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FOURTEENTH WEEK

Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

HOUSE VOTES MORE FUNDS FOR NAVY

More trouble for the Japs was foreshadowed last week when the House voted a requested billion and a half dollars to be used to build and operate bases in the combat zones. It was indicated much of this will be spent in the Pacific. The House also passed a reserve officer training bill which the Navy requested last Fall. It will take the place of the present V-12 program, and increases the normal maximum authorized personnel of the Officers Training Corps to 24,000 during the war and 14,000 in peace time. Before the war the limit was 7,200.

GENERAL HERSHEY ON DRAFT BOARDS

General Hershey, head of Selective Service, was reared on a farm and owns one now. In explaining to some Congressmen last week how the draft is handled with respect to agricultural workers, he paid tribute to the local draft boards of the Nation and to the food production record of farmers. In raising 150,000 men each month until July, which the High Command has ordered him to do, Hershey said a responsibility would fall upon the local draft boards in weighing individual cases and determining if this man or that man is more essential to the war effort in his present occupation than he would be in the Army or Navy.

WHY THE U. S. IS THE BEST

For the life of me, I can't understand why some of the Left-wingers in this country are continuously harping on the need for a change in our economic system. If these agitators would go to other countries and stay awhile, they might change their line of talk and see more good in the U. S. A.

Let's take a look at a few comparisons. The United States contains less than seven percent of the world's population, and we occupy only 5.9 percent of the world's land surface, yet our nation has an abundance of facilities and materials that contribute towards a high general standard of living. Our country has about 31 percent of the world's railroads, 52 percent of the world's radio sets, 59 percent of the world's telephones, and 71 percent of the world's automobiles.

This nation normally consumes 63 percent of the world's petroleum, 66.4 percent of the world's rubber, 55 percent of the world's coffee, and almost 21 percent of the world's sugar.

These things are not goals, however. Rather they are instruments by which life in the U. S. is made better for everyone. It's a system that's worth holding on to.

SOME LOST MAIL

For some two weeks in January our mail service in the House Office Building was very bad. Nearly every day I would get mail belonging to others, and I have learned that some mail I should have gotten was never received. This was because of new and inexperienced help here. Therefore, if anyone has written and it has not been answered, please write again.

Dr. Cox Warns Of Symptoms Of Pellagra

AUSTIN, Jan. 25—Pellagra, although not a communicable disease, is one of great concern to public health officials in Texas for many people die of pellagra in this state every year. The disease is caused by the lack of certain essential foods, and as it comes on slowly, may not be recognized until the victim begins to have the more serious symptoms such as sore mouth, stomach trouble, and reddening and scaling of the skin.

"When these symptoms appear, the disease has been present for some time," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. "The longer an individual has pellagra the harder it is to cure. It is advisable, therefore, to watch for the early symptoms such as nervousness, indigestion, and burning of the hands and feet, and if these symptoms appear, treatment should be instituted at once. In its advanced stages pellagra may become so severe as to not only cause physical suffering but seriously affect the mind."

Pellagra is not contagious, Dr. Cox pointed out, and he emphasized that it can be prevented entirely by including the right kinds of foods in the daily diet. These essential foods include milk, fresh meat, whole wheat products, brewer's yeast, salmon, tomatoes, and other fresh fruits and vegetables.

Red Cross Making 288 Army Kits

MAGAZINES NEEDED FOR NEXT QUOTA

The 288 Army utility kits allotted to the Sutton County chapter of the Red Cross are now in production, according to Mrs. Alvis Johnson, war production chairman. Members of the Sonora High School home economics classes are making the kits, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Nellie Ruth Folley, and the kits will be equipped by local chapter funds. The chapter has been asked by the Area Headquarters Office to take an additional 288-kit quota when the present one is completed, as there is a critical shortage of these kits on the fighting fronts.

A total of \$203 has been spent by the chapter to equip the kits. Usual cost of filling the kits is about one dollar apiece, but since local citizens donated small magazines and books to go in the first quota, the amount that would normally have been spent on them, has been saved. Mrs. Johnson said, however, that more magazines, such as Coronet, Reader's Digest, and The Omnibook, will be needed to fill the additional 288 kits. Those who wish to donate these may leave them at the Joe Oberkamp office here.

The only other articles being made for the Red Cross now are knitted garments. Several weeks ago an additional quota of 50 pounds of yarn was received here, and Mrs. O. L. Richardson, knitting chairman, has reported that all of the yarn has been taken out by knitters.

AAA Officials Attend District Meet In Angelo

Local AAA county committee-men and the AAA administrative officer attending the district meeting of farm agencies in San Angelo on Tuesday, January 16, learned that full production schedules are in prospect for Texas this year. Sutton Countymen attending the meeting were Miss Dessie D. Parsons, administrative officer, and Joe Logan, Edwin Sawyer and W. H. Dameron, AAA county committee-men.

Chief purpose of the conference was to discuss the 1945 conservation program and the 1945 production goals.

Miss Parsons reports that, although the conservation practices program has not been completed, all 1944 practices will be continued into 1945. Payment changes for participation in the program, however, may result from proposed changes in the AAA appropriation.

Production goals will remain high in the State during 1945, and a possibility of some goals being raised exists, because of recent changes on the war front, Miss Parsons said. Stressed at the meeting were methods by which maximum production can be reached.

MOTORISTS WARNED ABOUT ENDORSING ALL GAS STAMPS

Failure to endorse gasoline coupons properly, especially "T" coupons issued for commercial vehicles and fleet gasoline coupons, is working a hardship on dealers and is contributing to black market practices, Boyd Lovelace, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board, said today. Lovelace issued an appeal for better cooperation from the public.

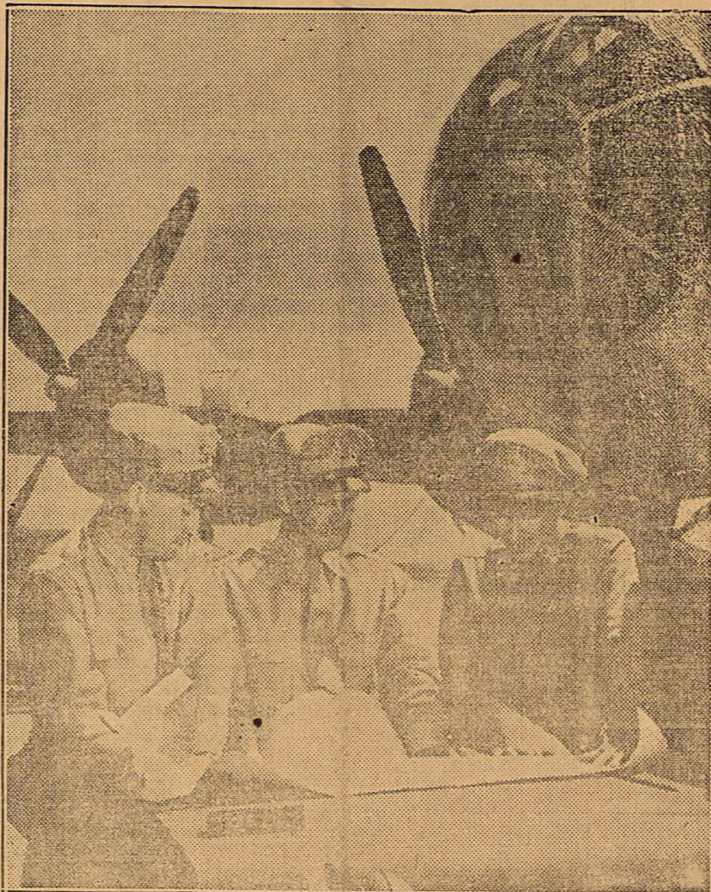
"A lot of coupons are being charged back to dealers," he said, "because many people fail to realize the importance of endorsing gasoline ration coupons properly. Failure to do so not only makes them invalid for the transfer of gasoline, but also encourages the theft of coupons at a time when it is necessary to conserve gasoline."

Lovelace added that, while drivers of passenger cars often forget to endorse coupons as they should, the biggest offenders are users of "T" coupons, whose commonest error is to endorse only one coupon in a block, and those who drive vehicles in fleets.

EDWARD ARCHER PROMOTED

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 19—Pvt. Edward Archer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Archer of Sonora, has just received his first promotion and is now a private first class, according to word received from Gowen Field, where he is now stationed.

The inclusion of these foods in the daily diet will prevent pellagra, and as in the case of any disease, it is better to prevent it than to try to cure it.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations.

PLANNING GREAT TOKIO RAID—At Saipan still greater 20th Air Force operations against the Japs are three Army Air Forces generals who play a large part in attacks on Japanese mainland. Shown beside a new B-29 superfortress are left to right: Brigadier General Emmett O'Donnell, commanding officer of a wing of the new bomber command; Lieutenant General Millard F. Harmon, commanding general AAF Pacific Ocean Area; Brigadier General Haywood S. Hansell, Jr., commanding general 21st Bomber Command.

Schools Begin "March Of Dimes" This Week

E. D. Stringer, superintendent of the Sonora Schools, announced Wednesday the active beginning of the March of Dimes in the schools to raise money for the fund to be sent to the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. Faculty members and school children will take their contributions to the school, where home room teachers will be in charge of collections from now until the end of the drive on February 31.

Home room teachers in charge of collecting the donations are:

High School—Misses Anne Palmer, Nellie Ruth Folley and Duncan, and Mrs. Keith James; Grammar School—Misses Emma Hamilton, Christine Boone, Ura Mae Haggard and Evelyn Folley, and Mmes. A. J. Bishop, E. D. Stringer, Dayton Cain and Karl Moore; L. W. Elliott School—Misses Thora Roach, Ruby Nell Haggard, Frances Probandt, Sweetie Beaugerard, Freddie Cox, and Margaret Barton, and Mmes. Lena E. Cousins, Gene Lightfoot, George Andrews, C. H. Robertson and Harold Evans, and Principal C. H. Robertson.

Plans Under Way For Open House At Food Locker

Plans were under way this week for an all-day open house to be held at the Sonora Food Locker, leased by Earl Lomax and Louie Trainer. Tentative date for the open house has been set for the middle of the second week in February, and when details are worked out a definite date will be announced.

A home demonstration expert from San Angelo will be in charge of arrangements for the affair, and will explain the methods of preparing all kinds of foods for quick freezing. Also, visitors will be taken through the plant, and the complete processing of meat will probably be shown.

Refreshments will be served all during the day, and each visitor will be given a gift of a package of quick-frozen food, such as fruits or vegetables.

SERVICES HELD THURSDAY IN ROCKSPRINGS FOR M/SGT. L. G. ROSS

Last rites were conducted Thursday afternoon in Rocksprings for Master Sergeant Lee Garth (Buster) Ross, nephew of Mrs. Ella Wallace and cousin of Joe Brown Ross, who died as a result of injuries sustained in a Flying Fortress crash at Savannah, Ga., last week. The widow, Mrs. Vera Ross of Rocksprings, received word last Friday that her husband had been critically injured, and she and their two small children left immediately for Savannah.

Sgt. Ross was born and reared at Rocksprings and attended the schools there. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Ross, reside there.

Annual Ranch Day Plans Begun By Lions Club

DUFF TO HEAD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the business session that followed the Lions Club's luncheon Tuesday, tentative plans were announced for the Second Annual Lions Club Ranchman's Field Day, to be held on May 9, at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones, Jr. Appointed as executive committee in charge of arrangements by President G. H. Hall were Berry Duff, chairman, and W. H. Dameron, D. L. Locklin, A. E. Prugel and Bryan Hunt.

Hall also appointed the February program committee, which is to be composed of E. D. Stringer, E. J. White and Henry Graves.

Program for the meeting was furnished by Duff, who reported on the National Western Livestock Show, held at Denver, Colo., last week, which he, Bryan Hunt, Darrell Alley, Jimmy Cusenbary, Nolan Gibbs and James Theodore Hunt attended.

Duff also announced that an intensive prairie dog eradication drive will be conducted in Sutton County during February.

Guests at the luncheon were Darrell Alley and Lt. Walter Louis Davis, the latter having returned recently from almost two years of serving with the Army in the South Pacific.

Rites Conducted In Angelo Tues. For P. J. Stark

Funeral services were held in San Angelo Tuesday afternoon for P. J. Stark, 70, who died suddenly following a heart attack in the lobby of the McDonald Hotel here Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock. The services, conducted by the Reverend E. D. Henson, were held from the Robert Massie Chapel, and burial was in the Fairmount Cemetery. The body laid in state at the residence in San Angelo until Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Stark, route man for the Troy Laundry for more than 20 years and well known in Sutton County, had come to Sonora on Sunday afternoon, expecting to return to San Angelo on Monday morning. He died soon after he walked into the hotel lobby.

Survivors include the widow; two sons, Major John Wayne Stark, with the Seventh Army in Europe, and A. B. Stark of Coleman; three grandsons, J. Wayne, Jr., of Conroe, Bryce B., with the Armed Forces in Germany, and John W., in the Navy and based on the West Coast, and one granddaughter, Jean of Coleman.

Pallbearers were Howard Young, Marion Jennings, Raymond Pipkin, N. H. Reed and Trinnin Revell.

Lt. Walter L. Davis, who is home on 30-day leave, spent last week in Dallas visiting friends.

Eradication Of Prairie Dogs To Begin Feb. 1

Sutton County Agent Berry Duff announced this week, as the result of requests from several local ranchmen, that an intensive prairie dog eradication drive will be conducted in the county during the entire month of February. It is planned, if the county's ranchmen cooperate, that the drive will be county-wide.

In explaining the method to be used, Duff said that ranchmen will be asked, at the beginning of next month to pre-bait with unpoisoned maize for two or three times. After that, Duff will put out poisoned maize.

All ranchmen who are interested in participating in this program may obtain full information by talking with Duff. Importance of cooperation of all local ranchmen has been stressed, as complete eradication will be impossible unless the program is county-wide.

Certain Uses Of Electricity Are Now Prohibited

LOCAL ELECTRIC PLANTS RECEIVE NEW ORDER

Local electricity manufacturers and distributors this week received a telegram from the Director of Office of War Utilities, Edward Falk, calling their particular attention to and urging their cooperation with the Utilities Order U-9, which prohibits certain uses of electricity.

Purpose of the order, according to Mayor H. V. Stokes, who received the wire, is to save scarce fuels, such as fuel oil and coal, used in the generation of electricity as a part of the over-all war time fuel conservation program of the United States Government. Stokes urged that cooperation in putting the intent and purpose of this law into effect be participated in by all electricity consumers in Sutton County.

The uses of electricity which are prohibited under the Order are:

- (1) Outdoor advertising and outdoor promotional lighting;
- (2) Outdoor display lighting except where necessary for the conduct of the business of outdoor establishments;
- (3) Outdoor decorative and outdoor ornamental lighting;
- (4) Show window lighting except where necessary for interior illumination;
- (5) Marquee lighting in excess of 60 watts for each marquee;
- (6) White way street lighting in excess of the amount determined by local public authority to be necessary for public safety;
- (7) Outdoor sign lighting with limited specified exceptions which you will note in the Order.

As the Order becomes effective on February 1, all consumers whose use of electricity would come under the prohibitions in the Order, are asked to make arrangements whereby they will not violate the provisions of the Order. Penalties prescribed by Federal Law include discontinuance of electric service at the direction of the War Production Board.

6 Oil Leases Made In Jan.

Six oil and gas leases have been recorded at the office of County Clerk H. C. Kirby since the first of the year. The leases are as follows:

J. D. Cowsett to J. Ralph Stewart, 2,560 acres, assigned to Houston Oil Co., of Texas; W. L. Miers to A. M. Hagan, 20,963.20 acres, Williamson County (School Lands) to C. L. Griffin, 6,270.5 acres, assigned to Atlantic Refining Co.; C. L. Griffin assigned to Humble Oil and Refining Co., 3,298 acres; Pecoval Royalty Trust to Shell Oil Co., 480 acres, and M. C. Moore assigned to J. A. Walton, 640 acres.

2 SONORA HOMES SOLD

Two Sonora residences have sold in the past two weeks, one being the Jack Mann home and the other the Joe H. Trainer residence. The Mann home was bought by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Allison, and Trainer sold his home to Mrs. Lum Hines, who is making her home here for the duration.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann plan to move to their ranch home, and the Trainers will move to Indiana, where Trainer will be connected with a defense plant.

Curt Allison was a business visitor in San Angelo last week-end.

Services To Be Held Today For Mrs. N. Wheat

SUTTON RANCH WOMAN DIES THURS. MORNING

Last rites for Mrs. Nannie Wheat, 73, Sutton County ranch woman, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Methodist Church here, with the Reverend F. L. Meadow officiating. Mrs. Wheat, who underwent a major operation several months ago and who had been in a San Angelo hospital for the past month, died in the hospital about 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

The former Miss Nannie Hudspeth, mother of Ben L. Wheat and cousin to Roy Hudspeth of Sonora, was born in 1871. Her parents were from Arkansas, and she moved with them to Rannels County, Texas, when a small child. In 1886, she was married to M. Blocker. To this union one child, Bessie Blocker, was born.

In 1902 Mrs. Nannie Hudspeth Blocker was married to Ira Wheat in Rocksprings. About a year later they moved to Sonora, and since that time Mrs. Wheat and her son, Ben L., have made their home in Sonora and on the Edwards County ranch.

Mrs. Wheat was a charter member of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of the Methodist Church here.

Survivors include the son, Ben L. Wheat; the daughter, Mrs. Bessie Rowland of California; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be W. H. Karnes, S. H. Allison, Miers Savell, Joe Brown Ross, Lloyd C. Earwood and Dan Cauthorn. Honorary pallbearers are all of Mrs. Wheat's friends.

Fire Damages Funeral Home

Damages amounting to around one hundred and sixteen dollars were caused by fire which broke out in the residence part of the Ratliff Funeral Home, where Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Askins live, on Monday morning around 7:30 o'clock. The damages included burned linoleum, wall paper, the baseboard and other parts of the bathroom where the fire occurred.

Mrs. Askins said that the blaze, which was quickly put out by members of the Volunteer Fire Department, was believed to have started when the gas stove hose pulled away from the wall connection. This is the second fire of this nature that has occurred here recently.

Sonora To Play Saturday In Ozona Tourney

Coach L. B. T. Sikes of Ozona High School has announced this week the places drawn by the eleven competing teams in the 14th Annual Basketball Tournament, which the Ozona school is holding this week-end.

Sonora will play the Barhart team at 10:15 o'clock Saturday morning.

The schedule for Friday afternoon is as follows:
2:00—Rankin vs. Rocksprings.
3:15—Iraan vs. McCamey.
4:30—Fort Stockton vs. Eldorado.

7:30—Ozona vs. Reagan County.

A girls' volleyball game between Ozona and Eldorado will be played Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

Consolation finalists of the tournament will meet at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, and the tourney championship finalists will play at 8:30 o'clock.

HUBERT FIELDS RETURNED TO HOSPITAL IN CALIF.

Hubert Fields, Rd. M. 3/c, who has been stationed at Pearl Harbor for the past nine months with the Navy, arrived back in the States on Saturday, January 13, for medical treatment. He is under observation at the Naval hospital at Corona, California, and had been hospitalized for three weeks before being sent back to the States.

Fields, formerly with the State Highway Department here, had been in service with the Navy exactly one year when he returned to California.

Guests of Mrs. B. C. McGilvary the first part of the week were her daughter, Mrs. Word Sherrill, and Mr. Sherrill and their children, Word, Jr., and Linda.

Announcements
From The Churches



Congratulations

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

CLUBS . PARTIES . FEATURES

JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, January 26, 1945

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METHODIST CHURCH
 Sunday Program—
 Men's Bible Class 9:45
 Sunday School 9:45
 Morning Worship 10:50
 Evening Service changed from 7:30 to Vesper Service at 5:30
 Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 3:00
 Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday evening at the church.
 Cordial welcome to all.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 10:00
 Morning Service 11:00
 Evening Service 7:30
 Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30
 W. M. U., each Wednesday 3:00
 Sunbeams, Monday 3:15
 Ra's, Ga's, Monday 4:15

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
 Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 10:00
 Weekday Mass: 7:30

FOR MECHANICAL WORK on automobiles or trucks, see Rostein Pfister or call 81. 3tc

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Neville are the parents of a son born in San Angelo on Friday, January 19. The baby, who weighed six pounds and 15 ounces, is the grandson of Mrs. Rena Trainer of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neville of Alpine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Wilman are the parents of a son born in San Angelo on Sunday, January 21. The baby has been named Joe Gayle, and weighed six pounds. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Behrens of Mason, and paternal grandmother is Mrs. A. H. Wilman, also of Mason.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Jake Merck, who underwent a major operation in a San Angelo hospital last Saturday morning, is reported to be improving at this time.

Miss Jamie Trainer, junior student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, was home Sunday and Monday between terms visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Trainer.

Home this week between semesters is Eugene Alley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Alley. He is a senior student at A. & M. College, Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wood, who spent last week at Mineral Wells, returned home Monday.

Mrs. R. L. Wainwright, a guest in the home of Mrs. Vestal Askew last week, has returned to Randolph Field, San Antonio, where her husband is stationed.

Attending spring market in Dallas last week were Jack Mackey and J. B. Nelson.

Accompanying their husbands to San Angelo last Wednesday, when they attended the district farm agencies meeting, were Meses. W. H. Dameron and Edwin Sawyer.

Mrs. Cusenbary Entertains Club

Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary entertained members and guests of the Idle Hour Club at her home on Tuesday afternoon. The playing room was decorated with chrysanthemums, and a salad plate was served. High score for the members was held by Mrs. C. G. Davis and for the guests by Mrs. Jack Mackey, with the high cut prize going to Mrs. J. T. Ratliff.

Playing were Meses. G. H. Davis, C. G. Davis, G. H. Neill, Ratliff, W. H. Dameron, I. B. Boughton, A. E. Prugel and Mackey.

Just Us Club Meets Monday

Mrs. J. S. Glasscock entertained members and guests of the Just Us Club at her home on Monday afternoon. Mrs. R. A. Halbert won the high prize for the members, and Mrs. Seth Lancaster held high score for the guests.

A salad plate was served to Meses. G. H. Davis, Halbert, Harold Friess, J. F. Howell, Rip Ward, C. A. Tyler, V. J. Glasscock and Lancaster.

W. M. U. HOLDS BIBLE STUDY, BUSINESS MEETING WED.

Members of the W. M. U. met at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon for a business meeting and Bible study. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. R. P. Odom, and the song, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", was sung. Mrs. Alfred Cooper read the scripture from Psalms.

Topics discussed, which were taken from the yearbook, "Topical Study of the Bible", were "Understanding the Power of Sin" and "God's Attitude Toward Sin".

The closing prayer was led by Mrs. Cooper.

Those attending the meeting

Jan. 26 Named Public Health Nursing Day

AUSTIN, Jan. 25—Hundreds of communities throughout Texas are planning to celebrate the first National Public Health Nursing Day on January 26, as proclaimed by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson.

The purpose of the day, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is to focus attention upon public health nursing as a service for everyone and to increase public understanding of the part played by the public health nurse in helping to build better health for family, community, and nation.

Many communities in Texas are planning to give special recognition on this day to the value of the public health nurse in the community.

From the beginning thirty years ago, public health nurses have been concerned with the total health situation of the family including sickness, care of disease, prevention, and health protection.

In setting aside January 26, as Public Health Nursing Day for America, health administrators and all other friends of nursing should dedicate themselves to the extension of public health nursing services, so that there will be enough qualified nurses to meet the needs of all the people.

S. H. Allison went to San Angelo to see his father, G. S. Allison, who has been confined to a San Angelo hospital for the past several weeks following an operation.

were Meses. Cooper, J. W. Pepper, D. L. Slone, J. K. Lancaster, Jack Drennan, Odom, J. E. Eldridge and G. G. Stephenson.

Bunnell - Oliver Wedding Vows Read Jan. 19

BAIRD, Jan. 19—Miss Vera Pearl Oliver will become the bride of Clyde Bunnell, editor of the Cross Plains Review, at ceremonies to be held at the First Methodist Church of Cross Plains tonight, Friday, at which the Rev. D. L. Barnes, pastor, will officiate.

Miss Oliver is the daughter of Mrs. Gertie Oliver of that city. She has been employed during the past year and a half in the Citizens State Bank there. Prior to that time she taught school at Burkett and Stacy. She attended Burkett High School, Weatherford Junior College, and worked on her master's degree at Abilene.

Bunnell, an employee on the Review staff, leased the newspaper when Jack Scott entered the Service last April. Before joining the staff of the Review he worked on the Devil's River News at Sonora, The Standard Times at San Angelo, and a paper at Stephenville.

Mrs. Carpenter Entertains Club

Mrs. O. L. Carpenter entertained members and guests of the Pastime Club at her home on Thursday, January 18. The playing room was decorated with yellow and white narcissus, and a salad plate was served. High score for the members was held by Mrs. J. W. Trainer, and for the guests by Mrs. J. K. Lancaster.

Playing were Meses. John Bunnell, H. V. Morris, Robert Rees, B. C. McGilvary, Elmo Johnson, O. G. Babcock, Trainer, Joe Berger, O. C. Ogden, J. V. Alley, J. H. Frasher and Lancaster.

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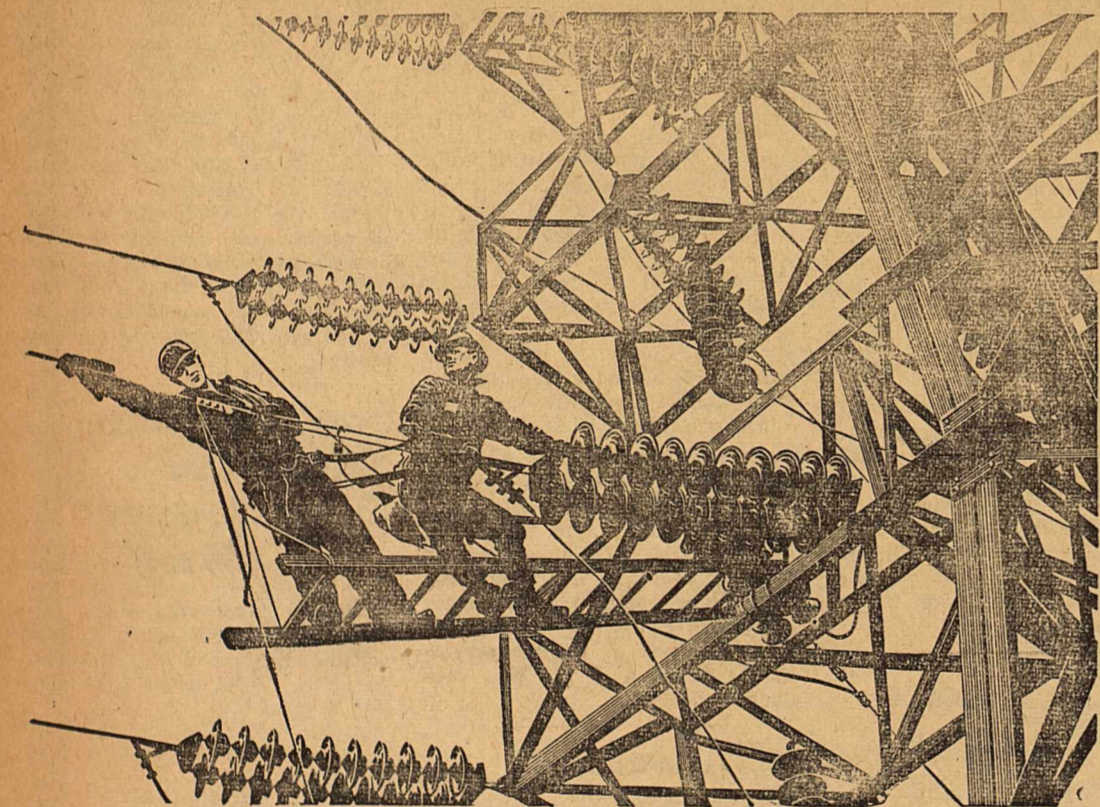
THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"Can't you think of something different we can do? I get this at the aircraft plant every day!"

BUY WAR BONDS!



IT'S NO CIRCUS!

They may look like two daring young men on the flying trapeze. But they're really electric linemen, working fifty feet in the air, with no net underneath.

It's tough enough up there on a sunny summer day. It's much worse on a wet black night—or when everything's slippery with sleet. But the job must be done. It's part of giving you good electric service.

Fortunately, there are men who have the courage and skill to do it. Just as there are other men who control complicated switch-boards in lightning storms, or keep a careful watch on giant turbines, or crawl in hot boilers to make repairs.

These folks know what to do because they've been doing it a long time. Men and women grow up in the electric light and power business. It takes years to become a power-plant engineer. Lineman—load dispatcher—service man—almost every job is specialized and technical.

The value of this experience—and of sound business management—has been dramatically proved by war. In spite of shortages of many essentials, there is no shortage of electricity—and it is still sold at pre-war prices!

Hear Nelson Eddy every Sunday afternoon in the brilliant new musical show — "The Electric Hour" — with Robert Armbruster's Orchestra, 3:30 CWT, CBS Network.

West Texas Utilities Company

PAY YOUR TAXES NOW and SAVE

Penalty added for all taxes paid after January 31

City of Sonora

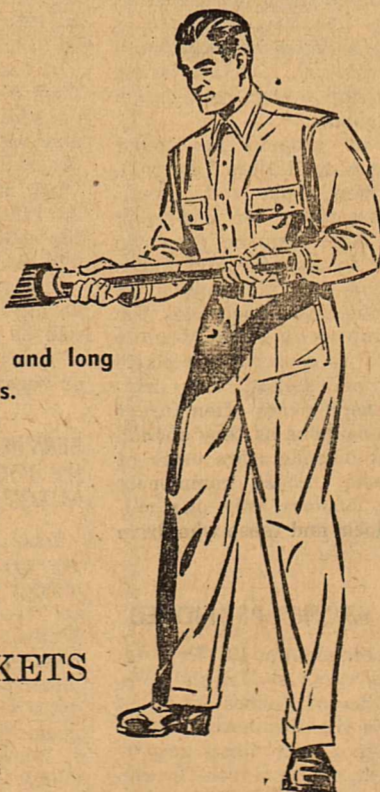
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Also ON SALE

DOROTHY GRAY

Blustery Weather Lotion

Reg. \$2.00 Size for

\$1.00 PLUS TAX

Sonora Drug Co. SONORA, TEXAS



36 Years Ago

The Sonora Lions Club got some really "big" publicity, when Nolan Gibbs spoke over station KOA, Denver, during the trip he and three other Sutton County 4-H Club boys made to the National Western Livestock Show there. When asked by the master of ceremonies who sponsored their trip to Denver, Nolan said the Lions Club did, entirely forgetting to mention the three other organizations, the Commissioners Court, First National Bank, and Sonora Wool and Mohair Co., who helped defray expenses. Nolan said, when kidded about it, "I was so darned scared that I didn't know what I was saying."

Ranchmen in the tri-county area of Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher Counties are probably in the best financial shape in the past 15 years, thinks A. E. Prugel, secretary-treasurer of the Sonora Farm Loan Association.

Prugel says the association, which serves the three counties, had paid loans amounting to \$500,000 last year against new loans of about \$250,000. Loans outstanding the first of the year amounted to about \$2,000,000, and were divided among 175 stockholders.

The association is eliminating the closed loan fee, which ranges from one to one-half percent, Prugel said. Directors are to meet early next month and Prugel expects them to declare a five percent dividend on about \$110,000 capital stock.

The association paid a five percent dividend on 1944 capital stock. Surplus and reserve of the association is now over \$55,000.

Reasons for the heavy pay-off in 1944, Prugel says, were that ranchers are in such good shape and because the loans or any part of the loans can be paid at any time.

AAA practices leading in Sutton County last year were pear eradication and deferred grazing, according to Miss Dessie Parsons, local AAA administrative officer.

Work done in the county last year included 9,243 acres of cedar killed, 13,516 acres of pear eradicated, 22 wells totaling 6,452 feet drilled, 16,357 acres under deferred grazing, 16,354 feet of pipeline laid, and one tank of 4,761 yards of capacity built.

R. A. Halbert has deeded his 18. section ranch in the northern part of Sutton County, known as the "Home Place", to Mrs. George C. Hines, younger of the Halberts' daughters. Mrs. Hines has bought the Joe H. Trainer home in Sonora, and will make her home here while Major Hines is overseas.

W. L. Aldwell, cashier of the First National Bank, returned Saturday from a week's visit to Mrs. Aldwell and daughters, Misses Marjory and Ida, at Austin, and to Houston, Fort Worth and other financial centers in the interests of the Sonora country. Mr. Aldwell was received well at all points, and accomplished what he went after.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Chalk, Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Genard Stephenson returned Monday from their holiday visits to the East. They were met in San Angelo by Mrs. G. W. Stephenson, Miss Rose and Genard Stephenson.

Dante Reiley, who has been visiting his brother, John, and the many other pets he has on the ranch, has returned to school at San Angelo.

Wedding at San Angelo
At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield, in northeast San Angelo at noon on Thursday, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lilian V. Mayfield, and Mr. J. C. Pierson. The ceremony was performed by Elder F. F. Wyatt and was witnessed by only the immediate relatives and a few friends. The bride is a charming young lady and the groom a successful merchant of Clifton, Texas. They departed on the afternoon train for their home in Clifton, and will be followed by the best wishes and congratulations of all the friends and acquaintances of the bride, in which the Press-News joins heartily — Press-News.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Pierson in the Sonora country will be pleased to learn of their happy union. The bride, as stated above, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield, and is a sister of Mrs. C. J. Lewis, Cart, Font and George Mayfield of the Sonora

country, and has made many friends in Sonora during her visits to relatives here. The groom, Jeff Pierson, is also well-known in Sonora, where he was in business for many years. He recently embarked in the dry goods business for himself at his old home at Clifton. The News joins their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burney entertained at their ranch 9 miles north of Sonora, Friday night, a large number of their neighbors and a crowd of young people from town. The evening was most enjoyably spent with games, plays, etc. Refreshments were served, and all had a good time.

Mrs. C. J. Lewis and baby returned from San Angelo Friday

last, where Mrs. Lewis was visiting her parents and attending the Pierson-Mayfield nuptials.

The arrival of the three "Jackson" cars, sold by E. F. Vander Stucken Co. to E. F. Vander Stucken, Cornell and Wardlaw, and G. W. Stephenson, was a feature of Saturday afternoon.

E. E. Sawyer, owner of the Fort Terrett ranch at the head of the North Llano, where he is engaged successfully in raising sheep, goats and cattle, was in Sonora Thursday on business.

W. E. Dunbar, the cattle and goat man and farmer, was in Sonora Saturday.

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- Tuesday, January 30—
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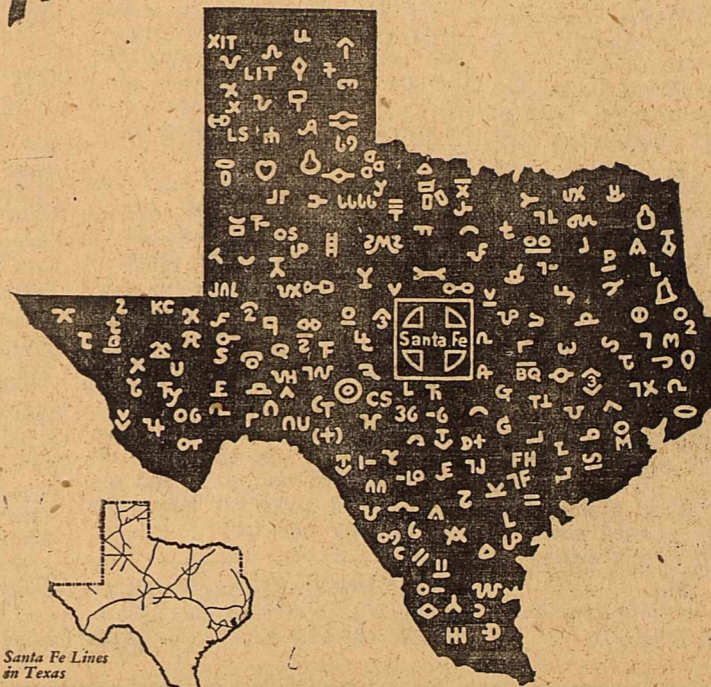
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The famed 36th "Texas" Division, which fought so heroically in Italy, is picking up new laurels in France, where it already has taken more than 17,000 German prisoners—an average of more than one and a half prisoners for each member of the Division. The figures count only live Nazis actually in the hands of the Texans, and not the several thousand killed outright.

Most recent news reports say the 36th is in a new offensive. Apparently the Texas boys just don't know how to retreat!

Back to the 36th Division - Sgt. Fred Hall of Mansfield, Texas, who weighs 202 pounds and is the biggest man in his headquarters battery, recently was forced to sleep in a baby crib while fighting along the Seventh Army front in France. It was the only available sleeping place in the house where he was billeted . . . and Fred reports that it was lots more comfortable than a fox-hole in the cold!

S/Sgt. Rector Schnahals of Bastrop has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism in helping extinguish a crash-landed bomber. He did the job despite constant danger that several bombs still left in the ship might explode. The official citation pointed out that his deed constituted "heroism at great risk of life".

S/Sgt. Cy Key, whose farm home is near Crowley, recently won the

Combat Infantryman's badge for outstanding service with the 2nd Infantry in France!

And from Leyte comes word from another scrapping Texan who knows what it is to be lucky. He is Pfc. Jim Pavlicek of West, who has fought through two of the toughest campaigns of the war without being scratched.

"I guess God has been with me", Jim told a war correspondent who talked with him recently. He has been in service four years and has fought the Japs on several Pacific islands.

Another West resident, Marine Corp. John Stepan, has earned his "M" with a Marine football team in the South Pacific. The former Texas University guard plans to coach football after the war, and he's keeping up with the game even while fighting the Nips.

Also in the Pacific is Russell Cole of Brownsville, who believes in working when there are no Japs around to fight. While waiting for a new combat assignment after several months of front-line service, Cole volunteered to work with a construction unit building Quonset huts on the island.

Incidentally, Texans at home are going to receive a lot of national publicity when the final report on the recent War Chest drive is made. Details aren't ready for publication yet, but Wayland D. Towner, United Chest of Texas general manager, has let slip the fact that Texas generosity came through again!

All you who contributed so generously can be sure that you have helped toward victory. . . and you have helped make life better for our fighting men, too.

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS

by BOYCE HOUSE

In this hour when the shadow of death is falling across so many homes, the man (or woman) who has nothing more serious to worry about than the cigaret shortage has nothing to worry about.

And another thing that puzzles me is, if there is a paper shortage in this country (and I'm sure there is), then why do the big metropolitan papers devote so much space to the Chaplin case and other Hollywood filth?

And why couldn't they cut down on the size of those enormous pictures on the Sunday society page?

County Clerk Dush Shaw of Gregg County has begun his 24th term, ranking him as one of the oldest public officials, in point of service, in the United States. The Longview Lens comments that the popular county clerk has "worn out" two courtrooms and is serving in the third.

One of the most interesting lawsuits in the history of Eastland County wasn't tried in the courthouse at Eastland but in justice court in Cisco back in the '20's. A one-eyed mule and a 1912 model Brush automobile collided on the main street. (Can you remember the Brush? It had a door at the back and it cranked on the side, like a phonograph, and you steered it with a stick instead of a wheel).

The case drew such a big crowd that the 'squire moved from his little courtroom over to the city hall auditorium. The trial took all day, and then everybody went home for supper and came back that night for the argument.

W. J. Barnes (now a prominent attorney) represented the defendant, and he brought out that the value of the mule was only \$50,



A LOOK AT THE BOOK

By DR. BOB JONES, JR.

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No man can escape from a responsibility which is rightly his by simply seeking to avoid the discharge of that responsibility. That is what Pilate tried to do. He was the representative of the Roman government and, as such, the final authority of all matters of law in which a man's life might be at stake. It was his duty to render a decision as to whether or not Jesus Christ deserved death. If under the law, Pilate had found Christ guilty and deserved death it was his obligation to pass the death sentence. On the other hand, finding Him innocent, it was his

duty to set Him free and to give Him the protection of all the power of Rome to which, as a free and innocent man, He was entitled.

What did Pilate do? He found Him innocent. He knew He was guiltless, but he knew if he did his duty, as the Roman governor, he would incur the antagonism of the influential Jewish priests. He sent for a basin, therefore, and in the presence of the assembly washed his hands and said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it" (Matthew 27: 24). In modern slang, Pilate attempted to "pass the buck". Knowing Christ was innocent, Pilate sought to escape the responsibility of His death and passed the blame to the Jews. Pilate did not escape the responsibility. He has forever been guilty, because he failed to discharge his obligation.

God has placed upon each of us

certain responsibilities—family and financial, spiritual and moral. We may find them irksome. We may seek to escape them by refusing to discharge them, but our failure to discharge a responsibility does not remove from us the responsibility. We cannot avoid obligations by running away from them. We can not escape responsibility by refusing to exercise it. It is the responsibility of each man to prepare for eternity by accepting God's salvation offered to him by Christ. The man who refuses to meet his responsibility in this matter is lost, not because he deliberately wishes to be lost, but because he refuses to face his obligation to become reconciled to God.

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"I'll never forget it. But this will interest you, Judge. I heard just yesterday that the revenue men raided a big still right near there. Guess that's where all that high-priced moonshine we heard about has been coming from."
"Wouldn't be a bit surprised. I saw in the paper the other day where the Government has raided thousands of such stills during the past year."

"Sounds sort of reminiscent, doesn't it, Judge?"
"Exactly and it's not hard to figure out. As soon as the distillers stopped making whiskey and devoted their entire facilities to the production of industrial alcohol for the Government... the racketeers muscled in again."
"I hate to think of how that might have spread, Judge, if the Government hadn't found it possible, without interfering with our war effort in any way, to permit a short resumption of legal whiskey production recently."

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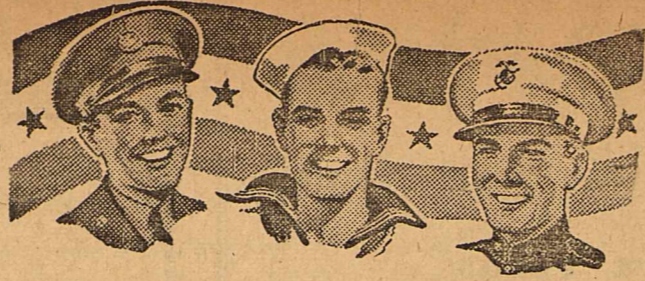
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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature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

Mrs. Jimmy Taylor, who is stationed at the Norfolk, Norwich Hospital, in England with the Nurses Corps, writes the following:

"So sorry that I have been a little late in replying since Christmas, but as you know I have quite a lot of people to write to there, and then my own folks here, so if this letter seems a little late, please forgive me."

"Thanks a million for the Christmas package. It was sweet of you to think of us. It is a pity that we can't send you something in return, but we're rather at a loss over here as to what one can send, it is so terribly expensive, as well as being of a cheap quality. Jimmy got me a beautiful radio for Christmas. It is such a boon to us when we spend our quiet evenings at home. I managed to get him quite a respectable dressing case; he wanted one very much. We had a wonderful time at Christmas, such a lot to eat and drink, with the Christmas spirit everywhere. I think we have only just about recovered from our hectic days and nights."

"The hospital was beautifully decorated, and all the wards had their own special parties. We went to my home for the evening and stayed overnight. All the family, which is of course terribly small, were home, including my sister's American boy friend. Since then Jim and I have had our fourth week-end leave, and this time, instead of going all gay as we usually do, we spent the time visiting the people we should but never get around to. New Year's Eve is, of course, the anniversary of our first meeting, so naturally it is quite an occasion for us. This is Jim's third one over here, and if he doesn't get back soon he is go-

ing to be a real Englishman. I am kinda between, as I pick up several Americanisms now and then. Norwich is chuck-ful of American soldiers, not a very good thing when they get a little wild.

"I shall be looking for one of your letters soon again, when you have time. I know you all had a marvelous time too at Christmas. Let's hope next year I shall be with you. We are both feeling the need of our own home."

"On the 19th of this month we have the hospital dance, our yearly big one, evening dress, etc. We are looking forward to it, you can bet."

"Well, must close for now. I will write very soon, and perhaps then I shall be able to write a decent letter."

"Take care of yourselves for us to come home to soon."

T/Sgt. Rex Merriman writes from England:

"I just received three letters from you and, believe me, I was really glad to see those letters. It is the first I've had in a long time. I feel so much better since I have heard from you. For awhile I thought you had forgotten me. Probably that is the way that you feel about me when I don't write, but I write every chance, and that isn't very often. I also got a package with the cigarettes and socks. It also had all of the shaving things in it too. By the way, don't send any more soap or tooth paste

ROLL OF HONOR



or shaving cream for awhile, as I have a stack of it at the present and if I see that I am going to run low, I will let you know in plenty of time.

"Is there anything new at home now? How is the good old winter time? I bet it is plenty cold now, isn't it?"

"Let me know if you received my money order and also all of the pictures I have been sending. I will send ten more pictures in this letter tonight. In your spare moments you can fix up my album. Be sure and use the picture clips to put the pictures in."

"You said there was something wrong with the car; well, you can't expect it to run good all the time. When I get back I'm going to buy me a new car. I doubt if I could drive one very well now, but boy, would I like to try. After working around airplanes for three years and not driving, I bet I will have to learn all over."

"Well, I guess there is a lot we are missing, but after it is all over it will be forgotten, I hope."

"I had better close and take care of my pictures."

John Jackson, S 2/c, writes from San Diego:

"I received your letter last night

and was really glad to hear from you. I sure would have liked to have been there Christmas."

"Last night I saw Leon Morris and we had a big chat, then I went over to see Boyd Turner. They are both in the same barracks about fifty yards from my barracks. Boyd is waiting on the next class of cooks, and Leon is waiting on gunner's school."

"You should see me now. We went over and got a haircut Thursday for the Captain's Personnel Inspection, and I got another G. I. haircut, but I was not by myself."

"I was going to look Cooper and Hudson up, but after I thought about it, I realized that they could be one of a dozen places out here, so I gave it up before I started."

"You know this school is just like beginning school again, because everything is so simple, or I am so 'smart' that I don't know which it is. The math we have here is just about fractions, but when you have not worked with them in a long time you can get mixed up pretty easy. The spelling we have is not a special class. We have a class in practical baking all morning and baker's manual in the afternoon. Then we take calisthenics, and after that we have off until eight o'clock when we have to clean up."

In The Service

Home From The War



Warrant Officer George Wynn of the Lubbock Army Air Field left Thursday to report back to duty after a three-day visit here with Mrs. Wynn.

"I guess if I ever get out of this school, they will award me a medal for the 'Battle of San Diego'." "Tell everyone 'hello' for me."

S/Sgt. Melvin Shroyer writes from New Guinea, and later from the Philippines.

"As yet I don't know what I will be allowed to write, but by this you will know I am doing fine, and nothing to worry about."

"So far I have seen several of the islands, and still I don't know which one or where I will end up. We had a nice trip coming over. Entertainment such as picture shows, and the food has been very good. We stopped at several ports on the way over, but New Caledonia is the only one I can mention. When I arrived, I had 22 letters, a lot of Christmas cards and the Christmas money. Don't send any more money, as I can't spend all I have. There isn't anything that I need as yet, so don't try to send me anything, just write as often as possible."

"If you care to read the war news and just what it is all about, just read this Jap paper I am sending. I found it yesterday."

"Peck Kring and I are still together, but I don't know for how long. We are near where Junior Brasher and Sam Odom are, but we have not seen them."

From the Philippines:

"I am now somewhere in the Philippines. Everything seems to be quiet and O. K. I have seen a

lot of things I would like to tell you about, but that can wait. I have been flying some but not in combat. I have not seen any Japs yet or any of the boys from home. There is no danger from the enemy, so don't worry about me. This place is not bad at all, as we have dances and picture shows.

"I went into town today, and it is sure a dirty place. The towns are about like places in Mexico. The native women do our laundry. They beat the clothes out with a stick, but they are clean."

"We have pet monkeys around the camp, and plenty of coconuts and bananas to eat. It rains every day and night, but we have good tents so we don't get wet. I have seen some of the Jap planes that were shot down. I am doing the same kind of work here that I did in the States."

"I will write more soon. Take care of yourself and don't worry about me."

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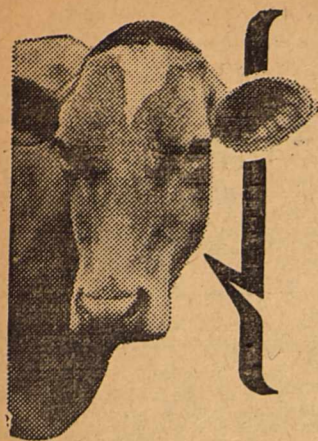


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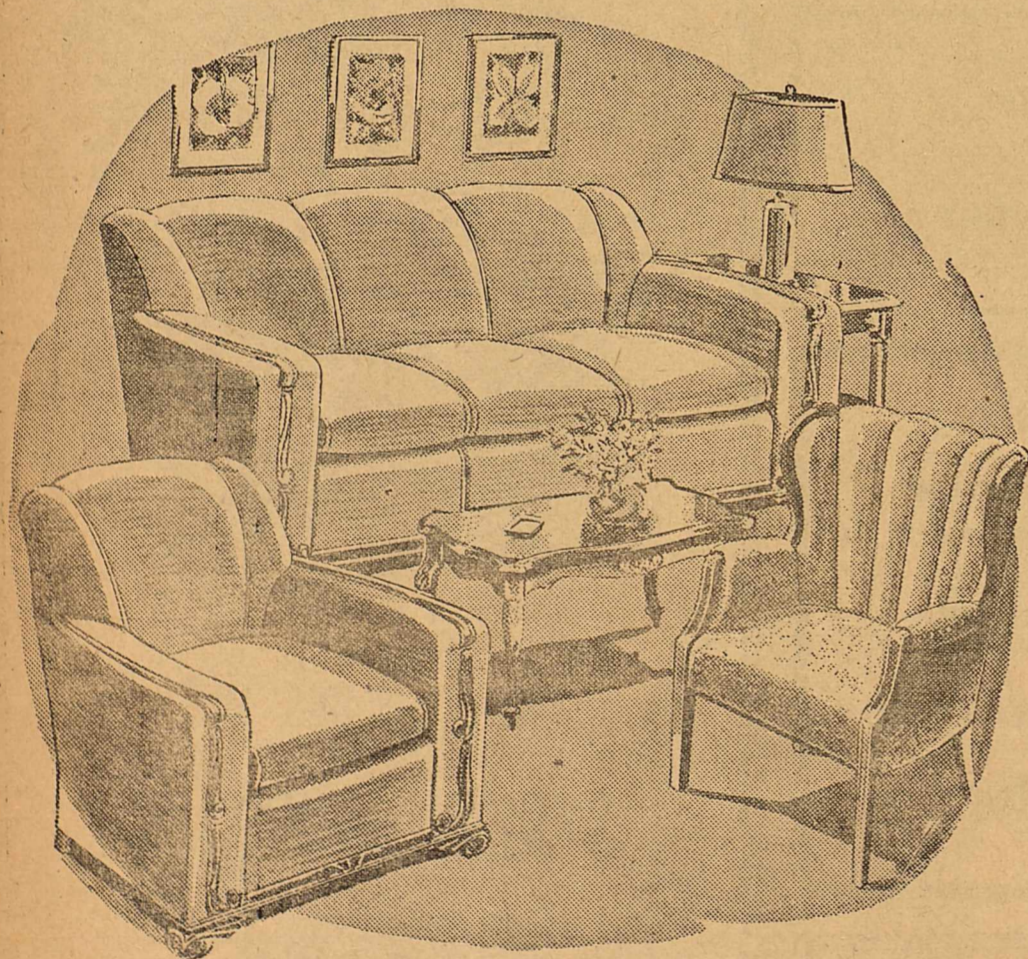
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