Eighth Air Force in England, recently praised by Lt. Gen. James Doolittle as the world's mightiest strategic air force.

The letter was from Mrs. R. F. Shugart, Jr., of Little Rock, Ark.

"I just wanted to drop you a note and tell you how very glad my husband and I are to have your son on our crew," the letter began. "He seems to be about the best gunner there is. His grades, as you know, were perfect, and that always makes me feel good to know that the boys are the best."

"I met him at a crew dinner we had for the boys at the Masonic Center in Rapid City. I naturally think our crew is the best as all the boys are very nice and they are all very good at their line of work."

"I had hoped to get these letters written sooner, but I had to have my husband send the address for the past week since I heard they will be home soon, I haven't been able to do a thing. If you get time I would enjoy hearing from you."

MAN OR WOMEN WANTED for Raleigh Route of 1500 families. Write today: Raleigh's Dept. TXF-272 Sa. Memphis, Tenn. 10-1p

More Gasoline for 'B' Ration Holders

About 3,000,000 B ration users, out of the 8,533,200 regular B coupon holders, were eligible for increased gasoline ration from June 11, when ceilings were raised to 650 miles per month throughout the country, OPA said in explaining how to obtain the increase.

"Only those B ration holders whose essential occupational driving needs exceed present B ceilings for their regions — 325 miles a month in the east, 475 miles in the midwest and 400 miles in the far west — will be eligible for an increase," Max McCullough, Deputy Administrator for Rationing, explained. "The amount of the increase for eligible B-Card holder will vary with their actual occupational driving needs, but in no case may their total rations exceed the new ceiling."

Other B ration holders — such as home-to-work drivers who are getting what they need under present ceilings — should not add to the work of the Local War Price and Rationing Boards." B users who are eligible for an increase should fill out the regular renewal application form, OPA-535, and mail it with their mileage rationing record to their local board, OPA said. Application forms may be obtained from local boards.

SON TO NERSTAS

Dr. and Mrs. George Nesrsta are the parents of a son, George Louis Nesrsta, Jr., born Monday morning in a San Angelo hospital. The newcomer weighed 7½ pounds at birth.

Horace W. Busby, Jr., Wins Editorial Prize In T. U. Safety Contest

AUSTIN, Texas. — Horace W. Busby, Jr. of Fort Worth, University of Texas journalism student, has been awarded the \$40 Clarence E. Gilmore safety prize for his editorials on safety in the home, on the highway, and in postwar road and city planning.

Lois Ruth (Ducky) Davis of Brownwood, senior journalism student, received honorable mention.

Stories of Early Rangers Recalled by Modern Report Forms

AUSTIN — Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Department of Public Safety and chief of the Texas Rangers, is taking the edge off one of his favorite stories.

The yarn involves an effort before the turn of the century to get the captain and seven Rangers to write reports on their activities. A simple form was drawn up, calling for names of injured person and defendant, nature of offense, date of commission, and disposition. One of the first such reports to be submitted was on a murder case, and it said: "Disposition: Mean as the devil; had to shoot him."

In January Colonel Garrison decided that the scope of Ranger activities should be more completely recorded, and so he had the Headquarters Detachment, under Capt. Fred Olson, start using a somewhat involved statistical report form. The result surprised Olson and his men, for this is what the captain and seven Rangers did in four months:

Made 581 investigations, com-

pleting 178 cases; made 137 arrests and obtained 48 convictions; assisted other officers on 569 occasions; apprehended 44 fugitives; confiscated \$5,966 in property; recovered \$9,086 in stolen property, and recorded \$2,960 in fines, in addition to a host of miscellaneous duties.

So Garrison called in all the Ranger captains and instructed them to begin using the new form. When one veteran drily remarked that "one of my men is going to get killed behind a typewriter yet," Garrison emphasized that "it isn't enough for us to do our job well; we've got to show the Legislature and the people where and how we're spending the taxpayers' money."

FOR SALE — My home in Ozona. Do not disturb tenants in house. Call by appointment at apartment only. Mrs. A. W. Jones, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson and daughters, Darrene and Jeannie, have gone on their summer vacation to San Antonio and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Millsbaugh, Jr., entertained a group of friends with a barbecue supper at their ranch home Friday night.

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210-225	131.25	175
200-210	112.50	150
180-200	93.75	125
140-180	75.00	100
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H. J. R. No. 13 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Sections 51a, 51b, 51c, and 51d of Article III so that the same shall consist of one section to be known as Section 51a, providing that the Legislature shall have the power to provide assistance to and provide for the payment of same to actual bona fide citizens of Texas who are needy persons over the age of sixty-five (65) years, needy blind persons over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and needy children under the age of sixteen (16) years; providing for the acceptance of financial aid from the Government of the United States for such assistance; providing that payments of such assistance from State funds shall never ex-

ceed either payments from Federal funds or a total of more than Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) per year; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication, and making an appropriation to defray the necessary expenses of proclamation, publication, and holding the election.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

51b, 51c, and 51d of Article III of Section 1. That Sections 51a, the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended and the same are hereby amended so that the same shall hereafter consist of one section to be numbered 51a, which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 51a. The Legislature shall have the power, by general laws to provide, subject to limitations and restrictions herein contained, and other such limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be by the Legislature be deemed expedient for assistance to, and for the payment of assistance to:

"(1) Needy aged persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and who are over the age of sixty-five (65) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any State supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas for at least five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for

one (1) year immediately preceding such application; provided that the maximum payment per month from State funds shall not be more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) per month.

"(2) Needy blind persons who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and are over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid to any inmate of any State supported institution, while such inmate, or to any person who shall not have actually resided in Texas at least five (5) years during the nine years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one (1) year immediately preceding such application.

"(3) Needy children who are actual bona fide citizens of Texas and are under the age of sixteen (16) years; provided that no such assistance shall be paid on account of any child over One (1) year old who has not continuously resided in Texas for one (1) year immediately preceding the application for assistance, or on account of any child under the age of one (1) year whose mother has not continuously resided in Texas for one (1) year immediately preceding such application.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Federal Government of the United States such financial aid for the assistance of the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children as such Government may offer not inconsistent with restrictions herein set forth; provided however that the amount of such assistance out of State funds to each person assisted shall never exceed the amount so expended out of Federal Funds; and, provided further that the total amount of money to be expended out of State funds for such assistance to the needy aged, needy blind, and needy children shall never exceed the sum of Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) per year."

Should the Legislature enact enabling laws and provide an additional appropriation hereto in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be invalid by reason of their anticipatory character.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Texas at a special election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the 25th day of August, 1945, at which election there shall be printed on such ballot the following clause:

"For the amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments of old age assistance to those above sixty-five (65) years of age; provided that monthly payments from State funds to any one person may be in valid amounts based on need, that the maximum payment per month per person from State funds shall not be more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) per month; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments for the needy blind persons over twenty-one (21) years of age; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments to needy children under sixteen (16)

years of age; providing for the expenditure of funds from the Federal Government; limiting the total amount which may be expended for such assistance out of State funds; and providing conditions as to residence within the State in order to become eligible to receive assistance.

"Against the amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments of old age assistance to those above sixty-five (65) years of age; provided that monthly payments from State funds to any one person may be in valid amounts based on need, that the maximum payment per month per person from State funds shall not be more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) per month; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments for the needy blind persons over twenty-one (21) years of age; giving the Legislature the power to set up a system of payments to needy children under sixteen (16) years of age; providing for the expenditure of funds

from the Federal Government; limiting the total amount which may be expended for such assistance out of State funds; and providing conditions as to residence within the State in order to become eligible to receive assistance."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and held as required by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Texas.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, to pay expenses of such publication and election.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Childress went to San Antonio the first of the week to visit Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Childers and to bring home their small daughter who has been visiting there.

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TO L. W. Groce, Jr., the unknown heirs of L. W. Groce, Jr., A. C. Groce, J. H. Groce, Mrs. J. H. Groce, Claude B. Groce and the unknown heirs of Florence Groce, Deceased

GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 9th day of July, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Crockett County, at the Court House in Ozona, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of March, 1945. The file number of said suit being No. 815.

The names of the parties in said suit are: J. S. Hixson and Alex Collins, Independent Ex'rs of the Will of Mrs. Margaret A. Shannon, Dec'd, and J. S. Hixson, Alex Collins, H. E. Jackson, Willis Johnson, J. P. Hill, Clarence R. Webb and Olin Blanks, Trustees of the Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, created by the Last Will and Testament of Margaret A. Shannon, Dec'd, as Plaintiffs, and Cornelia M. Winston and husband, T. B. Winston, Barbara M. Groce, A. C. Groce, J. H. Groce, Claude B. Groce, sons of J. H. Groce, Dec'd, Mrs. J. H. Groce, surviving widow, Mrs. R. H. Groce, surviving widow of R. H. Groce and Marybeth Groce and Florence Hendon Groce, & unknown heirs of L. W. Groce, Jr., Dec'd, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiffs sued for Partition of the NE 1/4 of the Obid Marshall Survey No. 3 in Crockett County, Texas, alleging ownership of 2/3 of said quarter except 1/6 of the minerals, which are owned by Defendants Mrs. Cornelia M. Winston and husband T. B. Winston, the other 1/3 being owned by the Defendants the heirs of Florence Groce, Deceased.

Issued this the 24 day of May, 1945. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ozona, Texas, this the 24 day of May, A. D. 1945.

(SEAL) Geo. Russell Clerk District Court, Crockett County, Texas 8-4tc

Mrs. Clay Adams and daughters, Jane and Camille, are here from Fort Stockton for a visit with Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. S. B. Phillips.

Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Ozona Methodist Church, told something of the trials and tribulations of being a minister in a classification talk before members of the Ozona Rotary Club at its luncheon Tuesday noon.



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"Beau," the 8-month-old Welsh Terrier playmate of little Mary Frances Matthias of Woodside, L. I., N. Y., starts the day with a kiss. Lower left, Beau is furnished with a babushka. Upper right, time for tea, and Mary does the honors. Lower right, after a hard day at play the two pals retire for the night. Mary does not care for dolls, finds that she has more enjoyment with her faithful pal, Beau.

Miss Ora Louise Cox Is Complimented At Series of Pre-Nuptial Parties Here

Miss Ora Louise Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., whose engagement to Ed D. Reynolds, Jr., of Dallas was announced at a tea in the Cox home last week, was complimented at a series of prenuptial parties here during the past week.

The Ira Carson home was the scene of a gift tea honoring the bride-to-be Tuesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. Hostesses were Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Paul Perner, Mrs. Massie West and Mrs. Neal Hannah.

Mrs. Hannah greeted the guests. In the receiving line were Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Cox, Miss Cox, Mrs. John R. Bailey, grand-mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Ed Lewis.

Piano music was provided during the tea hours by Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. J. M. Dudley and Mrs. James Childress. Misses Helen and Jean Odom of Iraan were at the bride's book.

Mrs. Worth Odum poured during the first hour and Mrs. Stephen Perner during the second hour. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Marshall Montgomery, Mrs. P. C. Perner, Miss Joyce West and Mrs. Massie West Mrs. Boyd Clayton was in the gift room.

The house was beautifully decorated with Spring flowers, including shasta daisies, the bride's chosen flower. The table was centered with silver candelabra supporting vases of shasta daisies and holding white tapers. The punch bowl was at one end of the table and a silver bowl holding white maroon daisies on the opposite end.

Calling during the afternoon were Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. A. C. Hoover, Mrs. Howard B. Cox, of San Angelo, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Larry Albers, Mrs. Hubert Baker, Mrs. O. L. Simms, Mrs. L. B. Townsend, Mrs. J. M. Baggett, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Mrs. Melvin Brown, Mrs. W. R. Bissett, Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Mrs. James Baggett, Mrs. C. O. Walker, Mrs. J. A. Fus-

sell, Mrs. Bill Conklin, Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Mrs. Will Baggett, Mrs. John B. Hemp-hill of San Angelo, Mrs. H. A. Gustavus, Mrs. T. J. Bailey, Mrs. Edwin Bower, Mrs. E. B. Baggett, Jr., Mrs. Charles E. Davidson, Jr., Mrs. Evart White, Mrs. Hillery Phillips, Mrs. Arthur Phillips, Mrs. Clay Adams of Fort Stockton, Mrs. John W. Henderson, Jr., Mrs. W. T. Stokes, Mrs. R. J. Adams, Miss Muggins Davidson, Miss Benny Gail Phillips, Mrs. George

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Mrs. Evart White and Mrs. N. W. Graham were hostesses at a luncheon in honor of the bride-to-be Saturday. Guests included the honoree, Mrs. Ed Lewis, Mrs. P. C. Perner, Mrs. John Coates, Mrs. Larry Albers, Mrs. Donald M. Dwyer, Mrs. John Bailey and Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr.

Mrs. Scott Peters complimented Miss Cox at a coke party in her home Wednesday morning. Guests monogrammed cup towels for the bride-elect and she was presented with a basketful of kitchen utensils.

Those present were Mrs. John Coates, Mrs. P. C. Perner, Mrs. Joe Tom Davidson, Mrs. Ed Lewis, Mrs. James Childress, Mrs. C. O. Walker, Mrs. Beecher Montgomery of Fort Worth, Mrs. Eddie Bower, Mrs. Bill Conklin, Mrs. Miller Robison, Mrs. John Bryant of Stephenville, Mrs. Floyd Henderson, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr. and Miss Cox.

LAD FINED \$100

Bill Womack paid a fine of \$100 and costs in justice court Friday on a charge of resisting an officer. Womack was arrested by Deputy Red Woodard for parking his car on the left side of the street near the theatre and an ensuing altercation with the officer resulted in the charge and fine.

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**S. J. R. No. 8
A JOINT RESOLUTION**

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court of nine members; prescribing their qualifications; providing for their election, tenure of office and compensation. —
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Article 5. Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision of a case; provided, that when the business of the court may require, the court may sit in sections as designated by the court to hear arguments of causes and to consider applications for writs of error or other preliminary matters. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election, a citizen of the United States and of this state, and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty-five years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer, or a lawyer and judge of a court of record together at least ten years. Said Justices shall be elected (three of them each two years) by the qualified voters of the state at a general election; shall hold their office six years, or until successors are elected and qualified; and shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of any Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for state officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the state. The Justices of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Judges of the Commission of Appeals who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall become Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and each shall continue in office as such Associate Justice of the Supreme Court until January 1st next preceding the expiration of the term to which he has been appointed and until his successor shall be elected and qualified."

Sec. 2. Said proposed Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1945, at which election each voter opposing said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed on said ballot: —

"FOR the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members";

and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot in the same manner the following words printed on said ballot: —

"AGAINST the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution. —

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and said election held as provided by the Constitution and laws of this State. —

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO 7**

proposing an amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Texas providing that any person in the armed forces of the United States, or the Armed Force Reserve of the United States, or of any branch or component part thereof, or the United States Maritime Service, or the United States Merchant Marine, or who has been a member of same within eighteen months prior to the holding of any election in this state authorized by law, and is otherwise a qualified voter, shall not be required to pay, or to hold a receipt for the payment of, a poll tax in order to vote at any such election, if same is held while the United States is at war or within a certain stated

time thereafter; providing that members of the regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States shall not be permitted to vote; providing that other members of the armed forces shall be entitled to vote under certain conditions; providing the form of the ballot for voting on said proposed amendment; fixing the time for holding an election; directing the Governor to issue the necessary proclamations; and making an appropriation. —
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Texas the matter of amending Article VI of the Constitution of Texas, by adding thereto a new section which will modify the present restrictions concerning voting. This new section shall be inserted between Section 2 and Section 3 of said Article VI, and shall be known as Section 2a, and shall read as follows: —

"Section 2a. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to require any person, who at the time of the holding of an election hereinafter referred to is, or who, within eighteen months immediately prior to the time of holding any such election was, a member of the armed forces of the United States or of the Armed Force Reserve of the United States or of any branch or component part of

such armed forces or Armed Force Reserve, or the United States Maritime Service or the United States Merchant Marine, and who is otherwise a qualified voter under the laws and Constitution of this state, to pay a poll tax or to hold a receipt for any poll tax assessed against him, as a condition precedent to his right to vote in any election held under the authority of the laws of this state, during the time the United States is engaged in fighting a war, or within one year after the close of the calendar year in which said war is terminated. —

"Provided, however, that the foregoing provisions of this section do not confer the right to vote upon any person who is a member of the regular establishment of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps; and provided further, that all persons in the armed forces of the United States, or the component branches thereof, not members of the regular establishment of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, are hereby declared not to be disqualified from voting by reason of any provision of subsection "Fifth" of Section 1, of this Article."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State on August 25, 1945, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amend-

ment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following: —
"FOR the amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Texas, providing that any person in the armed forces of the United States, or the Armed Force Reserve of the United States, or of any branch or component part thereof, or of the United States Maritime Service, or the United States Merchant Ma-

rine, or who has been a member of same within eighteen months prior to the holding of any election in this state authorized by law, and is otherwise a qualified voter, shall not be required to pay, or to hold a receipt for the payment of, a poll tax in order to vote at any such election, if same is held while the United States is at war or within a certain stated time thereaf-

ter." —
Those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the following: —
"AGAINST the amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Texas, providing that any person in the armed forces of the United States, or the Armed Force Reserve of the United States, or of (Continued On Last Page)

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The Japanese soldier would far rather die than submit to capture. Death is, in his own mind, his passport to Heaven. If he were lying on the battlefield badly wounded, and a soldier in strange uniform offered him water, he would use his last ounce of strength to kill the stranger.

He would then be dying for an allegiance the Gumbatsu had taught him. The American soldier would likewise have died. Because of the Gumbatsu.

Read the statistics. A hundred thousand Japs killed. A handful of

prisoners. The civilians on a captured Japanese island committing suicide en masse.

All right. If you can neither capture a Jap nor succor him, you must kill him. But that costs many more American lives. And many, many times more American bullets, guns and planes. And more ships to transport more ammunition over more miles.

It's a gigantic job to lick the Gumbatsu.

If it is to be done in any reasonable time, it will take all of us to do it.

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any branch or component part thereof, or of the United States Maritime Service, or the United States Merchant Marine, or who has been a member of same within eighteen months prior to the holding of any election in this state authorized by law, and is otherwise a qualified voter, and is not be required to pay, or to hold a receipt for the payment of, a poll tax in order to vote at any such election, if same is held while the United States is at war or within a certain stated time thereafter."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamations relating to the publication of the foregoing Resolution, in the various counties of the state, and shall cause the same to be published as required by the statutes and the Constitution in connection with the submission of proposed amendments to the Constitution, to the people for their action at a statewide election. If it shall appear from the returns of the elec-

tion at which the foregoing amendment to the Constitution is voted upon that a majority of the qualified voters have voted for said amendment, same shall then become a part of the Constitution of Texas. —

Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses of advertising said Resolution in each county in the state and for such other purposes as may be necessary, or required by law, or by the Constitution. —

Ozona Gunner—

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hectic exchanges with the enemy. Up to the time of that first baptism of fire, he and the other men of the gunnery department were being heckled as "the hitless wonders." They hadn't a single Jap plane to their credit. Then the car-

rier joined other units of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance's 5th Fleet for attacks on the Japanese homeland.

In that one afternoon of battle, the "green" gunners repulsed six separate attacks, nipped a Jap torpedo plane making a beeline run for a large carrier nearby, sending the raider crashing in flames a few feet from its target; got two more dive bombers and probably a light bomber.

The carrier they had saved from the torpedo plane sent a prompt "well done" to the one-time "hitless wonders."

Turned into confident veterans in a single afternoon, the gun crew has given a good account of itself on several occasions since. So far as their shipmates are concerned, there isn't a better bunch of gunners afloat.

Ramos Saved—

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"Finally they gave us the order to begin firing. I banged away at one coming right at me, but I couldn't hit him. My gun was empty and I saw he was going to hit and I jumped. The plane struck the water beside the ship and disabled it, at the same time cleaning off all men on the fantail where I had been a moment before. I believe every man was killed. Moments later three suicide planes landed squarely on the ship and it sank in a few minutes."

The Luce's gunners got three of the attacking planes before she went down and fighter pilots shot down four more of them.

Greatest hero of the Pacific war, to Ramos' way of thinking, is the pilot of the American fighter plane who shot down a Jap plane which was making a run to strafe the men in the water around the sinking ship.

"We were out there on the water watching dog fights going on all over the sky," Ramos said. "We spotted a Jap plane high in the sky and saw him start down for us. He was coming straight at us when four American fighters jumped him. In a few seconds, the Jap was on fire, his plane did a half turn and plunged into the sea. That white star, American insignia, on the side of those planes was the prettiest sight I ever saw. Man, were we glad to see those

boys take on that Jap!"

Had "general quarters" alarm been delayed but a few minutes, Ramos would have been \$200 richer today, he declared. Having had experience as a cowboy bootmaker at the Ozona Boot & Saddlery before going into the service, Ramos knew how to operate a sewing machine. One was aboard the Luce and at the suggestion of officers, Ramos spent his spare time at the machine repairing clothing for his shipmates. For this work, the men paid him whatever amount they chose and he made as much as \$12 a day at his machine.

Some of them paid me a lot of money, some didn't even say, 'Thank you,' he said.

From his sideline employment and from his paychecks, Ramos had saved up a total of \$450 in cash which he kept in his locker. At the suggestion of a shipmate, he decided to keep the money on his person in a billfold. He was engaged in counting the money and had stacked \$250 of the amount in bills when the "G. Q." alarm

sounded. Stuffing the \$250 into his billfold hurriedly, Ramos shoved the rest back into the locker and made for his station. That was the last "general quarters" alarm for the ship and Ramos' \$200 went to the bottom of the Pacific. But he is too grateful for his almost miraculous escape to do much worrying over the loss of his \$200.

Seaman Ramos was taken to Yellow Beach on Okinawa for treatment for his injuries. Later the entire group of survivors from the Luce and the Morrison and the landing craft were taken to Guam, thence to Pearl Harbor and to San Francisco. He was given a 30-day leave to visit his mother, Mrs. Tomasa Ramos, and a brother, Pvt. Everardo Ramos, who is home after spending two years in a German prison camp.

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