

# The Devil's River News

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FORTY-EIGHTH WEEK

## Plans For Local War Chest Drive Are Completed

### STATE OFFICER MEETS WITH LOCAL CHAIRMAN

"The opportunity for service to suffering humanity, as far as the War Chest of Texas is concerned, is greater now than ever before," Rod Merritt of Sweetwater, field executive of the War Chest, told local chairman H. V. Stokes here this week. "Now that our workers can get into the interior of countries formerly occupied by the enemy, they can do much more to relieve suffering, and calls upon them will be greater this year," he continued.

Final plans for the local War Chest drive were completed by Stokes and Merritt this week, and Stokes announced that letters of solicitation will be mailed the first of next week to all Sutton County citizens.

Donations are already being received here, Stokes said, but they are not coming in as fast as last year. The quota of \$2,706 can be raised easily and quickly, he believes, if all contributors will voluntarily and immediately give their donations to Stokes or one of his committee or leave them at the First National Bank.

Formal opening of the drive all over the nation is October 1, but the local committee hopes that the county's goal will have been reached by that time.

## High School Classes Elect

### BOUGHTON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SENIORS

Alain Boughton was elected president of the senior class of Sonora High School, when the high school classes held elections this week. Presidents elected by the other high school classes are George D. Chalk, junior class; Joan Frenzel, sophomore class, and Joyce Johnson, freshman class.

Other class officers are as follows:

Seniors: John Allen Ward, III, vice-president; Charlene Hull, secretary; Clayton Hamilton, treasurer, and Dickie Street, reporter;

Juniors: David Shurley, vice-president; Tina Ann Taylor, secretary-treasurer, and Helen Martin, reporter;

Sophomores: Sue Frenzel, vice-president; Raymie Jo McClelland, secretary; Gerald West, treasurer, and Jewel McGhee, reporter;

Freshmen: Jane Neill, vice-president; Betty Spoon, secretary-treasurer, and Maxine Chalk, reporter.

The high school Pep Squad also elected leaders this week. They are Tina Ann Taylor, Helen Martin and Carolyn Johnson.

**ROY H. THOMPSONS, FORMERLY OF OZONA, ARE NEW SONORANS**

New Sonorans are Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Thompson and daughters, Darrene and Jeannene, who have moved here from Ozona. They are living in the Lowrey house where the A. W. Awalts formerly resided.

Thompson has accepted the position of cashier in the First National Bank. He had held that position with the Ozona bank for the past three years, and before that had been with an Abilene bank for 13 years.

Thompson is filling the vacancy left by E. K. Folley who recently moved to San Antonio.

## DISTRICT COURT SPECIAL SESSION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 22

The special session of 112th District Court here has been set for Wednesday, October 22, according to statement issued this week by Sheriff Leo E. Brown. Judge J. B. Randolph, appointed to fill the vacancy left by the death of Judge W. C. Jackson of Fort Stockton, will preside over the court.

Several civil cases, continued from the September term, will be heard at that time, and one change of venue, a criminal case from Kimble County, will also be tried.

Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr., left Wednesday for San Angelo to be with Mrs. Alvis Johnson, who is receiving medical treatment in a hospital there.

Miss Katha Lea Keene left last Friday for Del Rio where she is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Martin.

## G. W. Smith Elected Legion Commander Here

### SITAS HOLDS INSTALLATION MON.

G. W. Smith was installed as commander of the local American Legion Post, when installation services were held here last Saturday night at the Court House by Arthur Sitas, San Angelo, Grand Chef de Train of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux. Smith succeeds Gene Lightfoot in the post of commander.

Other officers installed at the ceremony were the following: Lightfoot, vice-commander; M. G. Shurley, sergeant-at-arms; J. C. Stephen, service officer; W. L. Davis, chaplain; A. R. Montgomery, finance officer; Dr. J. F. Howell, child welfare chairman; James D. Trainer, historian, and Howard C. Kirby adjutant.

W. S. Leslie of San Angelo, past department judge advocate, told the group of veterans, which also included several veterans of World War II, that the Legionnaire has an obligation of service to his post, the state and national departments of his organization, and to the community in which he lives.

Sitas spoke to the group on Legion membership and activities. Other San Angelo Legionnaires attending the ceremony were W. S. Parsley, commander of the San Angelo post, Charles Twilley and Joe Randol.

The post voted to present Lightfoot with a past commander's pin, and at the end of the meeting refreshments were served.

## 2 Car Wrecks Near Here Wed.

Two automobile wrecks occurred Wednesday near here, one on the Ozona highway and one on the Del Rio highway, but only the occupants of one car were injured.

Late Wednesday afternoon a car occupied by five women, sisters, who were enroute to Tucson, Arizona, to visit their brother, overturned when a tire blew out. The accident occurred near the Dempster Jones ranch, and a Mr. Miller and Mr. Owens brought them to Sonora for medical attention. Occupants of the car were Mrs. Irene Wimbish of Dallas, who suffered chest injuries; Mrs. Bernice Warren of Mart, who suffered back injuries; Mrs. Lerline Rogers of Houston, driver of the car, and Mrs. Lula Reagan of Austin, who received a serious scalp wound. They were taken to an Austin hospital yesterday, and were to be met in Fredericksburg by Mrs. Reagan's daughter.

The other wreck occurred early in the afternoon about 36 miles from Sonora on the Del Rio highway, when the axle on a car driven by a Negro soldier broke. The car was demolished, but the soldier was uninjured.

## BAND DIRECTOR SECURED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent A. E. Wells announced this week that J. W. Schoonover of Abilene, who has recently received an honorable discharge from the Army after returning from the European Theater of Operations, has accepted the position of band director in the Sonora High School.

Schoonover comes here with a fine record of school band work behind him, having taught band three years in public schools and having played with the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band and instructed in the Cowboy Band. He also spent some time with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and, during his service in Europe, was director of an Army band.

## PFC. DANIEL CARRANZA ON FURLOUGH HERE

Here on furlough visiting relatives is Pfc. Daniel G. Carranza, a veteran of two years service in the Aleutian Islands with the 58th Infantry Division. At the end of his furlough on October 10, he will report for duty to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he will be attached to an Airborne Infantry Division, until receiving his discharge.

Pfc. Carranza has been in service for the past three years and eight months, receiving training before going overseas at Camp Wallace. He wears a Bronze Star on his overseas service ribbons.

His wife, Josephine Esquibel Carranza, lives here.

## Last Rites Held Wednesday For Thomas D. Thorp

Last rites were conducted for Thomas D. Thorp, who had lived in Sonora for the past 26 years, on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence here. The body lay in state until the hour of the funeral, which was conducted by the Reverend F. L. Meadow, pastor of the Methodist Church. Burial was in the Sonora Cemetery.

Mr. Thorp, who would have observed his sixty-fourth birthday on Wednesday, died early Tuesday morning in a San Angelo hospital, where he was taken on Wednesday, September 12, after suffering a heart attack. The body was brought to Sonora Tuesday in a Johnson Home casket coach.

Mr. Thorp was born in Austin, but his boyhood was spent in Sherwood and Mertzon. From 1916 to 1922, he was a member of the Texas Rangers. After moving to Sonora he served for a time as constable, and for many years had been a State livestock inspector and weigher. He was a member of the Independence Order of Odd-fellows, having joined that organization in Sherwood in 1913.

On April 17, 1918, he married Miss Mattie Vera Simmons in San Angelo, the daughter of Dock Simmons of Sonora.

Surviving are the widow; a son, Captain Thomas B. Thorp, stationed at Pope Field, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; a daughter, Miss Addie Thorp, of Dallas; two brothers, Ed of Atlanta, Georgia, and Verb of Long Beach, California; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Rose Thorp, of Sonora.

Pallbearers were C. W. Taylor, Robert Kelley, O. C. Ogden, Leo E. Brown, Vernon Hamilton and Alfred Schwiening, all of Sonora.

Out-of-town relatives attending the services, beside the son and daughter, were Mrs. Millie Morris and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Herbert of San Angelo; Sgt. and Mrs. R. H. Chalk and Mrs. Una Chalk of Del Rio, and Mrs. Pat Lee and Miss Annie Lee of Ozona.

## Broncos Win First Football Game 18-0

The Sonora Broncos, high school football team, got off to a good start on the fall season by beating their first opponents, the Bracketville players, last Friday in a game on the Bracketville field. The score was 18-0.

The boys played a good, fast game, and displayed a kind of teamwork which has been lacking for the past two or three years.

Touchdowns were made by Alain Boughton, Frankie Bond and George D. Chalk, Jr.

Dickie Street, in the quarterback position, called a good game, and outstanding defensive work was turned in by Charles Lee Cusenbary. Linedmen showing up well were John Allen Ward and Jackie Sharp, and Don Robinson did some neat pass catching.

Visiting friends here the first part of the week was Berry Duff, former Sutton County agent, who is now connected with the Wool Division of the United States Department of Agriculture in Boston.

## Lake View And Sonora Line-Ups

Following are the starting line-ups of the Sonora Broncos and the Lake View High School football team which will meet in their second game of the 1945 season this afternoon (Friday) on the Sonora field at 2:30 o'clock:

SONORA				LAKE VIEW			
Player	Position	Wt.	No.	Player	Position	Wt.	No.
Frankie Bond	HB	150	31	Buster Mohler	FB	150	
Alain Boughton	HB	168	35	Frank Healey	TB	147	
G. D. Chalk, Jr.	F	143	25	Larry Baldwin	WB	150	
C. L. Cusenbary	C	145	32	Wilburn George	WB	130	
Norbert McIntyre	RG	149	24	Gilbert Ficklin	RE	150	
Don Robinson	RE	119	36	Marion McMeans	RT	145	
Jackie Sharp	LG	140	30	Wilbert Bunton	RG	151	
Johnny Smith	LE	137	22	Elbert Thames	C	145	
Dickie Street	QB	116	23	Jesse Griffin	LG	135	
B. W. Taylor	RT	131	27	Bobby Richardson	LT	145	
J. A. Ward	LT	149	28	Grey Kindred	LE	142	

Substitutes on the line for the Lake View team are Jimmy Tunnel, Carl Brewer, Glenn Avante, James Brown, Herbert Denton, Clarence Kirksey and Harley Wagon. Substitutes in the backfield are Joe McClure, Joe Sellers and Jackie Leigh.

Bronco substitutes, and their jersey numbers, are Bobby Allen 8, Derrell Alley 33, Hayden Barker 30, B. M. Halbert III, Clayton Hamilton 26, George Hamilton 9, John Wesley Joy, Frank L. Moore, Wayne Ogden 25, David Shurley, Scott Walters and Gerald West.

Many Sonora business houses, at the request of the Sonora Lions Club, are planning to close Friday afternoon during the game. LET'S GET OUT THERE AND SUPPORT OUR BRONCOS!

## Forger Given 2-Yr. Suspended Sentence Here

Richard Phillip Nave, tried in special session of District Court on Monday for forgery, was given a two-years suspended sentence in the State penitentiary, and is now being held for Dallas County law enforcement officers. Nave is to be returned to Dallas County, from which he was brought last weekend by Sheriff Leo E. Brown, to stand trial for a charge of felony theft.

Nave was indicted by the Grand Jury, in session here on September 3, for forging a check on Wiley Logan and cashing it at the Sonora Courts. He was apprehended by Dallas County officials last week.

Last week, enroute to Dallas, Sheriff Brown took Kenneth Bob Hooper to the State Penitentiary at Huntsville. Hooper was sentenced to two years for forgery and car theft by the District Court, in session September 4.

## Lee Patrick Elected New Sonora Fire Chief

### ANNUAL AWARD GIVEN C. W. TAYLOR

Lee Patrick, immediate past assistant chief, was elevated to the position of chief of the Sonora Fire Department when that organization held a barbecue and election meeting at the fire hall Wednesday night. Other officers elected were Pat Lyles, president; John A. Martin, Jr., vice-president; George A. Barrow, first assistant chief, and Travis E. Glascock, second assistant chief. Gomer Minnick was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. J. H. Brasher was again chosen Firemen's mother.

Other past officers of the department, beside Patrick, included Lyles, vice-president; Louis Roueche, second assistant chief, and E. T. Smith, president, and C. W. Taylor, chief.

The Department's yearly award for the best attendance was presented to C. W. Taylor, who attended 23 out of 24 drills. Of the 21 members in the club, it was reported that 14 had attended 18 of the 24 drills.

Best attendance at fire calls was tied by Gomer Minnick and Wes Granger each attending 19 out of 20 calls in Sonora and 26 out of 29 over the entire county.

Secretary Minnick reported that out of the 20 city fires during the past 12 months, there was not one insured loss, the city thereby retaining its exceptionally high insurance rating. Approximate loss by fire in the city during the year was around three hundred dollars.

At the meeting Wednesday, the firemen voted to let the Veteran of Foreign Wars use the Fire Hall as a meeting place the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

James (Brother) Barton was in Del Rio over the week-end.

Mrs. George D. Chalk, who was receiving medical treatment in a San Angelo hospital last week, has returned home but will go back in three weeks for further treatment.

## Lions To Make Awards To Best Football Men

### FOOTBALL FIELD TO BE LIGHTED

Members of the Sonora Lions Club, at their Tuesday luncheon, voted to make awards this year to the three out-standing members of the Sonora High School football squad, the winners of the awards to be picked by a secret committee appointed by president of the club. One award will be given to the outstanding player in the backfield, one to the outstanding lineman, and one to the best all-around man on the team. The latter will be chosen, not only on his football prowess, but also for his attitude, value to the team, and other valuable traits.

The program at the meeting was conducted by A. E. Wells, who gave the members a quiz on football rules. Winners were J. T. Ratliff of the Sonora Club and H. T. Finley, president of the Eldorado club, who was a visitor.

M. G. Alexander, Sonora football coach, read and explained some new rules in football and answered questions asked by the members. At the end of his talk, members of the club voted to ask local merchants to close during all games played here this football season.

H. V. Stokes discussed plans for lighting the local football field and reported on progress already made toward that objective.

Berry Duff, former county agent here who is now with the Wool Division of the Department of Agriculture at Boston, spoke briefly on the work he has been studying in the division, saying that real help to the wool industry is expected to result from the work.

Finley expressed appreciation on the part of the Eldorado Club and Parent-Teachers Association for the livestock purchases made by the Sonora Club at the Lamb Sale held in Eldorado last Saturday. He reported that well over three thousand dollars was grossed by the sale.

Guests, other than Finley and Duff, included C. C. McLaughlin, C. A. Reynolds and Jerry Pennington, all of Eldorado; also T. E. Glascock and Roy H. Thompson.

## 2 Sonora Men Get Discharges

Two Sonorans who have recently received discharges from the services are Reginald Trainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Trainer, and Pete Taylor, brother of C. W. Taylor.

Trainer, who held a corporal's rating, returned home this summer after serving almost two years in the European Theater of Operations. He was stationed in England for several months, then landed in France on D-Day, June 1944. He served with the First Army's Seventh Corps in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Until receiving his discharge, he has been stationed at San Luis Obispo, California.

Taylor served 28 months overseas and had been in service four years and three months. He took part in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France, after which he was returned for duty in the States last fall. Recently he completed a course in jet propulsion at a California air field, and he is now planning to return to California to study the Link Trainer. This week he has been here visiting with his brother and family.

## JOHN LEE SMITH TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT LEGION BARBECUE

Lieutenant Governor John Lee Smith has accepted an invitation to be guest speaker at a barbecue to be held by the local American Legion during the first week in October, according to H. C. Kirby, Legion adjutant here.

Definite date of the affair will be announced next week, and probably Legionnaires and their wives from neighboring towns will be invited to attend.

## M. C. MOORE BUYS LOT

A recent real estate purchase is that made by M. C. Moore, who bought the one and one-third acre lot on the Menard road, which formerly belonged to Ford Allen. Moore is planning to build a residence there in the near future.

## Randolph To Succeed Jackson As District Judge

J. B. Randolph, former Kimble County attorney and county judge, has been appointed by Governor Coke Stevenson to succeed the late Judge W. C. Jackson of Fort Stockton as judge of the 112th District Court. Randolph is now director of the Alabama-Coushatti Indian reservation near Livingston.

Judge Jackson died following a heart attack suffered in the court room here on Saturday, September 8.

Randolph's first public office was that of Kimble County Attorney from 1900 to 1904. Before that he served as a member of the House Representatives. In 1912 he was elected Kimble County judge and served in that capacity for eight terms.

During his tenure as judge, \$2,000,000 was spent in constructing more than 40 miles of modern roads in Kimble County, and an additional \$200,000 was appropriated for highway and bridge improvement. A new court house also was constructed, and 90 percent of the school buildings erected.

Judge Randolph, a native of Madison County, was born on May 21, 1874. His boyhood was spent there and in Coleman and San Saba Counties. He moved to Junction in August, 1895.

## Sonorans Attend Masonic Meeting In San Angelo

A. E. Prugel and Carl Peebles, members of the Masonic Blue Lodge here, attended the meeting of West Texas Masons held by the Royal Arch Chapter of San Angelo at the Masonic Temple in San Angelo Wednesday night. Approximately 200 Master Masons from towns in this area were at the meeting.

Talks on York Rite Masonry were made by Frank Oldham, Waco, grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and Burke Thomason, Denison, grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas. Master of ceremonies was Charles Poulter of San Angelo.

The meeting began with a banquet and concluded with the conferring of Master's Degrees by visiting Certificate Masons. The purpose of the meeting was to broaden the fellowship of the Master Masons.

Members from Sonora, Lubbock, Fort Stockton, Menard, Eldorado, Eden, Ozona, Big Lake and Alpine attended the meeting.

## LOCAL OPA OFFICIALS SAY TIRE SHORTAGE BECOMING WORSE

Although more certificates for tires have been issued this month than usual by the Office of Price Administration here, tire applications far exceed the local quota, according to a statement made this week by B. W. Lovelace, member of the OPA Tire Panel. The Sutton County Tire Panel has on file more eligible tire applicants than can possibly be issued certificates, and applications are coming in faster than at any time since rationing began.

Lovelace said that "the situation is serious and will become more so before any relief is received."

## 26 REGISTER FOR BOY SCOUT WORK MON.

George D. Chalk, chairman of the Sonora Boy Scout Council, reported this week that 26 boys registered for Scout work at the organization meeting held Monday night. Another meeting to complete organization will be held here in the near future, Chalk said.

Concho Valley Scout officials attending the meeting Monday were Jack Hodges of San Angelo, executive officer of the Council, and J. B. Moore of Del Rio, field executive.

Mrs. Floyd Dungan and son, James Barton of Odessa, visited her mother, Mrs. R. L. Hallum the first of the week.

Among those attending the bull fight in Villa Acuna were Misses Wynona Hutcherson, Mary Belle Bein and Jo Ann Marion and S. H. Stokes and Bennie Babb.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fields attended the bull fight in Mexico, Sunday.



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be materially reduced. Above everything, those who are overseas, and especially those who have been there for some length of time, should be replaced as quickly as possible, and the Army and Navy promise to do that. It takes 45 days for a man to be brought back from the far Pacific and a similar period for a ship to make the return. From across the Atlantic it is said all available ships are running at capacity.

In Washington these days there is lots of talk about whether the U. S. will drift toward isolationism, now that the war is over. I don't think that concern is well founded, though there appears to be a strong current of thought in that direction, especially in some parts of the country. The war has been won and to secure the peace of the future, America, now recognized as the most powerful of all nations, must take a leading role in the world organization that can, if all nations work together, keep the aggressors disarmed and properly policed throughout the future.

The House has passed a bill to move the clock up to where it was before the war. The Senate is due to follow suit, and it looks like we will have the old time back on October first.

In Senate Committees, hearings have been going on respecting the full employment bill and the proposal to pay \$25 a week as unemployment insurance. I am opposed to this for a number of reasons. First, it would not solve the problem but would only postpone the day of reckoning. It would be a precedent for demands to continue the thing indefinitely. In the next place, it would encourage unemployment. Moreover, why the clamor for the program at a time when farmers and merchants can't get needed help as it is?

The big job now is to get the servicemen and women back home as soon as possible and encourage private industry to expand and put more people to work on construction projects and in producing the goods the American people want to buy and have the money to pay for, and make the most of the export market.

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**A LOOK AT THE BOOK**  
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 Cleveland, Tennessee

There is a strange expression used in recounting the death of great men of the Old Testament. It is the phrase, "full of days", or "full of years". Job and David, and Jehoiada, the high priest, the record declares, died "full of days". Abraham and Isaac were said to have come down to death "full of years". The expression means obviously "in ripe old age", but it means much more than that. It carries the thought of being fully satisfied with life. The Bible applies it only to righteous men, and it is only such who know the full meaning of satisfaction in life.

It is possible to live well beyond one's allotted three score years and ten and still be greedy for more time to live, or, on the other hand, a young man disappointed and disillusioned may find the short span of his selfish years more than enough, and sated with the empti-

ness of vain pleasure, desire the end of it all.

These Old Testament characters, however, died with a feeling of comfortable satisfaction that their years had been full and rich and blessed. Not always perfect, sometimes marred by their sins and scarred by their failures, they were able to look back upon a long stretch of days for the most part usefully spent and divinely ordered. Their cup was full. Their days were complete. They were ready to go, because they knew that He who had blessed them on the pilgrimage of life would not take them home until their task was completed and the time was come to rest from their labors. His love had been about them all the way, and they were satisfied with Him and in Him.

No one can criticize a book until the book is read. No one can fully

judge a life until the life is closed. Present prosperity is no indication of a successful or happy life. Only upon the completion of the whole can it be said, "This life was a success". The best means of assuring true happiness for this life, however, is to make preparation for the life after death.

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## Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER  
 CONGRESS RESUMES

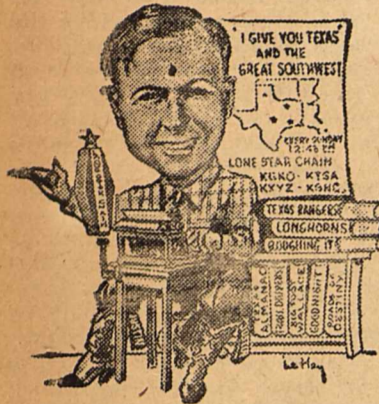
Last week the first peacetime Congress in nearly four years got down to business. Immediately a flood of bills dealing with demobilization of our armed forces were filed, and the Senate opened an investigation of the discharge program to see what Congress can do to get the men back home as soon as possible.

The Army and Navy, when accused of being slow, promised to speed things up to capacity. The Army promised discharges at the rate of 600,000 per month by December, with six million to be released by next July. The Navy said it would have only half a million of its present force of two and a half million when another ten months have come and gone. Both branches said that, regardless of what laws may be passed, they would soon be turning men loose just as fast as they can be transported, counted and processed, with those with higher point values coming first.

Congress is now passing a bill to provide some additional incentives for voluntary enlistments for occupation purposes. It is hoped the number of men provided from volunteers will enable the draft to

The race for Governor is off to the earliest start ever known. In fact, one candidate who has been occupying another State office for the last three years has been running all that time and he has been putting big advertisements in the big city newspaper, the ads being paid for by a mysterious group of "little business men," so-called.

And another who has been in State office several years is reported to be assembling a fabulous campaign fund and is already buying up time on the radio for next year.



My grandpa had a thousand-and-one sayings. He didn't bother with quotation marks; he just reached up and took what he wanted. The wisdom of years of practical experience is found in such observations as:

If a man fools me once, that's his fault. If he fools me twice, that's my fault.

It's the squeaking axle that gets the grease.

And it's the hit dog that hollers. No gentleman will hurt me; no other can.

What is a gentleman? He is one who is kind and courteous to bootblacks and newsboys—in short, to those to whom he doesn't have to be.

The Lord gave us our relatives but, thank the Lord, we can choose our own friends.

A wise hunter doesn't waste ammunition on a dead duck.

All of us can admire the rich man's yard and mansion without having to mow the lawn or pay taxes on the house.

It's all right for a man to own some things but if he gets too many, they own him. A Chinaman said, "Though a man drink at a river, he can only drink a belly-ful."

You don't have to seek an opportunity for revenge; time will bring it. But the finest revenge is not to take it.



## READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown

When Gertrude Lawrence was a little girl, her parents once took her to Brighton for a holiday. She put a penny in a slot machine with a gaudily painted picture of a gypsy on it. Out came a slip which read, "A star danced . . . and you were born." She thereupon and forever after accepted her fate without hesitation. The gypsy was telling her that she would be a dancer and some day would be a star.



GERTRUDE LAWRENCE

"A Star Danced" by Gertrude Lawrence is an intimate and behind-the-scenes story of this fascinating actress, her struggles, her disappointments, her triumphs. At ten she left school and began to make her own living. There were tough times—shows sometimes failed, managers decamped with the actors' pay, and once Miss Lawrence became a barmaid to pay a board bill.

She got her first real chance in London, in 1917. She was playing a bit part in "Charlot's Revue," at the same time understudying for Beatrice Lillie. Miss Lillie was thrown from a horse, and for the next seven months, Gertrude played the lead to increasingly enthusiastic audiences.

The way upward wasn't all beer and skittles. There was hard work involved, and personal sacrifices; often she was ill. But if there is a moral to this story it is this: "Everything that has value has its price. Nothing worth having is ever handed to you gratis."

When Miss Lawrence was playing in London one season, she was entertained at a banquet at the Savoy, by several admiring Indian princes from Hyderabad. It was all very sumptuous, and at every lady's place was a small gold kidskin bag. She picked hers up, and felt several round, hard objects inside.



"Ah," she thought, "nothing less than emeralds. Or pigeon-blood rubies." She shot a questioning look at one of the princes. He was beaming. "It is something you ladies like very much," he said. She pulled the drawstring. Into her expectant palm tumbled a handful of the betel nuts Indian women chew to blacken their teeth and gums. "I then and there decided not to visit Hyderabad," she comments.

"The utter misery that such a simple thing as rain can make out of a man's life is hard to imagine," writes Sergeant Thomas R. St. George in "Proceed Without Delay." "There isn't a single solitary thing that I can think of that is not adversely affected by rain: matches, cigarettes, cigarette lighters, guns, cameras, film, coffee, leggings, underwear, socks, shoes, K-ration, C-ration, chocolate bars, razor blades, toothpaste, eating, sleeping, walking, sitting. . . ."

"Proceed Without Delay" is Sergeant St. George's second book; his first, "c/o Postmaster," written when he was twenty-three, was a book-of-the-Month Club selection.



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COLORADO - LARGE BUNCH CARROTS, 2 Bunches	17c	KID RIBS, No Pts. lb	35c
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NEW CROP - QUALITY GOOD APPLES, lb	14c	BABY BEEF ROAST, 2 Pts. lb	30c
NEW CROP - SANDY LAND YAMS, 3 lb	29c	AMERICAN - 2 LB. BOX Cheese Spread, No Pts. lb	38c
4 DOZ. SIZE EXTRA LARGE LETTUCE, Head	15c	HOT Barbecue, No Pts. lb	60c
PEACHES -- BANANAS		Fish, Shrimp & Oysters	
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QUAKER - WHITE OR YELLOW MEAL, 2 Boxes	19c	PIDO Biscuit Mix, 2 Boxes	21c
HEARTS DELIGHT Prune Juice, Qt. Bottle	30c	Apple Juice, Qt. Bottle	29c
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BROWN LABEL - BRER RABBIT SYRUP, Gal.	69c	UVALDE HONEY, 1/2 Gal.	\$1.10
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HERSHEY'S COCOA, 1/2 lb Box	12c	RANCH STYLE BEANS, No. 300 Can	9c
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## America's Finest Herefords To Compete At State Fair, Nov. 9-18

DALLAS, Sept. 26—The finest purebred Herefords from all over America will compete for a \$20,000 premium fund in what is expected to be the biggest postwar event of its kind at the State Fair Grounds November 9-18, Fred F. Florence, chairman of the board of directors, announces.

The premium list is the largest offered for any single breed cattle show scheduled in the Western Hemisphere.

A rodeo with the finest talent available will give twelve performances during the exposition. Contestants from all over the country will go into the arena to ride wild broncos and bulls, rope calves and bulldog steers for prize money of \$10,000 in addition to entry fees.

Special rodeo attractions include

Calgary Red, a spectacular performer from Canada, gauchos from South America, Mexican cowboys and mounted square dances. Clowns and trick ropers and riders will engage in the perilous ranch sports which develop when cowboys get together anywhere in the Americas.

Florence, president of the Republic National Bank, said the citizens of Dallas are determined that the 1945 exposition shall put on an educational and entertainment event on a scale in keeping with the position of this city as a leading cattle center located in the greatest cattle producing state in America.

The American Hereford Association is offering full co-operation. Lloyd Wheelock of Corsicana, president of the Texas Hereford As-

sociation, will be superintendent of cattle, Jack Frost, president of the exposition, announced.

In addition to the purebred show, the Junior Cattlemen of Texas will have an exhibition and sale. Jack B. Story and Dr. Howard K. Crutcher, co-chairmen of the Junior division, are arranging for at least 4,000 boys and girls of the Texas 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America to attend the exposition as guests.

Many of these youngsters will have in the Junior show steers which were given to them as calves at the Exposition last year. With the assistance of the cattlemen they have raised and fattened these animals by scientific feeding and they will be offered at auction.

"The future of the cattle industry," said Mickle, executive director of the exposition, "one of Texas' greatest and most stable sources of revenue, is in the hands of these younger cattlemen and cattle women. We want to convince them that Dallas realizes the importance of their efforts in an enterprise upon which the economic stability of this state, to a large degree, is dependent."

Through the decorated streets of Dallas, a huge parade will mark the opening of the exposition. Delmo Johnson, parade chairman, expects to have at least 500 horsemen from over the state in addition to the rodeo performers and their animals.

Ample entertainment will be provided for the young cattlemen



FRED F. FLORENCE  
Chairman of Board, Greater Pan-American Hereford Exposition

and cattlemen and their wives. This will include a chuck wagon feed in old west style, a stag party and style shows and luncheons at various Dallas stores.

With the State Department cooperating in the Latin-American participation, it is intended to make the exposition a big step toward reconversion and the resumption of peace-time prosperity.

NEED A STAPLER? See the new STAPLE MASTER at Devil's River News.

## Early Incidents In Texas History

BY MRS. MARCELLE HAMER  
Librarian, Texas Collection  
The University of Texas

Pioneers of Texas did their own fighting, their own legislating, and they had a strength and honesty of purpose necessary to build a commonwealth.

As to their ability to do their own fighting, Captain George Erath, one of San Jacinto's heroes, condensed the Texans' whole code of military tactics into one word when, asked what military training, he replied, "None". He said he knew but one word of command, and that was—"Charge, boys, charge!"

One of the salty characters, Henry Smith, Provisional Governor of Texas in 1835, flatly refused to surrender his chair when the Executive Council tried to depose him. The political opposition described him as being too illiterate, poorly informed and not of big enough calibre for the office. But stay he did.

When his name was called and no answer, he was punched in the ribs by the man who sat next to him. Rusk sat upright out of a fog of sleep and said, "Gentlemen, my opinion is that we are in a hell of a fix. We're all worked down. Let's go to the saloon; get a drink; then get on our horses and go fight like the devil to get out of this mess." Needless to

say, they went.

Sam Houston's name and Texas history are inseparable. No story of Texas politics is complete without him. As a public figure he appealed to the popular imagination. Representative of erring humanity, every facet of his nature had the spark that makes the whole world kin. His sympathy for men gave him power over them. His friends were loyal; his enemies were bitter; but nobody neglected to talk about him.

The disorganization and discontent of the Texan army is a well established fact in Texas history. A man with less sympathy than Houston might have failed in command of such an army. But when that army was retreating in haste before Santa Anna's rapid advance toward what was to be the battleground of San Jacinto and the artillery and baggage wagons mired down continually, no man was more willing to put his shoulder to the wheel than Sam Houston himself. And his "Come on, boys, let's help the poor critters," became a byword among the men.

Once when the soldiers over whom his authority was not disputed objected because they had not received a cent of pay for months, had no shoes, and no soap to wash their clothes, Sam Houston gave them each \$5.00 of his own money and refused to take a voucher for the amount.

No man ever loved the American Union more than Sam Houston. In the Civil War era, when feeling and vituperation were most intense against him for his opposition to the succession of Texas, he was invited to assist in the military review of a regiment of over one thousand young Texans drilled at Galveston for service in the Confederate army. The regiment was drawn up for dress parade. Thousands of citizens were assembled. Sam Houston's own son was in the regiment. In the minds of a majority of the Texans present, whether of the military or civil population, were memories of the bitter political fight General Houston had just gone through. Two of his distinguished opponents, Judge Campbell and W. S. Oldham, had been following him up and down and across the state, tongue-lashing him on every occasion during the canvass on secession. Now, the old "hero of San Jacinto," dressed in his uniform of 1836, at his side a sword, and on his head a weather-beaten, light-brimmed planter's hat with the left side buttoned up the crown, stood out in front of the regiment, supported by the Colonel in full view of the great gathering of people. All eyes were upon him—some eyes dim with tears of memory; more eyes dark with the premonition of the war to come. Then came his order: "Shoulder arms. Right about face."

The regiment, now facing the rear, General Houston cried out in stentorian tones of sarcasm, "Do you see anything of Judge Campbell or W. S. Oldham there?" "No!" roared the troops in reply.

"Well," said the General, "they can not be found at the front, or even at the rear."

"Right about, front face. Eyes right. Do you see anything of Judge Campbell's son here?"

"No; he has gone to Paris to school," responded the regiment.

"Eyes left. Do you see anything of young Sam Houston here?"

"Yes!" roared the regiment in response.

"Eyes front. Do you see anything of old Sam Houston here?" That was the climax of excitement. Regiment and citizens together cried a thunderous "Yes!" with united cheers for their old hero. Houston then turned to the Colonel, and while handing him his sword, said, "There Colonel, that is all; I leave you to manage the rest," and with applause ringing in his ears he retired from dress parade.

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## How Move this Scene Abroad

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But now that the shooting is finished, our army faces the same problem—only many times worse.

Change the scene of this drawing from Middletown, U.S.A., to Germany or Japan. And change the boys from green, homesick recruits to tired, heartsick veterans of months of mortal combat. Men doing occupation duty, men still recuperating from wounds. If ever they needed a lift to their spirits, these men need it now.

General Eisenhower is so aware of this problem that he has asked the U.S.O. to quadruple its entertainment program for our men still overseas. Fifteen hundred

U.S.O. entertainers are now abroad including 16 complete acting companies. They are playing to two million men every week. But to continue this work on such a huge scale, and to support the hundreds of U.S.O. Club Houses, takes money—your money.

The U.S.O. is one of the principal services of the National War Fund. You support this great fund by giving to your local war chest campaign.

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From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

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 8:00  
 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 8:00  
 Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30  
 W. M. U., each Wednesday 8:00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00  
 Evening Services 8:00  
 Held every second Sunday in the month.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

Sunday Masses 8:00  
 10:00  
 Weekday Mass 7:30

BAPTIST WMU MEETS FOR ROYAL SERVICE

The Baptist WMU met at the home of Mrs. G. G. Stephenson for Royal Service Wednesday afternoon. A "School Day" theme was carried out.

"Southern Baptist History" was discussed and members asked questions. Plans were discussed for the packing of the Orphan Home boxes, and the project is to be completed by the first of October. Donations are being asked and any wearing apparel will be appreciated, with the exception of shoes.

A school lunch was served to Mesdames R. P. Odom, Aubrey Ward, C. D. Crumley, W. O. Crites, J. E. Eldridge, Fern McGhee, R. G. Nance, Alfred Cooper, E. M. Martin, J. H. Brasher, B. H. Crites and J. K. Lancaster.

Lovelace Home Scene Of Party

The members of the Church of Christ enjoyed an informal "get together" Sunday evening on the lawn of the Boyd Lovelace home. Mrs. J. B. Nelson presided at the punch bowl, and Mrs. Earl Lomax assisted Mrs. Lovelace in serving.

Those present were Mrs. Bill Smith and Elsbeth and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton and Dan and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lomax and Lois Lou, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nelson and Jo Ann, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bolin, Mrs. Addeholt and Coleen and Lorice, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor of San Angelo, Mrs. George E. Smith and Beverly and Eddie, and the Misses Annie Duncan, Lola Norton, Sarah Parker, Freddie Gardner, Jennie Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace and Darlene.

Mrs. Henry Greenhill was in San Angelo Friday and Saturday receiving medical treatment.

Sonora Library Adds Eight Books

Seven books of fiction and one junior-age book have been added to the Sonora Woman's Club Library. Several other books have been ordered, but have not been received.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Taylor donated "Brave Men" by Ernie Pyle, in memory of Major George C. Hines who was killed February 7, 1945, over Bitch, France. "American Guerilla in the Philippines" by Ira Wolfert was given by Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Baker as a memorial to Corporal A. W. Awalt who was killed on Luzon in December, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Baker also donated "Lost Island" by James Norman Hall, in memory of S/Sgt. J. H. Brasher, Jr., killed over Ceram Island, January 1, 1945. "Crazy Weather" was donated in memory of the late Mrs. Elmo Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Sonora Woman's Club.

The other books, which have been received by the library are "China to Me" by Emily Hahn, "Bedela" by Vera Caspary, "Lusty Wind for Carolina" by Inglis Fletcher and "Tale of the Witch Doll" by Mildred A. Wirt.

GIRL SCOUTS ELECT NEW OFFICERS MONDAY

Monday afternoon, the Intermediate Girl Scouts met in the basement of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Lloyd McMullen and Mrs. Carl Peoples, leaders, met with the girls.

The following officers, which were elected, will be installed next Monday: Norva Smith, president; Jackie Wardlaw, vice-president; Peggy Sue Reiley, secretary; Patsy Moore, reporter; Flora Dell Davis, treasurer; Blanche Lavon Taylor, pianist; and Peggy Ann Willman, assistant pianist.

Others present were Onetta Smith, Carlene Peoples, Alice Porter, Anne Karnes and Peggy Sue Barker.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

CLUBS . PARTIES . FEATURES

LUNETTA MORGAN, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, September 28, 1945 The Devil's River News

Lucille Clark And T. O. Sprott Engagemetn Told

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Clark have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lucille, to Troy O. Sprott, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sprott of Del Rio. The wedding will take place Sunday, September 30.

Miss Clark is a graduate of San Marcos High School and attended Southwest Texas State Teacher's College. She taught in the Sonora High School, and for two years was employed by the First National Bank. At present she is employed at the County Clerk's office.

The bridegroom-elect attended Del Rio High School. He received his honorable discharge September 20, at the Fort Sam Houston Separation Center, after serving three years and two months in the service. At the time of his discharge, he had the rating of staff sergeant, and had served nine months with the 15th Air Force in North Africa and Italy. He completed fifty missions as an engineer-gunner on a B-24 and wears the METO Ribbon with six battle stars, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our deep and lasting gratitude to the many kind friends who extended acts of kindness and sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings made at the time of the illness and death of our loved one. Mrs. Thomas D. Thorp Thomas B. Thorp Addie Thorp.

Thompson - Trainer Rites Read In San Angelo Saturday Evening

Miss Metha Thompson became the bride of Louie L. Trainer, in a ceremony performed at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening at the Charles L. Harless home in San Angelo. Dr. George C. Baker, pastor of the First Methodist Church of San Angelo, read the single-ring ceremony.

The couple was attended by M/Sgt. and Mrs. George Edward Allison.

The bride wore a blue wool crepe suit with black accessories and a gardenia corsage. Mrs. Allison wore brown crepe with a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Littleton. Guests attending the wedding and reception from Sonora were

Mrs. J. W. Trainer, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simmons, and Alton Hightower.

Mrs. Trainer is the daughter of Mrs. Karen Petersen of Mackay, Idaho, and was assistant secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association for seven years. Mr. Trainer, son of Mrs. J. W. Trainer, was recently discharged from the Air Corps after three and one-half years of service. Before being discharged, he had a sergeant's rating. He is co-owner of the Sonora Piggly Wiggly and Frozen Food plant, and also has ranching interests.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Trainer will make their home here.

Mrs. Louis L. Trainer



Mrs. G. C. Hines has been visiting the Virgil Cauthorns in Del Rio.

Miss Mary Creamer of San Jose, Calif., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. G. Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ogden were in Del Rio Sunday, and attended the bull fight in Villa Acuna.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Stell of San Angelo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Allison on Wednesday.

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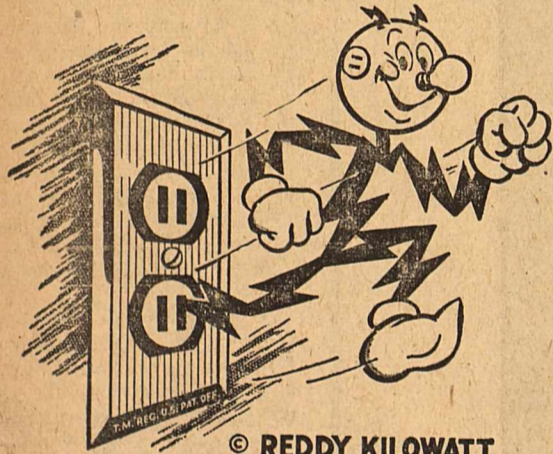
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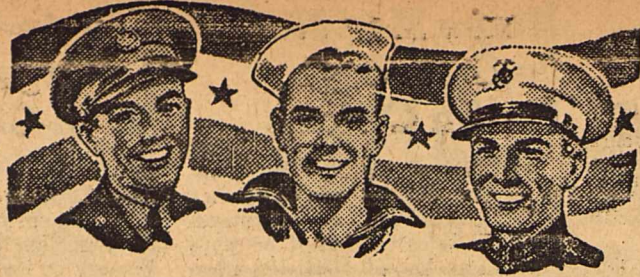
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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature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

R.M. 2/c William L. Clendenen, who has been stationed aboard the USS Missouri, writes the following letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clendenen, who now live here.

"I just wrote you a letter yesterday, but it was rather short, and I could not write about certain things at the time. I think we can tell you people back there in America about the surrender terms and ceremony that took place. I know you have heard it all on the radio and I know it will all be in the papers, but I was an eyewitness through the whole 'doings'. And I'll try to give you first-hand 'info'.

"At 7:00 o'clock this A. M., we all had to shift into our white uniforms. We were all rather excited, because we knew exactly who was to be present, and we were all anxious to see all the high ranking officials. Most of all, we were anxious to see that surrender document signed.

"When we were about 25 or 30 miles out of Japan, a Jap destroyer met us, and Jap officials were transferred to the Missouri. There were pilots, navigators and military personnel, about 15 or 20 in all.

"Here is about the way it went: at 7:45, all hands on top side in white uniform. Ross and I were standing in a very secluded spot so we could get an eyeful of all the 'goings on'. Some Russian, Jap, Australian, American and Canadian photographers and correspondents passed right below us. About 8:12, a destroyer came alongside and Adm. Nimitz came aboard. Also Russians, Japs, Dutch, Chinese, French, English and Australians came aboard. You should have seen all the colorful uniforms. Practically all the officers had gold all over their hats

and shoulders. The young Frenchman, (General La Clerc) was the French officer, who led the French forces across the desert to link up with other Allied forces. He was rather young looking and is a single man. About 8:34, the destroyer carrying General MacArthur came alongside, and the General and his staff came aboard. Admirals Nimitz and Halsey were just below me, and they shook hands with MacArthur as he stepped aboard the Missouri. All the big shots were very jolly, but business-like. About 8:52, the real show began. The Jap prime minister came alongside. You should have seen the old buzzard. Wow! He had on a big black top hat and a formal dress suit. He was using a cane, and hobbled up the gangway. (He only had one leg, they say.) Two or three high-ranking Japs from the Imperial headquarters were with him. About 9:00 they unrolled the documents and the "Top Hat" signed, followed by Jap officers. Gen. MacArthur signed next. He used about four pens that were handy, then took his own pen from his pocket and signed. He gave the first pen to Gen. Wainwright, who had been a Jap prisoner since Bataan. Gen. Wainwright was tall and rather slender, looked very tired and kinda pale, but very military. Adm. Nimitz then signed the documents and was followed by the Chinese representative (very smart uniform). Sir Bruce Fraser of England signed next, then the Russian representative. The Australian then the Canadian added their signatures. The French General

was next, then the Dutch officer. The Dutch officer was in Java when the Nips started the fire-works. After all the nations had signed, Gen. MacArthur spoke again, and all the high ranking officers went into Adm. Halsey's stateroom, except the 'slant eyes'. The documents were left on the table, so the photographers could take pictures. It so happened, the Canadian representative signed in the wrong place, and the Japs didn't like it. Gen. MacArthur's chief of staff had to humor the old monkey, and make modifications. He just scratched out the lower names and straightened the signatures. All this time hundreds of B-29s were passing overhead. Under each wing was written 'POW Supplies' in big black letters. Well, the Japs took their copy of the surrender document and high-tailed off the Missouri. They seemed plenty anxious to be beaten down. Also anxious to vacate. All the other big shots then started walking around and shaking hands and chatting. Jimmy Doolittle was among the bunch. It really was a show to see. All different colors of uniforms. History was made that day, my dears, and thank God for such a day. We all feel better now. I guess we were all under a strain. Those Japs couldn't be trusted at all. So it was a little uncomfortable.

"While we were steaming into the Islands, we passed Yokasuka naval base and several other shipyards. All the shore batteries were supposed to be dismantled or out of firing order, but you can bet your hat the Admiral didn't take

## In The Service

### Home From The War

Jesse Powell, Seaman 1/C, left Thursday night to report back to his ship at Portland, Oregon, after spending a 15-day furlough here with his wife and children. Powell has served overseas for some time with the Navy, and before coming home was at Okinawa. His ship also served in the invasion of the Philippine Islands, and is now under repairs.

Pvt. Frank Nichols of Fort Lewis, Washington, left today after spending a two-week furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols. He will be accompanied as far as Amarillo by his sister, Mrs. Herman Allison, and Mr. Allison and their daughter, Lavita Ann, who have also been visiting here.

Pvt. Nichols, who serves with a medical detachment, will be given a new assignment when he reports back to Fort Lewis.

Pfc. Dock Simmons, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., is here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons.

Lt. O. L. Richardson, Jr., left Thursday for Fort Bliss, El Paso, after spending a 3-months convalescent leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Richardson, Sr.

LOST: A Conklin fountain pen, inscribed, L. R. Hudson. Call 1802.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. E. D. Williams, and Mr. Williams in San Angelo.

city was back up a valley. I watched a large railroad bridge go out, section by section, and the whole town was burning, the steel mill being our mine target.

"Some small craft I could see started out, but changed its mind. I was in a position to go behind about 32 inches of steel if they had thrown anything back and believe me, I would have used it. In my opinion, the Japs are nearly done for when they can't defend their home waters."

one boy's head off with a sword and then shot the other between the eyes. That happened one night when the Japs attacked our camp. They threw hand grenades in the foxholes, and threw one in the foxhole near mine. There were always two of us. The Chief that was with me then is still with me now. We move together tomorrow. We all got pretty well attached to each other after going through the things that we did. "We were going home from work late one afternoon when the truck ahead of us hit an anti-tank mine. The truck was loaded with Seabees. They never found anything out about them. One day one of our planes almost crashed into us. He was coming back from a raid. We pulled the pilot out of the plane. He was O. K. We saw lots of planes fall. The B-29s did a wonderful job.

"The atomic bomb that was dropped on Japan was loaded on here on Iwo. We were afraid it might go off before they got it away. We really had lots of narrow escapes. I thank God I'm alive. I'll tell you more when I get home."

Pfc. J. W. Pepper, USMC, writes from the Pacific:

"Well, I know you heard over the radio about us, 'The U.S.S. ...', bombarding Rumishi, Henchr (Japan), and also the papers were probably full. In previous bombardments, such as Okinawa and Deta Minanau show, in which we participated I heard it said that bombardments were of no good, but when I saw that, I changed my mind.

"I was captain's orderly and had access to binoculars all of the time of the bombardment and believe me, I watched. We were close enough to see buildings on the beach with the binoculars, but the

any chances. All our main batteries were trained on the beach at all times. Our secondary batteries were kept trained on the Jap destroyer constantly, just in case she tried any tricks. We dipped anchor in Sagami Bay about 12:30 or 1:00 o'clock. The weather was pretty cool. We passed the famous Mt. Fujiama on our way into the bay. This mountain is the highest in Japan, and the sacred mountain of the Japs. The top was covered in snow. It is about 12,000 feet high, I think. We hadn't more than dropped anchor when a dead body floated by. Whew! From where we were, you could see the Jap battleship, Nagoya. That our boys sank a few months ago. Too, you could see the tall smoke stacks and buildings of Yokohama. No smoke was coming from the smokestacks. Wonder why?? Ha!

"A lot of the boys have come aboard with Jap rifles, bayonets, flags and long swords they got from the beaches."

Sgt. Nelson Chadwick writes from the Pacific:

"Just a few lines to let you know I am O. K., and received your letter today. I have written you several letters here lately, and I don't know why you haven't been getting them.

"It has really been raining here for the last week. Yes, I got through without a scratch. I don't know yet when I will get back. The transportation out of here is bad. I am flying missions, and carrying supplies to the P.W. Camps in Japan. We drop them food, medicine and clothes with parachutes. We go over them about 500 feet high and drop the supplies. It makes you feel good to see how happy they are to get them. The towns we have flown over are really burned up and torn down. I can see now why they gave up. Most of the Japs just go on about their business, and some don't even look up at us. We might get some pictures.

"I guess I will fly these missions until I get out of here, 'or they get all the prisoners out of Japan.

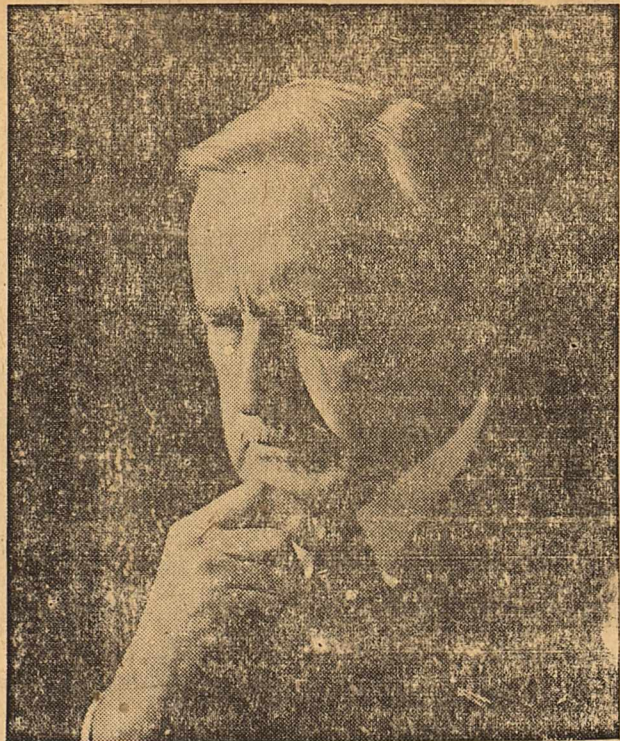
"I will close now, and don't worry about me, as I will get home as soon as I can."

Woodrow L. Norris, CCM, writes from somewhere in the Pacific:

"Well, I'm leaving the battalion tomorrow. It looks as if it is at least a step forward home. The 90th Battalion is leaving for Japan in the next few days. All the men who are eligible to go home are going into the 95th Battalion. It will be made up mostly of 90th men. We are just waiting for transportation HOME. That's a mighty important word to me now. It's hard to realize. I don't know how long we will have to stay here. There is talk about part of the fleet coming by Iwo next week to pick us up, but don't bank on it too much. At least we know we are just waiting for a ride, so it shouldn't be too long. I should be home by the latter part of October. We will given credit for overseas duty almost by the time I get home, and I only lack 4 points. I don't think I'll go to work until the first of the year. Do you know I have been out of the States just about two years? That is a long time.

"Our letters aren't censored anymore, but there still isn't much to tell. I told Opal in my last letter about some of our experiences during the battle. Maybe you had rather I told them when I get home. I might tell you a few, anyway. I never want to see anything like we had the first few weeks. We lived in foxholes dug in the black sand and about four feet deep, banked up with bags filled with sand and a canvas stretched over the top to keep the rain out. We lived that way for 39 days. It seemed like a lifetime. We couldn't sleep on top of the ground, because there was too much rifle fire just above our heads. The bullets knocked sand out of our foxholes several times. One night a bullet went through our water can. We had rather have lost our food than our water. We had very little water to drink at first, until we could set up a water plant to make fresh water out of sea water. There was no fresh water on the island. I lost two of my boys, when we first got here. The Japs almost cut

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# Society News

## P-TA Speaker



Mrs. F. E. Holman, state vice-president, was principal speaker at the four-county school of instruction which was held at the Methodist Church Thursday. Mrs. Holman will also speak at the board meeting which will be held at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo today.

## Church Society Meets At Howell Home Wednesday

Mrs. J. F. Howell was hostess to the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service last Wednesday afternoon. The topic studied was "Around the World".

Taking part on the program were Mrs. C. T. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Edwin Sawyer, Mrs. A. R. Montgomery and Mrs. Lloyd McMullen. Mrs. F. L. Meadow led the group in prayer.

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer presided at the punch bowl. Dalias were used as decorations throughout the home.

Punch and cookies were served to Mesdames G. H. Hall, Meadow, McMullen, E. E. Sawyer, Arthur Carroll, E. D. Shurley, Edwin Sawyer, Jones, Dee Word, Rose Thorp, Montgomery, Howell and L. E. Johnson, Sr.

## Seminar Of WSCS For District To Be Held Friday

A seminar of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the San Angelo district will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church in San Angelo today (Friday) from 10 o'clock until 3:30 o'clock. There will be a group of all the corresponding secretaries of the district, with Mrs. Dee Word, district secretary of organization and promotion, presiding.

The seminar will be under the direction of Mrs. A. A. Carter of Ozona, district secretary of missionary education and study.

The main features will be "Missionary Education and Study" by Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell of Rock-springs, conference missionary education secretary; "Student Work" by Mrs. Leslie C. Procter of Austin, conference student work secretary; "Children's Work" by Mrs. John G. Palmer of Kennedy, conference children's work secretary; and "Mission Work" by Miss Mary Riddle of Ozona, head deaconess of the Spanish-American Center of Ozona.

Luncheon will be served to all visitors by the hostess church.

## PASTIME CLUB MEETS AT ROBERT REES HOME

Mrs. Robert Rees entertained the Pastime Club Thursday afternoon at her home. The three tables of members and guests played forty-two. Cut flowers and potted plants decorated the party rooms.

High score for the club members was won by Mrs. Rose Thorp, and Mrs. F. L. Meadow received high for the guests.

At the tea hour, ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames B. H. Crites, Leonard Gibbs, Meadow, Aubrey Ward, R. G. Nance, R. V. Cook and J. H. Brasher, guests; also Tom Sandherr, Joe Berger, Thorp, and H. V. Morris, members.

Mrs. T. C. Murray returned home this week from Cain City where she had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams, for the past two weeks.

## MRS. I. B. BOUGHTON APPOINTED TO DISTRICT TFWC POST

Mrs. I. B. Boughton has been appointed "World Cooperation Chairman" of the Sixth District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, by the president, Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene.

Organization of the year's activities for federated clubs of the state was started this month, and the Board of Directors has announced all department heads and standing committees for the club year of 1945-1946.

The Sonora Woman's Club will hold open house at their first meeting, October 4.

## WAR SERVICE CLUB HAS BUSINESS MEETING

The War Service Club met recently at the home of Mrs. W. E. McClelland. Business was discussed, and it was voted that the club would not disband until all the members' husbands had returned from service.

Plans were made to donate the money that the club has in the treasury to some worthy cause.

Attending were Mesdames Leroy Whitworth, Henry Greenhill, Tex Farr, Francis Archer, Dayton Cain, Tom Neville, J. B. Shanks, Carl Cahill, Carl Barho and McClelland.

## Forest Fire Prevention Drive To Open Oct. 1

"Another enemy to conquer" is the slogan for this year's forest fire prevention campaign slated to get underway October 1, in the state, W. E. White, director, Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, has announced.

The campaign is part of a nation-wide effort to reduce man-caused forest fires and is now in its fourth year as a wartime project, Mr. White said. It is a joint program of the U. S. Forest Service in cooperation with other conservation agencies and groups.

Newest cooperator on the program is the American Red Cross, the director stated. Plans are being worked out with F. Leo Durkee, regional Red Cross director at St. Louis, to enlist the aid of 44 East Texas Red Cross chapters. Long-range plans call for the Red Cross to make it a permanent part of this disaster prevention program, Mr. White has been advised.

Almost a million pieces of literature and posters, mostly printed with federal funds, will be available for distribution in Texas about the first of the month to schools, industries, conservation agencies, civic organizations and others. The September issue of Texas Forest News, official publication of the Texas Forest Service, will give full details of the program and of the materials available.

## Home May Not Be Safe, Says Health Officer

AUSTIN, Sept. 20—For many years the ultimate in safety has been conveyed in the old expression, "He is as safe as if he were in his own home." Statistics have disproved the truth of this assumption and tend to show that home, far from being the safest place, is often quite the opposite.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, commenting on the annual casualty totals from accidents in the home throughout the United States, said today that such accidents are the cause of more deaths than diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, and measles combined; of over two-thirds as many as automobile accidents; and of over a third as many deaths as tuberculosis.

"Slippery floor surfaces, lack of handrails on cellar steps, absence of protective gates at the top of stairs in homes where there are small children, toys left on stairs, unanchored small rugs on polished floors, poisons in medicine cabinets accessible to children, and the careless storage of sharp tools and firearms are some of the more important hazards resulting in home accidents," Dr. Cox said.

"However," he added, "in the last analysis, the problem boils to one of reasonable individual caution. We cannot view complacently the more than 30,000 deaths in the United States annually due to home accidents. These deaths, chargeable to remediable carelessness, can and should be reduced."

Education of the Texas Forest Service, will give full details of the program and of the materials available.

"What we hope to achieve by this campaign is to make Texans conscious of the constant need for keeping fire out of our forests and woodlands. Wood which played so important a part in the war is going to be in big demand for peace-time rebuilding. The fire threat is another enemy to conquer in our timberlands," White concluded.

## County Women To Organize H. D. Clubs

Sutton County women will meet with Home Demonstration agent, Mrs. Evie Froehner, on October 1 here, and on October 3 at Camp Allison, to complete organization of their home demonstration clubs which was started at meetings held this week on Monday and Tuesday. At this week's meetings organization plans and work to be done during the immediate future were discussed.

At the meeting in Sonora on October 1, landscape gardening will be studied, with particular emphasis put on fall care of lawns and rose culture. On October 3, when the Camp Allison meeting is held, cleaning and adjusting of sewing machines will be discussed. Mrs. Froehner also reported this week that she will probably meet with Latin-Americans of the community next Thursday, September 27, at the Elliott School. At that time plans for organizing a Latin-American group will be made.

Between now and the October meetings, Mrs. Froehner also hopes to meet with girls interested in 4-H Club work.

At the meeting here Monday, 40 women attended, and six attended the meeting at Camp Allison on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. McClelland and Raymie Jo and Bill, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Huling in San Angelo over the week-end.

## Happy Birthday

- Saturday, September 22—Orville Anthony, Mrs. Jack Mann, Mrs. Lea Roy Aldwell, Martha Neil Moore
- Sunday, September 23—Mrs. Lillian Boughton, Vernon Hamilton, Gale Jean Mittel, Nancy Evelyn Montgomery
- Monday, September 24—Mrs. O. J. Pirtle, Nettie Word, Betty Jane Atchison, Richard Lee Hightower, Mrs. E. H. Richey
- Tuesday, September 25—Mrs. Maysie Brown
- Wednesday, September 26—Mary Frances Awalt
- Thursday, September 27—Pete Cook, Basil Taylor, Derrell Alley, Tom Murray
- Friday, September 28—Bill Fields, Preston Prater, Ed C. Mayfield

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Saturday Bud Stokes will receive lambs from Fred Simmons and Bustie Halbert for Les Humphrey of San Angelo. Simmons is selling 330 lambs, and Halbert 450, all bringing 11 3/4 cents per pound.

Cleve Jones, Sr., has bought around four thousand calves, which he will begin to ship the first of next month.

Buzzie Stokes, chairman, reports that donations to the United War Chest have already begun to come in, but much more slowly than last year. Ben Meckel started the ball rolling with a generous check. Although official opening date of the drive is October 1, Stokes and his committee are hoping that contributors will make their donations as soon as possible.

Announcement was made this week that all materials for lighting the football field have been ordered, and actual installation of the system will begin as soon as the materials arrive. It is planned that the lights will be up and in use before the end of the season.

And, speaking of football, Coach Mack Alexander's Broncos are already looking good and have a spirit of cooperation and unity that has been lacking for the past two years. After trying their metal against the Lake View (Class A) eleven today, they feel that they will know just what they have for the year.

The Sonora fire boys are again asking for the cooperation of the citizens when they answer fire calls. If people will stay off the streets and the telephone lines in town until several minutes after the ringing of the fire alarm, it will help the boys a great deal. As one of the boys put it, "We don't go tearing up to the fire hall, when the siren sounds, just for fun. We're trying to save someone's property. We do our job gladly, but we need the cooperation of every citizen to do our best."

Dogie Finley, visiting here Tuesday, expressed thanks on the part of the Eldorado Lions and P-TA for the nice purchases made by various Sonora firms at their annual lamb sale last Saturday. The Eldorado folks always help out with our June Show and Auction Sale, and one good turn deserves another.

## 36 Years Ago

Born on Friday, October 1, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trainer, a boy.

Miss Fannie Johnson and brother, Cliff, arrived home last week from a visit to friends and relatives at Mercury, Texas.

Hull Bros., who are drilling for Aug. Moos, were in Sonora Friday for repairs.

Mrs. Bud Ellis of San Angelo is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. M. Parkerson, this week.

E. F. Vander Stucken left for Dallas this week on a business trip.

Harvey & Williams of Odessa were in Sonora Thursday with several loads of salt for George S. Allison.

Tom McKnight of Eldorado was in Sonora Friday on business.

A. R. Cauthorn was in from the ranch Friday on business.

Russel Franks was in from the Bond ranch Thursday for supplies.

John Bryden was in from the Sol Mayer ranch Wednesday trading.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mills were in Sonora several days this week from their ranch near Bracketville.

Bishop Johnson delivered an excellent sermon at the Episcopal Church on Thursday night. He had a bad attack with his throat while in San Angelo, which prevented his arrival until Thursday afternoon. He left with Rev. Mercer on Friday morning for Fort McKavett where he will conduct services on Sunday.

Floyd Estes who has been looking after the windmills for Sol Mayer moved to town with his family last week and is working in the Sam Merck blacksmith shop.

Will Clendennen who has been playing cowboy on the John Robins ranch for some time, was in Sonora Wednesday.

Tom Savell was in Sonora Monday on a visit to his brother, Theo. Tom says he is doing well with his mail line from San Angelo to Big Springs.

## Howard Kirbys Entertain Club

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kirby were hosts at a bridge - supper at their home. The party was complimentary to members and guests of the Saturday Night Club.

Following the covered dish supper, bridge was played. Prizes at the conclusion of the games were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Keng for receiving high club, and Mrs. Sam Karnes for high guest. Mrs. Edwin Sawyer was presented the bingo award.

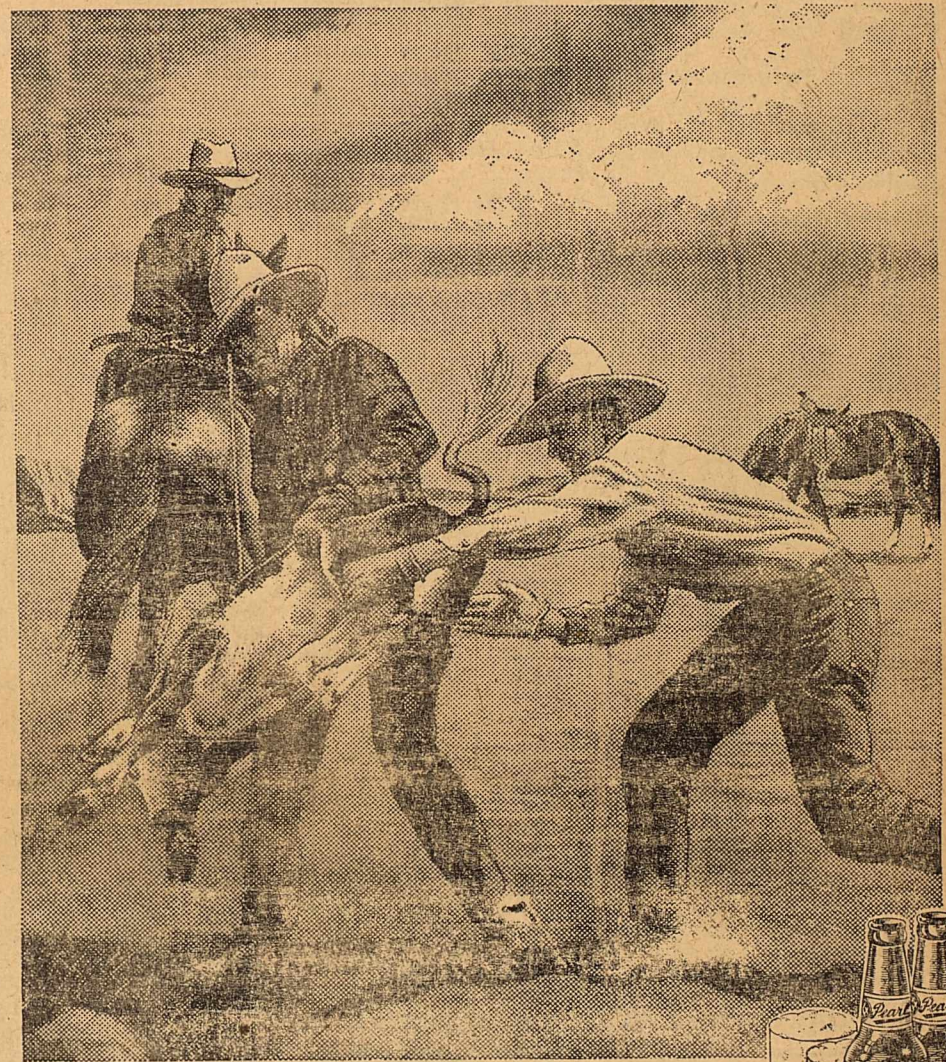
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Mr. and Mrs. Keng, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Lancaster, Mrs. Rose Thorp and Mrs. Karnes.

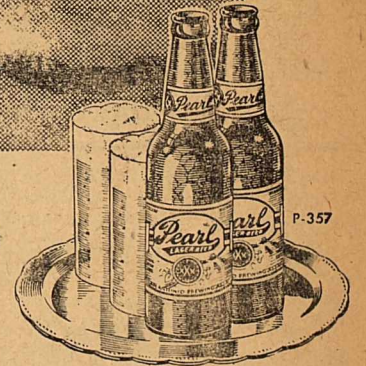
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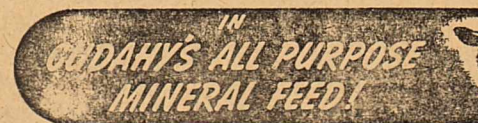
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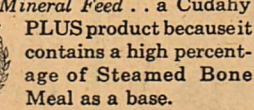
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Joe Marsh

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Texas Man Is Honor Guest At Jap Surrender

AT A NAVAL HOSPITAL ON GUAM—An honored guest at the historic September 1, surrender ceremonies aboard the battleship USS MISSOURI in Tokyo Harbor was Lee C. Shaw, 32, motor machinist's mate, second class, USN, whose sister, Mrs. C. A. Pepper, lives in Sabinal, Texas.

Honored by Allied generals and admirals because he represented the thousands of Allied prisoners-of-war liberated from Jap prison camps, he was interviewed on Guam while awaiting transportation to the States. Shaw told of going aboard the MISSOURI in a suit of borrowed whites to be greeted by General of the Army MacArthur, Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Admiral William F. Halsey, British Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser and other officials.

He then was given a card, emblazoned with a Rising Sun set by the signatures of MacArthur, Nimitz and Halsey "certifying the presence of Lee C. Shaw, USN, at the formal surrender of the Japanese forces to Allied forces."

"I was kinda scared when Admiral Halsey came up and asked me what I wanted to do most, now that the war was over," recalled the Navy submariner who survived 28 months of Japanese cruelty in prison camps.

"But the Admiral laughed when I said I'd like most to saddle that white horse for him."

When his submarine was lost in the Malacca Straits, Shaw and his shipmates were dragged aboard a Jap corvette and clubbed with rifle butts.

"It was on the Jap liner Asamamo Maru that we got a real beating," said Shaw. "They told us that we'd sunk their sister ship and then lined us all up and punched us. But that time I only weighed 97 pounds, after living on Jap beatings, and I went down pretty easy. But they pulled me up for more slugging."

Then to the infamous Ofuno camp near Tokyo for torture and questioning and captive treatment rather than prisoner-of-war status. In December, 1943, the submariners were shipped to Omori camp and put to stevedoring work in railroad yards.

"If they weren't so savage, you'd think the Japs were a bunch of stupid brats," he said. "I once absent-mindedly scrawled my name on a box-car in the yard. A B-29 came over later, and the Japs beat me for 23 days because they said I'd been trying to give information to the enemy."

Transferred to Sumedagawa camp on eastern Honshu in December, 1944, Shaw endured further Jap brutality until released Aug. 30, 1945, "on my 32nd birthday." Shaw said that he will stay in the Navy "which didn't let me down".

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