

GERMAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES DEMAND FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS BE SENT TO ITALY

Demand may be in an effort to secure enough ships for the evacuation of Axis troops from the North Africa front

MADRID, Spain, Mar. 31. (UP)—German naval authorities have made a pre-emptory demand that French merchant ships idle at three Mediterranean ports be refitted for immediate use and that emergency crews be found to sail them to Italian ports, advices from France said Wednesday night.

It was believed the ships were earmarked for urgent operations in the Mediterranean in the next few weeks and the advices reached here as speculation increased over the possibility of an Axis Dunkerque in Tunisia.

Advices said the Germans had demanded all idle French ships at La Nouvelle, Sete and Marseille. Emergency French crews would sail them to Genoa and ports in Sicily and Sardinia where they would be given full crews, it was added.

350,000 Tons Involved

(A London Daily Mail dispatch from Madrid said all French ships in Mediterranean ports, immobilized when their crews deserted after the German occupation of Vichy territory, were affected and that about 350,000 tons of ships were involved.

(Radio Dakar said that after a thorough investigation German naval experts had found nearly all the French warships scuttled at Toulon were "nothing more than scraps of steel, absolutely unusable." The ships were scuttled when the Nazis invaded Vichy, France and tried to seize them after the Allied landings in Africa).

It was reported here that the recent visit of Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, new German naval chief, was aimed at obtaining full support of the Italian fleet, with Germans directing the ships, in order to co-operate with Field Marshal Erwin Rommel when and if he felt it necessary to evacuate what could be saved of his forces in Tunisia.

Axis quarters here admitted Rommel could not hope to hold out in Tunisia many more weeks.

180,000 Men to Be Saved

The shortest passage from Tunisia to Sicily is about 150 miles, though the airline distance is shorter, and powerful naval protection would be needed for a Dunkerque.

It was reported Benito Mussolini first resisted, then accepted a German demand that the Italian fleet be put at the disposal of the German high naval command to assist in the dangerous operation of taking what could be saved of Rommel's Afrika Korps to Italy. For this reason also, informants said, many additional airfields were being built in Sicily and fighter and bomber squadrons were being stationed at them.

Usually reliable sources here estimated Rommel's forces in Tunisia at about 180,000 men, and Axis circles estimated it would take 750,000 tons of shipping to evacuate these armies even without their heavy equipment.

Sgt. Gerald G. Bransford



EASTLAND, Tex. Mar. 30.—Sgt. Gerald G. Bransford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bransford, Cisco, Rt. 3, who resigned as chief clerk at Randolph Field, San Antonio, to enlist in the Army Air Corps. He has been assigned to duties as air mechanic at Dunbar Field.

Gorman Girl Has Position With Public Welfare

AUSTIN, Tex. Mar. 29.—(Spl.)—Miss Don Moorman of Gorman has accepted a position with the State Department of Public Welfare as Senior Field Worker and assumed her duties in Nacogdoches on March 29. Miss Moorman was born in Sipe Springs and reared in Sipe Springs and Gorman. She is a graduate of Gorman High School and also attended John Tarleton Agricultural College, the College of Marshall, Kilgore College, and Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Prior to her selection by the welfare department through a Merit system examination she was chief social worker with the Work Projects Administration in San Antonio. She has been active in welfare work in Texas for several years. In preparation for her new duties she has just completed four weeks of training in Austin and Tyler.

Miss Moorman will administer the Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Needy Blind, and Aid to Dependent Children programs. These programs, being financed jointly by federal and state money, grant assistance to aged persons who have reached their 65th birthday, to blind persons who are at least 21 years of age, and the children under 14 who have lost the care or support of one or both parents through death, continued absence from home, or physical or mental incapacity of the parent. In order to secure federal funds the state is required to grant aid only to those persons found to be necessitous circumstances and who qualify under other provisions of the law.

Dr. McGraw Gives Illustrated Talk At 8:30 Tonight

Dr. W. D. McGraw will give a lecture at the Nazarene mission Saturday night at 8:30 p. m. on his tour through Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land, and will show stereoscopic pictures of places visited. One will have a better understanding of his Bible after hearing this lecture, showing customs of the people, many of which remain after four thousand years. Seats are free.

American Cafe Is Moved to Location On East Side

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, proprietors of the American cafe, announce the removal of the business to the building on the East side of the square formerly occupied by Andrews' cafe. It was formerly located in the Rust building on West Commerce street.

At the new location the exterior of the building has been remodeled, repainted and redecorated.

15 NEPHEWS IN ARMY

I. J. Killough of Eastland has 15 nephews and a son-in-law serving in the United States military forces.

Pacific Marines Want Nail Polish And Cigarettes

(The following story was written by Sergeant Milburn McCarty, Jr., of 612 South Daugherty Street, Eastland, Texas, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.)

In the South Pacific—A Marine stationed on an island out here recently received an impressive looking package from his girl back in Pennsylvania. On opening it he found a heavy knit sweater, an angel food cake, and six cartons of cigarettes.

Since he was already sweating in 100 degrees of heat, the sight of the woolly sweater almost gave him a new attack of heat rash. The cake was mashed and molded beyond recognition. The cigarettes alone were useful.

If postal regulations had been followed the cake would not have been sent, for according to them nothing perishable can be mailed overseas.

There is other postal "dope" that boys on foreign duty wish their folks and friends to know.

A parcel up to five pounds in weight can be sent to overseas personnel of the Marine Corps without restriction provided it totals no more than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

While any gift is happily received out this way, there are some articles a Marine, soldier or sailor needs much more than others. This correspondent has canvassed a number of men asking what gifts they most like to receive from home.

Cigarettes are available many places—at 60 or 70 cents a carton—but it's difficult to get lighter, lighter fluid and cigarette cases. Cigarettes get damp quickly, so cases are very handy, and so are waterproof match containers.

When families or friends are mailing candy, or food of any sort, the packages should be very carefully wrapped, with the foodstuffs preferably enclosed in tin.

Shelled pecans, walnuts, almonds and other special nuts are regarded as a delicacy when they arrive from home.

Among gifts most highly welcomed are waterproof, shock-proof watches. Canvas wrist watch straps (several for each watch) should be sent in place of leather ones, for leather goods deteriorate rapidly here.

Also quite useful are pen and pencil sets, flashlights (a must for getting around after dark), steel mirrors, and those lightweight raincoats that can be rolled into a small ball. Home-town newspapers, magazine subscriptions, and air-mail stamps (hard to get here) are always practical gifts.

Almost any officer would appreciate a bottle of clear nail polish from his wife or girl. He can use it to keep his bars shiny, for the humid air here tarnishes them fast.

But the best gift of all, says the fellows out here, is a letter from home.

Humble Oil Large Producer of TNT Basic Ingredient

Since 45 years before Pearl Harbor the Humble Oil and Refining Company has been producing more Toulene (basic ingredient of the deadly T.N.T.) than was formerly available from all other combined manufacturing sources in the entire United States.

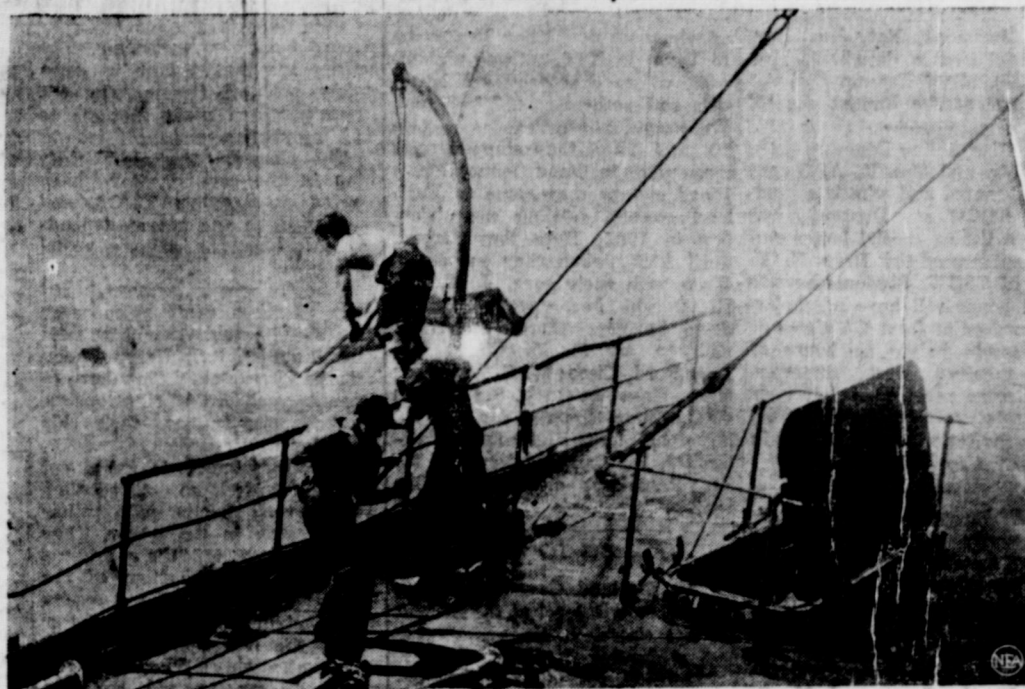
Furthermore, the production of this toluene by this Lone Star industry is over double the amount produced in World War I from coal tar. As in the last war Texas crude is in the forefront of vital material for war.

Ranger Man Draws Fine and A Jail Sentence

Henry Wood of Ranger, charged with aggravated assault, was found guilty as charged, by a jury this week in Judge B. W. Patterson's 88th district court. He was sentenced to serve 6 months in the County Jail and to pay a fine of \$150.

Wood, it was alleged, struck his wife with a shovel.

Abandon Ship!



Over the side of a United Nations freighter dive members of the crew after a Nazi sub attack somewhere on the North Atlantic. (Passed by Canadian censor. Official Royal Canadian Navy photo released through Universal Pictures for "Corvettes in Action".)

ODT Says Farmer To Get Gasoline For Use In Truck

WACO, April 1.—Farmers may schedule their 1943 crops with the assurance that they will be able to obtain enough gasoline for all necessary truck operations, Joseph B. Eastman, Director of the Office of Defense Transportation stated. "The ODT's mileage control program for commercial motor vehicles is completely flexible," M. Eastman said. "Farmers may request adjustment of their Certificates of War Necessity whenever conditions warrant."

Such requests for gasoline, load or mileage adjustment should be made to the County Farm Transportation Committees of the USDA War Boards. These Committees are composed of the farmers' neighbors and their recommendations will be accepted by the ODT District Office making the adjustment.

It is important, however, that the weekly records be maintained currently and correctly on the back of the Certificate, which information will support the need for adjustment.

"Hence," Mr. Eastman said, "no farmer need restrict his 1943 acreage because the present gasoline or mileage allotments on his Certificate of War Necessity are insufficient for an expansion."

At the same time, Mr. Eastman pointed out the increased necessity for farmers to carefully utilize their present trucks and tires and to eliminate all waste mileage from their truck operations.

Legion Post No. 70 To Have Meeting 8.15 Tonight

V. E. Vessels, Post Adjutant, Dulin-Daniels Post of the American Legion, announces that there will be a meeting of the Eastland Post at 8:15 p. m. Friday, April 2. The regular business meeting will be conducted followed by a short talk by Rev. J. R. Wright, Chaplain of the 17th district of the American Legion.

A good time is promised all ex-service men and Legion members who attend.

Freyschlag Goes With National Red Cross

E. E. Freyschlag of Eastland, who has been in St. Louis conferring with National Red Cross officials, was expected to return to Eastland this week. His family here said that he would leave on April 12 for Washington, D.C. where he will enter training for Red Cross work as he has accepted a position with the national organization.

THURMAN AT FLATWOOD A. F. Thurman will preach at Flatwood, 8:30 p. m. next Sunday. His sermon subject is to be "The Preposition With"—Matt. 28:20.

You are invited to hear him.

FOUR FILE AS CANDIDATES IN CITY ELECTION

Four names those of Dave Fien, W. C. Campbell, Victor Cornelius and Parks Poe, have been filed as candidates for positions on the Eastland City Commission in the election to be held Tuesday, April 6.

Three commissioners are to be elected to succeed L. J. Lambert, C. W. Hoffman and the late H. O. Satterwhite.

Heldovers on the five-man commission are Charlie Lucas and Clyde Wellman.

The first to announce for a place on the ticket when it became known that C. W. Hoffman had definitely declined to again be a candidate, was W. C. Campbell. The other three men announced later, issuing a joint statement.

Attend District Preacher's Meet At Abernathy

Rev. Fred G. Stockton, pastor of the Eastland Church of the Nazarene, accompanied by A. L. Smith of Eastland, will attend a meeting of the Abilene district of preachers and christian workers at Abernathy on April 5 to 8, inclusive. They will be joined at Eastland by Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Armstrong of Mineral Wells, who will make the trip with them.

Dr. J. W. Montgomery, superintendent of the Northern Indiana district of the Church of the Nazarene, will be the principal speaker at the Abernathy meeting.

Convert Dance Hall Into Machine Shop

RED LION, Pa. (UP).—When A. P. Davey began losing his dance hall patrons to the armed forces he converted the building into a machine shop now turning out badly-needed war materials in quantity.

Davey closed his dance hall to jitterbugs, doubled its size, and outfitted it with \$50,000 worth of machinery. Production in the 210 by 52 feet structure began last November and has reached a monthly rate of 300 cross heads for marine engines and 90 throttle valves.

The 17 employees, working on a 24-hour schedule, received all of their training from Davey, 66-year-old widower, who was a mechanic for more than 45 years. He had worked at Bethlehem shipyards in Sparrow's Point, Md., the New York navy yard and at New York News, Va.

PRICES ADVANCE

Due to the advancing cost of all kinds of materials used by the barber trade a number of local shops have advanced the prices charged for cutting children's hair to 35 cents. The shops posting new prices are Northside Barbershop, Westside Barber shop and Eastside Barber shop.

Social Security Accounts Should Be Investigated

ABILENE, April 1.—If you do not know the status of your social security account and have not requested a statement of your account, you should do so, said Mr. W. O. King, manager of the Abilene Social Security Board office, in a statement today.

Mr. King pointed out that "all careful persons ask for statements of their bank accounts once each month. This is not done because of distrust or lack of confidence in the honesty and efficiency of the bank but merely because it is good business and a protection for the depositor and the bank alike. The practice of calling for bank statements is encouraged by banks. The Social Security Board encourages employees to request statements of their old-age and survivors insurance accounts at least once a year, and they have made the asking easy."

In order to secure a statement of one's social security account, a worker merely fills out a simple post card, Form OAR-7004, giving his account number, date of birth, name and address, and mails the form to the Social Security Board, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland. The form may be obtained from any Social Security Board office.

This method of securing a statement of your social security account is very similar to that of obtaining a bank statement, where a depositor fills out a form giving the date, the exact name of the account and his signature. Any worker can merely write a letter to the address given above, showing his account number, date of birth, name and address, without using the post card, Form OAR-7004, and a statement of his social security account will be sent to him.

Exploration Co. Has Crew Working In This Section

The Anchor Exploration Company of Oklahoma City has a seismograph crew working out Eastland under the direction of J. E. Lee, Jr. There are 12 or 15 men in the crew at present, six of whom are family men. The company office is in the Exchange Building.

The company's work is that of locating possible oil producing structures.

Dallas Officials Visit Theatres In This District B. E. Garner had as his guests Wednesday and Thursday, William O'Donnell and Kendall Vay, of the Dallas office of the Interstate Theatres. Both men hold executive positions with the company.

While in this area the executives in company with Garner made a tour of the Interstate Theatres in this area.

Occupational Classifications Being Revised

Occupational classification of registrants has been revised to meet the exigencies of war, General J. Watt Page, State Selective Service Director announced today.

"When Selective Service began functioning in the fall of 1941," he pointed out, "our Nation was at peace. With Pearl Harbor and the declaration of war one year later, the requirements of the armed forces and the demands for war production were drastically increased. It is absolutely necessary that men and materials be drawn from the non-essential activities and directed in increasing numbers and amounts to the use of the armed forces, to war production, and to other activities supporting the war effort."

"As stated in a directive received today from National Headquarters," General Page said, "the Selective Service System has the responsibility of selecting men for military service and of furnishing them at the time and in the number necessary for the armed forces of the nation. On the other hand, the Selective Service System has the corollary responsibility to select for retention in their civilian endeavor for a adequate supply of trained, qualified, or skilled men in order to maintain those civilian activities necessary to war production and other civilian activities essential to the support of the war effort."

"The manpower resources of this country, when properly allocated, will supply these requirements, but it is vitally important that geographical and employment dislocations of trained, qualified, or skilled personnel be recognized and properly taken into consideration to accomplish an orderly manpower."

"Thus, it is the responsibility of the Selective Service System, through the process of classification, to accomplish an orderly adjustment of the man power resources of the nation, so that all available men will properly and expeditiously be directed into that channel of activity where the nation at war will be best served."

General Page pointed out that no substantial change has been made in the Selective Service Act or Regulations, but a new interpretation must now be placed on the phrases "national health, safety, or interest" and "war production" to the end that activities essential to the prosecution of the war are properly developed and maintained. This new interpretation, he said, will require a more careful consideration of the essential character of the activity in which the registrant is engaged, and the need for the registrant in that occupation. Henceforth, only those civilian activities which are really necessary to war production or essential to the support of the war effort can be accorded the protection of occupational deferment from military service in the armed forces.

General Page said that selective Service agencies have been furnished with "Activity and Occupational Bulletins," certified by the War Manpower Commission, to assist them in the task of occupational classification. Information contained in these bulletins, he said, will be given full weight and consideration in the determination of occupational deferments, but the fact that a particular activity or occupation is or is not included in an "Activity and Occupational Bulletin" is not conclusive.

Factors governing deferment which should be considered in classifying the individual registrant in essential occupations within essential activities are:

- (a) The training, qualification, or skill required for the proper discharge of the duties involved in his occupation;
- (b) The training, qualification, or skill of the registrant to engage in his occupation; and
- (c) The availability of persons with his qualification or skill, or who can be trained to his qualification, to replace the registrant and the time in which the replacement can be made.

Twenty-six student musicians representing four states will participate in the Festival, first of its kind in NTSC music history.

Five Brothers Have a Meeting For First Time

TYLER, Texas, March 31.—(UP).—After missing out once before because one of them became lost in the pasture while bringing in a cow, five brothers met here this last week for the first time in their lives.

The reunion was held at the home of H. S. McCollum and was attended by his four brothers, Glenn, an aviation mechanic assigned to a navy patrol bomber and stationed in California; R. J. of San Angelo, Tex.; Frank of Pine Bluff, Ark., and J. P. of Trinidad, Tex. Mrs. Cecil Phillips one of three sisters in the family, also attended the family get-together.

The one other time the brothers almost had a reunion was when H. S. came home from World War I for a visit at his father's home in Bell County.

He stayed only a few hours, however, and right before he arrived one of the brothers became lost while rounding up a cow. When the brother was finally found, H. S. was gone.

H. S., 47, is the oldest of the brothers, while Glenn, serving in the navy, is the youngest.

Red Cross War Fund Campaign Over The Top

Figures compiled to Thursday morning on the Eastland county Red Cross War fund campaign showed a total of \$18,552.20. The County's total was \$1,800.

Of the above Eastland, Cisco and Ranger had a total of \$4,500 each to raise. Eastland has raised to date \$4,806.50, Cisco, \$4,600 and Ranger, \$4,500. The Cisco and Ranger amounts are in round numbers.

Other towns including Gorman, \$1,825.93; Rising Star, \$804; Carbon, \$315.88, are reported over the top. Olden is also reported to have raised its quota.

Rural communities raised a total of \$1,701.91.

Representative Gets Order in a Hurry

AUSTIN, March 31.—Rep. George Parkhouse of Dallas preserves order for himself when he speaks over the house microphone, instead of waiting for the speaker to instruct the sergeant-at-arms to quiet members.

When Parkhouse was talking about a bill he was sponsoring, he noticed that a group of members was assembled around one desk and talking loudly among themselves. Parkhouse noticed that others were disturbed and could not hear him, so he shouted: "Alright, you boys, break up the huddle."

He continued speaking to an orderly assembly.

MISSING



Berle Shirley

Staff Sgt. Berle Shirley, 26, tail gunner on U. S. Flying Fortress "Carter And His Little Pills", reported missing since March 8, inst. following a raid over Rouen and Rennes, France. He had been in about 20 raids and was awarded Air Medal in February.

Shirley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shirley of Cisco, and a brother of Mrs. R. F. Fowler of Cisco joined the U. S. Air Service in January 1942. He took training at Wendover, Utah; Las Vegas, Nevada; Spokane, Washington; and Muroc, California. He went to England in October 1942.

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EASTLAND COUNTY NEWS
IN BRIEF

Mrs. E. P. Hood, 40, a native of Blackwood, Va., died March 26 at Ranger where she had resided for 10 years. Funeral services were held at a Ranger Baptist church, of which she was a member, Sunday afternoon. Interment was at Strawn. Survivors include the husband, two sons and one daughter.

Joseph Major McEver, 75, native of Gainesville, Ga., died last Friday afternoon at the City-County hospital in Ranger, following a long illness. Funeral services were held at First Baptist church in Ranger Sunday afternoon. Interment was at Strawn. Deceased had been a resident of Ranger for 25 years. He is a retired accountant, a Mason and a member of the Baptist church. Survivors include a son and two daughters.

Mrs. Hulda Ann Cook, 82, native of Upshur County, Texas, died Saturday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Stark in Olden, where she had resided for the past ten years. Funeral was at Olden Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

A pig donated to the Red Cross by Ed Huestis of Cisco and sold a number of times at Chinese-style auction, brought \$125.

Geo. H. Chambers, 90, Eastland county pioneer residing at Cisco, died there March 25. Interment was at Baird last Friday. The deceased resided with his daughter, Miss Katie Chambers. Other survivors include Mrs. Mary Stuart and Mrs. Myrtle Lavender, daughters, a son, Joe H. Chambers, all of Cisco and Mrs. Leslie Fleming, a daughter, of Nimrod.

The Eastland County Livestock Auction Commission topped all of its former records for sales last week at Cisco when 396 cattle, 164 hogs and one sheep and one goat brought \$21,238.44.

Sutton Crofts, who with his brother, Franklin Crofts, operate the Fish Hook ranches north of Cisco, where they breed registered

Aberdeen-Angus cattle, last week purchased a herd of 16 fine blooded females from the herd of Charles T. Bates of Ada, Oklahoma. Bates, last year, sold the herd bull, Envious Blackcap B and the Sixths, for \$15,000.

Mrs. R. L. Faircloth, 76, native of Robertson County, Texas who made her home in Ranger for the past 37 years, died at her Ranger home last Friday morning. Funeral was held Saturday in Ranger followed by interment in the Strawn cemetery. Survivors include four sons, Nat, Joe, Ray, and "Sle" and a daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hill, all of Ranger. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Miss Mary Alice Brown, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown of Desdemone, and who is a student at TSCW at Denton, was among a list of special honor students announced by Dean E. V. White of TSCW. Students on this special honor roll have a scholastic record of at least 2.3 times as many grade points as hours of credit received last semester. Miss Brown received a letter of congratulation from Dean White and an invitation to participate in an Honor Day Program.

W. A. Tunnell of Rising Star, was recently elected president of Philipeo Country Club. Other officers named were: W. B. Baldwin, vice-president and Dick Gohr, secretary. Directors elected: Jack Huntington, S. C. Sipes, W. B. Baldwin, C. R. Cook, Fred Roberts, Martin Joyce and M. S. Seler.

According to those in charge of the recent all-out scrap campaign in Eastland County 21,366,560 pounds of scrap iron, 322,000 pounds of nonferrous metal, and 650,900 pounds of rubber, were secured, making a total of 22,339,460 pounds.

Grady Laws, 41, native of Lockhart, died at Cisco Thursday, Mar. 25. Funeral was held Friday at Carlton. An

employee of the Cisco Lumber and Supply company, the deceased came to Cisco two years ago. Survivors include the widow and two children—a boy and a girl, and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Laws of near Dublin.

J. A. Elliott, 207 Main street, Cisco, is looking forward to this April 21 when he expects to celebrate his 81st birthday. He was born at Ratliff, Miss., and married Miss Ollie Johnson in 1883. The couple are the parents of 11 children—10 boys and a girl—ten of whom survive. They first came to Texas in 1894, settling at Mincola, where they soon got homesteaded and returned to Mississippi. The second trip to Texas was in 1902 when they stopped for three years in Wood County. From Wood county they came to Eastland county, settling near Carbon in 1905. Here they farmed until 1925, when they moved to Cisco with their sons, J. T. and E. O. who had engaged in the drug business there. Surviving children are J. T. Cisco; Ms. Lora Ford, Cisco; W. C. Cleveland; O. G. Houston; Q. Q. Big Spring; C. C. Camp Crowder, Mo.; H. C. principal Junior High school, Eastland; J. D. Camp Wolters; C. F. San Francisco; and E. E., Big Spring.

SINGERS TO MEET

The Eastland County singing convention will meet at the Second Baptist church in Ranger on the 10 and Sunday in April, which is April 11. There will be no Saturday night meetings.

JAS HEART ATTACK

Mrs. J. R. Slaughter, wife of Rev. J. R. Slaughter of Eastland, suffered a severe heart attack last Friday night. She was taken to the sanitarium at Gorman, but was brought back to her home in Eastland Tuesday and at last reports was getting along as well as could be expected. Doctors ordered her to remain in bed for 90 days.

Armed Guards In
The Navy Learn
Water Tricks

SEATTLE, (AP)—A new school to teach U. S. Navy armed guards how to ward off sharks and convert their pants into water wings has been established here.

Purpose of the school is to prepare the seamen for problems arising when ships are sunk by enemy bombs or torpedoes. The sailors are taught how to swim safely out of flames, zip off preservers and make motions to fighting sharks.

The classes, first of their kind in the country, have been started at Seattle's YMCA and the object of the course depends on how long the sailor's vessel is in port.

"They're great swimmers, but most of them can't swim more than the 75 yards taught at boot camp," said C.P.O. Harry Wyckoff, the instructor. "They have to learn to pull off their trousers, in the water in case their ship goes down."

"They are taught to jump, not dive, from deck so that they won't crack heads with other men already in the water. They learn to puff off their trousers, tie knots at the bottom of the legs and swishing the trousers over their heads into the water to fill the legs full of air and form water wings. They keep the air-filled legs upward and lay their bodies between the legs."

"If burning oil is on the water they duck-dive, swim under water as long as they can hold their breath. Then they surface for a new breath by churning the water with their hands to break a hole in the flames."

"When sharks come, they band together and splash the water with hands and feet. This scares the sharks away."

Use of rubber life rafts, similar to the type Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker used, also is taught the seamen.

Representatives
Are Looking To
49th Session

AUSTIN, March 32.—Two members of the Texas house are already looking ahead to the 49th legislature which opens in January, 1945. Reps. Virgil Goodman and H. A. (Salty) Hull have announced that they are candidates for the 49th house speaker-ship. A third member, Rep. Dallas Blankenship of Dallas, has indicated that he may also enter the race to succeed present Speaker Price Daniel of Liberty.

Friends of Goodman, who is a salesman and firearm inventor, say that he has a fair list of members already pledged to vote for him. Goodman is the inventor of an automatic rifle which was tested by Army officials before the War Department adopted the Garand rifle. This is Goodman's second term in the house.

Hull has not yet started circulating petitions among members for support. This is Hull's third term in the legislature. He was a member during the 45th and 46th sessions, was defeated as a candidate for the 47th, but returned this year. Hull is listed in the House Directory as "businessman."

Denton College
Will Present A
Piano Series

DENTON, Texas, March 31.—One of the most ambitious piano series ever undertaken in the Southwest, a Ten-program Beethoven Festival, is now in rehearsal on the campus of North Texas State, always a pioneer in collegiate music.

Scheduled for April presentation, the unique Festival will embrace the 32 sonatas and the 5 concertos of Beethoven. Silvio Scionti, colorful Sicilian-born concert pianist who was added to the NTSTC music staff last fall, will direct the series, assisted by the entire music faculty.

The Festival includes programs on April 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18. The concertos, which will be performed by the student pianists and the college Symphony Orchestra, will be presented on Sunday, April 11, and Sunday, April 18.

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Retail Buying
Reaches Peak In
January, February

AUSTIN, Tex. Mar. 30.—Retail buying in Texas during the normally quiet months of January and February was comparable to the Christmas buying rush has been reported by Dr. F. A. Buechel, statistician for the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

"Wide publicity during recent months regarding impending scarcities in many lines of food, clothing, and other classes of merchandise in every day use, combined with inadequate controls on consumption, has contributed still further toward inflation," Dr. Buechel warned.

In Texas, the gain from last year in retail department and apparel store sales amounted to 99.2 per cent in February, and to 57.4 per cent for the two months of January and February combined as compared with a similar period of last year. The increase from January, 1943, to February amounted to 26.4 per cent.

All phases of industry and trade, except runs of crude oil to stills, showed similar gains during February over the same month of last year. Dr. Buechel pointed out. The index figure on employment for February was 139.3 as compared with 112.9 a year ago; on payrolls, 216.9 as compared with 149.

The composite business index, with employment, payrolls, miscellaneous freight carloadings, runs of crude oil to stills, department store sales, and electric power consumption as its factors, was 187.9 in February, 1943, as compared with 134.8 in February, 1942, and 178.4 in January of this year.

Battle Of Words
Is Warming Up

AUSTIN, Tex. Mar. 30.—The annual spring battle of words is on at the University of Texas, with students warming up for a series of debate and oratorical contest. Ellwood Giescom, chairman of the speech department has announced.

Already underway are a series of inter-society debates among members of the three men's debate societies, while a four-man debate squad is representing the University in the annual Missouri Valley Tournament at Lawrence, Kansas.

Still to come are the Wilmot Declaration Contest, open to all freshman men and women students, and the Battle of Flowers Oratory Contest, to be held in San Antonio in April.

GETS HIS ROTC RIFLE

CAMP ROBERTS, Cal. (UP)—A soldier's best friend, according to the Army, is his rifle. So when Pvt. Frederick A. Timmons, 45, of San Francisco, when he was assigned his rifle for fighting purpose, was handed the same Springfield rifle which he had used in his 1940 ROTC training days, he decided that this "friend was a friend indeed." The rifle had been reclaimed by the government from ROTC service for issuance to the Army.

Officer Suggests
Work To Be Done
Clean-Up Week

AUSTIN, March 30.—Governor Coke R. Stevenson has named April 4 to 10 Health and Clean-Up Week by official proclamation, and expressing his appreciation for this act, Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, declared today. "The old adage that cleanliness is next to Godliness" from the practical standpoint is well worth emphasizing."

Cities and towns in Texas will observe this week by conducting clean-up programs of far-reaching range. Scheduled to be included in their activities are cleaning, draining, graveling streets and alleys, cleaning parks and playgrounds and clearing off vacant lots.

"Destruction of mosquito breeding places and fire hazards, and the proper disposal of garbage and trash will be encouraged," D. Cox said, "as well as a thorough spring house-cleaning for cities and homes. Good housekeeping and ordinary sanitary measures demand the prompt removal of all waste matter in and around yards and homes in order to keep the premises clean. This will eliminate fire hazards and help to prevent the spread of many diseases, and no doubt much scrap material will be collected which will aid in our war effort."

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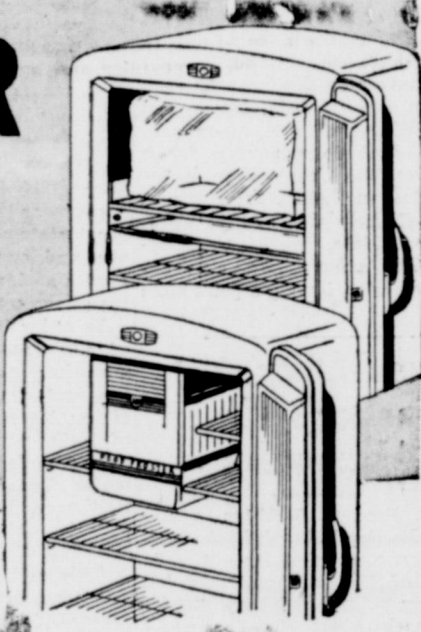
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A PIN-POINT FOCUS

Sunday evening at eight o'clock the theme will be "Life With A Pin-Point Focus". Some think this is the better of the two Sunday services. Were you to cultivate attending it, you might find it so too. It would be good to share with you in it.

STEWARDS ATTEND

It was helpful to have the following stewards in last Sunday evening's service: Earl Bender, Frank Crowell, T. M. Collier, W. F. Davenport, R. C. Ferguson, Bert E. McGlamery, Ed Williams, R. V. Galloway, John W. Jackson, Neil Moore, W. E. Cooper. Nearly half of the Board were present. That helps.

YEARBOOK PROGRAM

The Yearbook Program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at three Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. W. Young in charge.

OFFICERS OF INTERMEDIATES

At a business meeting Monday afternoon the following officers were elected by the intermediate department: Billy Jack Daffern, president; Betty Mae Overby, vice-president; Roberta Hall, secretary; Mary Halkias, treasurer. Mrs. T. M. Collier is Counselor of the group.

ANOTHER YOUTH CLASS

The pastor will meet with a group of children and youth during the week of April 11 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Monday through Friday, for instruction in the meaning of the Christian life and church membership. While the class primarily is for those who will join the church on Palm Sunday, April 18, others are invited to attend. Books for the youth may be secured from the pastor. Parents and teachers, cooperate, please.

PERKINS DRESS-UP ROOM

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. M. Perkins, themselves and at their own expense, have done some painting in and dressing up of the senior department room. It now is a most inviting corner of the church. We thank them for their interest and practical service.

BASEMENT REPAIRS

The Board of Education recommended and the Board of Stewards authorized extensive repairs on brightening up of our unattractive basement where the intermediate youth meet. Mr. Virgil T. Seaberry, Mr. Earl Bender, Mr. R. L. Perkins, and the pastor, were appointed by the Board of Stewards to draw up the layout of the repairs.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The Intermediate Epworth League is meeting at seven Sunday evenings. Encourage your youth between 12 and 15 to be in these meetings. Why not send them to the League and meet them at the church for the evening service at eight?

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ABSTRACTERS

Eastland 1923-1942 Texas

Texas Baptist Convention is Debt Free



Executive Secretary W. W. Melton (extreme left) looks on as Treasurer R. A. Springer (extreme right) gives to Paul Danna (seated) the Convention's check for \$33,000 and receives in return the last note marked "Paid in Full". Dr. George J. Mason, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas, and former Convention treasurer (second from right), and Mrs. LaVerne Tittle, bookkeeper, are shown witnessing the transaction.

THE BAPTIST HERALD

First Baptist Church
H. J. Starnes, Pastor

We feel grateful for the good attendance at both services last Sunday. The morning, crowds seem to be on the increase. The night's service holds its own as to numbers. We trust that more of our people will form the habit of being present at both services. There is a place for each one and no one else can fill that place. A full house is inspiring to all and a tonic to the work of the church. We were glad to have a number of visitors present last Sunday. A cordial welcome is extended to one and all.

Rev. David Phillips and some of his workers from Ranger are leading the church in a fine way in a T. U. Training School. Those in attendance enjoy it to the fullest. This should result in the building up of the Training Union. This work of our church is worthy of our best support.

It has been our hope to have at least 300 in Sunday School by Easter Sunday. However, this cannot be realized by mere hoping. It will require effort on the part of every officer, teacher, and pupil. Have you tried to enlist another? Are you one that should be in Sunday School somewhere? Why allow negligence to rob us of the best things of life?

The regular deacon's meeting and business meeting of the church were postponed until next week on account of the Training School. Let the deacons remember to be present Monday at 8 p. m. Then on Wednesday following will be the time for the monthly church conference.

Many have expressed their gratitude for the privilege of having Bro. J. I. Cartledge with the church in June for a revival. He is appreciated by the people of Eastland. Let us plan now to give him the fullest support in the matter of preparation, prayer and work.

A number from our church attended the Y.W.A. Houseparty at Abilene last week. They report a good time. Some of our girls contributed a special number in song to the program.

The Pastor will preach at Mangum Saturday night. The public is cordially invited to worship with those good people on this and other occasions.

A mission study for the Juniors and Intermediates in connection with an all day outing is being planned for April 10. A good time and a profitable time is assured for all.

We are borrowing this thought which we feel is worth thinking about: I have united with the church in solemn covenant. I have pledged to it my prayers, my interest, my spiritual assistance, my presence at its services and a definite portion of my income for its support. Should I not keep my pledge I will immediately bring an injury upon my church. The non-church-goer reads my life like a book. It is the only sermon he ever receives. I should be very careful as to the kind of sermon my life is preaching to the world. The apostle said: that Christians are living epistles known and read of all men.

PRAIRIE DOGS NUMEROUS... DUNCAN, Okla. (UP).—County Agent Divine reports there are 75 prairie dogs "towns" in Stephens county that should be eradicated. He announced farmers could purchase at cost some poison which he has mixed to kill the rodents.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

The Times has received a letter from Cpl. J. D. Heyes who is stationed at the Goodfellow Field in San Angelo. Heyes stated that he was working hard to "keep 'em flying."

He also enclosed in his letter a letter which he had received from Sgt. Bobby Robinson, who before entering the service was employed by the Lone Star Producing Company in Ranger. Because of its interesting news it is printed here.

New Guinea, March 14.

Dear J. D.—
Was sure glad to hear from you again and figured if I answered your letter pronto you'd do likewise.

First, let me congratulate you on your promotion and hope you've got another one by the time you get this. Hope you are successful in getting to go to school. Who knows, we might get together in this thing yet.

Since the censors have sorta lifted the ban on our letter writing, I can give you kind of an idea what I have been doing. To date, I have official credit in the destruction of two zero fighters. Five airplanes of us were attacked by 15 zeros over a convoy of Jap ships trying to land troops and supplies at Lae on the N. E. coast of New Guinea. We shot down 5 of them and, incidentally, got a hole about the size of a five gallon can blown in our tail structure, but made it back o. k. They threw ack-ack at us something awful and with the Zeros swarming around at the same time, it makes it rather uncomfortable up there, but we just go on and give 'em hell. No doubt you heard about us sinking the complete convoy lately. We were pretty proud of that job. The Japs were so surprised that they didn't even know which way to shoot, there were so many airplanes out there. Have had some pretty close calls, but so far everything has been o. k.

Have been on several bombing missions, but bombing convoys is the toughest job we've had yet. They really protect them. Can you imagine me up there blazing away at zeroes? It's sure a lot more exciting and dangerous than sitting in the back of the store like we used to do, but wish we were there now. That will give you some idea of what you might be getting into so you can be governed accordingly.

Last but not least I hope this finds you well. Keep the letters coming.

Thanks a million for the Christmas package; hope I get it soon. Tell Nona Hello for me. Your pal, —BOB—

NASHVILLE ARMY AIR CENTER (AAFCC) March 27—Cadet Austin H. Furse, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Furse, of Eastland, has entered the Classification Center here.

At the Center Cadet Furse will take physical and psychological examinations to determine for which branch of the air force service, bombardiering, navigating or piloting, he is best fitted. Physical training, academic study, and military drill are also part of cadet training at the Center. This is the first step in a training program that will eventually graduate Cadet Furse as a commissioned officer, with wings, in the Army Air Forces.

Cadet Furse is a graduate of Eastland High School where he was captain of the football team. He attended Yale University and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The Times has received word from Warren A. Cozby at Douglas, Arizona, who is formerly of Ranger, that his son, Warren R. Cozby will be graduated from the Army Flying School at Yuma, Arizona on April 12.

Young Cozby was reared in Ranger and is a graduate of Ranger High School and Ranger Junior College.

Aviation Cadet Roland L. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perkins of 211 College Ave., Eastland has completed approximately one-third (1-3) of his Pilot Training and will soon report to an Air Corps Basic Flying School in Newport, Arkansas, for the intermediate phase of his flying training. Before entering the Air Corps, Cadet Perkins attended Eastland High School and North Texas State Teacher's College.

He was active in Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Elks, and was a member of Masonic Lodge at Ranger, where he managed a retail lumber yard. Upon completion of his Basic and Advanced Training, he will be given his wings and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. H. L. Quinn from her son, Roten, who is somewhere in Australia:

Dear Mother—
Well, I am leaving the Hospital and am going back to my Squadron. My Squadron is now in—I haven't received any mail since about 6 weeks ago. They are holding it in my squadron, so I am anxious to get back to get my mail.

I saved \$435.00 while I was in New Guinea. I deposited it with the army Finance Department and cannot draw it out until I am discharged from the army. I believe I told you about my promotion to staff sergeant.

Love, —ROTEN.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beck of Route 2, Ranger have received word that their son, Oliver Odell Beck, seaman second class, has arrived safely at a station somewhere in the South Pacific.

Henry P. Ball of Ranger has completed a course of study at the Aviation Metallurgy School at Norman, Oklahoma and has been promoted to third class petty officer. He has been sent from Norman to Goat Island, San Francisco, California.

GEIGER FIELD, March 31.—2nd Lt. Fred G. Montgomery is now on active duty with the Army Air Forces at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash. Lt. Montgomery's home address is Box 411, Ranger, Texas. He entered the Army 3-19-42 and was formerly a retail store manager.

FARRAGUT, Idaho, March 26.—James Allan Houghton, husband of Mrs. J. Houghton, 8804 Cherry St., Ranger, Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Houghton of the same address, has reported to this U. S. Naval Training Station this week.

During the weeks he is in training at the Station located in the beautiful country of Northern Idaho, he will be taught the fundamentals of seamanship and undergo intensive physical hardening.

Upon graduating from recruit training, he will either be selected for further specialized training in one of the many Navy Service Schools or transferred directly to the fleet for action against the enemy.

FT. KNOX, Ky. Mar. 23.—Upon orders of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the Armored Force, a new class of soldier students had reported at the Armored Force School today to take a special course in the Wheeled Vehicle Department.

New students include: Sgt. Claude D. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Cox, Ranger. The Armored Force School, of which Col. J. K. Holly is commandant, trains thousands of officer and enlisted technicians who perform the specialist tasks in the Army's mobile, powerful armored divisions. One of the largest technical schools in the world, it graduates several times more students each year than the largest civilian universities.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown of Eastland have received a letter from their son, Lt. Parker Brown of the U. S. Army Air Corps, stating that he is in Alaska and getting along splendidly.

Lt. Sidney Narvin Fowler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Fowler Sr., of Eastland, arrived Thursday of last week to spend his furlough with home folks. He will report at San Diego on April 8 and will leave Eastland about April 1. He is senior ranking lieutenant commander in the cadet regiment.

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Pvt. Royce L. McCleskey of Ranger, son of Roy McCleskey,

Farm Families To Get Certificates Of Enlistment

COLLEGE STATION, March 24.—Certificates of enlistment for all-out food production will be awarded Texas farm families who have enlisted in this year's Food for Freedom program.

The 11x14 inch certificate, which has been signed by Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, will be presented to farm families by local county USDA war boards after the completion of the 1943 farm sign-up campaign.

The 1943 farm plan, which Texas farmers and ranchers now are filling out in all sections of the state, will be the basis for making the award. This drive, aimed at obtaining maximum production of food and feed from each farm and ranch is to be completed this month.

"It is a simple word of appreciation and encouragement to the fighting units of the food front, the nation's farm families," B. F. Vance, chairman, Texas USDA War Board, said in explaining the purpose of the certificate. He pointed out that for three years in a row farm operators and their families have broken all production records with emphasis on the war-needed crops and meats.

GIRLS TOLD TO WAIT

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UP).—Almost the entire feminine membership of a Cheyenne high school swamped the Marine recruiting office here recently after an erroneous rumor was circulated that the new organization of "Women Marines" was accepting 17-year-old boys may sign up for Marine service, the recruiter told the disappointed girls they must wait until they are at least 20.

Strawn Road, Ranger, Texas, has arrived at Texas A. & M. College for course of Army Air Force instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Forces. During this period he will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of the course he will be classified as a pilot, navigator or bombardier and go on to schools of the Flying Training Command for training in these specialties.

FT. MONMOUTH, N. J.—Second Lieutenant Troy M. Bruce, a graduate of the Officer Candidate Department of the Eastern Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He successfully completed the course of instruction for Officer Candidate and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States on March 23, 1943. He is now assigned for duty with the Signal Corps. Lieutenant Bruce was a former resident of Big Spring, Texas, and resided at 1404 Nolan Street. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bruce, Ranger, Texas.

IN the case of Andrew and Philip, at least, the motive power is evidently found in the teaching and influence of John the Baptist. These young fishermen had been drawn to that rugged, youthful prophet, who came from the wilderness proclaiming that the Messiah was at hand, and two disciples heard John say as they looked upon Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God."

At that moment their decision was made and their destiny was settled.

One of the two that heard John speak, and followed Jesus, was Andrew. We are not told who the other was. Did he too become an Apostle or was he among those who turned back at the last moment, appalled by the completeness of the sacrifice?

Concerning Andrew, we do not have a great deal in further New Testament records. But Andrew brought his own brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and the more forceful of the two brothers has a very conspicuous place.

It is quite possible that their strong belief in Jesus as the Messiah and their conviction that He was about to establish a Kingdom on earth may have influenced these fishermen in following Him. We have the picture of the mother of Zebedee's children coming and asking places of power and preferment for her sons; but the depth of their loyalty to Jesus was beyond anything inspired by worldly ambition for, when their Master went to the Cross and their dream of a world empire vanished, they gave all their allegiance to the "Kingdom not of this world."

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Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Bible Study.
11:00 A. M.—Preaching.
8:00 P. M.—Preaching.
Monday
3:00 P. M.—Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday
8:00 P. M.—Bible Study.
Sermon subjects for Sunday, April 4:
11:00 a. m.—"Calvin, Henry VIII and Wesley."
8:00 p. m.—"Wherefore Lift Up the Hands."
Come! Come! Come!

The Church of God

At Lamar and West
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W. E. Hallenbeck, Pastor

Program for the week:
Sunday
Sunday School—10:00 A. M.
Preaching—11:00 A. M.
Young People's Meeting at 7:15 P. M.
Evening Services at 8:00 P. M.
Wednesday
Midweek prayer services at 7:45 P. M.

Church of The Nazarene

700 South Lamar Street
Fred G. Stockton, Pastor

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Mr. Gordon Wadley, superintendent. There were 35 in the Sunday school choir last Sunday.
Preaching 11:00 a. m. by the pastor.
NYPs 7:30 p. m. Mr. Albert Rains president. They had a great lesson on the effects of alcohol last Sunday.
Preaching 8:15 p. m. Evangelistic. There were 3 in the altar last Sunday evening.
Mid week prayer service Wednesday 8:00 p. m. This is the people's service. Come pray and testify or what is on your heart.
WFMS each Thursday 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Coventon, president. The Missionary Ladies are having real spiritual services.
We invite you to worship with a friendly church.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Homer Starnes, Pastor

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
7:00 p. m. Training Union.
8:00 p. m. Evening worship.
Monday:
3:30 p. m.—W. M. S. and G. A.
Wednesday
8:00 p. m. Mid-Week Service.
Thursday:
7:00 p. m.—Choir practice.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. B. Blunk, Pastor

Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Men's Bible class, Judge Clyde Grissom, teacher, 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship and communion service, 11:00 a. m.
Young People's Choir, Sunday's 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
Missionary Society on Mondays at 3:00 p. m.
Board meetings second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p. m.
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Society Clubs

WCS HAS VISITING DAY
The WCS of the Methodist church spent the regular meeting day Monday visiting the sick and the new residents in town.

Mrs. E. E. Wood
To Be Hostess To The W.M.S.

The W.M.S. of the First Christian church will meet Monday, April 5, at 3:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. E. Wood.

Eastern Star Meeting
Tuesday Night, April 6

Mrs. T. E. Cooper, Worthy Matron, announces a regular meeting of the Eastern Star for Tuesday night, April 6 at 8:00. Mrs. Ligon To Head

Martha Dorcas Class

Mrs. Ella Ligon, newly elected president of the Martha Dorcas class of the Methodist church, will preside over the class Sunday morning. The class presented Mrs. Geo. Cross, outgoing president, a nice gift last Sunday.

Mrs. Veon Howard, Jeanine and Ted, left Tuesday afternoon for Orange where they will join Mr. Howard, who is employed there and where they will make their future home. The family sold their Eastland home to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hood.

Mrs. Frank Castleberry, Herman Hague, and Iola Mitchell attended the annual meeting of the WCS of the Methodist church at Fort Worth, which opened Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slaughter are the parents of a daughter, Judy Kay, born Saturday, March 20. Judy Kay weighed 7 pounds at birth.

Mrs. Joseph M. Weaver had as her guests last week Mrs. Samuel Butler, Mrs. Charles Bell and Mrs. T. H. Hammond of Wellsburg, Va. They were en route to San Antonio to visit Mrs. Butler's son who is in the U. S. Air Corps there.

Mrs. W. B. Lee, daughter, Miss Ruby, and grand-daughter, Dawn Lee, of Snyder, were guests first of the week of Mrs. Ella Ligon and daughter, Jessie Lee.

Mrs. John Turner has returned from Paris where she had been at her mother's bedside. Her mother is reported as improving.

Mrs. Montie Parks of Fort Worth was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Satterwhite Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Satterwhite, Mrs. R. B. Brady, and Mrs. Mae H. Hinson, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Gibson in Rising Star.

Mrs. Jack Kilian of East Lansing, Michigan, and little son, Bobbie, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed T. Cox, Sr.

Credit Sales for February Are Low

AUSTIN, Tex. Mar. 30.—The ratio of credit sales to net sales in Texas department stores continued last month at a lower level than during the corresponding month of last year, Dr. F. A. Buechel, University of Texas Bureau of Business Research statistician, has announced.

The 53 stores included in the Bureau survey reported 53 per cent credit sales as compared with 63.1 per cent credit sales in February, 1942. Collections of outstanding accounts continued favorably, too, with the ratio for February, 1943, standing at 64.6 as compared with 41.7 in 1942.



George Montgomery and Gene Tierney in their starring vehicle "China Girl" from Twentieth Century-Fox. Lynn Bari and Victor McLaglen are also starred in the picture which will be screened at the Lyric theatre here beginning Friday.

Mexico City With No Food Points Attracts Many

By EDWARD P. MORGAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
MEXICO CITY, April 1.—(UP).—War may be hell, but you would never believe it to look at this "wartime" capital of nearly two million people. Mexico City is the only major metropolis left in the hemisphere without rationing of any kind. Prices have climbed, but there is more money in circulation and the capital has assumed curiously an unmistakable carnival air.

People are coming here to forget—or escape—the war, not to feel it. The normal tourist traffic of school teachers, the onerous American motorist and the like, have dropped off nearly to zero, but a new kind of wartime travel has taken its place in boom proportions. Scores of Americans, alone and with their families, have been pouring into Mexico City to stay for the duration. They include many people who in pre-war days were known as the "international set" on the Riviera, in Shanghai and Singapore. They include also a sprinkling of would-be draft dodgers, but their number is being gradually reduced as result of a Mexico-Washington agreement on mutual check-up of "eligibles" for army service.

Mexico installed its own draft after declaring war on the Axis 10 months ago and draft-age

foreigners may find themselves caught in it.

Many U. S. Airmen

You see more and more American uniforms on capital streets. Mostly they are U. S. Army Air Corps Men, on their way to or from Caribbean duty or here on furlough. Their wives come down from the United States and they spend a brief vacation sightseeing in Mexico.

There is a constant stream of U. S. government "experts" traveling to Mexico and other Latin-American countries on official missions, buying strategic materials or attempting to iron out priorities for Latin-American consumption.

Troops In China To Get Only 'V-Mail' By Air

By ROBERT P. MARTIN
United Press Staff Correspondent
CHUNGKING (UP).—Washington has given United States troops stationed in China two blows, both of which emphasized the shortage of air transports and the strict military priority in air transportation between the U. S. and China.

One order said that only "V-mail" will be sent via air. Other letters, including even those air-mailed from interior points in the U. S., will be sent to India via boat and then by air into China. "V-mail" for China will be processed in India and flown on, since processing facilities are unavailable here.

V-mail is photographed on mi-

American Legion Approves The Legislature

AUSTIN, March 26.—Whatever some people think about this legislature, the American Legion is ready to pin some sort of a medal on it. Chairman George S. Berry, Legion legislative chairman, said in a report to the committee that the legislators are doing an "excellent" job.

The Legion legislative program is not entirely concerned with benefits for soldiers and ex-soldiers. One of its sponsored measures is a child welfare bill setting up county advisory councils to prevent the spread of juvenile delinquency.

Other members backed by the Legion call for increased appropriation for the veterans' state service office, creation of the office of county service officer, extension to veterans of World War Two of the state college tuition exemption allowed veterans of the First World War, and a civilian defense bill giving official status and protection to various persons engaged in civilian defense activities.



EASTLAND—Two Eagle awards made to Scouts Estes and John Halkais of troop 6. Troop 103 had charge of the arrangements.

RANGER—Troop 53 helped with the Red Cross campaign also contributed to the fund. "A real Good Turn."

BRECKENRIDGE—Over 250 Scouts and their parents, brothers, sisters, and sweethearts attended the Court of Honor and Parent night program. Carl Peterson, District chairman, opened the meeting, introducing C. W. Waller, who presided over the Court of Honor. Judge E. J. Miller, Brownwood, president of the Comanche Trail Council, addressed the meeting. The Sea Scouts had charge of the arrangements. Troops from Kippers Corners, Caddo and Breckenridge attended.

CISCO—Parent's night Court of Honor, with O. L. Stamey, chairman of the Court of Honor presiding. Karl Armstrong, troop 101, received the Eagle award. Troop 49 had charge of the opening and troop 101 the closing ceremonies.

RISE STAR—Held a Board of Review—now waiting for the Court of Honor date. This troop

microfilm in the United States and is then flown to processing centers abroad, where the negatives are printed).

The second blow ordered that no packages can be shipped to China without written permission of the commanding officers in this theater of operations. Permission will be given only for necessities which are not purchasable here, but candy and tobacco are outlawed.

One sergeant ruefully recalling his arrival in China last year, said he waited three months prior to receiving mail shipped by boat, before air service was inaugurated. "Boy," this makes us the last stop on the main line," he added.

Civilian Mail FASTER
Adding insult to injury, civilian mail arrives now in an average of from 15 to 20 days, while experience in India shows "V-mail" takes three weeks to a month.

One corporal here suggested the Army might use the boats on short run to Africa for mail, giving air priority to letters addressed to men in China, who are certainly the farthest distance from home.

PASSES THE SNUFF CAN
LUBBOCK, Tex. (UP).—The old Army custom of handing around cigars on receiving a promotion has been given a touch of the mountains by a lad from the Ozarks. On getting his private first class stripe at the South Plains Army Flying School, he accosted his buddies and invited them all to have a dip from his snuff can.

also helped with Red Cross. STEPHENVILLE—Scoutmasters Cox and Evans congratulated by Mr. L. W. Phillips, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for the splendid work they are doing with troops 39 and 41. A Court of Honor is due soon.

LAMPASAS—The Cubs under the direction of Rev. Janek are really going strong, much advancement. Troop No. 33 is due to reregister this month.

SAN SABA—Troop 55 reports that they went on an overnight hike not so long ago, Campbell Ford, County Atty., is Scoutmaster.

GOLDTHWAITE—Scoutmasters, Rev. Bryant and Stough are getting this troop underway again. BILLY GIBBONS pictures were recently shown to the troop and all present expressed a desire to go to camp this summer.

DE LEON—Scoutmaster Locke is doing good work, we hope to have a report on a project, this troop is doing, next week.

GORMAN—This troop under the direction of Scoutmaster McHaffey are planning on a Court of Honor and are showing good work.

New Jail Fails To Please Inmates

BONHAM, Texas, March 31.—(UP).—There is more than standing room available in the Bonham City Jail.

Not long ago, times used to arise when the jail was full and the SRO sign was hanging out. But then the jail was torn down. A new one, costing approximately \$100,000 went up in its place. Evidently though, when the old jail went, something must have gone with it. It's old stand-by inmates don't like it any more.

Last week the jailer complained he was without a boarder in the city's newest building.

IT'S THE BROOKLYN ACCENT

LOS ANGELES (UP).—One of the champion welders at the Douglas Aircraft Co., its official affirm, is a left-handed Chinese girl who talks with a Brooklyn accent—and is pretty. She is Miss Jennie Lee and is an avid fan of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. She passed a rigid examination before she got her journeyman welder's "A" rating. She is also a champion southpaw bowler and as a hobby collects jinx recordings.

Political Announcements

The following persons have announced their candidacy for places on the Eastland City Commission at the coming election, April 6: Victor Cornelius, D. J. Fiensy, Parks Poe, W. C. Campbell.

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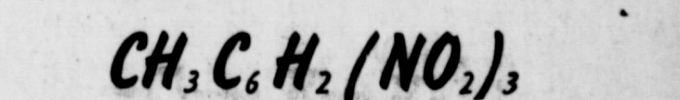
Announcing Change of Prices for Children's Haircuts
On and after April 1 the Undersigned Eastland Barbers will charge 35c each for children's haircuts.

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Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Brownwood, Texas

WARTIME NIGHT COURSES
NEW YORK, (UP).—Opportunity to register for courses introduced to meet current wartime needs has been extended to the more than 4,100 students registered in the evening and extension session of Hunter College here. Elementary Chinese and elementary Polish are being offered, in addition to courses in military Spanish and Italian. Postwar problems of world organization will be offered, together with courses in the history of American naval affairs.



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LATEST WAR NEWS-COLOR CARTOON
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