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Local Editorials!

In an area of benevolent climate, blessed with an abundance of the purest lake water, possessing the best in recreational facilities, situated on the Bankhead, all-weather route, with three railroads and many highways, Cisco is the best place in Texas to live and to work.

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## Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

There is one point in connection with the question of American aid to Britain which has been overlooked in the warm discussions growing out of the possibility of American physical involvement in the European war which is inherent in any form of help that this country may extend to the democracies fighting Hitler. There is most certainly a distinct possibility that America in any course which she may follow in giving this assistance, will become involved in an all-out ally of Great Britain. There is a possibility that America will have to send troops abroad. That possibility cannot be ignored. No matter or amount of academic argument will avoid it, for that matter, there is always a possibility that a grandma, negotiating the stairway from her bedroom to the breakfast nook, will all down the steps and break her neck.

The important question confronting us, in dealing with this issue, is this: By what manner or means of entering assistance can America make the possibility of spilling her blood more remote?

Prime Minister Churchill has said, and there is good reason to believe that the British leader speaks with candor and sincerity, that Great Britain does not want American troops. He has declared that Great Britain can defeat Hitler with the manpower she has, if Great Britain can get the supplies and arms she needs. It has become apparent that the tactical character of this war is different from that of the first World War when masses of troops were maneuvered and shot at wholesale. Under such circumstances great supplies of manpower were required. The current war utilizes machines and places emphasis, not on the slaughter of men, but on the destruction of machines and sources of supply. The civilians in the producing areas behind the borders of the countries at war are nearer the real battlefield than most of the armies. Germany's millions of troops are many miles from the firing line, while England's armies are less engaged than England's Manchester and England's London. History proved that a million American troops in England under the present circumstances would be a hindrance rather than a help because they would have to be fed and maintained at the cost of enormous amounts of supplies which are sorely needed for other purposes.

That being the picture, it should occur that the quickening of American aid in the form of supplies and armaments provided England the more remote becomes the chances of American involvement. If England falls to the hands of the Axis, America would be compelled to face a victorious Axis alone. That would involve the United States, if not in war, then in a period of constant, cost-ly vigilance and preparations for defense. All this talk of

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## Ciscoan Buys Plane After CPT Course



G. P. Mitcham, Jr., left, is shown with J. R. Minick, instructor in the Cisco Junior college CPT school, in which Mr. Mitcham was trained, standing in front of the new Luscomb Silvaire all-metal plane recently purchased by Mr. Mitcham. The Silvaire is one of two planes owned by graduates of the CPT school. The other is owned by J. W. Culwell and Wayne Smith.

## Former Cisco Physician Dies at El Paso

Death this morning of Dr. J. M. Britton, aged former Cisco physician, was announced from El Paso, his home, in a message to the Cisco Daily Press.

Dr. Britton, a brother of O. C. Britton, founder of the Britton Training school, whose plant has been acquired by the Cisco Junior college, lived and practiced at Scranton for a number of years before moving to Cisco where he lived for two or three years. About 25 years ago he went to El Paso. He was an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

Dr. Britton was unmarried until he moved to El Paso. There are no children.

## Recreation Project To Sponsor Party

The Cisco Recreation project will sponsor a country party at the community center Thursday night, for the boys and girls of Cisco and surrounding communities. Most of the old time games and contests will be carried out in a rural atmosphere and under the direction of the project directors. Everyone is invited and especially the boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 20 years old.

Such games as apple bobbing, cracker eating contest, apple on string, landscape, barnyard symphony, musical mixup, folk dancing, and many others as well as the regular equipment games will be played. The party will be along Valentine's day lines. The party will begin promptly at eight o'clock and there is no admission charge.

On Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5 p. m., the Smithville community center (colored) will have a similar party.

## Lobo Band Asked To Give Concerts

The Cisco Lobo band has been invited by the committee in charge to play two concerts on "Cisco Day" at the annual Fort Worth Fat Stock show, it was announced today.

Although Cisco day has not yet been designated, the Lobo musicians have been asked to appear in the morning at the Silver Spur, and in the afternoon at the new bandstand near the coliseum.

## Welfare Board Meeting Tuesday

The executive board of the Cisco Charity and Welfare association will meet at the chamber of commerce office Tuesday morning at 9:30. Every member is urged to attend.

## Ex-Senator Dies



REED SMOOT

## Long Illness Is Fatal to Ex-Sen. Smoot

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 10 (AP)—Former United States Senator Reed Smoot, 79, of Utah, who gained national prominence as co-author of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff act, died Sunday after a lingering illness.

Born in Salt Lake City, Jan. 10, 1862, he was one of the 12 apostles of the Mormon church at the time of his election to the senate in 1903.

During his 30-year tenure in the senate, which ended in 1933, the republican senator became chairman of the senate finance committee and the ranking member of the appropriations committee.

In 1929, he joined in preparing the Smoot-Hawley bill and piloted it through the senate single-handedly until it became a law in 1930. He was defeated in his campaign for re-election in November, 1932, by Elbert Duncan Thomas, a democrat, in the democratic landslide of that year.

Smoot died at 2 p. m. at the home of a stepson, Dr. Walter T. Sheets, where he was spending the winter.

The former senator had been ill for some time, suffering from the effects of a fall on a golf course in Utah last autumn.

The funeral party left here today at 1 p. m. for Salt Lake City, where services will be held. Burial will be at Provo, Utah, where Smoot made his home from the time he was 10 years old.

## Ciscoan Reports for Military Training

Melvin Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lawson, second lieutenant in the signal corps of the United States army, reported for duty at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio today. He will be assigned to a military training camp within a few days. Jere Loftin accompanied Lieut. Lawson to San Antonio.

## TWO PLANES ARE OWNED BY CISCOANS

Results of the first civilian pilot training course at Cisco Junior college—completed this month—is beginning to show in private ownership of planes by Ciscoans. Already two privately owned planes are based at Cisco, both owned by students who completed the first CPT school.

The first plane was purchased in partnership by J. W. Culwell and Wayne Smith. It is a Ceb trainer and the two new pilots, both of whom have completed their requirements for private licenses, are using it to build up their flying time toward advanced ratings.

The plane was purchased more than a week ago. Last week G. P. Mitcham, Jr., received delivery of a new Luscomb Silvaire, an all-metal two-place plane of advanced design, beautifully equipped and streamlined. The Silvaire cruises at 110 miles per hour, considerably faster than the training planes in which he took his training and completed requirements for a private license. It was purchased at Trenton, N. J., and ferried to Cisco for delivery to Mr. Mitcham, who is already using it to commute between the Mitcham & Son ranch north of Cisco and this city, as well as other points.

The new plane owners were trained in the college flying school operated by Reg Robbins. They completed their instruction under Instructor J. R. Minick.

The Cisco Junior college has received its contract for a spring CPT school of 20 students. This school will begin operating within the next few days on the new airport built on the Carl Wilson land north of Cisco.

## Cisco Boy Receives Gun Wound in Eye

Billy Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morrison, was accidentally shot in the eye with a BB gun while playing with friends Saturday afternoon.

After treatment here, he was taken today to Dallas, where he will have the shot removed from his eye. He was reported as resting satisfactorily.

## Time for Circle Meeting Changed

Circle One of the First Methodist Society of Christian service, which was to have met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. C. A. Shockey, will not meet until Wednesday afternoon, it was announced today.

The meeting was deferred because of the funeral of Mrs. Maggie Dulin in Eastland Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mary Jane Butts is the guest of relatives in Austin.

## BIG BRITISH SHIPS BLAST GENOA PORT

### 15-Inch Battleship Guns Shell Great Italian Base

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP)—A British armada, sweeping daringly into a close corner of Italy's Mediterranean coast, poured 300 tons of shells at dawn Sunday into the great Italian port of Genoa, the admiralty announced.

Against the other end of the axis, British warplanes again struck deep into Germany with an attack on Mannheim, as well as on the Nazi-held occupied ports of Flushing and Rotterdam in daylight Saturday.

Prime Minister Churchill, telling the British empire by radio of this latest exploit of Britain's seapower, called it a "shattering" bombardment "of the naval base from which perhaps a Nazi German expedition might soon have sailed to attack (French) General Weygand in Algeria or Tunis."

To reach Genoa, the British had to sail past Sardinia and Corsica into an arm of the Mediterranean, the Ligurian sea, many miles from British bases at either Gibraltar or Malta. Genoa is the site of big merchant marine and naval construction.

To carry out this assignment in the innermost waters of the sea which Italians call "ours," the British called on some of their finest and mightiest fighting ships—a fleet of some 100,000 tons—backed up by naval planes.

They sent the 31,000-ton battleship Malaya, the 32,000-ton battle cruiser Renner, the 22,000-ton aircraft carrier Ark Royal and the 9,100-ton cruiser Sheffield "with light forces in company."

These ships marched into the corner of the Italian coast at the very top of the boot, about 600 miles on a straight line from the toe, and the admiralty said, "laid down a sea and air barrage—even more successful than at first thought."

Against wholesale damage which it reported at Genoa and at the ports of Pisa and Leghorn further down the coast, it reported only one British casualty, a swordfish torpedo plane missing.

## Hicks Field Head To Be CofC Speaker

The Ranger chamber of commerce will have its annual banquet at the Gholson hotel Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, it was announced today.

A program in keeping with the national defense idea will be presented, with Major B. S. Graham of Hicks field, Fort Worth, as principal speaker. This will be of special interest to flying students.

A cordial invitation has been extended Cisco business men and others to attend.

## Cisco Chapter Participates In Ranger Drill

Members of Cisco Chapter 461, Order of Eastern Star, attended a school of instruction at Ranger Saturday afternoon, and participated in the various drills.

The school was conducted by Mrs. Robbie Dyer, worthy grand matron of the grand chapter, and her two assistants, Mrs. Bessie Gifford, grand examiner, and Mrs. Levee Burnett, district grand deputy. The three women were honored with a banquet here Friday night.

Cisco chapter was commended for its splendid work, and was awarded seven "a" certificates, and three "b" certificates.

Those who went from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Witten, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Huffman, Mmes. H. L. Kunkel, L. Smart, Albert A. Hansen, W. F. Watson, G. C. Rosenthal, Fred Steffey, and Ray Wilbanks.

## Fire in Dallas Flophouse Kills Ten



Heroic Dallas, Tex., fireman makes second story rescue of badly burnt transient sleeping in Salvation Army barracks where nine died and more than 25 were critically injured.

## Funeral For Mrs. Dulin at Eastland

Funeral services for Mrs. Maggie Lenora Dulin, 72, who died at Cisco Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, will be conducted at the Eastland Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 by the pastor Rev. Lance Webb, assisted by Rev. J. B. Blunk, pastor of the First Christian church of Eastland. Burial will be in the Eastland cemetery beside her husband, the late E. D. Dulin, who died July 5, 1930.

Active pall bearers will be John White, John Hart, Jack Dwyer, E. F. Alton, Earnest Jones and Ancil Owen. Honorary pallbearers will be all members of the Dulin-Daniel post of the American Legion. Mrs. Dulin was one of the three Gold Star mothers in Eastland.

Mrs. Dulin was a native of Howard county, North Carolina, and came to Texas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lewis, at the age of 14, settling at what was known at that time as Lashara Springs, in Eastland county, now being known as the Hart ranch. Here she attended school. At the age of 16 she married Enory Dow Dulin, and with him joined the Methodist church, in which she held a continuous membership for 56 years. She was a member of the Susan Steele Bible class of the Eastland Methodist church, which was composed of pioneers of this section. She was also a member of the Eastland 50 and 30 Year Pioneer clubs.

Survivors include eight children as follows: Mart Dulin, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Henry Ferrell, Eastland; Mrs. Buster McGough, Amarillo; Mrs. Will Wood, Abilene; Mrs. John Butler, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. John McConney, Cisco; Mrs. J. P. Parish, Cisco; Albert Dulin, Crane; two brothers, Neel Lewis, Cisco, and John Lewis, Newcastle; twenty-five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Dulin spent her life in Eastland county. She had resided in Eastland 15 years.

## Special Meeting of Legion This Evening

A special meeting of the John William Butts post of the American Legion here has been called for this evening at 7:30 at the Legion hut. Commander W. R. Huestis urged attendance of all members and ex-service men.

The meeting will pertain to national defense work, he said.

Hugh Miller of Granbury spent the week-end here.

## LOCAL POST TO COOPERATE IN SIGN-UP

### Legion Will Conduct National Voluntary Registration

Cooperating in a national voluntary movement, the John William Butts post of the American Legion will seek registration of every ex-service man in the Cisco area, it was announced today. A special meeting of the local post has been summoned for this evening at 7:30 to discuss plans for the program, which will be carried out in connection with national defense service.

Attendance of every post member and of all ex-service men who are not members on the meeting this evening was urged by Post Commander W. R. Huestis. The meeting will be held at the Legion hut, and during it the registration process will be explained. Local registration headquarters will be at the W. R. Huestis service station.

Registration Day February 22, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, has been proclaimed by National Commander Milo J. Warner as registration day for all legionnaires and unaffiliated World War veterans who care to do so.

On that day every American Legion post in the country will ask its membership and local World War veterans to fill out a questionnaire. This form will be in triplicate. It will chronicle every Legionnaire's capabilities and talents which could be used in national defense. The post will retain the original copy of the questionnaire. The second copy will go to the department headquarters. The last copy will go to national headquarters. From these copies will be compiled post, department and national indices of American Legion national defense assets. These indices will enable the American Legion quickly to locate any member or veteran for whose special services governmental agencies might have a need.

The Cisco post is anxious that it secure as near a 100 per cent registration as possible, Mr. Huestis said.

**SERIOUSLY ILL**  
Zed Kilborn is reported seriously ill at his home here. He had been sick for several days, but his condition was not considered serious until Sunday.

Mrs. Cora M. Hartgrove, Mrs. Ellen Sims, and Miss Cora Ellen Sims, all of Paint Rock, spent Sunday here with Mrs. G. W. Troxwell.

## 'I've Set the Date'

Willkie declared that those who drew the issue of aid to Britain on a basis of war or no war for the United States were being unrealistic.

He expressed the belief that "if we do not give aid to Britain, we shall probably become involved in war."

Willkie asserted, "Opponents of aid to Britain are saying that if the United States gives aid to Britain we may become involved in war, while if we do not give aid to Britain, we can remain at peace."

"That is a wholly unrealistic statement of the issue. As a matter of fact, in my judgment, if we do give aid to Britain, we are likely to stay out of war, while if we do not give aid to Britain, we shall probably become involved in war."

Willkie disclosed that he had a day-long conference with Winston Churchill and three members of his cabinet, Clement Attlee, Anthony Eden and Lord Beaverbrook.

This, he said, had not been previously announced, because of the safety and other factors.

He declined to express his conclusions on the trip pending his appearance, probably Tuesday, before the senate foreign relations committee at a hearing on the British aid bill passed Saturday by the house.

Willkie said that "They (the British) and naturally very hopeful that we, as free people, will give to them as a free people all the material aid that we can give."

He said that he had gained certain supplemental ideas on aid to Britain, although he declined to discuss them. Nor would he comment on his visit to Eire, where he conferred with Minister Eamon de Valera.

"I am deferring completely any comment on my observations because what I have to say I want to say in consecutive order," Willkie said.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dillingham spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Abilene.

Nothing can stop the wedding now. And all that idle gossip about Kent and another girl... How Can Ann Guess Her Sister Is Her Rival? Don't Miss a Chapter of Drafted for Love Beginning Today on Page Three

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## The Tragedy of Italy

NOTHING is easier (or more despicable), than to kick a man when he is down. It is easy, at long range, to administer a verbal kicking to the Italian people, especially now that their armies have taken such a literal kicking around in Albania, in Libya and in Ethiopia.

It is unjust, however, to use these failures as a blanket indictment of the Italian people, or especially to allow it to reflect on Americans of Italian descent.

There is nothing wrong with Italians as such. They did all right when they were kicking Radetsky out of Milan a hundred years ago, and Garibaldi's redshirts and Maz-

zini's legions were the admiration of the world when they made their gallant but hopeless resistance to the Austrians and French.

BUT they were fighting to defend their country, fighting for freedom. And that makes all the difference.

People who like to bring up Caporetto forget the Piave and the fact that Italy, almost knocked out, rose again and delivered a knockout blow against the Austrians, losing 600,000 dead and a million wounded. But again, Italian soldiers were throwing Austrian invaders out of northern Italy. They were willing to fight and to die for that, and for the bright dream of freedom promised by their allies.

Since that time, Italian military exploits have not been so brilliant. Sent to the plague-ridden, God-forsaken wastes of Ethiopia to conquer a savage land for no reason that they could see, they were not impressive. Sent to Spain to take a hand in a civil war in which they were not interested, Guadalajara was the result. And now in Albania, where they know they have no business to be in the first place; in Libya, where they have resolutely refused to go as "colonists," and in Ethiopia, where the young Neapolitans look at one another and ask "Why?"—they surrender in droves rather than die.

MEN who served with the squad-mates of Italian origin in the World War know that such men were good men; loyal companions and brave fighters. But they were fighting for a free land, their land, to keep it free and to make their motherland free, not for a mad imperialist dream of vanished empire. They will do it again, if need be, and do it well.

Bravery is not alone in fighting and dying when told. It is also in choosing a cause worth dying for. For tyranny the Italians are loath to die.

## Willkie Returns



## Fellowship Class Has Dinner Tuesday

The Men's Fellowship class of the First Methodist Sunday school will serve supper to the Workers council of the school Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the church banquet room. It is expected that approximately 40 persons will be present for the supper and business meeting.

Garland Nance, general superintendent, will have charge and will call for reports from the various departments. Plans will be announced for a training school to be held in April.

## Eastland Coach to Ft. Worth Position

EASTLAND, Feb. 10 (Sp.)—Coach E. B. Grady of Eastland high school has resigned his position and will leave Monday for Fort Worth, where he has accepted a position with the National Youth administration as supervisor at the municipal airport.

Mrs. Grady has also been appointed to a position in Fort Worth in the capacity of supervisor on city sponsored WPA projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady came to Eastland from Birdville, near Fort Worth, last August three years ago.

Miss Bessie Lee Lawrence has returned to Sweetwater, where she is employed, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lawrence, here.

## Employees Warned Against Spurious SS Account Cards

Instances of alleged counterfeit social security account cards being used for identification in cashing checks brought from the Social Security board today a caution that cards issued by the board are for identification purposes only.

Possession of an account card, according to W. O. King, manager of the Alabama office of the Social Security board, holds no significance for other identification purposes or for the financial responsibility of the individual.

Mr. King emphasized that under the circumstances in which account cards are designed to be used by the board of administering their unemployment compensation laws.

For purposes of the federal old-age and survivors insurance system, employers must know each of the employee's account numbers in reporting the amount of wages paid employees. These wages are credited to the individual employee's social security account. The amount of old-age and survivors insurance is based on the total amount of wages paid the individual employee in covered employment until he reaches 65 and retires, or, until he dies.

Employees in industry and commerce who do not have account numbers were urged by King to apply immediately at their near-

## Expect Passage Lease-Lend Bill By March First

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—House passage of the administration's British aid bill was followed Sunday by new demands in the senate for changes in the measure, but leaders predicted the legislation would be approved without major alteration by March 1.

Democratic leader Alben Barkley said he expected to start senate debate on the momentous bill late this week and declared he was confident of senate approval without any important change by the month's end.

Senator Robert A. Taft (Rep.) of Ohio, a foe of the measure, proposed meanwhile a series of seven amendments, one of which would prohibit American ships from entering war zones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Foxworth have returned from a brief visit in Dallas.

## Political Announcements

The Cisco Daily Press has been authorized to announce the following as candidates in the municipal election in April:

For Mayor—  
J. T. BERRY (Re-Election)

For City Comm.—  
(Two to be elected)  
H. C. HENDERSON  
W. R. WINSTON

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## Utilities Ready to Serve Nation's Defense Needs

West Texas and the nation now have an abundance of electric power to meet the national defense requirements over and above present consumption in home and business.

Present-day plant generating capacity in the United States is greater than the combined electrical output of England, France

and Germany, a recent survey shows.

The nation's utilities companies, owned and operated by men and women who invested in sound business enterprise and who've learned to render emergency service through long experience, have prepared in advance and without the use of tax money or government aid.

U. S. electric power facilities now exceeds 40,000,000 kilowatts compared to less than 9,000,000 kilowatts each in England, France, and Germany.

The West Texas Utilities company, now entering its thirtieth year of service to west Texans already is serving three national defense units: the army air base at San Angelo, Camp Barkeley at Abilene and the air training school at Stamford. Present facilities are sufficient to fill the requirements of many other defense projects should they be located in this area.

The company has major generating stations and 14 standby power plants, maintained as a reserve supply of electricity. Eighteen interconnections give ad-

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the United States withholding aid because of a fear of becoming involved in war is beside the point. America should provide this aid to the very limit of her ability, consistent with her own defense needs, in order not to become so involved.

Mrs. Jack Calanosa of Hobbs, New Mexico, is visiting relatives and friends here.

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### The Notebook

**Tuesday**  
Circles of the First Presbyterian auxiliary will meet at 3 o'clock as follows:  
Circle One with Mrs. C. H. Fee.  
Circle Two at the church.  
Circle Three at the church.

The Baptist Y. W. A. will meet with Miss Miriam Ghormley, 1510 D avenue, at 7:30 p. m.

The B. L. Lockett circle of the First Baptist church will meet with Mrs. E. J. Poe, 706 West 9th, at 3.

Circles of the First Baptist Women's Missionary society will meet as follows:  
Ann Margaret circle with Mrs. W. D. Hazel, 1009 West 6th, at 3.  
Elizabeth Truly circle with Mrs. T. E. House, 302 West 4th, at 3.  
Minnie Landrium circle with Mrs. Leon Maner, 1004 West 6th, at 3.  
E. G. Wilcox circle with Mrs. Paul Poe, Front street, at 9 a. m.

Circles of the Methodist Society of Christian Service will meet at 3 o'clock as follows:  
Circle Three with Mrs. T. J. Dean.  
Circle Four with Mrs. M. D. Paschall.  
Circle Five at the Twelfth Street Methodist church.

The executive board of the Cisco Charity and Welfare association will have a business meeting in the chamber of commerce offices at 9:30 a. m.

Group One of the First Christian Women's council will meet with Mrs. R. Q. Bills at 3 o'clock.

Group Three of the First Christian council will meet with Mrs. Roy Forsythe, 2128 Humboldt, at 3 o'clock.

Group Four of the First Christian council will meet with Mrs. Roy Forsythe, 2128 Humboldt, at 3 o'clock.

### PERSONAL

**Wednesday**  
Circle Two of the Women's Society of Christian Service will meet with Mrs. S. H. ... at 3 o'clock.

**Thursday**  
The Music Study club at the clubhouse at 9:30. The Cecilia singers in the studio of Halma ... at 7 p. m.

**Friday**  
The Twentieth Century will meet at the clubhouse ...

E. A. Anderson, Sr., and Eldon, transacted business today.

Miss Lucille Pierce ... to Wichita Falls attending the week-end ... local business. Mr. and Mrs. ...

Marvin Fonville of Jonson college in Stephenville the week-end with his Mr. and Mrs. Roy ...

Jimmy Rominger of ... West 2nd St. and friends here.

Miss Dorothy Jean ... Hardin-Simmons ... Abilene spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker.

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CHAPTER I  
APRIL BURNETT held the telegram gingerly.

It was addressed to Ann Burnett, her sister, and Ann was 500 miles away.

Also away from home were Dad and Mother, not 500 miles, but almost as inaccessible as if they were.

"Looks like I have to do the honors," April said, throwing an appealing glance at Octavia, the brown and genial maid-of-all-work who loomed like a mountain in the doorway.

"Ah's always scared of dem things," Octavia observed. "Ain't no telling what sort of trouble they bring."

Slowly, with that mixture of bravado and heart-sinking with which all such envelopes are opened, April drew forth the message.

"Meet me 7:45 train tonight. Have three day leave. Love, Kent."

Kent was Kent Carter, Ann's sweetheart. April read the message again, this time aloud for the benefit of Octavia. It was Octavia who spoke first. "Miss Ann's sure going to be a heart-broken little thing, what with her sweetheart home from the army for three days and she way off there by herself in New York."

But with the scared feeling gone, April wasn't thinking about her sister being a "heart-broken little thing." April was thinking about April.

"What am I supposed to do?" she demanded and saw that it was already after 6 o'clock with winter darkness thick outside the window.

Kent Carter arriving in about an hour and a half! Kent was a young doctor who had been at Fort Dodd, a training camp, for several months, one of the first of the many who had since gone from Pattonville as America rushed forward its defense plans.

"Yes," and now she was crumpling the paper, "he has a nerve to send a telegram like this at the last minute, expecting me to upset all my plans."

Octavia reminded her. "Seems like he done sent it to your little sister and not to you. Prob'ly ain't no call for you to meet him."

Octavia knew, as everyone else did, that while April Burnett had dozens of men clamoring around her, keeping the telephone line busy and filling the house with flowers, the quiet, brown-eyed Ann had only this one shy suitor, Kent.

April considered, one hand fussing with the bow that fastened her quilted housecoat. "Yes, I'll have to go," she said crossly. "Ann would never forgive me and Mother and Dad would raise the roof. 'The idea,' they would say, 'of not sparing a few minutes to meet this young man who is serving his country, when he comes home on leave!'"

Octavia was persistent. "Ah reckon that old aunt of his up on the hill could get down to fetch him."

For a minute, April had a savage wish to go to the telephone and call Kent's aunt. But Kent's aunt, a great aunt she was, lived like a recluse in the rundown Carter estate on the hill.

"No, that's out," April said.



"Ann—Ann, darling!" Kent had said, his hands reaching for her. Suddenly April realized that he had mistaken her for her sister, that he wasn't seeing her at all.

"Auntie Carter, from what I've heard about her, wouldn't step a foot from her house, all-American hero or not."

OCTAVIA was still looking baleful when April ran upstairs to her room. This was going to jam her plans for the evening! She'd have to dress first in street clothes to meet the train and then dash home and dress all over again for the dance at Casa Blanca.

She frowned into the mirror, and then remembering Octavia's brooding, worried look, began to smile. Everyone, even Octavia always was on guard for Ann and leery of her, April.

The Burnett's lived on Elm street, Pattonville. Dad was a lawyer and someday, when one of the older members on the bench retired, he'd no doubt be a judge in the county court. Mother was gray-haired and a grand, good scout. That's why she had gone off with Dad to their log cabin upstate for a winter week-end.

The test of the family was made up of April and Ann, the sisters; Octavia—and never forget Nip, the wire-haired terrier. It was Nip, of course, settling in arm chairs and leaving stray dog hairs around on the pillows and rugs, that added just the right note of shabby, homeliness to the Burnett house.

As for April and Ann, well, as the neighbors used to chuckle, if you were blind you couldn't tell them apart.

They had the same way of laughing and their voices when they talked were exactly alike. They were sisterly in size, also, both a trim and tiny five-foot-two and with that smallness of bone and feature which gave them the impression of being petite.

That was where their similarity ended. Ann was the plain one and April, the beauty.

Now leaning closer to the mirror and smoothing lipstick on lips that were already as smooth as flame velvet, April gave an approving glance to her reflection.

Her eyes were blue—and oh, the hidden poetic talent they had aroused in young men who had described them in color words which ranged from the sky to the sea and back again. And the lashes! April would always have a warm spot in her heart for the swain who had said her lashes were like black butterfly wings. That was sweet. She ran an experimental finger over their up-curl and then across her brows, dark and yet not too dark to detract from the eyes.

But if anything could be more beautiful than her eyes, it was her daffodil yellow, curly hair. It had been the sight of this hair in soft, fuzzy ringlets that had made up her mother's mind to bestow the name of April on her first-born. Born in April, as fair as Easter lilies and with the daffodil thatch, there didn't seem to be any other name that would have suited.

April had lived up to the name, not only as far as loveliness but in every other way. She was capricious, maddeningly uncertain,

first all sunshine and then all storm. It was the storm side of her which was brewing now. Octavia could sense it as she lumbered into the room.

OCTAVIA walked directly to the picture frame on April's bureau from which Ann's small, uncertain-featured face looked out. "Poor little lamb," she said, and touched the picture with gentle fingers.

"Little?" April voice had a bite. "Why are you always calling her 'little this' and 'little that'?" Anyone hearing you talk would think Ann was a 12-year-old midget.

"No, Miss April," Octavia said placatingly. "Ah knows she's 20 come her nex' birthday. But seems like she's such a frail 'un, always delicate-like frum the day she was born."

Octavia should have known. Octavia had been present that day and ever since. "There's nothing very frail about a gal who can march herself off to New York and battle with singing teachers and agents and auditions to get herself a job," April said. "It's a funny thing Kent Carter doesn't know Ann's not at home."

Octavia's eyes beamed like big brown and white marbles. She was scared. "They had a little fuss, Miss April. Don't you go sayin' nuthin about it. Miss Ann done told me strictly confidential. Ain't another soul knows."

"Oh!" said April. "Then why am I going to all this trouble? Let him wait at the station or take the next train back."

Octavia was beside herself. "Listen here, Miss April, you listen to your Octavia. Mr. Kent Carter and your sister's in love and this was nuthin' more'n a lover's spat that don't mean a thing. See, didn't he say 'love' on that there telegraf he sent?"

"Why, yes, so he did. But what's that got to do—"

"You's going to march yourself to the train and 'splain to him how Miss Ann's away and never let on what Ah done told you about the fuss."

Grudgingly, April had to admit Octavia was right. Kent Carter, lean and dark and serious, meant a great deal to Ann. April, standing as she did as Ann's older sister—April was 21—and being the one who had had all the boy friends and the romance, realized it was up to her to do the sisterly thing.

"Very well," she said, reaching for a stunning blue suede wind-breaker to wear with her sweater and skirt. "I'll go and cement the two bleeding hearts with my kind words."

"Never you mind doing any cementing," Octavia cautioned darkly. "You just meet him and fetch him up to his aunt's and then hurry yourself back here on account of them gentlemen friends coming for to take you dancing tonight."

April would have the last word. "Maybe I won't be back at all." She said it baitingly as she ran down the stairs.

But Octavia could never let this

after 7 o'clock. Traffic would be jammed as it always was on Saturday night in downtown Pattonville.

She slipped behind the wheel of the roadster in which she and Ann shared ownership and started for the station.

Not in any too much time, either. With a mile detour and all the honking and stalling on Capitol street, she just managed to strike the bridge as the first warning whistle of the 7:45 sounded.

Out of her car and on the platform, she saw the thunderous locomotive come in. She seemed to be the only one at the station tonight except for the usual hanger-oners who sat on baggage trucks chewing and gossiping.

The express was a long one, with pullman in the rear. April ran her eye down the length of the train and then started running as she saw a vaguely familiar figure being helped off by a porter.

Yes, that was Kent Carter. She remembered his figure, rather tall, nice shoulders which were very erect in uniform. Her feet sped faster and then, suddenly, she had reached out for his hand.

"Welcome home, Kent," she cried. "It's wonderful to see you."

He put his bag down with a thud. "Ann—Ann darling," he said. His hands reached out toward her.

April Burnett opened her lips to speak and then closed them. For the first time, in the wintry dimness of the train shed, she saw that Kent wore dark glasses and that while he was looking at her he wasn't seeing her at all.

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