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NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Cpl. Henry Jesse Fletcher, who is stationed in Belgium with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fletcher, that he received his Christmas box sent by the Santa Anna Lions Club and wishes to extend his thanks and appreciation.

Included on a recent War Department list of wounded men in Europe, Private Alvia West, husband of Mrs. Jane West, 11218 Duncan avenue, Lynwood Gardens district, is now back with his Infantry company somewhere in Germany, according to the latest letter from him. His daughter, Barbara, also lives at the Duncan avenue address.

Private West was wounded on German soil on October 24 and was taken to a hospital in England for treatment. He was awarded the Purple Heart medal for his wounds.

An employee of Standard Oil Company, West entered the Army last March and trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. Stationed for a short time at Fort Meade, Maryland, he left for France in September. His father, R. L. West, lives in Stamford, Texas. His wife is employed at Smalley's Malt Shop in Lynwood.

Mrs. Jane West is the former Miss Jane Phillips, who was reared in these parts and was employed by the Santa Anna News for several months about fifteen years ago.

Reporting to the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Hot Springs, Ark., T-4 Add T. Walker of Santa Anna is now living in one of the four major Hot Springs hotels acquired by the Army to house the new installation.

Sergeant Walker, son of Mrs. Sue Walker of Santa Anna, returned to the United States on Christmas Eve after three years of duty in the Southwest Pacific. The Texas returnee, former employee of the Texas Company of Santa Anna, reported to Hot Springs after spending a 22-day furlough at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Payne received a letter from their son in the U.S.N., in the Philippine Islands this week, and among the other things, he told his parents about a monkey, spying their little escort ship 100 yards off shore, and swimming out to them. The boys spied the object and wondered what it was, but found out when the monk arrived. He was so near exhausted they had to help him on deck. After a feed, a rest and a little kindness, the monk was turned over to some natives and released from his future military experiences. Young Payne informed his parents that he presumed all the American army was welcome to the Islands, even the monkeys.

R. G. Bland, recently reported injured in Germany, has been awarded the Purple Heart, according to a news dispatch received by his wife and family at Bangs.

Miami Beach, Fla.—1st. Lt. Levi W. Smith, 21, Elmendorf, Texas, has arrived at Army Air Force Redistribution Station No.

WAR BONDS in Action



Signal Corps Photo
Pvt. Ralph A. Herr, Colbert, Wash., removing felled timber from the jungles of a South Pacific island. War Bonds pay for caterpillar tractor equipment to make roads and clear airstrips on invaded territory. Buy more War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

Pvt. Jesse C. Oakes Wounded In France

Mrs. Mary F. Oakes received a message from the War Department, January 27th, advising that her husband, Pvt. Jesse C. Oakes, was slightly wounded in action in France January 9th.

Pvt. Oakes is being treated in a hospital, where further details will be dispatched by mail.

Mrs. Oakes is the former Miss Mary Frances Talley.

R. M. STEPHENSON RECEIVES CARD FROM NEPHEW IN POW CAMP

R. M. Stephenson recently received a card from his nephew, Pvt. William H. (Hobby) Stephenson, who is a prisoner of war.

The card, dated Jan. 22, 1944, was from Jap POW Camp No. 10415 in Thailand and stated "My health is good. I am not working. My best regards to you and the family."

Yours ever,
William H. Stephenson

Pvt. Stephenson has been a prisoner of the Japs almost three years. This is the second card they have received from him.

2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, pioneer of several redistribution stations operated by the AAF Personnel Distribution Command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain at the redistribution station about two weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

Lieutenant Smith, winner of the DFC, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart, flew 70 missions over Europe as a P-47 pilot. He is the son of Thomas M. Smith, Santa Anna, and his wife, Betty, lives in Elmendorf. Lieutenant Smith has been in the Army since February, 1943.

JACK LUPTON WRITES FROM POW CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker this week received a card from Taylor Jack Lupton, who is a prisoner of war in Camp Stalag IV-B in Germany.

Jack Lupton has been a prisoner for several months and states that it is not a very exciting life, but not too bad. He also states that he is o.k.

Camp Stalag IV-B and several other camps have recently been moved on account of the Russian drive.

Taylor Jack Lupton is a former resident of Santa Anna and attended the Santa Anna schools.

Bangs Lions Club Presented Charter

Monday night several of the officers and members of the Santa Anna Lions Club went to Bangs to witness the presentation ceremonies of the delivering of the Charter to the Bangs Club.

The newly organized Club at Bangs has 43 charter members, and is off to a good start.

DOLPHUS ASHMORE HOME ON LEAVE

William D. Ashmore, M.M.3-c in the U. S. Coast Guard, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ashmore here.

Dolphus has been in the Coast Guard for 2½ years and has been on duty in the South Pacific for the past 13 months, serving on an escort vessel in the Netherlands East Indies, Admiralty Islands and Philippine waters. His vessel was in Leyte harbor for five days during the landing of troops on Leyte, and evacuated wounded from there to hospitals.

MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY FOR JIMMIE LEE BAIRD

There will be a Memorial service for Jimmie Lee Baird at the Central Baptist Church, Corner Brady and Second St., in Brownwood Sunday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Jimmie Lee was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baird of Santa Anna.

WAR BONDS in Action



Signal Corps Photo
Infantryman on mopping up operation beyond a new Pacific island beachhead. All that equipment he carries was purchased with War Bond funds. U. S. Treasury Department

WAR BONDS in Action



Army Air Corps Photo
B-26 Marauder of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces shows destruction on railroad yards at Florence, Italy. The bomber and the seven bombs in mid-air were purchased with War Bond funds over here. U. S. Treasury Department

Pfc. Calvin Holder Wounded In Germany

Pfc. Calvin Holder was slightly wounded in action in Germany, January 11th, according to a War Department message received this week by his mother, Mrs. Pearl Holder, who is now living in Brownwood.

MRS. BRANDON RECEIVES SECOND CARD FROM SON

Mrs. W. A. Brandon has received a second card within a week's time from her son, Cpl. Alton Brandon, a prisoner of the Japanese.

The card Mrs. Brandon received last weekend from her son was dated May 19, 1944, while the one received a few days earlier was dated January 22, 1944.

In the most recent card Cpl. Brandon wrote that his health was good and that he was working for pay. He also asks that friends write to him. He is in a Japanese POW Camp No. 3 in Thailand.

SGT. JACK STANDFIELD AWARDED SILVER STAR

Mrs. Geneva Holt Standfield has received word that her husband, Sgt. Jack Standfield, has been awarded the Silver Star, for having killed or captured 33 Japs. Sgt. Standfield's buddy, Sgt. Arnold Hayes, has also been awarded the Silver Star. Sgt. Hayes has 38 Japs to his credit. They both are serving in the Netherland East Indies.

CPL. BILLY MANESS WOUNDED IN BELGIUM

Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness of Rockwood, received a message from the War Department, stating that their son, Cpl. Billy Maness was wounded in action in Belgium with the 1st Army, January 16, and was being treated in a General Hospital in France, and would furnish them with a detailed report soon. Among other wounds, his feet and hands were frozen.

Billy is to be evacuated to a General Hospital in England.

WINNERS IN COLEMAN, BROWNWOOD STOCK SHOWS ANNOUNCED

Leo Green, Coleman FFA student, showed the grand champion calf; Boyd Stewardson, Santa Anna FFA student, showed the grand champion lamb; E. W. Brown, Burkett FFA student, showed the reserve champion calf and J. L. Stewardson, Shields 4-H showed the reserve champion lamb at the Coleman livestock show, Friday, January 26.

Calves

Jr. Dry Lot—First and second, Kenneth Vance, Shields 4-H; third, Duwayne Eddington, Coleman 4-H; fourth, J. L. Stewardson, Shields 4-H; fifth, Kenneth Vance.

Jr. Wet Lot—First, Leo Green, Coleman FFA; second, E. W. Brown, Burkett FFA; third Scott Henderson, Burkett FFA.

Sr. Wet Lot—First, Willard Allen, Santa Anna FFA; second, Leo Green, Coleman FFA.

Group of Cattle

Wet Lot—First, Tommie Connelly, Burkett FFA; second, Boyd Stewardson, Santa Anna FFA.

Dry Lot—First, Kenneth Vance Shields 4-H; second, Duwayne Eddington, Coleman 4-H.

Sheep

Southdowns—First and third, Boyd Stewardson; second, fourth and fifth, J. L. Stewardson.

Linewool—First, Tommie Newman, Santa Anna FFA; second and third, Dale Herring, Talpa FFA.

Crossbred—First, J. L. Stewardson; second, Boyd Stewardson; fifth Tommie Newman.

Breeding Sheep, Rambouillet—First, second, third, and grand champion, Maurice Kingsbery, Santa Anna FFA.

Champion lamb, Boyd Stewardson; Reserve Champion, J. L. Stewardson.

Southdown Breeding—First, J. L. Stewardson; second, Boyd Stewardson.

J. L. Stewardson won first place on his ewe and buck. He also got grand champion on both.

Maurice Kingsbery won second and fourth places on his two-tooth Rambouillet breeding sheep in the Adult Division and second place on his four tooth Rabouillet.

Other Santa Anna boys to show calves in Coleman were: Pat McClatchey, who won fourth in his class; Tommie Newman, 13th; Maurice Kingsbery, 12th; Boyd Stewardson, 4th and 7th.

Boyd Stewardson, 14-year-old FFA student of Santa Anna High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stewardson of Shields, showed the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion lamb in the Club department of the Brownwood livestock show. Saturday. Boyd is feeding under the supervision of S. E. Skiles, vocational agriculture instructor at Santa Anna High School.

Boyd also showed the Grand Champion lamb at the Coleman show this year and last. He plans to show his champions at the Houston, Santa Anna, Abilene, and Fort Worth shows.

By Frank Reeves

BROWNWOOD, Jan. 27 (Sp.)—Leo Green, 16-year-old FFA student of Coleman High School (Continued on Page 5)

WINNERS ANNOUNCED—
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and son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Green, showed the grand champion and the reserve champion baby beef in the club department of the Brownwood livestock show Saturday. His first prize senior calf was the grand champion and his first prize junior calf reserve grand champion.

Leroy Williams, Burkett FFA student, had the first prize dry lot calf, and Roy Largent, Merkel, who judged the show, praised the quality of the calves.

The Brown County 4-H Club had the first prize load of baby beeves, and Roland Campbell, Brady 4-H Club boy, and grandson of Hugh Campbell, Ballinger, had the first prize pen of three fat steers. Seventy-eight steers were entered in the club division.

Young Green has fed steers for four years. Last year and this year he had the champion baby beef at the Coleman County show, and his steer stood fourth at the Southwestern Exposition and Pat Stock Show at Fort Worth last March. He plans to exhibit his champion of the Brownwood show at Fort Worth in March.

Jaycee Sponsored

The club boy is feeding under the supervision of E. W. Scott, vocational agriculture instructor at Coleman High School. Both of his prize winning steers were bred at Cox & McInnis, Hereford breeders at Byrd. The first and second prize steer in the open class for fat steers were also bred by Cox & McInnis.

The Brownwood livestock show is sponsored by the Brownwood Junior Chamber of Commerce, with John S. Kuykendall as chairman and assisted by Leonard McKenzie, Bob Lowe and Johnnie Wall. Kuykendall is chairman, C. W. Lehmberg, county agent at Brownwood, is superintendent of the club boys' division; Claude McInnis is superintendent of the Hereford cattle division; Joe Shelton, Brownwood, heads the dairy cattle section; Will Simmons is head of the sheep and goat division; Charlie Bell, vocational teacher at Brownwood, heads the hog section and E. J. Ball is in charge of the horses.

R. J. Kinzer of the American Hereford Association, Kansas City, termed it a "very creditable showing of baby beeves, and Jim Gill, Whon, president of the American Polled Hereford Association, said the top 10 calves of the Brownwood show compared very favorably with the top calves at the Fort Worth show last year.

Ray Wilson, Dallas, assisted in getting the calves into the show ring Saturday and clerked the show.

This is the first district show for Brownwood and there is much talk of making it an annual event and providing permanent show facilities.

Wet Lot Winners

Winners in the wet lot class for steers weighing over 850 pounds—First, Leo Green, Coleman FFA; second, Bob Earl Nichols, Bangs, Brown County 4-H; third, E. W. Brown, Burkett FFA; fourth, Harold Myer, Brady, McCulloch County 4-H; fifth, Roland Campbell, Brady, McCulloch County 4-H; sixth, Melvin Hagler, Coleman FFA; seventh, Joe Dan Weedon, Grosvenor, Brown County 4-H; eighth and ninth, Willard Allen, Santa Anna FFA; 10th, Joel McClatchey, Brooksmith, Brown County 4-H.

Wet lot class for steers weighing under 850 pounds—First, Green; second, Bill Lane, Hasse, Comanche FFA; third, Gene Knutson, Placid, McCulloch Co. 4-H; sixth, Johnnie Cleveland, May, Brown County 4-H; seventh, Joel McClatchey; eighth, Boyd Stewardson, Shields, Santa Anna FFA; ninth, Kenneth Johnson, Hasse, Comanche FFA, and tenth, Tommy Connelly, Burkett FFA.

Dry lot class for steers weigh-

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JAPS 'ARCH' COULDN'T BLAST OUT— WERE PULLED OUT BY HIS HAND!

DICK and 3 BUDDIES GOT 7 PILL BOXES IN ONE NIGHT!

DICK ARCHER of ATLANTA, GA.— BURMA JAP KILLER—with MERRILL'S MARAUDERS— EARNED the PRESIDENTIAL CITATION and COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE!

Texas Press Postpones Meeting

The 60-year-old Texas Press Association has postponed its annual meeting for the first time in its history, George B. Peeler, publisher of the Taylor Press and president of the association, announced Saturday.

The meeting was postponed in compliance with a recent request of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, who asked that all group meetings of fifty or more persons be canceled or postponed to lighten the burden on transportation and services. The annual meeting had been scheduled for Austin, June 8.

The opportunist meets the wolf at the door and gets a hide for a new fur coat.

The world's most out-of-date book must be "All Quiet on the Western Front."

ing over 850 pounds—First, Leroy Williams, Coleman FFA; second, Fred Knowles, Coleman, FFA; third, Pat McClatchey, Bangs, Santa Anna FFA; fourth, Tommy Ray Webb, Burkett FFA; 5th Duwayne Eddington, Coleman, Coleman County 4-H; sixth, Webb; seventh, N. L. Long, Jr., Cross Plains FFA; eighth, J. B. Smith, Coleman FFA; ninth, Claude Freman, Coleman FFA; tenth, John Waldrip, Placid, McCulloch County 4-H.

Sters Under 850

Dry lot class for steers weighing under 850 pounds—First, Thomas Cook, Goldthwaite, Mills County 4-H; second, Bud Key, Eureka FFA; third, Eddington; fourth, Boyd Stewardson; fifth, J. L. Stewardson; sixth, J. L. Stewardson; seventh, Harold Buster, Cross Plains FFA; eighth, Dick Touchstone, Owens, Brown County 4-H; ninth, Arlen Sikes, Bangs, Brown County 4-H and 10th, Smith.

Best group of three calves owned, fed and shown by one boy—First, Roland Campbell; second, V. A. Montgomery, Cross Plains FFA; third, Killion; 4th, Joe Staggs; fifth, Joel McClatchey; sixth, Connelly; seventh, J. L. Stewardson; eighth, Eddington; ninth, Boyd Stewardson, and 10th, Cleveland.

Carload of 15 calves owned by no less than three club members and fed under the supervision of one county agent or one vocational agriculture teacher—First, Brown County 4-H Club.

Six Local Youths Enlisted In Navy

Six more youths from Brownwood area have enlisted in the navy, completing their enlistment at Abilene, according to Recruiter T. O. Gaston, in charge of the Abilene recruiting office.

Gaston said a record number of 17-year old boys applied for enlistment in the navy in January. The Abilene station led all others in the North Texas area in 1944, and a large part of the total was made up of boys from the Brownwood area which leads the Abilene district in number of enlistments.

Those who enlisted here last week were:

Ira Homer Smith, 17, of 1512 Main, Brownwood.

Clarence Edward Aubrey, 17, of 2500 Belle Plain, Brownwood.

Harold Smith Melane, 17, of 1011 Melwood, Brownwood.

Thomas Henry Upton, Jr., 17, of Santa Anna.

Pat Otis Hasty, Richland Springs.

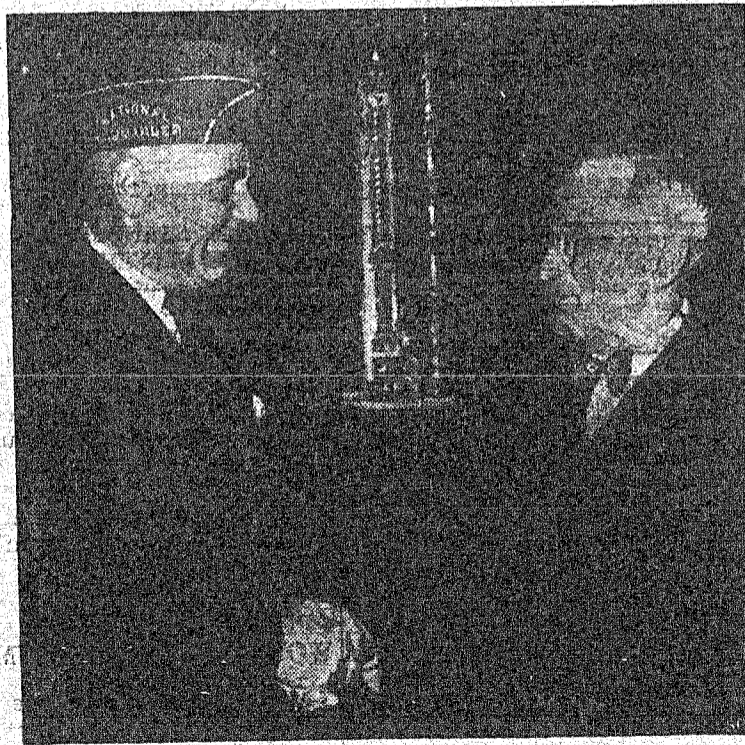
Edward Jeske, Jr., of Priddy.

There are openings for combat aircrewmembers, 17 to 26, and Chief Gaston will be at Memorial Hall in Brownwood again Monday, January 15, to interview applicants.

—Brownwood Banner.

HEALTH NOTE: He who laughs, lasts.

Legion For Country's Welfare Says Vice-President Truman



Senator Harry S. Truman (D-Mo.), new Vice-President, and the second Legionnaire to assume this high office, greets Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander of the American Legion. Senator Truman recently said that "The American Legion can make one of the greatest contributions to the welfare of this great country if it assumes that responsibility... it has always stood for the welfare of the country first—and I know that will continue to be its policy." The new Vice-President believes that veterans are destined to have an increasingly important role in the affairs of the nation, adding: "I am confident that the things for which this great Republic has stood and stands for today, will be safe in the hands of the men who were willing to fight and die, if necessary—to prevent the spread of tyranny—"

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Our WASHINGTON Letter

Public attention the past week has been centered in the President's nomination of Henry A. Wallace to replace Jesse H. Jones as Secretary of Commerce.

Most of the expressions that I have heard here are that the President should have virtually a free hand in choosing his cabinet member, whether he be Henry Wallace or some other person. There have been but 6 times in history that the Senate has failed to confirm a cabinet appointee.

But there is much concern expressed, and much of it from the President's closest friends, as to the wisdom of having Mr. Wallace also have charge of the loan and investment agencies of the government.

Normally, the Secretary of Commerce is entirely separate and apart from the job of being Federal Loan Administrator. The reason Mr. Jones has handled both jobs is because in 1940 President Roosevelt got a law passed to permit that to be done so Jones could be in the cabinet and also be Loan Administrator.

It is now proposed to separate the two jobs and put them back where they were. One man can then devote his full time to the Loan agencies. That would enable the President to have Mr. Wallace in his cabinet and appoint another man, who would have to be approved by the Senate, to be Federal Loan Administrator, as was formerly the case.

It is hard to visualize the magnitude of the work done by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its 10 subsidiaries. It has been described as "the most colossal banking institution the world has ever known, either public or private." It has invested billions in war plants and materials. It has invested \$700,000,000 on synthetic rubber plants alone. It has made loans and commitments in excess of 40 billion dollars, and has accounted for all its transactions.

These Loan agencies are, therefore, of crucial importance in the economic life of the Nation. They will own thousands of industrial plants at the end of the war. The use and disposition of these plants, along with loan policies, can have much to do with the future of our business structure.

As the post-war period is approached, the commitments of our government in making loans

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3 ARMY PRISONERS FROM CAMP BOWIE ARRESTED IN ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 30. (AP)—Three escaped Army prisoners, two of whom were released from confinement by the third posing as a chaplain, were arrested near here yesterday, Ray J. Abbaticchio, Jr., special agent in charge of the Birmingham office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reported.

Three Army carbines, two Army automatic pistols, a .38 calibre pistol and "plenty of ammunition" were found in a tourist cabin which the three were occupying near Bessemer, Ala., at the time of their apprehension, Abbaticchio said.

All three, he asserted, have been charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. They were apprehended by FBI men, Bessemer policemen and highway patrolmen working together, the agent said.

Abbaticchio identified the three as Pvt. Jesse Foster Ferrell and Pvt. Louis Christakos, prison escapees from Camp Bowie, Tex., since Jan. 19, and Robert S. Woolard, who fled confinement at Camp Gruber, Okla., last Sept. 27.

POLLED YEARLING BRINGS \$3,500 IN BROWN SALE

BY FRANK BURNETT
Standard-Times Staff
BROWNWOOD, Jan. 30—Setting a new record, Domestic Mischief 32nd, Jr., a yearling, sold for \$3,500 here Tuesday in the Brown County Polled Hereford Assn. ninth annual auction, to light the fuse on spirited bidding that sold 69 bulls and heifers for a record average of \$451.

and advances to foreign countries will be of utmost importance. In that regard the head of the Loan agencies will have much power. An unwise administration of those agencies could dissipate vast amounts of the taxpayers' money, by trying to be a sort of International Santa Claus.

For these reasons, I am one of the many who believe stricter controls should be placed by Congress over the loaning agencies.

All agree that whoever heads those agencies should be a man of proven business ability and of sound business judgment. That is especially important at a time when our public debt will be upward of 300 billion dollars.

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The highly-fitted yearling, champion sale bull consigned by Jim Gill of Whon, was sold to Myer Lewis of Johannesburg, South Africa. B. O. Gammon of Des Moines, Ia., secretary of the American Polled Hereford Assn., entered Lewis' bids.

The \$451 average was \$43 above last year and set a new high in the nine sales held here by the association. Thirty-nine bulls averaged \$374.

A third record was tied when Joe Weedon's Miss Bonny Domino, a heifer bred to the Weedon bull that set a new record at Atlanta last fall for national Polled sales, was sold for \$1,000 to R. A. Halbert of Sonora. The Weedon bull, Bonny B. Don 2nd, sold for \$5,025 at Atlanta.

There were buyers from six states—Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico—in active bidding in

addition to Texas. Three other bulls besides the top went at more than \$1,000.

The second top bull, consigned by Gill, went to J. W. Winkle of Llano at \$1,526, the top price paid by a Texan. The third, consigned by Mans Hoggett of Merton, went to Clyde Riggs of Douglas, Ariz., and the fourth, consigned by Halbert, went to M. E. Fry and Sons of Cisco at \$1,250.

Halbert was the consignor of the second top female, a 14 months old by the name of Willdora 4th, which was sold to Carl Sheffield of Bangs for \$760. The third female, consigned by Weedon, went to Lester Blair of

CARD OF THANKS

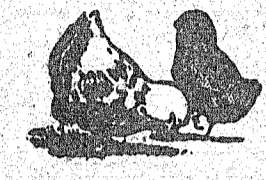
We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the kindness and consideration shown us during the illness and death of our beloved aunt and sister, Mrs. M. L. Bowers.

The M. L. Bowers family.
Mrs. Julia Dalton
and family.

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Rockwood News

(Mrs. Ray Caldwell)

Bro. Royal Cotten of Brownwood filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church here Sunday. Bro. Douglas Estes and Bro. Monroe Hopkins, came out with Bro. Cotten.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Williams are the proud parents of a baby girl named Carlyn Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull.

Punkie, daughter of Tedey and Welda Foy, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Punkie's aunt, Mrs. L. A. Dyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Edna W. of Ft. Worth spent the week-end with their father, Mrs. J. W. Wise and other relatives.

Pvt. Arrie Cooper and wife of Eldorado spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Etta Cooper.

Cpl. and Mrs. Jack Cooper and baby of Paris spent Saturday night here with Mrs. Cooper's father, Jim Steward and other relatives.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. S. H. Estes of San Antonio spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. George Steward and family from our community. They are moving to their place near Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness and Ellen Buttry attended a basket and volley ball game at Lohn Friday night.

Mrs. Ray Caldwell and Denny spent Sunday with Mrs. Jack Bostick and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCreary and Mr. and Mrs. Demby Wise spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Silas Drake of Brownwood and visited with Mrs. Maness' sister, Mrs. W. C. Stobaugh of Ralls, who was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Drake.

Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams received a telegram Monday night stating that their son, Lt. Carl Williams was missing in action. He was with the 3rd Army. Our hearts stand still when such reports come in.

Whon News

Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter received a letter Monday from their son, Leon, who is a prisoner of the Germans. The letter was written Nov. 7 and stated that he was well.

A large crowd attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rutherford's Monday night. Cpl. Willie Rutherford left Tuesday morning for San Diego, Calif. after a 30-day furlough here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and children visited in Brownwood Sunday with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Dora White and other relatives.

Mr. Ernest Davenport of De Leon has been visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. Davenport.

He returned to his home Monday. Funeral services for Uncle Sammy Avants were held at the Baptist Church Friday at 3 p.m. by Rev. Poppy, pastor of the Methodist Church of Rockwood. Uncle Sammy was making his home at Cross Cut. He leaves one daughter, one son and two brothers to mourn his death. Our sympathy is with the bereaved.

Rev. Nellie Hill and Miss Laura returned home Friday from San Antonio. Our sympathy is with Miss Laura since the sudden death of her mother.

Corine Bengé, Alpha Rutherford and Mildred and Jo Evelyn French were dinner guests of Sylvia Fiveash Sunday.

Dorothy and Rita Shields of Brownwood visited last week with their uncles, Calvin and Dave Shields. They helped with the PTA program Friday night for which we say thanks.

Alvis Arthur Davenport of Brady visited last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Davenport.

Mrs. Bert Turney writes that her daughter, Pat, is improving, but unable to leave the hospital. They are in hopes that they won't have to operate. She is in Dallas.

Mr. Schulze is improving the lunch room. He has made new tables and Mrs. Ellean Jones helped the tables last week. We are proud of our lunch room.

A large crowd attended PTA dinner. We had several out of town visitors. We all enjoyed it here.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Pearl Holder had been notified that her son, Cap, had been wounded. We truly hope not serious.

Our community was well represented in Brownwood Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wynn, Rev. Hill and Miss Laura Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gill and T. J. Adkins were in Brownwood attending the cattle show. Jim has had several show cows in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovelady are hearing more regularly from their son, Darwin. He is well and on the Marianas Islands.

Li and Mrs. (Left) Mose and Mary F. Herring were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart Monday night. Mrs. Mose is the former Alpha Mae Johnson.

Trickham News

By Mrs. Beula Kingston

Mrs. Howard Jones and daughter, Imogene, visited Mrs. Kingston Tuesday, and attended Bible Study with us.

Mrs. L. E. Page and Mrs. Craig visited Mrs. Vaughn and Nan Wednesday.

Wayne Triplett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Triplett of Artesia, N. M., died at his home in El Paso Tuesday, Jan. 23. His body was brought to Cisco for funeral services and burial. His mother is the former Irene McWhorter, a niece of Mr. Elmer Haynes, and Mrs. Oliver Perry. Relatives from here who went to the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haynes, Mattie and Fred Haynes.

Miss Joan McIver of Brownwood and Pvt. John David McIver of Camp Wolters were home for the weekend with their parents.

Mrs. Leta Price, Morris and Truman visited her brother, Edward Fiveash and family of Blanket Sunday and Grandmother Price of Brownwood.

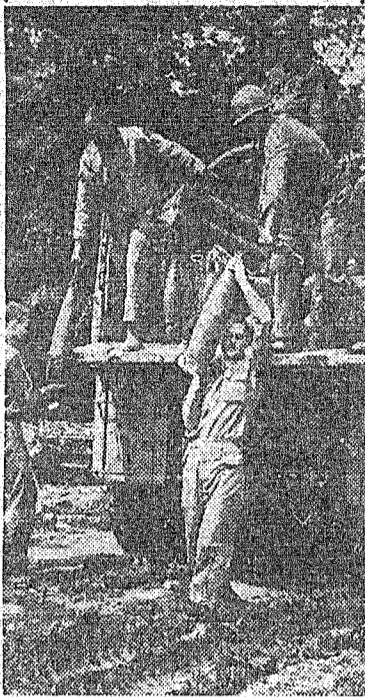
Mr. and Mrs. Pearce of Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Page of Ink, Ark., spent Sun. with the Lewis Burney family. Mary V. Burney of Brownwood is home for a few days and will have the steel brace removed from her arm, which was broken last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McClure and son, Bobby were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver and family Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Craig spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lee Vaughn.

WAR BONDS

In Action



Signal Corps Photo

Doughboys unloading projectiles on the European front to be hurled against the Nazi. War Bonds pay for these shells as well as establish savings for your needs ten years hence. Buy War Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

First Class Petty Officer E. Gus Fiveash of the Seabees, his wife and two children came in Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. Leta Price and sons. He is just from the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific. He spent 23 months over there and was also at New Guinea and Guadalcanal. He has a 30-day leave and is to report to Camp Parks, Calif. Feb. 3rd. Gus is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Fiveash. His wife has made her home in Evansville, Ind. since he has been in service, but is going with him to California. They left here Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wilson spent several hours with Mrs. Kingston Wednesday. Their son, who has returned from France (he spent 18 months over there in the 36th Division), is now stationed at Mexia, Texas.

Cooter Fellers and family attended the PTA school program at When Friday night, and reported a nice time. Seems to me it is time for our PTA to have a program.

Mrs. Eugene James visited Mrs. Zay Shirley Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Page of Ink, Ark., who have been visiting their son, George Page and family of San Angelo for the last few weeks, are here on a visit with his father, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page and sister, Mrs. Lewis Burney. They have been ill and are still not feeling any too good.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Slone visited a short time with Mrs. Beula Kingston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Seward, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitley and Grandpa spent Sunday with Mrs. Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Downs and Polly of Ozona and 1-c Petty Officer E. Gus Fiveash of the Seabees and family came in late Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Leta Price and boys.

The five sisters of Mr. Walter Ford honored him with a birthday dinner Sunday, meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Ben McIver's. The sisters are Mrs. Ben McIver, Mrs. C. F. Shield, Mrs. Elmer Haynes, Miss Pearl Ford and Mrs. Etta Witten.

We had a good turn out for Sunday school and church Sunday, \$13.50 was raised on the March of Dimes for infantile paralysis. Bro. Todd brought a message on "Crusade for Christ" after which an offering of \$150.50 was raised—all the different churches helping in the offering.

Dinner guests with Mrs. Kingston Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy.

I received a V-mail letter from my nephew, Cpl. Dick Bingham

somewhere in France, written Jan. 18. He had just received the Christmas card I sent him with the names of several men on it. I took the greeting to the stores and asked the men standing around to write a few words and sign their names. He said for me to thank each of you through the Santa Anna News, for him. He said, "Something like that makes a guy happy."

Pvt. Talmage McClatchey, Jr., of Camp Hood, came home on a weekend pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodgion have had a letter from their son, Pvt. Floyd Goodgion, saying that he was somewhere in France. and Mrs. J. N. Miller and little Mrs. L. B. Watkins of Dalhart granddaughter, Judy, of Hartley, Texas, are here visiting their sister and sister-in-law, Mrs. Lee Dockery.

Mrs. Ben McIver accidentally fell Sunday and bruised her self quite a bit—having some cold and fever too, they called the doctor, but he seemed to think she would be o.k. in a few days.

Mr. R. H. Jones, of near Bangs, died Thursday in a hospital in Brownwood. He is the father of Howard Jones, who resides on Mrs. John Brown's place. We extend sympathy to the family.

Mrs. J. E. Weathers of Shields, Mrs. Will Haynes and Mrs. Silas Wagner visited Mrs. L. E. Page Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke visited in the Homer Goodgion home Saturday night.

R. H. JONES DIES IN BROWNWOOD HOSPITAL

Funeral services were held at the Austin-Morris Funeral Home in Brownwood, Friday, January 26 at 2 o'clock for R. H. Jones.

Mr. Jones was born September 21, 1886 and died January 25, 1945. Services were held by Bro. Taylor, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of which Mr. Jones was a member at the time of his death. He became a christian in early youth, uniting with the Baptist Church.

Deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Jones; four sons, Hester of Brownwood, Howard of Santa Anna, Robert Lee of Camp Maxey, Ray of Bangs; five daughters, Mrs. S. T. Reynolds of Eldorado, Mrs. G. H. Burroughs and Mrs. James Hintner of Brownwood, Miss Melba Jean Jones of Bangs, and Mrs. Ethel Willbanks of Arizona; also two sisters.

Mr. Jones was laid to rest in the Plainview cemetery with Austin-Morris in charge.

Mr. Jones spent several years in Coleman county before moving to Brown county.

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- Freshmen Class Reporter—Joyce Moredock

THE MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes, the well-known method of aiding the cure of infantile paralysis, was started thirteen years ago when our newly inaugurated president, who had recently been cured of this disease at Warm Springs, Georgia, gave a huge birthday ball, the returns of which were presented to the paralysis fund in the hospital at Warm Springs.

Many birthday balls were given all over the United States. These balls did not turn out as successfully as they had been planned, so many people, instead of attending the ball, sent money to the president, which he, in turn, presented to the paralysis fund.

The money from this fund has aided many people who would not have been able to pay for expensive treatments, and without these treatments many would have been crippled for life. It is impossible to find a more useful way to spend a dime that has not been invested in war stamps—so keep those dimes marching!

Dear Aunt Ag—

Things are getting awful in this old school. The other day they told us to get out of the upper hall and today Mrs. Davis told us to get out of the study hall. Now we don't have any where to do our courting! Will you come to our rescue?

James England and Ruby Goodgion

Dear Ruby and James,

After I received your letter I started to thinking. You can't go to the study hall or stay in the upper hall. My! what a problem. But I had an idea. Now why don't you try the east end of the building? The grass is nice and soft and there are some hedges out there too. Not many people go there so I think that will be an ideal place.

If this doesn't prove satisfactory let me know.

Lovingly yours, Aunt Agatha

HIT PARADE OF S.A.H.S.

- I Don't Want to Love You—Bonnie B. to Willie C.
- Ac-cen-tu-ate the Positive—Buford and Oneta
- Lady Be Good—Student body to Mary Lois Leady
- It Had to Be You—Maurine and J. D.
- Don't Fence Me In—Webb and Ray Mc.
- A Little on the Lonely Side—Allene Allen
- I'm Confessing That I Love You—Artie Jean to Frank Wise
- I Wish I could Hide Inside This Letter—Melba E. to Gene
- Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby—Danny Caldwell to Joyce

Moredock. There's Something About a Soldier—S.A.H.S. girls. Sweet and Lovely—Joyce Gill from W. H. and Wayne.

WHO'S WHO

This week on our personality list is Nell Bledsoe. Nell is seventeen years old, five feet four inches tall and weighs one hundred and five pounds. She has beautiful blue-green eyes and light brown hair. Nell attended the Shields school before entering Santa Anna High School four years ago.

Nell has on her like-list, sloppy shoes, "my dad," history and "most all music. Among her dislikes are Sunday clothes, and math.

Her favorite author is Jack London and her favorite movie star is Ann Rutherford. Nell has two ideal people—her sister, Zell, and her nephew, Butch.

Next year Nell plans to attend law school at T.C.U. Good luck, Nell!

WHO'S WHO IN THE SENIOR CLASS

Next in our Senior "Who's Who" is Alvin Louis Bostick, better known as "Bull." Alvin is one of the tall, dark and handsome boys of the Senior class. He is 16, weighs 160 lbs., and is 6'3". Alvin's favorite sport is football. He was captain and left end on the Senior team the night of the Junior-Senior game. His most exciting experience was the night of the Junior-Senior game.

Alvin attended the Rockwood school for 8 years. He came to Santa Anna High School when he was a Sophomore. His greatest aim in life is to "eat." Alvin's likes are chemistry, typing, "a certain Senior girl," class parties, and running around. His dislikes are two-faced girls (with which Santa Anna High is so thickly populated), six cylinder Fords, and war, because war makes History and he hates History. Alvin's favorite author is Shakespeare. His ideal person is a student of the Senior class, Dick Stafford. Alvin's hobby is working on cars. He was "Dr. Thorpe" in the Senior play, "You're the Doctor."

HIGH SCHOOL BAND ENTERTAINS

The public is invited to hear the concert given by the Band in assembly next Friday, February 2, at 9:50.

The public is invited to all the assemblies of the High School.

REVEREND MORGAN IS GUEST SPEAKER

Last Friday we were all inspired by a speaker whom we had enjoyed hearing before. His talk was entitled "Think."—what some of us do little of, I'm afraid.

He brought us this worthwhile topic in four steps: (1) the importance of preserving the body, (2) Education of the mind, (3) Development of soul, and (4) The heart. His closing words were "Develop your soul, body, mind and spirit." We look forward to having Rev. Morgan with us again.

GOSSIP

Won't Maurice ever wake up to the fact that Sarah Frances is crazy about him? It seems as if Jeanette has some particular interest in Trickham—wonder why? It looks like Betty has another person to compete with. Friday morning on the bus Theola and Virginia nearly fought over Garland. He finally had to sit between them. Cousins will be cousins. This Howard Lee and Dorotha



Faye deal is sailing along on a cloud. What is this we hear about Vada Talley and a boy overseas? Could his name possibly be Billy H.?

What were Ed, Ethel, Denny and Joyce M. doing in town Friday afternoon? Having a good time, I bet. The latest in romances, we understand, is the romance of Billy Day and Lois Faye Harris.

Surprise! Vance was in Coleman Saturday night by himself. You must be slipping, Vance. Webb and Mildred Ann (Alice Anna's cousin from Bangs) were at the junior party together.

Willard and Mary Lois were also seen together Friday night. Bob, what's this we hear about you and Jo Evelyn being together one Saturday night?

Freddie, are you slipping? Jean is wearing Boyd's F.F.A. pin. You're doing o.k. Jean! Keep the gossip coming, kids.

Yours truly, Nitty and Witty.

JOKES

Mr. Byrne: "What did you do this summer?"

Kenneth M.: "I was an interior decorator, in other words, I sold liquor."

Ray Mc.: "I know a man who swallows swords."

Buford D.: "That's nothing. I know a man who inhales camels."

W. H.: "I wonder what happened to all the girls who used to faint when the boys kissed them."

Artie Jean: "Yeh, and I wonder what happened to the boys who used to make them faint!"

JUNIOR NEWS

There comes a time in the life of every reporter when he just can't think of the right thing to say. What do you say when you mean wonderful, marvelous, swell, grand and super all in one? Well, whatever it is, it describes the party held at Vernetta's house for the Junior class. It also describes the games planned by Alice Anna Guthrie, Joyce Hunter and Wanda Henderson, the refreshments, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, who turned their place over to us, and how everyone felt when they left.

ADVERTISEMENTS

"There's only one Soft-Lite"—moonlight, think the kids at S.A.H.S.

"Precision Built"—Mavice Box. Hal thinks "it's time to turn to A (nn) P (riddy)."

"It's all in knowing how"—explains Joyce G. when asked how she gets her dates.

We think "there's a Ford in your future," Mildred.

"Dependable Performers,"—J. D. and Maurine.

"For economical transportation"—see Robert Glen Henderson.

"Kind to your eyes"—Joyce R. "Eventually—why not now?"—Billie Jeanette and Alvin.

"A small thing to look for, a

big thing to find"—Jeanette Eubank. "Good for life"—Charlie Mae and J. P. "They satisfy"—Joyce M. and Denny C.

Question: Is Tommy Sue "wrinkle proof?"

"Fun is their business and business is good"—think Betty Ann and Pat.

DEFINITIONS

Kilt—Shot to death.

Wind—Air in a hurry.

Halo—What say when you meet a friend.

Putter—What you put on bread.

Viper—To clean windshields.

Yeast—Directions, such as North, West, etc.

Tanks—Expression of appreciation.

Keds—Boys and girls.

Lux—Something you have not when you flunk a test.

Debate—Something swallowed by a sucker, usually a rat.

Dobr—What people with black eyes ran into.

Phony—A small horse.

Locate—What the small boy said to Kate.

Chaucer—What you put your cup in.

THE ABC'S OF S.A.H.S.

Ambitious—Donald Ray Howard.

Beautiful—Betty Pritchard.

Cute—Mary Lois.

Dainty—Dorothy Faye.

Energetic—Betty Parker.

Funny—Mildred French.

Good looking—Dick Stafford.

Happy—Buford.

Interesting—Elizabeth Eeds.

Jealous—Marion D.

Kind—Neva Jo.

Loveable—Ruby Goodgion.

Mannerly—J. D. Jackson.

Neat—Tommie Sue.

Optimistic—Doris Wright.

Petite—Joyce R.

Quaint—Corine Benge.

Rowdy—Alvin Bostick.

Silly—Melba Johnson.

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Here is good news for Texas relatives of men in Japanese prison camps:

The Japanese government has at last announced that a full shipload of U. S. relief supplies has been delivered to prisoner-of-war camps where American soldiers are held. If the announcement is true, it means that for the first time in many months, our men in the hands of the Japanese are receiving recreational supplies, books, study courses, sports equipment and other material designed to ease their prison boredom, as well as food and cigarettes.

The ship carried a large shipment of supplies sent by War Prisoners Aid, the National War Fund agency which looks after the welfare of our boys in enemy prison camps. The supplies were purchased with contributions of millions of home-front patriots who gave to their County War Chests during the annual National War Fund campaign.

For months, the Japs have held up shipment of the relief goods. Persistent negotiations by War Fund and War Prisoners Aid representatives, however, finally forced delivery of the shipment. The War Fund agency is represented abroad by Swiss and Swedish neutrals, who have done a good job in supervising delivery of relief to Americans in both Germany and Japan.

If the delivery reported this week indicates a new Japanese policy, National War Fund agencies will continue to send relief supplies to our men on a regular schedule.

A Marine officer recently dropped a tip as to why that famed corps has been able to set such a fine fighting record—a large proportion of the corps is made up of Texans!

At one time, 27 per cent of all Marine volunteers came from the Lone Star state. Even now, Texas contributes far more than its per capita share to the ranks of the fighting leathernecks!

Two residents of West Texas, have recently been wounded in fighting abroad, but both are expected to recover. They are Pfc. Ernest Hutya, 22, who was hit while fighting inside Germany, and Pfc. Leo Klimitchek, 20, who was wounded in Luxembourg.

And from a Nipponese prison camp comes word from Jerry Hines, whose Mansfield, Texas, parents had not heard from in more than a year. Jerry wrote that he was in "fair" health, but that his spirits were undimmed.

Good news came this week, too, for Charles A. Musselman, United War Chest of Texas field representative. The UWCT official's son, an army doctor, was captured on Bataan, and for many months his parents had received no word from him. But this week Mr. Musselman received two short notes, in which Dr. Jim Musselman reported his health good and asked for news from home.

Cpl. Harry Morgan of Abbott is now serving as a radio-gunner with the famed "Lone Rangers" heavy bomber unit in the South Pacific. Corp. Bill Thomas of Mansfield has won the Silver Star medal for gallantry. Capt. Edwin Weldon, former Henderson attorney and veteran of six Pacific island invasions, has been promoted to major. Lt. John Byrom of Gatesville, pilot of a B-17 bomber, now wears the Air Medal, won in European skies. Lt. Alvin Franek of West has been given the coveted Distinguished Flying Cross in addition to a pres-

Church Notices

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School 10 A. M. Geo. P. Richardson, Supt.
Communion and preaching service 11 A. M.
Ernest H. Wylie, Pastor.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching services 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p. m.
S. R. Smith, pastor.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening 9:00 p. m.
Preaching Services first and second Sunday evenings. Fourth Sunday morning and evening.
J. W. Burgett, pastor.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10:00 a. m., Mr. Hardy Blue, Supt.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Youth Fellowship 5:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 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.
Auxiliary meets on Mondays following second and fourth Sundays.

Choir practice Sunday afternoons 5:00 o'clock, Gale Collier, director.

VETERANS BUSINESS LOANS UNDER G. I. ACT

The necessary machinery for processing applications by veterans of World War II for business loans under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (G. I. Bill of Rights) has been set up in the Dallas Loan Agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, L. B. Glidden, Manager of the local Agency, announced today.

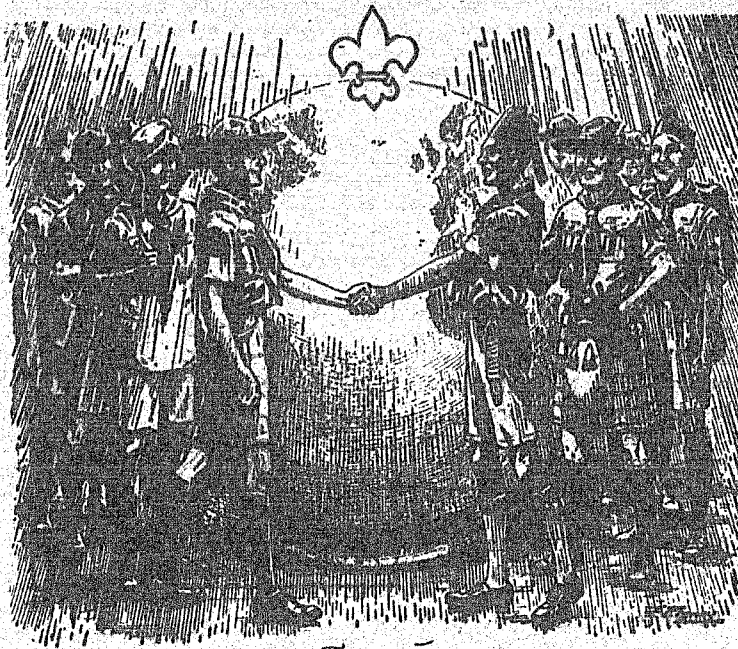
Mr. Glidden's statement followed an announcement from Washington, D. C. that the Veterans Administration had designated the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as an Agency to review applications to banks by veterans for the guaranty of business loans. Under the program, RFC will recommend to the appropriate office of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs whether that office should approve or disapprove such applications.

Loans applied for may be used in purchasing any business, supplies, equipment, machinery or tools to be used by the veterans in pursuing a gainful occupation. The Government may guarantee repayment of such loans to the extent of 50%, but not in an amount exceeding \$2,000 as its maximum guaranty. Thus, the veteran who qualifies for a business loan may obtain a guaranty for 50% up to \$4,000. He may, of course, obtain from his banker a loan of greater amount, for instance, \$6,000; but the guaranty is limited to \$2,000. In loans of less than \$4,000, the Government guarantees half thus, in a \$3,000 loan the guaranty amounts to \$1,500, not more.

There are 244,333 possible bridge hands for every possible poker hand.

denial citation for his work as a fighter pilot in Europe. The "Texas Air Force" and the "Lone Star Army" are still in there fighting!

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"Be Prepared"

BOY SCOUT WEEK

FEBRUARY 8TH-14TH 1945

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

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As the United Nations move forward to victory, programs such as Scouting step forward to do their part in insuring the peace. The theme of the 35th anniversary celebration of the Boy Scouts of America from Feb. 8th to 14th is "Scouts of the World—Brothers Together."

BOY SCOUT WEEK FEBRUARY 8TH TO 14TH

Perhaps not everyone realizes what a great world asset has developed from the Boy Scout Movement. The problems that will face the democratic nations in a post-war world will be not merely economic. They will be psychological as well. Whole countries will have to develop new habits of thinking and foster a spirit of cooperation with each other based on mutual tolerance and respect.

Around the world the Scout Movement for over three decades has proved to be an effective means of building understanding and good-will among youth. Before the war the world Scout membership numbered more than three millions. Over seventy lands had Boy Scouts, all with the same ideals and enjoying practically the same program. Their regularly scheduled world jamborees or camps brought together every four years 25,000 and 50,000 boys from all over the world. The International friendships formed by these boys have spread in ever widening circles.

Both Mussolini and Hitler feared the power of Scouting and abolished the Scout organizations in their countries in favor of their own heel-clicking, hate fostering youth programs. In the invaded countries they have persecuted Scouts with special vindictiveness. But Scouts met in secret and kept in touch with each other through the International Scout Bureau in London. They are prepared to take up where they left off as each country is liberated.

Now the Boy Scouts of America in observing their 35th Anniversary takes the theme "Scouts of the World—Brothers Together." The principles engendered by the Boy Scout Program have the chance to be one of the strong links in universal world peace.

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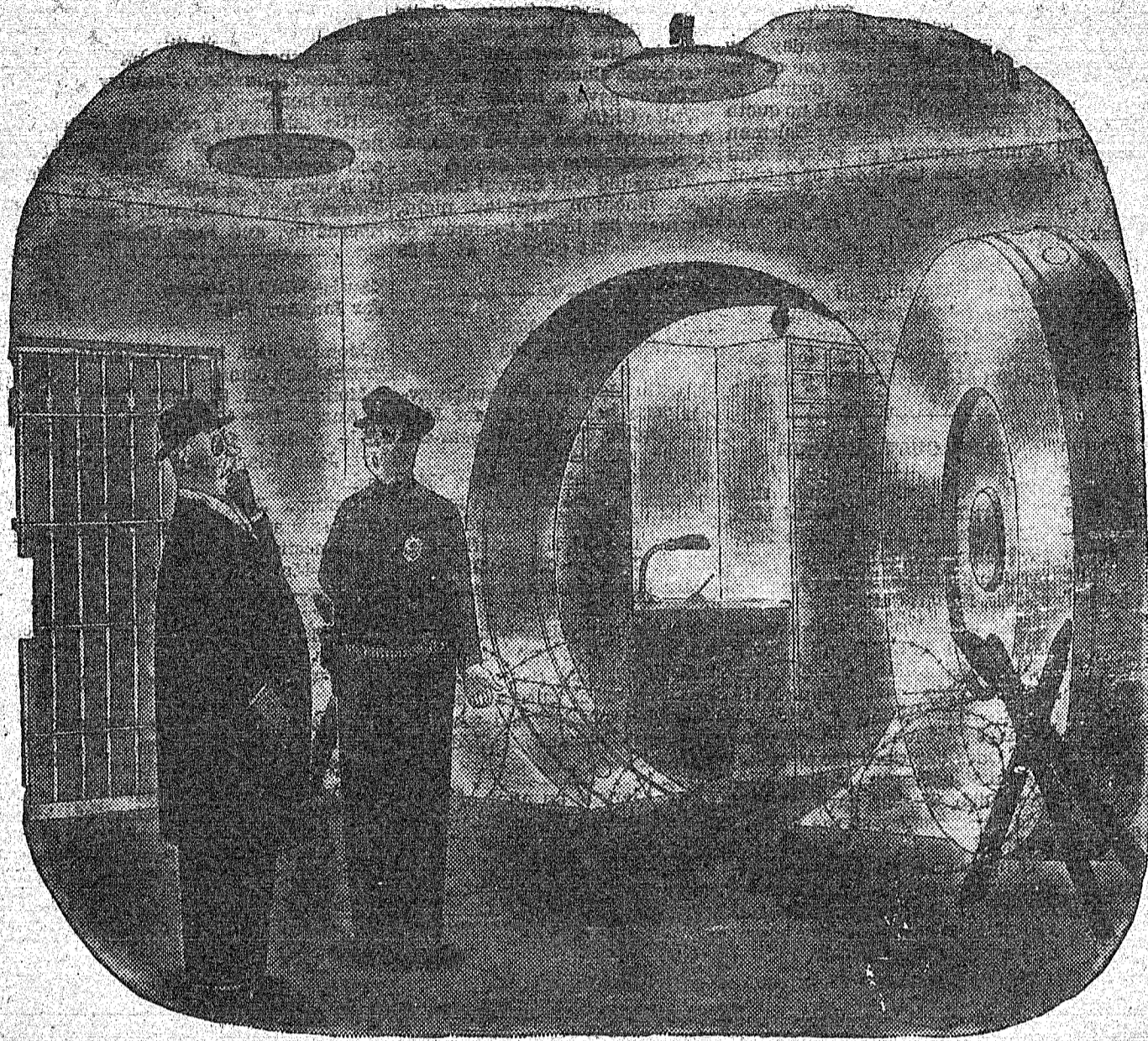
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Personals

Mrs. Mabel Hardin of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ashmore last weekend.

Mrs. M. W. Reeves of San Angelo and Mrs. Annie Bowen of Coleman visited last week end with their mother, Mrs. W. D. Taylor here.

Miss Dorothy Dibrell of Brownwood spent last weekend with Mrs. James A. Clark.

Mrs. M. E. Cheney returned home Tuesday from Houston where she had been visiting in the homes of her sons in Crockett and Houston for several weeks.

Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Myron Hays and little son came Sunday from New London, Conn. for a brief visit with her mother, Mrs. Theo Kirkpatrick and other relatives. They left Tuesday morning for San Francisco, Calif. where Lt. Hays has been assigned.

Mrs. Lavender of Wichita Falls is here visiting her mother, Mrs. R. P. Crum.

Mrs. Munger went to Abilene Wednesday for a few days visit with her son.

Mrs. Otis Smith was a Coleman visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Reynold Buse spent Sunday night in Coleman with her mother who has recently moved there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stewardson, of the Shields community, were visitors in Santa Anna Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. A. B. Dodgen and family moved from the Plainview community to the Lanham Cole residence this week.

La Verne McSwain of Brownwood was a visitor in Santa Anna Wednesday.

Mrs. Lela Hays has returned from Fort Worth where she has been taking a beauty course.

Mrs. Pat Hosch, of San Angelo, was a visitor in Santa Anna Tuesday.

Miss Virginia Pettit of San Angelo spent last weekend with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Pettit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watkins have a new granddaughter, Alice Jeanette, born January 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Watkins of Bridgeport, Conn.

Mrs. M. E. Cheney went to Abilene Wednesday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Anthony. The Anthonys are the parents of a seven pound son born Tuesday in an Abilene hospital.

Mrs. Cassie Bible is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cleg Gasslott at Lohn.

Mrs. B. T. Wiley returned home Monday after spending several days in Stephenville visiting her daughter and family.

Mr. Albert Shaw of Christoval was in Santa Anna Tuesday on business.

W. F. Barnes returned home Tuesday after spending a few days in Fort Worth on business.

Mrs. C. D. Bruce and Mrs. John R. Banister were guests at a small dinner at Hotel Brady Tuesday night, given by the presidents of all McCulloch County Federated Clubs. Plans were made for the 6th District convention which will be held in Brady April 9 and 10 of this year.

More white flowers are grown by nature than flowers of any color.

Red Cross Activities

The surgical dressings room will not be opened soon, it was announced here yesterday by Mrs. Jack Woodward, one of the chapter supervisors, owing to lack of supplies. There is no quota of dressings for the Coleman county workers at present and there is no likelihood of getting any soon.

A small quota of sewing was received recently but has been completed in the homes.

The gathering of wearable used clothing for European relief will begin soon but exactly what agency will conduct collection of it is not known as yet.

SELF CULTURE CLUB

The Self Culture Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. W. R. Kelley, Mrs. Preston Bailey being program leader and presiding officer in the absence of Mrs. Elgean Shield.

The study for the day was of China and of the Burma Road. Mrs. Bailey told of the life and work of Madame Chiang Kai-Chek. Mrs. Banister told of Japanese treachery in China. Mrs. Oder described the work of the missionaries in China and Mrs. Ollie Weaver gave a map study and history of the Burma Road.

Plans were made for a covered dish luncheon to be held in celebration of Federation Day on the 23 of February, at the home of Mrs. A. D. Donham, Jr.

Twelve members were present.

MRS. BOWERS BURIED FRIDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie E. Bowers, 87, were held Friday from the home with the Rev. J. D. F. Williams and the Rev. S. R. Smith officiating. Mrs. Bowers died Thursday, Jan. 25.

Mattie Emaline Woods Bowers was born Sept. 8, 1857 at Brenham in Washington County, Texas, where she grew to womanhood. She later moved with her parents to McGregor, Texas and lived there until 1912 when she was married to M. L. Bowers and moved to Santa Anna, where she has resided since.

She united with the Presbyterian Church in early life and remained a devout believer in that faith until her death. Being a cripple she was unable to take an active part in church or social affairs, but all those who knew her loved her and appreciated her for her thoughtfulness of others.

Though she had no children of her own, she had a part in rearing the children of two of her sisters.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Julia Dalton of Gatesville, Texas; seven step-children, W. T. Bowers, Fort Worth, Ema, Belle and Albert Bowers of Santa Anna, Mrs. Maude B. Patterson of Santa Anna, Sattie Bowers of St. Louis, Mo., and Marvin Bowers of El Paso, Texas, all being present for the funeral except Sattie and Marvin. She is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

She was laid to rest in the Santa Anna Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Messrs. Leman Brown, Jack Woodward, Loyd Burris, Neal Oakes, A. D. Hunter and S. H. Collier.

Ladies in charge of flowers were: Mesdames. H. T. Caton, O. A. Etheredge, T. R. Sealy, Oscar Cheaney and Bill Griffin.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harwell and Mrs. W. P. Moore, Stamford; Mrs. Louise Dickson, Waco; Mrs. Sattie Vogel, Rogers, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill, Dee Oliver and Fred Woods, Balingier; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dulin and daughter, San Angelo; and Miss Edith Brannan, Mrs. Cody Smith and Gene of Brownwood.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD HAS SILVER TEA

The Wesleyan Service Guild had a Silver Tea Monday, Jan. 29th in the basement of the Methodist Church. Mrs. J. D. F. Williams gave a review of the "White Cliffs of Dover." Refreshments were served to about thirty members and guests.

The Guild will have a covered dish luncheon Monday night, February 5th in the basement of the Methodist Church at 8:00 o'clock.

SERVICES HELD FOR AUSTIN WOMAN, 103

Austin, Jan. 21—Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. Lou English Clark, 103-year-old resident of Austin.

Born in Missouri in July, 1841, she was brought to Texas by her family who settled in Red River county. In 1867 she married Dr. Pat. B. Clark in Clarksville.

Mrs. Clark remained unusually active for her age and on her 100th birthday played the piano for guests. Although unable to read in her last few years she kept abreast of current events through discussion and was interested in World War II developments.

Mrs. Clark is an aunt of Mrs. W. A. Brandon of Santa Anna.

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BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON HONORS TWO

Mrs. W. E. Wallace honored Mrs. John Pearce and Mrs. H. W. Kingsbery with a birthday luncheon Thursday, January 25, in her home.

The table was centered with an arrangement of carnations, and guests included Mmes. A. R. Brown, W. R. Kelley, Fred W. Turner, Jack Woodward, Luther Abernathy, and Ross Kelley.

Baptist WMS Activities For January, 1945

Monday, Jan. 1: Royal Service Program at Annex.

Monday, Jan. 8: Bible Study at Annex. Two 100 percent daily Bible readers for the month, Mrs. John Pearce and Mrs. Seth Risinger.

Monday, Jan. 22: Regular business meeting, short program in connection.

Dev.—Mrs. Reba McCreary. Prayer—Mrs. S. R. Smith. History of song, "Lead On O King Eternal"—Mrs. Seth Risinger.

Our Watch Word—Mrs. D. R. Hill.

Monday, Jan. 29: Baptist WMS ladies were hostess to the United Missionary Societies of Santa Anna, in the basement of Baptist Church. At the close of the Book Review, "The Robe," given by Mrs. Charlie Bruce, the hostess church served hot coffee and pie to 40 ladies.

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Yours very truly,
THOMAS M. MEKLE,
1st Lt., Inf.
Chairman, Suggestion Committee

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hodges of Rockwood have their son, Theodore, of the U. S. Navy, with them for a few days while home on furlough. We missed an interview with young Hodges, but hope to have a better report from him soon.

Pvt. Vernon Herring and Mrs. Herring, the former Miss Coy Casey, arrived Saturday from Camp Robinson, Ark. for a 10-day visit with homefolks.



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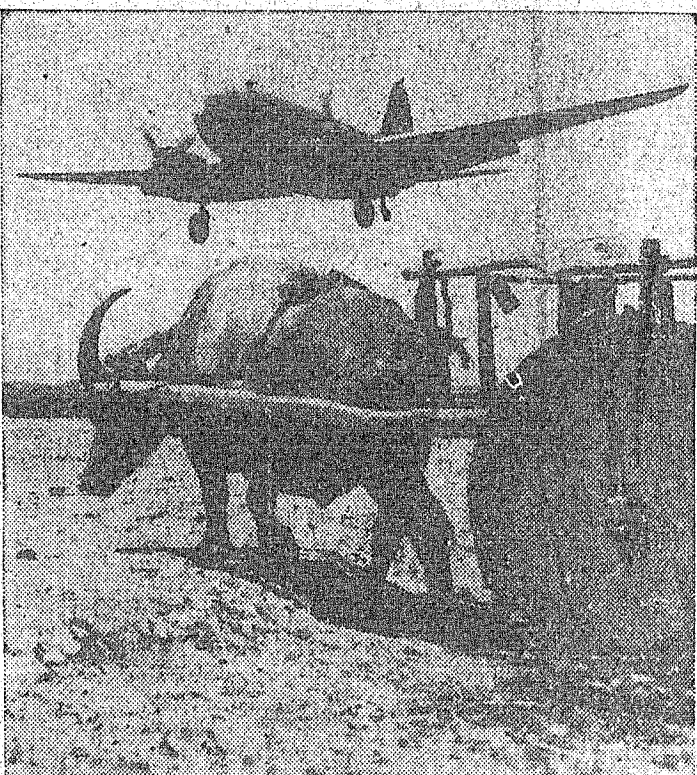
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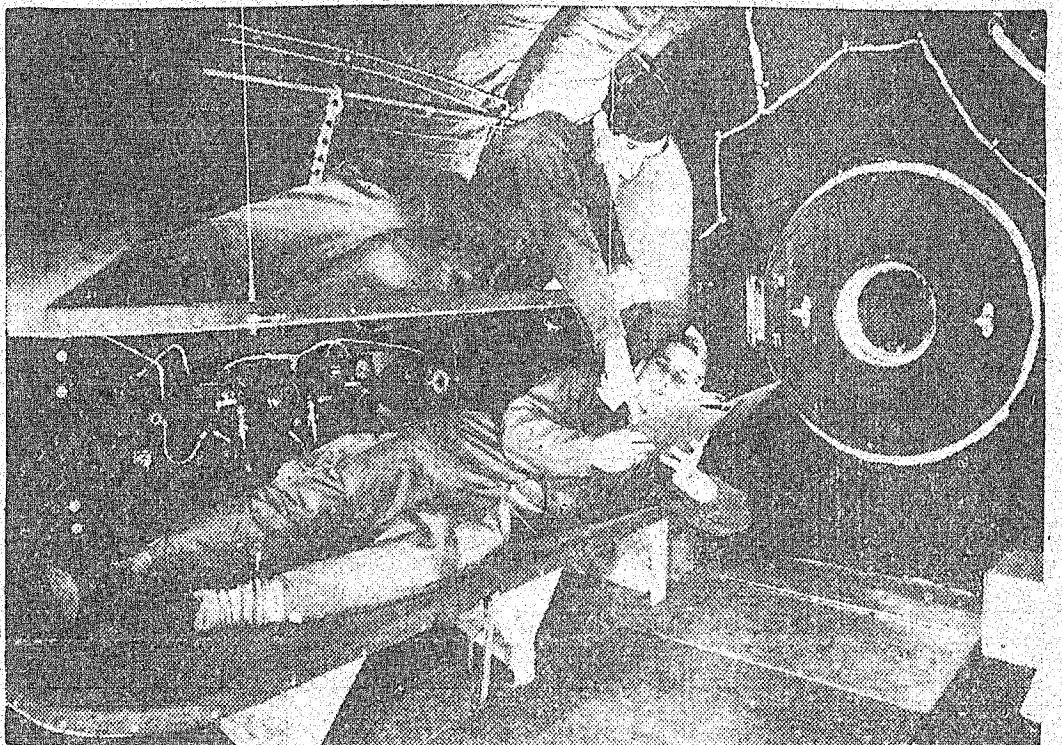
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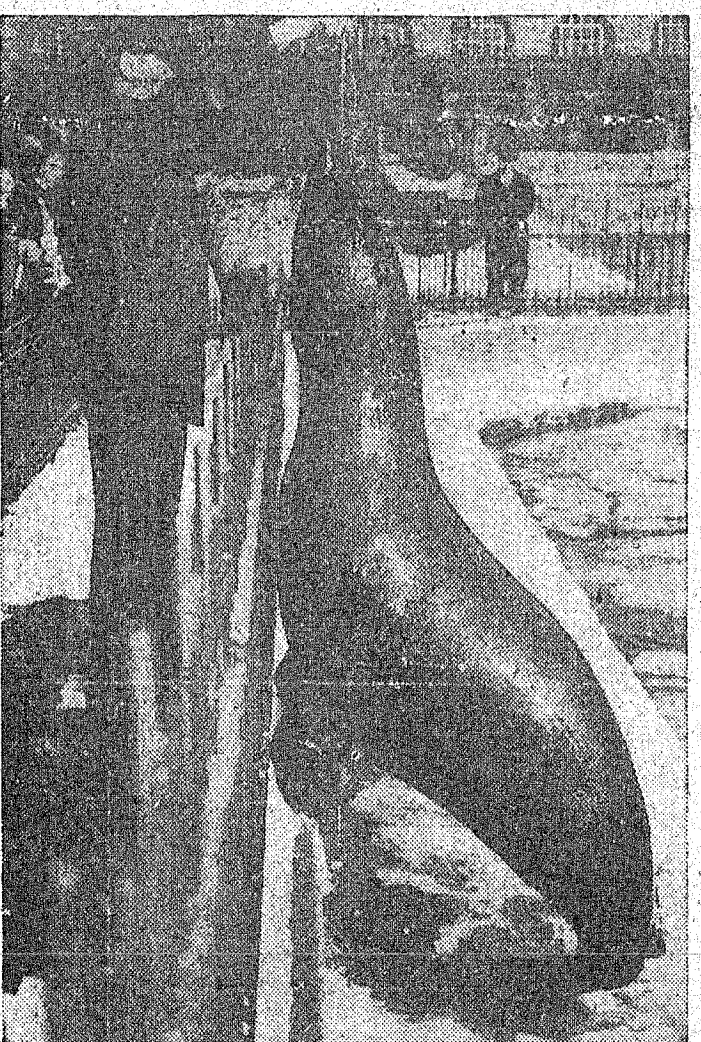
SALUTE TO A YANK—With deep sincerity and gratitude registered in big brown eyes, little Filipino boy salutes as Coast Guard combat photographer snaps photo on Leyte Island, liberated by Allies. (U. S. Coast Guard photo).



THE OLD AND THE NEW—Contrasts in China offer another example of opposites as oxen cart slowly rolls along while modern war plane comes in for landing on newly constructed runway. (U. S. Signal Corps photo).



COMFY, EH?—Inside of a mighty B-29 Superfortress shows pressurized section, crew compartment, just aft gunners' section, where bunks are provided for rest and relaxation of relief crews on the bomber's long missions. Some of these missions cover round-trip distances of from 3,000 to 4,000 miles. Men shown are wearing parachutes, ready for any emergency.



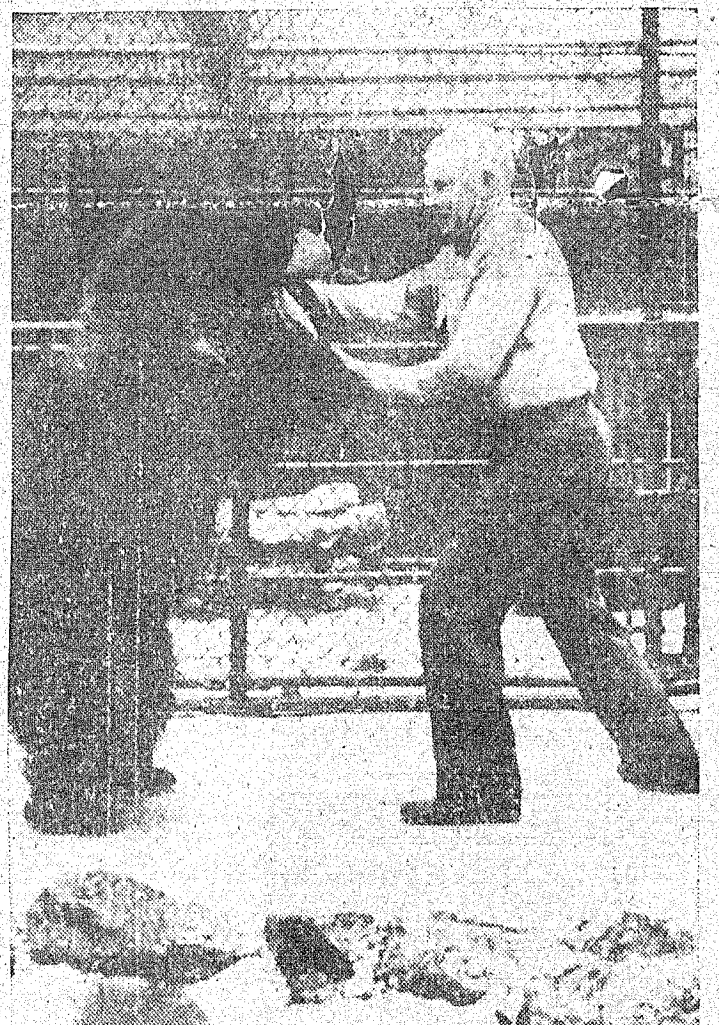
YUM, WUM—No matter how much fun glistening Mr. Seal gets out of swimming among blocks of ice in his Central Park pool in New York, he's never too busy to take time out for food, as Park Department employee dishes out luscious fish.



CAPSULE STOVE—GI's are thoroughly familiar with capsule foods, and now they have a capsule stove on which to cook hot meals on the field. The capsule can be carried in the pocket, and will burn for 30 minutes. All the soldier has to do is dig a hole, drop in the tablet and light 'er up... Then he can cook rations or anything that he might forage.



CUT A CAPER—Slated for Spring, this lively cape suit of beige and brown tweed features weskit for front of cape while back flings low and wide. Bow-necked blouse is of brown rayon crepe matching lining of cape. Mushroom felt tops ensemble created by Chicago Fashion Industries.



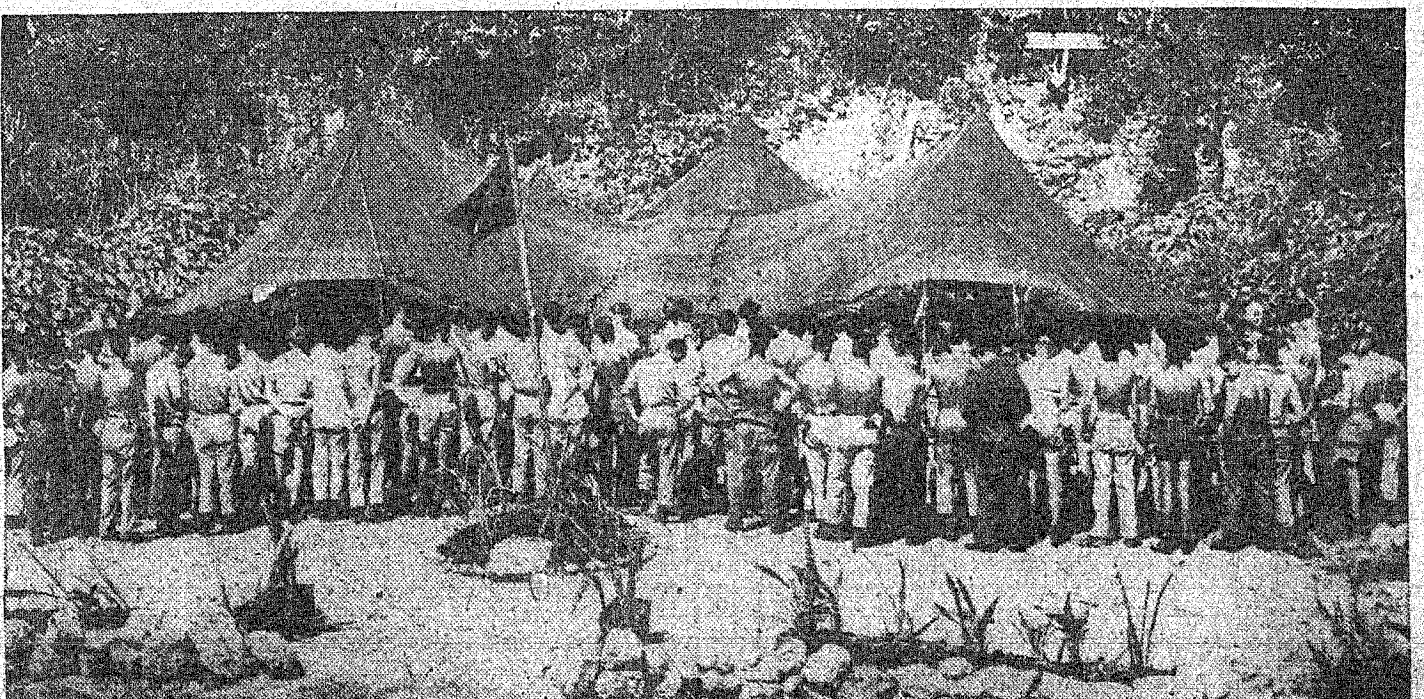
BEAR MEETS BEHRE—Enjoying their daily workout at San Francisco zoo, keeper Bill Behre and boxing sloth bruin Samson exchange blows. The 250-pound bear was born at zoo and raised in home of Carey Baldwin, zoo director. Behre says the bear is learning how to box too well for safety. He is afraid the animal will get mad sometime while boxing and deliver a knockout punch.



NEW ACE—With bag of 34 enemy planes to his credit, Col. Dave Schilling, Traverse City, Mich., becomes leading ace in European theater. The protégé of recently-captured Col. Hubert Zemke got 24 Nazi pilots in air and the others on ground.



1945 ROSE QUEEN—You wouldn't think there was another like her, but pretty Mary Rutte, this year's Queen of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif., is a twin. Her dad's a colonel of infantry at Camp Shelby, Mont.



CHAPEL ON SAIPAN—In war-wrecked churches in Europe, on snow covered banks at the front, or in the heat of the jungles, American soldiers gather to pray for victory and the safety of loved ones at home. Here crewmen of Uncle Sam's Tokyo-striking B-29 Superfortresses stand around chapel tent on Saipan for pre-mission services. (U. S. Army photo).

RED ARMY'S WINTER OFFENSIVE Drives a Wedge Into Germany

pressing the offensive. From historic battle-grounds of East Prussia to the

By MILITARY STAFF EDITOR
(New York Times)

THE Eastern Front was aflame as the Russian winter offensive rolled across the Polish plains. From East Prussia to the Carpathians the Red Army drove rapidly ahead over territory that had been German-held since the first demonstration of blitzkrieg in September, 1939.

In the east the Red Army, its total combat strength estimated at upward of 4,000,000 men, unhinged the Nazi line in Poland. Warsaw fell, Cracow fell, Lodz fell, the important bases of Ostrow and Charnow fell. Russian columns drove into the German industrial province of Silesia. Others pointed toward the Baltic port of Danzig.

In the west the Allied armies, totaling perhaps 2,000,000 in combat forces, were grinding down the last of the salient the Nazis had driven into Luxembourg and Belgium and at the same time were forcing a new entrance into Germany from the Netherlands. It was not clear how much strength was being put into this latter attack, but it underscored the widespread danger to encircled Germany.

Of further significance, most observers felt, was the fact that the Wehrmacht had just invested heavily in two efforts to gain strategic time. The strike westward in the Ardennes, a desperate effort to relieve the trapped garrison at Budapest had been attempts to disrupt Allied grand strategy, to prolong the war in the hope of a falling out among the great powers.

New Crisis for Germany

What, then, were the German hopes of withstanding this new crisis? In the west the Nazis' strength was estimated at 70 divisions at the start of their offensive over a month ago; they may have lost the equivalent of ten divisions since then. In the east they are believed to have 150 to 200 divisions. In Italy they are believed to have elements of 27 divisions. On no front are their divisions up to strength, however. Including the "barrel scrapings" conscripted since last summer, total

German armed forces are estimated at 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 men.

These are the last, and they must hold by main strength in whatever border fortifications they have been able to build. Natural barriers are now few. The southern Reich and its adjacent areas are mountainous, but farther to the north, where the jaws of the Allied vise are located, the principal barriers are the Rhine and the Oder rivers. In the west at least, weather works for the Nazis. This winter is the

tial, internal transport, food and housing for workers, civilian morale. Allied air attacks are being maintained at unprecedented intensity for winter with 2,000-bomber raids a standard, with targets from one border of Germany to the other. Presumably Germany has extensive underground factories and carefully hoarded stockpiles of certain goods. The grip of Himmler and perhaps the propaganda of Goebbels appear to be still effective in

measures—what new expenditure can buy a little time.

Russian Successes

In Moscow the boom of victory cannon signaled almost hourly announcements of Russian successes against the armies of Adolf Hitler. The roll of place names in the communiqués, the total of localities swept up, told a spectacular story of the Red Army racing westward across Poland to Fortress

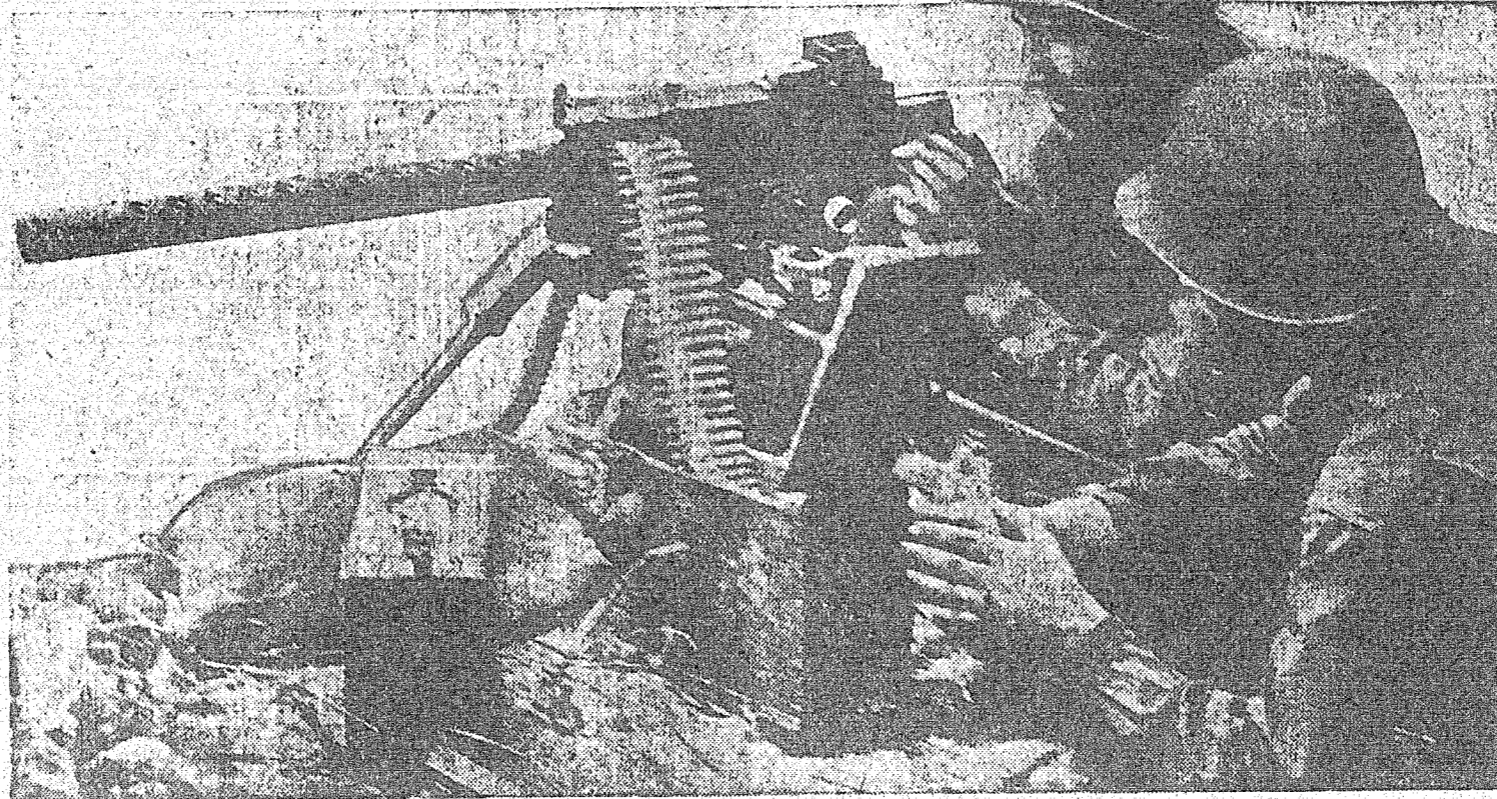
foothills of the Carpathians, a front of 450 miles, they were pushing forward at speeds as high as forty miles a day. Major defense barriers like the Masurian Lakes and the middle Vistula, fortress cities and communications centers like Warsaw, Cracow, Lodz and Kielce were swept up or by-passed. At three points—two in East Prussia, one at the southeastern entrance of the Reich proper—wedges were driven into German soil.

Nazi communiqués told of savage battles; the Russians reported the destruction of scores of tanks and field guns and vehicles and bags of up to 2,000 prisoners. There seemed some possibility that the Germans were trying to fight a withdrawing action, matching their skill at escape against the speed of the Russian drives. Somewhere behind the Oder river's west bank the Germans are expected to make a death stand.

The Soviets' Pattern

The offensive was showing all the marks of the famous Red Army pattern—long preparation, the massing of great strength, the attack on a broad front. The Nazi DNB news agency estimated that more than 2,000,000 men, including fifteen to twenty tank corps, had been hurled into the attack. In addition to masses of artillery, the Russians were said to be using the new "Joseph Stalin" supertank, mounting a 122-mm. gun, superior to the famed German 88. Thousands of rocket guns, tank destroyers and motor trucks were being employed.

The brilliant Russian offensive was obviously long and carefully prepared. It came at a time just before the three-power conference, in which Premier Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt will discuss war and post-war problems. But it came after Field Marshal Gen. Karl von Rundstedt's counter-offensive in the west and a corresponding German counter-blow near Budapest. These counter-attacks succeeded in their minimum, (Continued on Page 5, column 3)



Russians firing a heavy machine gun on Eastern Front.

worst in 50 years in western Europe; snow and bitter cold, alternating with sudden thaws, hamper offensive operations.

Within the Walls

An unknown factor is the remaining German capacity to make war—the intricate combination of industrial poten-

sustaining the Hitler regime.

Yet the German people have never before faced the test that now looms—the threat of war bursting into the Reich from two sides. They have seen that the Allied coalition has not split. They have seen that the Allies can take whatever blows the Wehrmacht launches and yet keep on the offensive. They have seen that one or the other great front may experience a lull, but that the over-all strategy of pressure and attack is still in force. They wait now to see what their leaders can produce in the way of promised counter-

Germany. By every sign it was an all-out bid to destroy the Wehrmacht and end the war.

Six powerful Russian armies are

BAT PILOTS of the Black Widow

(Condensed from Popular Mechanics)

IT WAS pitch black inside the cockpit of P-61 Black Widow except for faint blue-green radiance of the instruments. No stars were visible and the pilot was guiding himself solely by the fluorescent artificial horizon on the instrument board.

"The Betty is left, a little further left," a voice said sharply in his ear-phones. He turned the wheel a bit.

"That's it, straight ahead now." With one hand the pilot pulled his electric binoculars in front of his face. There, closer than he had supposed, he could see the target for his guns.

He corrected his course a trifle, pressed the trigger, and immediately a red glare from the muzzle blasts of the guns in the overhead turret lit his compartment. Then, suddenly, the sky in front of him blew up in a blinding flash. He had gotten the Jap bomber with his first burst.

The Jap never realized what had happened, for the Black Widow had given no warning of its approach. On the prow in the night skies for enemy aircraft, one of these deadly fighter planes gets on the track of an unidentified aircraft, stalks it until identification is complete, and then, if it is an enemy, closes in for the kill. Not until he is all set does the pilot up with his machine guns and cannon.

The bat men who fly these planes eat high-vitamin diets to improve their after-dark vision. Later in the afternoons they strap night adaptation glasses to their faces, excluding practically all light rays. By dark their eyes have opened to the fullest and are at high night efficiency. They wear the glasses constantly until they are in their planes, ready to take off.

Sharp Vision Vital

Sharp vision is vital for after-dark fighting but it isn't enough for locating other aircraft in the dark. The night fighting planes are equipped with special search instruments that help their crews detect and locate enemy aircraft.

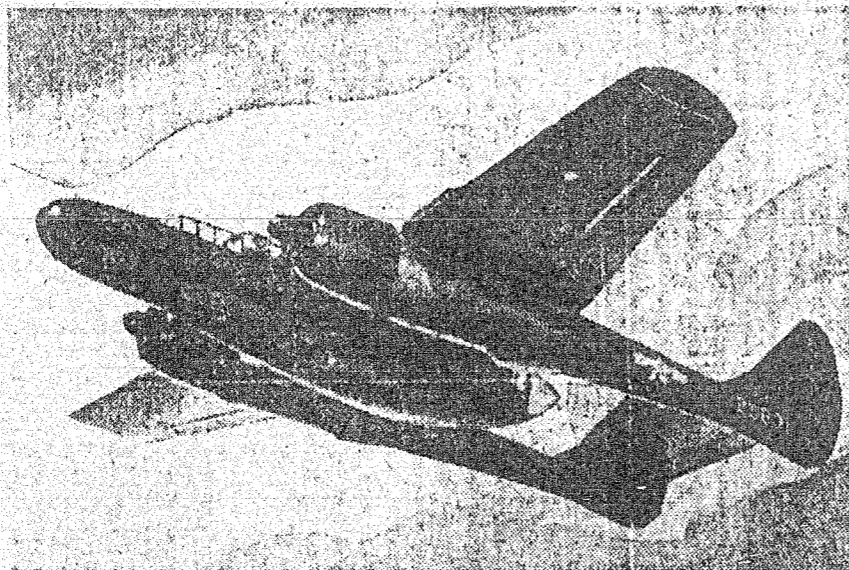
The job of fighting in the dark has been called the spookiest in the Air Forces. Sometimes a fighter pilot roams the sky alone, other times he forms one link of a protective chain of defense fighters. Over his own territory he gets

assistance by radio from spotting stations on the ground; over enemy territory he depends on his ability and his instruments for tracking other planes.

Night fighter pilots sometimes run into an invisible storm center which bounces the plane joltingly around in the air. Pilots can see storms in the daytime and avoid them, but after dark a pilot has no way of knowing when he will fly into rough air.

The night fighter is a new type of airplane that made its first appearance in this war. British fighters were sent aloft hastily equipped with search instruments, some with powerful headlights, to combat German night bombing raids early in the war. Prime Minister Churchill publicly lauded them for helping turn the Luftwaffe away from London.

With time the nocturnal fighting craft became more and more special-



The deadly P-61 Black Widow night fighter.

ized. All were heavily armed so that a target could be destroyed on the first pass. One of our own night fighters, the P-70, a jet black version of the standard Douglas A-20 attack plane, carries four 20-mm. cannon, all firing forward. The newer A-26, an improved version of the A-20, likewise goes aloft at night on occasion.

Concentrated Firing Power

Recently North American's B-25 Mitchell bomber has been doing night fighting work in the Pacific. Fitted with a nose that carries eight .50-caliber machine guns, the plane has been tracking and destroying Jap fighters and bombers. The eight nose guns, four package guns fastened to its fuselage, and two guns in its upper turret, all directed ahead, give the Mitchell concentrated firepower second to none.

Even a relatively slow airplane can take on the duties of a fighter after

dark. Some of the Navy's Consolidated Catalina flying boats—specially armed—have been doing after-dark patrol and scouting work. These "Black Cats," whose top speed was only 120 knots, proved so successful against Jap shipping this year around the Philippines and the Celebes that Gen. MacArthur said, "no command in the war has excelled the brilliance of these operations."

All of these aircraft should be able to take off after a very short run and to land at low speed so that it can be flown from blacked-out landing strips. It should be heavily armed and have high performance as well as long range.

Prey to the Black Widows

The P-61 Black Widow, designed and built by Northrop Aircraft in California, fulfills all specifications and is now in action in all parts of the world. In Europe some 400 German aircraft fell prey to the Black Widows during the two months following D-Day. At the same time the night fighters tracked down and destroyed in flight a number of robot bombs. Although it does most of its work after dark, the P-61 is a useful daytime fighter as well.

In the Pacific, the king-sized fighter gets a variety of assignments. Sometimes the Japs, prevented from sending reinforcements and supplies to some island by surface craft, have tried sneaking them in after dark in large flying boats. The Black Widows bring a complete halt to most such attempts.

Too, when the Japs are forced back from one of their airfields, they often bomb that field at night to trap any of our aircraft that might be using it. But the Jap bombers get trapped in turn—by the Black Widows. Its 2,000-horsepower Pratt & Whitney engines develop as much power as do most railroad locomotives. The plane carries a crew of two or three, who are protected by armor plate, bullet-resisting glass plates, and deflection plates. Ammunition boxes for its .50-caliber and 20-mm. guns are also armored. Each crew station is supplied with heat and oxygen. Exhaust stacks have flame dampers that eliminate all traces of light, making the plane completely invisible at night.

One of the novel features of the Black (Continued on Page 5, column 4)

NATIONAL Progress of 4-H Clubs

By STANLEY S. JACOBS

(Condensed from Read Magazine)

THE 1,700,000 members of 4-H Clubs, largest rural youth organization in the world, work hard and often work long hours. These youngsters certainly live their famous 4-H pledge of head, heart, hands, health:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking; my heart to greater loyalty; my hands to larger service; my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country.

In the early 1900's, an agriculturist, Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, toured the Southern States telling farm boys and girls about their worst enemy, the boll weevil. Dr. Knapp gave them practical suggestions on combating the pest, and urged them to create their own self-help clubs.

From this beginning, the 4-H idea took root, but got its real start when Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, which provided funds for rural club work. By 1921, educators, Congressmen and businessmen had backed up their interest in the 4-H movement by creating the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, which raises funds for 4-H programs over the nation.

Today, 7,000 county extension workers and forty-eight State agricultural colleges, in conjunction with the Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, officially sponsor the 80,000 local 4-H Clubs. More than 160,000 volunteer club leaders—farm folk and townspeople—contribute their time and efforts to the boys and girls of the 4-H.

Service Director

At the committee's offices in Chicago, a former 4-H Club boy, Kenneth H. Anderson, is service director for the vast organization. Young Mr. Anderson, who was an ardent 4-H'er in South Dakota for ten years, can tell you volumes about the American initiative and independence revealed by our farm youths.

One 4-H youth, short on money but long on enterprise, took his cow to college at the beginning of his freshman year, and swapped milk for his board and room. By selling the milk left over after this exchange, he obtained funds for the purchase of more cows. Soon he was earning enough with his small dairy herd to put his two brothers through school as well.

Fifty-nine per cent of all our farm boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 21 receive the benefits of 4-H train-

ing. Club members take in the tidy sum of \$1,500,000 a year in the form of county, State and National awards for everything from the best home-canned jelly to the finest Spotted Poland China pig. So warmly does Indiana think of its 4-H kids that the State built a \$625,000 permanent building on the Indiana State Fair Grounds to house 4-H exhibits and to serve as a clubhouse.

Since 80 per cent of all 4-H leaders are church members, most rural and small-town churches hold an annual 4-H Sunday, at which time 4-H members take over the services in adult fashion. Naturally, juvenile delinquency is almost nil among 4-H members, thanks to busy hands and hearts.

A. M. A. Booster for 4-H Work

The American Medical Association is a booster for 4-H work because of the national health program maintained by all clubs. In 1943, 166,000 4-H members went to free clinics for examinations of eyes, ears, noses, throats and posture, as well as emotional and personality tests.

Each December 1,500 boys and girls—winners in every type of club activity—meet in Chicago for a busy four-day whirl of exhibits, contests, and social events. At this annual "Club Congress" held in conjunction with the International Live Stock Exposition, members enter their calves, pigs and lambs against the stiffest kind of competition from professional stockmen and breeders. Often, the youngsters win over their elders.

A 4-H member is strictly on his own when he embarks on a project. If he wants to wire a hen house or buy a prize hog, he may go to a bank and talk over his needs with a bank officer. Rural banks rate 4-H members as excellent risks for loans. The boys and girls sign promissory notes for sums received; if they borrow from their parents, they still give notes and make faithful repayment.

"In a single wartime year 4-H boys and girls have produced well over \$30,000,000 worth of farm products!" says Mr. Anderson, the 4-H service director. "Under the slogan, 'Feed a Fighter in '45!' we expect all previous food production records to be broken. Four-H'ers have their hearts in the war effort—800,000 former members are in the armed forces, and members on the home front have purchased and sold \$50,000,000 worth of war bonds. Who says America's future isn't safe in the hands of the younger generation!"

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS---from Over the State

LEFT HOME BUT ONCE
Robert Windt, who was born in Houston and lived there 98 years, left home but once. He went to Austin on a three-day visit.

SKUNKS BREAK UP SCHOOL
Skunks, which took up residence under the brick school house at Kemp, (Kaufman county), became so obnoxious that school had to be turned out.

RESIDENT 90 YEARS
Miss Fannie Branch Daniel, who died at the home of a niece in Dallas, was a resident of that county for 90 years. She was born on the site of what is now Southern Methodist University.

KILL WHITE QUAIL
A. V. Jones and B. C. McMordie, of Albany, (Shackelford county), simultaneously shot and killed an Albino quail. The bird will be mounted and exhibited in Albany.

SCARF FROM LUCKY CHUTE
Mrs. Mary Parks, of Corpus Christi, (Nueces county), is wearing a scarf made from the silk parachute that carried her son to a safe landing in Holland. The silk was made into a scarf by a Dutch woman who embroidered the word, "Mother," on the hem.

DEER GOES TO TOWN
Sheriff-elect Mart Clifton, of Haskell, (Haskell county), was among several persons who reported as having seen a full-grown deer in the heart of Haskell. After looking the town over, the deer disappeared.

LARGE PERFUME COLLECTION
Mrs. W. L. Ballenger, of San Antonio, has a collection of 400 different scents of perfume. During the past two years she has received 100 fragrances from friends. The collection includes a Japanese perfume.

PLANE RIDE ON 80TH BIRTHDAY
Miss Florence G. Thornton, retired school teacher, of Abilene, (Taylor county), treated herself to her first plane ride on her 80th birthday. Miss Thornton was born near what is now the town of Katy, (Harris county).

1,000,000 TEXAS SOLDIERS
According to the Dallas News, 155 generals in the Army and Air forces are Texans by birth or residence. The Navy has 12 admirals who claim Texas as their home. There are an estimated 1,000,000 Texas soldiers.

MORE INCOME THAN OUTGO
The State Comptroller's Department estimated general revenue in the next two fiscal years will total about \$105,000,000, which exceeds general funds appropriations for the current biennium by about \$44,000,000.

12,500 FACTS ABOUT TEXAS
Dr. H. Bailey Carroll, of the University of Texas history department, is preparing a "Handbook of Texas" that will contain 12,400 facts relating to the State. It will be a two volume reference work.

72-YEAR-OLD FATHER
The first baby of 1945 born in Mercedes, (Hidalgo county), was an 8-pound boy born to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scott, their ninth child. The father is 72 years old.

AIDS ROCK WOOL DEVELOPMENT
Mayor E. E. Fagg, head of the San Saba County Mineral Development Association, has assurance of the aid of Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas in locating the principal rock wool deposits of San Saba county.

AGED CITIZEN DIES
The death of Mrs. Helen Huribes Morales, of Rotan, (Fisher county), brought to a close the life of Fisher county's oldest resident. She was reputed to be 115 years old.

PLENTY ROOM IN TEXAS
There are 61 Texas counties larger than the State of Rhode Island. If everyone in the United States were moved to Texas, it would not be crowded as compared with pre-war population density of 529 per square mile in Massachusetts, Texas population density per square mile is 21.

RARE TREE ORNAMENTS
The 12-foot Christmas tree that annually stands in the window of the Anderson Furniture Co., of Harlingen, (Cameron county), has been decorated with ornaments more than 75 years old. The rare and priceless trimmings were made in Germany and once were the property of Mrs. Thora Anderson's grandmother.

DOUBLE GOLDEN WEDDING
A double Golden Wedding anniversary was celebrated in Cameron, (Milam county), by Judge and Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp of that city, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Adams of Houston. Judge Kemp and Mrs. Adams are brother and sister. The two couples were married in Cameron.

HONORED AT STORK PARTY
C. E. Knight, of Amarillo, is believed by friends to be the first father to be honored at a stork party. The party was given by fellow railroad men.

RECEIVES GERMAN PARACHUTE
Col. G. A. Bodenheim, of Longview, (Gregg county), received a partially burned German parachute which was sent to him by Capt. Bill Dollahite, also of Longview.

BOLD BUCK GETS AWAY
D. R. Keyser, of Llano, (Llano county), went to sleep while on a deer hunt. He awoke to find a 9-point buck standing in front of him. While getting into position to shoot, the buck escaped.

CLOSES POOL HALLS
Because of a labor shortage in the city of Odessa, (Ector county), Mayor A. J. Burks proclaimed that all pool halls in the city would be closed. Mayor Burks said several hundred able-bodied men were hanging out in the pool halls.

GORED BY BUCK DEER
While rounding up cattle on the C. T. Holekamp ranch in Kimble county, Ollie Martin and his horse were charged by a 9-point buck. The buck gored Martin and the horse before the cowboy could slit its throat with a knife.

28 MILLIONS FOR HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE
Texas will receive \$28,765,649 of the apportionment of the first \$500,000,000 authorized by Congress for post-war rehabilitation of the nation's highway system.

FORMULA FOR LONG LIFE
Bruce Russell, oldest living citizen of Paris, (Lamar county), attributed his long life to light eating. "Cap'n Bull," as he was nicknamed during the Civil War, has celebrated his 102nd birthday.

GIGANTIC BIRD SEEN
Two men testify to having seen a strange and gigantic bird at Possum Kingdom Dam, Palo Pinto county. The creature left toe-prints more than 12 inches long. Raymond Turner and Buster LaQuey, on two separate fishing trips, each saw and described the bird.

DIME BOX FILLS QUOTA
The town of Dime Box, (Lee county), went all out to fill its quota for the President's March of Dimes appeal. Before the official opening of the appeal, the town had turned in a 100 per cent collection.

ONE BUSINESS FAILURE IN 11 MONTHS
According to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research (December excepted), there was only one commercial failure in Texas in 1944.

REUNITED AFTER 30 YEARS
Mrs. Louise McMillian, of Houston, and her brother, Irvin Haston, were reunited in Houston after a search that lasted 30 years. The brother, who lived in Kansas City, had made many trips to Houston, not knowing that his sister lived there.

BIRD EATS BIRD
State Game Warden T. T. Waddell has a movie showing a heron eating a little heron about 10 days old. The film shows the bird swallowing the smaller one head first.

WARNS AGAINST BURNING LEAVES
Mrs. Elsie Gilkerson, county home demonstration agent of Sweetwater, (Nolan county), warns against waste in burning leaves. She says when leaves are burned, fertilizer that cannot be replaced even in commercial products, is lost. Leaves should be packed away in frames to rot, she said.

OIL WELLS ON INCREASE
In a year-end report, the Railroad Commission said 3,592 Texas oil wells were completed last year compared with 2,381 a year ago. Gas wells completions for last year were 346 compared to 197 in 1943. The wildcat exploratory activity has been at peak levels in recent weeks. A total of 3,621 wildcat wells were completed in 1944 compared with 2,989 for the corresponding period of 1943. Only 419 of the total wildcats found oil and 115 gas.

TEXAS RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE LARGEST IN U. S.
The Texas State College for Women at Denton retains its rank as the largest residential college for women in the United States, according to the 25th annual report of the Society for the Advancement of Education.

HOMESICK BOY
A homesick boy from Alvin, (Brazoria county), was sent home through the generosity of the Galveston police. The 13-year-old boy, tears streaming down his face, told policeman he had ridden a bus to Galveston but did not have the money to return home.

SHARK CANE ADDED TO COLLECTION
Representative Jo Ed Winfree, of Houston, who has an amazing collection of walking sticks, now is using one made from the backbone of a shark. It was sent to him from Trinidad by his son.

IGNORES RATIONING
The Ration Board in Dallas was puzzled because a certain restaurant used few ration points. Investigation showed the proprietor, a woman, used all home-canned vegetables and served only ratio-free meats. The only rationed item used was sugar.

CAMP HOOD BOND PURCHASES \$4,000,000
Final tabulations of war bond purchases at Camp Hood, near Temple, (Bell county), for 1944 revealed more than \$4,000,000 was invested in bonds by military and civilian personnel. Camp authorities said.

REMEMBERS THE LATE FORTIES
Pete Neal, negro, reputedly born in Rusk county in 1838, died at his home near Henderson. He had a clear memory of events dating back to the late forties.

NEW FARM HEAD
Ewing Standley, former accountant for the Texas Prison System, at Huntsville, (Walker county), has been named manager of the Wynne prison farm to succeed Capt. R. H. Baughn.

VALUABLE "EVIDENCE" LOST
W. M. Koelsch, of Houston, lost a \$1,000 bill which he was taking to the courthouse as evidence in a court case.

PROTESTS DOG'S INHERITANCE
Joseph G. White, of Abilene, (Taylor county), indicated he would argue the will of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Myers, of Detroit, Mich., which leaves a \$20,000 estate to a fox terrier dog.

CLAY BEDS SURVEYED
All Collin county residents with clay beds on their farms have been urged to contact James M. Muse or F. K. Pence, clay experts, with the University of Texas. Mr. Pence is determining whether the clay beds are suitable for making tile, brick and other products.

TEXAS SOIL ON PACIFIC ISLAND
Two Texans on a Pacific island spent Christmas day on Texas soil. The soil was sent by Mrs. R. E. McWilliams, of Ozona, (Crockett county), to her marine son, Donald. She asked him to share it with a fellow Texan, Cpl. B. Gilbert Iverson, of Wink, (Winkler county).

YOUNGSTER BAGS 8-POINT BUCK

Johnnie Holder, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holder, of Mart, (McLennan county), bagged an 8-point buck while rabbit hunting. He killed the buck with one shot between the eyes.

TEXAS KEEPS PUBLIC DOMAIN

When Texas entered the union, it reserved the entire public domain to the State according to Bascom Giles, commissioner of the State Land Office. The United States owns no land in Texas except that which it has purchased.

FIRST WAR DOG

The German Shepherd dog of Gene Robert and Eddie Bumpass, of Hawley, (Jones county), is believed to be the first dog shipped from Abilene to the Dogs for Defense Commission. Gene Robert is 11 and Eddie is 7 years old. They are going to put a service flag on their play tent.

TEXAS AS RUBBER PRODUCER

C. B. McSwain, of Houston, production manager of the Goodyear Synthetic Rubber Corporation, has predicted Texas will play an important part in producing synthetic rubber after the war because of the availability of petroleum and other raw materials. Texas has more synthetic rubber plants than any other State.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF FARM CROPS

Farm crops in Texas had an estimated value of over \$920,000,000 in 1944, about 10 per cent more than in 1943, the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported. "The greatest increase was in the production and value of wheat, the record crop of 74,746,000 bushels having a total farm value of \$104,644,000, compared with \$48,730,000 for the much smaller 1943 crop," the bureau asserted.

TEACHER PAY INCREASED
The House of Representatives within an hour approved two emergency appropriation bills, increasing rural school teachers' pay by \$1,575,082 and appropriating \$124,825 for the Liquor Control Board.

MANY TIMES MARRIED
A dapper 63-year-old Dallas man applied for his fifteenth marriage license. Several of the marriages have been to the same women, he told O. H. Crossett, deputy county clerk.

COLLEGE TO HELP VETS
L. W. Hartsfield, president of Hillsboro College, (Hill county), has announced signing a contract with the Veteran's Administration for the enrollment of discharged veterans of World War II.

GIRL SCOUTS CLUBHOUSE
An attractive clubhouse has been presented the Alvin Girl Scouts, (Brazoria county), by the Lion's Club. Last spring the Lion's Club took the sponsorship of the Girl Scouts as their project.

C. OF C. FOUNDED 100 YEARS AGO
The Galveston Chamber of Commerce observed its 100th birthday in February. It is one of the oldest in the State. The charter was granted by the ninth and last Congress of the Republic of Texas.

STATE TRAFFIC DEATHS
Texas traffic deaths for first 10 months of 1944 were greater than the first 10 months of 1943, the State Public Safety Department reported. Total deaths first 10 months of 1944 were 1,016.

FRIEND TO BIRDS
Stephen Haderer, of San Antonio, gives at least two good meals a day to literally thousands of wild birds in his backyard. The birds represent a variety of species. Haderer has a boat-tailed grackle bird that adopted his household 20 years ago and is still living in the house.

GAME, FISH PACT SIGNED
Commissions from Texas and Oklahoma have signed a pact allowing persons who have fulfilled their State requirements to hunt or fish in that part of Lake Texoma, (Denison Dam), in their State. A license fee of \$5.00 per year would be permitted out-of-State residents fishing.

PROFITABLE WHITTILING HOBBY
During the depression years, Mrs. Letha Warren, of Wichita Falls, took up whittling as a hobby. Today she has a profitable business, producing miniature boots, steer heads, boot trays and other western novelties which she paints and sells at a nice profit. A son, Howard Warren, is well known as a knitter and crocheter.

PLANT GETS READY TO BUILD "FLYING BOX CAR"
North American Aviation's plant between Dallas and Fort Worth began tooling up and designing new jigs and other equipment, December, 1944, preparatory to building the C-32 "Flying Box Car," contract for which was received from the War Department President J. E. Kindelberger said.

NON-POISONOUS SNAKES HELP FARMERS
James B. Thomas, field executive of the Gulf Council, Boy Scouts of America, told members of the Corpus Christi North Beach Kiwanis Club, Nueces county, that a great many non-poisonous snakes help farmers by destroying rodents that prey on domestic fowl and eggs. Poisonous snakes are rattlers, moccasins, copperheads and corals, he said.

SOLDIERS ON TOURS
Soldier patients from the Harlingen Army Air Field gunnery school, (Cameron county), are taken on weekly outings to points of interest in the Rio Grande Valley. They have visited the reproduction, (hand-carved in petrified wood), of the famous Lady of Lourdes of France.



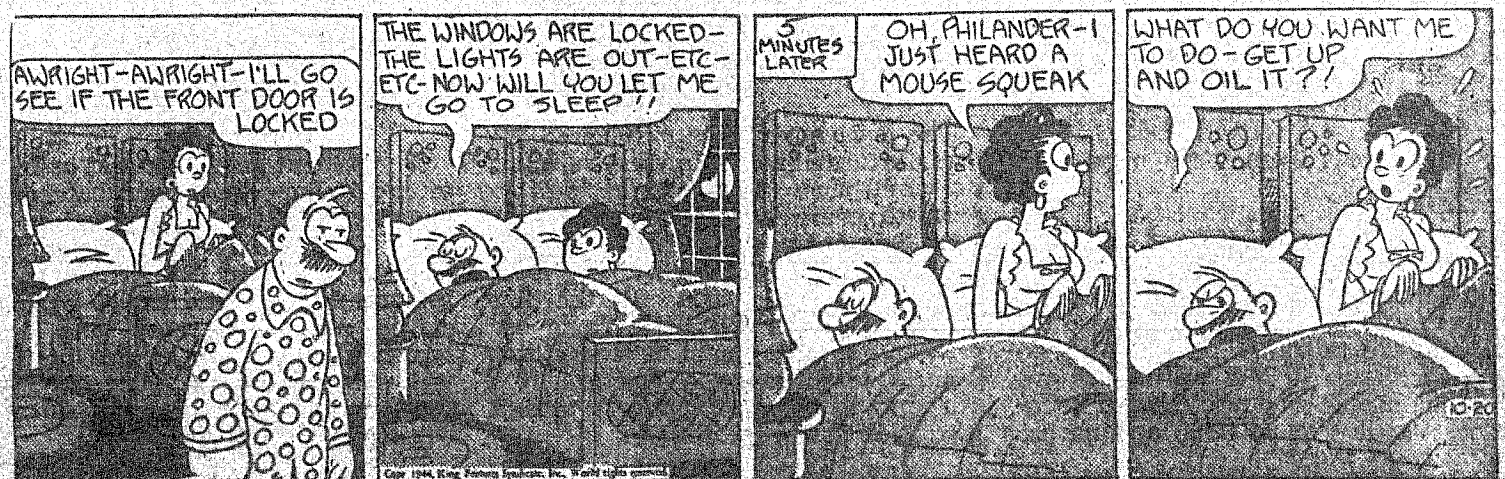
DIG, DIG—As mercury drops in Great Lakes cities, Joel Barlow proceeds to dig out family car from deep snow in Buffalo. Blizzard blocked roads, disrupted war production and caused shortages of fuel, gas, coal, milk and bread in Mid-West section.

COTTON GINNINGS 1943
With 82 per cent of the 1944 cotton crop ginned by December 1, 1944, ginnings are behind the 1943 pace, according to the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Gins had handled 2,081,000 bales by December 1, last year, compared with 2,588,000 in 1943.

WOMEN RIDE THE RANGE
In an annual report on war-effort production, Mrs. Elsie Gilkerson, county home demonstration agent for Nolan county, showed that women of the county are building fences, shearing sheep, roping and driving cattle, driving tractors and driving school buses. Other occupations, usually left to men, have been taken up by the women to aid the war effort.

CATTLE FEEDING INCREASES
One hundred fifty thousand cattle and 175,000 sheep and lambs were being fed for market in Texas January 1, 1945, the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics announced. This represents a 15 per cent increase in cattle feeding over a year ago, while the national gain is but 5 per cent. The January 1, 1945, total of sheep being fed in Texas was 140,000, so the 1945 figure is likewise above the national average increase of 1 1/2 per cent.

THE FLOP FAMILY



CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

79th Congress

THE Seventh-ninth Congress convened January 3 to face many challenging problems.

In name only will the Seventy-ninth be a new Congress. More than 80 per cent of the 435 House and 96 Senate seats will be occupied for the next two years by veterans of the Seventy-ninth and Seventy-eighth "war Congresses."

The incoming House will be composed of 243 Democrats, 190 Republicans and two minor party members. The Senate will be composed of 57 Democrats, 38 Republicans and one Progressive.

Ranking high on the program of legislation awaiting consideration are these subjects, in addition to peacetime conscription:

Broadening of the social security program.

Revision of the war-weighted tax structure.

Reconversion of industry from war to peace, and planning for fulltime employment.

Wage stabilization and price controls.

Continued financing of the war and curbing of the mounting national debt.

Strengthening of labor laws, particularly those dealing with the War Labor Board.

And possibly the adoption of a "lasting peace" plan.

Whether the Seventy-ninth Congress will blueprint the peace program only warfront developments will determine, but foreign policy is certain to be a live issue.

The Philippines

The Philippines fit perfectly into the picture that most of us have formed of a region of lush humid jungles, rodents, monkeys, insects, snakes and other creatures, less pestiferous and dangerous. All these must be reckoned with by the Air Force. Guadalcanal was a forerunner of what was to be expected, and because it was expected, General MacArthur's airmen made their preparations.

Most formidable of all natural Philippine obstacles is the high humidity. The rainfall averages 93 inches annually. Over most of the islands it rains half the year. Everything is either soggy or damp. Steel parts of planes or of ground equipment rust out in a few weeks if not treated with rust-proof compound.

The vegetation in this dripping region can be controlled only with bulldozers, tankdozers and similar machines. Without them the clearing of airfields would be a task of months.

As it is, swamps, muddy flatlands, deep water channels and dense forests make it difficult enough to clear areas for landing fields. Though there are 85 airports in the Philippines as a whole, more will be needed to sweep the enemy out.

The obverse of this picture is more to the airman's liking. If his plane is crippled, the chance of bringing it down intact is better than might be supposed. The coarse lelang grass is so thick that it cushions a landing made with unretracted landing gear. If he is resourceful, the flier can live on game until he hacks his way to a settlement.

The Philippines are kind to Americans and will nurse a wounded American soldier until he is rescued by his comrades. But the Philippines hate the Japs and kill them on sight.

Tin and Paper Needs Continue

Although a number of salvage drives have been dropped by the government for general public participation, two continue unabated as the great need for wastepaper and tin increases. Fats and old rags are also in great demand, and those drives will continue also.

Salvage campaigns dropped or limited to special groups include: Discarded silk and nylon stockings; aluminum, because of adequate production; old clothing for liberated people of Europe, most unsuccessful of the drives, and iron and steel scrap, which are collected on farms and factories.

War Production Board officials feel that even at the conclusion of the conflict in the Pacific the great need for tin will continue. Tin mines in the East Indies, which will take a considerable period to get back to production, will have to supply reconstruction needs all over the world, and little will be available for tin cans. Therefore, tin can salvage drives will continue.

Scarcity of lumberjacks to cut timber for wood pulp and labor shortages at paper mills will necessitate scrap paper. Increased shipping needs for troops in the Pacific fighting area and for goods for liberated Europe will be a constant drain on our paper supply.

"Dear Mom" Writes to 1,000 Soldiers

Letters from "her boys" in Australia, England, New Guinea, North Africa, "Somewhere in the Pacific"—almost everywhere—fill the soldier's correspondence files of Mrs. Eva Barry, of Belmont, Mass.

Mrs. Barry, who began her letter writing to soldiers, none related to her, two years ago, now has a card file of 1,000 with whom she has corresponded. They are all "son" to her, and she is "Dear Mom" to them. She receives a handful of mail daily and sends out 50 letters weekly to service men in all

Army Warns Against Letters to "Missing" Soldiers

A warning was issued by the War Department that the lives of American soldiers listed as "missing" in action might be endangered by letters written to them through the medium of the International Red Cross Directory Service.

In a request to the public to stop this practice, the department explained that a missing soldier might not have been picked up by the enemy or might have escaped after capture. Although letters to the Directory Service are banned by censorship regulations, and the service is required to return them to senders, there is always a possibility that such letters might get through censorship, according to the department. In cases of this kind they would serve only to notify the enemy that soldier was free in its territory.

The War Department gives these instructions:

1. Do not address any correspondents to a soldier in a "missing-in-action" status.

2. If you have the address of a prisoner of war, write directly.

3. Use the services of the International Red Cross directory ONLY if a soldier has been reported a prisoner and the camp is unstated.

U. S. Is Perfecting Rockets As Weapons

Germany brought rockets into modern warfare, but America and her Allies are perfecting them as weapons, and during 1945 Washington officials predict that they will play a big part in the war.

When the Germans launched the V-1 robot-bomb they had not perfected it for precision bombing. The United States, studying the V-1, took only its best features and improved it so that this year the "Yankee Doodle" robot-bomb may be a decisive factor in accurately shelling Jap and Nazi cities.

Rockets launched from planes are undergoing continual improvements. Launching tubes are now on the outside of the wing structure. If the tubes are incorporated into the wings itself, a great deal of wind resistance will be eliminated.

Other rocket improvements looming up in the near future include improved ground weapons; hand rocket weapons similar to Very pistol now used for launching flares, multiple launching tubes on trucks and jeeps, and improved jet-propelled planes with higher speed and lower fuel consumption.

However, the American robot is still in its experimental stage.

Fortified Foods

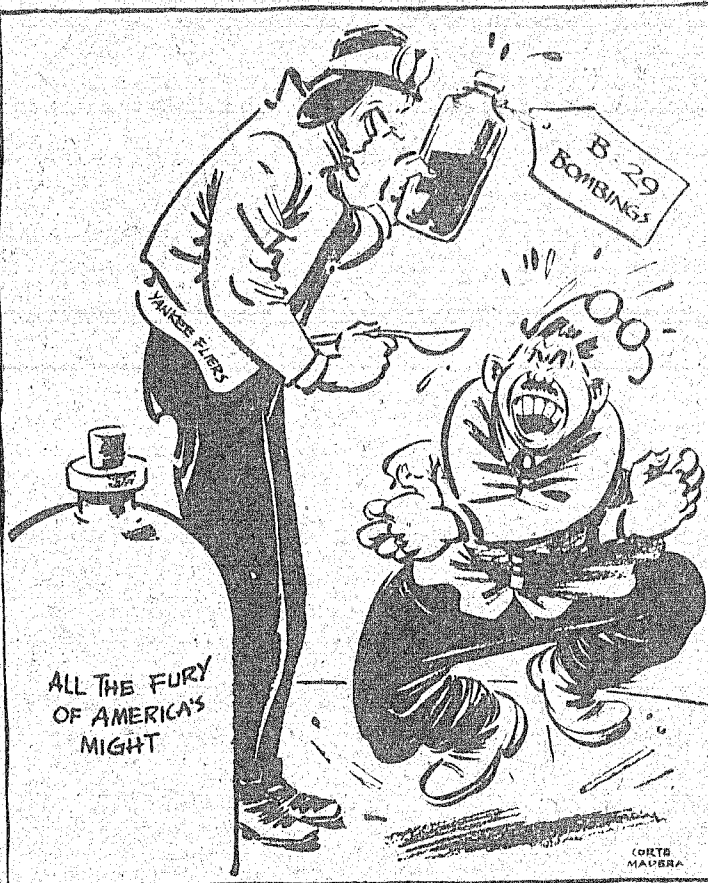
Bills requiring the enrichment of certain foods have been passed by several Southern States. Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama require flour enrichment. South Carolina adds necessary food elements to corn meal and grits, and so do Mississippi and Alabama. Oleomargarine must be enriched in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. A new process for the fortification of rice has been worked out by the Louisiana Experiment Station, and Arkansas rice growers have developed a process for retaining vitamins in white rice.

Three Great Killers

More money is needed to support long-time research on the great killers—heart, artery and kidney diseases. Dr. Henry S. Simms, of Columbia University, College of Physics and Surgery, told the Senate Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education.

Diseases of the heart and arteries, Dr. Simms said, killed 536,745 persons in the United States in 1940, but only \$93,835 was spent that year on research on these diseases. That is at the rate of 17 cents per death. By contrast, \$2.18 research money was spent for each of the 164,906 cancer deaths, \$4 for each death from infectious disease other than infantile paralysis, and \$525 for each of the 1,026 infantile paralysis deaths, or \$100 for each case dead or seriously crippled.

Diseases of the heart, arteries and kidneys cause the majority of the adult deaths in the United States. The number is increas-



"Shucks, You Ain't Tasted Nothin' Yet!"

sections of the globe.

The letters are from officers and enlisted men—some she has met and others she has never seen. They fill an entire cabinet in the Barry home and overflow to table and mantle tops.

Her soldier correspondence carries souvenirs, snapshots, camp newspapers, and African, Persian, and Japanese currency. There are letters of appreciation for the 500 handkerchiefs she made herself, the books, cards, pipes, and hundreds of other things she sent "her boys."

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

Winnaboo, Texas

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IT'S either too wet or too dry, either too cold or too hot, but we gotta take it in stride whether we like it or not. January was a freakish weather month. Temperatures ranged all the way from 76 to 26. Man is a poor guesser of the weather, and this includes the weather man. Best guessers of weather are animals and birds. Just before a cold snap hogs squeal for more feed and start heaving down. Crows make a bee line for the bottoms. Squirrels scamper around, fill up on food, their curl in their nests and go to sleep. But man, unaware of any change in weather, goes blithely about without his overcoat, catches cold, then says to everybody: "I don't know how in the heck I caught this cold."

Gallup's 1944 poll showed that in one week in December twenty-one million Americans, or 16 percent of the population, were suffering from colds.

The time lost because of colds has been valued at one and a half billion dollars a year, a figure that does not include medical expense. Nothing much can be done for colds. Like the babbling brook, they go on forever. Radio announcers tell us of cures for colds which, they say, are sure-fire remedies. The best remedy for colds is so simple that only a few persons follow it. The remedy is: Go to bed for two or three days, keep the bowels open and drink orange juices. An old country doctor once said that when he treated patients for colds they got well in 12 days; when he didn't treat them they got well in 10 days.

Despite a great deal of criticism about our war efforts, there are plenty of patriots on the homefronts. Housekeepers who save paper and grease for salvage are patriots; people who do without things to buy war bonds are patriots; people who put in extra hours at war work are patriots, and people

who don't gripe about frozen wages are patriots. These are the people who are helping mightily to win the war. We leave it to General Eisenhower.

"It's terrible about the cigarette shortage," said the man with the cigar, dreamily tapping its ashes into the tray.

"Yes," said the man with the pipe, calmly lighting up, "it's just too bad."

"Sure is tough," said the man with a big chew of tobacco, shifting it around in his mouth and smacking his lips.

If you think you can bring home the bacon these days you kid yourself. A friend of mine who lives in a city said he recently asked his butcher for a pound of bacon and the butcher said: "You are funny. If I had a pound of bacon I'd eat it myself." The lucky guy in 1945 is he who will have bacon in his smokehouse and vegetables in his Victory garden.



"If I had a pound of bacon I'd eat it myself."

American Red Cross workers have packed 20 million prisoner-of-war food parcels; volunteers have made more than 775,000 surgical dressings during the past year, and by March more than five million pints of blood will have been collected for the year. A crown of righteousness is waiting for thousands of Red Cross workers. You don't see their names in headlines but they are soldiers, nevertheless, fighting a good fight and keeping the faith.

The government has authorized the manufacture of more tin wash tubs and tin wash pans. That will be glorious news to many housewives whose tin tubs and pans have worn out. I have patched wife's dish pan until it looks like a cross-word puzzle. By the time this war is over I'll be a champion patcher. I have patched everything from a teaspoon to a tractor. If I can't buy it I fix it; if too worn to fix I give it to salvage collectors.

When Congress convened in January there were nine women members who answered the roll call. This, a gain over 1944, shows which way political winds are blowing. I have always advocated more petticoats in Congress. They say Washington needs a house-cleaning; if so, women certainly know how to clean house. For years politics has had a bad odor, and maybe more women in Congress would do something about it.

I have always supposed that worms were fit only for fish bait. But no less an authority than Dr. George J. Barrett, biologist of California, says earthworms, by eating decayed vegetation, enrich top soil and increase crop output. He further says it will pay any farmer to propagate worms and spread them on his land. So, the time may come when we farmers will be raising worms to fertilize our soils. Sounds kinda phony, but anything can happen these days.

A district court sentenced a man to die in Dallas for killing his wife with a hammer. About the most dangerous thing around a home is a bad temper. It's more dangerous than a loaded gun. When a man pulls the trigger on his temper he lets loose a vial of wrath—sometimes with murderous intent. Too much temper is said to be the cause of 60 per cent of divorces. If you can't control your temper better forget about marriage. Recently I clipped this piece of advice to husbands from a magazine:

"Many husbands fail because they don't articulate their love. They don't say it. Women want words! Especially sweet, complimentary words. Praise their pie or hats, their new dress or clean curtains. Train yourself to symbolize your love in verbal form. They'll forgive your faults, if you do."

If you don't get that steak, or bacon, or lamb chop, from your butcher remember these figures released by Col. H. K. Moore, head of the Army's meat division: "To feed our Army one day requires 19,000 cattle, 27,000 hogs, 600 calves and 5,000 sheep and lamb. Which indicates our soldier boys are well fed and this is what we homefronters want the Army to do—feed our soldiers well."

ing yearly and is far in excess of war casualties, Dr. Simms said.

Any money for medical research granted by the Federal government should, he believes, be apportioned on the basis of yearly deaths, from a specific disease and availability of support from other sources. Long-term, organized research projects, with provision made for full-time studies by qualified scientists, should be considered, in his opinion.

Overseas Christmas Packages Beat Records

Christmas gift parcels for the armed forces overseas reached the "phenomenal" total of between 82,000,000 and 85,000,000, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker said.

Army personnel overseas received 61,641,487 parcels. Navy parcels numbered 20,000,000 and 25,000,000.

"The work never could have been accomplished without the skill, ingenuity and efficiency of the American railroads," Mr. Walker said. "Their co-operation was magnificent."

Deadline for mailing Christmas packages to soldiers was October 15, 1944. The Army postal service had to allow for Christmas packages, some of them going as far as the interior of China and Burma, to reach the most isolated points by December 25.

The number of trucks and jeeps required to deliver the mail was staggering. In Europe, these were the most important forms of transportation, although some of the packages went by train.

In Greenland, Iceland, Alaska and small islands on which there are no airfields or boat docks, most of the Christmas mail was delivered by parachute.

More Blood Asked to Heal Wounded

In emphasizing that 97 per cent of wounded American soldiers were saved, a substantial proportion through the use of blood plasma and whole blood, Lieut. Col. Douglas B. Kendrick, Jr., of the Army Medical Corps, who recently returned from an extensive tour of the Pacific and European theatres of war, said that the offensives by our forces called for a greater contribution of blood from the American people.

Colonel Kendrick had high praises for service men in the combat areas who donate blood, and at the same time lauded the heroic efforts of medical units that delivered the precious plasma and whole blood to the wounded white under enemy fire.

The plasma, he stressed, supports the patient while he is transported to a field hospital where actual surgery can be applied and whole blood given to the patient "from that point on."

Lady Astor Serves Long in Parliament

The first woman to sit in the British parliament, Lady Nancy Astor, who was born in the United States, is rounding out her 25th year as a member of the English House of Commons.

The former Nancy Lankhorne, of Virginia, in an anniversary statement spoke words of praise for Russia but declared she "wouldn't be caught dead with a British Communist."

She asserted her greatest desire is closer co-operation between the United States and Great Britain and said she did not favor an easy peace for Germany—but she hoped all Germans would not be considered as Nazis.

"Europe needs a Salvation Army more than any other kind of army," she added.

Lady Astor has said she will not seek re-election when her present term in Commons expires. But her retirement is indefinite, for it is likely that England will have no general elections until the war ends.



A LITTLE FUN *Jokes to Make You Laugh*

Nothing Inside

About to sail for India, an English nobleman was seized by a fear that vandals might destroy a picturesque ruin on his estate while he was gone. So he took his steward out to the spot, and drawing a line with his stick around the ruin, he gave orders to build a five-foot wall enclosing the old landmark. Upon his return, the nobleman made a beeline for the place. He was aghast at what he saw. There was the new stone wall, sure enough, but nothing inside!

"What happened to the ruin?" he demanded.

"Oh, that old tumble-down?" replied the steward. "Why, I used it to build the wall!"

Tact

Calvin Coolidge was dictating one morning to one of the White House stenographers. Part way through the letter, he suddenly stopped and said, "You know, you're a very attractive young woman."

The stenographer looked up in amazement.

"You also have a great deal of charm," continued Mr. Coolidge, "and dress very smartly."

"Why, Mr. President!" gasped the girl. "How nice of you to notice."

"Oh, that's all right," said Coolidge. "I just wanted to put you in a pleasant frame of mind before telling you that your spelling is bad and your punctuation is no better than your spelling."

Just That Simple

Last year I asked her to be my wife. She refused. So to get even I married her mother. Then my father married the girl.

When I married the girl's mother the girl became my daughter. And my father married my daughter, so he became my son. When my father married my daughter she became my mother. If my father is my son and my daughter is my mother, who am I?

My mother's mother is my wife and must be my grandmother, and being my grandmother's husband I must be my own grandfather.

Why Irvin Cobb Didn't Jump in the River

One night at a Dutch Treat Club dinner in New York I had as my guest the late Irvin S. Cobb. Sitting next to the humorist was another friend, who was very discouraged about a streak of bad luck. Cobb told him to "buck up" and illustrated his faith by an anecdote which he may have manufactured on the spot.

Early in his career in New York, he said, he found himself down to his last nickel and no prospects of a job, so he decided to jump in the river and end it all. On his way to the Hudson river docks he passed a water-front saloon and decided to spend his last nickel on a glass of lager beer. He marched to the bar, plunked down the coin and called for a glass.

As the bartender turned his back to draw the beer, a monkey came in under the swinging doors, jumped on the bar, picked up the nickel, swallowed it and disappeared. The bartender, foaming glass in hand, asked for his price and Cobb replied, "A monkey just swallowed my nickel." The bartender said he had heard that before and when Cobb expostulated, he came around the bar and threw Cobb through the swinging doors and out onto the sidewalk.

In this humiliating situation Cobb suddenly saw whimpering beside him the monkey. In a fit of rage he hit the monkey on the head, upon which the monkey gave up 65 cents in nickels and dimes—the foundation of the Cobb fortune.

"You never know," said Cobb, "what the monkey called Life is going to cough up for you."

Doesn't Matter

"Mr. President," Lincoln's secretary once informed him, "Congress is now in session and sitting upon the matter you placed before them."

"Very good," replied Lincoln. "Whether they're sitting or setting doesn't matter so much as whether they're going to hatch anything worthwhile after all their cackling is over."

Look Natural

The well-known and popular preacher, Charles Spurgeon, was admonishing a class of Divinity students on the importance of making the facial expressions harmonize with the speech in delivering sermons. "When you speak of heaven," he said, "let your face light up and be irradiated with a heavenly gleam. Let your eyes shine with reflected glory. And when you speak of hell—well, then your everyday face will do."

Fooled the Cows

Paying a business call at a Kansas farm, I found the farmer placing forkfuls of hay along the edge of a shed roof. "What are you doing that for?" I asked, my curiosity aroused.

"Well," the farmer replied, "this ain't very good hay, and if I put it in the hanger the cows won't touch it. But if put up here where they can just barely reach it, they think they're stealing it, and they'll eat every bit of it."

Sounds Reasonable!

Pat, a truck driver, stopped suddenly on the highway. The car behind crashed into the truck and its owner sued the Irishman.

"Why didn't you hold out your hand?" the judge asked Pat.

"Well," he said indignantly, "if he couldn't see the truck, how in hivin's name could he see my hand?"

Food for Thought

While on vacation, Horace Greeley, owner of The New York Tribune, was seated on the porch of a hotel scanning the columns of his Tribune when a stranger accosted him.

"I used to read that sheet," the stranger said, "but now I subscribe to a decent newspaper. I feed the Tribune to my goat. That's all it's good for."

Greeley regarded the critic with surprise. "Is that so?" he softly said. "Well, let me advise you, sir. If you keep on reading that other paper and feeding your goat these Tribunes, one fine day you'll wake up and find that your goat knows more than you do!"

Cross-Breeding

Life photographer John Florea, just back from Tarawa, is amusing New Yorkers with this one: Johnny says he was on a battleship and had to go to the medical dispensary to have a paw bandaged. He found the medico sitting dreamily with chin in his hands. "What's the matter, doc?" asked Florea. "Are you worried?"

"No," was the retort. "I'm trying to figure out how to cross a carrier pigeon with a woodpecker. Then I'd have a bird that not only could deliver a message to the admiral but DRUM it into his head!"

Gets Even With Potato Bugs

Old Farmer Hoogenhagen was not one to think only of himself although he had plenty of trouble. The drouth burned up his corn, hoof and mouth disease had killed half his livestock, and lastly, a "great swarm" of potato bugs had devoured every speck of his vines. An acquaintance, meeting him in town, asked him how things were.

"Fine," said Hoogenhagen. "The potato bugs are starving to death. There's ten million of 'em on my place an' nothin' for 'em to eat."

Red Army's Winter Offensive

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though not their maximum, purpose; they gained time for the enemy on both these fronts, disrupted our winter plans in the west and saved the enemy, at least temporarily, from having to meet simultaneous hammer blows from both fronts.

In the long-range view Germany's position, unless she can divide her opponents or devise a new weapon of devastating consequence, grows more hopeless with time. Yet, in the short-range view she still possesses great capacity for resistance.

German Armed Strength

Her armies are still large and have not been destroyed; new divisions are still being trained, others, formed of supply units or units withdrawn from Norway or Finland, are being rushed to the main fronts; she still possesses some strategic reserves. Her air production and air power have increased since June; jet planes, robot and rocket bombs are of increasing military significance, and other new weapons are being tested.

Germany now enjoys the great advantage of very short communication lines; she can probably transfer two divisions from west to east in a week. She is reported to have already transported several divisions from the west to the east. The Russian lines are tremendously long over war-ravaged country; ours must traverse 3,000 miles of ocean. The enemy is sustained by desperation and Nazi fanaticism; they are fighting for their own soil.

Germany, therefore, may be able to meet the present crisis; today no one can say, for the facts are sparse and the main battles have not yet been fought. But there is no doubt it is the greatest crisis the enemy has yet faced.

Blow Massive and Powerful

The Russian blow was so massive and powerful that the German Vistula river line—the best defensive line until the Oder river, "the Eastern Rhine," is reached—was smashed in less than a week of fighting.

In their conquest of East Prussia the Russians were not only wiping out crack units of the German Army and thousands of home army recruits, but were robbing Berlin and northern Germany of a great food source.

When the Russians were demanding a front in the west, there was much talk in Moscow of the building of a giant vise which would crash against Germany from both sides at once. Now, after some delay, the vise is moving. It is bound to put the maximum strain on the military resources of the Third Reich. Now, in reality, the Germans have a war on two fronts, a situation which all their military teachers for generations have preached should always be avoided.

There has for long been talk on the point of whether the Germans would rather surrender to the Russians or to the Americans and British, if being presumed that if and when they reached the consideration of such a point their resistance, either on the west or on the east, would be affected. There is nothing yet to throw any light on this question. Yet, considering the efforts of Hitler to tell the Germans for over a decade what murderers and savages the Russians are, one will be justified in watching the German reaction to the coming invasion by the Russians on the soil of Germany proper.

On the fifteenth day of their powerful offensive the Russians seized Hindenburg in the southeastern corner of Silesia, a mining and industrial town which was the largest German city yet taken by the Red Army. Hindenburg's normal population is 126,000.

Bat Pilots of the Black Widow

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Widow is its retractable ailerons. To provide a slow landing speed for the plane it was necessary to design a landing flap that extends nearly the whole length of the wing, leaving room at the tips for only tiny ailerons of the conventional type. The action of these ailerons is boosted by means of long, scoop-shaped metal strips that are housed in the wing and that are raised into the air automatically with aileron action. The effect of each of these strips is to spoil the air flow, eliminating the lift of that wing, and thus serving the purpose of an aileron. With this arrangement, aileron response is so immediate that the heavy airplane can make sharp turns in full flight without excessive stalling tendencies.

Many other details of the Black Widow are still secret and can be told only after the enemy discovers them the hard way.

REPAIRS FOUNTAIN PENS FREE FOR SERVICE MEN

Three years ago, an invalid of Houston, Tex., Emerson McCord, had a hobby, a shoe box full of broken down fountain pens, and an eager desire to do something for the boys in Uncle Sam's armed services.

Today, his hobby is a full-time business requiring several employees, the shoe box has multiplied into piles of boxes and cartons full of more than 100,000 fountain pens, and more than 18,000 grateful service men, overseas and in hospitals, are writing with pens instead of pencils sent to them by McCord.

A former business man, Mr. McCord was seriously injured in a train wreck in 1923 and since then has been an invalid. Convalescing from operations, he took up fountain pen repairing as a hobby. Shortly after America got into the war a newspaper reported his desire to carry on his hobby for service men and asked for donations of pens. The response from Houston people the first week filled a shoe box.

More people heard about it. Clubs and schools helped collect old pens for him. Then the War Production Board conducted salvage campaigns throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana for pens that were turned over to Mr. McCord for repair. Now he receives them from all over the United States.

At first, this amazing man did all of the repair work himself. Ten hours a day was his usual stint. He also defrayed the expense of mailing pens to ports of embarkation, where they were given to departing soldiers. Now, he has several assistants who repair about 50 pens a day. By arrangement with the War Production Board, manufacturers have contributed new ink sacs, and various organizations and individuals have been donating funds to help pay the repair cost of seven cents a pen, plus the considerable expense of ink for testing, glue, pen points, and postage.

The pens, packed in lots of 1,000 or more, are picked up at the McCord home by the Red Cross Motor Corps, which delivers them to the Army for shipment to embarkation

Poultry News

WPA Goal for 1945

A revised farm egg production goal for 1945 was recently announced by the War Food Administration, in light of needs for additional eggs which developed since the preliminary 1945 egg production goal was announced in November, 1944. The announcement stated that on the basis of prospective needs for eggs for 1945, as nearly as can be determined now, the number of chicks raised for flock replacement purposes in 1945 should be about the same as in 1944. The number of chicks booked by hatcheries on January 1, 1945, was 17 per cent smaller than on the same date a year ago.

Reports from hatcheries on turkey operations indicate that there is a strong demand for poulters. If conditions are favorable for turkeys this coming season, a substantial increase in the 1945 turkey crop over the 1944 crop may be expected.

Allow Chicks Plenty of Room

One step that goes a long way towards successful brooding is to allow chicks plenty of room. Although everyone will probably not agree on the exact number of chicks to allow per square foot in a brooder, the results with large chicks are best to allow no more than 2 1/2 chicks per square foot of floor space. This is for a brooder house, which is a well-ventilated, sized house, would accommodate very nicely 300 chicks under the hover. As a matter of fact, the poultrymen prefer to brood more than 200 chicks in a brooder of this size.

It must be remembered that this size of brooder is for starting out chicks, and it is evident she will not necessarily be a profitable producer when the chicks are ready for the market. The chicks should be usually brooded in brooder centers.

The brooder centers all went well until the third pens are carried aboard our story was finished. Then the found transported by chaplains and distributed to soldiers who need them. Only those going overseas and around States hospitals may have been added later on when the architects decided that the building would not topple and by the time the remaining States Army chaplains were made to allow for lean-unique work, the most satisfactory means of brooding.

WAR BILL FOR 1944

The United States spent \$7,444,000,000 a month during the war during the year 1944.

Total war spending for the year the Treasury Department reports, was \$89,326,000,000 as compared with \$31,760,000,000 in 1943. Net Treasury receipts for 1944 were \$44,421,000,000 and total expenditures \$97,000,000,000, creating a deficit of \$52,579,000,000.

BUYS \$500 BOND WITH SMALL CHANGE

The war bond salesman at the post engineer's office at Fort Sill, Okla., wondered what was weighing down

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flock in half at this time and the flock will very likely need to be divided again at about 9 or 10 weeks of age. Usually from that time on, until maturity, from 100 to 125 pullets may be kept in a range shelter 10 feet square or 10x12 feet in size.

Be Ready When Chicks Come

Much difficulty can be avoided in brooding chicks if things are ready for them when they arrive. Being ready for the chicks means having the house cleaned and disinfected, with fresh, clean litter in it. Brooder stove set up and running; drinking fountains and feed hoppers in place all ready to be filled, and guard around the outside of the hover to keep chicks near the source of heat.

Examine Fences

Right now, when there is a lull in farm work it is a good time to examine fences and see what repair work has to be done when the season opens up and the weather permits outdoor work. Poultry ranges should especially be examined and notations made where repair work is needed. It will be only a comparatively short time before chicks will be started on farms throughout the country and they should have the protection that fences give right from the start. So check up now on the fences and place your order for whatever new material is needed so it will be on hand and ready to put the fences in good shape when spring weather comes.

Keep Up Steady Culling

An old adage states, "Man's work is from sun to sun but woman's work is never done." Man's work is from sun to sun but the culling job is a continuous one for as soon as a bird is not that has gone off condition starting out, it should be removed from the flock and either eaten or sold for usually best use.

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Other Uses

One of the newest uses is in the helium process of welding magnesium. Helium acts as a shield to hold off oxygen and thus prevents the metal from bursting into flame.

Liquid helium may one day be used to treat materials such as metals and plastics at extremely low temperatures. Now used between the lenses of some optical instruments, helium gas curtails errors of vision because it has a low refractive index and high heat transfer. As a coolant, helium used around electrical instruments prevents electric sparks from igniting explosive mixtures which may be present in the surrounding air.

Many authorities on air transportation are convinced that the versatile role played by blimps in the present war will foreshadow lighter-than-air transportation in the postwar world, particularly in transoceanic commerce involving long-range flights. The increased safety, because helium will not burn, the increased comfort of passengers, and the greater payload may bring the return of big airships. Such a program would call for immense quantities of helium and would give the United States unchallenged leadership.

HELIUM, the Valuable Nonburnable Gas

By ROBERT N. FARR

(Condensed from the New York World-Telegram)

ONE SCIENTIFIC research baby, born fighting in the first World War, fighting again in this war, now looks forward to an even more useful career in peacetime. It is helium, the lightweight among nonburnable gases.

Uncle Sam has a world monopoly on the large-scale production of this gas, known to science as Chemical Element No. 2. So rare was helium in 1917 that it sold at \$2500 a cubic foot, but it is so plentiful now that Uncle Sam extracts millions of cubic feet of it at less than a cent per cubic foot.

No one will ever see helium gas. It is completely colorless, odorless and tasteless.

This "invisible gas" lifts navy blimps, which ferret out Nazi U-boats. It carries meteorological balloons to stratospheric altitudes, gaining weather data vital to the success of military and

naval operations. Deep beneath the sea it helps reduce the danger while divers do their work. In war plants it helps curb explosion hazards. Doctors use it frequently in treating respiratory diseases.

U. S. Controls Production

Uncle Sam controls the production and distribution of helium through the Department of the Interior, with the Bureau of Mines actually drilling the gas wells and building the plants in which helium is extracted from the natural hydrocarbon gases, piped from deep beneath the earth's crust.

Helium was named "the sun gas" because it was first detected in the sun's spectrum in 1868 as a strange new yellow line. Later it was discovered on earth in certain minerals, and more recently in natural hydrocarbon gases.

No helium is being produced commercially from any source outside the United States today. However, there is a potential yield of 200,000 cubic feet

a day from the gas that pours forth from boric acid fumaroles in Italy. Canada also has some natural gases that contain a small percentage of helium.

At the close of World War I the desirability of helium as a lifting agent

Present and future possibilities of helium include its use in food preservation, fire extinguishing, removal of impurities from molten metals, in the development of explosion-proof motors, in refrigeration to produce ultra-subzero temperatures, in optical instruments and as a tracer element to determine migrations of underground deposits of natural gas.

was well established, its value lying in the fact that, while its lifting power is 92 per cent of that of hydrogen, lightest of all gases, it forms no dangerous explosive mixture with air, which hydrogen does.

Manifold Possibilities

Twenty-five years of intensive research have barely scratched the surface of the manifold possibilities for

the industrial, scientific and medical uses for the "sungas."

Most helium-yielding gas wells are in the southwestern part of the United States, particularly in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. The largest helium gas field in the world is in the Texas Panhandle, near Amarillo.

New techniques of studying weather require the use of large balloons to carry heavy meteorological equipment to high altitudes. Because it explodes and burns, the use of hydrogen to lift these balloons proved to be quite dangerous, therefore the U. S. Weather Bureau now uses helium to help get weather predictions.

In the medical field helium has been used for more than 20 years in experiments and in actual practice in preventing "bends" in deep-sea divers and tunnel workers.

Ear trouble, the most common complaint of airplane pilots and passengers, can be relieved or prevented by inhaling a helium-oxygen mixture during marked changes in altitude of the plane.

Among other new medical applications are treatment of pneumonia, asthma and other respiratory diseases in which helium eases the burden on weakened lungs.

Texas Farm News Reports

Figures released by the War Food Administration in a report on the production of sweet potatoes, pecans and peanuts, shows that Texas is seventh in production of yams, first in pecans and third in peanuts.

Henry Knolle, of Sandia, (Jim Wells county), one of the largest dairy farm operators in the world, was unanimously re-elected president of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club at its 38th annual meeting in Cleburne, (Johnson county).

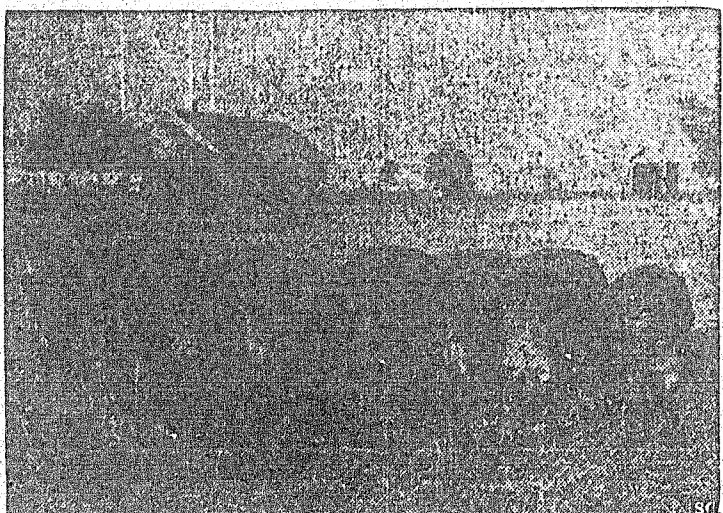
Growing of blackeye peas for canning offers promise of a new industry for Dawson county as a result of experience last year. Lee Pool, county agricultural agent, says during the fall about 20,000 pounds a day were trucked from Lamesa to a cannery. Jack Broyles, of Munger, obtained 2,000 pounds of peas from an acre in one picking, and other demonstrators reported good production. Some pickers were able to harvest 1,000 pounds in a day.

Callista Heck, member of the Nazareth Junior Club and a close competitor for Castro county Gold Star girl, helped to raise a garden containing 20 different vegetables, and assisted in canning 886 quarts of fruits and vegetables besides helping with the milking, feeding the chickens and caring for the pigs, says County Home Demonstration Agent Leila Petty. During the past summer she found time from these duties to drive the tractor for combining 600 acres of wheat, and last fall sowed this acreage after plowing it twice.

Bryan Ray, a Smith county farmer, has developed a potato digger which works satisfactorily, according to M. B. Hill, of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service. Mr. Ray adapted a rose digger by attaching five prongs behind it.

R. O. Koon, of Bonanzo, (Hopkins county), picked some ripening strawberries out of his three-acre patch early in January. The berries were of fine size and quality. While not fully ripened, they were firm and tasty, were picked from plants set out in the open with no protection against the cold.

East Texas farmers are finding sheep profitable. B. Jenkins, of Cherokee county, says that a small flock of sheep he has on his place pay a greater dividend than any other of his farm operations. From a flock of 22 head last year he received \$58 from wool and \$98 from sale of lambs. Not only do they bring in money revenue but they keep his pasture clear of noxious weeds that cattle do not consume. Mr. Jenkins has been in the sheep business for four years and states he can not miss the feed they consume from his pasture.



TEXAS LITTER FIFTH IN NATION

Fifth place winner in the 1944 National Duroc Ton Litter Contest was the above litter of 12 pigs owned and raised by Bobbie Joe Shepard, of Graham. The 12 pigs weighed a total of 3,292 pounds at 180 days of age, an average of 274.33 pounds per pig at 6 months. One pig from the litter was grand champion of the local county fair. The raising of this winning ton litter climaxed 8 years of successful 4-H club work for Bobbie Joe.

Business men of Mt. Vernon, Franklin county, have set up a \$500 fund to buy four registered Jersey heifers to be given to selected 4-H club boys. Loy M. Handley says this will be the first step in a plan to establish a revolving program of this kind in the county.

William Grogan, member of the Judson boys' 4-H club, placed first in the 1944 Gregg county hybrid corn contest with a yield of 53.75 bushels. Demonstrations were limited to one acre and first prize was a registered Hereford calf. Six other prizes consisting of a registered gilt, feeder pig and four all expense trips to the spring fat stock show at Fort Worth, were awarded by the Longview Kiwanis Club which sponsored the contest. The seed was donated jointly by a local motor company and a sulphur company. According to County Agricultural Agent Welton H. Jones, the average yield for all contestants was \$19.75 bushels.

The proper time to prune most bearing trees is between December 1 and March 1, the dormant season, declares County Agent Jack McCullough, of Collin county. He further says: "The preferred time for pruning trees just set out is early in the spring after growth has definitely started. This develops out their frameworks. No pruning should be done when trees are frozen. The amount and type of pruning necessary will vary with age, rate of growth, type of tree, as well as the former pattern of pruning." Mr. McCullough believes that trees which have been properly pruned each season seldom require removal of large limbs. Wounds from removal of limbs from one to one and one-half inches in diameter rarely ever develop decay.

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Many Texans are turning to raising Baby Beef turkeys in large numbers. Some fine results have been reported. One turkey raiser, Mrs. G. R. Smith, of Alexander, (Erath county), community, made the following report which is printed for the benefit of others who might be thinking of turning to this new breed: "We have been raising turkeys for the past 8 years. In 1936 the broad-breast bronze turkeys were introduced. We were impressed by the extreme width of their breast, high egg production, and that they were quick maturing birds. We ordered our stock that year and have continuously raised this strain. The past season we kept 13 breeder hens. We hatched 224 poults, sold 44 eggs. The first hatch of 96 poults were placed under an electric brooder in a 14-foot square combination brooder house and range shelter. This building was built on skids with three sides so they could be raised later. When the poults were three weeks old, they were allowed to run outside in a temporary pen until they were large enough to put on the range. The house then was moved to fresh ground and the three sides raised to make a shelter. Their feed and water were kept under the shelter. The house was moved every six weeks to fresh ground. The rest of the poults were raised with the hens. All eggs were set at the hatchery. Every turkey hen was given 25 poults and put in a poultry house 10x28 feet. This house was patterned by stretching feed sacks across the width of the house, making four pens. After the poults were three weeks old, and the weather favorable, they were turned out to range in these pens every two weeks until large enough to put on the range. Wire platforms were placed under the feeders and waters when the poults were two weeks old. Granite grit was kept before them at all times. We kept a daily routine of stirring the litter, disinfecting the equipment and fresh feed and water each morning. This was followed religiously until the poults were put on the range. The roosts were made of 2-inch by 2-inch for the first two months, then 2-inch by 4-inch, with the flat side down, and only two feet high. We sold 205 turkeys at \$1,237.60. Total expenses including disinfectant, vaccine and feed was \$620.85, making a total

profit of \$616.75. Accidents caused the loss of a few, but none were known to have died from disease."

Department of Agricultural bulletins estimate the 1945 winter wheat crop in Texas will fall 2,000,000 bushels below the past year's production. "Generally speaking, wheat was planted in good season, but harvest is still six months away and weather is the great determining factor, so that estimates were merely an indication of what may be expected from the acreage sown," department officials said.

Farm crops in Texas had an estimated value of more than \$920,000,000 in 1944, about 10 per cent more than in 1943, the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported. This is the fifth consecutive year for increased value of crops in Texas and it is noted that these figures should not be confused with estimated farm cash income, but that they represent only the market value of crops raised, much of which is retained on the farm. Greatest increase was in the production and value of wheat, the record crop of 74,746,000 barrels having a total farm value of \$104,644,000.

Members of Rusk county boys' and girls' 4-H clubs collected 800 pounds of pecan, walnut and Hickory nuts at Christmas time as a gift to wounded soldiers at the Harmon General Hospital, Longview, says Assistant County Agricultural Agent John L. M. Murphy. Every club took part in the drive.

A warning to farmers that they should use extra caution at this time in buying replacement dairy animals was issued by the American Veterinary Medical Association's committee on milk hygiene. The warning says: "The increased price of milk and lower price of canner cows increases the danger of the unsuspecting farmer purchasing unfit or diseased animals which are being weeded out of other herds. Sometimes a herd owner will dispose of diseased animals before his herd is checked over by a veterinarian to qualify it for milk sales. Such animals can spread disease to the new herds into which they go. They also carry diseases into sale barns. To play safe, the purchaser will be wise to buy replacement animals from local herds which he knows to be free of disease, or to have a veterinarian examine animals from unknown sources to be sure they are not disease carriers before he brings them into his herd."

Lubbock county leads the State in the production of cotton for the year 1944, according to figures released by the Bureau of Census in December. The report said Lubbock county had ginned 70,876 bales. Lynn was second with 63,578 bales.

Atha Belle Stewart, chairman of the Gray county girls' 4-H club council, earned three honors in 1944, according to County Home Demonstration Agent Millicent Schaub. She was chosen Gold Star for 1945, was given the medal award for outstanding leadership in club work, and won first place for the best kept record book for the year. She is a member of the Pampa high school girls' 4-H club.

It is reported that in the South Plains region Johnson grass has been increasing alarmingly within recent years. Increased rainfall is given as a reason. Before 1941 this was about 18 inches annually but since then has averaged 24 inches or more annually. The farmers have tried a number of commercial products for control, but most of them prefer tractor fuel which isn't rationed. It is used undiluted as a spray and seems to be effective with two or three applications. One county farm agent is advising the farmers to keep the grass below six inches in height; he maintains that this will eliminate 90 per cent of the grass in 12 months.

The increasing shortage of suitable fence post material is leading several farmers in the Trinity-Neches Conservation District to do something about the shortage. Several plantings of black locust, and one of catalpa have been made, and others have planned to make plantings this season. Between 90 and 95 per cent of all trees set out lived, and several farmers say that trees have grown six or seven feet tall the first year.

E. P. Hurt, of Henderson county, stated recently that he was well pleased with his one-acre trial planting of black locust, and that he intends to enlarge it to several acres.

"A crop of post timber should be growing on practically every farm within the district, without cutting down the number of acres in cultivation, or our crop yields," was brought out by G. B. Bouquet, soil conservation agent assigned to the district. He also said, "Almost every farm has idle corners and land too steep or too badly eroded to grow crops or pasture, but which would grow good fence posts. Trees thus planted also would help check erosion," he added.

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Lehmon Arrott, Palo Pinto county farmer, played Santa Claus to wild ducks during the Christmas holidays. He says that during Christmas week while it was raining, the ducks ate around 1,500 bushels of peanuts which were in the field ready to thresh. During good weather they fed at night, but in rainy days they came during daylight. Hunters, dummies, flares and many other things were tried to no avail.

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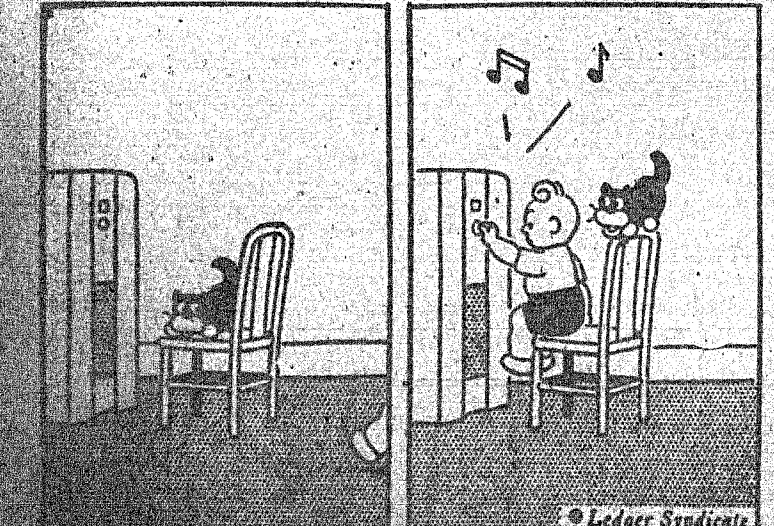


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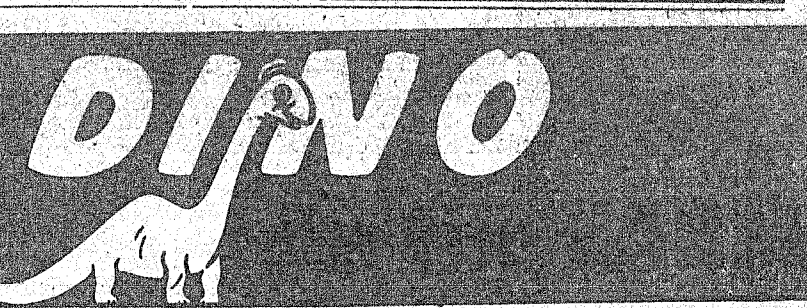
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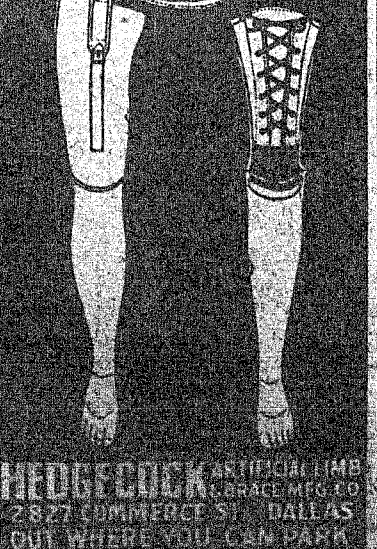
PLASTIC SHOES

Colorful long-wearing shoes made of Vinylite, Union Carbide & Carbon's versatile plastic, will be ready for the consumer in time for this Spring. Prices will be competitive with those of other good shoes.

Vinylite samples were shown at the opening of the National Shoe Fair in Chicago where it was announced that the chemical producer will be able to supply foot wear manufacturers with enough of the material in the form of sheeting to make a very substantial number of shoes.

Union Carbide was ready to market Vinylite shoes several years ago, but just as new plant capacity was ready, all its output was pre-empted for Army and Navy. Later large amounts of Vinylite sheeting went into waterproof gun covers. Now apparently there is a surplus which can be turned to civilian uses again. —Wall Street Journal.

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Our Boys and Girls

TRICKS OF THE DOG TRAINERS

(Condensed from Popular Mechanics)

Dogs make good soldiers, and thousands are serving with the Army, Marines and Coast Guard at home and abroad. They are vigilant guards, excellent message carriers, and ferocious fighters. In the Pacific, the "Devil Dogs" of the Marine Corps go right into combat, sniffing out enemy ambushes and locating Jap snipers.

A military dog is a dangerous animal but he is not vicious. The proof is that the armed forces can train dogs as fighters, put them in active duty for a couple of years, and then untrain them so that they return to civilian life as friendly, tractable animals.

That is the procedure at such posts as Fort MacArthur, California, where Warrant Officer Robert Pierce train dogs to defend a post with their lives, and trains others for messenger duties.

The guard dogs learn to regard everyone except their handlers with suspicion and to attack, savagely, upon command, any intruder who approaches. The dog knocks the intruder down, hangs onto an arm and keeps the man out of action until his soldier-keeper takes charge. Messenger dogs get specialized training of a different sort. Their job is to make their way rapidly to a distant command post, carrying messages in a collar pocket, and then to bring back other messages. These dogs must go through, over, or around any obstacles in their path. One of the training facilities at Fort MacArthur is a dog's obstacle course. Messenger dogs learn to hurdle four-foot barriers on this course, to scramble up 10-foot walls, worm their way through extensive barbed wire entanglements, climb ladders, and make their way down steep inclines. Another part of the training is to expose the animals to the sound of heavy gun fire. Dogs naturally dislike loud noises and they must be trained to carry on their duties in spite of this.

Two years of active duty tires out the average dog and he is ready for a rest. Before he goes back to civilian life he must



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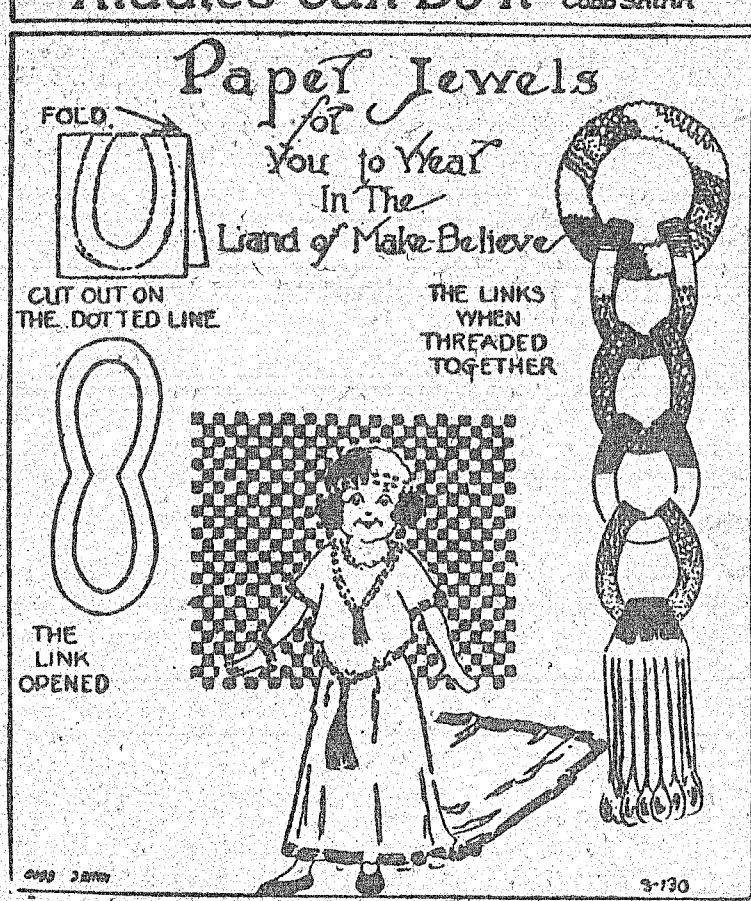
be retrained to break him of his military habits. This is a gradual process. Taught in the service to regard strangers with suspicion, the dog is now taught to look upon them as friends. More and more people approach and handle him and the dog slowly learns that he can trust them all. By the time he is discharged, he has about forgotten the fight habits that had been trained into him.

This sort of training can be adapted by any dog owner to break his pet of undesirable habits. Admonition or punishment when a dog does wrong is not often successful. It's much better for the dog to find out for himself that he shouldn't do certain things. Such habits as running out in the street, chasing cars, or jumping on overstuffed furniture for a nap are easy to eliminate if you know how.

The things to do, says Earl Johnson, Hollywood trainer of motion picture dogs, is to cause something to happen that the animal doesn't like whenever he offends. Spoken commands are rarely effective at the start of any training program because ordinarily a dog is more interested in whatever he happens to be doing than in listening to your voice. A good way to keep him alert, says Johnson, is to toss a handful of metal chain at his hind quarters when his attention is wandering. This isn't harsh treatment at all. Use a piece of chain about a foot long, weighing half a pound. When this is tossed at a dog it thumps and startles him but doesn't hurt. The chain is noisy and makes a clinking sound the dog doesn't like.

Throw the chain at him, then call him to you. He is glad to respond, partly because he is now paying attention and partly because he's glad to get away from a spot where something unpleasant happened to him. Always pet and encourage the dog when he responds to a command. This simple lesson in teaching the day to respond and come when called should be taught along the street as well as in the backyard so that the dog becomes accustomed to obeying you in any surroundings. Carry several lengths of chain in your pocket and try not to let the dog see you throw them.

Kiddies-Can-Do-It



All the material you need is some old magazines. Cut out the bright colored advertisements and from them cut a great number of these horse-shoe links. Then thread them together as you see in the picture to make girdles, bracelets and crowns. The bright colors will make your Fairy Queen's dress very attractive.

These short lengths of chain, incidentally, are useful in teaching a dog not to eat casual scraps of food that he happens to find. You can start out by dropping food scraps around the yard and then tossing a chain at him each time he discovers a bit of the food and begins to pick it up. No commands should be given because the whole purpose is to let the dog discover for himself that something unpleasant happens whenever he eats scraps that he chances upon. Half-buried mouse traps, with weakened springs and baited with scraps, will also discourage him after the traps have snapped at his nose a few times. His training should be kept up for a couple of weeks and repeated occasionally.

The chains, too, will cure a dog of chasing chickens or other domestic fowl. Walk him on a long leash toward some chickens, and hit him with a chain the instant he prepares to spring at the birds. Shortly he will have learned his lesson so thoroughly that he pays no attention to the chickens when you walk him past.

If you are in the habit of walking your dog on a leash and he growls and tries to fight other dogs along the street, the chains are a sure cure for his bad manners. Ask some other dog owner to toss a chain at your dog as soon as the barking begins. If each dog tries to spring at the other, each owner should throw a chain at the other's dog, then hurry them apart. After a few such lessons the dogs will pass each other without making a scene. Each discovers for himself that an unpleasant happening occurs when he goes after the other animal.

OUR FIGHTING ALLIES

A few months ago an urgent SOS was flashed to Argentina for toads. Valuable plane space was given them, and soon they were playing an important part in saving Florida's sugar crop. The crop was threatened by the harmful sugar cane beetles, but the toads, which had been conditioned to prefer this type of beetle, soon made short work of the pests and enjoyed a fine meal at the same time.

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The screw worm, another dreaded insect, is being destroyed in Florida by the armadillo. This armored-back native of South America has a long list of harmful insects on daily menu. It kills snakes by merely rolling on them. It's hard back crushes the reptile.

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Americans to a point where the two death rates were about equal.

In 1900 the death rate of the foreign born was 20 per 1,000, or about one-fifth higher than that of the native born. As time went on, improvement in living and working conditions and a better knowledge of sanitary principles began to tell and the health handicaps diminished. As a result, the death rates for foreign and native born were almost equal in

1940. The rates were respectively 10.9 and 10.3 per 1,000.

"Thus, in these four decades," the statisticians point out, "the foreign born, having the greater room for improvement, have also made the more rapid decrease in mortality, their death rates having been reduced by almost one-half, while the native born experienced a reduction of two-fifths. For both groups the improvement was greater among females than among males."



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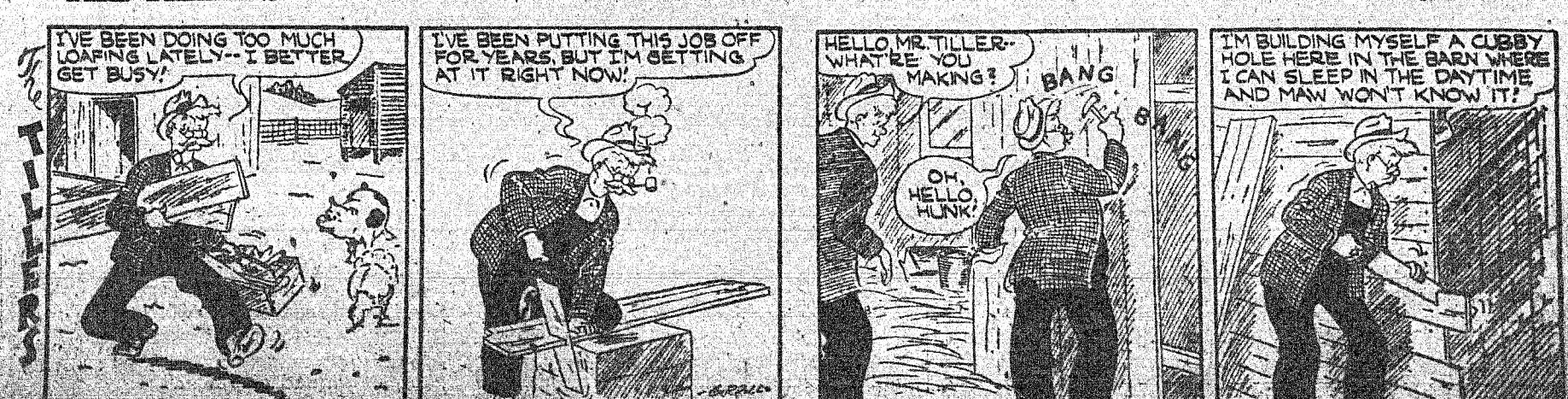
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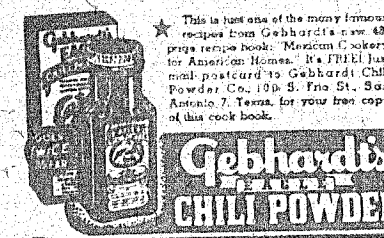


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Use economy cuts of meat cut in small chunks (do not grind). Mix with Gebhardt's Chili Powder, garlic, flour. Melt fat and add to deep pot; fry onion until tender; add meat mixture. Cook 15 minutes; add salt gradually pour on hot water. Simmer until tender.



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A house built of paper at a cost of about \$50 is being tested by the War Production Board at a laboratory near Appleton, Wis.

The house is 16 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 8 feet high, consisting entirely of water-proofed paper panels put together with 49 pounds of glue and with metal fasteners and plastic windows. It has more room than a tent and as nearly as portable. It weighs 1,029 pounds and was erected in 59 minutes by two workmen.

ANCIENTS DISCOVERED OATS

The ancients are credited with discovery of the food value of oats. The Hebrews, Egyptians and Greeks noted that the common wild oat grass had a small grain with a tough outside husk; this they cultivated until they developed the full grain with a husk that was not so coarse. Consequently, the better oat grains were selected for seed and propagation. In Egypt evidence has been found of the use of oats in biscuits and in Scotland, oats were used for porridge and strength-giving oat water. Although no one in those days thought to analyze oats, they instinctively knew its food value. Modern science tells us that oatmeal leads all cereals in Vitamin B1, Usable Iron, Protein and Food Energy. Through co-operative efforts of farmers, agricultural schools and oat millers, the quality of the grain has been steadily improved until now National 3 Minute Oats is produced almost entirely from hybrid strains which reach full plump, sun-ripened maturity each season in spite of even adverse growing conditions.

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SALT VITAL TO WAR EFFORT

Prehistoric man fought over the possession of salt springs, so essential to his existence. Now modern man employs salt to wage war, says Grit Magazine. It is used more in the manufacture of important chemicals—soda-ash, chlorine, and other products—than any other basic material.

Sodium from salt (sodium chloride) is combined with lead to form an alloy, and chlorine from salt is reacted with alcohol to form ethyl chloride. Then, ethyl chloride and sodium-lead alloy together produce tetra-ethyl lead. A few drops of this added to gasoline converts it into aviation fuel.

Motor vehicle gear surfaces are hardened in a chemical bath made of a salt compound, thereby making it possible for tanks, ships, and guns to operate in the full fury of modern warfare. Chlorine compounds are employed to clean the metals that go into military equipment and war machinery. Salt compounds are used to plate steel shell casings for our army.

Neoprene synthetic rubber requires chlorine as an essential ingredient. Paint remover, fire extinguishing fluids, refrigerants, and sprays to control mosquitoes employ a variety of chlorine compounds.

In recent years sodium has been consumed in increasing quantities in the preparation of sulfa drugs.

Caustic soda is used in the manufacture of rayon, serving many war purposes. It finds extensive use in reclaiming rubber from used tires. It is employed in making phenol, a necessary item in the production of plastics. Other uses of salt are more commonly known. These include table salt, preserving of foodstuffs, tanning hides, refrigeration purposes, melting of ice on streets, prevention of heat cramps, and many others.

The United States produces about 16,000,000 tons of salt a year in war-time, Texas and Michigan has long led the 13 states engaged in its production.

In this country, salt is obtained by rock salt mining and by the evaporation of brines. Rock salt is mined like coal, is crushed at the mines, and screened into four or five sizes required by the trade.

Brines are of three kinds: Salt water from lakes, natural, and artificial, which is made by pumping water into wells drilled into the rock salt bed.

More than 11,000 draft dodgers and their accomplices have been convicted since 1940 and have been sentenced to prison terms totaling 28,481 years. One of the dodgers was Everett Stewart of Louisville, who reported his own death to his draft board while posing as his half-brother. He got a term of three years in a Federal prison.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

By MARGARET MOORE

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FOOD IN 1945

Supplies of fluid milk, cheese and fruit for civilians will be larger in the first three months of 1945 than they were a year ago, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Supplies of citrus fruits will be about the same. Apples and pears are much more plentiful this winter than a year ago. Other foods that will be in good supply are eggs, fish, margarine, cereal products and dry peas. Foods that are expected to be in smaller supply are meat, poultry, butter, evaporated milk, fresh vegetables, and perhaps lard.

Supplies of eggs will probably be large enough to continue their use at record seasonal levels, but poultry supplies will be shorter because of smaller production and heavier demand by the military.

Even though the nutrition situation has

improved, the food economists point out that there are wide variations in family diets. To bring below-average diets up to recommended nutritional standards, they advise more emphasis on milk, eggs, fruits and vegetables.

The quality of our national diet has improved considerably in the past 25 years, say food economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Increased milk consumption has meant more calcium, riboflavin and vitamin A and greatly increased citrus fruit consumption, more vitamin C. Victory garden harvests, especially of green and yellow vegetables, have increased vitamin A and C. Enrichment of white bread and flour is estimated to have increased thiamine (vitamin B1) in this year's national diet by one-fourth; iron and niacin by a fifth; and riboflavin, one seventh.

LIFE OF SHEETS, RUGS AND CURTAINS

Turn and turn about is a good way to prolong the life of sheets, curtains and rugs, according to textile specialists.

Sunlight causes curtains fabrics to "rot," so the part of the curtain that gets the most exposure to sun usually gives out first. Curtains will last longer if they can be made with hems of the same width, top and bottom, and then reversed each time they are washed and cleaned. In homes where windows are of the same size, curtains in sunny rooms can be shifted occasionally to the shady side.

Sheets usually wear through first in the upper center where they take the most rubbing from shoulders and also are creased in two places. To give them more even wear, reverse them from time in making beds, placing the wide hem at the foot. Bottom sheets should always be placed this way. In ironing, either avoid pressing any sharp creases, or make the crease a little off center.

Rugs last longer if they are turned about occasionally, especially room-sized rugs that get heaviest wear near doors, or in front of lounges or easy chairs.

DRY CLEANING DON'TS

1. The wartime shortage of dry cleaning and laundering services has caused many a housewife to try to do her own dry cleaning at home. Safety and health advisors of the U. S. House Economic Department warn that many persons have been fatally burned or disfigured while cleaning garments at home, so the first and best advice to those who still insist on attempting this work at home is to keep six rules in mind.
2. Use only a non-flammable fluid. (A can of cleaning fluid may be marked "non-explosive" and still be flammable.)
3. Keep the hands out of the fluid by using a suction washer.
4. Do the cleaning outside of the house

5. where all toxic and other vapors will be carried off in the open air.
6. Dry garments outdoors.
7. Keep children and pets away.
8. Never, under any circumstances, use gasoline, naphtha, or kerosene for garment cleaning purposes.

Many housewives have discovered since the war that they can wash successfully many garments formerly sent out for dry cleaning. In general, use mild soapsuds and lukewarm water for both washing and rinsing. Squeeze instead of rubbing and wringing. Roll in a thick bath towel to remove excess moisture rapidly. Press with a warm but not hot iron when almost dry.

SIGNS OF A WELL-NOURISHED CHILD

Nutrition experts can recognize a well-nourished child—or a poorly nourished one—almost at a glance, without asking what the child eats. Mothers who are trying to give their families well-balanced meals can also judge results to some extent. Here is a rapid check list of the general characteristics of a well-nourished child, typical of those devised by leading child nutritionists:

- Body—well developed; straight arms and legs.
- Posture—erect; stomach in; head and chest up; shoulder blades flat.
- Fat—moderate amount; curves rather than angles.
- Muscles—firm; well developed.

- Eyes—clear and bright; no dark hollows or blue circles underneath.
- Hair—glossy.
- Teeth—well formed; sound.
- Gums—firm; light pink; no bleeding.
- Skin—smooth; firm; good color.
- Blood—red; good supply (outward sign is pinkish color or linings in mouth and eyelids, and in the ears as seen against the light).
- Appetite and Digestion—good.
- Elimination—regular; no constipation.
- Sleep—sound; refreshing.
- Disposition—good natured; full of pep.
- Expression—alert; cheerful.
- General Health—vigorous; low "absentee" record at school.

TESTED RECIPES

Sandwiches Are Important

When you send your parade of lunchboxes off to school or factory, probably their most important item is the sandwich. It's the mainstay of lunchbox meals and should therefore not be created lightly. Make sure it's rich in food value—minerals and vitamins for good health, calories for needed energy. And vary the kind of bread from day to day, so the lunchbox brigade won't tire of the midday meal!

Here's a plan of action—make sandwiches of enriched white bread one day, whole wheat the next, a combination of the two another day, and at least once a week use a quick bread such as fruit or nut bread spread with cream cheese. Try this Bran Nut Bread, for instance. With a thermos of milk, a big orange or apple, and a cookie or two, you'll have as wholesome and interesting a lunchbox meal as can be had:

- Bran Nut Bread**
- 1 egg
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 cup milk
 - 2 tablespoons melted shortening
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts.
 - 1/2 cup bran
 - 2 1/2 cup sifted flour
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 3 teaspoons baking powder
- Beat eggs and sugar until light. Add milk, shortening and bran. Sift flour with

salt and baking powder. Combine with nuts. Add to first mixture, stirring only until flour disappears. Bake in greased loaf pan with waxed paper in the bottom, in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Yield: 1 loaf (4 1/2 x 9 1/2-inch pan).

Pumpkin Gingerbread

Serve this gingerbread hot or cold—it's delicious. Mix 1 cup cooked pumpkin, 1/2 cup melted lard, and 1 cup molasses; sift together 2 1/2 cups sifted flour, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1 teaspoon soda and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add to the first mixture and beat well. Pour into an oiled pan and bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees. Cook 30 minutes.

Boiled Shortribs With Horseradish Gravy

Sparic ribs and backbone are more plentiful now since we have been having "hog-killing weather" over most of the South-west. Try this old-fashioned recipe: Three pounds shortribs, three cups boiling water, two teaspoons salt, three tablespoons horseradish, one-half cup water, five tablespoons flour.

Wipe ribs with a damp cloth. Place in a stew kettle with water and salt. Bring (Continued top next column)

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to a boil, then reduce heat and gently simmer for three hours, or until meat is very tender. Remove meat, skim off excess fat. To remaining broth add the horseradish. Make a thin paste of the water and flour and add to the broth. Bring to a boil and boil for three minutes, stirring constantly. Pour over the meat and serve immediately. Serves four.

Sugarless Baked Apples

Wash and core eight tart baking apples. Heat two cups light corn syrup to boiling, add a few grains of salt and simmer apples in hot syrup for about five minutes, turning frequently. Then bake apples and syrup in a moderate oven (375 degrees) for 15 to 25 minutes, or until tender when pierced with a fork. Serve cold with syrup and top milk if desired. Government research has proved that apples held at refrigerator temperature will keep almost indefinitely. A cold apple is crisper and juicier, so for flavor as well as for health keep them chilled.

USEFUL HINTS

Tisn't wasteful. A lump of salt dissolved in the kitchen sink once in a while will help to keep it sanitary.

What if you can't see it? The flavor's there. To make a little meat go a long way, combine it with rice, macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, crumbs, vegetables, and ready-to-serve cereals.

Half a potato well done is better than a whole potato half done. Cut large potatoes in half before baking and save fuel.

Lemon and orange skins can be grated and used for flavoring in cakes, puddings, and other desserts.

Let the preacher have the white meat if he wants it. The dark meat of chicken and turkey is a good source of iron and that's what your body needs.

They will like fish if you cook it right. Before baking or frying fish, roll it in corn meal, flour, or cracker crumbs so the flavor and moisture will be retained.

Eyes not so sharp? Baste with dark thread on light materials and light thread on dark. The lines will be easier to follow.

For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few. I Sam. 14:6.

FARM YOUTH'S PIGS PAY OFF MORTGAGE

Because his little pigs went to market, Bob Beck, 16-year-old 4-H Club member, has paid off a mortgage on his father's farm, near Fremont, Neb., and owns an interest in the acreage.

The boy began raising pigs when he was 13. He bought two sows for \$60 each, and his investment expanded until recently he sold 50 pigs for a total of \$8,930.

The boy didn't have to pay off the mortgage on the farm, his father said, but he wanted to because it made him a partner with his father and grandfather, who own or rent 320 acres.

"It was a small mortgage, and our corn crop would have paid it off (but Bob beat me to it)," said the father.

The youth, State president of the Nebraska Future Farmers of America and swine champion of the Saunders County 4-H Club, says he will use part of his pig profits to enter college.

WOODSMEN MUST SPARE THIS TREE

Many persons have become attached to the trees of their childhood, but it took a Southerner to put his love on official record. On Dearing Street in Athens, Georgia, stands an oak which has owned itself for nearly one hundred and twenty-five years. The tree was put beyond the reach of the woodman's ax when Col. W. H. Jackson, in 1820 had a unique deed recorded in the Athens Town Clerk's office. It stated that "for and in consideration of the great affection which he bears said tree, and his desire to see it protected, (he) has conveyed and by these presents does convey unto said tree entire possession of itself, and the land within eight feet of it on all sides." More than three hundred and fifty years old today, this venerable oak is the first case ever known of a tree holding title to itself and its site.—James Aldredge.



DOG TALES

by Kellie

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SHEP, the collie in our family, believed in maintaining her place in society!

Shep felt that she was definitely one of the family. She answered the doorbell. She inspected every visitor. Like most children, curiosity was her middle name. And like some youngsters, she was a bit spoiled, because my parents were so fond of her.

If Shep wanted anything, the folks usually didn't argue with her, but there were times when it was necessary for them to be firm. Sulk, yelp, or wag her tail as she would, my mother and father would not take Shep to a party with them. And it made her just plain mad.

One day the laundryman, an old friend and admirer of Shep, called to call. And that was one of the evenings my parents went out, leaving Shep, much against her will and all her protestations, at home.

Whether there was a ring during their absence that Shep mistook for the laundryman, or whether she was thoughtfully demonstrating her disapproval, mother and father never knew. But bedlam had broken loose while they were out. Returning with guests, they found scattered about the front hall, all the pieces of laundry that one determined and indignant dog had been able to take out of the hamper and drag down two flights of stairs.

She may have been a triumphant dog for a while, but this triumph of police reform was only a brief interlude. For in truck-need and shame Shep had to carry every one of the pieces of laundry back upstairs. It was one time when a dog looked like a sheep.

Give your dog an extra pat for his constant loyalty. And feed him well with the nutritious dog food, unadorned, at your trough.

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