

Ranger has oversubscribed her Bond Quota every month, and has met every Red Cross quota in sewing and surgical dressing before the deadline.

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AMERICANS IN ACTION OVER EUROPE

GENERAL RICE, FAMILY GUESTS OVER NIGHT

Members of the Carl Barnes Post of the American Legion and Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary were hosts at a dance held Thursday evening at the Legion hall for entertainment of a group of soldiers enroute from one post to another who were spending the night in Ranger.

Such occasions occur frequently and have given Ranger a wide reputation for hospitality, and the entertainment Thursday night was not unusual until in walked a major general and his charming wife and daughter. The general, John K. Rice had no connection with the convoy of soldiers but explained that he and his family were traveling from the west coast to the east coast "independently", and on reading the highway sign, "No Stranger in Ranger", decided to spend the night here.

While eating supper in a cafe the general stated that he noticed groups of well groomed soldiers coming and going and decided to see why all the "shine". He traced them to the dance and there encountered Mayor Hall Walker who immediately took them in charge and introduced them to the general. The general very graciously thanked the citizens of Ranger for their interest in the men in service and stated that the city's slogan was very accurate.

Professor Says Texas Students Are Airminded

AUSTIN, Texas, March 10.—"Airminded" is the word for University of Texas students, believes Dr. John H. Frederick, professor of transportation and industry.

This year, there are 192 students enrolled in a class studying commercial air transportation—the largest such class in the country. Dr. Frederick, who teaches the course and who is the author of a textbook on the subject which is used on a nation-wide basis, believes that the large enrollment is "indicative of the airmindedness of the young people of the Southwest."

The class has attracted considerable attention from the aviation industry, both in trade publications and among executives of major airlines. The employment rate of graduates from the University's transportation classes has always been high.

Salutes French



Tot waves tricolor as French sailors from warships Richelieu and Montcalm parade up New York's Broadway.

Taxes On Oil, Gas In Texas Reach A New Peak In 1942

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 11.—With every county in Texas now under development for oil and gas production, State and local taxes paid by this one industry in 1942 reached a new peak of more than 94 million dollars out of 236 million million dollars levied in all business and property taxes, according to a survey just released by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

A new booklet, "Important Facts About Texas Oil", just released by the Association, shows that 168 counties of the State are now producing oil and gas while leasing and exploration for new oil and gas fields are being carried on in all of the remaining 86 counties. Thus, for the first time it may truly be said the all of Texas is "in the oil business."

Analysis of State tax revenue, contained in the Association's new booklet shows that the Texas petroleum industry now pays over 52 per cent of all business and property taxes. Including all local tax levies, this industry now pays 40 per cent of all taxes levied and collected from all tax payers, exclusive of poll taxes and inheritance taxes. In many Texas counties, properties of the petroleum industry are the main source of tax revenue, comprising in some instances as much as 95 per cent of all local tax revenue.

Over forty-six million acres of Texas farm and ranch lands are now under lease for oil and gas production and development. This comprises an area of about 72,000 square miles which would be equivalent to the combined land area of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia and one-half of the State of Maine. Yet, this vast acreage represents but 28 per cent of the entire land area of the State of Texas.

Plane Janes Get Flyers' Thanks For Safe Landing

HOUSTON, Tex., Mar. 10. (UP)—It takes nerve to jump out of an airplane, but flyers at Ellington Field are ready to give credit to a group of women for the fact that pilots who have jumped have lived to talk about it.

The women are the "Plane Janes", the ones who pack the parachutes worn by Ellington Field flyers.

Ten aviators so far have had to abandon plane and risk their lives on the "chutes, and in every case the chute has opened and brought the jumper safely to earth.

Mrs. Gladys Hooker occupies No. 1 place among the "Plane Janes" for the lives that have been saved by parachutes which she packed. Four of her chutes have been used in emergency jumps.

"Women are better riggers than men," is the opinion of Lt. Wilbur Large, who has 19 parachute jumps on his record. "Their hands are more deft at certain tasks and the girls have a high sense of responsibility."

It takes weeks of training before the Army will allow a rigger to pack a chute by herself, because just one mistake can be fatal to the flier who jumps.

Eastland Boys Make Good In Aviation; Are Going Higher

Two Eastland boys, Cadet M. C. Sparr, and Cadet Ivin Neal Samuels, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Samuels, were among fifty-four aviation cadets just completing primary training at the Naval Air Station, Dallas, and have been ordered to Pensacola, Florida, where they will continue basic and advanced work leading their commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve or the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

American Tanks in Action in Tunisia



In the American hit-run raid on Sened, axis post in central Tunisia, U. S. medium tanks churn across a desert plain with the country's hills as a backdrop. Attack was made early in February.

SONS MISSING SO THE ARMY GETS MACHINE

Patriotism has no end with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Campbell of Rt. 3 Ranger. Though they have two sons who are reported missing in action and one who is serving in the navy somewhere in the Pacific, they are still doing all they can to help Uncle Sam.

The missing sons are Cpl. Charles J. Campbell and Sgt. Leonard C. Campbell both of whom were with the "Lost Battalion" and the son in the navy is Edward D. Campbell, Jr.

Recently Mr. Campbell wrote to the War Department offering the use, for the duration, of a typewriter which belonged to one of the missing sons. The department, recognizing the patriotic gesture, and badly in need of typewriters, directed the Quartermaster's Depot in Ft. Worth to have the typewriter picked up, for use in the War Bond section of the depot.

Through correspondence with the depot, the Campbells and the Ranger Times, it was arranged for the typewriter to be delivered and Friday morning the Adjutant of the depot, Captain Robert O. Peterson, called at the Campbell home and received the machine. It was arranged that the typewriter will be returned to the Campbells after the close of the War.

Captain Peterson explained to Mrs. Campbell that the loan was very timely as typewriters had been requisitioned for other work and the one belonging to the boy "missing in action" will perform a very vital and patriotic duty. He also expressed the hope that the incident will inspire others to such action as typewriters are really needed by the government and the armed services.

From Ranger Captain Peterson was to go to Menard where he will speak before a group of farmers who are interested in processing dehydrated foods. To illustrate the work he carried with him samples of foods and ration cans in which are packed complete meals even to the after meal "smokes".

County Grand Jury Takes Recess Until Monday, April 5th

The 88th district court grand jury, which was convened Thursday, March 4, by Judge B. W. Patterson, recessed Monday until April 5 unless called back sooner by the court. The body reported two true bills, one against Donald Self, of Coleman County on a charge of theft of cattle.

Morgan Unimproved Today's Report Says

NEW YORK — The condition of J. P. Morgan has not improved overnight, his office announced today.

Tin Tents Snowbound



Only the curved roofs of these Quonset huts, barracks for naval aviators at an Alaskan base, are visible after a three-day blizzard.

House Committee Approves a Plan On Tax Discount

WASHINGTON — The House Ways and Means Committee today approved a discount plan for rewarding income taxpayers who put themselves on a pay-as-you-go basis by paying double taxes this year.

It would give a three per cent discount to persons who pay their 1942 taxes in full, on an estimated basis, by June 15, of this year. A person taking advantage of this plan still would also have to pay off his 1942 income tax liability during the present year.

Army Band Takes Place of 'Juke Box'

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (UP)—Trainees at the Army Air Force base may or may not be sure they are getting earned food, but they do know they aren't getting canned music any more.

The beach front hotel quarter dining rooms once more have a floor show as in the old bathing beauty days—units of the post band have replaced squadron mess "juke boxes" to supply morale vitamins.

Ranger Church Will Have Rally Tonight

A church rally for the Church of the Nazarenes will be held at the Ranger church, Friday evening at 7 o'clock with Rev. F. J. Stockton pastor of the Eastland church in charge of the service.

Members from churches in Stephenville, Cisco, Eastland, Mineral Wells and Ranger will participate.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS — Warmer in North and West central portions little change in temperatures elsewhere. Scattered showers.

President Says Post War Plans Up to Congress

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt said today the question of planning now for post-war public works to provide jobs as a cushion against unemployment is squarely up to congress.

The President at his press conference also described as a good outline of United Nations policy a recent statement by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek promising the people of Japan-occupied Thailand that China and her Allies have no territorial ambitions there.

First Woman On A Sub Horrified

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Clara Barton founder of the Red Cross was probably the first woman to venture aboard a submarine, and the experience terrified her.

When she took her two-mile underwater trip at a depth of 15 feet in June, 1899, she was awed at the deadly possibilities of the craft, she told John P. Holland, inventor of the submarine, who was her host.

If he looked for congratulations he did not get them. She told Holland that she was greatly surprised that any American would invent any such lethal weapon.

Her trip is described in an article in the current issue of the U. S. Naval Proceedings.

Political Announcements

The Times has been authorized to announce the following candidates for positions on the Ranger City Commission, in the election to be held April 3, 1943. Street Commissioner: V. Y. Cooper, Jr.

Due to mechanical difficulties with the press, the last two issues of the Ranger Times have been interrupted and late in coming off the press.

It is regretted that the readers of the Times have been inconvenienced in this manner and it is hoped that the service will not be disrupted hereafter. Anyone who failed to get the paper is requested to notify the Times office and an issue will be sent to you.

\$3,792.20 IS TOTAL IN WAR FUND TO DATE

At a meeting of the Red Cross War Fund workers held this morning at the Chamber of Commerce, it was reported that the total collected to date for the fund is \$3,792.20. Committees of workers will continue to strive for the goal of \$4,500 and it is felt that before the drive has closed that the quota will be reached.

Among the donations reported this morning was one from the Rocky Point church north of Ranger. St. Rita's Catholic church and the First Baptist church also made splendid contributions.

Another meeting of the workers will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock and it is hoped that the quota will have been reached by this time.

Scientists Are Making Study Of Kissing Bugs

AUSTIN, Tex., Mar. 10. (UP)—Kissing bugs are getting some intensive study at the University of Texas, but by the bacteriologists and not the dean of women.

Kissing bugs are little things that look like stink bugs. They'll bite you if you don't watch out. They don't hurt very bad when they do, and you may not even be annoyed, but they suck out blood and may infect the victim with a dread ailment known as Chagas disease.

Until the war began, bacteriologists generally paid scant attention to the kissing bug, because Chagas disease is fairly rare in the United States. But now the situation is entirely different. With American soldiers living and fighting in far corners of the earth, American bacteriologists have developed an intense interest in diseases to which the soldiers may be exposed.

Studies by Miss Thelma De Shazo, a student at the University of Texas, indicate that Chagas disease may be more prevalent in this state than scientists had realized. It is difficult to diagnose and attempts are being made to develop new methods of detecting it. The victims are subject to fever and frequently have heart or glandular trouble.

The kissing bug gets its name from the fact that it frequently bites its victim around the eyes or mouth.

Secretary Reveals Curtailment of Oil Shipments to Spain

WASHINGTON — Undersecretary of State Welles revealed today that no bulk shipments of oil have been made from the United States to Spain since February, 1942, and that any future shipments to Spain from South America will be subject to agreement of the British and American government and their joint chiefs of staff.

STUTTGART AND ROUEN ARE TARGETS FOR RAF AND U. S. FLYERS IN DAY, NIGHT RAIDS

Germany attempts feeble raids as reprisals by raids on London and southwest coast towns but slight damage done

LONDON—American bombers went back into action over Europe today as the air war picked up momentum with a smashing raid on Stuttgart, a feeble German reprisal blow at London, and RAF sweeps across the channel.

The air lanes over the channel were kept busy all night and day as raiders shuffled back and forth. Besides the attack on London and the Thames Estuary, German sneak raiders dipped low over southwest coast town, dropping bombs which caused damage and casualties.

The American heavyweights of the air hit again at Rouen, French railroad center which they had visited four days earlier, taking up the day bombing shift after the British pounded Stuttgart in strong force.

The fighting in Russia moved toward a spring climax, with Kharkov gravely imperiled. The Germans claimed they had broken into the Ukrainian city from several directions.

In North Africa the operations still were confined to relatively small scale jobs.

LONDON, DNB—Official German news agency said today that Kharkov had been recaptured by the Germans.

WASHINGTON — American airmen in two withering attacks on Kiska, Jap base in the Aleutians, blasted anti-aircraft installations and damaged buildings in the camp area, the navy announced today.

ATLANTA — Secretary of Navy Knox said today that Hitler had halted all naval construction except that of submarines and expected to use the undersea craft as his "ace in the hole" to win the war.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 11—Republicans were warned today by Chairman Harrison E. Spangler of the Republican National Committee to "be on watch against the smearing tactics of the New Dealers aimed at Congress and our Party leaders."

The statement was contained in the first of a series of bulletins to be sent from National Committee headquarters to Party workers throughout the country as a part of the program planned by Mr. Spangler for more intensive organization during the present year leading up to the 1944 elections.

His statement mailed to Party leaders follows:

"The drive to perpetuate President Roosevelt in the White House, which Republicans predicted when the New Deal Party put over the third term, is now upon us. The coat-tail riders and the bureaucrats have again been turned loose to connive and scheme for the fourth term at a time when wining the war and bringing our boys home should be our first consideration.

"With this drive has come a new wave of smearing and below the belt attacks upon any who oppose the New Deal. What the New Deal cannot prove, it asserts what it dares not assert, it whispers.

"We must be on watch against such attacks, meeting them in two directions: first, answer them with the truth, each in your own way, in your own community; second, make sure that they are not permitted to be picked up and circulated in our own ranks, for that is the real purpose of the smear and the whisper. It is a technique of destroying confidence in our own purposes and in the character of our leaders, local as well as national.

"On Washington's Birthday, honoring the Father of Our Country, President Roosevelt turned from quoting Scripture to imply that all who labor to correct the shortcomings of the New Deal are to be classed with Benedict Arnold, or are tools of Hitler.

"On the same evening, Vice-President Wallace poured out over the air a new smear upon former President Hoover—presumably because Mr. Hoover has sought to prevent a breakdown of the nation's food supply in the wake of ten years of misplanning by Mr. Wallace.

"The Republican Party, in its march to a national victory, welcomes the presentation of a large number of brilliant and competent Americans as Candidates for the Presidency. We can be sure that each of them will have to suffer the smear machinery of the New Deal Party and its allies among radical publicists, turned upon them during the coming months as the White House carries forward the fourth term program. Each will have to submit to a running fire of vituperation and deceit. We are equally sure that the high character of these men will survive New Deal vilification.

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BY HARRY GRAYSON
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IT'S a new high in something or other when the Thoroughbred Racing Association meets and all the delegates can find to talk about is opposition to State Senator James J. Crawford's bill to legalize off-the-course betting in New York.

Senator Crawford is only wasting his time and breath. I don't know anything about the political setup at the moment, but a good outside guess is that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey wouldn't sign the bill if passed.

The Republicans are in for the first time in years, and Governor Dewey isn't the kind to commit political suicide in a rural upstate.

SENATOR CRAWFORD'S bill is timely. This isn't the time to take war workers' minds any farther away from the great effort. The bill would establish agencies in every assembly district in New York—so many pool rooms.

The business has waked out in France, and in England you can dig up most any ship and make a bet on one of the more important races weeks ahead of the running.

Senator Crawford's argument is that the bill would greatly increase revenue to the state.

It would, but racing, which last year netted the state of New York \$10,900,000 and throughout the country contributed nearly \$3,000,000 to war funds, is one business that has to fight against becoming too big. It doesn't want to kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

BUTCH LA GUARDIA is trying his best to starve the bookies, and Senator Crawford is the most recent one to attempt to make them respectable.

You can't make any kind of a lottery respectable, and if parimutuel betting isn't a form of lottery, I'm an Eskimo.

The trick for those who know about racing is to take it in moderation.

Those who don't know about it should leave it alone, which is precisely what I believe Governor Dewey will do.

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Service Washington Correspondent

THE Victory Garden idea has caught on so well that Department of Agriculture people in charge of the campaign are all well and broad scales, though the requests for information has just about burst them at the bottom of a compost pile of correspondence.

They are trying to analyze the way of all this sudden interest in growing vegetables in gardens, the agricultural experts don't figure this is inspired by any great wave of patriotic support for the war and food program.

It's just a matter of self-preservation, a desire to have more food in a period of shortages, and natural necessity to keep down the increasing high cost of eating.

In recent appraisal, therefore, the success of Victory Gardening can be attributed to no higher psychological motive than enlightened self-interest. Call it just plain selfishness if you must, but anyway, more people today are interested in maintaining their own full bellies than there are in the visit of time, Chiang Kai-shek and the lend-lease.

When the Department of Agriculture began its campaign, a little "Victory Gardens" pamphlet was prepared as a guide for local committees and beginners. The normal press run on one of these leaflets is 100,000 copies, but in a great rush of optimistic enthusiasm, a brave bureaucrat in the Department of Agriculture decided to go all-out on this thing and ordered a half million copies, which the Government Printing Office said it could deliver by Feb. 1.

So heavy was the initial demand for this pamphlet that by mid-February the order had been raised to a total of three million copies, and it is doubtful if this will satisfy the demand. "Victory Gardens" Miscellaneous Publication No. 483 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, therefore promises to become the best-seller of 1943 and its circulation will probably break all records for government publications.

And the way, just to keep Uncle Sam from being plowed under by requests for free copies, this "Victory Gardens" pamphlet sells for 5 cents, and should be ordered directly from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

What the Department of Agriculture experts emphasize, however, is that their pamphlet is general, and that it is impossible to progress any gardening guide that is applicable to the entire United States. All the experience, beginning gardeners who want real information on what should be grown in their state, when it should be planted and what should be done about it, should write to their state agricultural colleges, county agents, extension services and the experiment stations, or consult local gardening experts.



MONTGOMERY WARD

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

WILLIAM DROUGHT COX is a lumberman, publisher, author and one-time shipping magnate and college athlete who dabbled in professional football, but in swinging a deal for the Philadelphia Nationals, he gains his most unique distinction.

Outside of President Ford Frick and other owners, Bill Cox is the only person in the world who cares about the Phillies. It's a small but select club.

Cox knows nothing about baseball, which his early pronouncements make plain.

"I can assure you," he says, "that the Phils will not finish seventh or eighth this year."

COX ought to ask Dr. Thompson Prothro, who knows plenty of baseball, about that. Doc Prothro had been a highly successful manager at Little Rock.

"I've never managed a tail-end club and don't intend to start now," asserted Dr. Prothro, bravely, upon taking over the Phils in 1939. Well, the good doctor stayed three years, or until the Phils drove him so nutty he had to run away and leave them, and they were still last.

Jimmy Hagen is the only member of the Phils' staff being retained. As road secretary for 40 years, Hagen has been attached to



Close to Gandhi in recent years has been the intellectual leftist, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, his potential successor as Congress party leader.

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SERIAL STORY

THE TERRIBLE EYE

BY EDWIN RUTT

ANISHING TIARA

CHAPTER XVI

WITHIN the Channing house there was now a sound of revelry by night. Soft music filtered through the open windows. Bright evening gowns swished and rustled. The black and white of dinner jackets and boiled shirts were sharp silhouettes. Mr. H. L. Channing's version of a victory ball was in full swing.

On the fringes of the festivities hovered Miss Meath. Miss Meath had made herself very useful in the preparations for the party. No detail had been too small to escape her attention. Voluntarily, and with a spirit that bespoke undying devotion to her employer, she had attended to everything.

At the moment Miss Meath was hovering unobtrusively in the semi-darkened dining room. Here a great feast was in readiness. Tables and sideboards groaned under comestibles that would have brought a tear to the eye of Lucullus. But, as Meath slipped past the huge family board toward the living room, she forbore to snag even a tidbit of Special Vermont Turkey. Turkey, tonight, was first peanuts to Meath.

On the threshold of the living room she paused and ran an appraising eye over the assembled multitude. Unerringly the eye picked out Mrs. Channing. Mrs. Channing was chatting with a covey of guests. And upon her gray and patrician head there reposed, to all intents and purposes, 40,000 bucks worth of diamond tiara.

Behind their utterly useless since-then eyes of Miss Meath gleamed. And Miss Meath spoke into Miss Meath's inaudibly. "Okay, dearie," muttered Miss Meath. "Here's where Gertie Swan takes a weight off your coif-fer."

Two minutes later Miss Meath gained the privacy of Mr. Henry L. Channing's den. There, after causing a low light to burn, she did a peculiar thing. She tied a handkerchief over her mouth and picked up the house phone.

Out in the hallway another phone tinkled. From his position of importance near the front door, the butler moved majestically to answer it.

Mrs. Channing is wanted on the telephone in Mr. Channing's office," sounded thickly in Corby's butlerian ear. "Some belated guest, it appears."

Then, back in the den, Miss Meath put down the house phone and took the receiver from the instrument that connected Mr. Channing's sanctum with the out-

side world. After which she stepped swiftly behind one of the mulberry-colored drapes at the window. The drape reached to the floor. It completely obliterated Miss Meath.

SHE had but a short vigil. Presently footsteps sounded. And Meath, peeping cautiously from the arras, was gratified to see Mrs. Channing enter the dimly-lit den and make straight for the recumbent telephone receiver.

"Hello," Mrs. Channing said, in a party voice. "Does someone wish to speak to me?"

Even as she spoke, an arm, like a long white snake, issued from the mulberry drape. For a second it waved in mid-air. And then, as far as Mrs. Channing's diamond tiara was concerned, it was a case of "now-you-see-it, now-you-don't."

"Oh," gasped Mrs. Channing, suddenly aware of a disturbance in the region of her hairdo. "What on earth..."

She dropped the phone and turned. The next instant she was entirely enswathed in mulberry draperies. Clapping and choking, she fought the clinging fabric, vaguely aware of soft retreating heel-clicks. Then the light in the den went out.

Mrs. Channing, fighting coolly, won a decision over the mulberry drape. She backed off, put a hand to her head. It touched nothing worth \$40,000.

"Oh, dear," said Mrs. Channing, shaking her head in annoyance. "What a silly joke to play! Now I'll have to go and do my hair all over again."

MISS MEATH'S time for the journey from Mr. Channing's den to a certain tree some 200 yards from the house had been a neat nothing flat. In the tree, well within reach of a tall girl such as Gertie Swan, there was an aperture.

Miss Meath hesitated not. She put the diamond tiara in the aperture the first 10.

But, as she slipped elsewhere, Meath did not stop to congratulate herself on her proficiency as a double-crosser. Instead, coldly businesslike, she gained the site of the summerhouse, lately razed by the mysterious fire. Putting two fingers to her lips, she achieved a low whistle.

Instantly there was an upheaval in the rhododendrons. "Is that you, Cracker?" Meath called softly.

"Who," came in a throaty growl, "d'ya tink it is, Fiorella La-Guardia?" And Mr. Slynecinski converged upon Miss Meath, like the mountain upon Mahomet.

Miss Meath surveyed the indistinct bulk and laughed, chillingly. "How very funny," she said. "What a gift of repartee!" Then her tone changed. "Well, what's biting you now, you heel? You seem annoyed."

"Who wouldn't be?" said the Cracker aggressively. "It's damp in dem bushes."

"Now isn't that just too bad." The edge in Meath's voice could have shaved the prophet. "But never mind. Muvver will run in-side and get her little darling a snuggie-bunny."

"A W. lay off, Gollie," said the Cracker unheeding. "Well, stop beeping then. Now, Cracker, I came to see if you've got it straight. You understand that you're to come to the house at 12 sharp? They'll be having refreshments then. Well, I'll meet you out by the driveway and smuggle you upstairs. The wall safe is in Mrs. Channing's bedroom behind a picture of the Mona Lisa..."

"I knew a dame wit' dat moniker once," interrupted the Cracker, reminiscently. "Mona Murgatroyd. She usta work in a one-arm jerm in Brownsville. Her an' me..."

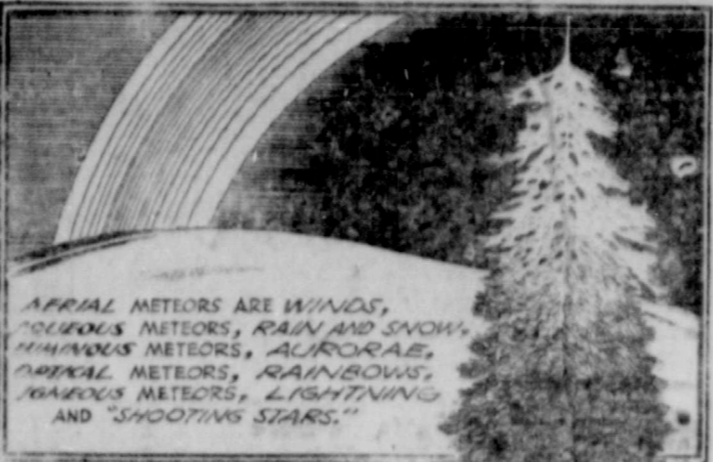
"Now this," said Meath, a fair interrupter herself, "is just the moment when I'm dying to hear about your love life. As I was saying... oh, skip it! I'll show you the safe myself. And it's got plenty in it. But if you make a noise, I'll tear your head off."

"I got it," said the Cracker. "If you have," said Meath, "it's the world's eighth wonder."

But she did him the honor of comparing watches. Left alone again, Joe the Cracker was loath to return to the rhododendrons. He had almost two hours to wait, and with all this magnificence around him, he saw no reason to put them in sitting amid dew-soaked foliage.

As a preliminary step in solving the housing problem, he drew forth a bottle. Entirely counter to Miss Meath's injunctions, the Cracker had provided himself with this bottle against his lonely vigil. Now, shivering, he blessed his foresight. He lifted the bottle and took a Herculean drink.

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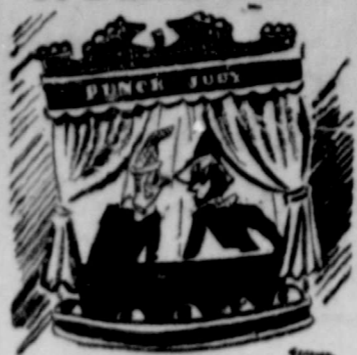


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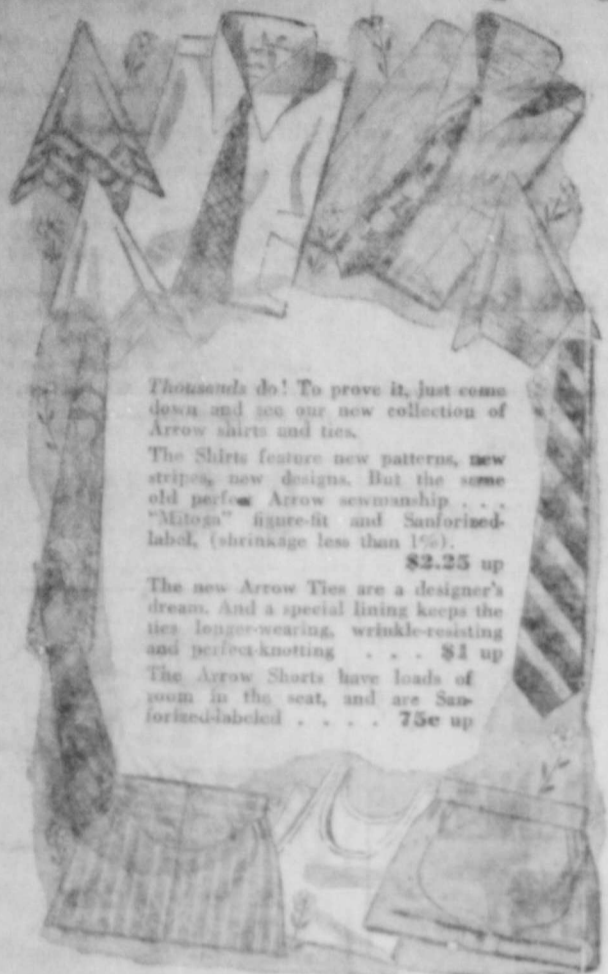
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Society

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Mrs. George Rodgers, president, presided over the meeting. Weslie Mickey, pastor of the Church of Christ was principal speaker, and his topic was "Developing Citizenship, Day by Day."

The pupils of the fifth grade under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Morris presented a patriotic program consisting of several patriotic songs, the Americans' Creed and the Gettysburg Address given in unison by the entire group.

At the business meeting new officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Mrs. A. V. Bullock, president; Mrs. W. G. Powell, vice-president; Mrs. P. O. Hatley, secretary; Mrs. A. W. Dooley, treasurer; Delegates to the conference at Cleburne in April are Mrs. George Rodgers,

the former president and Mrs. A. V. Bullock newly elected president.

Personals

Mrs. Jim Johnson, who has been visiting in the home of her son, J. D. Johnson, returned to her home in Wortham, Friday.

Joe Calder underwent surgery at the City-County Hospital Friday morning and is reported to be resting well.

Miss Vivian Crenshaw, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Loretta Crenshaw, has returned to Dallas where she is employed.

Carl Johnson of Eastland was a business visitor in Ranger Thursday.

Mrs. P. A. Tankersley of Gordon spent Thursday in Ranger visiting friends.

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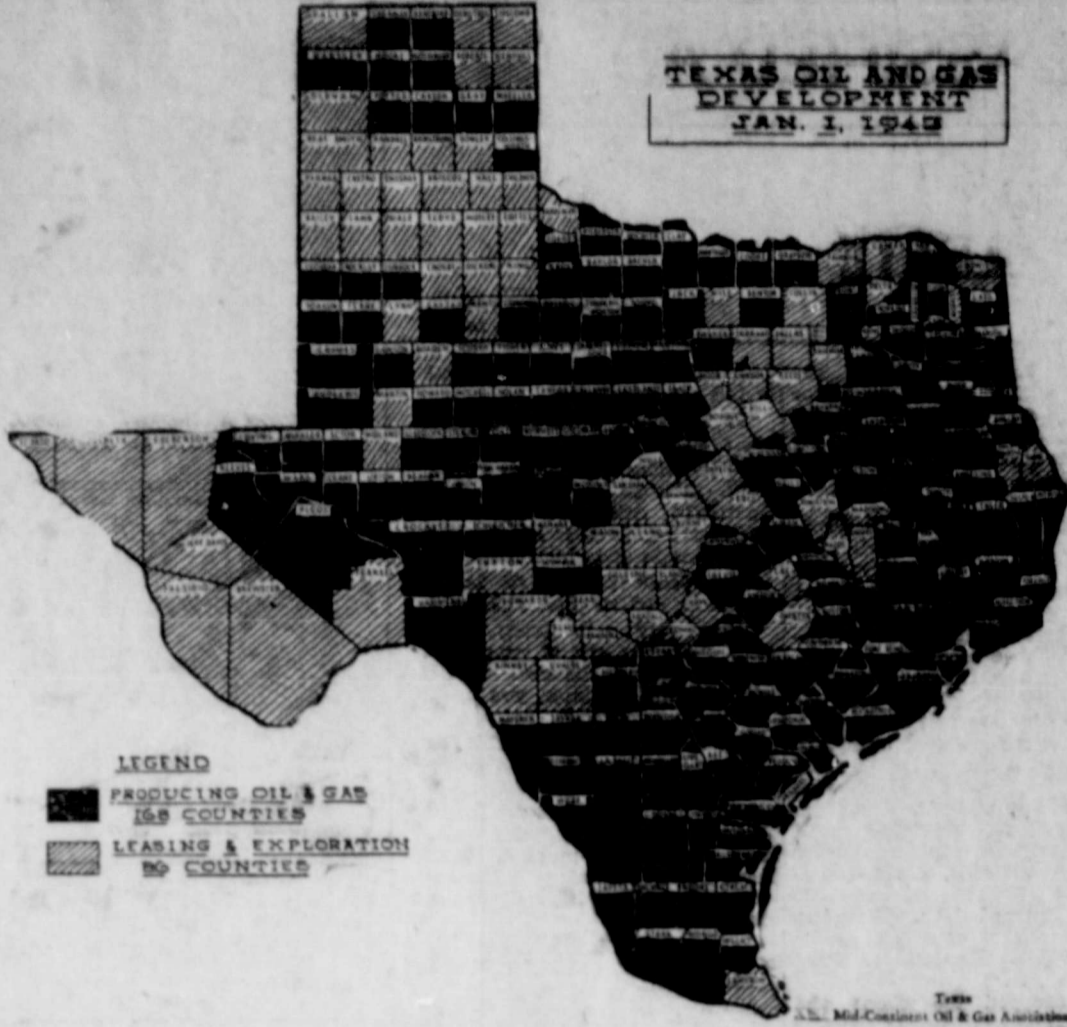
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CAMP MURPHY, Fla., March 12—Tech Cpl. Cleo D. Brantley, son of Mrs. Ada Brantley, 1503 E. Connell St., Breckenridge, has been enrolled in a special course of instruction at the Signal Corps school at Camp Murphy, Cpl. Brantley was selected for this specialized training on the basis of his aptitude.

A letter from Sgt. Milburn McCarty Jr., Combat correspondent



ARCADIA Friday and Saturday A WAIST OF DIABATIC DYNAMITE Joan CRAWFORD Reunion in France JOHN WAYNE PHILIP DORN

Feb. 22 Was Thanksgiving BOSTON, (UP)—One hundred and one years before George Washington was born, Massachusetts was celebrating on what was to be his birthday anniversary. The event which the old Bay State was observing Feb. 22, 1651, was Thanksgiving Day.

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with the U. S. Marines "Some where in the South Pacific," has been received by his father Judge Milburn McCarty, Sr. here. It is dated Jan. 31, 1943, and reads in part as follows: This is a fascinating place there is so much to tell you about it—but so much of that that I won't be able to tell you until after this war is over. I'm on on a very beautiful island—the loveliest I've ever seen—along with a good many other Marines, and lots of natives. I went to a dance last night, through thick jungle brush, to watch native "gals" dancing—in evening dresses and barefoot. It's a little disconcerting when you first dance with them, for you're afraid of going to step on their feet.

put Shirley on a train for home that night and then we spent the evening together, celebrating Carl's departure the next day. He knew where I was going, and I couldn't tell each other. So imagine our surprise when we bumped into each other here shortly after I had arrived. I had dinner with Carl today aboard his ship, on which he is commanding officer of the gun crew.

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