

# The Devil's River News

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SIXTEENTH WEEK

## 8 Registrants Placed In I-A

Eight men were placed in I-A, when the county Selective Service Board met on Monday to reclassify registrants. The men and their new classifications are as follows:

- 1-A: Ricardo S. Zepeda, Librado Guerra, Manuel Villarrial, Eugene Lewellen, Domingo Seniz, Hollis J. Long, Alfred Bermea and Selvestino Gonzalez;
- 2-A: John W. Farley, Artie M. Adams, Odie E. Smith, Tafello Jacinto, Claude Prater and Jesus Esquibel;
- 2-A-h: Jose Flores;
- 1-C: Howard C. Kirby, Jesse Powell, John A. Nisbet, Clyde Henderson, Hubert Fields, Selvestino Gandar, Lusiano G. Gonzales and Jose Lopez;
- 3-C: Patricio Rodriguez and Preston Love;
- 4-F: Ervin Willman, Arnulfo Virgen and James McLaughlin.

## Dr. Cox Cites Measles Danger

Austin, Texas, Feb. 10.—The incidence of measles in Texas last week was shown as more than 50 percent above the seven year median, in a statement issued by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Any contagious disease can spread to epidemic proportions," Dr. Cox warned, "if proper care is not used to isolate the patient, and protect others from exposure."

Dr. Cox said that measles had not approached even a near-epidemic stage as yet; nevertheless he wanted to emphasize the need for proper nursing and strict compliance with quarantine laws, in order to prevent its widespread appearance.

Measles alone is not necessarily a dangerous disease, Dr. Cox stated, but serious complications, such as streptococcus, mastoiditis, and pneumonia which frequently follow, make it a disease to be carefully nursed, with close attention from a doctor.

"Unskilled treatment of a plain case of measles can result in complications which often kill," Dr. Cox warned, "and it is not to be regarded lightly as simply another childhood disease."

Dr. Cox urged parents to watch exposed children carefully, and at the first sign of temperature, flushed face, sniffles, or watering eyes, advised that the child be put to bed immediately and placed under a doctor's care.

## Scouts Present Chapel Program

Members of Boy Scout Troop 19 presented the assembly program at the high school Wednesday morning, in celebration of National Boy Scout Week.

Scouts Robert Lovelace, Clayton Hamilton and Dickie Street presented the colors, and Dickie Street led the assemblage in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Bryan Hunt played the piano accompaniments to "Onward Christian Soldiers," sung by the Scouts, and "It's a Grand Old Flag," sung by James Theodore Hunt. Piano solos were played by Jimmy Cusenbary and Tommy Bond.

Twelve Scouts repeated the twelve Scout laws. These boys were Alain Boughton, Frankie Bond, George D. Chalk, Jr., Clayton Hamilton, Billy Wright Taylor, Gene Wallace, Nolan Gibbs, Jimmy Lightfoot, George Hamilton, B. M. Halbert, III, Charles Lea Cusenbary and Jackie Sharp.

## CLAY PUCKETT RECEIVES COMMISSION AT VIRGINIA MARINE BASE

Clay T. Puckett, who entered service with the Marine Corps in December, 1942, received his commission as a second lieutenant at the Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia, in graduation exercises held Wednesday afternoon.

Lt. Puckett received his boot training at the Marine Base, San Diego, California, later being sent to Quantico where he served, until entering Officer Candidate School, with the photographic section. He holds campaign ribbons for service in the American and African theaters of operations.

Betty June Drennan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Drennan, who underwent an appendectomy in a San Angelo hospital last Friday, is reported to be doing much better at this time.

## Hill Firemen Urge Increased Fire Prevention

### ASK STATE AID FOR TRAINING

Eldorado, Feb. 8.—Chief C. W. Taylor, president of the Hill County Firemen's Association, which met here Tuesday, appointed a committee of three to offer a resolution to the state association in their meeting in Waco this summer, stating that the present fire prevention educational campaign in Texas schools is insufficient. The firemen, representing 11 West Texas towns, adopted the resolution unanimously and called on the Texas legislature to increase appropriations so that an intensive educational program may be carried on in the school.

The three men named on the committee by Taylor are Chief Chester Cherry, Ballinger, chairman; Chief W. H. Franks, Menard, assistant, and Ray Salters, Brady, member.

Chief Elsie Cox of Eden was elevated from vice-presidency to serve as the 1944 president, and O. D. Tinsley of Mason, former second vice-president, will serve as first vice-president. Others elected to office are Salter, second vice-president, and the Reverend Leon D. Brown of Menard, chaplain.

Brady will be host city to the next meeting which will be held in August.

Chief speaker for the occasion was Olin Culberson, Texas Railroad Commission member and secretary to the Texas Volunteer Firemen's Association, who made an appeal that war guilt be placed on the Junkers rather than the German people. The Junkers, ruling landed class of Prussians, are the real makers of German policy. He said that some 13,000 Junkers, composing the German Staff Corps, "make and unmake Germany."

Memorial services were conducted in the afternoon by the Reverend S. M. Bailey of Miles, for E. A. Miller, member of the Ballinger volunteer department for 11 years.

John M. Hankins of Junction, who was reelected secretary-treasurer, reported that the organization had a cash balance of \$66. Hankins organized the association, served as the first president in 1938, and has served as secretary-treasurer since that time.

Other speakers on the program were Chief Cherry, former chief of the Texas association, and Bayne Satterfield, Austin, director of the firemen's pension, who praised the work volunteer departments are doing.

Between convention speeches, vocal and piano selections were given by Eldorado school students.

Between twenty and twenty-five members and their wives from the Sonora department attended the meeting, banquet and dance.

## Lions See Movie At Tues. Meeting

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," a moving picture shown at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday, portrayed man's discovery and development of scientific means of preserving food. The story began in Napoleonic France and continued through over one hundred and fifty years of experimenting, success and failure. This picture is one of a group of educational and informative films shown to the local club this year.

George H. Neill, head of the county War Finance Committee, announced that the county's Fourth War Loan quota had been topped. He then stressed the importance for citizens to continue buying bonds to the full extent of their abilities.

## AUBREY LOEFFLER ORDERED TO GEORGIA TECH

Aubrey Loeffler, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Loeffler, who is training with the Aeronautical Engineering Division of the Navy V-12 program at the University of Texas, has been ordered to report on March 1 for further training at Georgia Technological Institute, Atlanta, Ga.

Loeffler was an honor student during the two years he attended Sonora High School from which he graduated last May. In a recent examination given under the V-12 program, he made exceptionally high grades, ranking in the nation's upper five percent on the English section of the examination.

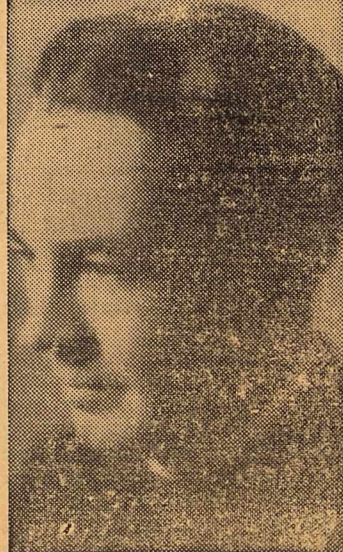
## Guadalcanal And Tarawa Veteran Is Promoted

Wood B. Kyle, brother of Mrs. Duke Wilson, has recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. The field promotion was recommended by his commanding officer for his services in the battle of Tarawa.

Lt. Col. Kyle is well known here, having visited here and having attended A. & M. College with several Sonora men. He graduated from A. & M. in 1936 with high scholastic and military honors.

He has been in foreign service for the past 19 months and is a veteran of the battle of Guadalcanal, for which he received the Purple Heart Medal. More recently he has been stationed in New Zealand.

### Boy Scouts' Speaker



BISHOP EVERETT H. JONES

## Bishop Jones To Conduct Scout Services

### RANCH DISTRICT TROOPS TO BE GUESTS

In celebration of National Boy Scout Week, Bishop Everett H. Jones of San Antonio, will conduct special Boy Scout services and deliver a sermon at the High School Auditorium Sunday, February 13. Also participating in the services will be a Boy Scout chorus.

At noon, after the services, a barbecue dinner will be served to the Scouts and their parents and visiting Scouts and their parents.

Other Sonora churches will not hold morning services on Sunday, and the public is invited to attend the Scout services at the school. Also guests will be Scouts, their parents, and their leaders from the other towns in the Ranch District.

In charge of arrangements for the barbecue are Scoutmaster Tom Fond, assistant Scoutmaster A. E. Prugel, and the Scout Committee, composed of B. M. Halbert, Jr., E. H. Cusenbary, George D. Chalk, G. H. Davis, B. W. Lovelace, E. D. Stringer and John Lee Nisbet.

## EPISCOPAL BISHOP TO HOLD CONFIRMATION SERVICES HERE SUNDAY

Bishop Everett H. Jones, of the West Diocese, will conduct confirmation services at St. John's Church here Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Accompanying Bishop Jones will be the Reverend Evans H. Moreland of Brady, Mrs. Jones, Moreland and Mrs. J. R. Hudson of Brownsville, who will hold a meeting with the women of the church Sunday afternoon at the Church at 3 o'clock.

An informal tea will be held Sunday night after services at the home of Mrs. C. G. Davis, honoring the visitors.

The services in Sonora are a part of the Bishop's official visitation to the Northern Convocation of the Diocese. His party will be in Sonora on Sunday, Fort McKavett on Monday, Menard on Tuesday, Junction on Wednesday, Llano on Thursday, San Saba on Friday and Brady on Saturday.

### 2 TO ENTER NAVY

Jesse Powell and H. C. Kirby will leave Monday for the Reception Center, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, where they will be inducted into the Navy. They will receive assignment duty there.

Of a group of five men receiving pre-induction physical examinations at the Induction Center on January 22, Powell and Kirby were accepted.



HORACE W. BUSBY

## Evangelist To Hold Meetings Here Feb. 20-27

To open a week of revival meetings at the Church of Christ here on Sunday, February 20, is the Reverend Horace W. Busby of Fort Worth, who has been preaching in West Texas towns for the past 24 years. This is the second year he has held services in Sonora, but he has, until last year, held annual meetings in Ozona. Meetings will be conducted each afternoon at the church at 3:30 and 8 o'clock.

In the past 24 years, Busby has held an average of 25 meetings a year and preached an average of 620 sermons annually. He has baptized into the Church 14,000 persons and has missed preaching only one Sunday during his career in the church.

Reared in a Presbyterian family, he did not join the Church of Christ until he was 20 years old. Thirty-two years ago he entered the ministry, entering the evangelistic field eight years later. He has held services in nearly all the states, but mainly in Texas and Oklahoma. It is his practice to go to the church which first asks for a specific period, and his calendar is usually filled two years ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. Busby are the parents of three children; Elden Busby, principal of a Fort Worth high school; Horace Jr., University of Texas student, and Mrs. Leo McClung, Fort Worth, who is the mother of their only grandchild, John Busby McClung.

## ALDWELL NISBETS ENLIST FOR NAVY SERVICES

Both Mr. and Mrs. John Aldwell Nisbet are now in the service of the United States Navy, since Mrs. Nisbet reported for duty with the WAVES at Hunter College, New York City, on Thursday.

Nisbet volunteered recently for Navy service and is stationed for boot training in San Diego, Calif.

## Red Cross Plans Blood Donations, War Fund Drive

### BLOOD DONORS WANTED AT ONCE

Local Red Cross members made plans for the March War Fund Drive and for getting blood donors to meet the mobile blood donor unit in Junction this month, when they met Tuesday and Wednesday nights with the St. Louis field representative, Miss Alice L. Marriott.

Tuesday night the War Fund campaign plans were made, and it was voted that letters be sent to citizens asking for contributions during the March drive; that window and poster displays be arranged at business houses; and that a personal solicitation program be carried out. Serving as head of the War Fund Drive activities is Alfred Schwiening.

On Wednesday, when plans were made to get a group of blood donors to meet the mobile blood unit that is to be in Junction soon, a committee of four was appointed to give information and to take the names of all prospective donors.

Those who wish to make donations should contact one of the following: Mrs. M. G. Shurley, chairman, Mrs. A. W. Awalt, Mrs. W. C. Gilmore or B. W. Lovelace, not later than Sunday evening, February 13.

Below is a resume of the requirements for blood donors and reasons for rejections. (Complete information should be received before donors sign for the trip to Junction).

AGE—Between 18 and 65 years. (Those between 18 and 21 must have parents consent unless married or in the Armed Forces).

WEIGHT—Must weigh over 100 pounds.

DIET—VERY IMPORTANT—During the six hours prior to the donation, donors should eat no butter, eggs, bacon, milk, cream, fried foods or any other foods containing fats.

CAUSES FOR REJECTIONS—Sore throats, colds, boils, skin rashes, frequent fainting, certain heart diseases, recent cases of rheumatic fever, tuberculosis, malaria in past 15 years, recent serious illness, communicative diseases;

ALSO, Post operative cases until 9 months after hospitalization, women within three days before or after menstrual period, nursing mothers, pregnant women or any member of the Armed Forces on flying status.

Visitors at the West Texas Utilities office here Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Huie Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kuykendall, of the W. T. U. general office, Abilene. They were enroute to Eagle Pass where their sons were to receive their silver wings and commissions in the Air Corps.

## County Tops Bond Quota With \$240,000 Sold

### \$91,000 SERIES E BONDS BOUGHT

Sutton County had topped its Fourth War Loan quota by Saturday, February 6, having bought and pledged \$240,000 in war bonds, \$91,000 of which was in Series E bonds. The total quota of \$227,400 had been exceeded by \$12,600, and the E bond quota exceeded by \$8,000.

Members of the County War Finance Committee, however, expressed the hope that the fact the quota had been topped would not stop citizens from buying more bonds. George H. Neill, chairman, made especial note of the fact that the state bond sales are still lagging and that state sales of the E bonds is behind the goal by 43 percent. Until the state quota is reached, he said, our responsibility is not fulfilled, even though we have topped our county goal.

Neill said that, to arouse more cooperation throughout the state in bond buying, a program will be broadcast over all Texas stations on Friday night, from 8 to 8:30 o'clock, giving the account of the late Lt. Col. W. E. Dyess of the imprisonment of the survivors of Bataan and Corregidor.

The county committee still expects bond purchases to be made by several families in the county who have not done so yet. These buyers are urged to come in and buy bonds at once.

## WAC Recruiting Team To Be Here Feb. 15

In a recent communication received by The Devil's River News from Lieutenant Matrine Armentor, of the WACs, who on Tuesday, February 15, 1944, will be in Sonora in the interest of WAC recruiting with a staff of enlisted personnel, she stated that the War Department has recently opened wide the doors of opportunity to the women of Texas to serve in the Woman's Army Corps.

Into more complete detail, Lieutenant Armentor said that it is now possible, due to the urgent need for women in the WACs, for an applicant to choose, if she so desires, the branch of the Army with which she wishes to serve, and the job she wants to do, with the added advantage of serving within the limits of the Service Command in which she was recruited.

"These amazing new opportunities," Lieutenant Armentor continued, "have been offered Texas women because the need for enlistments in the Corps is great, accompanied by the fact that to date, the WACs have proven they can do the job, and do it well."

The privilege of serving within the limits of the Service Command from which they are recruited, Lieutenant Armentor went on to say, "insures Texas women that if they so desire, they can serve in this vital, important branch of the Army and remain within three or four hundred miles of their home state."

Lieutenant Armentor, her letter to the Devil's River News, stated that when she and her staff of recruiters are in Sonora, all eligible women may contact her at the Post Office Building, for further information about the Women's Army Corps.

"Eligible women, those 20 to 49 inclusive, without dependents, or children under 14 years of age, and not in essential war work, can contribute to the war effort as WACs because they are serving directly with the Army of the United States," Lieutenant Armentor concluded.

With Lieutenant Armentor, when the recruiting unit arrives in Sonora, will be Staff Sergeant Edward Volkman and Sergeant Dollice Tucker.

## P. J. TAYLOR ELECTED GOLF CLUB PRESIDENT

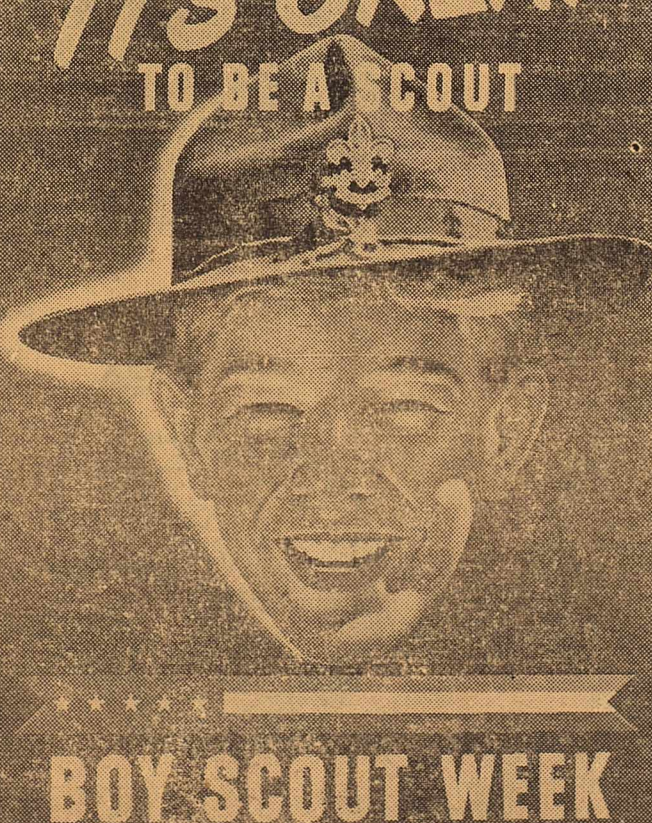
P. J. Taylor was elected president of the Sonora Golf Club when that organization voted on 1944 officers Wednesday, Feb. 2, in a meeting at the First National Bank.

Other officers elected were W. H. Dameron, vice-president; E. D. Stringer, Jack Mann and George Barrow, directors, and Miss Libby Jo Wallace, secretary-treasurer.

S. M. Kerbow reported that the club, which had previously purchased \$400 in War Bonds, will buy \$300 more in the Fourth War Loan.

### Scouts Mark 34th Anniversary

# IT'S GREAT TO BE A SCOUT



## BOY SCOUT WEEK

FEBRUARY 8-14

More than 1,600,000 Boy Scouts, Cubs and their adult volunteer leaders will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8 to 14, marking the 34th anniversary of the founding of Scouting in the United States. Since 1910, more than 11,400,000 American boys and men have agreed that—"It's Great to be a Scout!"



Announcements  
From The Churches



**METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday Program—  
 Men's Bible Class 9:30  
 Sunday School 9:45  
 Morning Worship 10:50  
 Youth Fellowship 7:15  
 Evening Worship 8:00  
 Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 3:00  
 Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday afternoon at the church.

**LOVELACES HAVE GUESTS**  
 Visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lovelace last week-end was their daughter, Miss Norma Lovelace,

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
 Evening Services, second Sunday, each month 7:30

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School 10:00  
 Morning Service 11:00  
 Evening Service 7:45  
 Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:45  
 W. M. U. each Wednesday 3:00  
 Ra's, Ga's and Sunbeams second and fourth Sunday afternoon 4:30

U. S. Cadet Nurse of the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo, and the Misses Fay Lucas and Adele Keet-daughter, of Ozona.

Mrs. D. L. Sloan Honored With Shower Wed.

At the close of the Baptist WMU meeting, held at the church Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. D. L. Sloan was honored with a gift shower. Games were played and refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Alfred Cooper and Mrs. Harvey Morris. Gifts were presented to the honoree by the following: Mmes. Dewitt Lancaster, C. E. Bailey, Bob Glasscock, Neill Roueche, Fern McGhee, W. E. Wright, J. E. Eldridge, Frank Lee, Amy Wilson, Jack Drennan, Bob Odom, G. G. Stephenson, J. W. Pepper, Francis Archer, S. E. Adams, Tommy Seals, Pete Cook, Rose Thorp, H. C. Kirby and D. L. Locklin.

In the meeting that preceded the shower, the WMU held a Royal Service program, the subject being "Africa Steps Into the World's Life." Talks on this subject were made by Mmes. Rip Ward, Wright, Eldridge, McGhee, Stephenson, Bailey and Odom. Each member wore a red heart inscribed with the words, "Keep Africa on your heart today". A special prayer was offered for Africa, and the group sang "Send the Light".

THE WOMAN'S PAGE Clubs • Parties • Features

PAT REILEY, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, February 11, 1944 The Devil's River News

Junior Music Club Organized

Ernest Carroll Stephen was elected president when the piano pupils of Mrs. W. E. Caldwell met Saturday, February 5, to organize a Junior Music Club. Other officers elected were Peggy Ann Wilman, vice-president; Flora Dell Davis, secretary, and Peggy Sue Reiley, reporter.

The program opened with the group singing "America", accompanied by Blanch Lavon Taylor at the piano, after which several piano selections were played by Peggy Ann Wilman, Blanch Lavon Taylor, Lois Ann Mann, Marilyn Mittel, Ernest Carroll Stephen and Norris Loeffler.

The group voted to meet on the first and third Saturday of each month, the next meeting being Saturday, February 19.

Visitors attending were Mmes. Ben Mittel, C. W. Taylor, J. C. Stephen and S. M. Loeffler.

Club Studies Italian Art

Mrs. Maysie Brown and Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh were hostesses to the Sonora Art Club Thursday night of last week in the home of Mrs. Brown.

After a short business meeting, Miss Margaret Barton directed the program, "Influence of Italian Art on American Homes". Architecture and Furniture was discussed by Mrs. Dorothy Norris, and Painting and Sculpture by Miss Dessie Parsons.

The hostesses served refreshments to the following members:

Mmes. C. C. Ball, E. A. Prugel, Norris, E. D. Stringer and Keith James; also Misses Mildred Mund, Melba Kleitches, Ura Mae Haggard, Emma Blundell, Barton and Parsons.

LEGION AUXILIARY, STUDY GROUP TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic Hall.

The Pan-American study group of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. G. H. Hall.

Mrs. W. H. Karnes Honored With Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. W. H. Karnes was honored guest when Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr. entertained with a bridge luncheon Thursday, February 3.

High score was held by Mrs. H. C. Kirby, and Mrs. R. A. Halbert won second high. Miss Alice Karnes won slam prize, Mrs. Fred Simmons won high cut and Mrs. R. C. Vicars second high cut. Mrs. Miers Savell held low score.

Present, beside those mentioned, were Mmes. B. M. Halbert, Jr., H. V. Stokes, Jack Mann, Tom Bond, W. B. McMillan, Ernest McClelland and Miss Betty Jane Casbeer of Lampasas.

A. & M. MOTHERS SEND \$5 TO COLLEGE HOSPITAL

The A. & M. Mothers' Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. I. B. Boughton, at which time it was voted to send five dollars to the A. & M. College hospital to buy books and magazines for the hospital library.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. O. L. Carpenter, J. V. Alley, H. C. Atchison and O. L. Richardson.

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A LOOK AT THE BOOK  
 By DR. BOB JONES, JR.

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Amaziah, King of Judah, was a "practical" man. He hired a hundred thousand mercenary soldiers from Israel, paying them one hundred talents of silver. These men were to join with his own armies in the wars of conquest which he planned, but God was opposed to the deal. He wanted Judah to be dependent upon Him and not upon hired soldiers. He sent a prophet to Amaziah, who said, "Let not the army of Israel go with thee, for the Lord is not with Israel" (II Chronicles 25:7). Amaziah heard the prophet speak the words of the Lord and then replied, "But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel?" (II Chronicles 25:9). God had spoken. The

king's only concern should have been to do that which God commanded, but he was worried about his hundred talents.

There are many people like that today. They know what God wants them to do. They are perfectly aware of what is the right thing to do, but instead of doing it they weigh the consequences and ask themselves how much it is going to cost them. Businessmen say, "I know that this is the right thing to do, but I cannot afford to do it. It will hurt my business." Politicians say, "This is the right side of this issue. I should vote this way, but I cannot afford to. I have to stand in with my constituency. It will cost me votes." There are even some preachers who are unwilling to speak the truth because it may irritate someone who is a prominent member of the church or who helps with the financial support.

Amaziah was not the first man to raise the question about the cost of doing God's will, and he certainly was not the last. The prophets had an answer from God to Amaziah's question. "The Lord is able to give thee much more than this." It is an answer which the man who is tempted to compromise for fear of the cost might take to himself today. It pays to do right, but men should do right because it is right, even if it did not pay.



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Congressional	\$20.00
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County	\$10.00
Precinct	\$7.50
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Constable	\$7.50
City	\$7.50

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The Devil's River News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

COUNTY:  
 For Sheriff, Assessor and Collector—  
 LEO E. BROWN  
 (Re-election)  
 For County Clerk—  
 HOWARD C. KIRBY

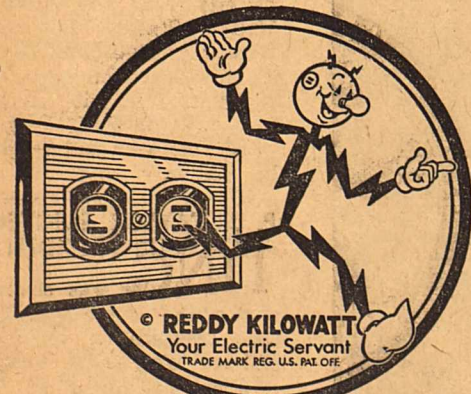
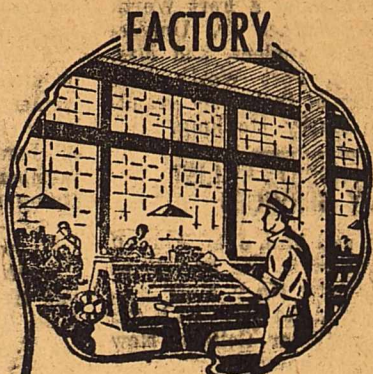


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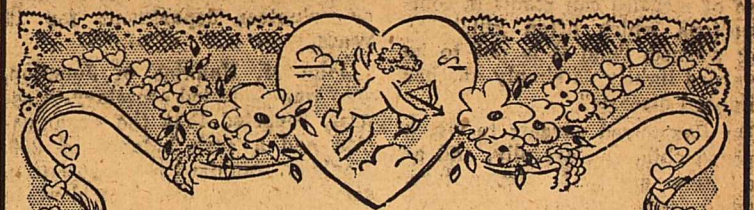
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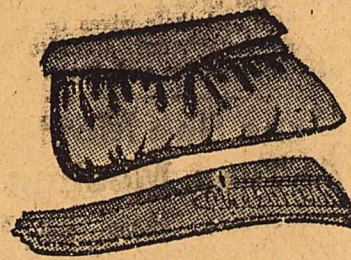
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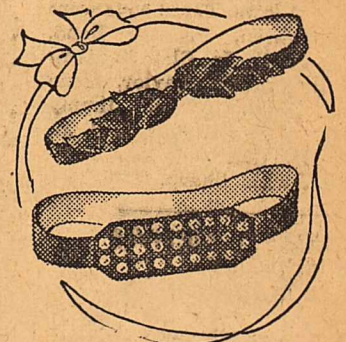
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Prospects for a good and early spring continue, in spite of intermittent cold snaps. The frequent rains of January and this month brighten the rancher's picture further. Rain measurements for February to date total 1.95 inches, according to figures from the wool house.

A member of the rationing board observed that, if the Dry Devil's River continues to run as it has this week, it can be stocked with fish for the benefit of fishermen who have now to make periodic fishing trips elsewhere.

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With Wednesday's downpour, came high winds that knocked several frame houses in Sonora from their foundations. The owner of one of the older buildings was delighted for, after paying insurance on it for years, this was his first chance to make an insurance claim.

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The last of six cars of CCC-owned 12-months wool, bought recently by the French Worsted Company, Woonsocket, R. I., was moved from the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Thursday. The wool, totaling 210,000 pounds, was comprised of 10 clips. This is said to be the first 12-months wool sold in a Texas warehouse since the government took control of the industry a year ago.

The Sutton County mohair that was contracted in January at 60 cents and 80 cents, will total 150,000 pounds, according to officers of the wool house here.

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Mrs. C. E. Stites called the News the other day to say that her rare Chinese magnolia will be blooming in a few days. She said that many people have wanted to see it in bloom, so we are passing the news on to them.

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We've heard golf stories and golf stories, but here's one that stopped us, as it had the ring of truth. Earl Lomax tells that he and Shelby Kerbow played last Sunday, and Kerbow beat him on every hole! The only shady part of the story is that Kerbow parred every hole with the exception of one.

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This February, with the entire world torn by the wars of man, we think especially of the two great Americans whose birthdays are in this month. Both of them, Washington and Lincoln, were the central figures in America's first two great wars. And, now in World War II, we are again fighting for the same principles they did. Both believed in the rights of all men to liberty, freedom and dignity. These rights, taken for granted in years of peace, are still the ideal of Americans. After almost one hundred and seventy years, Americans still find them worth fighting for.

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A. J. Swearingen was in Sonora Tuesday and reports having bought from T. D. Newell 68 head of stock cattle at \$9.00 a head.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Merck were in from the Frank Defeat country this week trading.

Mrs. Victoria Miers and family have returned to Sonora from Fort Stockton.

J. P. McConnell, Sutton County's obliging sheriff, took some witnesses to Ozona Sunday.

John T. Cooper, C. F. Adams and Tom Killien left for Ozona on Sunday to attend District Court.

Lee Good of Runnels County was in Sonora this week looking after his cattle interest.

George P. Lanier, the steam well-driller, is successful in other things besides well-drilling. Last week he brought down a fine buck deer at Bunton's ranch. He presented the News with a ham Monday. More luck to you, George.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mayer moved to town this week. Max left for San Angelo Tuesday where he will remain a few days, delivering some cattle, and will then go to New York to buy goods for Mayer Bros. and Co.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbons on Wednesday, February 6, 1895, a girl.

J. R. Hamilton, the mutton buyer, has been circulating among the sheepmen and purchased over 2,000 head in this county, which he will drive to the lower country to feed and ship.

Some large deals have been made in cattle this week. J. L. Johnson of Fort Worth bought half interest in the Leocita ranch and cattle from E. O. Lochausen, for \$18,500 cash. The other half belongs to W. D. and F. W. Johnson, or as their firm name is, Johnson Brothers.

The Sunbeam Society of the Baptist Church will give an entertainment at the church on St. Valentine's night.

Extension Service COUNTY AGENT WORK

By H. C. Atchison, Jr.

**SALVAGE DRIVE**  
The county agent was chairman of the County Salvage Committee. Six hundred and forty-two thousand pounds of scrap iron were collected in the scrap metal drive for the year. This included the amount collected by the Army Air Corps team from Goodfellow Field, San Angelo.

**RANCH LABOR**  
Meeting were held by the County Agriculture Victory Council and with shearing captains to arrange for shearing of Sutton County sheep before the crews moved out. Also, effort was made at these meetings to hold shearing costs to a reasonable figure. Several ranchmen were assisted in securing ranch hands during the year.

**COUNTY WAR BOARD**  
As a member of the County War Board, the agent gave assistance in setting up a County Meat Committee for the purpose of approving slaughter permits. The board also assisted in securing permits to build two large barns and one 6,400-bushel grainery. Farm rationing committees were selected to issue purchase certificates for farm machinery.

The agent furnished plans for construction of these barns, five poultry houses and seven home-made chick brooders. Hog lot equipment was built and information for the operation of feed grinders was furnished also. Fifteen thousand and five hundred feet of pipe lines were laid off on seven ranches for better distribution of stock water.

**LIVESTOCK FEED RAISING PROGRAM**

Extension work continued to encourage ranchmen to produce more feed stuff on available cultivated land. Hybrid seed corn was introduced into the county and is being planted by more ranchmen each year. Fifty acres on one ranch this year produced an average of 25 bushels per acre, in spite of the scant rainfall.

Feed stuff raised in 1943 is helping the general livestock feed shortage and is saving the ranchers money.

Ranch and town families were assisted in working up rations for milk cows, using the most economical and easily available feed stuff. Assistance was given with feeding problems, and feed sources were located. In cooperation with the AAA and War Board members, 14 cars of feed wheat were secured and five more were ordered.

**LIVESTOCK DISEASE CONTROL**

The county agent worked with the Federal Veterinarian and the Veterinary Staff of the Ranch Experiment Station in tuberculosis testing, which resulted in a clean bill of health for 225 milk cows. Eight Sutton County ranchers

cooperated in control of ox-warble or cattle grub, by treating a total of 2,895 cattle with sulphur and rotenone. Three methods were used in this work, the large herds being dipped while the smaller herds were treated either with the dry powder or with a wash over infested areas.

**VICTORY GARDENS**

A program inaugurated by the county agent and sponsored by the Lions Club and City Commission resulted in a 70 percent increase in the number of city gardens planted. Over thirty-seven thousand containers of canned foods, approximately two hundred bushels of Irish potatoes and one hundred and sixty-five bushels of onions were harvested from victory gardens in 1943. Information on control of garden insects and aid in securing proper insecticides

were given to many garden producers.

**CANNING SCHOOL AND CENTER**

The Lions Club, City Commission, county agent and Sonora High School cooperated in establishing a canning center where much of the canned vegetables were processed. The help of two Extension specialists was secured, resulting in a two-day school on food preservation.

**4-H CLUB WORK**

Nine Sutton County 4-H Club boys made a total net profit of \$1,207.72 on their club demonstrations during the year, and they now have on hand \$1,972.00 worth of livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Allison and son, Pascal, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Allison at their Marfa ranch.

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## Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

### THEY'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO THE LAND

Some people have developed a fear that our boys, when they come back from fighting all over the world, will have developed a desire to seek their fortunes in foreign lands. I don't believe that. Nearly every service man I've talked to is still a lover of the soil, still thinking more of getting back to his farm or ranch or job than he is of conquering or colonizing new worlds.

They are coming back to the land. And they'll be thinking of rediscovering the soil and making the most of it. One can tell that from the way they talk about the "jeeps" and tractors they want to get when they come back home.

That's one way to beat the sword into the plowshare. On this point, I have urged the federal government to study means of transferring some of these favorite new war vehicles into versatile farm and ranch usages after war, and particularly to offer them to the soil conservation districts which will have co-operative programs ready to go when peace is declared. A study of this proposal is now under way.

### MIDDLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED PLAN OFFERED

At hearings last week-end before the House Flood Control Committee, I urged adoption into the pending general flood control bill of the co-operative water retardation and soil conservation program worked out by the Department of Agriculture for the Middle Colorado River Watershed. The program, studied and surveyed for several years, roughly comprises the San Saba-Brownwood-Coleman-Eden-Menard-Brady area.

Supplementing and complementing the main channel flood control and reservoir projects heretofore authorized for this area, the program would be carried out jointly by the landowners and operators, the federal government, and the soil conservation districts. On the basis of the survey -- exclusive of the main channel projects which are almost altogether federally-financed -- the cost for the program over the scheduled 20-year period would be \$9,641,880, while benefits are calculated at over 33 million dollars, including, prevention of flood damages and, more important, increased and more permanent income from the land.

### GOOD BUSINESS

Dr. Hugh H. Bennet, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, told us of the committee with convincing words, pictures and figures that it is good business to "start your flood control when the rain-drops hit the earth."

That this theory now is generally accepted is indicated by the fact that the new -- and first --

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, February 11, 1944

The Devil's River News



I GIVE YOU TEXAS by BOYCE HOUSE

When Mark Twain was a reporter in San Francisco, a friend saw him with a cigar box under his arm and remonstrated, "Mark, you are going to smoke yourself to death." Twain replied, "These aren't cigars; I'm just moving again."

Probably the best of the many stories concerning the famous writer is the one about the time that Twain was visiting a neighbor and became interested in a book, so he asked permission to take it home in order to finish reading it. But the owner said, "You are welcome to read my book here as much as you like, but I've lost so many books that I've made it a rule never to loan them out."

Two weeks later the neighbor came over to borrow Mark's lawnmower. Twain said, "I've made it a rule never to allow my lawnmower to leave my yard, but you are welcome to use it here as much as you like."

He got the book.

The Lieutenant Governor all at once has gotten interested in allowing Texas soldiers and sailors to vote, and he is clamoring for a special session and is seeking to engage in public controversy with Attorney General Sellers and Governor Stevenson. Of course, the Lieutenant Governor couldn't possibly be thinking of running for Attorney General or Governor himself!

He ought to answer a few questions.

For instance, why didn't he do or say something about the soldier vote question during the regular session of the legislature?

Didn't he know about it or didn't he care?

If action had been taken at the regular session, then there would be no occasion to urge a special session on the subject at a cost of \$250,000 to the taxpayers, would there?

For more than two years, Boyce House has insisted that, when a Texas citizen enters the Army or Navy during war, he is still a Texas citizen and is entitled to vote -- nor should the State act like Shylock demanding his pound of flesh and insist on \$1.75 out of the service man's meager \$50 a month. I didn't wait and come out on this after it had become popular.

It's all right for the Lieutenant Governor to come over to the people's side, even at the eleventh hour, but he ought to go to the mourner's bench and ask for forgiveness and bring forth fruits meet for repentance instead of

definite flood control policy of the government includes the coordination of the War Department's work on the main channels and the rivers and harbors with the Agriculture Department's water and soil conservation program for entire watersheds.

Dr. Bennett offered pictures and demonstrations of the success attending many Texas projects. But striking to me was the case of an Illinois river which ran only at floodtime before conservation practices and structures were instituted, and which now runs continuously -- but never floods.

### SOLDIER VOTE BILL PASSED

By a vote of 328 to 39 the House last week passed a bill to commit the federal government to co-operation with the various states in preparing and distributing election ballots to service men and women. Under this bill, the Army and Navy would deliver and return the ballots by air transport. Too, by this measure, which I supported, such aid would be given in the case of primary ballots as well as those for the general election.

Since in Texas most elections are decided in the primaries, I feel most of our service men and women would like to have a voice in primary elections.

It must be remembered, however, that most of the machinery with respect to voting in the primaries as well as other elections is controlled by the states. And the Army and Navy have warned of the great distances and difficulties of handling overseas voting, regardless of the kind of soldier vote law finally passed.

The Worley proposal, which I also voted for, would provide for deliveries of ballots dealing with federal officials in case it should be found impracticable to deliver the state ballots. This proposal, however, was not adopted.

throwing stones at Governor Coke Stevenson -- and, oddly enough, claiming to be the Governor's friend while doing so!

An instructor said, "Figures never lie. For example, if one man can build a house in 12 days, 12 men can build it in a day." To which a student replied, "And 288 men could build it in one hour, 17,280 in one minute and 1,036,800 in one second." As the instructor gasped, the student added, "If one ship can cross the Atlantic in six days, then six ships can cross it in one day." (From "The Emancipator").

The once-humble peanut has a hotel named in its honor; the Goober Hotel in Gorman, a large and modern hostelry where your columnist recently addressed a dinner attended by more than 100 citizens. Gorman is in the center of the Eastland-Comanche area, a leading peanut-producing district, and is headquarters of a huge peanut marketing association.

Artemus Ward said, "I used to know a man who had a big gold tooth right up in the front of his mouth -- but he was the best bass drummer I ever knew."

Political notes: Judge Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland is reported considering running for the seat

he formerly occupied in Congress. . . . Rep. John Connelly of Trenton is expected to ask re-election. Connelly and Rep. Klingeman actively sponsored and urged soldier vote legislation during the regular session -- a subject in which a lot of politicians, including the Lieutenant Governor, have suddenly gotten interested in the last few weeks. . . . Reports around Austin are that the Lieutenant Governor may run for Governor. He and Governor Stevenson have had a wide divergence of opinion on the advisability of a special session on soldier voting and the Lieutenant Governor has carried the difference into the public prints. Of course, he has heretofore proclaimed himself a friend of the Governor -- but then friendships in politics have ended before now: it will be recalled that Brutus stabbed Caesar.

Overheard in Austin: "What do you say?" "I don't know a thing." "I know that -- but how are you expressing it today?"

Mrs. Dan Biggs of Seymour left last Sunday for her home after a two-day visit here with her sister, Mrs. A. R. Montgomery, and family.

## Happy Birthday

Saturday, February 12--None  
Sunday, February 13--Perry Mittel  
Monday, February 14--John Richard Hill  
Tuesday, February 15--Ida Cauthorn  
C. H. Carson  
Wednesday, February 16--Mrs. Rose Thorp  
Thursday, February 17--Mrs. Alfred Sessom  
George D. Wallace  
Friday, February 18--Mrs. Otto Mund  
Mrs. J. B. Renfroe  
Mary Dale McKee  
Raymond Barker

## CLUB MEETING POSTPONED

Announcement has been made by Mrs. I. B. Boughton, president of the Sonora Woman's Club, that the club's election of officers, scheduled for last Thursday has been postponed until Thursday afternoon, February 24.

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42 SIZE AVOCADOS, Each	11c	CORN FED CALF RIBS, 5 Pts. lb	28c
CELERY, Stalk	18c	HOME MADE SAUSAGE, 4 Pts. lb	33c
COLLARD, MUSTARD GREENS & BEETS, 2 Bunches	15c	Oleomargarine 6 Pts. lb	26c
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MORTONS SALT, 2 Boxes	15c	GREEN BEANS, No Pts.	21c
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SUNMAID - PUFFED RAISINS, 15 Oz. 4 Pts.	18c	SUNMAID - NECTARS RAISINS, 4 Pts. 15 Oz.	15c
Onion Flank, 2 Bunches	23c	SEED POTATOES, 10 lb	65c
NO. 2 CAN TOMATOES, 8 Pts.	11c	APRIL SHOWER PEAS, 8 Pts.	15c

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## READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKoun

"Without American machines the United Nations never could have won the war," Stalin said in his toast at the Teheran Conference. He was saying, in effect, that without Lend-Lease the war could not have been won.



ED R. STETTINIUS, JR.

The word "Lend-Lease" has become part of our national vocabulary, but how many understand just how it operates? A book that explains it in clear and forthright language is "Lend-Lease—Weapon for Victory" by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who in August, 1941, was appointed Administrator of Lend-Lease, which position he held until he was made Under Secretary of State in September 1943.

In faraway India, a bearded Hindu turns out parts for guns in a factory, with the help of American precision tools. An English housewife uses powdered eggs, sent by America, to whip up a cake for her family. In a Soviet war plant, power is supplied by American electric generating equipment. A Lend-Lease tank, manned by Australians, attacks the Japanese in New Guinea. In China, while the Burma Road was being built, a Lend-Lease mission set up first-aid stations and hospitals to care for the workers, sick with malaria and malnutrition.

All over the world, machines, munitions, gasoline, food, clothes, drugs, and many other products have been and are being sent to the Allied nations under the most extensive plan of its kind ever put into execution. Mr. Stettinius' book tells a thrilling story, and one that all Americans should know and take pride in.

The Book-of-the-Month Club announces a dual selection for March: Ludwig Bemelmans' light-hearted novel of pre-war Paris, "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" and "Crazy Weather" by Charles L. McNichols. "Crazy Weather" is the story of two boys on an Indian reservation in the Southwest, and Dorothy Canfield, who is one of the Club's judges, comments that it is highly reminiscent of Mark Twain's stories.

Soviet correspondent Konstantin Simonov relates in "No Quarter" that one day a member of the special section of the Northern Army said to him happily, "There will soon be something interesting for you. We've captured three German officers." "What are their ranks?" he asked. "I don't know yet." "Are they still with the regiment?" "No," the informant seemed embarrassed, "the fact is that these prisoners haven't arrived at all. . . . They were captured forty miles behind the German lines. . . . Fifteen of our frontier guards have penetrated that far and it is they who have taken the prisoners. They radioed that they are bringing us three officers and that they will cross the lines in two or three days." Three days later, on schedule, the prisoners were







When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

Sgt. Nelson Stubblefield writes the following from England:

"I went back to the old company for New Year's Day and really had a very nice time. We had turkey for dinner, (the same as Christmas) and everything was swell. It was very nice to see all the boys again, after being away for a while, but I still like it where I am now. The work here is not any harder, but there is more of it, and I can keep occupied—that helps a lot. I hope that I can stay here, because I like it very much.

"Hope you have gotten the last couple of letters I wrote you quicker than you did some of the other ones. If you don't hear from me as you think you should, please don't worry, because I am o. k. and have probably written, and you just haven't received the letters.

"I had a letter from Wilton the other day and was very glad to hear from him. He seems to like his new station very much and must be working pretty hard. Sure wish that he could have been home for Christmas, but I know that he never had a chance to leave work during the holidays.

"I received the gloves and fountain pen you sent me and was very glad to get them. Thanks a lot for sending them to me.

"Tell everyone 'hello' for me and tell them to write."

A later letter states:

"Thought I'd drop you a few lines to let you know that I am o. k. and still working. Haven't been too busy lately, but I'm still working steady all the time. It is nice like that, because I don't mind the work here with these fellows. All of them are very good to work with.

"I was in town the other day and saw a couple of fairly good pictures. I like to go in once in a while, just to get away from the camp for something different. I usually have a good time, because I can always see a good movie or get to go sight-seeing."

Cpl. Francis W. Stubblefield, somewhere overseas, writes:

"Well I guess I'd better get down to writing a few letters. I have just been looking through a stack of pictures and have picked out a few to send in this letter. I think they will pass the censor now. Some of them wouldn't have passed when I first took them, so I couldn't send them then. You can judge by these that I'll have a few stories to tell when I get home.

"The other day one of my buddies was wondering if you could get any pecans like the ones shown in a picture of The Standard. By that you can tell that our home town papers really go down the line here, everyone reading everyone else's paper.

"Tell everyone 'hello' and to write."

Lt. Alan W. Saunders writes the following from somewhere in Burma:

"Thought I would drop you a line while I'm here. I'm having a swell time exploring old temple ruins and visiting the different native villages. I have visited four native villages of the Kachin and Shan tribes and spent the night in two of them. The Kachin village where I spent a night, consisted of about eight houses about 100 feet long, with about five families living in each one. The houses are sub-divided into separate compartments for each family. They are built up about four to six feet off the ground and are made of bamboo with grass roofs. Each compartment has a box built in the center of the floor. This box is filled with dirt and they keep fires burning in them. The natives sleep on the floor on a kind of mat and cover with cloth that they make of yarn.

"The natives also weave the cloth they wear. They usually wear black skirts and usually a white top, although it is sometimes black. The women wear two or three skirts of black, with maybe a colored strip or two in it. The top part of their costume is white and is wrapped around them just below the arm pits and extends to their waists. Over this they wear a small jacket affair of black cloth. So you see strapless gowns did not originate in the United States.

"I arrived at this village in the afternoon and was met by a bunch of curious natives. My head bearer told them that I planned on staying the night at their village. They then took me to the head man's house and showed me where I could stay. It was in one of the compartments of the house.



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"After that the head man and several other men came in and sat around smoking opium. The head man showed me his official paper from the Government of Burma, permitting him to rule over his village and two adjacent villages. I then gave him a present of a carton of cigarettes and matches, as it is a custom to give the head man a gift. He in turn gave me some eggs and a chicken. After a while one of the natives tried to tell me something that I could not understand. Later, when I went outside to take some pictures, I saw two natives coming by with some meat on a pole. I ask my head bearer what it was, and he told me they had killed a buffalo in my honor and were to have a feast that night.

"I went over to where they had killed the buffalo, which was just outside the village, to see if I could get some pictures. They had killed it and were cutting it up. They killed it with a spear and they presented me with the spear. I cut a piece of the meat off to cook over the fire. They started 'jabbering' and motioning to me not to do that until I had gone over to a stand built nearby that was covered with banana leaves where they kneel and pray. I motioned to them I would just wait until later.

"The natives saved every part of the buffalo. They cut it up and put some of each part together and tied it up with a vine, afterwards giving one of these parts to each one of the natives. They gave me two other choice pieces to take with me.

"I took some pictures around the village and then went back to where my things were and got out the costume jewelry from the States and spread it out on my bedroll. By signs I told them that they could have one piece each. They all crowded around and picked out the piece that they wanted, and then they called others. They were just like a bunch of kids on Christmas morning.

"The next morning I awoke early and, after eating, I took my gun and camera and went down to the river to look around. I went up the river about two miles and found some natives getting gold out of the river sand. They had a slide built of bamboo, lined with banana leaves, which have a checker-board side to them, with hundreds of little pits in them. They would take the gravel in a bamboo basket that had holes in the bottom and sit it up at the top of the trough of banana leaves. Then they would pour water over it and wash the small gravel and sand down the trough. The gold would hang in the pits in the leaves and would be taken out later. However, the take was small.

"Later I went back to the village where I took some more pictures of the women and girls weaving cloth. It was very interesting to watch. After dinner I left that village and went back down the river to another village where I spent two nights and days hunting, taking pictures and trading with the natives. A tiger had run all the cattle out of the jungle back to the village, so I took my rifle and tried to find him, but all I could find were his tracks in one place. The jungle was so dense I couldn't have seen an elephant if one had been there.

"When the natives were coming in to get the trinkets I was giving them, I noticed one woman with a bandage around her leg, made of banana leaves. I got my jungle kit, which I had prepared at the dispensary before leaving my base. I told the woman to sit down on the steps and I would fix her leg. She had a bad place on her leg where she had hurt it in the jungle. A cut over here in this jungle can get bad very fast. I got some hot water and put some iodine in it and washed her leg good and then put some sulfa drugs on the cut and painted the area around it with iodine. I then bandaged it up with gauze and tape. If I do say so myself, it was a neat looking job. Well, that was just like a doctor hanging out his shingle. Before the day was over, I had been taken to about a half a dozen houses to treat a man, girl or boy for cuts, sores, etc. At each place my head bearer would tell them I was an

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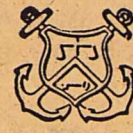


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American. Well, everyone of the natives that gathered where I would be helping one of the sick would be told "American". It seemed that they couldn't understand anyone treating them so nice. I later told the natives, by signs, that if any American planes were forced down around there or if that if any American planes were there, to give them food and a place to sleep and any other assistance they might need. Believe me, they will.

"After leaving that village, I went to another one about 15 miles away. This village was divided by a river. On one side was a Kachin village and on the other side was a Shan village. The Shan people worship Buddah. In their village they have a large temple in which was a statue of Buddah about eight feet tall. The idol's head was of gold and the body marble with gold leaf on it. It was very beautiful. Before entering the temple a person has to take off his shoes. I took some pictures of the temple and Buddah and hope they turn out good.

## In The Service



2 COAST GUARD

"Hope all of you had a nice Christmas. It was so hot here for any covering. We had a real nice Christmas dinner, though. Of course, it wasn't like the ones we always have at home, but it was very nice.

"Well, I have been made seaman first class, and am I glad! I hope to make a baker third class next time; however, it will take from three to six months to do that.

"We have been having quite a few picture shows here. I have seen most of the ones they are showing when I was in the States, but they are enjoyable and something to pass away the time.

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## Home From The War

Cpl. Scott Roberts, Paratrooper veteran of the Sicilian invasion campaign, arrived here Wednesday for a three-day visit with his father, Volney Roberts, his grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Henderson, and other relatives. With him is a friend he met in Africa, Ronny Sugarman, of the U. S. Army. Both men are receiving treatment at Ashburn General Hospital, McKinney, for wounds received in action.

Visiting his father, E. S. Long, here Tuesday was Pfc. Jack Long who is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lt. Harrel Espy was here from last Friday to Monday of this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Espy. He stopped here enroute to his station at Fort Lewis, Washington, having completed a two-weeks special training course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Pfc. Clayton White of the Victorville Army Air Field, California, arrived here last Saturday and is visiting in the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. C. Stephen. He is to report back to duty next week.

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**EPISCOPAL GUILD MEETS, PLANS TEA**

Members of the Young Women's Episcopal Guild met Tuesday afternoon at St. John's Church to complete plans for an informal tea to be given for Bishop and Mrs. Everett Jones after Sunday evening services.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO JUAN ROBLES, Greetings: YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 20th day of March 1944, before the Honorable District Court of Sutton County, at the Court House in Sonora, Texas, which said plaintiff's petition was filed in said Court on the 3rd day of February, 1944, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 956, wherein Manuela Hidalgo Robles is plaintiff, and Juan Robles is defendant, the style of the case being Manuela Hidalgo Robles versus Juan Robles, being suit for divorce and custody of minor children; the said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married July 4, 1926, and lived together as man and wife until 1939, when she separated from him because of unkind, cruel and harsh treatment, the plaintiff being beaten by defendant, and defendant being guilty of such excesses, cruel treatment and outrages against plaintiff of such nature as to render their further living together insupportable; that four children were born to them, a girl by the name of Enriquita Robles, 16 years old, a boy by the name of Pedro Robles, 13 years old, a boy by the name of Leonardo Robles, 8 years old, and a boy by the name of Bonifacio Robles, 5 years old, and plaintiff prays for the custody of said minor children under 18 years of age.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Sonora, Texas, this the 3rd day of February,

(Signed) J. D. Lowrey  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Sutton County, Texas.

A true copy, I certify:  
(Signed) Leo. E. Brown  
Sheriff, Sutton County, Texas.

**ANNUAL EXHIBIT**

**And Financial Statement of Sutton County, Texas, For 1943.**

Showing aggregate amount received and paid out of each Fund, and Balance to the Debit or Credit of each officer. Also amount of indebtedness of the County, to whom and for what due, for the year ending December 31st, 1943.

Filed February 8, 1944

J. D. Lowrey, Clerk

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**JURY FUND—1st CLASS**

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance on hand January 1, 1943	989.91	
To Amount Received	798.48	
By Amount paid		625.44
By Amount to Balance		1,162.95
	1,788.39	1,788.39

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND—2nd CLASS**

Balance on hand January 1, 1943	4,951.32	
To Amount Received	29,829.88	
By Amount Paid		28,863.42
By Amount to Balance		5,917.78
	34,781.20	34,781.20

**GENERAL FUND—3rd CLASS**

Balance on hand January 1, 1943	9,495.23	
To Amount Received	17,911.07	
By Amount Paid		18,813.01
By Amount to Balance		8,593.29
	27,406.30	27,406.30

**SPECIAL ROAD BOND, SERIES "B"—4th Class**

Balance on hand January 1, 1943	783.93	
To Amount Received	465.09	
By Amount Paid		97.39
By Amount to Balance		1,151.63
	1,249.02	1,249.02

**SPECIAL ROAD BOND, SERIES "C"—5th CLASS**

Balance on hand January 1, 1943	815.60	
To Amount Received	23,265.47	
By Amount Paid		23,248.59
By Amount to Balance		832.48
	24,081.07	24,081.07

**SPECIAL ROAD REFUNDING BOND FUND—6th CLASS**

Balance on hand January 1, 1943	751.28	
To Amount Received	None	
By Amount Paid		752.05
To Balance		.77
	752.05	752.05

**PARK FUND—7th CLASS**

Balance on hand January 1, 1943	1,906.78	
To Amount Received	1,265.82	
By Amount Paid		2,095.64
By Amount to Balance		1,076.96
	3,172.60	3,172.60

The following balances appear to the Debit or Credit of the several officers of the County at the close of the year ending December 31, 1943:

Leo E. Brown, Tax Collector, County Tax	3,249.29
Leo E. Brown, Tax Collector, Poll Tax	83.00
Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, County Treas., Jury Fund	1,162.95
Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, County Treas., R & B Fund	5,917.78
Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, County Treas., Gen'l Fund	8,593.29
Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, Spec. Road Bond B	1,151.63
Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, Spec. Road Bond C	832.48
Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, Park Fund	1,076.96
Total Cash on hand	18,735.09
Special Refunding Overdrawn	.77

**ASSETS**

10 U. S. Defense Bonds, \$1,000.00 each	10,000.00
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**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**

21 Spec. Road Refunding Bonds, 1,000.00 each	21,000.00
34 Spec. Road Bonds Series "B", 1,000.00 each	34,000.00
34 Spec. Road Bonds Series "C", 1,000.00 each	34,000.00
	89,000.00

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**COUNTY OF SUTTON—**

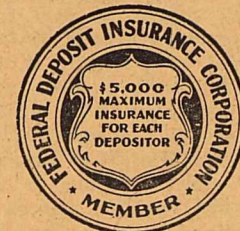
I, J. D. Lowrey, County Clerk, in and for Sutton County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct Report for the year 1943, as required by Article 1609 Revised Civil Statutes of 1925.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 8th day of February, 1944.  
(SEAL) J. D. LOWREY,  
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