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# The Floyd County Plainsman

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### STATION BOOK

Stamp 14 expires Nov. 15 and 16, for canning, good through October 31. No. 29 in Book IV becomes No. 1, good for five pounds January 15, 1944. Stamp No. 18 valid for shoes indefinitely. It Stamp No. 1 on airplane Book III valid Nov. 1.

### STATION BOOK

Food: Blue stamps and Z in Book II valid November 20. Green A, B and C in Book IV valid Nov. 1.

### STATION BOOK III

and Fats: C, D, E, and stamps expire Oct. 30. Stamp G became valid Oct. 1 will become valid Oct. 4. expire Dec. 4.

### STATION

coupons must be exchanged immediately upon receipt. No. 3 "A" coupons good 2 gallons each, expire Nov. 1. C (2 gallons each), E (1 gallon), R and TT (5 gallons) all issued for 3 months with coupons left over valid for use. "D" coupons are for 1 1/2 gallons each and for motorcycle use.

### STATION INNER TUBES

New tires, used car and trucks, all new inner tubes and caps require certificates of inspection. Passenger car tires, used tractor and inner tubes, and all used inner tubes require no certificates.

### INSPECTION

Book holders must have official inspection March 31, "B" book holders' third inspection, October 31; "C" book holders' fourth inspection, Nov. 1; "T" book holders inspect every 6 months or ever 5,000 miles whichever comes first. Meter reading should be on record.

### COMMERCIAL

Certificate of transfer is required and must be signed by both buyer and presented by seller when he applies for gasolene from local War Price and Control Board.

### STATIONING

Items from local board required for ne wears, domestic sewing and heating stoves, bicycles, typewriters, rubber, footwear, from USDA War Board for machinery and pressure cookers.

thousand labor disputes have been settled in the past year by the U. S. Labor Conciliation Commission, members of the Texas Conciliation Conference were told during their recent meeting at the University of Texas. Conciliation has been effective in handling management problems for years, they learned.

Students at the University of Texas are pooling their resources this year with members of the Little Theatre for the production of two plays. This arrangement gives students the opportunity to work with a semi-professional group.

## Cadet Class arrives at Garden City Army Air Field

Garden City Army Air Field, Kansas, October 28th.—An eager class of Aviation Cadets has arrived at this basic flying school from primary schools in the Central Training Command, anxious to begin their second phase of flight training.

Upon completion of nine weeks of intensive flight and academic training here, the potential pilots will be assigned to single or twin-engine advanced schools for their final phase of instruction. The coveted silver wings of the United States Army Air Forces will be awarded them upon graduation from the advanced courses.

Cadets from Texas who are members of this class include:

Aviation Cadet Wilburn Jones, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vernon Jones, 422 W. Kentucky, a graduate of Floydada high school, class of 1936, was employed as a buttermaker at Armour & Co. and Wilson & Company in civilian life. Cadet Jones completed elementary flight training at Gibbs Field, Ft. Stockton, Texas. He is married to the former Miss Barbara Lynn McCleskey, of Floydada. A brother of Cadet Jones is now a pilot in the Air Forces.

### PVT. ALLEN BELL IS AWARDED SOLDIER'S GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Fort Bliss, Texas, October 28.—The awarding this week of the "Soldier's Good Conduct Medal" to Private Allen Bell of 410 South 4th Street, Floydada, Texas has just been announced by Colonel Haskett L. Conner, Commanding Officer of the Fort Bliss Station Hospital.

The Good Conduct Medal is awarded in recognition of exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity during one year or more of active federal military service, and entitles the recipient to wear the official red and white striped ribbon on his uniform.

### TEXAS SAFETY ASSOCIATION PLANS GATHERING FOR DECEMBER THREE

Austin, October 28.—Over 500 key men from Texas industries are expected to be present December 3 when the industrial section of the Texas Safety Association holds its meeting in Beaumont, according to Frank Werner, chairman of the Program committee.

Werner said arrangements have been made with industries in the Beaumont area whereby foremen and plant supervisors will have the opportunity to attend either the afternoon or night sessions, thus bringing the men who handle the tools into the safety discussions.

The wartime responsibility of the safety engineer will be the general theme of the session, Werner said. Main speakers will be William Grant, Jr., and Val S. McCoy of Houston, safety engineers with two Texas oil companies.

Werner said that leading safety appliance manufacturers will have exhibits of their safety devices, and men on hand to explain their application. Naval trainees at the University of Texas have been commended by Rear Admiral Bennett, commandant of the Eighth Naval District, and are permitted to fly a special pennant below the Stars and Stripes because of their 99.3 per cent subscription to war bonds.



# Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

## HOW MANY BOYS FROM FLOYDADA WON'T COME BACK?

NOBODY Knows the exact number. Nobody. But—the number who do come back—on their own two feet instead of in a flag-draped box—will be in exact proportion to the job we do here at home.

For every minute that we can help shorten the war will mean more lives saved. (213 Americans were killed in the final day of the last war, and 1,114 were wounded before the 11:00 o'clock Armistice took effect.)

Now one way all of us can help shorten the war is to tighten our belts and buy more War Bonds. Yes, still more. And . . .

If you think you're buying all the War Bonds you are able to, imagine—for a minute—that it's after the war . . .

. . . you're standing at the station . . . a bunch of home-town boys, still in uniform, climb off the train . . . one of them kisses his wife and grabs his kid in his arms . . .

. . . and then he turns to a young woman beside them, a girl who looks like his wife's sister, and you overhear him say . . .

"Catherine, I don't know how to tell you how sorry I am . . . it's such a shame about Joe . . . it makes me sick all over when I think how he'd be here today if the war had only ended a week sooner."

Think it over. Can't you buy a few more War Bonds to help end the war that week or month sooner? Sure, it may mean giving up something, but what's that compared to what they're giving up? And remember, always—The money you "can't spare" may spare a soldier's life!

## KEEP ON BACKING THE ATTACK!

### MISS NANCY ANN HADSELL BECOMES BRIDE OF LT. HUGH JEFF AYRES

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Hadsell, of Denton, Texas, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Ann, to Hugh J. Ayres, Second Lieutenant Air Corps, on Wednesday, October the twentieth.

Mrs. Ayres was a teacher in Floydada Schools beginning with the term September 1938, and serving two years. She has been teaching in Dallas Public school since she left Floydada.

Lieutenant Ayres is the son of Judge and Mrs. Jeff D. Ayres, was reared in Floydada, graduated from Floydada High School, and attended Texas Tech College, Lubbock. He is at present stationed at Sacramento, California.

Lieutenant Ayres visited a short while last week with his parents in Floydada while enroute from Yale University, where he had been taking special training, to Sacramento, California.

Throw your scrap into the fight.

### AVIATION CADET WILLIAM E. BROWN, JR., IS TRAINING AT INDEPENDENCE, KANS.

Independence, Kansas, October 28.—Aviation Cadet William E. Brown, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown, 301 South Main Street, Floydada, Texas is enrolled in the class of cadets currently taking basic flight instruction at the Independence Army Air Field here.

A member of the newly-arrived cadet class, he has successfully completed both the pre-flight and primary phases of the aviation cadet training program.

After nine weeks here, he will move on to an advanced training school. His record here will determine which of the two final stages of instruction—single engine advanced for fighter pilots or twin-engine advanced for bomber pilots—he is better adapted for.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Conway, of Fort Worth, visited Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. O. M. Conway and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Carpenter.

### SELECTION OF 4-H CLUB WINNERS IS UNDER WAY THIS WEEK

Selection of winners of the Santa Fe Railway educational awards offered each year to boys and girls for meritorious activity in 4-H Club work, will be concluded this week, State Club leaders announced today.

Colorado State Club Agent C. W. Ferguson, is the first to announce winners from that State. They are:

Bert Shoaf, Wiley; Oletta Lock, Penrose; Alice Jean Walter, Pueblo; and Mary Jane Pierce, Englewood.

State Leaders L. L. Johnson, Texas, and W. W. Wilson, New Mexico, will complete their selection within a few days, along with 4-H leaders in other states served by the Santa Fe.

The Railway's educational assistance permits the winners opportunity to further their careers by attending the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, as guests of the Railway.

## Winfred F. Newsome to Graduate November 12

The Navy today listed the names of 16 Texans, six of them former enlisted men, who will graduate November 12 from the Naval Reserve Officers Indoctrination School at Tucson, Arizona, after completing 60 days of training in seamanship, navigation, ordnance and communications.

Among former enlisted men who soon will complete an academic course and rigorous physical education program fitting them for duty afloat or ashore and be commissioned Ensigns in the U. S. Naval Reserve is Winfred F. Newsome of Floydada, formerly employed by the Civil Service Commission in Dallas.

### FARMERS MAY TOSS ANOTHER GRENADE OR DROP ANOTHER BOMB

South Plains Army Air Field, October 28.—South Plains farmers now may toss another grenade or drop another bomb at the enemy.

Well, perhaps not on the battle fronts but the men and women of this immediate area can do much toward bringing their sons, brothers and husbands back home quicker during the month of November with only a minimum of effort.

There is another increasing shortage of vital metal, metal needed for guns and tanks and bullets and bombs. Officials estimate that there are still many pounds of vital metal in the South Plains area.

Under a new program starting November 1, Army trucks at SPAAF will pick up all such metal collected on farms, in backyards and elsewhere in this area and deliver it to shipping points. Any organization or salvage committee which has such metal is urged to contact Lieut. Col. Frederick W. Franke, quartermaster officer at SPAAF. The metal will be picked up immediately and speeded on its way to a war factory.

Counties in the South Plains which are included in the November campaign include Lubbock, Lynn, Garza, Hockley, Terry, Bailey, Yoakum, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens and Kent.

### WAYLAND COLLEGE IS SEEKING DATA ON EXES

The Ex-student Association of Wayland College is making a special effort to secure all the names of graduates and ex-students of the school. Some of the earlier records are quite scarce, and such records as there are do not give much information.

They will render a valuable service to the association by sending in their names, the year they finished, or would have finished, and home address at the time they were in school. In the case of married women, they will send their maiden names, as well as their married names, and all will send their present address. Send them to the secretary of the association, J. Lowell Ponder, 1507 W. 8th, Plainview, Texas.

Plans are on foot to have a get-together of all Wayland Exes some time this winter. In the spring a "class" get-together will be featured. The group graduating next spring will of course be the class of '44. Exes who will come at that time are those of '34 and '24, and of '14—by tens. The Association is eager to have the names of every ex-student possible.

## Texas Farmers and Ranchmen Offered \$13,000,000

College Station.—Texas farmers who cooperate with the 1944 Triple-A program will have an opportunity to earn a State total of \$19,215,000 for carrying out approved practices. This was announced today by Fred Rennels, assistant administrative officer of the State AAA.

This is a considerable increase over the amount of money available to farmers for approved practices in the past and is intended to assist farmers in meeting increased war demands for food and fiber without additional cost and in most cases, with added profits for themselves.

The rates of payment for most of the practices have been substantially increased. Several much needed new practices have been added. A complete list of the practices, specifications and rates of pay will be available in the county A. C. A. office in the very near future.

The 1944 program year begins on December 1, 1943 in all counties in Texas except a small group in the extreme southern part of the state. Farmers have until that time to complete their 1943 production practice program. Many farmers throughout the State are completing their 1943 program by constructing terraces, and seeding winter cover crops.

Winter legumes have proved beneficial to Texas farmers in increased yield per acre of the crop seeded the following year and will assist the farmers in meeting the heavy demands for food and feed. Rennels stated that if farmers are to produce the food and fiber soldiers and sailors, civilians and war workers need they must join the fight now, against uncontrolled erosion which, if left uncontrolled, may make it impossible to reach war crop goals. Winter legume seed can be obtained through the AAA office and the cost deducted from the farmer's AAA check.

### WAR CHEST DRIVE COLLECTS \$3,728.70 UP TO TUESDAY EVENING CHECK REVEALS

County Chairman W. G. Collins reported early Wednesday morning that a check on receipts of the War Chest drive showed a total of \$3,728.70 had been donated up to Tuesday evening, with about one-third of the community chairmen of the county reporting, and only two districts from Floydada. The official drive for funds started Monday, October 25.

A century-old plantation-woven coverlet, brought to Texas from Pennsylvania soon after the war between the states, is the latest gift to the Texas Memorial Museum at the University of Texas.

### CIVILIAN CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS ASKED TO MAIL PACKAGES IN NOVEMBER

The local postoffice has asked the Plainsman to urge Civilian Christmas shoppers to mail their Christmas cards and packages during the month of November in order to avoid the holiday rush. The general public usually waits until the last minute to mail their packages, and for this reason the local postoffice is asking your cooperation in avoiding slow delivery at Christmas time.

## Take Precautions Against Spread of Colds

Austin, October 28. — "This year, as possibly never before, it is necessary that precautions be taken to avoid the widespread incidence of common colds, ordinarily expected at this time of the year," cautions Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Sickness, and the loss of manpower from colds alone can amount to a serious handicap to our necessary war effort production peak, but in addition, colds lower resistance to such an extent, individuals easily fall victim to other diseases," Dr. Cox said. The State Health Officer urged persons suffering from a cold to passing the disease on to others. Use every precaution to prevent the patient should avoid being with others, preferably remaining in his own room in bed. He should cover his mouth and nose with a paper handkerchief when coughing or sneezing and the paper should be destroyed. All drinking glasses and dishes should be sterilized after he has used them.

"The quickest and safest way to recover from a cold is to rest quietly in bed in a well ventilated room and drink plenty of water and fruit juices," Dr. Cox stated. "It is a dangerous procedure to try to 'wear a cold out.' In going about his usual routine a patient not only harms himself, but needlessly exposes all others with whom he comes in contact."

## Mourning Dove Season is Changed In Texas

The mourning dove season in the South zone was opened October 20 and will close November 30, instead of the previous dates which were November 20 to December

19, according to officials of the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and the A. and M. College Department of Fish and Game. This change was made by an amendment to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which was signed last week by the President and announced by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

The new amendment also changed the opening dates of the mourning dove season in a number of states. The open season now will be 42 days rather than the previous 30.

The changes in dates were requested by State Game Commissioners at a recent meeting in Chicago with Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and on his recommendation were approved by Secretary Ickes and the President.

According to these officials, the mourning doves in the southern and southeastern states have shown a substantial increase and late season hatching has been particularly successful. The change in the seasons and the extension of the hunting period as now authorized is not likely to result in excessive kills, they declared.

## POST-WAR AGRICULTURE WILL RECEIVE LARGE SHARE OF ATTENTION

Austin, October 28.—The potentialities of post-war agriculture will receive a large share of the attention of Texas businessmen meeting at the University of Texas as October 30 for the annual meeting of the Texas Statistical Council.

Agricultural income trends and post-war prospects will be the topic of B. F. Vance of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, College Station. After Mr. Vance's address, discussion of the subject will be directed by A. W. Grant, managing editor of the San Antonio Express.

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## Malayan Fishers Hear Fish 'Talk'; Interpret Sounds

### Slip From Boats and Hold Heads Under the Water To Eavesdrop.

WASHINGTON. — Recordings of "fish talk" by the navy and the interior department's wildlife service, to aid submarine technicians to distinguish over their listening devices between the noises made by fish and the hum of enemy propellers, has been held up in Washington dispatches as bordering on the miraculous.

But it appears that the art of listening to fish and interpreting their "language" has long been practiced by Malay fishermen, who do their eavesdropping by the simple process of slipping overboard from their boats and keeping their heads under water for a space.

Dr. Raymond Firth, anthropologist of the London School of Economics, told the Royal Geographical society all about it at a recent meeting of that body. A few years ago he went to study the agriculture and fishing economy of the peasant people of Malaya and selected for his studies the region of Kelantan and Trengganu on the east coast of the peninsula. Said Dr. Firth:

The deep gill net is used in two ways, by day and by night. For fishing by day two boats and two nets are used in combination, each with a crew of about ten men.

### Boats Set Out at Daylight.

The boats are launched soon after dawn and sail out with the land breeze. They go from half to one and one-half miles offshore, each with its net aboard and fish in about five fathoms. With them is a tiny canoe, the sampan, paddled by the juruselam, the expert fisherman whose job it is to find the fish and direct the netting.

He paddles about, slipping over the side every 50 yards or so.

With one hand on the gunwale of the craft, and his head a foot or so below the surface of the water, his body almost vertical, and his legs slowly treading water, he listens for fish. After half a minute he comes up for a breath, then goes under again; when he is sure that there are no fish there, or they are too few to make a cast worth while, he climbs into his sampan and moves on.

This technique of listening for fish is a striking one; as it may arouse skepticism it is worth a brief comment. The art is a skilled one, to be got only by training for several months. At first the novice hears only the sound of the waves; later he begins to distinguish the noises made by shoals of large fish of different kinds. Here are some of them as described to me by experts:

### Noises Made in Feeding.

An ordinary jewfish makes the noise bu-bo-bu-bo, "like rice frying." Another jewfish makes a grunting noise, aup, ar, e; aup, ar, e. Another goes pup pap pup; while still another kind, the yellow-breasted jewfish, goes bup, bap; bup bup bup. A large herring is heard as chuchat, chuchat; if there are many of them they go chuchat-chuchat. "like the twittering of the young of birds." The silver-bream or silver-belly goes ye ye ye, or if there are many, roye, roye, roye; "not a nice voice," the expert said.

Most of these are said to be noises made by the fish as they feed. Others are made as a shoal of small fish moves through the water. Pilchards sound "like the surf on the beach on a quiet night," ooo up; ooo up, with a high rising note and then an abrupt fall; sprats are heard as a high-toned hum, mmmm, mmmm, "like the rustle of casuarina branches in the wind."

Some types of fish cannot be heard at all; "they haven't got any voice; they just keep quiet; they don't know how to speak."

## 'Gibson Girl' in Radio Sends Air SOS Calls

WASHINGTON. — The "Gibson Girl," an automatic radio to transmit distress signals, is now standard equipment on all army planes making overwater flights, the war department said.

Drawing its name from its hour-glass shape, the equipment is pre-tuned to the International Distress Frequency so that all an airman need do when forced down at sea is to turn a crank which causes the set to send out an SOS.

The transmitter is equipped with a 300-foot aerial which can be raised by a box kite or, if there is no wind, by two hydrogen balloons contained in the kit.

## Soft Drinks Are Used As Fire Extinguishers

CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA. — Soft drinks were used to curb flames when fire broke out in the American Club in Capetown. Volunteer firemen recruited from a nearby dance hall battled the flames with bottles of mineral water and other soft drinks and had the flames under control when regular firemen arrived.

Credit for saving the club rooms from destruction went to F. P. Cassia, who smashed a door and started the fight on the flames.

## Better Income Is Predicted For Livestockmen

Prospects of good incomes for Texas livestock owners during the remainder of this year have been outlined by Dr. F. A. Buechel, economic analyst of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Since inventories of cattle in Texas at the beginning of 1943 were slightly larger than at the first of 1942, and since shipments to date in 1943 have been only a little higher than for the previous year, it seems certain that shipment of cattle will hold up well during the rest of the year, Dr. Buechel explained.

High marketings of sheep will also probably continue, he predicted. Excellent prices have given sheepmen an opportunity to cull over-age ewes from their herds, he said.

Shortages of feed will have two effects on Texas ranchmen, the economist declared—the first will be less demand for Texas cattle and calves from feeders in the cornbelt area. In the second place, increased marketings of hogs will not bring an increased income since most hogs are now being shipped to market at a lower weight than normal because of lack of feed.

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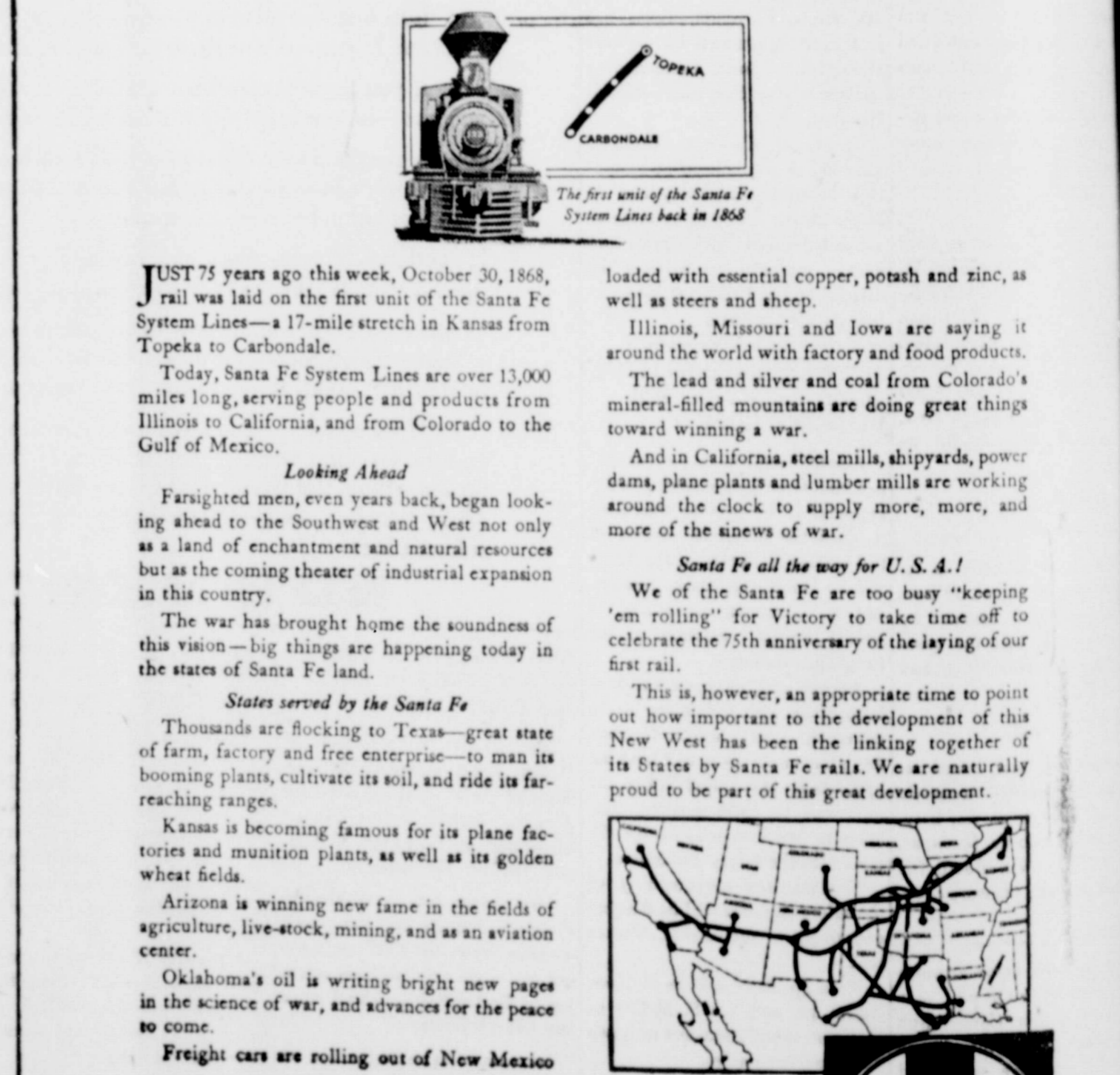
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Today, Santa Fe System Lines are over 13,000 miles long, serving people and products from Illinois to California, and from Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico.

### Looking Ahead

Farsighted men, even years back, began looking ahead to the Southwest and West not only as a land of enchantment and natural resources but as the coming theater of industrial expansion in this country.

The war has brought home the soundness of this vision—big things are happening today in the states of Santa Fe land.

### States served by the Santa Fe

Thousands are flocking to Texas—great state of farm, factory and free enterprise—to man its booming plants, cultivate its soil, and ride its far-reaching ranges.

Kansas is becoming famous for its plane factories and munition plants, as well as its golden wheat fields.

Arizona is winning new fame in the fields of agriculture, live-stock, mining, and as an aviation center.

Oklahoma's oil is writing bright new pages in the science of war, and advances for the peace to come.

Freight cars are rolling out of New Mexico

loaded with essential copper, potash and zinc, as well as steers and sheep.

Illinois, Missouri and Iowa are saying it around the world with factory and food products.

The lead and silver and coal from Colorado's mineral-filled mountains are doing great things toward winning a war.

And in California, steel mills, shipyards, power dams, plane plants and lumber mills are working around the clock to supply more, more, and more of the sinews of war.

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### NOTICE!

Anonymous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the pages of The Floyd County Plainsman will be gladly corrected and brought to the attention of the publisher.

### OPINIONS IN YOUR HAT

In the matter with our so-called "Capitalism has no chance," or "Private enterprise has one more chance than we will have a government? Do they care what they say? If so, why not advertise their views? We are fighting a war to freedom. We wouldn't let the Axis if we would have the right to say and do as we please, because we are not to be filled out by them."

Fuller and J. R. Barry at  
Floydada, N. M.

They read last Sunday at New Mexico, Miss Fuller, daughter of Mr. John L. Fuller, 2505 Lubbock, and James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Brookshire of

is a graduate of High School and is employed at the present time as a clerk at McAlister Health Lab. After graduation from High School, she attended Texas Tech college for two years, and served for service with the Army on November 1.

### SPEAKING MISSION SCHEDULED FOR FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Austin, October 28.—Dr. Homer P. Rainey, University of Texas president, will be one of four members of a panel carrying out a speaking mission for the Federal Council of Churches of Christ early in November.

Other members of the panel will be Paul Hutchison of the Christian Century, John Mackey of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Miss Mary Alice Jones of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago. Miss Jones is a graduate of the University of Texas.

Discussion topic for the panel will be "The Christian Mission and the World Order." The speakers will be in Houston, November 1; Shreveport, Louisiana, November 2; Fort Worth, November 3; San Antonio, November 4; El Paso, November 8; and Phoenix, Arizona, November 10.

### MRS. R. B. MERCER, LOCKNEY PIONEER, DIED FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Lockney, Saturday, October 23, at 3 o'clock, for Mrs. R. B. Mercer, who died Friday, October 22, 1943 at the age of 89 years. Interment was made in Lockney Cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Mercer had lived in Lock-

ney 37 years, and had been a member of the Methodist Church 81 years.

Funeral services were conducted by a son-in-law, G. H. Bryant, of Meadow, assisted by W. B. Vaughn, Methodist Pastor of Lockney.

Pallbearers were grandsons. Survivors are the husband, R. B. Mercer, two daughters, one son, twenty grand children and 22 great grand children.

### MOTLEY COUNTY CROPS ARE DAMAGED BY RAIN AND HAIL STORM

A severe hailstorm followed by heavy rain destroyed crops between Quitaque and the Peas river, in a district about 20 miles north of Matador, late Saturday. The storm, which destroyed the best crops in Motley county, extended into Childress county.

Hard hit was the Flomot community, where the cotton crop was estimated at a half bale to the acre and none had been picked because of a shortage of help.

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### Fox Hound Is Mother For Litter of Pigs

RUTLEDGE, TENN.—An old fox hound here proved its worth recently. After the hound lost her pups, she took over the last two pigs of a pig-eating sow. A farmer had put two pigs in a crate on his back porch. Next morning, the fox hound had eaten a hole through the crate and was suckling the pigs.

### Dying Yank Downs Two Enemy Planes

### Ten Jap Craft Fail to Balk Scouting Fortress.

WASHINGTON.—Wounded to the death, Second Lieut. Joseph R. Sarnoski of Richmond, Va., bombardier of a Flying Fortress, shot down two Japanese fighter planes while his life was ebbing away, according to a report received by the war department of one of the fiercest aerial engagements of World War II.

Lieutenant Sarnoski was manning the nose gun of the bomber on a mapping mission over Bougainville island, in the South Pacific, last June. At Buka airdrome ten Japanese fighters were seen taking off to intercept, but the crew went on with the mission. One Japanese plane made a pass and tracers from the Fortress were seen to enter its fuselage. Half a minute later three Japanese planes attacked simultaneously from the front. Five members of the crew of the Fortress were wounded—among them Lieutenant Sarnoski, who went on fighting as long as he had a grip on consciousness. He sent a steady stream of fire into one of the Japanese planes until it burst into flames.

The pilot—Maj. Jay Zeamer Jr. of Orange, N. J.—had been wounded in the arms and legs, but kept firing at a twin-engine fighter and saw his tracers strike it between the nose guns and cockpit. The mortally wounded Lieutenant Sarnoski now swung his guns into action against this one. It started to smoke heavily and plunged into the sea.

As the battle continued three more members of the crew were wounded. When the fight was over the Fortress had shot down five Japanese planes. Its hydraulic system was destroyed, its control cables damaged, the rudder smashed, the oxygen bottles in the cockpit ignited and most of the flight instruments shattered. But it limped back to its base to report the mapping mission successfully accomplished.

### Man on Flying Trapeze Now in Aviation Corps

U. S. BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND.—The man on the flying trapeze was put in the shade by Sgt. Aubrey Bartholomey of Danforth, Maine, a gunner on the Flying Fortress "Paunchy Wolf"—he hung by his toes from a ball turret over Germany during the August 17 raid on Regensburg.

"There was so much shooting I didn't know exactly what hit us," the 27-year-old former lumbermill worker said. "But something rammed into my ball turret and knocked the door off. Before I knew it I was hanging out in the air thousands of feet above the ground—and no parachute. But when I slipped out, my toes caught on the range pedal of my gun—and there I was."

"At least 100 Nazi fighters were zooming around, shooting at us. I didn't have much time to look, though. I don't know how I did it, but I lifted myself by the toes back into the turret."

### 'Aerial Cop' at Berlin Led Raiders to Target

LONDON.—The swarms of British and Canadian four-engine bombers which raided Berlin were directed over the German capital by an "aerial traffic cop" who called their shots blow by blow over a radio-telephone, Colin Bednall, aviation expert of the Daily Mail, said.

The director circled over the target and gave the raiders directions as they arrived. He called his orders verbally in open hearing of the enemy, Bednall said.

### Bus Driver Rights Baby Buggy; Traffic Keeps On

NEW YORK.—As a New York bus came to a stop for a red light a passenger shouted: "Look, on the sidewalk, that baby carriage fell over on the baby." Out jumped the conductor, righted the carriage, and replaced the uninjured infant as the mother hurried out of a nearby public library. "No trouble at all, madam," said the conductor as the traffic light changed and the bus started moving.

### Police Station Robbed; Is Almost Cleaned Out

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLA.—Intruders broke into the police station, Policeman James C. Du Bose reported, and walked off with enough equipment to open a new station. Du Bose, only officer in the community north of Miami, said the missing articles include a fingerprinting outfit, flashlight, motorcycle radio, two red lights for police automobiles, and various other office equipment.



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### Ass'n of American Railroads Pres. Makes Statement

Chicago, October 21.—J. J. Peley, president of the Association of American Railroads, today made the following statement in response to statements made by Vice President Wallace at Dallas, Texas, on October 20.

"The Vice President of the United States in a savage and unwarranted attack upon the transportation agencies of the country, made at Dallas last night, has echoed old and discredited statements which have been answered time after time by spokesmen of government and industry.

"He repeats assertions made by employees of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice in a public hearing before a Senate Committee, but he does not refer to the fact that these assertions were conclusively refuted by responsible public officials and private citizens concerned with transportation. The truth is that the conference methods of considering rates have long been in use and have had the approval of both shippers and public regulating authorities, and that every conclusion reached is subject to review by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Speaking for the Railroads, they are willing and anxious that their rate making agencies should be subject to Commissions control, under regulations that will be practicable and fair.

"Mr. Wallace devoted much time to alleged discriminations against the South and West in the matter of rate adjustments. All such questions are again before the Interstate Commerce Commission in a comprehensive proceeding involving all the issues. That body, which enjoys the confidence of the country to a very high degree, can certainly be trusted to do justice to all sections.

"Mr. Wallace would have the public believe that railway freight rates are unreasonably high. As a matter of fact, they are the lowest in the world. The average revenue for hauling a ton of freight one mile is less than one cent. That is less than at any time in the past twenty-five years.

"The Vice President repeats with the usual inaccuracies the oft-told story of the contract between the air lines and the Railway Express Agency, which performs for them the necessary ground services. This contract has lately been reviewed, revised and approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board, as to certain provisions as to rate levels had been eliminated, but even before revision, the contract had no effect upon air line express rates. This is obvious from the express rates, whereas Mr. Wallace tates that these air rates are 80c per ton mile, which is five or six times the measure of rail express rates. The truth is that the air rates are fixed by the air lines and the express contract has had no effect whatever upon them.

"It is true that Mr. Wallace when he was the Secretary of Agriculture, opposed the regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of motor and water rates, a reform approved by Congress in response to the overwhelming sentiment of the country. It is difficult to reconcile such a position with his statements in this speech

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"Mr. Wallace devotes a considerable amount of time to the so-called Western Agreement, formerly in effect on certain Western railroads. Those who are interested in this question should read the statement on this subject recently put into the record of the Senate hearings by W. Averill Harriman, our War Ambassador to Russia who had much to do with the adoption of the agreement some twenty years ago.

"The address by the Vice President is filled with statements, that, by implication, at least, reflect upon the competency, if not the

integrity, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. That body needs no defense at my hands. Its more than fifty year's valuable service speaks for itself. It is strong in the confidence of the country.

"In his references to Wall Street control of the railroads Mr. Wallace is merely rattling the dry bones of ancient prejudices."

### TEXAS BAPTISTS WILL MEET IN DALLAS OCTOBER 8-11 IN THREE DAY GATHERING

Dallas, October 23th. — Texas Baptists from every quarter of the state will meet in Dallas, November 8-11, for three annual conventions affecting all phases of the

denomination's work, Dr. W. W. Melton, Dallas, announced today. The best financial report in the convention's history is predicted by Dr. Melton.

Due to war time restrictions, attendance is not expected to reach the peaks of former years, when as many as 10,000 and 15,000 gathered for the meeting of the Brotherhood, the Woman's Missionary Union and the general convention. A large attendance has actually been discouraged by denominational officers, who are seeking in every way to conform to the spirit as well as the letter of the government's requests to lighten the nation's transportation load.

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