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Red Cross Drive Now On

Another clarion call to the home front starts this week, and will continue for several days, depending on how the local workers take to the task and how the public respond. Only by our active support can the activities of the Red Cross be continued.

In our opinion, the Red Cross workers, depending on the volunteer donations and contributions of the American people for their support, maintenance, and existence, do more to take the sting out of war than any other organization.

Santa Anna's quota in this drive was set at \$1750.00 about one dollar per capita for our population. Santa Anna has never failed to respond to any just and worthy demands made upon us, and we don't believe she will fail this time. The Red Cross money is a donation in a way, but could be termed an investment in extending help and relief to the suffering men and women among our fighting forces. Let's all do our part.

Rev. J. W. Burgett is local chairman. If the committee fails to see you and you wish to have a part in this wonderful work, mail or send your check to him, Santa Anna, Texas. Or to the Santa Anna News and we will see that it is deposited to the proper place and the necessary records made.

—The Editor.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR COLEMAN CO. STOCK SHOW MARCH 4th

The organization work has been completed for the 13th annual livestock show at Coleman March 4th. The various division chairmen and superintendents, and all workers have been named.

W. A. Powell is general chairman; Raymond McElrath, vice chairman, and Sam Cooper, secretary. J. M. Glover, county agent and Jewell Hipp, H. D. agent, are cooperating. Homemaking instructors including Mrs. Flora Fry, Coleman; Thelma Casey, Buffalo; Emma Cross, Burkett; Lela Hawkins, Coleman; Mary Jo Couch, Mozelle; Mrs. D. D. Byrne, Santa Anna, will have a part in the show, as well as 6 V. A. teachers including E. W. Scott, Coleman; B. J. Joyce of Novice; B. D. Murff of Centennial; F. M. Larner of Talpa; A. I. Edwards of Talpa and S.E. Skiles of Santa Anna.

The arrangement committee is composed of E. W. Scott, Truman Williams and Frank Gillespie. The finance committee includes W. P. Stobaugh, T. J. Allen and Chas. R. Wilson.

J. C. Dibrell is general superintendent of the adult division. Carroll Kingsbery heads the 4-H and FFA divisions; John Will Vance has charge of the beef and dairy cows. Roy Tisdale directs the sheep division and Rex Garrett will superintend the swine division exhibits. Mrs. Frank Gillispie is superintendent of the H. D. club entries and Mrs. Leonard Norris will direct the girls 4-H club exhibits.

The Homemaking exhibits will be in charge of Mrs. Flora Fry as superintendent and Mrs. Byrne as secretary. The soil conservation exhibit will be in charge of Joe Tinney.

The place of the show is the Powell-Cavanaugh building. Ribbons will be awarded in all divisions, and prizes awarded in 4-H and FFA divisions.



LT. CLOVIS FLETCHER

Madison, Wis.—Clovis Fletcher of Santa Anna has been promoted from second to first lieutenant at Traux Field, AAF Training Command, it was announced by Col. Fay O. Dice, commanding officer of the field.

Lt. Fletcher, whose mother, Mrs. Juanita Fletcher, resides in Santa Anna, earned his master's degree in physical training at the University of Texas in 1939. He participated in track and football for several years and was an all-Southwestern conference guard for two years. Lt. Fletcher coached at De Leon High School in 1937-38; at Comanche High School in 1938-39; and was line coach at Howard Payne in 1939.

He is assigned to duty as a group physical training director at Traux Field.

FEBRUARY REGISTRANTS

The following men registered with Coleman County Local Board No. 1, Coleman, Texas, during the month of February, 1944.

Robert Gerald Halmon, Rt. 1, Santa Anna; Richard Elsworth Sparks, Gouldbusk; Lester William Stephenson, Coleman; David Alvin Altom, Coleman; Frank Edward Warrick (Col.), Coleman; Elmer Travis Townsley, Santa Anna; Nathan Holt Meeks, Rt. 3, Coleman; Damon Lockett Newton, Rt. 1, Rockwood; Roy Monroe Kerbow, Gouldbusk; Dennis McCarty Dixon, Coleman; Harry Lewis Wilson, Trickham.

The Kids From Home

They may be fighting men to the world at large but every mother and father in Santa Anna with a boy in khaki knows that those men out there on a battle field crouching in a foxhole, or standing watch on a pitching destroyer in mid-ocean are the same warm-hearted, happy kids who only yesterday were playing marbles in the back yard, or scooting around town in a paint-dotted old flivver.

You saw them here just the other day—delivering papers, working after school at the filling station, mowing the front lawn under protest, or building a shack in the vacant lot.

How many times recently we've heard some dad say "I wish I could be right with that boy of mine to cheer him up and keep him from getting homesick." And, if there's been a tight feeling in your throat, dad, its only natural.

But, even though you can't go out with that lad yourself, rest assured there's a fellow along with your boy's outfit to buck him up when he's down-hearted, to take any message he wants sent along home, or to just talk. That fellow is the Red Cross field director, sent along with your boy by the American people.

That's why its important right now for all of us to do our part in the American Red Cross War Fund. Let's keep the Red Cross at his side!

HIGH PRICED CIGARETTES

The Lions Club Cigarette Fund was swelled considerably Tuesday when a carton of cigarettes, that was mailed to an oversea serviceman, Sgt. Schrader, nephew of our good friend, Ed Schrader, out on the Rockwood highway last October and intended for a Christmas package from Santa Ann, was sold at auction.

Sgt. Schrader was missing in action by the time the package arrived in Italy, and was marked to return to the sender December 21. It was sold at auction Tuesday and was bid in by Neal Oakes, manager of the local Pig-gly Wiggly Store for \$16.25, which sum was put back into the Soldiers Cigarette Fund.

We now have sufficient funds to send each man from this vicinity another carton of American cigarettes, and they will be on their way soon. Anyone desiring to send a husband, son, brother, friend or sweetheart a carton, ten packages of cigarettes to an A.P.O. for foreign service delivery bring us 65c and the correct mailing address, and we will soon have them on their way.

—The Editor.

Santa Fe's net railway operating income for January was \$3,974,760 according to a statement released by President E. J. Engel today. This is a decrease of \$1,010,982 compared with January, 1943.

Gross for the system was \$37,977,018 an increase over January, 1943, of \$2,412,764. Operating expenses were \$22,445,940 an increase of \$4,361,277 over the same month of 1943. Railway tax accruals were \$11,349,947 a decrease of \$715,504 under the same month last year.

Comparative figures, past 3 years: January gross: \$37,977,018 in 1944; \$35,564,254 in 1943 and \$22,350,539 in 1942. January net railway operating income: \$3,974,760 in 1944; \$4,985,742 in 1943 and \$4,262,226 in 1942.

Railway tax accruals for January, 1944, include \$9,262,000 federal income and excess profits taxes compared with \$10,250,000 in 1943.

Miss Wilma Mills, who is teaching in the public schools at Del Rio, came in Thursday to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mills.

War Fund Drive Opens With Confidence That Americans Will Give Fullest Support

Huge Icebox, Deep In Jungle, Keeps Bougainville, Food

Huge iceboxes hidden deep in the jungle keep perishable foods fresh for army troops on Bougainville, reports available here today from Army Headquarters on that Solomon Island revealed.

Rugged jungle conditions mean little to Army cooks, who have been dishing out well-cooked chow ever since the Yanks stormed the Bougainville beach and drove the Japs back into the hills.

With the exception of the first few days, when C rations were used, the food has been good, nourishing and varied, the most of it comes out of cans. Since December, however, fresh beef, pork and lamb have been shipped in occasionally, mostly from New Zealand, and kept in the iceboxes.

Here's One Menu

Here is a menu put out by one hard-working mess crew whose sergeant is James C. Ingram, Santa Anna, Texas:

Breakfast—Grapefruit juice, egg omelet and bacon, wheat cereal, toast, jam, coffee.

Dinner—Chili con carne, Lyonnaise potatoes, asparagus, bread, butter, lemonade, canned fruit.

Supper—Fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, butter, jam, coffee, peaches.

Cook At College

Ingram, who has one brother in the Army and another in the Navy, has been in the Army three years and is a veteran of Guadalcanal, Rendova and Munda campaigns, where cooking under fire was the rule rather than the exception.

Ingram's two first cooks are Sergt. Frank Smith, Butler, Pa., and Sergt. Lewis Jones, Weatherford, Okla. Smith, formerly cook at Slippery Rock Teachers College, has been in service two and a half years and has a brother, Ralph, in the Army in the states. Known as "Oakie" to his buddies, Jones has been in three years.

One morsel of the menu which the GI's don't like too well is atabrine, but they take it anyway. It is a substitute for quinine, used to ward off malaria. Signs all over the jungle ask: "Had your atabrine today?"

—Washington, News.

Thanks to Congressman O. C. Fischer for sending us this article.

SOME TURNIP

We have on our counter a turnip that weighs 3 pounds and 6 ounces, and measures 22 1/4 in. in circumference.

We would not say it is the largest turnip we ever saw, but we do say it is a whopper. The large turnip grew in the J. Ed Bartlett garden, and was presented to us by Mr. Bartlett.

Thanks to Mr. Bartlett, and we will find an appropriate use for the vegetable.

Pfc. Bill T. Walker, 827th Guard Sqdn., Geiger Field, Wash was here this week, having been called home to the bedside of his mother who was carried to Temple to a hospital before Pvt. Walker arrived.

Confronted with responsibilities of unprecedented proportions, as the war enters its most crucial stage, and with a staggering task ahead in the post-war period, the American Red Cross March 1 opens its 1944 War Fund appeal, confident that the American people will respond to the limit of their ability.

President Roosevelt, president of the American Red Cross, Norman H. Davis, chairman and active head of the vast organization, and Leon Fraser, national War Fund chairman, joined today in voicing their conviction that the national objective of \$200,000,000 will be reached because the people recognize the vital part Red Cross must play within the next twelve months.

Chairman Davis, in opening the campaign, which continues through March, said that with the decisive stage of the war ahead, the Red Cross must assume a greater burden than ever before, and at the same time must provide aid to servicemen being returned in ever increasing numbers.

Reviewing accomplishments, he asserted that Red Cross operations over the entire world during 1943 had dwarfed its activities during the first two years of war.

Thousands of American men and women, he said, are now in Red Cross service with U. S. troops in fifty-three continental and insular areas.

It was estimated here that more than three million American Red Cross volunteers will participate in the house-to-house canvass starting today.

"Every American will be given the opportunity to contribute to this cause which is so close to the hearts of the people," Chairman Davis said.

"The Red Cross spirit springs from human desire to alleviate suffering and pain in war and in times of great disaster.

"In this war we have carried that spirit from our own shores to every part of the globe where American men and women are serving the nation. The Red Cross is always at their side.

"Bringing that same spirit back from the battle fronts, the Red Cross has inaugurated a new arm of protection—aid to the disabled serviceman in the interim period following his discharge from service and until he begins to receive government benefits."

Citing the overseas achievements of the American Red Cross Mr. Davis revealed that field directors, hospital, club and recreation workers are with American armed forces in virtually every command.

Both in Europe and in the Far East Red Cross workers have either gone with invasion forces into new combat areas, or have followed within a very limited period of time, he said.

Another fine rain fell here Sunday morning and Sunday night. It is estimated that 3 to 4 inches of precipitation fell, and many tanks are now filled, where stock water was badly needed. In fact, we think the water problem has been solved for a spell.

—For Victory, Buy Bonds—

TOWN and FARM in WARTIME

Prepared by OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION



Ration Reminder

Meats, Fats. Brown stamps Y and Z in Book 3 are good through March 20. Red 10-point stamps A8, B8, and C8 in Book 4 are good through May 20. Waste kitchen fats are redeemed at two ration points plus four cents a pound.

Processed Foods. Green stamps K, L, and M are good through March 26. Blue 10-point stamps A8, B8, C8, and E8 in book 4 are good February 27 thru May 20.

Sugar. Stamp No. 30 in book 4 is good for 5 pounds through March 31. Stamp No. 40 in book 4 is good for 5 pounds of canning sugar through February 28, next year.

Gasoline. In 17 east coast states A-9 coupons are good thru May 8. In states outside the east coast area, A-10 coupons are good through March 21.

Tire Inspection Deadlines. For A coupon holders, March 31, and for B and C coupon holders, Feb. 29.

Fuel Oil. Period 3 coupons are good through February 21 in the South and through March 13 in all other areas. Period 4 coupons are good in all areas through September 30. Period 5 coupons are good in the Middle West and South and remain good through September 30.

Shoes. Stamps No. 18 in book 1 and No. 1 on the Airplane sheet in book 3 are good for one pair each.

Income Tax. March 15 is dead line for filing 1943 returns. Date for filing 1944 declarations of estimated income and Victory tax is extended to April 15.

Check on Coupon Endorsement

Beginning the week of March 6, OPA will attempt to check all gasoline ration books to see that the coupons are properly endorsed with license number and state, as part of the nation-wide campaign against Black Markets in gasoline. Motorists found with unendorsed coupons will be notified to report to their local Board within 10 days with endorsed books. Anyone who fails to do this faces revocation of rations.

New Ceilings on Various Items

The Office of Price Administration recently established price ceilings on several items. For consumers, a reduction on Virginia type dried pork products, 5 to 6 cents a pound on whole or half hams; 6 to 7 cents a pound on sliced ham; 4 to 5 cents on bacon; 3 to 4 cents on sides; 2 cents on loins, and 5 cents on shoulders. New ceilings on goat meat represent moderate reductions set by geographic zones. Highest-priced goat meat under the new order is "Cabrito" which sells for 30 cents a pound at retail. Soybeans of the 1943 crop to be processed for oil are \$1.86 a bushel for base grade and \$1.92 a bushel for highest quality. Prices for the 1943 fruit and vegetable pack will apply to this year's pack until a 1944 price is set. Yellow cypress lumber was increased \$3 to \$4 per 1,000 board feet for producers—to be passed on to consumers. A 20-cents-per-pound producers' ceiling was set on all round Chinook salmon and 24 cents on drawn Chinook, on catches in California, Oregon, and Washington (except Sacramento River catch) effective through March. New prices on alfalfa hay products mean an increase of about 15 to 20 cents per ton of feed consumption—for all states except California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and parts of Idaho.

Farm Gasoline Rations

Six-month gasoline rations for non-highway use on farms may be issued in installments rather than all at one time, as in the

past, the OPA has announced. If the local board has issued the farmer only part of his ration, when the farmer needs more gasoline he makes no formal application but simply asks the board for it. The board then either will issue such portion of the remainder as the board decides the farmer needs for the rest of the six-month period.

Armed Services Need Nurses

An additional 2,000 nurses are needed for the U. S. Army Nurse Corps by April 1 to replace hundreds of army nurses being sent overseas in connection with plans for a European invasion. The American Red Cross, recruiting agency for nurses, reports that the Navy Nurse Corps which has completely exhausted its reserve, also needs 500 additional nurses each month during 1944.

Less Sugar For Civilians

U. S. civilian supplies of sugar will be 6 per cent less than 1943 consumption, according to WFA due to use of sugarcane molasses for industrial alcohol, to increased needs of the armed forces and our allies, and to wartime shipping conditions.

Round-Up

Nearly 40 per cent of all vegetables grown for fresh consumption in the United States last year came from Victory gardens, the War Food Administration reported. WFA says that 52,000 Mexican nationals will be needed to help relieve the farm labor shortage in the United States this year. Approximately 14,000 already are in this country. Living costs for city families decreased two-tenths of one per cent between mid-December and mid-January, the Secretary of Labor reports. Although services continued to increase in cost, both food and clothing costs declined. OPA has granted Regional Administrator's authority to recommend that slaughterers who willfully violate any OPA meat regulation be deprived in whole or in part of their subsidy payments. OPA suggests that retailers keep a reserve of one-point green and brown stamps on hand during the first week or two ration tokens are used, in case they have underestimated their token needs. OPA has ordered a reserve of 200 million tokens to be ready not later than April 7. A food producer who wishes to get electric power extension for water to irrigate as much as five acres of land may apply to his County Agricultural Conservation Committee, WPB has announced. WPB has authorized the manufacture of approximately half a million enameled cold pack canners with a jar capacity of seven one-quarts, nine one-pints, or four half-gallons, to be available for this canning season. Rye is not a desirable alcohol-producing grain and use of large quantities of rye for this purpose is not likely at present, WPB says. Because more batteries are needed for walkie-talkies, bazookas, signal lights, and other war equipment, WPB says there is little chance for an increased supply for civilians this year. WPB will permit limited production of electric flat irons for civilian use, but few of the new irons are expected in retail stores before mid year. More than 3,000 trucks for civilian use almost exactly the number planned for—were produced in January according to WPB. WPB has set the 1944 quotas for new glass containers for wines and distilled spirits at 100 per cent of the number used in 1943 and for non-alcoholic beverages at 80 per cent of the number accepted by the packers for this use in 1941. Orange shellac having an OPA ceiling price of 45.1 cents per lb. or higher is now available for

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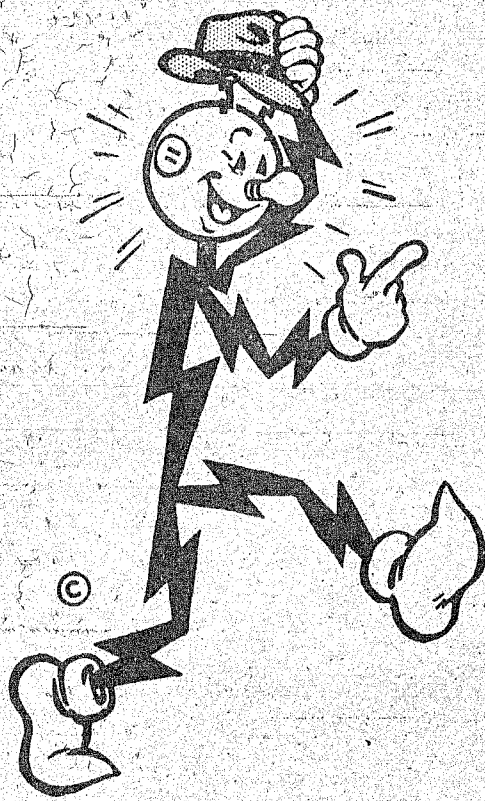
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The most modern and complete Recapping Plant in Coleman Co.

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Santa Anna, Texas



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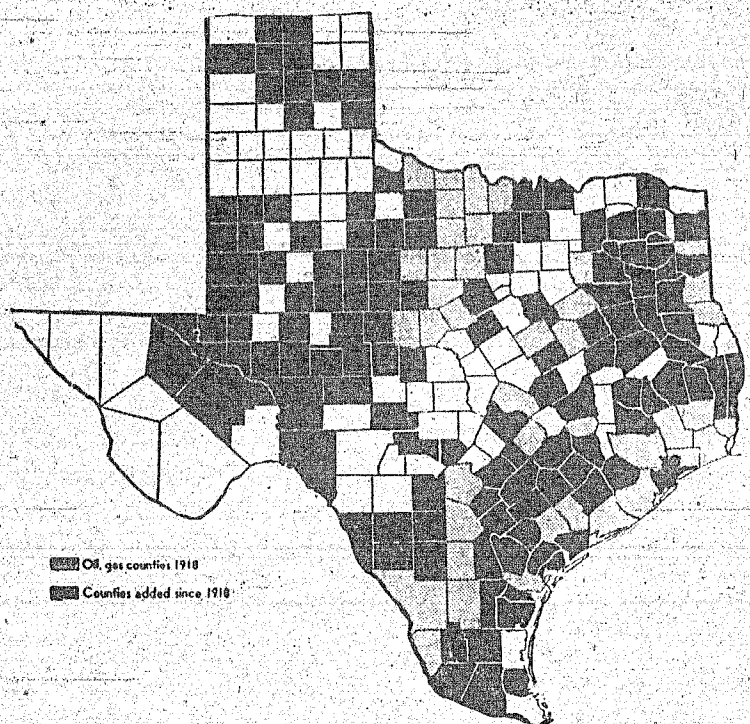
COURTESY, like many other things, often becomes needlessly a victim of war. There is no excuse for a lack of courtesy! The raw materials are simple and plentiful... the manpower required is negligible... *courtesy is just a by-product of service.*

Yes, we know that "there's a war going on"... we know what it is to be short handed... we miss the 224 experienced employees who are now in the armed services; but it's a tradition with the employees of your

electric service company to give friendly, courteous service.

Lack of material often forces the use of substitutes. Frequently it is necessary to rework old material and supplies. Sometimes, due to shortages or government regulations, service must be delayed. But the employee team, backed by a business policy that encourages individual thinking and recognizes individual effort, is proud of the fact that *courtesy, like electricity, is not rationed.*

West Texas Utilities
Company



Texas Oil Goes To War

At the end of the first World War Texas had forty counties listed as oil and gas producers. Since that time the number has risen to 173. The importance of Texas oil in the present war is shown by the fact that the Petroleum Administration for War estimates current military requirements at 1,210,000 barrels daily and civilian needs at 3,215,000 barrels or a total of 4,425,000 barrels. Texas' current production of petroleum liquids exceeds 2,000,000 barrels daily. This is enough to supply the war effort and leave about 800,000 barrels daily for essential use on the home front.

Classified

FOR SALE—Peanut hay by the ton, at my barn. M. L. Guthrie. 5tc.

GARDEN SEED—Fresh supply of garden seeds and fertilizer. Griffin Hatchery, Santa Anna, Tex.

FOR SALE—Best land, climate and water supply in Texas, at a price you can afford to pay. \$20 per acre up, any size tract. Contact Joe Poindexter, Friona, Tex. 4t.

FIELD SEEDS: State certified and State tested field seeds. Corn, maize, hygera, sudan, etc., Cerean and Nitragin. Griffin Hatchery, Santa Anna.

We will run our Hammer Mill only on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. Griffin Hatchery.

Monuments, Memorials. W. J. Cross, Cross Plains. 4p

For your plumbing. See C. L. Hodges.

Just received a carload of Commodity cake and meal. Bring your permit. Santa Anna Cooperative Gin.

LIST your city, farm and ranch property with me for satisfactory results. J. W. Mead at Mead Furniture and Storage, Coleman, Texas. 9tc.

FOR SALE—Model A Ford in good condition. Jim Daniell.

FOR SALE—Screened in baby bed, 52 by 26 inches, drop side and slide back top, \$20.00, practically new, price when new \$29.95, also walker for sale. Inquire Intercoast Pet. Lease or write Box 366, Santa Anna. 1tp

FOR SALE—5 burner kerosene cooking stove. Mrs. W. L. Baugh, Santa Anna, Trichham Rt. 1p.

FOR SALE—Farmall Regular tractor, power lift, Cultivator and planter, good rubber, A1 condition. Luther McCrary, Route 2, Santa Anna. 1tp.

For your plumbing, electric work, specialize in electric irons, also do painting. See Jack Turner, South of Ward School.

Join the Navy and see what's left of the world.

GOSSIP

Greetings Gates!
Make way, for here comes those S.A.H.S. hepcats jivin' an down the avenue huntin' up gossip.

We snoopers must be slippin', since we don't even know some of these Santa Anna girls nicknames. Could you tell who Salty is?

Melba Walters and Melba Johnson were sporting two good lookin' Coleman boys Sun. nite. Were they Burly and Billy? Could be.

We noticed Mila Mae and her cousin weren't on speaking terms this week-end, but Hazel and he were.

Quote: Not contradicting the "sophisticatd juniors," but confidentially we sops. have at least one party a month and gee whiz????

Viola, we hear that Thula is also interested in G. W. Better watch your step.

Elgean seems to get around, eh Honey and Suzy? Carroll was doing all right with Blondie and Roxie. We think they finally ended up by going skating in Brownwood. This all happened Saturday nite.

These parks are really thickly populated these nights, especially Thursday's. We were snooping around and noticed George, Sylvia, Billy, Virginia, Burly, Marjorie and Suzy in one car while Frances and.....that's all were in another car.

Who were those two Santa Anna boys Mavice and Billy Jeanette were showing off at the show recently??? That will probably be the last time for a while because they left for the navy Monday.

By the way, we have to congratulate those "Fish" on their winning the \$2.50 in the War Bond Treasure Hunt. That bunch is hard to beat at anything.

Ginger was seen Sat. nite at

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(Women in essential war industry must have release from their employer or the U. S. Employment Service.)

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Political Announcements

All announcement fees and political advertising must be paid in advance.

Announcement fees as follows:
County Office \$15.00
District Office \$10.00
Commissioner Precinct \$10.00
Justice Precinct \$5.00

The Santa Anna News is hereby authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the Democratic primaries in July and August, 1944.

For County Judge
LEMAN BROWN
(Re-Election)

For County Sheriff
GEORGE ROBEY
(Re-election)

For District Clerk
BOB PEARCE
(Re-election)

For County Clerk
GEO. M. SMITH
(Re-election)
MRS. FRED HENDERSON

For County Treasurer
W. E. (BILL) BURNEY
HUNTER WOODRUFF
(Re-Election)

For Tax Assessor-Collector
AL HINTNER
(Re-Election)

For County Commissioner
Precinct No. 2
CARL B. ASHMORE
(Re-Election)

For Justice of Peace
C. H. RICHARDS
(Re-Election)

the Bowen Drug Store and also at the Dixie Pig. She seemed to be doing all right with that Lt. Goodbye for now B. C. in U. Peek and Squawk

Coleman County Home Demonstration Council

Mrs. Harry Dibrell, Chairman of arrangements, presided at a called meeting of special committees which was held Saturday, Feb. 26, at 2:30 in the Agricultural Building in Coleman.

Plans were completed for the Educational Exhibits which will be held in connection with the Stock Show.

The Women's Exhibits will show the correct way to prepare meals, fruits and vegetables for the Cold Storage Locker. They will also show foods that may be stored satisfactorily in this manner. They will show 4 exhibits

one from each precinct of the County.

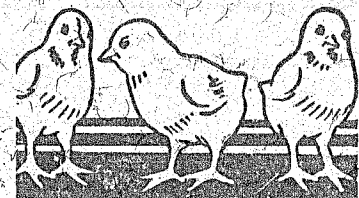
4-H Girls will have 6 exhibits showing different phases of their work.

The exhibits will be set up Saturday morning in the Powell-Cavanaugh building East of R. E. A. Office. The schools will also have exhibits in the same building. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each group.

Arrangements were made to sell pie and coffee to help pay expenses. The public is invited to all exhibits.

Mrs. R. T. Ransberger

Trade at Home



Baby Chicks!

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OATS Red & White, quick or regular flakes, 3-lb package .22

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SYRUP ROSELAND Pure Cane—5 pounds .59

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36TH THINNED IN BLOODY ATTEMPT TO CROSS RAPIDO

By C. L. Sultzherber,
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WITH THE 5TH ARMY IN ITALY, Feb. 23 Two famous American divisions have been employed in the lengthy, severe battles around Cassino and the Rapido River, it can now be revealed. Both suffered heavy casualties.

These are the 36th Division, which was originally made up of the Texas National Guard bearing the insignia of a blue arrowhead with a mounted "T," and the 34th Division which was originally constituted of the Iowa and the Minnesota National Guards.

The 34th until Feb. 12 had been in action steadily for periods of 76 and 45 days. The 36th had been in action for periods of 15, 43 and 31 days.

These figures represent their status in the lines as of the period ending on Feb. 12. Their history since that date—10 days after elements of the 34th had actually first penetrated Cassino—is not yet releasable.

On the bare structure of the facts that it is permissible to write it is difficult to give any indication of the suffering and dogged determination that were experienced and displayed by these units.

It is only possible to repeat—they had heavy casualties. It is only necessary to compare their stints, such as 43 or 76 days, with the continual action records of units in World War I.

That means days and nights sleeping in mud, cold, rain or snow; sleeping in water-logged foxholes and ditches with the constant noise of their own batteries, and the more dangerous counterpoint from German guns, eating nothing but cold rations sometimes for days on end; and seeing their own unit daily thinned out with the disappearance of its best buddies.

Exact Figures Secret

This writer has seen the actual casualty list of both divisions. They must remain a military secret. But it may not be realized in the United States that when the 36th sought valiantly and vainly to establish itself across the icy Rapido River late last month it suffered losses that look heavy to American military history. And the 34th, after forcing a bridgehead farther north, near Cairo, was chipped away in bloody engagements around and in Cassino.

The history of these two divisions prior to their recent battles is already pretty well known—such as the 36th gallant struggle at Salerno. Together in January and February they stood shoulder to shoulder along the Rapido trying to forge the crossing and take Cassino, trying to pierce the Gustave Line and march on to Rome.

They failed in that. They failed not because of any lack of trying. But when units have been in the line as long as these two had been, when they were attacking prepared positions as strong as those opposing them, they just simply no longer have sufficient remaining combat strength. And that was the case

by Feb. 1.

They suffered heavy casualties. It was the boys of the 36th Division who stumbled through night-screened minefields with assault boats on their shoulders, and down to the Rapido—suffering immensely enroute. It was the boys of the 36th who crawled across a thickly-iced rickless bridge over a bloody little stream and fell under a hail of gun, mortar and automatic fire in the gallant but vain attempt to establish a bridgehead.

Never Had Easy Job

They call the 36th a "hard luck" division because it has never had an easy assignment.

Back at Army headquarters where things of necessity function on a highly scientific and mechanical routine; where the war is an instrument of policy which must be adroitly and skillfully played with lives, it is stated that as of Feb. 12 the 34th and 36th Divisions were in the line and suffered heavy casualties.

This writer saw one battalion from the 36th when what was left of it clambered back across the Rapido. They were tired but they remained, in essence, fresh-faced boys from Texas. But their eyes mirrored no peace.

Rockwood News

(Mrs. Ray Caldwell)

Yes, it rained over the week-end and we had a rain and hail storm with a strong wind around 2 a.m. Monday, and if thunder in February means frost in April we might as well save our garden seed.

Despite the rain and muddy roads attendance at Sunday School and church was fair.

Mrs. J. D. Ashmore, of Fort Worth, visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Inghram.

Joe Wesley Wise, of Freeport, is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise. He will be inducted into the army in the near future.

Mrs. Freddie Underwood, Greta and Punky, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brusenhan and daughter, of Brady, visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brusenhan this past week. Also their brother Sgt. Lawrence Brusenhan who is home on furlough.

Miss Anita Sue McCreary is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Victor Payne and Mr. Payne and niece, Glynna Sue of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Leo Wires and Mrs. Wilson of Lohn, visited with Mrs. Wm. Ashmore and Aunt Rosa Monday afternoon.

George Leffle Johnson, of San Antonio, visited here this past week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Estes and other relatives. He was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Estes and Mrs. S. H. Estes, who is joining her husband, S-Sgt. S. H. Estes, who is stationed at Kelly Field.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Abernathy, of Santa Anna, visited with friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. D. Black is visiting in Ft. Worth with Mrs. Lucy Shamblin.

Mr. C. C. Woods left Monday for Barksdale to visit his son, Howard and family.

James Hunter, of Bisbee, Ariz. is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter.

Mrs. Gladys McMasters, of Dallas, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mankin.

Charles L. Thompson, of Booneville, Indiana, visited this past week with Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Grimm.

Mrs. Thelma Bryan Staub is in Houston doing private nursing

Whon News

Mrs. Tom Rutherford

We have had another wet week-end. We had a big rain Sunday and a "gully washer"

Sunday night with a great deal of hail. Maybe we will have a little pretty weather now after such a big rain.

P.T.A. was enjoyed Friday night by a nice crowd. A short program was rendered by the different ones of the community. Afterwards the crowd enjoyed a few games in the auditorium. We want everyone to feel invited to our P. T. A. whether you have children in school or not.

The regular monthly Trustee meeting was held in the Homer Schultze home Thursday night with all trustees present.

Mrs. Tommy Holmes and daughter, Tommy Sue, of Santa Anna, spent the week-end here with Tommy Holmes.

Mrs. Addie Fiveash and daughter, Sylvia, who have been living in Santa Anna, moved back to their farm home Friday. Sylvia will go back and forth to school on the school bus.

Sis. Nellie Hill and Miss Laura Doland reported a nice time while attending the Preachers Convention held in Austin. Mrs. Ben Smith accompanied them on the trip—visiting her daughter, Clela Faye, who is employed there. They had a safe return Friday.

The Tom Rutherford family, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avant, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Avant and son of Rockwood, Mrs. Stella Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson and daughter visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney a while Wednesday night.

Hilary Allyn Rutherford was unable to attend school Monday. Mrs. Tom Rutherford and Mrs. Earl Cozart visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter a while Tuesday afternoon.

Bert Carter spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Featherston, of Fife. He returned home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Blackwell and children of Fife and Lohn visited in Whon a while Saturday night.

Sunday night of last week Mr. Pete Featherston and Mrs. John Will Bryan visited in the Jim Carter home awhile.

The party at Dick Deals Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith were in Santa Anna last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schultze and son were business visitors in Santa Anna and Coleman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster ate dinner in the Whon lunch room Thursday, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Schultze.

There were no services at either of the churches Sunday due to rain.

Mr. George Rutherford has gone wolf hunting.

Roylan Deal was hurt Sunday by a horse. We haven't heard any particulars, but we hope not seriously.

Mrs. Bob Unger and daughter of Coleman visited a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tisdell.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace took their little son, Morris Gene to Dr. Dougherty in Brownwood last Thursday. Morris Gene has been missing a great deal of school lately. We hope he will

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soon be well again.

Mr. Tisdell has been helping with a new fence being put up for Mrs. Tennie Rendleman between Whon and Santa Anna.

Lee Fiveash had a tooth pulled Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schultze spent Sunday in Bangs visiting with Mr. Schultze's parents. Sorry to hear his mother had been ill, but glad she was improving.

Watts Creek

Bro. R. G. McLeod, of Sipe Springs, filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning. The attendance was small due to the rainy weather.

Mr. Harvey Odom returned to his home in Morristown, Tenn., Friday after visiting with friends and relatives here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Henderson and Doris Jane visited in the C.

F. Parker home Thursday night.

Mrs. Roy West was dinner guest of Mrs. M. Neill in Santa Anna Saturday.

Mary Mills, of Denton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mills.

Cpl. W. A. McCrary, of Camp Wolters and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCrary of Santa Anna were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy West Sunday.

Bro. and Mrs. McLeod were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henderson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Odom and little daughter, of Slaton, visited in the C. F. Parker home a few days last week.

Mrs. Loren Seals and Mrs. Artie Irby visited in Brownwood Friday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Payne Henderson Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Henderson and Jimmie Lyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Payne Henderson, Jr., and Raymond Odom.

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WHO'S WHO

Good folks, I give you this week, that "piano playing" senior, Frances Arnold, one of the hottest "jive" players anywhere, for my money.

Frances is 17 years old, 5 ft. 5 in. tall and weighs 135 lbs. Before coming here to school her junior year she attended Coleman and Rockwood.

This "gal" with the very blond hair, and bonnie blue eyes has been in the Pep Squad, and is a trombone player in the band. She was our own sweet "Aunt Anne" in the senior play, "The Wild Oats Boy."

Her favorite hobbies and recreations are skating, dancing, playing the piano and trombone, swimming and horseback riding.

More people pick "eatin'" for their favorite amusement, (can't blame them, I sort of like to eat, too) but it really ranks high with Frances, especially when she can munch chocolate bars while listening to Harry James' records.

Again I found a person who picks a fellow classmate for her ideal person. Frances' ideal person is Juakana Vercher, simply just because she likes her.

"What is one thing I do fairly well? Aw, I don't know—"paw the ivory," I suppose, Frances exclaimed non-concernedly!

Typing and shorthand are the favorite studies of this "jerkey little turkey."

One night at play practice, J. Cecil, your author of this "batty" thing, and Frances, having nothing else to do, decided to push Bobbie Henderson's little model T. (I suppose you could call it a car) into the ditch in front of Mrs. Ashmore's. That, to Frances, has been her most interesting experience.

Frances likes to write her own music compositions for the piano. She likes dogs, strawberry sundaes, James Cagney and Betty Grable, swing music, particularly Harry James, people, pretty weather, Fridays, banquets, skirts and blouses, and the Air Corps, Army, Navy and the Marines.

Geometry heads the lists of dislikes, closely followed by "snooty" people, rainy weather, greens, spinach and carrots, the school bus, high heeled shoes, and last, but certainly not least, leaking fountain pens.

Her highest ambition is to play in a good dance band, and as a hint, (shall we say from the wise) if she keeps it up, she'll make it all okay!

Wherever she goes there is laughter—laughter with books, laughter with play, with mischievousness, laughter with every thing, even herself, may I present to you, Elton Buttry.

This senior gal who has the

raven tresses and green eyes, is 16 years old, and 5 ft. 7 in. tall, and weighing 105 pounds.

Elton had gone to school at Rockwood until last year, when she came here to Santa Anna High.

Her popularity here in SAHS was overwhelming, so great in fact that she was elected to be pep leader of the Pep Squad this year. She also belongs to the Press Club and plays the clarinet in the band.

Just collecting "junk" is Elton's hobby, whereas skating, dancing, baseball, swimming, horseback riding and bowling are her favorite recreations.

"I don't have one of those things," we quote Elton in asking about her ideal person, "but I'd rather play records and see John Payne in picture shows than anything!" "I sorta like Mary Roberta Rhinehart's blood-chilling thrillers, too," she confessed.

"One thing I do fairly well?" asks this feminine character. "Well, lemme see, I do cook pretty well (take note of this boys) especially cakes."

I didn't quite "get it" about her most interesting experience, but I guess if she says that catching the bus for Brady at midnight is it, I guess it must be. I do, however, know about that favorite study of hers—shorthand. (And how!)

Elton likes Photoplays, John Payne, mysteries, sleep, Betty Grable, to go, all kinds of food, most all people except "snooty" ones, pretty clothes, expensive perfume, sliding down banisters, cadets, the popular hit tune, "Do Nothing 'Til You Hear It From Me," Fridays and listening to the radio. She "kinda" likes diamond rings on her third finger left hand.

Openly disliked are leaky fountain pens, noisy people, infinitives, and Grammar in general.

After graduation Elton is going to study to be either a stenographer or a bookkeeper.

With the laughter you find in doing things, surely all things in the future will be pleasant things, Elton!

This week we wish to present Charles Matthews, that ever-smiling guy, with brown hair and eyes, weighing 145 pounds, and height 5 feet and 8 1/2 inches.

He entered Santa Anna High as a sophomore, attending before this Richmond High at Richmond, Texas.

As a sophomore he was a member of the Spanish Club; and as a junior a member of the Ag. Club; while, as a senior, he again is a member of the Spanish Club.

Charles likes to skate, swim, go to picture shows, play baseball, football and chew gum.

As a hint to you people, who don't work math so well, the one thing Charles does fairly well is to work math.

He dislikes Spanish, avocados, Hitler and the Japs, but who doesn't?

His favorite is Ellery Queen and his hobby is making his friends names out of copper wire.

This ambitious senior is now in the Army Air Forces Reserve, which indicates that he plans to be a pilot.

His favorite movie star is Mickey Rooney. When you get up there with the real stars, we won't forget that swell classmate, meaning you, Charles. Keep them smiling, fellow!

ASSEMBLY

In assembly Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Williams, assisted by Mrs. Williams, led the student body in observance of "World Prayer Day."

The students of our school joined with students of other schools and men and women the world over in praying for the coming of a lasting peace and the establishment of a just and brotherly world after the war. We were reminded that the

first services of this World Day of Prayer began in the Fiji Islands, right on the International Date Line, and that groups were meeting at 10 o'clock of that day in every country of the world, even the conquered nations of the world. The challenge was thrown out to us here at home to try to find the same source of power and guidance that our boys found in prayer in their foxholes and as they "Came in on a wing and a prayer."

As we participated in the service we felt that we could use our hands and our minds and our wills, along with the hands and minds and wills of other people in every nation of the world, in building a better world.

(See page 3 for Gossip)

The Whon home demonstration club held a meeting at the school house and plans were made to have an all day with a chair clinic March 28. Chairs will be upholstered, slip covered and some will be re-seated. Detail of plans for the meeting will be announced soon by the president, Mrs. Mae Gill. Soy beans in the Diet was given as a lecture by the CHDA, Miss Jewell Hipp. She explained that Soybeans rank higher in food value than other table beans. They are good sources of protein both in quality and quantity. Every person should try some of the immature canned soy beans on the market now, the agent stated.

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... that this war shall be fought through to a finish with all that we have and all that we are;

... that the sacrifices of today, and the larger sacrifices of tomorrow, shall be accepted willingly, in the humble knowledge that they are small when set beside the sacrifices of our men who are fighting;

... that we will not turn our backs on the rest of the world after victory is won; but will reach out the hand of friendship, and assume our proper share of responsibility in seeing that freedom, equality, and orderly justice become possible for all people, everywhere;

... that neither our own fighting men nor any of our allies shall be let down in any way whatsoever now, or in the hard-fighting days to come, or in the peace that will follow victory;

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Lesson for March 5

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JESUS URGES HIS DISCIPLES TO WATCH

LESSON TEXT: Mark 13: 3-10, 31-37. GOLDEN TEXT: Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh.—Mark 13:35.

God has a plan, and even now when men seem to have turned all order into chaos, we know that God is working out His purpose. The important crisis in that plan of God which we now await is the return of Christ, His second coming.

He will come secretly to call His own Church, the Bride, to Himself, and then He will come openly, in great glory, when every eye shall behold Him. Then His enemies shall be confounded, and His eternal kingdom be established.

We look for His coming, but while we wait (and it may not be long) we are to occupy for Him until He comes. Our lesson tells us:

I. What to Expect While Waiting for Christ (v. 3-9)

First, we note that we are to expect the coming of false teachers and false Christs, who will claim to be the fulfillment of the prophetic Scriptures. We need only one admonition concerning them: "Take heed that no man lead you astray."

There have always been such false leaders who for the prominence or gain afforded them are willing to offer bewildered mankind all sorts of panaceas whereby it is supposed to solve its problems. It seems that these men increase in numbers when great crises, such as war, come upon the nations. Do not be misled by them. Just because a man seems to be devout and professes to be interested in Christ's return does not make him a dependable teacher.

Are not these the very ones Jesus warned against? They must meet the test of all of God's Word.

Christ warns believers that before the end of the age there will be earthquakes, in many places, and famines. These are to be expected, and will come. But here a word of caution is needed: We must not seize upon present events and rush out for into print and tell people that "this is it!"

We should be alert in relating world events to the teaching of Scripture, but let us "make haste slowly." But let no one assume that the need for caution justifies him in ignoring either the Word or world events. We are to be alert, well informed, spiritual and ready!

II. What to Do While Waiting for Christ (v. 10)

Preach the gospel! That is our first and most important business. Our Lord said that the whole world was to be evangelized before the end came. Please note carefully that He did not say that all nations will be saved, but that they will hear the gospel.

That is our responsibility—to see to it that every nation has a full and free opportunity to hear the blessed gospel message. We have not done it, and the failure of the Church at that point is a dark blot on its record.

There seems to be a revival of interest in the work of missions now, and there are many who believe that at the close of this war almost the entire world will be open for Christian missionaries. This will probably be true for a limited time only, and it is the urgent business of the Church now to prepare the missionaries who will then be needed.

And in the meantime we should all be busy about the all-important matter of teaching and preaching the gospel. It is the best preparation for the coming of Christ and the thing we would want to be doing when He comes.

III. How to Live While Waiting for Christ (vv. 31-37)

There should be an air of expectancy constantly characterizing the Christian. We are looking for Someone—yes, a very definite and glorious One—our Lord Himself.

We do not know when He will come (v. 32). That is a matter hidden in the eternal counsels of God

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Communion and preaching service 11 A. M.
Ernest H. Wylie, Pastor.

First Baptist Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services 11: a. m.
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Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
S. R. Smith, pastor.

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J. W. Burgett, pastor.

Assembly of God Church
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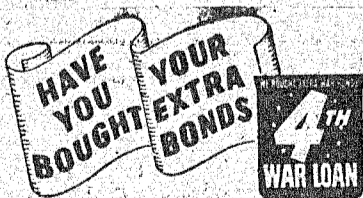
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Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Youth Fellowship 5:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
J. D. F. Williams, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10 a. m. J. T. Oakes, Supt.
Preaching service 11 a. m. on first, third and fifth Sundays by Rev. Ben H. Moore, pastor.
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the Father, a secret into which angels do not pry, and which even the Son did not know. Why then do foolish men attempt to learn it? Beware of any man who sets a date for Christ's return or for the end of the age. He is setting himself up as being superior to Christ, and you can be sure that he is an impostor.

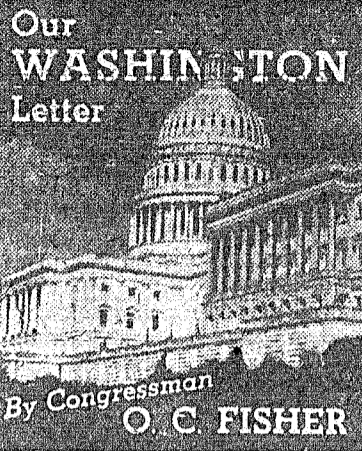
We do not know the day, but of the fact we are sure. Christ is coming again! So we are to be watchful as we wait. God has not called us to stand idle, looking for the dawning of that glorious day. We are to be about His business, but everywhere and always, wide awake and looking for Him.

That kind of a believer (and all believers should be that kind) will pray. We are to "watch and pray." They go together. The one who prays will watch. The one who watches will pray. Possibly some of us are not praying because we have fallen asleep, and no longer watch for His coming. Then too we probably fell asleep because we did not pray.



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The President's Veto

Aside from the smashing blows the Allies have been handing the enemy, the big news on Capitol Hill last week was the President's veto of the 1943 Revenue Bill, and the subsequent overriding of the veto by overwhelming votes in both the House and the Senate. It also marked the first time in American history that a tax bill has been vetoed.

I joined in overriding the veto because the Constitution makes it the responsibility of the Congress to enact tax laws and raise revenue. I felt that the 2,300 millions of dollars in new revenue, mostly from profits swollen from war conditions, that will be raised each year by that measure, are sorely needed to help finance this costly war.

Senator Barkley in the Senate and Bob Doughton in the House

both veteran Administration leaders, led the drive to override and blamed "irresponsible theorists" in the Treasury Department with giving the President bad advice relative to various provisions in the bill.

Tax Bill Not Flawless

This tax bill, as I assume is true with all tax bills, is not free from flaws. There is always an objectionable feature here and there. But this is the natural result of a democratic form of government. The best composite measure that could be agreed upon by both Houses of Congress was passed. It provided for some simplification, but a much-needed over-all simplification measure is now being worked on by the Ways and Means Committee of the House.

The bill, as passed, levies about one billion dollars per year in excise taxes, and increases the corporate excess profits tax. In addition, it exempts mustering out pay to soldiers from income tax, and freezes the present social security tax at two per cent, and contains various other provisions.

Social Security Tax Frozen

The President in his message contended that the social security tax, which is now one per cent from the employer and one per cent from the employee, should be permitted to double to a total of four per cent. Yet the secretary of the Treasury has

told Congress that the total of that fund need not exceed five times the annual outgo. The present total in that fund amounts to seven billion dollars while the annual outgo is about one billion dollars. To double the tax now would seem wholly unnecessary and an added burden on the merchants and the working people.

Labor Leaders Object To Tax Bill

The bitterest opposition to the tax bill has come from certain labor leaders, especially from the CIO, because, for the first time, this measure includes a requirement that all organizations which are supposed to be non-profit, including labor unions, file annual information returns.

Such returns would reveal to the Treasury how much of the tens of millions of dollars paid in to the union heads is pure philanthropy and how much, if any, is profit.

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The United States Army and other Federal Agencies have requested all County Tax Assessor-Collectors to secure certain data on all Truck, Pickup, and Trailer registrations. This will place an added burden on the Tax Assessor-Collector's office, but we are glad to assume this responsibility to help our Army.

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Tax Assessor-Collector, Coleman County

Report to the Nation:

When the 4th War Loan Ended— Our Fighting Men Kept Firing!

News that the 4th War Loan goal of \$14,000,000,000 has been reached and passed will cheer American boys from Italy to the Marshalls. But they will hear the news not only over sputtering radios but over the din of battle.

For the war still goes on with ever mounting fury. And that means that our War Bond buying must go on unabated, too.

To the millions who bought extra War Bonds in this drive, all America gives thanks.

To the 5,000,000 and more volunteer workers who contributed their time and abilities to help make the drive a success, your Government and your fighting men give thanks.

To the thousands of patriotic newspapers, magazines, radio stations and networks, members of the motion picture industry, the outdoor industry, advertisers and agencies, retail stores, banks, post offices, credit unions, building and loan associations, labor unions, fraternal organizations and farm credit associations, the Nation gives thanks.

Once again Americans have proved their determination to "back the attack" to the full.

But the attack goes on

Look at Italy. When the 4th War Loan drive ended at midnight February 15, the drive on Rome was still going on. American boys were still crouching in water-filled foxholes—clinging with bitter and bloody tenacity to a beachhead the Germans were equally determined to take back.

Thus on the same midnight that witnessed the end of the 4th War Loan drive, the hands of the clock met like shears to

snip the lives of scores of American boys engaged in the March on Rome. *And the fight goes on.*

Look at Japan. At the same hour that saw the end of the 4th War Loan, the "March of Death" that shocked all America to a realization of Jap brutality to American prisoners of war—that march was still going on.

To liberate those heroes of Bataan and Corregidor before it is "too late," other American boys stormed and took the Marshalls on the road to Tokyo.

But that March to Tokyo—still 2,000 miles away—that march goes on.

And we on the home front

—can we afford to stop now that the 4th War Loan is history, while our all-important job of supplying and financing this costliest war of all time still goes on? We have won a home front battle here, yes. But just as our boys continue even more vigorously once they have established a beachhead, so we must continue to build on the success we have already achieved.

The Bonds we bought last week and the week before are today's exploding bombs and shells, and spent bullets can never be used again. We must provide for tomorrow,

too. The need for new guns, planes, ships and tanks goes on.

For the war still goes on with ever mounting fury. So while all of those on the home front who have bought Bonds and have worked hard to make the 4th War Loan drive a success have earned the Nation's thanks, none of us can afford to forget that our home front job, including Bond buying, also still goes on!

Henry Morgenthau Jr.

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Observation Near Post Office.

Judge Teagle racing his motor taking off for home.
 Gregg hands in pocket, out looking for an adv.
 Will See, overcoat under his arm, heading for bench at Philip Drug.
 John Lowe, Jim Harris and Sid Blanton talking over a big deal.
 Glenn Williamson heading for P. O. and coffee shop.
 Joe Mathews going down town Roy Voss in his loaded car, going to work on rural electrical job.
 Old man Moseley making three blocks in low engine running fast enough for 60.
 Dave Byrne, wife and Sonny on their way to school.
 Ford Barnes in pickup, heading for the ranch.
 Warren Gill in pickup, heading for the ranch.
 Louis Parsons heading for alley, must be working on something.
 Lennie Hunter, with some clothes for the cleaner.
 E. A. Harris going home with bottle of milk.
 Eleven o'clock and Jack Mobley going to lunch.
 John Wofford in from the farm.
 Dr. Garrett with his pipe, going to lunch. Proud of his new rock house on his farm.
 Eunice Wheeler Longbrake on way to bus station, and Fort Worth Works for Consolidated.
 Stafford Baxter has had his coffee and on way back to Filling Station.
 Bill Hunter, Jack of all trades, going home in his dirty overalls.
 Edd Purdy in his fishing car, coming to work for the second time today. Forgot something and went back after it.
 Ellen Richards going to work at the Telephone office.
 Berl Sparknap going to town with a small wrecking bar.
 O. M. Jackson with a small package from Purdy's. Looks like a shirt.
 Mrs. Mark Davis heading the Chevy for the bank.
 Ben Yarborough and wife in from the farm.
 Mrs. Pettit taking Virginia to school.
 Oscar Cheaney too busy making out income tax forms.
 Tom Hays, into the P. O., taking his time as usual.
 "Old man Kelley" racing his engine, trying to hear it run.
 Cherry, one of Bill Mulroy's bosses, taking him down to the Service Cafe to buy coffee.
 Turney Smith, dragging himself down to the P. O.
 John Allen Todd hauling water in 10 gallon cans.
 Joe Mathews going back to town, forgot what he went after last time.
 Sam Collier, rolling a cigarette and talking confidential with a stranger.
 Hawkshaw Parker with his bank book going to make a deposit.
 Will Parker looking for a coat

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GOOD MECHANICS

hanger, smoking a cigar.
 Clarence Gilbert in town, heard him laugh from the other end of town.
 Carl Ray, whistling while he works.
 Soldiers wives parading their babies down town.
 Negro Slim, crap shooter, whiskey sampler, has been missing for several months. Think he is in San Angelo.
 Slow is cooking at the hospital Roger Collins is still running the hospital, with Dr. "Macks" assistance.
 Will try to make the other block some day.

TEXAN BRIDEGROOM
Blanton-Harrison

There was an interesting wedding at St. Paul's Church on Thursday of last week when Miss Mary Cecilia Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, of 20 Oakley Street, Crewe, was married to Sergeant Legmon Blanton U.S.A.C., son of Mrs. Evelyn Blanton, of Santa Anna, Texas, U.S.A. The bride has been on the nursing staff of the Whitecross Institution for several years.
 The Rev. E. Bowdham, vicar of St. Paul's officiated. Given away by her father, the bride wore a smart tailored suit in off-navy with burgundy accessories and a spray of orchids. The bridesmaids were Misses E. A. Horse (19), friend of the bride and Sheila Jones, niece of the bride, and both wore grey tailored suits with hats and shoes to tone and sprays of carnations.
 The mother of the bride chose a black boucle coat with opossum collar and with hat and shoes to match. Among the guests were Councillor and Mrs. Herbert Harding, the latter deputising for the mother of the bridegroom. Miss Ann Harding presented the bride with a lucky horseshoe as she left the church.
 Sergeant Doyle Edge, U.S.A.C., of Oklahoma, U.S.A., was the best man, and the groomsmen were Messrs. Bert Jones and Reginald Reame.
 The reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, after which the couple left for the North of England, the bride travelling in a three-piece tweed ensemble.
 Many useful presents were received. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a fitted travelling case and the bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold watch. The bridegroom presented the bridesmaids with a silver cigarette case and a gold necklace respectively.
 Taken from a paper published in England.

February Meetings of W.M.S. First Baptist Church

Feb. 7—Royal Service program Topic: Africa.
 Feb. 14—Bible Study. Covered dish luncheon in basement of church.
 Feb. 21—Book Review.
 Feb. 28—Observed week of prayer, with an all day meeting in basement of church. Sandwiches, pie and coffee, at the noon hour were enjoyed by Mmes. S. R. Smith, Earl Watkins, Reba McCreary, Frank Geen, D. R. Hill, J. L. Boggus and Seth Risinger.

U.D.C. MEETING

U. D. C. met February 22, 1944 with Mrs. Kingsbery as hostess. The business period was followed by a very interesting program. The hostess served cherry ice cream, cookies, and candy to Mmes. Oder, Banister, Kelley, Ollie Weaver, Paul Van Dalsem, Henry Campbell, Norval Wylie, Seth Risinger, Miss Luella Chambers and Mrs. Kingsbery.
 The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Oder March 28, 1944.

Mrs. Jim Clark, of Brownwood, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Vera Shield.

MORTUARY

Funeral services for Mrs. W. H. McGonagle, formerly, Miss Bessie Shields, were conducted at Whon Thursday afternoon, and interment was made in the cemetery there.
 Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Shield, and passed away at her home in Big Lake Wednesday morning, March 1st, after a lingering illness of a nature beyond human skill to overcome.
 She is survived by the husband, W. H. McGonagle, one son, Jake Hickox, one step-son, W. H. McGonagle, Jr., three brothers, five sisters and a host of friends.

Personals

Mrs. Billy Baxter and little daughter, Judith, of Rolla, Mo., are here visiting with Lt. Billy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Baxter.
 Ensign C. E. Mathews is visiting here for a few days, enroute to Seattle, Wash., for another tour of foreign duty. Ensign Mathews reported in December to a Submarine Chaser Training Center for duty, after an eight and one half months duty in the Southwest Pacific area.
 Miss Mary Joyce Hill, student at TSCW, Denton, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hill, Jr.

Miss Mary Mills, student at TSCW, Denton, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mills.

L. E. Layne, of Brownwood was a business visitor in Santa Anna Wednesday.

Miss Mozelle Manley and Mrs. Nadine Smith, of Fort Worth, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Lt. W. C. Mills, wife and little son, Billy, returned Wednesday to Ft. Bliss, after spending a several days furlough here.

Connie Gilliam and family of Corsicana, Mr. and Mrs. Willey Seals, Ima Love and Barbara of Coleman, and Grady Gilliam of the Buffalo community were week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. Richard Smith.

Mrs. Fred Henderson, of Coleman, candidate for County Clerk was mingling with the voters in these parts Tuesday.

Cecil Curry came in last week from Pyote, Texas, where he has been for several weeks working on a government project.

Mrs. W. O. Garrett is at home this week, having returned from San Antonio last Friday, where she has been staying with her daughter, Miss Eudora, for several weeks.


Glenn Smith and Robert Dunn were Brownwood visitors Tuesday night.

William J. Ogle was promoted from Private First Class to the rank of Sergeant, as was recently announced somewhere in England by the Eighth Air Force Service Command of the U. S. Army. Home address of his wife, Mary Louise Curry Ogle, Route 2 Santa Anna, Texas. His mother, Mrs. Ellen Ogle, lives at 2812 E. Lane, Fort Worth, Texas.

The editor is having a heck-of-a-time this week. The first lady of the House of Gregg, is spending the week with a married daughter, Mrs. Queenie Simmons and family in Ft. Worth, and we are chief cook, bottle washer, house maid, and everything else incidental to living alone. Well, its not so bad, except when the old cat has a visitor some time during the night. Gee, but they (the Cats) sure can make a lot of noise. We would do something about it if we could without having to get up and go out in the yard.

Miss Lillian Parrott, of Valera, spent last Friday in Santa Anna.

Dock, Swiss chard, and dandelion greens have little waste if used promptly, or washed and stored cold. The heavy midribs of chard can be removed and used in place of asparagus.



ARE YOU A SOLDIER ON THE KITCHEN FRONT!

If you can answer "YES" to the following questions, you are a Soldier On The Kitchen Front.

1. Do you peel potatoes and apples thin?
2. Do you prepare bread crumbs from leftover slices and ends for use in extenders?
3. Do you use the outside green leaves of cabbage, lettuce, etc. in soups?
4. Do you buy in amounts best suited to your needs?
5. Do you scrape food containers thoroughly to get the last drop of goodness?

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Sorghum Syrup	East Texas Not Imitation gallon 1.15
Peanut Butter	Jane Goode Full quart jar .39
CRACKERS	Saltine Krispy 2-pound box .31
COFFEE	Admiration Drip or regular—lb .30
SAUSAGE	Vienna 1 point can .11

Y-Z Brown Stamps, Book 3, Good March 20th
A-B-C Red Stamps, Book 4, Good Now
Green Stamps K-L-M, Book 4, Good March 20
Blue Stamps A-B-C-D-E, Book 4, Good Now.