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These overseas meetings of Texas brothers bring out the truth in the old proverb about truth being stranger than fiction and the world being a small place.

S/Sgt. Gene Rogers and Cpl. Davis Rogers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rogers of Leonard, Texas, met recently in Belgium, where both were fighting the Nazis. It was their first reunion in more than four years.

Pvts. Harrel and G. W. McCurdy of Tom Bean met for the first time while fighting in Germany. Two other Tom Bean brothers, Sgts. Harvey and Haynes Lee, ran across each other in southern Belgium after 16 months of separation.

The importance of the work done on behalf of our men in enemy hands by War Prisoners Aid, the great National War Fund agency to which Texans contribute when they give to their country war chests, was vividly brought out recently by Wick Fowler, Dallas News war correspondent just back from the European front.

"Only the packages the prisoners get from home enable them to stand up under the rigors and tedium of life in enemy prisoner-of-war camps," Fowler declared.

War Prisoners Aid provides athletic and recreational equipment, study courses, books, games and many other supplies designed to sustain morale and stave off the dread "barbed wire sickness" which in past wars has sent men home mental and physical wrecks. It is the only agency concerned with the spiritual and moral welfare of our men in enemy hands.

Sgt. Johnnie Anderson, Bells, has received a battlefield commission as second Lieutenant in the Philippines. John C. Graves, Sulphur Springs, with the Ninth Air Force in France, has been promoted to major. Thomas Stevenson, Mertens, serving with a medical unit in the Southwest Pacific, has won a field promotion from staff sergeant to second lieutenant.

And Capt. William Dillard, Grand Saline, flying as a Mustang pilot in Italy, chalked up his fifth victory recently when he shot down a German jet-propelled plane in a 1,400-mile round trip to an oil plant south of Berlin.



Sign on the back of an automobile seen in Wichita Falls, "Caution—a blind man is driving this car!" That startling declaration causes the observer to look as he is going

Capt. Edward D. Maner of Hillsboro, who has been flying the China-Assam route "over the hump" of the Himalayas, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

But in the air or on the ground, Texans continue to garner an enviable multitude of medals for bravery. Capt. Walter E. Green, Ennis, now recovering from wounds at O'Reilly General hospital, Springfield, Mo., has received the second Oak Leaf Cluster for his Silver Star. That means the equivalent of three Silver Stars.

Bronze Stars have been awarded overseas to M/Sgt. Cecil King, Brownsboro; Sgt. Thomas A. Ellis, Roston; Marine Lt. Peter F. Lake, Tyler; Lt. Victor L. Tip, Selman City; S/Sgt. L. B. Dickerson, Sulphur Springs, and Lt. James A. Morgan, Denton.

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, April 6, 1945

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past the machine and he notices, on the side, the name of a Venetian blind company.

Times change.  
Can you remember when the big magazine writers were praising Mussolini for his work in Italy--because the trains there ran on time?

And a traveler named Wells visited Russia and then wrote a book called "Kaput", meaning "finished--no good". Wonder where Wells is, by the way? Maybe he's "kaput".

There are so many little children on the buses these days that it is rumored the 1946 models are going to be equipped with sandpiles and see-saws.

The life of Sam Bass (so I hear) is to be filmed--Wayne Gard of the Dallas News wrote a biography of the Texas Robin Hood some years ago . . . E. H. Whitehead, one of the outstanding Chamber of Commerce executives of the State, is now a publisher, having acquired the Polk County Enterprise in Livingston . . . C. L. Douglas of the Fort Worth Press has had a nibble from Hollywood on his fine book, "James Bowie", the first full-length biography of one of the three most colorful Texans. The other two? Sam Houston and Big-foot Wallace . . . Tom Foster, former publisher of Kilgore, is editor of the Seabee, a handsome publication. Foster has been serving in the Seabees for about three years.

A favorite story: A business man called in one of his creditors and said, "I'm going to go broke but I am going to make you a favored creditor," the other said, "How much are you going to be able to pay on the dollar?" The merchant said, "Not anything." His friend said, "Then how do you figure I'm a favored creditor?"

"Oh," was the reply, "you know now you aren't going to get anything--the others I owe won't know for two months yet."

## Compulsory Military Training

BY CLAYTON HAMILTON

The history of the past thirty years resolves itself into a grim warning to the United States of America. In the next war the defeat of this country will be the first consideration in the plans of any aggressor. The next Hitler will plan, therefore, to knock this country out first. All his plans will start with an attempt to surprise us and beat us before we can get ready. In fact, Rear Admiral J. R. Redman, Director of Naval Communications, said:

"In the future wars all natural barriers, such as oceans, will be eliminated. We may expect to be attacked from any direction and certainly by air without warning." With warfare thus revolutionized, America must change her entire policy of national defense. After this war we must be in a state of constant preparedness or court sudden, swift national disaster. Weapons are complex today. They require experts to use them. It takes time to train men to use them. When the firing starts, it will be too late to start that training. Let's be realistic this time. Let's prepare for the worst. That's the best way of preventing World War III.

Every American boy, when he

reaches the age of eighteen, will receive a thorough medical examination prior to starting his one year of military training. This examination will detect visible and latent physical defects. The health standards of our youth will be raised by correction of such physical defects. Life expectancy will be increased. Moreover the training will develop youth in body and mind. Youth will learn self-reliance. Qualities of leadership will be brought to light. Youth will learn not only how to obey but also how to command. They will learn, also, at an early age, the value of teamwork.

World War II has been a laboratory for the development of the science of modern warfare. It has been too good a laboratory. From it have come war planes flying faster than sound, robot bombs, rocket planes, electronics, amphibious operation. In the next war it will be possible to bombard cities across the ocean by radar and electronic-controlled artillery, robot bombs, or rocket planes. Vast armies will be transported in giant aerial troop carriers. Speed such as we have not even dreamed of will mark attacks. The late Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of the United States, often urged, "Speak

## DIRECTOR OF SAFETY SAYS 250,000 CAR LICENSES ARE INVALID

AUSTIN, April 4--Approximately 250,000 persons driving motor vehicles in Texas do not have valid operators' licenses, Director Homer Garrison of the Department of Public Safety said today.

This isn't a deliberate, wholesale violation of the law, Garrison observed. It's simply the result of drivers failing to observe the expiration dates of their licenses.

Application blanks are available at Drivers License and Highway Patrol offices, courthouses, and some city halls, fire stations, and service stations.

softly but carry a big stick!" George Washington advised us to "have a citizen-militia force large enough in size and strength to be respectable in the eyes of those who might otherwise become our enemies." We must be prepared and stay prepared against the evil day when a new aggressor, armored with the lessons of the past, and with the inventions still to come, may swoop down on our country for a lightening knockout stroke. Universal military training is the best preparation we can make.

# PIGGLY WIGGLY

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Pressed Ham, 5 Pts. Can 38c

COLD  
Lunch Loaves, 3 Pts. lb 35c

FRESH  
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<p>CLEANING FLUID VARSOL, Gal. 45c</p> <p>PEACOCK RICE, 2 lb Box 23c</p> <p>TOMATO PLANTS OR Cabbage Plants, Doz. 25c</p> <p>WHITE KARO SYRUP, 1/2 Gal. Jar 45c</p> <p>PICKLED IN OLIVE OIL Smoked Sardines, Can 23c</p>	<p>FLY SWATTERS, 3 For 25c</p> <p>FOR PLANTING Blackeyed Peas, 2 Qts. 35c</p> <p>BROW LABEL BRER RABBIT SYRUP, Gal. Can 67c</p> <p>WHITE STALEYS SYRUP, 1/2 Gal. 43c</p> <p>FRENCH'S BIRD SEED, 2 Boxes 25c</p>
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**SUGAR** PURE CANE 5 LB. BAG **33c** 10 LB. BAG **65c**

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## PIGGLY WIGGLY

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"No wonder you say it wouldn't be fair to take the privilege away from the other 95%, Judge. I agree with you."

"I can't see it any other way, Clem. No

more than I could see taking automobiles away from everybody because a few drive recklessly and have accidents. Or preventing the making or sale of cake or doughnuts because some folks eat too much and get indigestion."

"In the case of spirit beverages, the answer is one of education and better control."

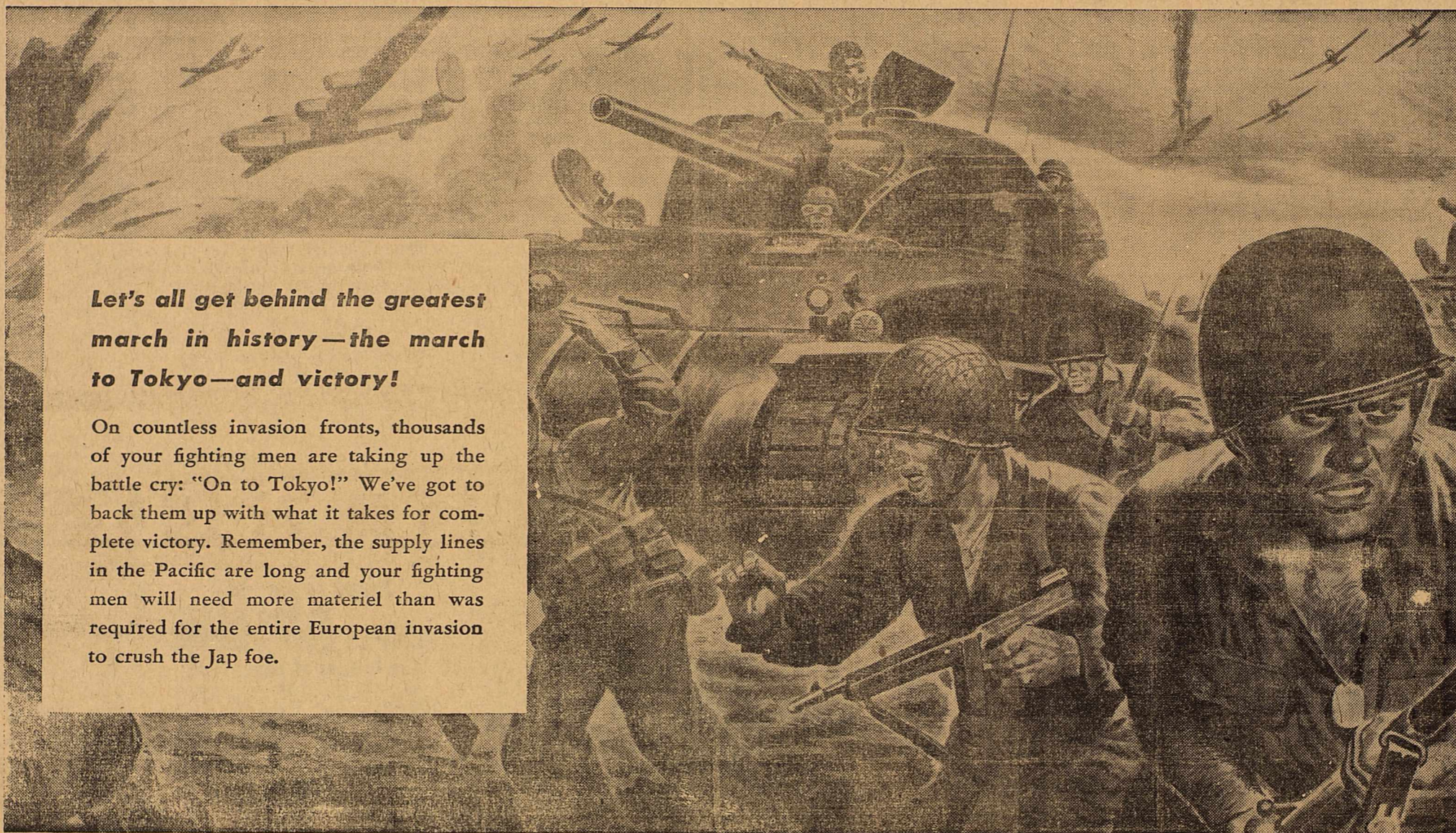
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PIGGLY WIGGLY

Announcements  
From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Program—	Sunday School _____ 10:00
Men's Bible Class _____ 9:45	Morning Service _____ 11:00
Sunday School _____ 9:45	Evening Service _____ 7:30
Morning Worship _____ 10:50	Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday _____ 7:30
Evening Service changed from 7:30 to Vesper Service at 5:30	W. M. U., each Wednesday _____ 3:00
Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon _____ 3:00	Sunbeams, Monday _____ 3:15
Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday evening at the church.	Ra's, Ga's, Monday _____ 4:15
Cordial welcome to all.	
<b>ST. JOHN'S CHURCH</b>	<b>ST. ANN'S CHURCH</b>
Sunday School _____ 10:00	Sunday Masses; 8:00 and 10:00
Evening Services _____ 8:00	Weekday Mass: 7:30
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Chicago Candy Maker First to Fly Returned Veterans Flag



CHICAGO, ILL.—Curtiss Candy Company is the first organization in the Nation to fly the new returned veterans service flag authorized by the War Department. Inez Aronson (left) holds the new flag, which signifies that 130 returned service men and women have been employed or re-employed by the company, while Anne Hoffman displays the company flag honoring the 1,040 Curtiss employees who have entered the service.

S. S. Class Given Easter Egg Hunt

Mmes. Ben Mittel, Joe Bailey and D. L. Slone were the hostesses when the members of the beginners department of the Baptist Sunday School were entertained with an easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday at the home of Mrs. W. M. Mittel.

Sandwiches, candy and punch were served to Anna Rose Glasscock, Wallace Anthony, Patricia Ward, Lindal Sue Allen, Earlene Smith, Bobby Jo Smith, Donnie Dugger, Mary Lois Hull, Marcy Jean Anthony, Jimmy Ward, Sue Kinser, Tracy Crites, Carolyn Speed, Armilda Odom, Winnie Ruth Drennan, Johnnie Sue Baggett, Jimmie, Charles and Josephine Bailey, Jan Keng, Shannan Ratliff, Connie June Crumley, Mickey Slone, Ben Richard and Marilyn Mittel, Bob Ratliff and Margo Mittel of Eldorado.

Also Mmes. G. G. Stephenson, W. E. Glasscock, Edgar Glasscock, C. D. Crumley, Joe Hull, Frank Smith, W. C. Anthony and Beamon Speed.

Mrs. Johnson Is WSCS Leader

Mrs. Rose Thorn was hostess for the meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service at her home on Wednesday, March 28. Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Sr., was the leader and the subject was "The Lord's Supper".

At the business meeting which followed Mrs. Marion Stokes resigned as chairman of the flower committee, and Mrs. A. W. Awalt was appointed, with Mrs. Harry Sharp as her assistant.

Present at the meeting were Mmes. J. D. Lowrey, E. E. Sawyer, Lloyd McMullen, W. R. Cusenbary, Johnson and Sharp.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lowrey and will be a social meeting.

SMITH - CARTWRIGHT WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Cartwright have announced the marriage of their daughter, Billie, to E. T. Smith, Jr., son of E. T. Smith, Sr., of Sonora and Mrs. G. E. Garrison of San Antonio. The marriage vows were read in San Antonio on Wednesday March 14.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the Sonora High School, Mrs. Smith having graduated in 1944, and Smith receiving his diploma this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are making their home in San Antonio for the present, until the time when he will enter the armed forces.

Raymond Morgan, Carpenter's Mate 1/c, who has been visiting here for the past three weeks, left Tuesday night to report back to duty in New Orleans. Mrs. Morgan, who is here on an extended visit with her parents, and Miss Alice Karnes accompanied him as far as Del Rio.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

CLUBS . PARTIES . FEATURES

JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, April 6, 1945

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Mrs. I. B. Boughton Elected President Of P-TA For New Year

Mrs. I. B. Boughton was elected president for 1945 when the Parent-Teachers Association met at the High School Tuesday afternoon. Other officers elected were: Howard Ezell, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Friess, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Queen, treasurer; Mrs. Rip Ward, historian; Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, parliamentarian; E. K. Folley, auditor, and Mrs. Arthur Carroll, publicity chairman.

The guest speaker for the afternoon, introduced by Mrs. J. F. Howell, was Dr. E. W. Prothro, of the State Health Department in San Angelo. Dr. Prothro's subject was "Health and Safety in Wartime".

A group of piano students of Mrs. O. L. Richardson, Lindel Allen, Connie June Crumley, Rose Alice Turney, Barbara Schwienging and Cynthia Ann Hall, played solos. Pupils of Mrs. S. M. Loeffler, Turney Friess, Betsy Ross and Caroline Marvin also played piano solos. Accompanied on the piano by his mother, Mrs. Bryan Hunt, James Theodore Hunt sang "Always" and "Don't Fence Me In".

In opening his talk, Dr. Prothro said that a graph revealed that 50 per cent of the manhood of the nation was not physically fit for regular military service; that many of these defects could be eliminated if, as a child, they had been given medical attention early enough. Parents cannot delay the need for treatment until the child is twenty and then have him physically fit.

"A child needs to be developed mentally, morally and physically, but they must have the physical training first, because it is the basis of all other characteristics", he continued. "Parents do not keep in touch closely enough with the child's development or school activities. A father knows about his sheep, goats and other livestock and about the welfare of these animals, but he can not tell you how many teeth his child had at a certain age, or what he is doing in school. This parental neglect is oftentimes responsible for the physical fitness later in life."

"Statistics show an infant mortality rate in some communities of 166 to every 1,000 persons. This death rate can be decreased by proper medical care of the mother before the child's birth, and of the mother and child after birth. The rate of mortality per 1,000 persons has been reduced to 78 and often times even lower, by constructive educational work", he said. "From December 7 1941, Pearl Harbor Day, to D-Day more people died from accidents than from armed activities in which the army was engaged. Many home accidents can be prevented and people should know about how to prevent them."

Rodney Davis Honored With Easter Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis honored their son, Rodney, with an Easter party at their ranch home Sunday afternoon. Games were played, following an Easter-egg hunt, and the children were served cookies, ice cream and cocoa.

Children attending were Cecile Folley, Addah B. and Linda Wardlaw, Artie Bert and Tommy Ray Adams, Dixie Ann and Mary Jane Queen, June Rose Lyles, James and Viola Montgomery, Mary Lehne Prater, Loma Lee Bridges, Clayton Friend, Lynn Kirby, Robert Trainer, Barbara Wilson, Sue Norris, Kay Motley, Billie Scott, John Neville and Nancy and Dan Eaton.

Also, Mmes. E. K. Folley, Frank Bond, Jack Wardlaw, Matt Adams, Pat Lyles, A. R. Montgomery, Howard Kirby, Wylie Trainer, Elmer Wilson Autrey Bridges, Dillard Motley, Dorothy Norris and Messrs. and Mmes. W. H. Queen and John Eaton.

WMU HAS BIBLE STUDY; MRS CRITES LEADER

Mrs. W. O. Crites was the leader for Bible study when the WMU met at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon. The meeting opened with the song, "Stand Up For Jesus", followed by a prayer by Mrs. Fern McGhee.

Topics for discussion were "Talk With God" and "God's Eternal Mercy". Each member preser had a part on the program and discussed a part of the topic and gave a scripture reading. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. Alfred Cooper.

Attending were Mmes. Aubrey Ward, R. P. Odom, Crites, J. K. Lancaster, J. W. Pepper, Jack Drennan and G. G. Stephenson.

The next meeting will be the Royal Service and will be held in the home of Mrs. Odom.

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We're sorry to offend Mister Peltz, but glad that we've been able to keep electricity plentiful and cheap when so many things are scarce and expensive.

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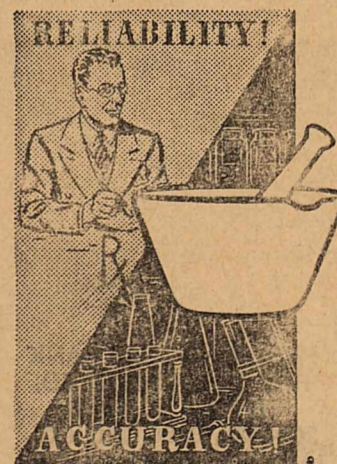
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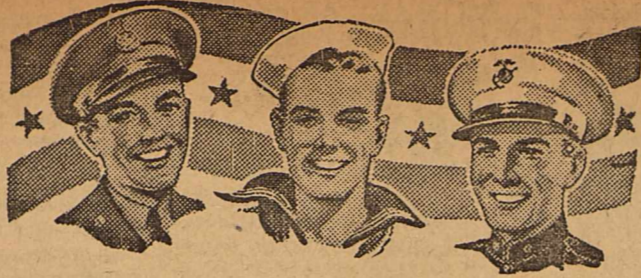
I'd forgive him for beating me up every week; but refusing to let me buy that wallpaper from Cameron's was more than I could bear.

Don't take chances with your family's health



When your doctor prescribes, take the prescription where you are assured of accuracy and fresh ingredients. Our years of service are your assurance of protection.

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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.

Woodrow L. Norris, C. C. M., writes from the Western Pacific: "I am sorry I have not written to you sooner, but this is the first chance I have had. I have written only one letter since I have been here and that was to Opal several days ago. I told her to call you. I would have written you then, but it got dark before I finished her letter. This has been hell over here, and I don't mean maybe. We came in under fire. It is pretty quiet now. I hope it is about over. You should have some idea where I am; it is somewhere in the Western Pacific.

"I have received several letters since I have been here. Believe me, they certainly did help out too. I have not had any mail for several days now. I never dreamed I would be in such a place as this. It is almost impossible for a human being to exist here. I certainly hope we don't have to stay here long. We are living in dug-outs in the ground. It is really dirty. I have not had a meal since I have been here. We have canned hash, stew and beans, and powdered coffee. We build fires and heat the cans, but we have plenty to be thankful for at that, I suppose. I took my first bath the other night in two helmets full of water.

"You will have to forgive me for not writing much for awhile. I have been busy during the day, and at night it is too dark to write. I hope I get some mail from you in a day or so. A letter really helps out over here.

"I hope everything at home is alright and you and dad are both well. Try not to worry about me. I am alright, and I'll make it alright. I have lost an inch or so of my waist line already, but I still have some more to spare.

"There are lots of things I could tell you, but the censorship regulations won't permit. Some things are better not told anyway. As long as I can let you know that I am well and going, I guess that is all that is necessary.

"Please write as often as you can. Maybe I will be able to write more regularly pretty soon, so don't be alarmed if you don't hear from me for several days.

"So long for this time."

T/Sgt. Rex Merriman writes from England:

"I have a few minutes, and I know it is time I was dropping a few lines. I am doing fine, and I hope this finds everyone at home doing fine. I have received quite a few letters from home lately, and I also received a cute card today.

"Say, are wrist watches hard to get? I sure could use one if they are not. If not, how about sending me one? Be sure and have a crystal put on it that won't break. Time does not mean a thing to

me any more. I don't guess I am going any place, but it is nice to look at your watch so you won't be late and miss chow. If you can still get those radio tubes that I wrote about, I would like to have them. I have not had the radio for about two months now and I sure miss it.

"This war can't last forever, and I'll be back one of these days. It can't end too soon for me. I don't intend to give up though, and I think I can hold out twice as long as they can. It is hurting them worse than it is me. You know I said my ship, 'Victory Read', was sick; well, she passed away on me. I hated to see her go, but she lived to a ripe old age. She is gone but never forgotten.

"Tell everyone I said 'hello'. I must close now, but you write every chance you get."

Jim Martin, S 2/c, writes from Maryland:

"I am sorry that I have put off so long writing you, but I have been pretty busy moving and all. I am now in Maryland waiting for my school to start. I think I will start to school Monday. I am

planning on going to Washington, D. C., this week-end to see the sights. I like this base here better than that one in California. They have better food and treat you like a sailor, not a boot.

"I came through Colorado when I came up here. There was snow on the Rockies and it sure was pretty. I saw Great Salt Lake in Utah. It sure is a big piece of water.

S/Sgt. M. A. Shroyer writes from the Philippines:

"Just a few lines to say that I am alright and hope this finds you feeling fine. Everyone is still the same here. I am still working in the radio ground station. I did not get sea sick, neither did Peck. The address you sent was where I left him.

"I wrote A. W. Awalt a letter after he was killed, and did not know it at the time. I am almost sure I saw the grave yard where he was buried, but I did not know that at the time. If I ever get a chance to go back there, I will find out. I had also written to Jr. Brasher after he was killed. I guess the letters will be returned. A. W.'s outfit is here where I am

## In The Service

### Home From The War

Here on 15-day furlough is Brooks Powell, Seaman 1/c, who is stationed at the Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho. Powell was stationed here with the Border Patrol before entering service with the Navy.

Glenn C. Richardson, Seaman 2/c, returned to duty last week after a 10-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Richardson. When he left for the Great Lakes Training Center, Illinois, he was accompanied as far as Fort Worth by his parents.

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### Victory Garden Hints

One cutworm can bite off many young plants in one night, especially beans, peas, tomatoes and cabbage. But, says Paul Gregg, entomologist for the A. and M. Extension Service, a bit of cardboard rolled around the plants in their infancy will prevent the worm from doing any damage.

The cutworm, a gray and brown caterpillar-like crawler, does great damage to garden crops if it is not controlled, because it works at night. Since it passes the winter beneath the soil and becomes active in the spring, Gregg says that land used for gardens which was in grass or weeds the previous year is likely to harbor a larger number than soil which had been cultivated.

The pest announces its presence in the spring or early summer by cutting off near the ground the stems of the tender young plants it prefers to feed on. Since the cutworm is a common enemy to gardens everywhere, Gregg says that gardeners should prepare at the time plants break through the soil or are set out to guard against its attack. One of the simplest means is to erect a cardboard barrier between the plant and the pest. Any lightweight material about the size of a penny postcard will do. Roll this into a collar around the plant, making the opening of the collar about four times the size of the main stem of the plant to allow for entrance of plenty of air and light.

Care should be taken to sink the collar about an inch below ground and leave two inches above the soil. It also helps to protect young plants against sun and wind. But the danger is not entirely past when the stem becomes tough, since the worm sometimes will climb small plants and cut off the leaves. On that account it is well to leave the collar in place until the plants reach sufficient maturity to protect themselves.

Gregg suggests that the best protection for a large garden is poisoned bait, scattered thinly over the plot, or around the bases of plants immediately after setting them out. Directions for preparing the bait may be obtained from county agricultural agents, and it often is for sale by dealers in insecticides or seed men. However,

### Cox Says Many Childhood Ills May Be Serious

AUSTIN, April 5—With the incidence of chickenpox and mumps more than 50 per cent higher than records indicate for a seven-year median, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, issued a statement today declaring, "It is a great mistake to treat even light cases of measles, chickenpox, mumps, scarlet fever or any other of the communicable diseases of childhood as though they did not amount to much. That sort of treatment makes it possible for these

young children, livestock and poultry should not be allowed access to the bait.

disease to spread and cause serious outbreaks among children and their resulting impaired resistance makes them easy victims to other forms of infection.

"Some of the most serious outbreaks of chickenpox which we have had, have been traced to mild cases—that is, to cases too light for the doctor to be called. In some instances the children have continued to go to school and to associate and play with other children. In others, after they have been kept at home for a few days, they have returned to school and have scattered these germs around among their schoolmates. Eventually a group of cases—sometimes very serious ones—have developed from the carelessly-handled mild cases. The result was another epidemic that could have been prevented."

### Extension Dept. Assisting With Placing Labor

COLLEGE STATION, April 2—The Texas A. and M. Extension Service, which has the responsibility for recruitment and placement of farm labor in Texas, has adopted two courses in an effort to bring about more effective distribution and better utilization of migratory labor in 1945.

According to Caesar Hohn, Extension farm labor supervisor, the parallel action is directed toward (1) trying to create a better understanding of the farm labor problem by migrant Latin-Americans, and (2) attempting to persuade farmers who use this labor to recognize and remove hazards which have hampered maximum utilization of it.

In West Texas, Hohn said, county agricultural agents in cooperation with the district farm labor

office at Plainview and Extension district agents, have held meetings with commissioners courts, ranchers and towns people to explain the problems. Farmers, ranchers, businessmen and others concerned have promised cooperation in correcting the conditions which have interfered with the best use of

migrant labor in the past. During a recent survey in south Texas, Hohn said that contact men reported a growing confidence among Latin-American migrants in the Extension farm labor program and appreciation of the service it is endeavoring to render them.

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Other placings for Halbert and Gill were:  
Two females: Gill, 1st; Halbert, 2nd and 3rd. Pair of yearlings: Halbert, 1st and 3rd; Gill, 2nd. Pair of calves: Halbert, 1st and 3rd; Gill, 2nd. Get-of-sire: Halbert 1st and 3rd; Gill 2nd.

A visitor at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company this Monday was Joe Hunter of San Angelo, mohair buyer for Harold Lindsey Co. Hunter has just returned from a business trip to Boston.

Local fireman have speedy and effective methods of dealing with members who go to the movie on meeting nights. Witnesses to this, since Wednesday night, are Sheeny Adkins and Hilton Turney.

Two more cars of mohair from the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. left here this week for Forte-Dupee-Sawyer Co., Boston.

Last week Berry Duff received notice from the president of the National Wool Growers' Association that he has been appointed to the National Wool Growers' Committee, which will work with officials of the National Western Livestock Show on rules and regulations for the National Western Wool Show. The show is an annual affair and is the official show of the National Wool Growers' Association.

On the committee, beside Duff, are Ivan Watson of the New Mexico Animal Husbandry Extension Service, Red Allen, secretary of the Colorado Wool Growers' Association, and Russ Wilkins, of Wilkins & Co., Ltd., Denver.

Lamb crops all over the county have hit an all-time high in percentages this season, many ranchers getting a good 100 percent. One of the better ones is reported by Edgar Glasscock who marked up a 142 percent in one pasture. Lloyd Earwood marked up 107 percent for Mrs. Nancy Davis out of a pasture of ewes with first lambs, and Robert Halbert got 132 percent in one pasture. William Allison reported 100 percent out of a pasture of 2-year-old ewes.

### 36 Years Ago

Easter Sunday will be on April 11th this year.

Married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. L. Reed, in Sonora on Monday, April 5, 1909, Miss Mollie Reed to Shelby Singleton, County Judge L. J. Wardlaw officiating. The News extends best wishes to the happy couple.

John S. Allison and C. B. Wardlaw have bought the mail contract and express business on the San Angelo line from Clendennen and Robbins. Allison and Wardlaw will continue the auto car service.

Joe Wyatt was in from the ranch Monday for well fixings. Joe says he intends to put in a garden at each of his five wells, as he has no stock to water.

Dan Cauthorn of Porter, Okla., arrived in Sonora, Friday on a visit to his brother, A. R. Cauthorn, and family. Uncle Dan is one of the old timers, and his old friends are always glad to see him. Dan is a large owner of city property in Porter, and is also interested in farm and coal lands in different parts of Oklahoma. He says his country is in fine shape.

The protracted meeting in progress at the Methodist Church is being conducted by Rev. Davis, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Dunn of Ozona and Rev. S. J. Franks, the revivalist. Large congregations are attending all meetings. The meeting will continue until April 14.

We received a card this week from Hugh Yeas, who is at present at Glendive, Montana, in which he says: "Had quite a snow storm the other night with 36 inches of ice. I am getting the 'Devil' and it sure looks good to me. This is a fine country but it is pretty cold."

April showers will bring May flowers, and all will be smiles again.

A Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons was organized at Eldorado last week with the assistance of S. L. Merck, J. S. Allison, D. H. Kirkland and R. H. Martin of Sonora as charter members. R. F. Halbert of Sonora, already a R. A. M., helped in the organization. Eldorado wanted the Chapter,

### Texans Take To Extension Grub Control Methods

COLLEGE STATION, April 5—More than a million head of cattle in Texas were treated for control of cattle grubs in the season just ended, Paul Gregg, assistant entomologist for the A. and M. College Extension Service, estimates. This figure represents an all-time high in control of the pest, and Gregg says it means potential production of meat and leather probably is a million pounds greater because of the treatment.

Stockmen's acceptance, of the grub control program has been rapid. In the 1942-43 season, when the Extension Service first began to emphasize this work on a state basis, 400,000 head were treated. The second season, the number was doubled, Gregg says, and now

and the Sonora Lodge gave way to the Divide City.

Geo. Hendricks of San Angelo was in Sonora Tuesday shipping the R. T. Baker steers he recently bought.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Clarkson were in from their Lost Lake ranch Wednesday shopping.

LOST: Man's gold watch and gold ring. Reward for return to Mrs. A. V. Whiddon. 2tp

reports from county agricultural agents show more than a million head treated in the closing months of 1944 and the early months of 1945.

Hemphill County, one of Texas' pioneers in grub control, now has 12 vats where cattle can be dipped for lice and treated for grubs. J. Walter Grist, county agricultural agent, says all are used on a cooperative basis and ranchers drive their cattle from one to six miles to make use of the vats. About 28,000 were treated by this method, and an additional 6,000 were hand-dusted or sprayed.

At least 22,000 were treated for the first time in Kaufman County, A. E. Frazier, county agricultural agent has reported. Even small farmers with fewer than a dozen head in Freestone County have found it pays well to control grubs, they have reported to Agent C. V. Hanning. On the ranches in that county the program was handicapped by shortage of labor, since several hands are needed to drive cattle from the bottoms into open pasture.

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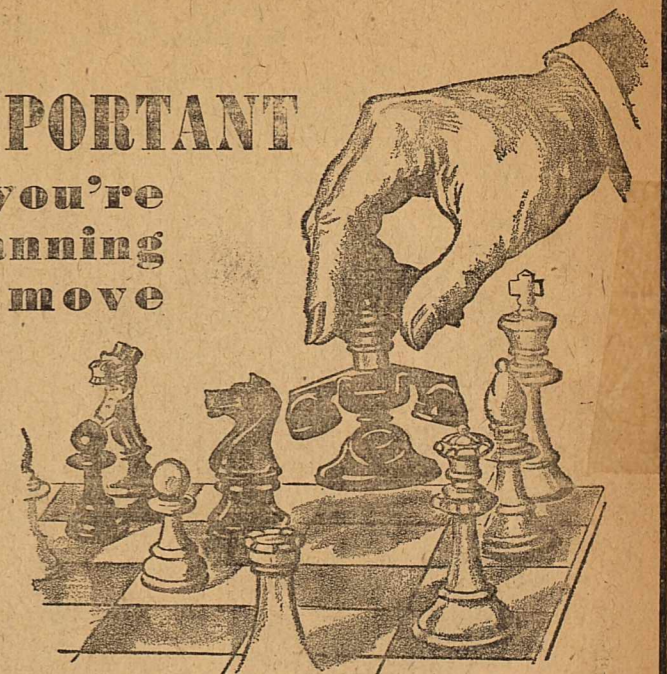
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"What do you mean—our underground?" says Chad. And Sober points out to the fields. "There it is," he says, "under that soil lies the most important

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Incidentally, the Book - of - the - Month Club selection for May will be "American Guerrilla in the Philippines" by Ira Wolfert, the story of Lieutenant Iliif David Richardson of the U. S. Navy, who also fought two and a half years with the Philippine underground.

In his book, "Brazilian Literature," Erico Verissimo tells the fable of the jaguar that asked the cat to teach him how to jump. The cat obliged, and after his last lesson they took a walk together. Presently the cat, who was hungry, saw a mouse passing by and pounced on the poor little creature. The jaguar, who was hungry too, took advantage of the situation and jumped on the cat—only to have the greatest deception of his life. The master, with the rapidity of lightning, jumped backwards, and the jaguar, missing him, fell squarely on the ground. "That is not fair," complained the big animal. "You did not teach me that trick!" The cat smiled quietly and said, "A good teacher never teaches all his tricks, my friend."

Miss Mary Belle Bien, accompanied by Miss Jo Ann Marion, left for San Antonio Tuesday night. They will remain there until this week-end and Miss Bien will undergo minor surgery.

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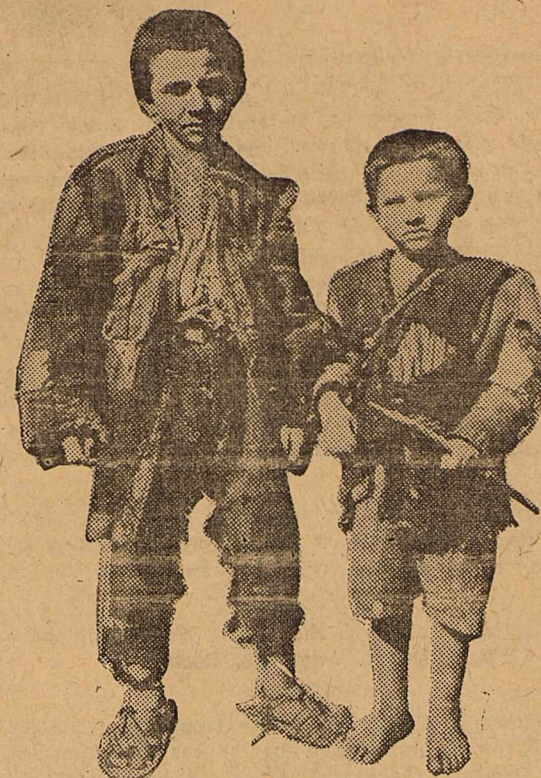
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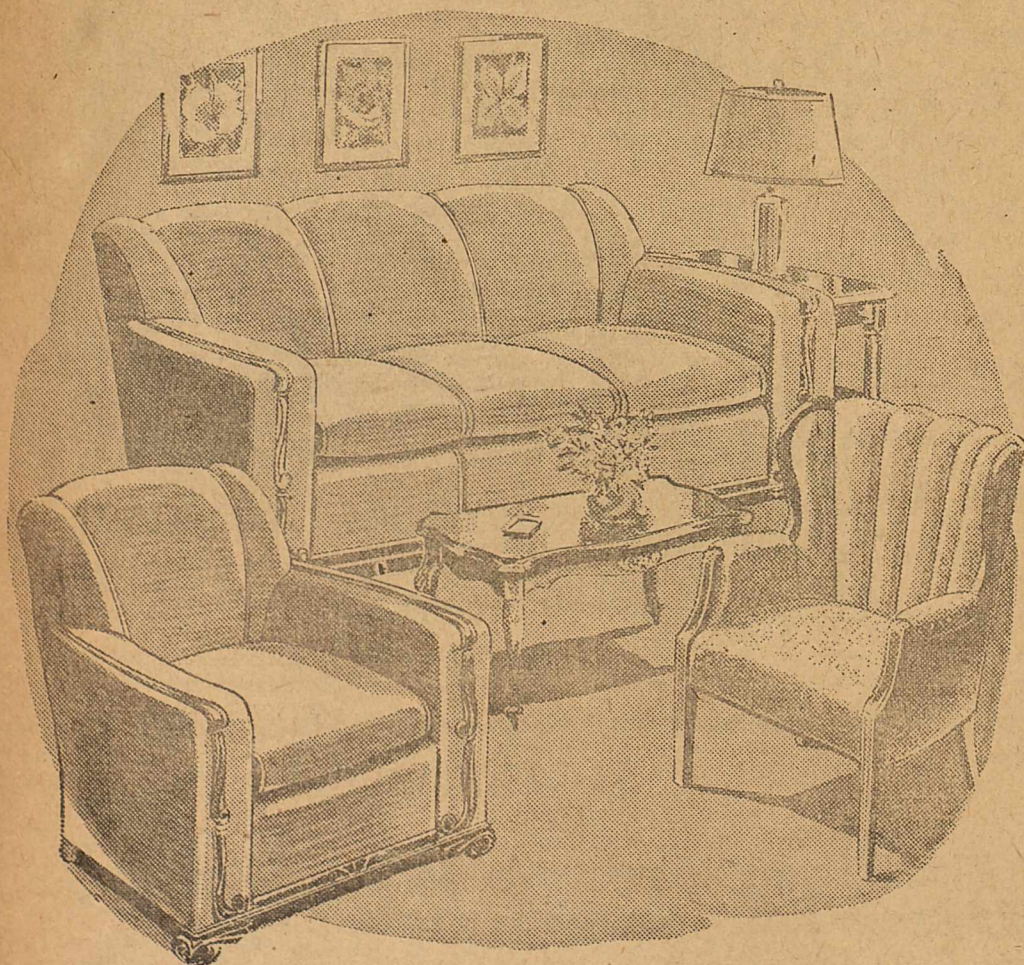
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