

Spearman Seniors Await "D" Day

Descriptions of Week Hits High For Year

Seventeen names are listed on Reporter description rolls. The Reporter has been holding out country editor. Especially Rickland, Tom Boston and Madden. These three local editors stepped in with seven copies of the United States description rolls. They would get their regular through the mail. In nine other citizens of the Reporter in their renewals. Records show the banner for 1944 with 10 new subscribers and nine renewal subscribers placed on the Reporter list.

Country editor respectfully local citizens to quit the argument about the weekly paper. Earl argued for 20 minutes and had two one dollar bills to pay, and knew darn well he was gonna pay the return. He made several remarks about short-coming in certain walks of offered varying prices to \$1.98 before he turned necessary do-rum-me to good reading for a year to the 19 papers were for men which represents 65 per cent of the total. The papers were for citizens of Hansford County making an average of 50 per cent subscription list.

Renewals: H. Johnson, Guymon, Olin Riggs, New York, gift of J. Nell Cronise, C. Harbour, S 1/c, South Sutton, Oklahoma City, Neilson, Spearman, Bannister, Spearman, Cator, Gruver, Cluck, Gruver, Crawford, Spearman, D. F. Crowe, Chicago, Ill.

New: Kenneth L. Lomax, San Antonio, gift of parents. Robert Lomax, Fort Sam Texas, gift of parents. Howard D. Kelly, Emporia, gift of Aunt Ethel Deakin. Jack Neetles, Bakersfield, gift of sister, Mrs. Opal.

Democrats Want Instructed Delegations: Precinct conventions held in Hansford County Saturday. Indicate the county court to be held at the court house, Tuesday of this week will be delegation to the state convention, unrepresented. The resolutions strongly favored the election of an unrepresented delegation that will meet with approval of Gov. Coke Stevenson who it is hoped will head the state convention.

Wedding At The Ellis: Marsha Hunt, Alexander Henry Travers, Erik Rolf, small escape. Charles Starrett, Bub Taylor, Wally Wally and His Sadie, "Sundown Valley." Mrs. 11:45 p.m. Leon Errol, Anne Rooney, "Lightly Terrific." Dana Andrews, Richard Arley Granger, Kevin "The Purple Heart." Vera Hurba Ralson, Arlen, Erich von Stroheim, "The Lady and the

Morse Schools Close May 25 With Program At School Auditorium

If you are looking for the Morse Senior Class of 1944, chances are you will have to do a bit of FBI-ing in the ranks of the armed forces and in other educational institutions. The Senior class for this year is a war casualty. However, Morse does have an eight grade graduating class, and skeleton plans for the graduation exercises have been completed. The Commencement exercises are to be held Thursday evening, May 25th at the Morse School Auditorium. Rev. Jesse Bolin, pastor of the Morse Baptist church will be the speaker but the remainder of the program for the evening have not been completed. They will be published in next week's issue of the Spearman Reporter.

The Junior class of the school presented a three act play at the school auditorium May 5th. The play was presented by ten members of the class to a large and appreciative audience. The Commencement sermon for the 8th grade graduation will be held at the Morse Baptist Church Sunday, May 21st. Rev. Jesse Bolin will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

One social feature of the graduation season was a formal reception held by members of the Junior class May 12. Eighth grade students graduating this year are: Sue Gillispie, Lorene Reiswig, Betty Jean Bynum, Betty Joyce Cator, Ezro Garrison, Harold Laughter.

Buck Keim Home For Visit With Friends, Family

Parents, relatives and friends of Hansford County are having hey-day this week with service men, and one of the popular group that is in the city is J. R. (Buck) Keim. Aside from visiting his friends and relatives for the first time in about 19 months, Buck had other important business in this city, which he completed Saturday afternoon. You will have to look in the society column of this newspaper to find out about this important transaction.

Buck entered the service some 19 months ago at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma Receiving Station. He completed his basic training at Camp Roberts, California, did a tour of duty at Pittsburgh, California, and left Ft. Lawton, Washington for the Aleutian area about June 4 of 1943. Buck did his battle engagement tour in the Aleutians and Adak Islands. He is a member of a headquarters weapons platoon, infantry, and is the number four man on an 88-Millimeter mortar. Buck has had some thrilling experiences during his 19 months, and more than 8,000 miles of travel. He tells of sights of death and destruction, enemy machine gun emplacements, and his collection of Japanese souvenirs. He plans to place his collection on exhibit in the show window of the Reporter this week. Buck tells of reaching in a box to get a pair of two toned leather officer shoes of the departed Japanese. Just as he picked up the shoes, one of his buddies was salvaging some lumber about 50 feet away, and as the buddies raised a slab of the lumber a booby trap exploded killing his companion and knocking Buck out cold. He declares he is mighty careful about picking up articles since this tragedy happened.

School Superintendent Greets Graduates And Patrons Of District: May 6, 1944. In keeping with the spirit of the Special School Edition of The Spearman Reporter, the best county paper, with the best editor, in the best town, in the best county, in the best part of the best state of the best nation of the best world, and in appreciation for the support it has given me, and has given our school, during my first year here as superintendent of the Spearman School System. I am glad to appear on the stage of this public press and have a few written words with you, its readers and audience. Congratulations to the Graduation Class of 1943-44. Though comparatively few you may be in numbers, large indeed you have been in school spirit, spirit of cooperation, and leadership. Precious things come in small packages. Dynamite, yes, even the mighty block-busters of the Allied Air Force are not large, but the whole world recognizes their power. The diplomas to be presented you will contain, in addition to the certification that you have satisfactorily done the work required of you in the process of gaining a high school education, a personal message written therein with invisible ink that I love you, that I wish for you the best of the best things that life affords, and last but not least, that I am counting on you. To the entire student body I wish to express my application for your every act, thought, and effort that has pointed in the right direction in the proper development of your spiritual, mental, and physical education. You are not just preparing yourselves for the future, you are living today and revealing to all those with whom you are associated at home, at school, and in public the kind of citizens you will be tomorrow. As goes those of school age now, so goes those adults of the future. Conversely, the same is true of adult leadership. Like father, like son. Thus, to all parents and other

Capt. John Gillispie In States

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gillispie received word this week that Capt. John Gillispie, hero of many battle engagements in the Pacific war zone, and recently with the marines at New Britain Islands, is in the states. Captain Gillispie is in a medical center in Maryland, just outside Washington, D. C. Captain John's parents believe he is suffering with some symptom of tropical fever.

Cold And Dry Weather Is Weeks Report

Fred Brandt's winter weather report arrived with the first real sunshine of the past week, Tuesday morning, and our U. S. weather observer was wearing a grin, indicating that spring may get here around July 4. Fred declares that we are safe in authorizing the public that they can drain the anti freeze from their cars July 2. Four days of the past week the low temperature was just 4 and 5 degrees above freezing weather. The high never did reach the 80's and barely got above 60's six of the past seven days up to Tuesday the time the report is prepared for printing in the paper.

Below is the temperature record.

Date	High	Low
May 2	63	46
3	62	37
4	61	37
5	64	36
6	64	36
7	71	42
8	60	47
9	60	41

Face Labor Shortage In This County

The extension service has again been designated by Congress to handle the farm labor problem. The shortage of competent farm labor is probably the biggest problem facing agriculture. Locally the labor problem will no doubt be very acute during harvest. According to data secured from farm plan sheets signed by farmers recently, there is 269,395 acres of wheat in the county this year, 20,000 acres of barley, and 5,100 acres of oats. This adds up to 294,495 acres of small grain to be harvested—the largest acreage in the history of Hansford County. Last year we had only 180,000 acres.

During harvest we plan to have labor office open in Spearman and to have a labor recruiter to assist in placing labor and equipment. Important: Recently you have received two questionnaires in regard to your need for labor, equipment, and tires. If we are to secure our share of these items it is vital that all farmers fill out and return these forms as soon as possible. This is urgent—don't delay.

Acres seeded to wheat (does not reflect harvested acres)—in some years such as 1937 very little was harvested.

No. Bu.	Acres Harvested
1937	240,000
1938	190,000
1939	212,000
1940	200,000
1941	188,000
1942	180,000
1943	186,000

Bond Quota For May Is \$27,200

Chairman of Hansford county Bond committee, A. R. Turner announced this week that the Hansford quota for May was \$27,200.00. For the past two months Hansford county has fallen behind on the monthly quota. Turner urges everyone that can afford to do so, to make purchases this month.

Flying Ace Is Visiting Home Folk This Week

Captain Floyd Close, one of America's flying aces, who has spent many months in England and completed more than 25 combat missions, is home this week visiting with his parents, Capt. Close arrived late Monday, and we were not able to get an interview before this paper goes to press.

Service Men Guests At Lion Meet

Pat Becker and Rosanna Porter were guest artists at the regular meeting of the Lions Club held at the Methodist Church annex Tuesday noon. Pat gave the winning solo on the trombone that gave him superior rating at the recent district band meet. Rosanna also played her solo number that won similar honors for at the band meet at Pampa.

Guests for the meeting were Seaman Second Class Newell Allen, and soldiers Bobbie Morton and J. R. (Buck) Keim. Alvin Hatton, a brother of County Agent Joe Hatton was a guest at the meeting. The club voted Lion J. H. Thomas as delegate to the district meeting of the organization to be held at Lubbock next Sunday and Monday, May 14-15. He was instructed to cast the vote of the Spearman Lion Club for Lion John McLean of the Hereford Lion Club, to be the next district governor.

Happy Birthday

May 12: Joe Sollows
May 13: T. I. Harbour
May 15: Betty Whitson
May 16: Mrs. J. W. Chesser
May 17: Mrs. L. W. Mathewes
May 18: Mrs. Fred Hoskins
Past Birthdays—
May 9: Pfc. J. O. Beeson
May 5: Beuna Vernon

Judge Jack Allen Asks Voters For Reelection To District Office

The Spearman Reporter is authorized to announce the candidacy of Judge Jack Allen, for reelection to the office of district judge of the 84th Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held in this county July 22, 1944.

REA Trunk Line Will Bisect Four Counties

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25 Students Will Receive Diplomas At Gruver May 26

Loss of membership in both the eighth grade graduation class and the Senior high school class is reflected in reports of Supt. Oliver A. Bush of the Gruver school as this thriving community enters its third war time graduation season. Reports show the eighth grade class dropped from twenty six members who graduated into high school last year to twelve who will receive their diplomas this year. In the Senior class of the high school nineteen members graduated last year and only eleven will march down the aisle in caps and gowns this year.

Despite the war time restrictions the Trustees, patrons and faculty of the Gruver Independent School District have planned a full and interesting series of graduation activities for both the eighth grade and the high school seniors. Scheduled first in the weeks activities is the Commencement sermon, which will be held at the Gruver High School auditorium Sunday, May 21st at 11:00 a.m. This Baccalaureate program will be for both graduates of the grade and high schools.

Mrs. Dan Shrader will play the Professional, and the Invocation will be by Mrs. C. H. Winder. "Above the Hills of Time" song by the Senior class. A double duet, with Doris Ruth Biggs, Velma Lois Harris, Margaret Lucille Shapley, Jaunita Fern Wallin will sing "Whispering Hope."

Rev. I. E. Biggs, pastor of the Methodist church of Gruver will present the sermon message "Racing The Wind."

The congregation will sing "Praise Him, Praise Him," and Rev. Herbert Hughes, pastor of the Gruver Baptist church will pronounce the benediction. Recessional will be played by Mrs. Dan Shrader.

Oldsters Get Reprive In This County

Practically all men registered in this county above the age of 26 years have been notified to report May 15 for pre-medical the pre-medical examination has been postponed.

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Graduation To Be Held May 18 At Auditorium

Adair And Porter Are Honor Students Of 1944 Senior Class: Eighteen students are on the class roll of the Spearman High School senior class as the "D" Day for the students approaches. The brave band of students will stage their invasion in the form of graduation Thursday evening, May 18, 1944, at the high school auditorium.

This class has made elaborate preparations for a successful invasion of the world to come, and most of the individuals have had specialized training for further education, armed service or their place in a busy emergency war torn world. Neal Adair, honor pupil of the class will give the Valedictory address for the Commencement program. Frank Porter will give the Salutatory address.

Others On Program: Miss Beuna Vernon will play the professional. The invocation will be given by Rev. Matthew Doyel. The president's address will be given by A. L. Wilson, Jr. Billy Jack Glover will give a solo. Supt. L. H. Bond will present students awards and diplomas to members of the class. The benediction will be by Rev. C. F. Bastion.

Baccalaureate Services will be held at the high school auditorium, Sunday, May 14th, beginning at 11:00 a. m. Mr. M. W. Graves of Perryton, former principal of the grade school of Spearman will deliver the sermon.

The processional will be played by Miss Beuna Vernon, and the invocation is by Rev. Eldridge. A hymn by the congregation will be followed by announcements by Supt. L. H. Bond. A violin trio with Jean Hill, Barbara Jean Daily and Wilson McClellan will be the special musical number of the program. Rev. Matthew Doyel will pronounce the benediction. The recessional will be played by Miss Beuna Vernon.

H. D. Committee Place Deadline On Orders

The H. D. C. Marketing Committee are still taking orders for pineapples at \$4.00 per dozen. They will be first grade and weigh 3 to 4 pounds. The committee will be in the club room Saturday, May 13, from 1:00 p. m. till 7:00 p. m. We will take orders until the 13th of May. Contact any of the committee, who are Mrs. H. M. Shedeck, Mrs. A. L. Barkley, and Mrs. Archa Morse.

Mrs. D. B. Kirk Suffers Loss Of An Eye

Mrs. D. B. Kirk is in an Amarillo hospital, following an operation on an eye. The eye was removed last week, and Mrs. Kirk is reported somewhat improved.

Fire Damages Madden Home

Fire of undetermined origin did considerable damage to the home and fixtures of the Earl Madden home Monday afternoon, May 8. Apparently the fire started in a clothes closet of the home. Much of the living room and kitchen furniture were moved out before they were damaged by the fire. Two bed rooms, practically all of the clothing of the entire family and other items were completely destroyed. The building was badly damaged.

EIGHTH GRADE ROLL

Lera Mae Barkley
Gwendolyn Fave Cator
Orson Howard Cline
Fern Alene Cooper
Maxine Ruth Cooper
Don Edward Fletcher
Robert Coleman Green, Jr.
George Curtis Lowe
Jens August Pedersen
Henry Bradford Shapley
Tommy Gene Ward.

SPEARMAN LYNX

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GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

First Grade

The first grade pupils have completed almost all their work for this term of school. They took their achievement tests Friday and most of them did quite well. The children have worked well and played hard. We wish to thank our room mothers, Mrs. Ned Turner and Mrs. Wm. McClellan for the nice things they have done to make this a pleasant school year. Mrs. Turner left her kodak with us to take a class picture. We hope the picture will be good.

Second Grade

The second grade is ready to take its achievement tests, Friday, May 12. Most of the children are ready for their tests. We have had a very pleasant school year. We wish to thank our two kind and helpful room mothers, Mrs. Gibner and Mrs. Chambers. I want to thank the parents for their coop-

eration this school year. We were glad to have the parents visit school. The following pupils received penmanship certificates for standard work in their grade: Earl Archer, Larry Reed, Marilyn Crawford, Patricia Mors, Ann Riley, Shirley Rosenbaum, Mary Nell Crawford, Peyton Gibner, Kay Howell, and Marisue Daniel. Nine pupils received certificates of improvement. They are: Earnest Kirkman, Noreen Cates, Durland Sheets, Jno. Day, Dwain Summer-ville, Ernestine Wilson, Don Coley, Bennie Byers and Billie Jean Hughes.

Fourth Grade

As we come to the close of another school year, the fourth grade has many things to be proud of, we have had some very pleasant associations in both play and classroom work. We have some records we are proud of. Mary Faith Oakes has not been tardy or absent and the following pupils have an average of "A" on all class work: Barbara Beck, Jean Guess, Jerry Beth Harbour, Carol Hull, Elaine Daily. There are several who have made a "B" average. We enjoyed working with the third grade in the operetta. We want to thank Mr. Bond for the help he has given us. We have always enjoyed his visits to our room. We have worked hard and now we are planning lots of fun during vacation, and so good-bye.

Fifth Grade

We have been getting ready for our room exhibit. We are making notebooks that have our daily grades in them. We all have pretty good grades. We have been studying about "The Age of Machines" in reading. John Patterson bought a steam engine, Doyle Jackson made a wind charger. Joel Lee Lackey made an airplane. Joar Mackey is making something about communication and transportation, and Betty Lou Wallas drew some pictures of transportation. In health, Joel Lee Lackey and La Veta Crawford drew pictures. In geography, Frank White drew the maps and Doris Jean Scroggs made a book in geography. All of us made something for the exhibit.

CLASS WILL

Esteemed company of witnesses: The Senior Class has felt for some time that its demise was near; we have felt that school was

beginning to disagree with us and that the members of the faculty had conspired to accomplish the death of the most astonishingly brilliant class the walls of Spearman High and the teachers there of have ever frowned upon. Therefore, being so soon to pass from these scenes of educational activity; being in full possession of alert minds and memories that put the most extensive encyclopedias to shame; having faculties keenly sharpened by many contests with flinty instructors, we would publish to you upon this funeral occasion, the last will and testament of the Senior Class of 1944.

To Bobby Herd, Bill Keahey wills his power to please the dames.

To Elmer Hilton, Frank Porter gives his chances to become president of the United States.

To Wylie Sheets, Louis P. Schnell gives his ability to write attractive notes to the girls.

Margaret Kizziar was generous enough to give Jean Hill her desire to become an old maid.

Grace Lee Lawson gives her goodness for the boys to Rosanne (Tush) Porter.

Rosemary leaves her weight to Wilma Mahaffey.

Arlys Womble leaves herself up a stump, wishing some aid from Clarence Kerns.

Sammy May leaves cute sarcastic remarks to Winifred Hoskins.

Jack Dacus wills his most enjoyable trips to Borger to Gerald Briley.

Olanda (Doc) Reynolds gives his medical profession to Dub Davis.

Neal Adair leaves his dignified manners and courtships to Donald Sheets.

Gene Schnell leaves his mustache to Avis Harbour.

Billy Joe Davis leaves his dancing ability to Jack Tice and takes his bottle of beer with him.

Ella Rose Jackson leaves her quietness and slow reactions to Joy Crooks.

A. L. leaves his "private smoking lounge" to Mr. Darnell.

Dorothy Hester leaves her cute ankles to "Pork" Maize.

George leaves her private booth at the Miami Beach Resort in Borger to Imogene Stowe.

To the Junior Class, as our rightful and worthy successors, we leave—

Our seats; occupy them, but don't try to fulfill them.

Our senior dignity—may they uphold it with becoming seriousness, endeavoring to overcome their usual hair-brain and frivolous flippancy.

To the principal of the school, the unfailing good humor of the entire class.

To the faculty—

To our faculty members a copy of amateur detective suggestions which we feel will be of great assistance in figuring out the pranks of various students.

CLASS HISTORY

Frank Porter

The Seniors now have a graduating class of 18. But when we entered school in 1933, there were 33 first graders. Unlike most classes, our class declined instead of increased in number. We seniors think that we have had a colorful history, though we are the smallest class ever to graduate from Spearman High School. Here, briefly, is the class history of each year from the first grade to our senior year:

First grade—Mrs. J. C. Tuttle, teacher. Thirty three children entered in the original senior class in 1933. They were as follows: Arlys Womble
Waide Wilson

J. C. Williams
Billy Joe Thorne
Lou Marie Smith
Wesley Sheets
Olando Reynolds
Eddie Reed
Frank Porter
Doris Parker
Warren Oakes
Wilma Mahaffey
Mildred McKay
Roberta McCellan
Joyce Jones
Elmer Lee Hilton
Jack Dacus
Iris Hall
Ethel Fullbright
Vileta Field
J. R. Dixon
Thadine Deck
Nadine Deck
James Dougherty
Patsy Ruth Dacus
Loreta Crawford
David Cone
Tomasine Carruth
Warren Carnes
Mary Alice Campfield
Bobbie June Brandt
Dorothy Bradford
Donald Schnell.

Those that withdrew in the first grade were:

Elmer Lee Hilton.
Second grade — Lois Bailey, teacher. Those who entered with us in the second grade were:

Dorothy Hester
Wynona Prutsman
Walters Peters
Calvin Cox
Melvin Cox
Betty Boxford.
None withdrew in the second grade.

Third grade — Mary Gantt, teacher. Those that entered our class in the third grade were:

Georgia Burleson
Colmon Archer
Ella Rose Jackson.
Those that withdrew from our class in the third grade were:

Roberta McCellan
Waide Wilson.

Fourth grade—Lois Hale, teacher. Those that entered our class in the fourth grade were:

Viola Taylor
Louis Schnell
Gene Schnell
Henry Keahey, Jr. (Bill)
Darrell Hogsett
Duane Hogsett
Dean Harbour
Carl Dean Good.
Those that withdrew in the fourth grade were:

Dean Harbour
Duane Hogsett
Darrell Hogsett
Wilma Mahaffey
Warren Carnes
Wesley Sheets

Fifth grade, Ruby England, teacher.

Those that entered with us in the fifth grade were:

Celia Patterson
Doris Martin
Eugenia Branan
Doris Parker
Lou Marie Smith
Carl Dean Good
James Dougherty
Henry Keahey, Jr.
David Cone
Tomasine Carruth
Bobbie June Brandt
Betty Boxford
Colmon Archer
Eugenia Branan
Sixth grade, M. W. Graves, teacher.

Those that withdrew from our class in the sixth grade were:

Vileta Field
Doris Parker
Doris Martin
Thadine Deck
Nadine Deck
Mary Alice Campfield
Dorothy Bradford
7th grade, M. W. Graves.

Those that entered our class in the 7th grade were:

Dean Harbour.
Those that withdrew in the 7th grade were:

Dean Harbour
Iris Hall
Alva Lee
Billy Joe Thorne
Viola Taylor
Walter Peters
Patsy Ruth Dacus
Calvin Cox
Melvin Cox
Freshman, Mrs. Carl Wilbinks.

Those that entered with us as "Fish" were:

Jack Pope
Grace Lee Lawson
Margaret Kizziar
Ray Halsey
Those that withdrew in our Freshman year were:

Donald Schnell
J. R. Dixon
Warren Oakes
Jack Pope
Sophomore, Virginia Fortenberry.

Those that entered our class were:

Caylor Davis
Billy Joe Davis
Neal Adair
Newman Schneider
Jerry Regier
Those that withdrew were:

Mildred Forbes

Betty Nabours
Newman Schneider
Jerry Regier
Junior, Juanita Hughes.

Those that entered our class were:

Roy B. Noel
Sammy May

Bill Keahey
A. L. Wilson, Jr.
Cora Francis Combs
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Graduation
GIFTS
 FOR THE CLASS
 OF '44"

OF SPEARMAN, GRUVER & MORSE SCHOOLS

We congratulate the graduates of Hansford County high and grade schools upon their achievement.

Below you will find a few of the many items that can be found at the Spearman Dry Goods and which will make appropriate gifts for graduates of either the grade or high schools of this county.

Best wishes to the graduates for a successful and happy future

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IMPORTANT NOTICE . . . We have made a commitment to the Baldwin-Gleaner Combine Company, outlining what we judged would be the needs in this line for Hansford county for 1945. In order to secure this machinery next year, we must have applications in hand to substantiate this survey. We urge anyone who wants to purchase a Baldwin-Gleaner Combine for delivery in 1945, to come in at once and look over the application forms.

McClellan Chevrolet Company

Marking Time, Too



Cpl. Joe E. Raney Likes England



Here is another one of the Hansford county boys who is practically a veteran in the service. Joe joined up with famous Texas 90th division March 13, 1942. He is a member of the 357th infantry hqds. detachment. Joe attended school at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, was with his organization for the Louisiana maneuvers, did a short tour of duty with a unit in Arizona, and of course completed his advance training at Abilene Texas, before sailing for foreign service in December of 1943. Joe writes home that he is somewhere in England, and is really enjoying some of the customs and habits of his new found friends. He says he is billed in a home that was built in 1400 or 1600. Joe attended Easter services in a church that is hundreds of years old, and says it is most impressive to see the furnishings and observe the services in these old church institutions. He is kinda bragging about the fact that he is an old salt, and did not get seasick on his trip across. Joe likes his cookies and even suggested to homefolk that they might well start em rolling, said "So you had better make another box of cookies and start them on the way. Joe had a bit of trouble translating his dollars and cents into English pounds but allows he is getting the knack of the exchange, and learning how to spend his money to the best of advantage. His address is Cpl. Joe E. Raney Hq. 357th Inf. APO 90 Care Postmaster New York, N. Y.

The Senior Trip

Frank Porter We could hear thunder and smell rain early Saturday morning, and it looked as if the Senior class could not go on its trip. Our truck driver, J. D. Hester, finally got here at about 6:30. Then a group of boys went to the school house and secured enough benches to make the trip. Next we went to George Buzzard's house to borrow a tarp and we finally got started about 7:30 o'clock that morning. The Seniors who went on the trip were as follows: Georgia Burleson, Jack Dacus, Billy Joe Davis, Dorothy Hester, Margaret Kizzair, Bill Keahey, Grace Lee Lawson, Rosemary Mitchell, Frank Porter, Orlando Reynolds, Gene Schnell, Louis Schnell, A. L. Wilson, Arlys Womble, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Sr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell, room mothers; J. D. Hester, truck driver; and C. H. Cheves, class sponsor. We arrived in Amarillo about 10:30 that morning. We met Mr. Cheves our class sponsor. He had secured our room reservations for us. We stayed in the town until about 1:30 P. M., then went to Palo Duro Canyon where many of the Seniors hiked. Mr. Cheves and five of the class (2 girls and 3 boys) hiked for over ten miles through the Canyon. Many of the boys separated throughout the canyon, and we did not get to eat before 6 o'clock. After we finished eating, we went to the souvenir shop and bought trinkets. We arrived back in Amarillo about 7:30, and the indicated thoughts of the students seemed to point to "painting the town red." For further information as to what happened that night, you can confer with such gentlemen as A. L. Wilson, Orlando Reynolds, Gene Schnell, Bill Joe Davis, and Jack Dacus. But as for the girls they stayed at home. (At least that is what we—the boys—would like to think.) Unlike most Sundays the Seniors got up early. We were going to make a trip to Buffalo Lake. We went down town to eat breakfast, and at about 11:30 we left Amarillo for the Lake. We arrived at Buffalo Lake at about 1:30 that afternoon. There was an estimated crowd of about 20,000 there. I don't believe we have seen so many cars bunched in one place as we saw there (since rationing). That afternoon, there was an aerial show which featured three types of bombing. Considering the weather conditions that those boys (bombardiers) went through, the show was exceptionally good. We came back to Amarillo where we stayed at the Long Horn Cabins another night. We got up at 8:30 Monday morning and made the decision to start for home around 1:00 that afternoon. Most of us did our last minute shopping and fun-making that morning. Also, we spent plenty of time eating. We all met again at 1:15 and started for home about 1:45, arriving in Spearman about 4:30 that afternoon. In conclusion of this trip, we wish to thank our Room Mothers for going with us; J. D. Hester, who was good enough to take his truck; our class sponsor, Mr. Cheves, whom we think is the best class sponsor in High School; George Buzzard, who generously loaned his tarp to us; and, last but not least, we wish to thank the faculty and school board who permitted us to go and so eagerly wished us "luck." Thanks!

Lakeview Tattler

John Kinney was a caller in the John Sim home Sunday morning. Mrs. Kenny stopped at the Powell home she and the writer started to Spearman to church about two miles from home not out of gas, there we sat waiting for some one to come along, going toward home intending to thumb our way back it so happened no one came along until we had given up and footed it back to the Dennis Reed home, while waiting for Mr. Reed to bring us home a couple of cars passed by, just our luck after walking a mile. The Dan Nitehske family have fenced in their yard and done a dandy good job of landscaping. The place doesn't look the same place. Little Maryle goes with her daddy to pick up a truck of feed she is a very cute little farmerette. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hooper have bought a lovely home in Amarillo where they intend to live.

A card from Helen Kenny who with her mother and Nadene Deck are visiting in California states they will soon be home. The girls are very much carried away with the beautiful flowers and orange groves. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Collins are visiting Mrs. Collins parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cola Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Cola Lee motored to Canadian to see Mrs. Lee's son who is ill due to stopping down to pick up something and hit his head on the telephone. The son is now in the hospital. Clifton is due back in the hospital in Temple the first of the month where the government are treating him for wounds received in combat over seas. Clifton and Wanda were very busy entertaining their parents guests Sunday it seems that several choose the day the Lee's were not at home to make a Sunday visit, some came for dinner others in the afternoon as fast as one left another would come. All enjoyed visiting with Wanda and Clifton and didn't seem to miss the Lee's. The Lee's have remodeled their house glassing in two large porches and redecorating the interior of the house, also have their bath fixtures installed. Their garden is growing equal to the wheat and the strawberries are more than half grown. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Converse were dinner guests in the S. J. Powell home Sunday. We enjoyed their presence very much and do hope they come again soon. Margaret Reed spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. James Reed and attended the revival at the Methodist Church. Dale Pearson finished fixing the Powell well Saturday. Mrs. Dyle of south west of Perryton was shopping in Perryton Tuesday of last week. Supt. M. C. Jackson of Morse was transacting business in Spearman Saturday.

MY MOTHER

C. B. Mannin, a returned missionary from South America, writes "My mother taught General Pershing in Sunday school for six years in Laclede, Mo. When General Pershing was in Denver, on his return from the first World War, it was his great joy to meet his old Sunday school teacher again. Miss Harriett Bradley, a blind poetess, has immortalized that meeting in the following poem:"

A leader great the child one day may be And through him God a million lives may touch So follow him with prayer, o'er land and sea, Remembering that this availeth much. A hero, flushed with victory and fame, Is just returning to his native land. The boys "Hurrah," at mention of his name, And mighty statesmen bared before him stand. The prodigious man American can boast Is flattered by the Chieftain's friendly glance; While round him flock a military

host To clasp the hand which guided them in France. Escaping from the noisy, crowded street, He enters, like a prince, the bannered hall; Beneath its brilliant lights he stands to meet The throngs that welcome him, both one and all. A tiny woman comes, with modest mien, And calmly waits before him, frail and weak. He bends to her, forgetful of the scene, And fondly prints a kiss on either cheek. Shelifts her hand and strokes his



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The 1944 food goals demand not only 2,000,000 more Victory Gardens than last year, but bigger and better ones as well.

GI's Use All Airmailers

Postal officials report that the armed forces are now absorbing the entire production of 6-cent stamped air mail envelopes, about 8,000,000 a week.

Rubber To Britain

An estimated 112,000 long tons of synthetic rubber will be shipped to Great Britain and other countries of the United Nations in 1944, leaving 618,000 long tons available for U. S. consumption after allowance for working inventory.

To help your car last for the duration, change the engine oil at least every six weeks, lubricate the chassis at least six times a year, clean and adjust the spark plugs at least every six months.

beaming face, As was her wont, when he was but a lad. The smile, which lends his features youthful grace, Proclaims to all that she has made him glad— One whispers, "She's related to the Chief, Or thus he would not break the social rule." The General offers explanation brief— "She taught me, long ago, in Sunday School."

Through flood or flame, and storms of shot and shell, Her prayers have followed him a-down the years. How much they helped him, God alone can tell; And she may know, beyond this vale of tears.

If in thy path a little child, today, Is waiting for the lesson thou canst teach; I pray thee, coach him well in wisdom's way; For, who can tell ho wfar thy text may reach?



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A REAL PROBLEM

Along with the increase in the cost of living, and the fact that hundreds of well trained teachers over the nation have abandoned their profession temporarily to enter war work, comes a real problem for trustees of independent school districts. Most every district has attempted to solve this problem for the past emergency period, and in some places, the situation is similar to Spearman. They find they have to compete with richer areas of the state for competent teachers. The turn-over of teachers during the past year has been tremendous. For one reason and another teachers have resigned and changes have been made during the school year. Right at the present time the staff of the Spearman Independent School District is some three teachers short of former days. Of course the enrollment is somewhat smaller, and the needs are not so great. However, we know that the superintendent here has done a fine job with what facilities he has had to work with. The fact that we have been able to maintain our credits under the present conditions makes it a real compliment to the local head of school and his efficient help.

In other sections of the state school districts are either raising the tax rate or the valuation. Just this week the Dalhart school district announced an increase in valuation of taxable property and came out in the paper explaining that it would enable the trustees to keep up current obligations and pay an increase to the teachers of the district.

Where the school districts have ample funds it seems they do get teachers with degrees and maintain a bit more efficient school system.

We wonder if this district would not be justified in raising the valuation of school taxed property slightly and give the local board of trustees a bit more finance so that present teachers could be paid a more attractive salary, and perhaps fill the vacancies that now exist.

Miss Avis Harbour entertained as week-end guests, Betty Jo Pierce, Estell Terry and Velma Ruth Fox.

Political Announcements

The following announcements for public office are made subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 22, 1944.

- For District Judge JACK ALLEN
For District-County Clerk FRED J. HOSKINS
For District Attorney W. L. MCCONNELL
For County Judge A. F. BARKLEY
For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector: FRED LINN, J. B. COOKE
For County Treasurer: MRS. MAY JONES
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: ALBERT JACOBS, F. W. MAIZE, A. L. JACKSON
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2: HAROLD J. COLLIER, ROY C. CHASE, VIC OGLE
For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: FRANK WALLIN
For Commissioner Precinct No. 4: COY HOLT

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By 'HONEST' BILL MILLER

CO-OPS AND TAXES

"Alarmed by the recent rapid growth of cooperatives, competitors have launched an intense national campaign to stunt their growth and eliminate such competition from the field. Most of the campaign now consists of attacks against the tax status of the cooperatives.

In the NATIONAL PETROLEUM NEWS recently appeared the latest in a series of articles along this line. It was a letter to the editor from R. A. Hyde of the R. A. Hyde Oil Company, Pipestone, Minn., quoting in full his (Hyde's) letter to his congressman, H. Carl Anderson of Tyler, Minn., on the subject.

Mr. Hyde's letter repeats most of the usual arguments of those who favor changing the tax status of cooperatives. In a recent issue of the MIDLAND COOPERATOR, A. J. Smaby, general manager of the Midland Cooperative Wholesale, Minneapolis, Minn., very effectively answers Mr. Hyde's contentions.

Because the issues raised are of immediate interest and nationwide in scope, affecting co-ops of the Southwest as well as those in Minnesota, the Consumer's Sales Co. prints Mr. Hyde's letter and Mr. Smaby's answer in full in an advertisement of this newspaper."

This newspaper is not in a position to offer any opinion in a matter such as is outlined in the above quoted box clipped from the Producers Consumers magazine, representing many consumer organizations of the Panhandle of Texas. The argument is presented unbiased and paid for by the local consumer organization at regular advertising rates. . . the one point we do want to make in this column is the fact that Simeon Caldwell had enough confidence in his home town paper to spend some money presenting this message. He stated that the entire public of Hansford county should know the pro and con of the argument. While most of the mem-

bers of the consumer organizations of this county receive the magazine, we believe that not near all of them have read the article. We do believe that they will read this advertisement in this issue of the Reporter.

Want to thank Pal Lyon for the story published below: THIS MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU—SUBSCRIBE!

A man who was too stingy to subscribe for his home town paper sent his little boy to borrow a copy from a neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and, in 10 minutes, looked like a warty summer squash.

His father ran to his assistance and, failing to notice the barbed wire fence, ran into that, ruining a \$5 pair of trousers.

The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence, got into the corn field and killed herself eating green corn.

Hearing the racket, his wife ran out, upset a four-gallon churn of cream into a basket of little chickens, drowning the entire batch. In her haste, she dropped a \$35 set of false teeth.

The baby, having been left alone, crawled through the cream into the parlor, ruining a brand-new \$25 carpet.

During the excitement, the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 setting hens and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts on the clothes line.

Moral: Don't borrow your neighbor's paper. It's too risky.

A Good Alibi Is Wasted

In last week's issue of the Reporter, J. C. Harris of Gruver and Eck Lee of Spearman had mighty fine looking Goodyear Tire advertisements. On reading proofs your country editor noticed that the wrong signatures were attached to the advertisements, or the right advertisements had the wrong signatures. . . anyway Eck signed the advertisement that J. C. would pay for. We made the note, "change signatures" on the ad proof and forgot it. The printer changed signatures but didn't change cities, thus we located J.

C. Harris Service Station of Gruver at Spearman, and R. E. Lee Oil Company of Spearman at Gruver. Naturally I expected to have to buy the drinks for all concerned and figure out a first class alibi for this week's paper. Imagine my surprise when I got a note from J. C. Harris stating: "Good work, Bill, I already have most of the business of Hansford County anyway, and my customers will figure I got a branch station at Spearman with Eck Lee running it."

On the other hand Eck met me downtown and said he figured everything was all right cause he had an extra shipment of tires sent to this month and could take care of the Gruver over-the-counter. He swore up and down that he had been turning down folks that lived too far away from Spearman, and intimated that J. C. Harris had maneuvered the deal to get rid of some of his customers so he wouldn't have to work so hard.

Below is printed the swell alibi I had fixed up to explain to the tire dealers and the public. It is clipped from Popie Devine's Texhoma newspaper. "A lot of mistakes are in the newspapers of today. Every newspaper publisher, with what few helpers he has, is worked to death. Everyone of them are putting in from 12 to 18 hours per day, especially the first part of the week, and this year will see a good many country weekly papers fold up and quit. Thirty-three quit in Oklahoma last year. The war is getting all the printers, and no more can be trained at this time. If a paper is proof-read at all, it will be a miracle. Everyone who can run a linotype machine can get a better job at the drop of a hat. Here at the Times office Mrs. Bowen can get a better job and one that pays more money, and if she should accept any of them, and the conditions continue as they are, the Times will fold up and quit. There is no business concern in the country that has been so hurt as the printing business, and at the same time so much extra work falls on what few people who are left in the printing business. If you see mistakes in your home town paper, no matter where it comes from or where printed, just charge it up to Hitler, Tojo or old Mussi, because the

men and women who are in the printing business do not care any more about a few mistakes. It's just a matter of getting out a paper, and getting the work done."

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jones and daughter, Joyce of Ft. Worth, were here the past week-end on their way to Idaho. They visited in the home of Mr. Jones' brother, Dennis Jones and family.



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New low price on GOODYEAR SYNTHETIC RUBBER TUBES Size 6.00-16 \$3.65 plus tax

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Bring your smooth auto tire to us for a recapping job ready to deliver many months of safe, sure travel. We use Goodyear materials and Goodyear methods at TIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS to give you more miles for less money.

Let us help you keep truck tires rolling. Our careful tire inspection shows when to recap. Our tested Goodyear methods retain original tire shape and balance—add thousands more miles of usefulness to precious tire casings. Stop in today.

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Spearman High School Class Prophecy Sounds Like A Great Future

This is the time when through the sweet June days, The graduates pass to seek their separate ways, This is the time when their desires must be So strong, the gods must pause to hear their plea, This is the time when ring, from far and near, Their eager questions on Miner- ver's ear, And do I answer? Can I answer? Nay, I know their possibilities, but who may, Even with that, predict how they may use The gifts of life so many youths abuse? Not I, indeed! Nor would I if I might Encourage overmuch their ignom right, As certain I would not voice one thought That might discourage more than goddess' ought! And so I listen—patiently and kind— And try some word of counsel wise to find, That may guide fiery youth in pathways right, For this alone, I linger here to- night! Their longings waft in millions to mine ear, 'Twere less than goddess who parley: not to hear, And I've been drawn by strong thoughts to this scene

To say some word for the Class of 1944.

1. O Dear! With which shall I begin? Miss Ella Rose Jackson would know if she may win Success in literature. Dear me! It looks As though the ink on this would fill big booms! In literature! Her composition's fair, Her permanship—but that's not here nor there, For authors never write a decent scrawl, She may succeed and then, again, Who dares to say? 'Tis all in her own mind That she success or failure has to find!

2. Others—Olando Reynolds and Billy Jo Davis want to know If they can be doctors. Surly so, They can be what they will to be, or course, I'm sure their Latin can't be any worse Than those who do succeed each year, and so They probably will do better than we know.

3. What? Grace Lee Lawson and Margaret Kizziar would really like to sing! Now, who would ever dream of such a thing? Well, if they have a voice, and it must be! I'm sure the girls can sing for all of me. It needs much patience, in the practice, years, But that's forgotten as success ap- pears.

4. What's this? Georgia Burleson would like to be a nurse! Well, now, that's good, I'm sure she might do worse, There's always need of loving heart and hand To are for those who constant care demand, And she seems gifted with a tender heart— Yes, I believe she's fitted for the part.

5. Now what? Neal Adair, Frank Porter, and Louis Schnell would be millionaires! They know not that great wealth is but a snare! To lay up fleeting treasures on the earth May cost them all their hearts and souls are worth! If they would store with truer wealth their mind, More satisfaction they would

surely find, Of riches, I would say to them, "Beware! And to your higher selves devote your care!"

6. Arlys Womble write a dainty note, She wants to be the captain of a boat— Or at the very least, the captain's mate, She feels that she was born for just such fate, Well! Well! She's bound to win the prize, I guess, I'm sure I wish her every known success!

7. Rosemary Mitchell would be an actress fair, The idol of the public every- where, She says she's won such honors here at school, She feels ambitious on the stage to rule, I would not counsel her to step too far, 'Tis hard for all but strongest ones to pay The price for every victory that they find, I hope — I really hope — she'll change her mind.

8. Now, what is this? Ah, Dorothy Hester, Nadine Willis and Sammy May confide They're anxious to get married, and decide To answer "yes" to the first one who dares To proffer them the honored name he bears, Well, Well, I'm sure they are wise, and surely can With one sweet smile bewitch the bravest man, And surely they have chosed the better part To reign at home,—the queen of one man's heart.

9. Jack Dacus, A. L. Wilson, Gene Schnell, and Bill Keahy Would like to travel around the world, And bring back every flag they find unfurled, They want to be sailors and be brave In search of tokens worth one's while to save! Somebody's sister loves these souvenirs, I hope they get their chance ere many years,

Family Driven From Home



Jim Taylor of East Waco, Texas, has just removed his family and furniture from their flooded home after sections of the city were the evacuation of families from flooded areas. Photo From inundated. Troops from the Waco Army Air Field assisted with Army Air Forces)

'Tis late, and I must hurry on my way, For I have many Pleas to hear today, I cannot linger longer with the class Which now from Spearman High School is to pass, I'm sure they're very brave and wise and true, And they'll be prospered well in all they do.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day. On account of the Baccalaureate Sermon there will be no preaching service at the morning hour of worship.
Please make note of the follow- ing announcement. Next Sunday morning the Sunday school will meet promptly at 10 a. m., so that we can have Communion Services in time to get over to the high school.
Then at 8:30 p. m., there will be preaching services and Communion.
Families are requested to come and sit together. Recognition will be given to the largest family present, the couple married the

longest, the oldest mother present and the youngest mother present.
The minister's sermon will be: "The Mother and The Home." Text: Isa. 66-13, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
The minister and wife left last Sunday afternoon for Waco to attend the state convention of the Disciples held at Waco, May 8-11. We expect to be back home Friday.

C. F. BASTION, Minister.

Pearls of Wisdom
NEW YORK — A young woman who makes consumers research surveys has discovered a technique for overcoming housewife resistance.
Met at the door by a hostile prospect, she surreptitiously snaps a string which sends dozens of cheap, imitation pearls to the floor.
Almost every housewife, she says, will come to the rescue. As they scramble around picking up the pearls the ice is broken—and she gets her answers.

A waterproof resin compound to prevent wet earth from becoming muddy has been developed. Its use may mean the end of mud- dy streets and roads, and a time saving aid in road construction work where mud may cause de- lays.
The United States Army has 11,000 different cotton handkerchiefs ranging from gun camouflage handkerchiefs.

DO YOU WANT ELECTRICITY ON YOUR FARM?

A Hansford county crisscrossed with REA power lines is a possibility if every farmer in the county will join in the movement. Let electricity drive the drudgery out of the home, the laundry, the milk house and the machine shop. Enjoy the comfort and luxury that electricity can bring to you and your family. Lights, power and a better way of living.

SIGN UP TODAY!

MONDAY, MAY 15TH, IS THE DEADLINE

Sign up today for a membership in North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. The REA engineer will be in Spearman May 15 to survey and lay out transmission lines. See that a line is built into your neighborhood by signing and seeing that every single one of your neighbors joins. A unified front by the farmers of Hansford county is needed to obtain the REA designation. Application blanks at Mattie Ruth Richardson's office.

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Perryton, Texas

Oil Man Attacks Co-ops' Tax Status

This is the article headed "Minnesota Protests Unfairness of Exempting Co-ops From Tax" written by R. A. Hyde of the R. A. Hyde Oil Co., Pipestone, Minn., and published in the NATIONAL PETROLEUM NEWS of Feb. 23. Read answer by A. J. Smaby.

Have just read with interest your routine of the co-ops in your Jan. 26 issue of National Petroleum News, and feel that you should be commended for setting out these facts. Naturally, the writer enjoys competition and feels that it generates thrift and business to any community, provided it stands on its own feet and there is no favors. In other words, any business that is compelled to operate on an equal basis and be taxed accordingly, has my blessing and good wishes. There is so much to be said in connection with these favors to the co-ops that no letter can cover it all.

Writes Congressman
I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote last December to our local congressman. He is 100% right on most everything. At the same time, he is a member and was a director of a co-operative at Tyler, Minn. I was anxious to have his views of same. I believe that every good American should get behind a move to put all business on an equal and fair competitive footing, without favor to any. This is the only American way. Thanks kindly for your stand—there should be more behind it. Here is the letter:
"H. Carl Anderson, M. C., Tyler, Minnesota.
"My dear Congressman:
"I believe in cooperation—do so with my family and with the people in my community with whom I do business. To survive and be happy, we all must do this, and 99 per cent of us always have and will continue to do so. This being true, why does our government loan money to those who call themselves consumer cooperatives at 1 1/2 per cent, regardless of security, who know less of actual cooperation than you or I do and permit them to escape tax by classifying themselves as non-profit organizations?
"Who'll Pay Debt?
"How are we to pay our national debt if the whole country goes that way? What will be left of private enterprise if one part of our business pays no tax and the other is taxed out of business. In recent months seven refineries have been bought by some of these non-taxable co-operatives, sold to them at exorbitant prices.
"In discussing this with a certain refinery official, with whom the writer has held a contract for a number of years, he explained to me that the cooperative could pay for this refinery in two years from the money saved in taxes. In other words, the tax escaped by the cooperative would equal the cost of the refinery over this period that a private refinery would be compelled to pay.
"To continue: In our country all business should and must stand on its own feet without discrimination or favoritism from any source. If we have equal rights, this must be the conclusion on the part of government. If we are to be free and have freedom, there must be equal opportunity for all. There must be incentive for thrift, some reward for merit, some hope for the individual. Without this, there is no hope for us as a people or a nation.
Read Between Lines
"In writing to you, I am sure that your fertile mind will read between the lines and absorb more fully what I have not altogether expressed. You and I are both of Anglo-Saxon stock. Both of us or our parents, came from foreign shores. Both of us are happy that our parents chose to do so. We both have lived and worked on the farm, both have had our dreams, as boys of what the future had in store for us. Perhaps more than we had hoped came true.
"No other country could do so much for us. We must do everything in our power to preserve those principles that have made our country great for the sake of the coming generations.
"We owe it to them and to ourselves for without those principles, life to me would be without hope.
"You fortunately are in a position to act. In doing so, I am sure you will have the support of untold millions of our people and their undying gratitude. I am sure that you can be counted upon for what is helpful to our people and to our country. To this end I trust you will dedicate your best efforts."

Midland Co-op Manager Replies:

This is the letter written by A. J. Smaby, general manager of Midland Cooperative Wholesale in answer to the attack on Co-operatives by R. A. Hyde Dear Mr. Hyde:

I have read with interest in the National Petroleum News of Feb. 23 your letter to Congressman H. Carl Anderson of Tyler, Minn., and your introductory comments. You say you believe "that every good American should get behind a move to put all business on an equal and fair competitive footing, without favor to any," and that "this is the only American way."

You may be surprised to learn that although I am the general manager of the cooperatives to which you refer somewhat disparagingly, I thoroughly agree with you. There certainly should be equal opportunity in American for all.

You are to be commended, too, Mr. Hyde, for indicating such a firm grasp of the need to "do everything in our power to preserve those principles that have made our country great for the sake of the coming generations." By all means let us do so.

Left Hand, Right Hand
It is beyond my understanding, then, how you can, in one paragraph, come out flatly for fair play and, in another paragraph, come out equally flatly with statements about a business competitor which are unfair, untrue, derogatory, insulting, and loaded with implications which may well be calculated to destroy the business and injure the reputation of your competitor.

I am going to make some statements of facts now which apparently you have never known before.

1. Midland Cooperative wholesale pays absolutely every tax—federal income, state income, capital stock, property and every other tax—that your company or any privately-owned corporation pays. It pays income taxes on every cent of money which is not returned to its patrons.

2. Midland Cooperative Wholesale does not pay income taxes on savings which it has made for and which are returned to its individual members for the simple reason that those savings belong to the members, not to Midland. But cooperatives are not favored on this point, Mr. Hyde. Your company, or any other company—

it need not be a cooperative—also has the privilege of distributing its net earnings among its customers and it does not need to pay income taxes on the amounts so distributed. For those amounts do not represent net income to the company or the cooperative, they represent a reduction in the cost of goods to the purchaser.

3. Cooperatives could, of course, make the taxpaying situation crystal-clear by returning the savings they make for their patrons at the time of purchase. They would eliminate the margin and sell for cost. Then, you see, the cooperative itself would have no set savings to distribute to its patrons at the end of the year because these savings would have been made and distributed at the time of purchase. Thus, if a farmer goes to his co-op and buys gasoline at, say, 3 cents a gallon under the market price, you would hardly expect the co-op to pay an income tax on that 3 cents. Yet, in effect, that is what would be happening if the co-op were to be required to pay an income tax now on savings it makes possible for its patrons.

4. Cooperatives have not sold under the market heretofore because they did not wish to unsettle the price structure and because they know that the retail price doesn't matter so much in the long run because in a co-operative the patron gets the savings, anyway. But if they are forced to pay income taxes unfairly, they may be forced to adopt what is called an "active price" policy.

5. Midland Cooperative Wholesale has owned and operated a refinery for nearly a year now, but to my knowledge it has not "escaped" a single penny in taxes on its operations. The "certain refinery official" who told you that co-op refineries are being paid for in two years out of "escaped taxes" was either stringing you are himself, or both.

6. Government Banks for Co-operatives make loans to purchase facilities (such as refineries) at 3 1/2% (not 1 1/2%, Mr. Hyde), and they demand plenty of collateral. They cannot lend more than 60% of the value of the property pledged as security, and that figure is either its appraised value or its cost, whichever is lower. It is interesting to know, Mr. Hyde, that the percentage of less on all loans to coop-

eratives has been under eleventh-hundredths of one per cent.

7. And long before the government set up banks to make loans to healthy cooperatives, Mr. Hyde, a government institution known as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (known also, you may recall, as the Rich Man's WPA and the Bankers' Handout Agency) was grafting financial goat glands onto the decaying structures of unhealthy Big Business organizations and wasting many millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money in the process.

8. The giant corporations which run the oil industry about as they please have had steadily increasing profits, AFTER taxes, since 1939; in fact 1943 profits, after taxes, for the big oil companies may well be the greatest in history. Does that sound as if they were being "taxed out of business," Mr. Hyde?

9. All cooperatives are privately owned and may properly and accurately be classified not only as private enterprise but as free enterprise. Cooperatives, Mr. Hyde, exist only in a free country governed by free men. There are no cooperatives in Nazi Germany. There will be none in America should that day ever come when oil trusts and other monopolies gain complete control. Nor, I dare say, will there be any R. A. Hyde Oil Company on that day.

Invitation to Mr. Hyde

With you, Mr. Hyde, I believe firmly that, as you say, "every good American should get behind a move to put all business on an equal and fair competitive footing, without favor to any." I am wondering then, whether you will join me in protesting the many unequal and unfair competitive conditions with which the oil industry is afflicted today, conditions which have been visited upon the industry by what is commonly known as the oil trust. Let me go into detail.

Secretary Ickes' deputy administrator of the Petroleum Administration for War (PAW) is Ralph Davies, vice president of the Standard Oil Co. of California. In addition to his salary as deputy administrator for PAW, Congressman Voorhis and others have called attention to the \$47,000 a year salary he gets from Standard Oil Co. of California. Is that fair and equal, Mr. Hyde?

A Trust of Trusts

Steps are now being taken by five huge American, British and Dutch oil concerns to organize the greatest trust in history, dominate production and distribution of gasoline around the world. A government agency, Petroleum Reserves Corporation, is being used to further the scheme. Is that likely to serve those principles that have made our country great, Mr. Hyde?

Certain oil companies stand to make great profits out of a \$134,000,000 Canol project in the Sahara, now declared by the man investigating committee to be a big fiasco, and the \$150,000,000 pipe line across Arabia. Is that fair and equal to all business, Mr. Hyde?

Bye-Bye, Independents

The major oil companies have been and are steadily pushing little independents out of business. Did you know that Congressman Coffee has revealed the big oil companies sent to Congress a document entitled "Big Objectives" in which they set forth their purpose to have a government "coordinator" established for oil to "coordinate" independents right out of business? That likely to make your boy's dreams come true?

Farm production in the eastern part of the United States was hampered last year because certain private oil companies refused to supply farm cooperatives with sufficient gasoline to meet the needs of their farm members. Was that fair and equal, Mr. Hyde?

Are You With Me?

Well, I could go on and on, and these few examples may give you some idea of what I'm driving at. What do you say, Mr. Hyde, shall we send a letter jointly to the National Petroleum News protesting conditions so unfair and unequal that to mention the word "equal opportunity" for all brings forth only a great big laugh? Shall we work together, Mr. Hyde, as good Americans, to get behind a move to put all business on an equal and fair competitive footing, without favor to any?"

A. J. MABY, General Manager, Midland Cooperative Wholesale

BEST WISHES TO THE GRADUATES OF Spearman, Gruver and Morse High and Grade Schools

As graduation approaches with its gifts, honors, flowers and exercises we pause to wish the graduates of the Hansford County Schools, continued success in your future undertakings.

We not only congratulate, but praise the parents, faculties and trustees who have made their advancement possible.

CAMPBELL TAILOR SHOP
John Bevy

CONSUMERS SALES CO.

Spearman, Texas

The Class Horoscope

Wishing to know all the possibilities and the probabilities of the future experience in store for the members of the class a famous astrologer has been asked to cast the horoscope and read for us the signs of the heavens that are revealed by his science to the understanding of the seer. On the whole, he considers that the horoscope is a good one, of great and wonderful promise, but that it contains some decidedly unfavorable aspects which must be taken into very serious consideration, if we wish to alter the threatening conditions and thus prove ourselves masters of our destiny.

As Shakespeare has told us, "It is the stars, the stars above us, govern our conditions," and it is therefore indeed well that we watch our stars well and study them diligently, that we may be prepared for every good and evil that they may foretell.

As the Class of 1944 was born into High School life at exactly nine o'clock on the morning of September 4th in the year of 1940, the Sun was at that time passing through the zodiacal sign of Virgo, an omen because that we began to the solar plexus of the Grand Body of Humanity. Metaphysicians tell us that the solar plexus is a wonderful part of the organism and regulates the work of the whole body. So it may readily be seen from this what a wonderfully important factor we are to form in the affairs of the universe. The Sun in Virgo, they tell us, makes its native possessed of many great and wonderful traits. For instance it leads the mto be notional with strong likes and dislikes.

This proves that one of our class will be an eminent physician at the head of a prominent hospital, in one of our largest cities. It also shows that one will be an arthur, a novelist of exceeding genius while another will be a talented musician.

Now at the birth of this class the Moon was passing through the sign of Capricorn. We know something of the influence of the Moon upon the tied and the untied, but who has ever before stopped to investigate the influence of the moon upon a graduating class? We are informed that this peculiar position of the Moon in the heavens at that important hour of our destiny gives to us who then came under its influence a thoroughly practical mind, fond of business, a love for society, inclining to a love for late suppers.

This indicates that one of our numbers will be a successful business man, who is inclined to stay out late at night, and dine "at the club." Watch out girls!

The planet Mercury in the sign of Virgo aids in building up a large strong body, and gives great physical endurance.

This is a sign that one of our

number will be led to the wilds of the woolly west, and will be a cowboy.

The planet Venus was also manifesting in the sign Virgo. This gives the strongest possible impetus to love affairs.

This signifies that some one of us will find himself or herself very much in love with somebody or other at sometime or other in his or her life, and may even be tempted to think about getting married.

Jupiter, the great, strong king of the planets, was in Taurus, this intensifies the sensational nature and adds to the love of adventure and strange occurenced in distant lands.

It indicates that some one of us will travel a great deal and explore other countries.

Saturn, the planet of many rings intensifies the creative faculties along all lines of endeavor, especially religion.

It proves that one of our number will be a preacher or a missionary. It also points out the almost positive certainty that one of our girls will become a nun or a Salvation Army officer.

The sun is in evil relation to Mars, and this indicates so very sad a thing that it must be necessary cast a gloom over us all. But the worst must be told, or how will we become able to escape the evil tendencies? This direful sign pretends that those of us who escape any serious diseases, and are not killed prematurely by any sort of unforeseen accident, are fated to die in the far distant future of old age. I would have kept this calamity from you if I could, but it is better that we should all be prepared for the worst, and know beyond any shadow of a doubt just how to meet the disaster of the future that is so plainly and so convincingly written for us in the stars.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Joe Traylor of Borger will preach at 10 o'clock. Services moved up one hour for baccalaureate services. Everyone invited.

Dr. Powell, eye, ear, nose and throat, will be at Dr. Gowers office, Wednesday till noon, May 17th. Glasses fitted, tonsils and adenoids removed.

TO VISIT RUSSIA

NEW YORK, May 9 —Eric Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, expects to start on his trip to Russia at the invitation of the Soviet government this Sunday.

He made the announcement during an interview yesterday and said he proposed to visit the battle fronts, see collective farming in practice and talk with the Russian people.

CONGRATULATIONS



HANSFORD COUNTY GRADUATES

MAY HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY BE WITH YOU

SPEARMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Neal Adair
Georgia Burleson
Jack Dacus
Billy Jo Davis
Dorothy Hester
Ella Rose Jackson
Bill Keahy
Margaret Kizzlar
Grace Lee-Lawson

Sammie May
Rosemary Mitchell
Frank Porter
Olando Reynolds
Gene Schnell
Louis Schnell
Nadine Willis
A. L. Wilson, Jr.
Arlys Womble

GRUVER HIGH SCHOOL

Doris Ruth Dovie Biggs
Herbert Leroy Gore
Jarrell Ray Harris
Velma Lois Harris
Louise Marcelle Knutson
Billie Reed Lea

George Paul Odom
Mary Florene Roper
Margaret Lucille Shapley
Harley Jean Wallin
Juanita Fern Wallin

GRUVER GRADE SCHOOL

Lera Mae Barkley
Gwendolyn Faye Cator
Orson Howard Cline
Fern Allen Cooper
Maxine Ruth Cooper
Don Edward Fletcher

Robert Coleman Green, jr.
Edith Marie Harris
George Curtis Lowe
Jens August Pedersen
Henry Bradford Shapley
Tommy Gene Ward

MORSE HIGH SCHOOL

Due to war conditions Morse will not graduate a Senior class in high school this year.

MORSE GRADE SCHOOL

Sue Gillispie
Lorene Reiswig
Betty Jean Bynum

Betty Joyce Cator
Ezra Garrison
Harold Laughter

SPEARMAN GRADE SCHOOL

Tommy Allday
Sybil Birdwell
Maurice Bond
Virginia Bruce
Dannie Burleson
Bradford Castleman
Betty Cheves
Billy Close
Elsie Mae Crawford
Bill Davis
Bobby Dean Davis
Mary Lou Davis
Floyd Dry
Maurice Ernest
J. D. Floyd
Janelle Frasier
Eva Jean Gore
Tyrena C. Gore
Jo Anna Gower
Monty Harbour
Norma J. Hutton
Paula F. Jackson
Wayne Johnston

Christine Jones
Bobby J. Lackey
Bob Lamb
Laura R. Lamb
Anna L. Larson
Don McLain
Jack Oakes
L. M. Patterson
Bobby J. Pierce
Anna Louise Pope
Kenneth Pope
June Reid
Dolores Rosenbaum
Paul Read
Carolyn Sansing
Arlene Schnell
Rose Mary Tarbox
Ruth Tarbox
Ruby Tarbox
Bill Weston
Jo Ann Wilbanks
Jimmie Wilson
Barbara Wilson

First State Bank

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

BEST WISHES To The GRADUATES

Of Spearman, Gruver And Morse High Schools And Grade Schools

It is a pleasure for us to CONGRATULATE the graduates of the three high schools and the three grade schools of Hansford county. Even though you have worked hard to accomplish this goal, your work has just begun.

We admonish you to keep trying, to continue the effort to better service and better education. We warn you that education begins when you are born and ends when you die.

R. E. LEE OIL CO.
MAGNOLIA JOBBERS

Home of Butane Gas In Hansford County

A Limited Supply of Large Storage Butane Gas Tanks Are Available At This Time.

Complete Stock Tractor, Truck and Passenger Car Tires

Just A Two-Year-Old WAR BABY

PERRYTON EQUITY EXCHANGE'S 2nd Anniversary In SPEARMAN



TWO YEARS AGO THIS MONTH THIS PERRYTON EQUITY EXCHANGE BOUGHT THE SPEARMAN EQUITY EXCHANGE, AND WE TAKE THIS OCCASION TO THANK THE HUNDREDS OF CUSTOMERS IN THIS AREA FOR THEIR LIBERAL PATRONAGE, AND UNDERSTANDING COOPERATION.

WE WANT YOU TO REALIZE THAT THIS IS YOUR BUSINESS, AND NOT THE BUSINESS OF THE MANAGEMENT OR ANY INDIVIDUAL. THIS ORGANIZATION HAS ENJOYED A STEADY GROWTH, AND WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE BENEFITTED THE CUSTOMERS OF THIS BUSINESS AS WELL AS MARKED UP IMPROVEMENTS IN SERVICE AND GOOD WILL.

OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT INDICATES THE MATERIAL BENEFITS THAT ARE APPARENT, BUT WHEN ONE REALIZES THAT THERE ARE BENEFITS SUCH AS SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND MARKETS THAT DO NOT EXIST EXCEPT IN CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, ONE CAN BETTER ANALYZE THE BENEFITS OF A COOPERATIVE TO THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE.

GRADUATES OF SPEARMAN, GRUVER & MORSE WE CONGRATULATE YOU

Your graduation is a step toward a better community and a better civilization in the community . . . an aim toward which our company is always striving. As tax payers our part in making possible your education went to you freely and with the best of wishes.

Some of you will soon step out into the world as citizens and will be privileged to be our customers. When this time comes we will be glad to serve you, and will do so efficiently, capably and with reliability.

Therefore, we view your graduation with a personal interest because we have helped make possible your education, and because we look forward to serving you as customers in the years to come. Naturally, we are proud of your achievement and take pleasure in wishing you success.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR—APRIL 1, 1943—MARCH 31, 1944

BALANCE SHEET March 31, 1944 ASSETS

Current			
Cash on Hand	\$ 1,835.16		
Cash in Banks	1,131.47		
Accounts Receivable, Trade	28,580.45		
Notes Receivable, Trade	730.87		
Advances Receivable, Grain	48,300.36		
Wheat Sales Contracts, Receivable	164,816.11		
Accts. Rec., Government Loans	14,546.30		
Accrued Interest Receivable	207.44		
Accounts Receivable, C. C. C.	3,901.61		
Accts. Rec., Spearman Stockholders	62.19		
Dividends Receivable, Union Equity	80,000.00		
Accrued Storage Receivable	3,168.60		
Inventories	89,261.22	\$436,541.78	
Other Assets			
Investment In War Bonds	21,500.00		
Security Deposits	80.00		
Stock Notes Receivable	20.19		
Elevator Construction in Process	3,622.83		
Investment, Union Equity	90,503.47		
Stock, Wichita Bank for Cooperatives	2,000.00		
Stock, Farmers Cooperative Society	50.00		
Unexpired Insurance Premiums	1,833.78	119,610.27	
Permanent			
Real Estate	22,163.80		
Buildings & Equip.	\$166,168.16		
Less: Reserve for dep.	62,625.09	103,543.07	
Furniture and Fixtures	8,141.57		
Less: Reserve for dep.	5,265.93	2,875.64	
Trucks	2,399.60		
Less: Reserve for dep.	770.73	1,628.87	130,211.38
TOTAL ASSETS			\$686,363.43

LIABILITIES

Current			
Accounts Receivable, Crdt. Bal.	\$ 1,543.23		
Accounts Payable	68.88		
Accounts Payable, Grain	17,132.89		
Wheat Purchase Contracts Payable	139,702.75		
Notes Payable, Wichita Bank	62,000.00		
Advances Payable	45,100.00	\$275,547.75	
Accruals and Reserves			
Reserve for Social Security Tax	278.40		
Reserve for Withholding Tax	848.52		
Reserve for Employees War Bonds	36.56		
Accrued Texas U. I. Tax	69.60		
Accrued Interest Payable	672.51	1,905.59	
Mortgage			
Wichita Bank for Cooperatives		200.00	
Patrons Reserves			
Allocated Reserve	51,240.03		
Union Equity Allocated Reserve	90,503.47		
Reserve for 4% Interest Stock	7,190.59		
Reserve for Patronage Refunds Payable	83,359.10	232,293.19	
Capital			
Capital Stock Outstanding	144,860.00		
Capital Stock	34,904.71		
Surplus	6,652.19	186,416.90	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$686,363.43

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Perryton Equity Exchange will be held in the district court room Perryton, Texas, May 15, 1944 at 10:00 A. M. In addition to regular business, the meeting will consider amending Article 3, Section 1 of the By-Laws regarding number and length of term of Board Members.
Audie Conley, Secretary F. L. Bell, President

OPERATING STATEMENT April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944

	Sales	Cost of Sales	Gross Profit
Wheat	\$3,199,493.25	\$3,160,034.72	\$39,458.53
Barley	96,573.21	91,886.94	4,686.27
Milo and Kaffir	137,298.66	127,837.53	9,461.13
Coal	5,987.82	4,588.12	1,399.70
Warehouses	345,913.29	331,699.59	14,213.70
	3,785,266.23	3,716,046.90	69,219.33
Other Operating Income			
Storage Earned	24,791.04		
Less: Storage Paid	5,899.94	18,891.10	
Grinding and Cleaning		6,861.05	
Handling Charges		23,815.82	
Locker Revenue		2,639.31	
Cocoa Cola Income		106.51	52,313.79
TOTAL GROSS EARNINGS			\$121,533.12
Expenses			
Salaries		54,210.50	
Overhead		30,889.73	
Taxes		3,912.75	
Depreciation		8,759.30	97,772.28
OPERATING EARNINGS			23,760.84
Other Deductions			
Directors Fees		550.00	
Interest Paid		1,751.34	
Loss from Fire		1,933.56	
		4,234.90	
Other Additions			
Collections on Accts. chgd. off	188.90		
Profit on Sale of Equipment	860.92		
Rent Income	35.00	1,084.82	3,150.08
NET EARNINGS BEFORE DIVIDENDS			20,610.76
Dividend, Union Equity, 1942 Bus.		48,374.35	
Dividend, Union Equity, 1943 Bus.		80,000.00	128,374.35
NET EARNINGS AFTER DIVIDENDS			\$148,985.11
DETAIL OF EXPENSES April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944			
Salaries			
Total Salaries			\$54,210.50
Overhead			
Repairs and Maintenance		\$5,526.84	
Elevator Supplies		872.31	
Office Supplies and Postage		2,194.12	
Lights, Power and Water		5,339.58	
Telephone and Telegraph		1,321.87	
Truck Expense		4,732.42	
Advertising		1,294.57	
Bank Exchange		3,582.05	
Bonds and Insurance		4,335.85	
Traveling Expense		156.60	
Auditing and Legal		424.00	
Dues and Subscriptions		331.71	
Donations		477.60	
Annual Meeting Expense		89.65	
Nightwatch		80.00	
Rents and Leases		130.56	30,889.73
Taxes			
State and County Advalorem		753.26	
School Advalorem		923.09	
City Advalorem		1,179.75	
Store Tax		5.00	
Social Security Tax		572.92	
State U. I. Tax		478.73	3,912.75
Depreciation			
Buildings and Equipment		7,614.69	
Furniture and Fixtures		320.24	
Trucks		824.37	8,759.30
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$97,772.28

I hereby certify that the figures and facts set forth in this report are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HAROLD F. HEDGES
Accountant and Tax Consultant
Enid, Oklahoma

PERRYTON EQUITY EXCHANGE

Consolidated With Spearman Equity Exchange

SOCIETY

DAHLIA FLOWER CLUB
The Dahlia Flower Club met May 8 in the home of Mrs. J. D. Hester...

CORRELL-LANNERS VOWS EXCHANGED
The wedding of Mrs. Irene Correll, daughter of Joe S. Juliusson...

WEINER ROAST
Miss Alma Wood and Miss Jean Dixon were hostess and co-hostess for a weiner roast at N. T. N. Park Saturday evening...

POPULAR COUPLE WED
Miss Jan Nabours, daughter of Mrs. Mary Nabours of Temple, Texas, and Frank Novak...

DELPHIAN FLOWER CLUB
The Delphian Flower Club met at the home of Mrs. A. R. Turner, Monday, Mrs. C. A. Gibner led the lesson...

OPERETTA WELL ATTENDED
A large crowd gathered in the high school gymnasium last Friday night to enjoy the operetta presented by the pupils...

B. T. U.
The Baptist Training Union invites you to attend our Mother's Day program, given at the Church, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

BUY WAR BONDS!

Advertisers Beg For Mercy When They Advertise
Spearman Reporter
% Bill Miller, Spearman, Texas.

MISS Verna Gail Allen WEDS PVT. KEIM
Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Allen announce the marriage of their daughter, Verna Gail, to Private Jess E. Keim...

GRUVER W. S. C. S. SOCIAL
The Women's Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. D. L. McClellan on last Thursday for their social. The house was decorated with spring flowers...

After delicious refreshments of cake and ice cream were served, Mrs. Lou Mitchell was presented with a cup towel shower. Mrs. Mitchell, who has been a valuable and well loved member of the society, is leaving the community because her husband is entering the armed forces.

Tom N. Allen, S 2/c, U. S. N. R., San Bruno, California, son of Tom Allen, is in Spearman visiting relatives and friends while on a nine day furlough. He has been studying radar and taking strenuous commando training.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jacobs visited a few days with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter of Curtis, Okla., last week.

Miss Tina Stewart of Bryan, food specialist of Texas A. and M. is making a tour of the Panhandle counties this week and was in Spearman the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sutherland entertained a number of friends Saturday, May 6, celebrating Jim's birthday. Games of dominoes and cards were enjoyed by those present...

John Phillip Snider, radio technician, first class, who recently graduated as first class petty officer among the top 10 per cent of his class from a navy radio technician course, is spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Snider, Lubbock. Snider has had five promotions in the 11 months he has served in the Navy...

Henry Hiram Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bruce, Spearman, Texas, has arrived at Northwestern State College, for courses of Army Air Forces instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces. During this period he will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of the course he will be classified as a pilot, navigator or bombardier and go on to schools of the Flying Training Command for training in these specialties.

Cpl. Ralph Blodgett, Pampa, A.

What The Folks In Service Are Doing



Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brooks received information from the War Department this week that their son Lieut. Phillip D. Brockus had five clusters to his air medal and had been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Cpl. Boyce L. Pruitt and mother, Mrs. W. S. Pruitt of Enid, Oklahoma, are visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Skinner. Cpl. Pruitt received his wings at Buckingham Flexible Gunnery School, Ft. Myers, Fla. He will report to Shreveport, La., after his 15 day furlough.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., May 11 - Second Lieut. Arnold L. Richardson, son of Mrs. Gladys Richardson of Spearman has been promoted to first lieutenant, Col. G. M. Palmer, commanding officer of the San Angelo Army Air Field, AAF Training Command bombardier school, has announced.

Eldon Garrison, who is serving in the U. S. Army stationed in San Diego, California, is spending a 10 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Garrison of near Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sutherland entertained a number of friends Saturday, May 6, celebrating Jim's birthday. Games of dominoes and cards were enjoyed by those present. Refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cates, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sparks, Pearl Robison, Teddy Layne Sparks, Larry Jacobs, and Belva Sparks.

Pvt. Robt. W. Morton, Jr., is in Spearman on his first furlough. He entered the service in September and was for a while at Fort Sam Houston and is now stationed at Camp Polk, La. After his furlough he will report back to Louisiana.

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A Letter Of Appreciation

Mr. W. J. Miller, Dear Editor: Of course I want to extend to you my thanks for the check for \$1.00 one dollar and to express to you a kind word in behalf of the way you have in satisfying your contestants. The one dollar you presented to me has gone in for a good purpose, as it was given to Dr. Turner from Ft. Worth as a 'love offering' and who is now holding a revival in our midst. Much good has already been manifested.

Well Thank Goodness Winter Is About Over I've Been As Cold As A BAD WOMAN'S HEART For The Last Four Months SPRING Good Old Spring Is Here. Its Time For The Girls To Go Barefooted And The Boys To Make Love Good Old Brother

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Big Shine

Little Shine

Bennie

Jake

A GOOD PAIR

Jake



ARTHUR HAINES

Sgt. Arthur (Big Shine) Haines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Briley entered the service in January, 1942 joining the infantry and taking his basic and advanced training at Camp Roberts, Calif. Shine sailed in April of 1942 for the Southwest Pacific and has been busily engaged in helping rid the jungles of the squint, eyed, yellow sons of the sun ever since. Shine didn't have a chance to do anything but cook about 15 hours a day ever since he entered the army. He has been first cook for Company C 128th Infantry for more than a year and has the rating of Tech 4, which is the same as sergeant in line duty. He took part in the Burma engagement, and is so far back in the jungles of New Guinea at the present writing that it would take a ten dollar bill to send him a postal card. He has had some thrilling and dangerous experience and has a record of lots of his experiences in photographs. He shipped in some 40 photos of his mother recently that are the best this writer has ever seen.



C. D. HAINES

Sgt. C. D. (Little Shine) Haines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Briley was one of the three original groups that left Spearman before Pearl Harbor. Others with him were Hiller and Stavlo. Little Shine joined up with the 36th Division, trained at Camp Bowie, near Brownwood, Texas. He took specialized training at Jacksonville, Fla., and Camp Edwards near Boston, Mass. Spent the allotted time in the so-called Louisiana maneuvers and was assigned to the cannon company of the 142nd infantry in the communication detachment. Shine is a walkie, talkie radio expert. He sailed for foreign service in April, 1943 and was with the 36th in North Africa, invasion of Italy and is at Casino battlefield when last heard from.

Little Shine has a weakness for cigars, chewing tobacco and cookies. Ever letter directs his parents to keep mailing him more of his weaknesses.

Buy War Bonds!



BENNIE BRILEY

S/2 Bennie Briley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Briley is the latest member of Three of a Kind to enter the service. Bennie, who has been an honor student in Spearman high school until he graduated last year, and one of the best drummers of the prize winning Spearman high band, entered the service in November of 1943. He took his boot training and specialized training at Arlington, Texas at the Junior A. and M. College. His next tour of duty was a Great Lakes Training school near Chicago, Ill. Just recently Bennie was transferred to the Naval Receiving Barracks at Shoemaker, Calif. About all we have heard from Bennie is that he was slapped into K. P. and why he didn't know. We didn't know that the Seamen was using the army tactics of passing the buck. If Bennie don't like the K. P. work we might suggest to him that it is excellent training, and that he can get credit for it the same as swabbing the deck, and standing watch in the crew's nest.



LEDRU JACOBS

Ledru Jacobs, is the older member of Hansford County's good pair. He is a mighty fine card to draw too, whether it is fighting in the service, playing championship basketball or just being one of the boys at home that we are all proud of. Ledru attended West Texas Teachers College at Canyon and entered the service at Camp Mosley near Paris, Texas. He did his basic training at Camp Fanning, near Tyler, Texas. His next tour of duty was at Camp Howze, near Gainesville, Texas. He did the regular Louisiana maneuvers, and all during his army career he has helped to maintain the championship name of the service in basketball. Ledru has played some big games for the army and most of the time he was high point man for the service team. His last tour of duty was at Fort Ord, Calif., and he sailed for foreign service in the Southwest Pacific on or about May 1 of this year. His latest address is Ledru F. Jacobs 18185029, Casual 23, A. P. O. 15260 care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.



ALBERT JERRY JACOBS

Pvt. Albert Jerry Jacobs is another member of the famous Jacobs tribe who has written basketball history in high school and college of the Panhandle of Texas. Jerry was another member of the Spearman high school band that helped make it the Best Band in the Land. He completed school at Spearman in 1942 and followed his brother to West Texas Teachers College at Canyon. Jake was in the aviation reserve and was called into active service June 2, 1943. He did a tour of duty at Camp Fanning and Camp Howze, near Gainesville, Texas. While at Camp Howze he had the privilege of soldiering with his brother Ledru for four weeks. Jerry went from Texas to Fordham University in New York City, and returned to his organization at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He is now specializing in ordnance, and declares he likes his work better than any part of the service he has tried. Jerry's last address is Pvt. Albert J. Jacobs 36344725, 2nd P. O. T. C. Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

Morse

Mrs. Robin Giblin was honored at a pink and blue tea Thursday afternoon, April 27, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Copeland. Mrs. R. C. Womble shared the hostess duties with Mrs. Copeland. In the receiving line were: Mrs. T. I. Harbour and Mrs. Maggie Harmon, mother and grandmother of the honoree. Thirty guests registered in the guest book, which was later presented to Mrs. Giblin. Miss Jean Dixon presided at the tea table which was centered with an arrangement of small pink, white and blue baskets containing small candies for each guest.

Mrs. Pearl Dixon and daughter, Elva Jean were Perryton visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pearson and children of Waka were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Copeland, Joe Lynn and Kim.

Mac Dortch, Fred Boney and E. J. Copeland have been "flu patients" this week.

Miss Alma Wood spent the week end visiting with Jean Dixon.

Mrs. R. E. Womble and Mrs. E. J. Copeland were Berger visitors Friday.

The Home Demonstration Club of Morse held a pie supper at the school house Friday evening, April 28th. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the games of "42" which were played before the pies were auctioned.

Miss Opal Wood spent the week end in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jim Frazier and Mr. Frazier. Mrs. Frazier, a teacher in the Morse school has been ill, but was able to resume her teaching duties Monday.

Mrs. Jack Gillispie, who has been staying in the home of her mother, Mrs. Moddy Womble, since returning from the hospital with her new daughter, Linda Faye, expects to return to her home this week.

Miss Evelyn Garrison spent Thursday night with Miss Wynona Mortimer.

Miss Lelia Bynum was ill Thursday and Friday.

A soft ball game was enjoyed Friday afternoon by the high school team and the Independent

team, with the Independents winning by a score of 30 to 5. Those playing for the school were Clarence Mortimer, John Dortch, Junior Garrison, Harold Laughter, George Mortimer, Jimmie Womble, Everett Garrison, Reece Mortimer, Fountain Lee King, and Doyle Dortch. Those playing on the Independent team were R. C. Womble, Jim Frazier, Carson, Thane, and Cy McCloy, Jack Johnson, Jr., Earl Henderson, George Bynum, and E. J. Copeland. The Independent team has ordered new suits and expect to play match games with other towns when possible. Anyone interested is asked to write or call E. J. Copeland, manager, Morse, Texas.

Rosanna Porter was a guest of her sister Elsie of Panhandle over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schrader of Gruver and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Copeland of Morse were shopping in Spearman Tuesday.

Restaurants are patronized by more people per capita in San Francisco than in any other city in the United States.

DETAIL FOR TO



When a soldier is given "Hello, CORPUSCLE," he is given stripes on his arm, for Army English for corporals is mail clerk, cook, gunner, jeep driver, cook, gunner, etc. just to name a few. WACs call a corporal a "Leader," which the soldier upon. They think "Hello, CORPUSCLE," is a two stripes is a WAC or no WAC! Give lusty "Hello, Corpuscule!"

REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

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R. V. Converse Says . . .

Spearman, Texas, May 11, 1944.
R. V. Converse says:
I see by the papers that Vice President Wallace is receiving much support for re-election as vice president, and this may be one place where President Roosevelt will hesitate to take a hand. He could lose the Wallace sup-

port easily by opposing his re-election and it is doubtful if there is another man in the Democratic party who could add enough strength to offset it if there was an open fight.

Our armies are still invading Europe, on paper, but the air arm of the Army is doing a vast job of destruction in Germany, and this may continue for quite

a while or until the results are so disastrous to the Germans that resistance to our armed forces will be considerably reduced from what they could deliver now. If you will remember this writer told you quite a while ago that unconditional surrender was out, and it is now being made public that "unconditional surrender is not to be demanded of all of the fighting enemies."

The precinct conventions were held by the precinct committees with no public present last Saturday. The public must not have been interested in the indorsement of the present administration. Now the county committee will hold a meeting and select a man to represent the county at the state convention, so I have been informed, this excludes the public from participation, which is in line with the way a great many public policies are being handled.

I see some of the boys are predicting an increase in the government's benefits to farmers for the purpose, so it is said, of influencing their votes this fall, which just goes to prove that "people are funny" but this influencing people has been going on for quite a while in this old world, it was quite a while ago that a

certain fellow sold his birthright for a mess of pottage and the same thing can happen to nations today. If the people do not forever exercise their rights of check on public officials the time will come when the people will have no rights.

Yours,
R. V. CONVERSE.

BAPTIST CIRCLE

The Lottie Moon and Blanche Rose Walker Circle met in a joint meeting in the church auditorium, Wednesday, May 3, with Miss Altha Groves, president, presiding. Mrs. L. T. Wilson gave the devotional and Mrs. Jess Edwards was study leader, which was "The King's Power" by Mrs. Fred Brandt, Mrs. W. A. VanCleave and Mrs. Rex Sanders. A short business session was conducted at the close of program.

Flowers

For MOM And The Graduates



THERE are times when her heart is breaking—yet she won't "give in"—but keeps steadily to her duties. And always quick to forgive, she has probably smiled away tears you may have caused many times through the years. Tell her you understand and appreciate her. Tell her by the simple gift of lovely flowers, this Mother's Day!

The carnation has long been the Mother's Day flower! Send them to Mother by the dozen . . . wear one yourself in her honor.

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to the SENIORS of 1944

SENIORS, we want to give you our word of praise for what you have already accomplished and we are anticipating even greater success for each of you. We hope that you will continue the work you have started in developing your own abilities to their fullest extent, and that a useful and a happy life will be achieved by all of you.

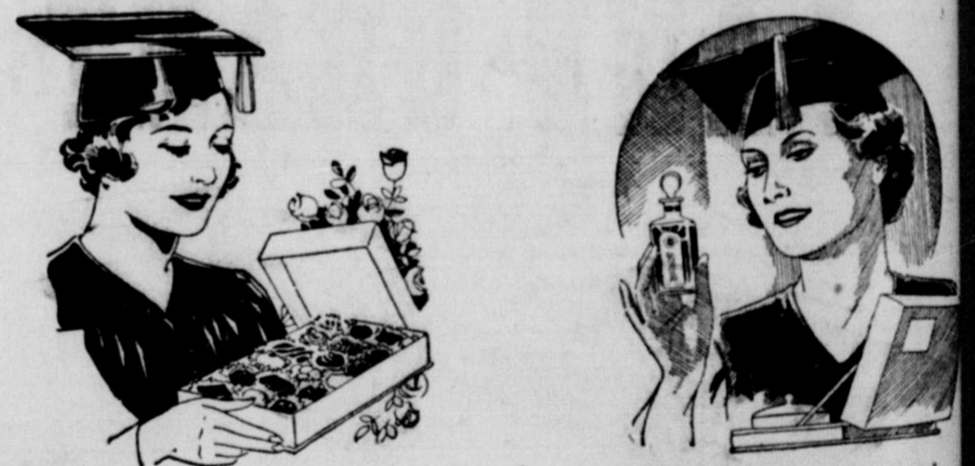
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BRUCE SHEETS

Skyscrapers, Air Taxies, Twenty Story Factories Located In Class Vision

They had told me I must prophesy. But I knew not what to do, for I was not born a prophet. Any more than one of you; had spent the day in study. And in thinking, hard and deep. I now, all worn and weary. Lay me down and fell asleep. Had lain there but a moment. In that slumber, calm and sweet, when I rose, refreshed and strengthened.

And stepped out upon the street; at I very soon discovered. That I was in a strange place. I saw not one known figure. Nor an old familiar face. Was in a mammoth city. By the side of which I knew that New York, the nation's glory. Would stand but a feeble show; neat skyscrapers all about me; Aeroplanes through all the air; orders far beyond conception. Here and there and everywhere could scarce believe my senses. When I saw the airship line are the well-known name of "Spearman."

While the same gleamed for each sign; and my eyes were opened wider than they'd ever been before. When I saw a slip of paper. Dated 1944.

While I puzzled o'er this problem. Staring 'round with open eyes, looking for some one to question. Of this marvelous surprise, beheld near me a lady. Coming on with footsteps slow, and I thought I would accost her. And learn what I wished to know.

She came to be still nearer, I thought I had seen that face, somewhere else, yet could not put it.

In exactly its right place; at last she stood before me. And all wonder vanished quite; was my old chum, Dorothy Hester.

And I met her with delight, was strange that I should know her.

For the change in her was great; she was very tall and slender. While she moved with queenly state. I seemed quite surprised to see me.

Said I had been long away, and gave me an invitation. To remain with her that day. Her kind offer I accepted. And she took me by the hand— led me to a near-by roof-top. Where a sign said, "taxi stand." When there swooped a plane before us:

"Taxi, Lady?" came the cry. Dorothy entered and I followed. And we mounted to the sky. We flew I watched the pilot—

Buxon Damsel with red hair, To whom this celestial hacking Seemed an everyday affair. When she turned around I knew her—

Knew her by her twinkling eye; Grace Lee Lawson and no other. Handsome, wide, and riding high. Soon we flitted past a corner. That looked like old times to me. For it was the well-known corner. Where our High School used to be!

Now the place was changed to show a Factory, twenty stories high; And I noticed a small fish-stand. There, as we were passing by. And behind the greasy counter. Stood a man I knew at sight; Yes, for it was A. L. Wilson, Shouting "Fish!" With all his might.

I looked out at him in wonder. For whoever would have thought That our old-time brilliant president. Could to such a task be brought. But the whole day brought surprises; Margaret was dancing on the stage; Sammy was an opera singer; Jack a preacher, quite the rage; Gene a soldier; Ella Rose, an arthur; Georgia, and old maid, prim and neat; Rosemary had frowns so very heavy, Anti-fay and she'd eat. By and bye we reached the home where Dorothy lived—her husband, too. But he was a traveling salesman, So I didn't find out who!

I was very tired and sleepy, So I felt that it was best. To withdraw myself a little. For an hour or two of rest. I slept long and very soundly. And just judge of my surprise. When again, after my slumber, I opened my drowsy eyes, I found myself in the cottage. I had lived in long ago, Ere I started out that morning. On that curious quest to go. I sprang up and sought the window. Yes, it was the same old town. That, in what seemed years ago. I had wearily lain down.

The North Atlantic is the only area where icebergs offer a serious menace, although a few Antarctic bergs invade ship lanes on the western side of Cape Horn. Few ever get to sea in the North Pacific, most of them breaking up in the bays where they go adrift.

Mrs. John Stewart and Mrs. Michael Hill were in town one day last week.

Suggestion For Park Improvement

If I were planning a play park I would include a play park for all ages from the tiny tot to the grand dads and the grandmothers. First I would set out many many trees adapted to the climate and soil of this locality. Then I would sod the ground to grass except a place at the far corner left for a tennis court, this I would fence on the side and end next to the play park with a very high strong iron fence, also curb around said park with cement curbing.

I would dig a shallow narrow long pool for small tots to wade in this I would have just deep enough to cover their feet when first entering then to about knee deep. This pool I would cement and build so as to drain and clean out for sanitation. I would install several hydrants with faucets that do not turn around for fear some one might turn on and forget to turn off, but have automatically turn off, these I would install around over the park.

I would build several tables and benches fastened to the ground so in case of wind they would not blow over or away, this is for the families to eat from and sit on, near the tables I would install an out door furnace a place to roast weiners and fry steak.

I would build a hut with two rooms, one for little tots to cut paper dolls, paint in books, the other room for teen age girls as their club room, in each room I would have tables and benches low tables and benches for the small tots, each room with hydrant and sink, also a rest room in the larger girls club room. . . for boys I would build a scout hut near the tennis court for boys like very much to be by their own, some in their club meetings. I would install a hydrant and rest room.

I would not have so very much shrubbery but some bunched here and there also a few flower beds but not many for it is a play park. The larger boys and girls need a pool but there is danger of smaller tots going to the play park and falling in.

Next I would build an arbor with a small stage a very small room in which to roll the piano in when not in use in community sings, or other gatherings perhaps in the heat of the summer the churches might get together on hot Sunday nights and have union services in the cool of twilight, of course benches would be built under the arbor. . . now this is where the grandmothers and granddads come in the benches must have comfortable backs.

I would not install too many swings for real small children are inclined to swing around to much and to fast. A rope swing should not be to long for there is danger

Galley Romance! WAVE Weds Ship's Cook



When a WAVE "housekeeper" marries a Ship's Cook, who does the cooking at home? That's a problem for Peggy Skanse, Specialist (U), third class, and Wycliffe R. Rigby, Ship's Cook, second class, at the U. S. Naval Training Station at San Diego, Calif. They were married after a romance that began when Peggy discovered Rigby was responsible for the excellent cuisine in the WAVES' mess hall. If Rigby is elected to supervise the culinary department at home, he'll have to learn how to pare down recipes for 1,000 servings to the correct proportions for two. This romance is very complimentary to the food served WAVES, but at Navy Recruiting Stations and Offices of Naval Officer Procurement they'll tell you the excellent cuisine is only a minor reason for enlisting in the WAVES. The important thing, they say, is that women between 20 and 36, without children under 18, can serve their country during this war in no better way than in the ranks of the WAVES.

Grain Bins To Be Sold Public

The public is invited to purchase the grain bins available in Spearman at the AAA office. These bins were restricted to sale to farmer last month, but having a limited supply left, they are offered to the general public on a bid basis. Anyone interested can turn to a large advertisement carried in this issue of the Reporter, or go to the AAA office and ask for Freeman Barkley for further details.

Oslo News

Morning worship at Oslo Lutheran Church next Sunday, May 14, fourth Sunday after Easter, will begin at 11:30 a.m. This is Lutheran World Action Sunday.

Remember to bring your envelopes with the offering to this service. The Sunday school will begin at 10:30 a.m. The confirmation class will meet at the parsonage on Saturday at 10 a.m. H. C. Hjortholm, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander entertained with a dinner on Thursday of last week for Mrs. V. M. Lee of Stratford, Texas, in honor of her 89th birthday anniversary. The following guests attended: Mrs. V. M. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton, Mrs. C. R. Foster, Mrs. Tim Flores, Miss Hazel Harris, Doris Dath, and Timmie Lou Foster. All the guests live at Stratford.

Mrs. Jack Christofferson entertained the Oslo Ladies' Aid at her home last Thursday afternoon. The program topic was, "Remember the Sabbath Day." It was presented by Mrs. Gordon Sterje and Mrs. Christofferson. After the program the hostess served a delicious lunch.

Many from here attended the piano recital presented by Mrs. Bernice Saunders at the Methodist Church in Guymon last Friday evening. Violet Hill, Doris Dahl, and Elvera Jensen were the ones from here who were presented in the recital.

Considerable concern is felt here for Lars Hill, who is ill and in the Epworth Hospital at Liberal, Kans. Relatives were called to his bedside last Friday evening. However, he seems to be getting along quite well now.

Pastor and Mrs. Hjortholm returned from Chickasha, Okla., where Pastor Hjortholm went to conduct services last Sunday, late that evening. They returned by way of Liberal, Kans., in order to visit with Mrs. Lars Hill who is in the hospital there.

Mrs. Clara Stedje, Mrs. Jack Christofferson, Mrs. Emil Knutson, and Kathryn helped Mrs. Gordon Stedje celebrate her birthday Wednesday of last week.

Sgt. Bill Bennick and wife from Pampa Air Field and Miss Marie Stedje visited at Miss Sterje's home here Sunday. They also visited at the Emil Knutson and Gordon Stedje homes that day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spivey, Ada Joyce and Hix were dinner guests at the Gordon Stedje home Sunday.

PARADISE LOST

Handed in by J. R. (Buck) Keim. We're in the Devils country Where you don't give a damn how you look, The land of fox and salmon, The land that God overlooked.

Out on the windswept tundra Where the mists come down a lot, We battle the wind and the wetness, In the land that God forgot.

Here with the fox and chilly dawn, Here's where a man gets blue, Near the shore of the blue Pacific And five thousand miles from you.

When we stop and think of the beauty, Of the places we have been, I guess there's nothing so pretty As the tavern on the green.

We are brought back to the present, By the sting of rain in our face, We wonder what God was mad about, When he created this awful place.

Sometimes when gazing out to sea, Or towards the mountains high, We realize it's still our country, And we'll keep it, or we'll die.

At night the wind keeps blowing, It's more than a man can stand, Hell no! We're not convicts, We're here to defend our land.

For someone had to guard our shores, And it was us that took the rap, To keep our land free from invaders, Those slant-eyed skunks, the Japs.

We're living until tomorrow, Only to see our gals, Hoping that when we return, They won't have married our pals.

Where we are, and what we do, No one gives a damn, But remember just one thing, my friend, We're only loaned to Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Claude Sheets returned from Hartley where she had been taking care of Larry Johnson, her grandson while he had the measles. Larry came home with her to recuperate.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling P. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Archer were in town Saturday.

couragement along their growing path of life . . . with a lot of understanding and love.

You ask for practical suggestions to improve the Womble park I am sure you want something worth while something Spearman will be proud to show their neighboring towns, something that will help the youth of your town in years to come. . . A park all can use, a park Mr. Womble will be glad carries his name, if you carry out my suggestions with the many other worthwhile suggestions you will have just what you are looking for and several be men's job to build.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kissiar and daughters, Carmin and Nellie Kay children of Texhoma visited relatives of Perryton were in Spearman lives in Spearman over the weekend.

GREETINGS To The Graduates Of The Hansford County Grade And High Schools



WE CONGRATULATE YOU

Now is one of the most exciting and long to be remembered times of your life. From now on life will take on a new meaning for you, and regardless of your plans or what you may do in the future, here is one business in SPEARMAN that wishes you all the success you so justly deserve.

SENIORS, we are proud of you . . . of the faculty who taught you, and of the Hansford county schools for which you stand. Your loyalty and faithfulness combined with the efforts of the patrons of your particular school has made the school system of Hansford county an outstanding one.

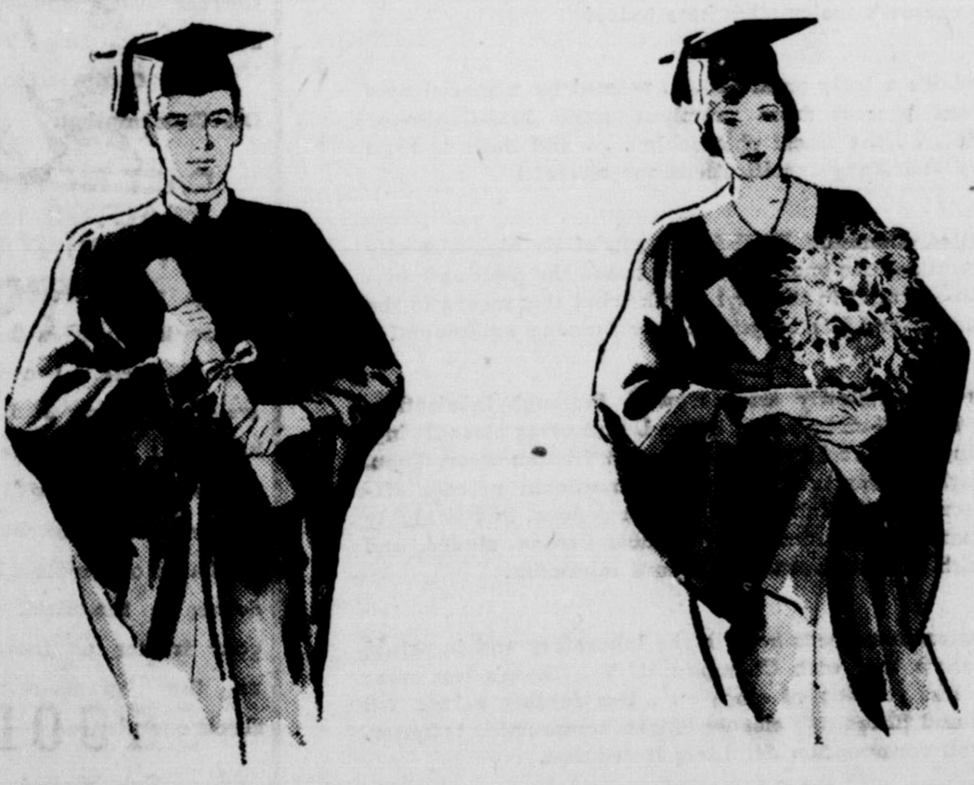
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CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS



To the graduates of Spearman, Gruver and Morse high schools, we extend sincere greetings and wish you continued success. Especially do we pause to congratulate the dozens of graduates and former students of Hansford county schools who are in military service. Scarcely a week goes by that we are not proud to learn of some brave deed that some Hansford county boy has done for our country.

May these brave boys help end World War II and then come home soon to take their places as men in Hansford county and elsewhere they may choose to make their homes.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

To The Graduates Of The Hansford County Grade And High Schools At Spearman, Gruver And Morse

We wish each of you continued success in your future activities, whether it is studies or work.

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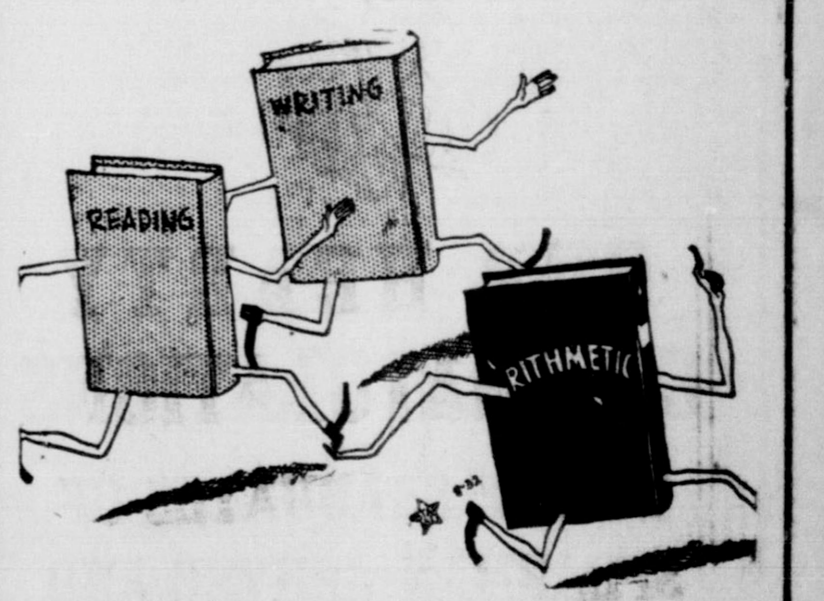
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GREETINGS TO THE 1944 SENIORS

Hansford county has another fine group of Seniors in the three high schools of this area. We join other merchants in extending greetings of Congratulations to the Seniors of the county.

May The 1944 Graduates Meet With Success In Their Future Activities

MATTHEWS & CRAWFORD IMPLEMENT COMPANY

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SPEARMAN LYNX—
(Continued from Page Two)

Those that withdrew were:
Wyona Prutsman
Ethel Fullbright
Joyce Jones
Mildred McKay
Carmen Kizziar
Senior, Alma Overbey
C. H. Cheves, Ethel Deakin.

Those that entered in our senior year were:
Nadine Willis
Those that left us this year were:
Cora Francis Combs
Robbie Jo Graves
Nadine Willis
Roy B. Noel
Ray Halsey

It is very interesting to note that in this class history there are only four graduating seniors that entered school in the first grade. (1933.)

They are:
Arlys Womble
Olando Reynolds
Jack Dacus
Frank Porter

Little is known of our presidents of grade school, but our presidents of each class in high school are as follows:
Freshman, Georgia Burleson.
Sophomore, Newman Schneider.
Junior, Billy Joe Davis.
Senior, A. L. Wilson.

In grade school Joyce Jones was valedictorian and Ethel Fullbright, salutatorian. In high school Neal Adair is valedictorian and Frank Porter, salutatorian.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR BANQUET
Grace L. Lawson
Friday night, April 28, the juniors gave the seniors one of the best banquets in the history of the school.
The gym was decorated to represent a barn yard scene, to the last detail; bailed hay, saddles, barn yard fowls, and old fashioned lanterns.

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Howard Brillhart Is Masonic Bond Chairman Here
The Masonic Spring War Savings Bond Drive will end on May 22, said Mr. Howard B. Brillhart who is the Potentate's Aide for Khiva Temple and chairman of the drive for Hansford county. All those who have not reported their purchases of Bonds should do so at once. It is only necessary to report the name, amount, and number of each Bond.
Our quota is a million in May. We exceeded this in 1943. Let's go over the top again in 1944. Our very existence depends on winning this war, said Mr. Howard B. Brillhart.
War Savings Bonds purchased by Masons, Masonic Lodges, R. A. M. Chapters, Commanderies, Order of Eastern Star, Rainbow Assembly for Girls, Order of DeMolay must be reported. Any Bonds purchased by individuals, families, firms, or organizations may be reported for this drive if they have not been reported for any other drive and are not a part of a pay roll deduction plan.
Mr. and Mrs. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. C. Eling, Supt. O. A. Bush, Ruth Fleck, of Gruver were Spearman business visitors Saturday.

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF SPEARMAN, GRUVER AND MORSE HIGH AND GRADE SCHOOLS

A good educational system means a progressive community, and we are especially glad this year to note that there are three high schools with graduates in Hansford county. We take pride in the progress of the schools in this county, and it now brings us pride and pleasure to wish the graduates well upon the successful completion of their high school work.

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TODAY on the HOME FRONT
by James Marlow and George Zielke

The polltaxers and the anti-polltaxers will tip their hats to the constitution, respectfully say "Hello, Sir," and go about their business.

The rock upon which the two factions split is the constitution. It's basic in all poll tax arguments. This time there probably will be very little argument.

Supporters of a bill to abolish the polltax is a prerequisite to voting in federal elections in eight southern states are scheduled to offer it in the senate today.

Apparently they lack strength to push it through. The polltax supporters—Southerners and others—are too much set against it. It may linger a week, then die. Talk about it will only go through the motions.

Besides the constitutional points, of course, the anti-polltaxers say the tax is a device to keep millions of poor whites and negroes away from the polls so that politicians can preserve their power.

Because little of it may be heard on the floor, below is the main outline of the constitutional arguments.

The polltaxers say congress has no right under the constitution to tell states to remove the tax, that under the constitution the states have a right to fix their own voting qualifications, and that a polltax is one form of qualification.

They say this: That it could dictate to the states in this case, it could do so in other cases and that then the federal government would be intruding on state's rights.

The point to Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution which says "x x x the electors (voters) in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch (house) of the state legislature."

The polltaxers interpret this as meaning that the states, and not congress, within stated limits can prescribe the "qualifications" of voters in federal elections.

Anti-polltaxers scoff at this reasoning, say a polltax is not a qualification within the meaning of the constitution.

The anti-polltaxers use the constitution aggressively, too, and cite the 14th amendment in support of their statement that the tax is unconstitutional.

"x x x no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of a citizen."

The polltax, its opponents say, does abridge the "privilege" of a citizen and is in violation of the 14th amendment.

The majority of the senate judiciary committee, after listening to a string of constitutional law-

yers, said of Article 1, Section 2: The pretended polltax qualification for voting has no place in any modern system of government."

Congress has a lot of ways to skin a cat. One is the filibuster. It's all sharpened up for a de-hiding job tomorrow on the anti-poll tax bill.

Passage would force eight southern states—Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee—to abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting.

The anti-poll taxers say millions of poor whites and negroes are kept from the polls by the tax. Southerners, and there are many who agree with them, say federal action against the tax would be an invasion of states' rights.

Only the optimists think the bill has a chance. Southern senators have promised to use the filibuster—talk for non-stop oratory—to short it to death. They did it in 1941 after the house had passed a similar bill.

Possibly the majority of senators would vote for the bill, if they ever had a chance to vote on the bill itself.

Under house rules no member can talk more than one hour on any legislative proposition. But the senate has no such rule and permits endless debate which can be stopped only by cloture.

Cloture can be imposed only by a two-thirds vote of the senate. The anti-poll taxers may try to get that cloture to choke a filibuster. They're not likely to succeed.

For although a majority of the senators might vote for the anti-poll tax bill, probably not even a majority—much less two thirds—of them would vote for cloture.

A majority voted against cloture in 1941.

There are two reasons for that: Some day other senators might gang up and impose cloture on them; or, they think it's democratic to permit endless debate. But there are even ways of preventing attempted cloture, and this is one of them:

At the start of every senate session, after the prayer, comes the reading of the journal of the previous day's business. Ordinarily this is dispensed with by unanimous consent. If any senator objects, the journal has to be read.

If the poll taxers wanted to, on the day they knew the anti-poll taxers were going to ask for a vote on the bill, they could ask for a reading of the journal.

Any senator can offer an amendment or correction to the journal. These amendments and corrections are privileged matter with which the senate must proceed until finished.

Personals

Mrs. Roy Russell, Mrs. W. E. McClellan and Mrs. H. L. Heard were shopping in Amarillo Friday.

The Better Homes H. D. Club will meet Tuesday, May 16 in the home of Mrs. S. J. Powell.

Mrs. W. J. Miller, Mrs. Delon Kirk, and Martha Delon were on business in Perryton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McClellan of Gruver were Spearman visitors Monday.

Max Boyer of Perryton, Texas, was a business visitor in Spearman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Holt, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Harbour, and children were in Spearman shopping Saturday.

COMMENCEMENT TIME
Has come around for the graduates of Spearman-Gruver-Morse Grade and High Schools.

This old time firm extends best wishes and heart felt congratulations to the graduates, and hopes each of you will achieve further success.

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UNINTENTIONAL SABOTEURS ON THE HOME FRONT

WILMA WATTWASTER
—who leaves her range units on high after food begins to boil

Switching to low heat promptly when food comes to boil not only conserves electricity but also prolongs the life of the units. Don't forget and leave them on high like the young lady above. And follow these other timely tips on the use and care of your range:

- Use surface units in rotation. Favoring one unit will cause it to wear out before the others, and in these days replacements are difficult.
- Make sure oven units are pushed in tightly. A loose fit causes arcing, which will pit and burn terminal points.
- Use utensils that fit the units. Utensils larger than units spread heat to porcelain finish and may craze it.
- Wash porcelain finish with warm, mild soapy water. Don't use gritty cleaners or abrasives and be sure range is cool. Wipe up spilled milk or fruit juices promptly to avoid staining finish.
- Don't use sharp instruments to clean surface units. Spilled food will burn away.
- Don't slam oven doors and don't let the children sit on them.

Your range is probably the most important single piece of equipment in your home. Don't neglect it. Keep it in top-notch condition for the duration.

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WHEN VICTORY COMES Mrs. Edd Close

(Editors Note: This splendid article mailed in after the contest had closed, is never-the-less one of the best that we have read during the contest. Truly it was difficult to decide who did write the best article, all of them being far above the average that are sent newspapers.)

When this war is over, it will be like beginning all over again. A bomb scared and blood stained world will lift her arms to Heaven and thank God! Bomb craters will be filled not for the installations of war equipment but for the good of man.

What will I do? I believe it will be several days, before I realize I am not dreaming. The sorrow and heartaches I have shared with other mothers will be a heartbreaking nightmare I hope we can soon forget.

Fate has decided that our troubles in the future are much darker and more frightening than those in the past and present. The terrors of war will be in the past and my thoughts will become present and future. I will be so happy there will be no room for incidents either past or future.

Later, I will dream, dream of course. They will be built around my son, an officer in the Air Corps. He never-the-less is still my little boy. I shall devote my time to his comfort and satisfaction. I will not forget to thank the Lord for bringing him back

to me. Then too, I will ask His help that I may comfort them not so fortunate as I am.

When I hear the wonderful news, I will laugh and cry till my emotions are spent and I can look and act like the mother he left behind.—"When Johnny Comes Marching Home!"

Leslie Howard Dial, small son of Mrs. Dallas Dial is recovering splendidly from a tonsillectomy at Shattuck Hospital last week.

Mrs. Doc Beason visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Abner at Phillips last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hausen family moved to Amarillo last week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
Students of the grade and high schools of Spearman, Gruver and Morse, Texas, who are completing their work in the grade schools and high schools of this county.

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