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FOURTH REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD APRIL 27, 1942, AGE LIMIT WILL BE FROM 45 TO 65

Following instructions from headquarters, the Local Board is preparing for the Fourth Registration which will include all men who have attained their forty-fifth birthday on or before February 16th, and who have not attained their fifty-fifth birthday on April 30, 1942.

The Local Board will be glad to answer any questions in regard to this registration, and anyone in doubt as to whether or not he should register should consult the proper registration officials.

Further Plans For Pioneers Ass'n are Made at Meeting

Reports were made by various committees Saturday afternoon in a meeting of the pioneers for their celebration May 28. Today they have not secured a speaker for the occasion, however, G. L. Snodgrass, president of the association, said they would have another report from the committee in charge at their next meeting which will be May 16, and likely would have someone by that time.

They also voted to have the demonstration clubs of the county to serve lunch to the pioneers who have lived in the county 40 years and were 50 years of age. They decided that the husband or wife, even though they were not eligible, would be entitled to lunch if either were eligible. The lunch will be served on the court yard lawn.

Miss Reba Copeland Resigns from Local School

Miss Reba Copeland, for the past nine years mathematic teacher in Floydada High School, resigned this position, and has accepted a similar position with Amarillo Public School. Miss Copeland left Saturday to take up her new work.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOULD NOT WAIT TO ENTER COLLEGE

There is not the time to lose for high school graduates to wait through a summer before starting their college training. Dr. Homer P. Rainey warned in urging immediate college enrollment for members of June classes.

"With the demand for trained men in many technical fields, it is urgent that students with aptitude and ambitions in the realms of these vital courses start their technical training immediately," he said.

Particular emphasis was laid on the need for physicists, chemists, engineers and doctors.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tubbs and Miss Estella Gray, of Lubbock, spent the past week end in Bois, Idaho, visiting Lois Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner. Lois, who is second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Corps, and stationed in Iceland, was due in Idaho for the week end, and the party plan to meet him there for a short visit.

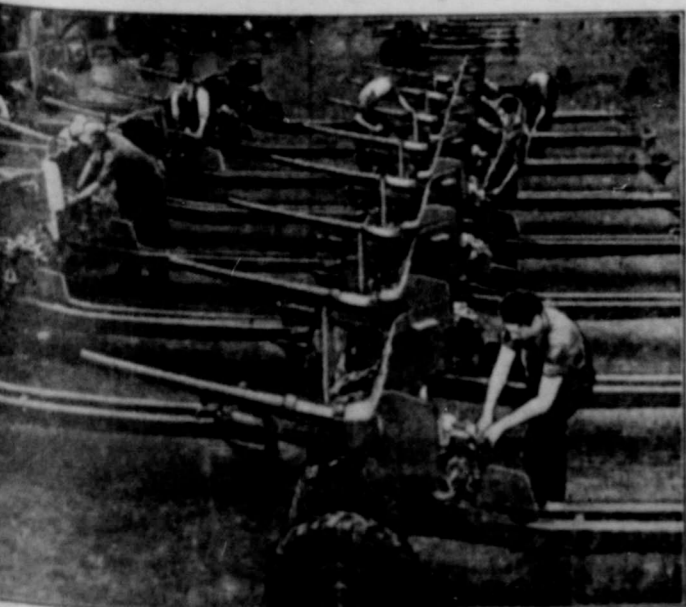
Judge E. L. Pitts Takes Office of Chief Justice



E. L. PITTS

Judge E. L. Pitts of the District Court at Lubbock, has moved for the office of Chief Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, District to succeed Chief Justice Jackson, who retires voluntarily January 1.

ANTI-TANK GUNS



The vicious two-pounder guns are not unlike the famous whistling manna of the last World War. They were manufactured by the British in Canada and they have been effective work in Russia and where they have proved to be effective against certain types of

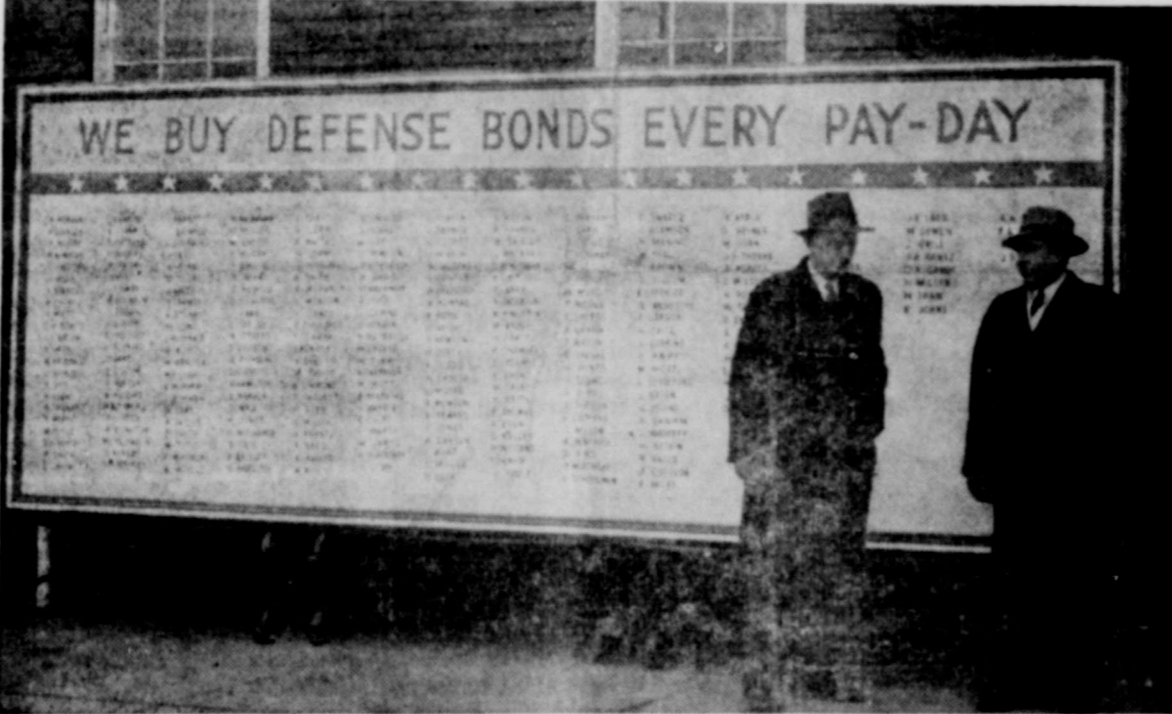
German and Italian tanks. Canada is shipping vast quantities of war materials to Russia and, in addition to making an outright gift of \$1,000,000 to Great Britain, is financing the purchase of virtually all the weapons which Britain must get from Canada.

Airplane Engines on Their Way to the Army



DEARBORN, Mich.—This is a corner of months in this new aircraft unit of the Ford Motor Company's airplane engine plant, where big Ford-built Pratt & Whitney airplane engines are being packed for shipment to America's defense forces. Production has been under way for several

Billboard is Used as Honor Roll at Indiana Plant



The Delta Electric Company at Marion, Ind., has adopted a novel plan to let the community know how its employees are participating in the Defense Payroll Savings Plan. A huge billboard erected outside the plant contains the name of all employees who are authorizing savings every pay day for the purchase of Defense Savings Bonds. The picture shows W. B. Stephenson, president Delta Electric Company, and also president Indiana Manufacturers' Association (left) with W. C. Crimmins, assistant general manager.

WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENT BRIEF ON TIRE AND TUBE SURVEY

Ablene, April 16.—The West Texas chamber of commerce has sent to Mark McGee, Texas tire administrator, a brief voluminously implemented with statistical exhibits, showing results of a survey of tire and tube needs for tractors and other farm vehicles in Texas.

In the preparation of the brief the WTCC had the collaboration of local chambers of commerce and rationing boards of 83 West Texas counties. Conclusions were:

That the great volume of tractor and other farm vehicular equipment is not now included in the quota basis.

That the tendency of present formulas is to favor urban over rural areas.

That the national goal of increased agricultural production cannot be met if the machinery for attaining that goal is allowed to remain idle for lack of rolling equipment.

That this creates the need of amendments to quotas and regulations so as to care for seasonal peaks—and the 1942 planting season is at hand, it is pointed out.

The WTCC brief recommended the establishing of a separate quota basis for agricultural equipment, basing quotas on farm vehicles; giving farm vehicular applications priority rating commensurate with need in war production; and providing sufficient flexibility in regulations to promptly care for seasonal farm mechanized needs.

The brief was signed by J. Thos.

Davis, president of the regional chamber, and C. M. Francis, chairman of the agricultural committee, with the closing statement, "These findings, observations and recommendations are made with the knowledge that rubber must be conserved for war purposes, and in the spirit of supporting the tire rationing program and making all sacrifices necessary to win the war."

Floydada Girl is Elected Air Raid Warden

Denton, April 16.—Enemy air raids will not take students at Texas State College for Women by surprise if Miss Helen Ring of Floydada has anything to do with it. Miss Ring was recently elected assistant air raid warden for Capps Hall.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ring, Miss Ring is a freshman majoring in secretarial studies. Courses in motor mechanics, first aid, emergency child care and home nursing are included in the wide defense program at the college. The organization of air raid wardens is a part of the program.

Henry Bloodworth, of Gainesville, spent the past week with his mother, Mrs. H. D. Bloodworth.

Floyd Farmers May Harvest Volunteer Crop

Floyd County wheat farmers like others throughout the nation may now harvest an acreage of volunteer wheat in excess of their allotments according to information received in the County AAA Office on Monday afternoon of this week by C. T. Wasson, District Field Officer.

He stated that the following uses may be made of volunteer wheat:

- (1) Volunteer wheat may be kept grazed down and it will no count as wheat
- (2) It may be cut green for hay before reaching maturity and fed.
- (3) The production from all excess volunteer wheat acres must be kept separate from any wheat harvested from seeded acres.
- (4) Wheat Marketing cards cannot be delivered until bond is made and delivered to the County Committee.
- (5) All volunteer wheat harvested must be stored on the farm and a board made to cover all excess wheat
- (6) Wheat harvested from volunteer acreage cannot be fed.
- (7) Volunteer wheat is eligible for a loan at only 50% of the loan value for wheat harvested from seeded acres. (Loans will not be in effect unless Wheat Marketing Quotas carry by the necessary two-thirds majority in the referendum to be held on May 2.)
- (8) 1942 ACP payments cannot be issued until certain provisions are met.

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AMERICAN RELIEF FUNDS AND SUPPLIES REACHING CHINA DESPITE SPREAD OF JAPS

American relief funds and supplies are reaching China without interruption despite the closing of the Burma sea and rail route to the Burma Road, George M. Finkner, local chairman of United China Relief assured local contributors to the \$7,000,000 national campaign to aid China in 1942.

In response to numerous inquiries, Mr. Finkner reported that all funds transmitted to the nine participating agencies in China are in the form of bank credits cabled to Chungking through the New York branches of the Bank of China and the Central Bank of China. In case cable communication with China's war time capital should be cut off, credits can still be sent via radio, he said.

Shipments of medical supplies and equipment and other relief goods are also moving into China overland through India the port of Rangoon has been occupied and the Japanese cut the Burma railroad to the Burma Road, Mr. Finkner reported. These shipments are now being made by steamer to the Indian seaports of Chittagong, and transhipped into Free China over one of two alternative rail, water and truck routes now linking India and Free China.

Relief freight is also being flown from Calcutta to Chungking by air shuttle over the last lap of the new 14,000 mile air route that has been developed between U. S. and China via South America and Africa.

"All friends in America giving aid to China can be confident that their contributions will continue to reach their destination without serious delay," Mr. Finkner said.

The need for increased American support of China's hard-pressed millions is more desperate and urgent than ever before, he added. He pointed out that the spread of the Pacific war has totally eliminated the major aid which friendly countries such as the Dutch East Indies, Malaya and the Philippines had been giving to China until overwhelmed by the Japanese, and that American remains one of the few nations in the world able to send help to China.

Appealing to the people of Floydada to support the local United China Relief drive, Mr. Finkner said "their contributions would help to maintain the Chinese morale at this supreme hour of crisis and keep open our one unbroken fighting front in the Far East."

Floydada's quota in the national drive is \$500.00.

W. T. S. T. C. STUDENTS HOME

The following students who are attending West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, spent the week end with their parents: Miss LaNell Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon; Miss Louise Medlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Medlin; Miss Martha Joe Yearwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rainey Yearwood.

Misses Harmon, Medlin and Yearwood had as their guests over the week end, Misses Imogene January and Margarite Ann Barnett, who are also students at the college.

Mrs. A. A. Beedy returned home Monday from Natalie, where she had spent the past two months visiting her daughter, Mrs. Linnie McDermott and family.

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One Sailor to Another



Nickels and dimes from tiny tots as well as large contributions are swelling the Texas Navy Relief Society fund toward its \$210,000 quota. Three-year-old Ellen Wagner, whose father serves with the navy on foreign shores, gave her contribution to Yeoman Bill Slaughter at headquarters.

Your Farm Can Help



A farm "ground crew" waves a comradely salute to America's air forces while loading a truck with the kind of food that will help "keep 'em flying." The picture is from a popular U. S. Department of Agriculture poster entitled "Your Farm Can Help." And it's true that every farm in the United States can make a valuable contribution to the national victory program by producing more milk, eggs, pork, and vegetables, says the Department. A record production of these foods is needed to feed soldiers and sailors, keep families properly nourished at home, and give strength to Allies overseas.

Indian Story of Monster 'Ape Men' Again Is Spiked

Big Grizzly Bear on Prowl Fits Into Legend of Hairy Giants.

VANCOUVER.—A giant, marauding grizzly bear may explain the revival of the strange story of a tribe of "hairy monsters that look like men" who supposedly roam the wilds of southern British Columbia spreading terror among the Indians.

The story was revived after Mrs. George Chapman of Ruby Creek reported that a "hairy giant," 10 feet tall and "having the shape of a man covered with shaggy brown hair," had chased her and her four children from their home in the woods near Ruby Creek, 100 miles east of here. It was the third time in two years that the "monster" was reported to be "on the prowl."

News of the appearance of the giant spread terror among the Indians in the area—until they closely examined the tracks left by the "thing" and decided—with a sigh of relief—that it was probably a bear after all.

Children Scream Warning.
Mrs. Chapman had reported that her four children were playing in the back yard when they saw the "monster" approaching and fled screaming into the house.

"I looked to see what had frightened the children and saw a huge hairy man about 10 feet tall coming from the direction of the barn," she said. "We fled to the woods and stayed there in the pouring rain for three hours before we dared go back to the house."

By that time, she said, the "giant" had gone, leaving his tracks in the soft ground on the bank of the Fraser river and in the woodshed, which it almost wrecked, apparently in search of food.

Mrs. Chapman said that the tracks left by the monster were 16 inches long and five inches across the heel and eight inches at the broad part of the foot.

Tracks Like Bear.
White settlers and Indian leaders, recalling previous stories about the mysterious giants, came to examine the tracks, however, and agreed they could have been made by a giant bear that had come out of the mountain to forage for food.

The Indians believe that a strange tribe of "susquash" or "giants" inhabit the country north of Deroche and Harrison lake and leave their cave homes periodically to roam over a wide area, never stopping long at any one place. The Indians say they have seen the "monsters" twice before in the last few years—once on Seabird island and once near Chehalis.

Intruder Seized Asleep In Apartment Bathing

SAN FRANCISCO.—Emil Olin's insistence on catching up on his sleep at a Mission street apartment house where he was not a tenant landed him in the county jail today.

Miss Evelyn Schwartz, manager of the apartment house, said that for several months she had been finding him sleeping "on front steps, back steps, hallways, the attic, the basement, out-of-way corners." The climax came when a tenant found Olin asleep in the bathtub of her apartment.

Olin's explanation was his former wife used to live at the apartment house and when he became homesick for her he went there to sleep.

Gives His German Medals To a Scrap Metal Fund

ALTON, ILL.—Medals he received for heroism and bravery as a German soldier in the first World war will be made into anti-Axis bullets for this war, is the hope of Karl Kuhn, Alton plasterer. Although a naturalized citizen of the United States for many years, Kuhn had treasured the medals until war was declared.

"The Germany I knew is dead," Kuhn explained as he gave the distinguished service medal and the Iron Cross to a scrap metal fund. "These medals are badges of honor I can no longer wear with honor."

Eiffel Tower May Be Put On Scrap Heap by Petain

BERLIN.—The 984-foot Eiffel tower in Paris, known to millions since it was built 32 years ago, may be scrapped by a national metal collection committee working under Marshal Henri Petain, a Vichy dispatch said recently.

The committee is charged with destroying "certain edifices presenting no artistic or historic interest." Novelist Henry Bordeaux, French Academy member, was quoted as saying the tower was "an insult to aesthetic taste."

Sleep-Walker Is Saved From Fall by Mother

PHILADELPHIA.—John Tobin, 40 years old, sleep-walked right through a second-story bedroom here, but—his 75-year-old mother, who had heard him moving about, dashed into the room just as he tumbled through the pane, grabbed him by a leg and held on until her screams brought aid.

He's recovering in a hospital. Possibly he's making plans to prevent any further night walking tours.

Fever Machines Searched for in Drive on Spies

Diathermy Units Made Into Effective Transmitting Radio Sets.

CHICAGO.—A delicate machine designed to relieve the pain of human suffering has been transformed by Axis agents in this country into highly efficient radio transmitting sets capable of broadcasting direct to Rome, Berlin or Tokyo.

This was revealed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as they appealed to radio "hams"—amateurs—to help police the radio lanes. Several arrests have already been made in the East, it was learned.

The machine used for this new purpose was revealed as the physiotherapy fever machine. These diathermy units have been sold unrestrictedly to physicians and to any one who had the price during the past few years.

Used as Radios.
All that is needed to transform them into compact radio transmitting stations is to install an antenna and a ground wire. The tubes used in the machines for producing "artificial fever" in persons suffering from various ailments are exactly similar to radio broadcasting tubes. The electrical oscillations sent through them are the same as in radio.

This has been recognized for several years. In fact, the FBI stated, most physicians in using the machines had shielded them to prevent the vibrations from interfering with neighboring radio reception.

How many of these machines are in the hands of enemy agents—spies—is not known. Their ease of procurement, it was pointed out, however, would make possible very wide use.

At present the FBI in Chicago guardedly states that "numerous" illegally operated broadcasting stations, many of these being the transformed physiotherapy machines doubtless, are under "observation." The FBI also adds that "numerous" illegal radio stations have already been scotched. These arrests were made in the New York area. No statement was forthcoming as to arrests made in this area.

Hard to Detect.
Power of these machines ranges upwards of 200 watts. They can be operated with a little manipulation on any wave length. Most effective daytime channel, it is said, is that of 20 megacycles. At night, seven megacycles is most widely used.

It was pointed out that these machines are much better than ordinary radio equipment in that they can hardly be detected. The danger of being caught is only while the machine is actually in operation as a radio broadcasting unit.

Other radio broadcasting equipment is so bulky that it can be checked and found in a short time. These diathermy machines are so compact, however, that they may be transported easily in a car.

This is only one fact of the FBI's drive against illegal radio stations. Radio "hams" have been asked to monitor their own former wave bands. They are asked to note down suspicious signals and inform the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Federal Radio Communications commission.

Girl Scout, the Finder, Now Is Keeper of \$500

NEW YORK.—A 13-year-old girl scout who observed the scout dictum that honesty is the best policy has her reward in a \$500 bill, found by her and a girl friend in a department store last June 27.

The lucky child, June Millard, of Manhattan's East side, said she planned to invest it all in defense bonds and stamps "except for a little which I'll hold out to buy a complete Girl Scout outfit."

The formal presentation was made by Col. Maurice Simmons, property clerk at police headquarters, under the law that lost property not claimed within six months, becomes the possession of the finder.

Socialite Canine Had Own Checking Account

PENDLETON, S. C.—In the cemetery records of St. Paul's church here is recorded the name of Timmy Torrence, and in the churchyard is the burial plot.

Timmy Torrence was a dog, registered as Fatima Timothy and owned by a Mrs. Torrence of Columbia, S. C. The dog had his own bank account, calling cards and charge accounts.

If the dog spent the night at the hotel with his owner, his name was duly entered on the register. Upon his death, the dog was buried with full ceremonies in the Torrence family plot in Pendleton.

Sailor Taps the Wells Of Hearts of Drinkers

KANSAS CITY.—A sailor in uniform momentarily left his glass of beer in a downtown grill.

When he returned there were eight drinks—cocktails and highballs—and the beer.

The bartender explained that the customers wanted to buy the sailor a drink.

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ADVERTISING RATES GIVEN ON APPLICATION

F. A. Dickert Save Your Home Grown Legume Seed for Planting

F. A. Dickert, who suffered a stroke early Monday morning at home, and who was moved to a hospital about noon, is reported by her brother, Mr. Dickert, to be slightly improved. Mrs. Alexander visited Dickert Wednesday afternoon.

Floydada's Quota China Relief \$100.00

Drive for China Relief Funds started April 11th with a coast to coast radio broadcast. M. Finkner is honorary chairman of the drive in this city. The quota for the War Relief Fund is \$100.00.

There is great need for larger acreages of winter legumes for soil improvement," Miller says. "When more seed is grown and saved on the farms it should increase soil fertility, and produce larger yields and greater profits."

Yield of seed vary with weather conditions. From 200 to 600 pounds an acre of hairy vetch seed have been reported in east Texas. In spite of bad weather in the spring of 1941, more than 20,000 pounds of this seed was harvested on two farms in Bowie county.

Harvesting methods range from flailing out the seed on wagon sheets to the use of small combines. "The important thing is to leave a seed plot of winter legumes now and harvest the seed when sufficiently mature so it will be on hand when planting time rolls around next fall," Miller counsels.

BUY A SHARE IN AMERICA



Marine Corps Tank Units Are Among The Best



Marine Corps tank units are playing an important part in the present war and United States Marines have plenty of them. These are just a few metal monsters the Marines will use when the time is ripe. The personnel of the Marine tank outfits is composed of trained experts. The "tanks" pictured in the rear of the tanks are radio antennae. Orders are received by radio. Each tank has its own radio transmitter.

Ceiling Prices Set On Scrap Iron And Steel

Austin, April 16.—Ceiling prices have been set on scrap iron and steel and there is no point in holding accumulations of these on the farm or around a city household in the hope of obtaining a higher price, George Butler, executive secretary of the Texas Salvage Committee, pointed out today.

"There is no profit in hoarding," Mr. Butler emphasized, "and fortunately, we find that the majority of farmers are only too glad to donate their accumulations of scrap, to charitable and civic collecting agencies, while others choose to sell. The important thing, though, is to get in that scrap."

The Office of Price Administration, he said, has established a maximum price schedule for steel and iron scrap, and Leon Henderson, the Price Administrator, has made it plain that OPA has no intention of increasing these maximum prices. It took into consideration the fact that much material collected would be varied and would be unprepared for use by the mills. Also, much of this scrap is located in sections remote from the usual scrap collection areas and from steel centers.

"I can't conceive of anyone's withholding this vital war material for the selfish purpose of speculating on the possibility of higher prices in the future," Mr. Butler said. "That can bring only a loss of self respect by anyone who gambles for personal profit, at the expense of our common effort to whip our enemies."

The salvage official called attention to the fact that labor and trucks will be provided by the Work Projects Administration in areas where the state salvage committee hasn't succeeded in moving scrap materials.

Mr. Butler pointed out also that where instances of hoarding of scrap steel and iron are found, the War Production Board's Bureau of Industrial Conservation has requisitioning powers, and it already has not hesitated to use those powers when any one possessing scrap has refused to sell it to mills offering the ceiling price.

College Graduates May Enlist in Class V-7

College graduates wishing to enlist in Class V-7 for training to become commissioned officers in the U. S. Naval Reserve must do so before May 1, Navy recruiting officers at Dallas announced today.

For approximately two years, unmarried college graduates between the ages of 19 and 28 years have been enlisted in Class V-7, U. S. Naval Reserve, and those successfully completing a four months course of training are commissioned as deck or engineering officers.

After May 1 only college students who have previously been enlisted in Class V-1 Accredited College Program of the Naval Reserve will be accepted in Class V-7.

To enlist in Class V-1, U. S. Naval Reserve, applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 20 years, physically qualified, unmarried and enrolled in an accredited college. Otherwise qualified high school seniors may enlist in Class V-1 by furnishing certificate of admission to an accredited college. Application for enlistment may be made at any U. S. Navy recruiting station.

Those enlisting in Class V-1 will, under certain conditions, be permitted to remain in an inactive status until completion of college work necessary for degree. Those completing college work are eligible for active duty training to become deck or engineering officers in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

After completion of two years accredited college work, qualified men are eligible for immediate training to become pilots with commissioned rank in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

120 Persons Loose Lives in Texas From Fire

Austin, April 16.—Fire has cost the lives of 120 persons in Texas during the first three months of this year, Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, said today.

From the list of fatalities by fire, Hall revealed that the year had a horrible beginning. Forty-one persons were burned to death in the first 10 days of 1942, with a single fire resulting in seven deaths.

Twenty-eight persons died in eight fires which caused two or more deaths during the three-month period. On each of two days, January 1 and February 18, fires resulted in the death of nine people. The death of eight persons was recorded on January 2; seven on January 8, and six on March 29.

Forty nine of the 1942 fire deaths were children 15 years or younger. The fire victims' ages ranged from infancy to two of more than 100 years.

"Fire fatalities are always horrible," said commissioner Hall. "The deaths recorded this year should stand as grim reminders for all of us to be careful with fire at all times. Besides those lives which have been lost, there has also resulted countless hours of agony by persons suffering from serious burns. Carelessness with fire—the toleration of needless fire hazards—too often bring death and disaster upon us."

Lubbock Elevator Explosion Kills Two Men

Lubbock, April 14.—Two men were killed in a blast here Monday morning which wrecked the Burrus elevators.

A. L. McDaniel, 45 years old, a mill helper, and J. C. Freeman, 48, a mixer, were the dead men. The bodies of both, mangled in the mid-morning explosion, were recovered by a rescue squad after digging in the deep basement of the plant.

The men were caught under tons of broken concrete, wreckage and grain which filtered down through the burst bottoms of 100-foot bins. The force of the explosion, which apparently centered in the head-house, was felt several miles away. Windows were smashed as far as 100 yards away from the scene of the explosion. Large chunks of concrete were tossed several hundred feet.

Four other workmen in the elevator and four in the office escaped without serious injuries. Grady Lambright, 25 years old, was in the hospital suffering burns, and John Hobbs of Fort Worth was given emergency attention and released.

Grady Lambright, 26 years old, of Idalou and John Hobbs of Fort Worth, just outside the elevators when the blast rocked the town, were taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries. Lambright remained in the hospital for treatment of third degree burns, cuts and bruises, but Hobbs was dismissed after emergency treatments.

TOPS IN COTTON PRODUCTION

Another article in the WTCC magazine reports that West Texas, in the cotton year 1941, produced 60 per cent of the entire Texas crop, against 1940 production of 41 per cent. West Texas ginnings in 1941 have been announced by the Bureau of the Census at 1,532,502 bales, while the balance of the state produced 1,023,109 bales for total Texas production of 2,555,611 bales. West Texas in the current crop year has gained 250,000,606 bales, while the balance of Texas has lost 606,046 bales.

Says West Texas Today: "There never has been a year when this region's dominance as a cotton producing section has been more clearly established than in the year just closed. In both total ginnings and county rankings West Texas has shown its heels to the outed black land belt of the east and middle sections. A West Texas county, Lubbock, tops the list for 1941. Of the first ten counties in ginnings, eight are West Texas; and of the first 15 counties, 12 are West Texas."

The first 15 counties ranked in this order: Lubbock, Lynn, Jones, Nueces, Dawson, El Paso, Crosby, Lamb, Ellis, Haskell, Hall, Rannels, Howard, Hockley and Collin. Only Nueces, Ellis and Collin are non-West Texas counties.

Mrs. J. G. West, who has been ill for several days and had received treatment at Plainview, was brought home Sunday by the Harmon Funeral Home ambulance. Mrs. West's condition was much improved. Mr. West is a mechanic at Oden Chevrolet Company.

Vegetable Insect Control Is Not Difficult

Following a few simple rules and control of vegetable insects is not difficult, according to Cameron Suddall, A. and M. College Extension Service entomologist.

A duster may be obtained for a dollar up, but one may be made at home with a tin can, a stick and a piece of cheese cloth. Ask the county extension agents how it's done. Next, have ready a supply of insecticides for use at the first sign of insect injury. These are cryolite for control of bean beetles, cucumber beetles, cabbage worms and other insects which feed upon the fruit and foliage of the plants; rotenone and sulphur to control tomato fruit worm, flea beetles, plant lice and leaf hoppers; and concentrated pyrethrum dust for squash bugs, stink bugs, and harlequin cabbage bugs. Watch the garden for the first sign of injury and dust both sides of leaves.

Apply poison bait late in the afternoon for control of cut worms, grasshoppers and adult wingless May beetle, or June bug. Poison bait also will control mole crickets which frequent sandy soils.

A bait made of cryolite, finely chopped carrots or turnips and wheat bran will control the adult vegetable weevil which attacks roots and foliage of carrots, turnips, radishes and beets, together with cabbage, mustard and other leafy vegetables. This pest prevails in 30 or 40 counties adjacent to College Station.

To control the bluish-gray pill bugs, or sow bugs, which damage young tomato plants, sprinkle a mixture of two parts flour, two parts sugar and one part paris green throughout the beds. Flea beetles, also dangerous to these plants, may be controlled by dusting plants with rotenone and sulphur each seven to 10 days.

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Expert on Vengeance; Buys Share in Some

COLUMBUS, OHIO. — Behind Ohio penitentiary's towering walls, Bill Smith, 63 years old, earns pin money by shining shoes. Then he dug down in his earnings and took out \$75 for a \$100 defense bond.

"No group knows the 'eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth' law any better than the boys here."

Dogs Guard Body Of Dead Master

Police Find Aged Recluse Frozen to Death.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—After being forced to shoot 11 or 13 ferocious, half-starved dogs, police entered the shack of William Blair Woodruff, in a lonely wooded section near here and found the frozen body of the 72-year-old recluse, who, an autopsy showed, had been dead of a heart ailment for several days.

Woodruff, who had eked out a bare living by washing dishes and doing odd chores in diners near here, built the 10-by-12 foot shack and had lived in it for many years, according to his nearest neighbors, who knew little else about his personal life.

When the handyman's absence from his usual haunts had been noticed, acquaintances informed the police, who went to the isolated shack to investigate. As they entered the high fence of corrugated iron that surrounded the dwelling, they found the doorway barred by the howling dogs, who were inside. The animals of all sizes and types, had been adopted from time to time by Woodruff, and, according to the policemen, were "acting like wolves."

One of the policemen climbed to the roof of the shack and shot the dogs as they emerged into the yard from a hole that had been built for their use. When 11 of the animals had been killed, the police were able to enter. On a table near the body they found several pieces of verse that Woodruff had written in praise of the loyalty of his pets. Two small dogs that the policemen were not forced to shoot were fed and given to boys in the neighborhood.

Pair in Canoe Make Fair Mileage on Ingenuity

FORT MYERS, FLA. — Eleven thousand miles in a canoe, starting with \$11 and a fortnight's supply of food—that's the record of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woods of Los Angeles who started from the headwaters of the Rio Grande in July, 1940.

Married less than a year and a half ago, they have been paddling and sailing ever since, hoping to end the trip at New York next fall.

"We have explored almost every river on the Gulf coast," Woods said. "We started with \$11 and a two weeks' supply of groceries. We have learned to live off nature, catching fish, hunting for berries, swamp cabbage and other foods."

The Woods stopped here for a short rest but plan to spend the winter in the Florida Keys, the Ten Thousand Islands, Everglades and Shark River country. They have filled 17 notebooks and taken numerous photographs along the way.

James Loses His Key, Takes Turn for Worse

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—James Watson, 19 years old, found his house dark and locked. 'Twas nearly midnight. Onto the roof he climbed—and down the chimney he slid . . . until he wedged tightly at an elbow turn.

Mrs. Estelle Roberts, a neighbor, heard his shouts and called police. Police took a look and called firemen.

Firemen went to work with sledges and axes. After an hour they had a hole big enough to liberate James.

Policemen bandaged James' scratches and began looking for his father—and the key to the house.

Must Teach Watchdog To Cover More Ground

CHICAGO.—Bartender John Bretschneider is teaching his watchdog, Frenchie, to cover a little more ground after this experience:

Two holdup men entered the tavern. While one covered Bretschneider, the other started behind the bar toward the cash register. But Frenchie, half chow and half police dog, resented a stranger entering the back of the bar—and growled.

So the robbers ordered Bretschneider to give them the money in the cash register. Pocketing \$35, they left—and Frenchie went back to sleep.

Sew What? He Really Has Way of Own With Needle

CAMP WOLTERS, TEXAS.—Many of the boys didn't know a thimble from a cross-stitch, but nevertheless the needles plied busily as the men of company D of the 57th Battalion sewed pads (designed to absorb the shock of a rifle) on the shoulders of their shooting jackets. The climax came when Pvt. Thaddeus Sochacki started to don his jacket—he had, with perfect sewing technique, sewed the pad, the jacket and the knee on which he had been resting his work, together!

Tries to Get Doctor, Lands in Hospital

WAYNESBURG, PA. — Franklin Hart couldn't get his car started to take his four-year-old son to a doctor, so he decided to push it with a tractor.

The tractor kicked when he tried to crank it.

Hart went to the hospital with a broken arm. His son recovered without medical attention.

'Honor Camps' for Prisoners Tried

Experiment Proves Success In North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C.—More than 1,000 North Carolina prisoners—murderers, rapists, thieves and forgers—have given their word during the last eight months that they won't escape from prison.

All but seven have kept that promise.

This record has been established although the men haven't been guarded, and every one of them has had hundreds of opportunities to escape.

At present there are seven "on-your-honor" camps in North Carolina, housing a total of 500 convicts. The seven institutions also have about 500 alumni, who have either served out their sentences or received paroles.

The honor prisoners work on the roads just like the state's 8,550 other convicts. Their meals and accommodations are no better than those of the men in other camps.

But there's one big difference. The honor men don't live under a gun.

The seven camps aren't even locked. When the prisoners go to work, they are not accompanied by guards—their only supervision comes from an unarmed highway construction foreman. Only three penal employees are assigned to each camp—a superintendent, a night watchman, and a steward.

Unlike other North Carolina convicts, the honor boys have yard privileges at all times during the day. Whenever they're not working, they're allowed to play games or just take it easy in the sun.

The honor system plan is still in the experimental stage, and many more camps will be established.

One Bicycle Takes Three Boys Quite a Distance

WETUMKA, OKLA.—Three Wetumka youngsters have just figured out that they pedaled a bicycle a total of 18 miles two days a week last summer to go swimming in a pond only three miles from their homes.

The problem: The boys were 8, 10 and 12 years of age. All wanted to go swimming, but only the eight-year-old had a bicycle.

The 10-year-old pedaled the first half mile of the three-mile trip with the eight-year-old on the handlebars. Then while the 10-year-old rested, the eight-year-old pedaled the bike back to the starting place. Here the 12-year-old took over, with the eight-year-old resting on the handlebars. At the half-mile point the 10-year-old pedaled again for another half mile—and so on, with the smaller boy making the return trips and the older boys doing the hauling.

Since each half mile was covered three times, the boys covered 18 miles on the round trip.

Trapped for Month, Pup Rescued by Searchers

SEATTLE, WASH.—After spending 76 days trapped in an old well, Tuffy, a setter pup, was rescued by a searching party led by his mother.

The frantic barking of the mother, Gypsy, led Frank Nicholson, owner of the dogs, to the well. From the depths he heard the weak answering whine of Tuffy.

Neighbors immediately organized a rescue party, obtained a long ladder, and brought the puppy to the surface. Because Tuffy had been in the well for nearly a month without food or water, except for a little rain, he was exhausted and emaciated.

His first meal, on the advice of veterinarians, consisted only of a little warm goat's milk.

Tuffy was extremely fat at the time of his disappearance and this was credited with saving his life. Nicholson estimated that the little dog lost about a third of his body weight during the ordeal.

Briton's Last Dive Kills 60 Japanese Invaders

LONDON.—A British pilot's suicide dive into a Japanese landing craft, killing all the 60 Japanese aboard, was reported by the air ministry's news service which said the incident occurred during early Japanese landings at Kota Bharu, in extreme northeastern Malaya near the Thailand frontier.

The British plane was damaged, the account said, and the pilot deliberately turned and dived it into one of the landing craft.

"His courageous sacrifice must have impressed Japanese onlookers," the news service said.

It asserted the true story came from "unbiased Japanese sources, and is unusually interesting in the light of many false Japanese propaganda stories of fanatical bravery in Japanese forces."

WEST TEXAS IS IN WAR EFFORT BOTH IN TRAINING THE YOUTH AND GROWING AGRICULTURE

West Texas is very much on the map, is doing its full part in furthering the war effort, says the West Texas chamber of commerce, both in the training of youths for the armed services and in helping meet the new national goal of increased agricultural production.

The story is factually told in April issue of West Texas Today.

One article, a composite, shows for the region a total of 23 army cantonments, replacement centers and air training schools of various types, established or authorized by the War Department up to April 1, with facilities for total uniformed personnel of 231,500 and initially costing \$190,000,000. The vast program has comprehended cantonments and replacement centers at Brownwood, Mineral Wells, Abilene, El Paso, Marfa, Gainesville, and the Waco area. It has comprehended air schools—basic, advanced, bombing, ground mechanics, etc.—at San Angelo, Wichita Falls, Midland, Lubbock, Big Spring, Amarillo, Waco and Pecos; with smaller government controlled schools at Stamford, Brady, Coleman, Ballinger and Vernon. "Add to that," says West Texas Today, "the Fort Worth plant for manufacture of bombers; and add, as projects in the making, metal and gasoline plants at Amarillo, Borger and Dumas, and a great new air training project at El Paso."

Newest War Department authorizations are for air force schools at Pecos, San Angelo, Amarillo, Big Spring, Lubbock, and Waco. And latest announcement, made after West Texas Today came off the press, is that the British government has leased the Sweetwater municipal airport and will establish there a school for the Royal Air Force.



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New Editor to Take Over the Beacon

Edgar R. Hays of Overton, Texas, will take over the operation and editorship of The Lockney Beacon next week, and will arrive here Monday to take over.

Mr. Hays is an experienced newspaper man, and has until recently been editor and publisher of the Luling Star.

Mr. Hays was here Saturday and made arrangements for a long term lease of the paper. On his return Monday he will be accompanied by Mrs. Hays and their two children.

We bespeak for the new editor and his family a typical Lockney and West Texas welcome, and also the continued splendid co-operation of the subscribers and patrons of the paper.

The present stop-gap editor takes this opportunity to apologize for the various and many errors of omission and commission in The Beacon since Bill Dixon's leaving and the new editor's arrival.—The Lockney Beacon.

Committeemen on (War) Bonds Are Ask to Meet

All committeemen on Defense (War) Bonds are requested to meet at the County Court Room in Floydada on Tuesday, April 28th at 8:00 p. m. and bring your pledge books. Any other patriotic citizens who will offer their assistance or service are invited to attend this meeting.

The entire citizenship who haven't signed a pledge for the year 1942 is requested to see some committeeman and sign a pledge previous to this meeting.

GLAD SNODGRASS,
County Chairman.

GONE TO MINERAL WELLS
Mr. and Mrs. George M. Finkner left Saturday morning for Mineral Wells, where they plan to take the health baths for sometime.

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Carl Arnold of John Tarleton Is Promoted

Stephenville, April 16.—Upon the recommendation of their company commander and with the approval of Dean J. Thomas Davis, Lt. McCullough, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, at John Tarleton Agricultural College, has made appointments and promotions for the Tarleton Cadet Corps.

Carl Arnold of Floydada has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Tarleton Cadet Corps. The cadet officers and non-commissioned officers drill the R. O. T. C. unit and exercise the same authority as regular army officers of the same rank. This gives the commissioned and non-commissioned officers an opportunity to develop qualities of leadership.

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