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Method Of Calling Reserves To Duty Is Scored By National VFW Leader

KANSAS CITY, MO., Oct. 3.—Inequities in present regulations regarding the call to active duty of reservists and guardsmen and of men drafted for the Armed Forces to active duty were scored today by Commander-in-Chief Charles C. Ralls, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Ralls said that the present system of calling National Guardsmen and Reservists, without regard to family ties, former disabilities or other causes for which draftees are deferred, is not compatible to the V. F. W.

He called for early revision of these regulations so that a more balanced and justifiable program could be arranged in building up Armed Forces personnel.

"Men who have served their country," Ralls declared, "have never hesitated to answer that call again; but we do feel that there should be an equalization between those who have never worn a uniform and those men who have previously jeopardized their safety in the nation's interest.

"One glaring inequity seems to be that inactive Reservists with service disabilities ranging up to 30 per cent or more are being recalled and placed on limited active duty. Certainly, some of the deferred draftees could also serve on limited duty where some physical qualities may be lacking.

"The V. F. W. is also on record as favoring the advance of the draft age to 35 years and tightening up on deferments which might give the Selective Service Boards a greater opportunity to work out a justified program," he said.

"While I understand that the House Armed Services Committee, of which Rep. Carl Vinson is chairman, has under considera-



TAKING NO CHANCES—With an eye to the future, Pvt. Robert E. Wood, of East Liverpool, O., left, and Pvt. Joseph Widger, Norristown, Pa., make a sweater out of a sleeping bag in South Korea. Both men are members of the 24th Division.

tion corrective legislation to present to Congress upon its return to Washington on November 27, the V. F. W. feels that something should be done for those who already have been inducted under this unequal setup.

"It seems to us to be eminently unfair to call Reservists and Guardsmen regardless of age or disability, dependencies and jobs which they now hold, and then to exempt from the draft men over 25 years or with a dependent. Most of these Reservists have already seen active military service in World War II.

"This manner of selection," Ralls continued, "for Armed Forces duty seems to place the burden much on the veterans, many of whom have already served a number of years on active duty—and in combat.

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars sincerely hopes that Chairman Vinson and his committee will

wipe out these inequities and see to it that the disparity now prevailing between the two groups will be ended," Ralls concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith spent the weekend in Fort Worth visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Garrett and family.

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# FARM NEWS

By The Hired Hand

Our farm news this week gets as though our imagination gotten away with us during the week but it all comes from reliable sources — so take it what it's worth.

Wildcat weighing about 30 lbs was killed Tuesday on Bacon's place in the Reich community, three and a half miles out of Cisco. Jasper Qualls and Jim McCantles killed the cat while squirrel hunting.

Curry Schaeffer told us that or and Mrs. M. J. Seacore of Christ Lutheran Church were in his place the other day both came back with the report that they had seen a red fox. However, Harry said he thought that they were a fox and he figured that saw the wildcat and thought as a panther.

It comes to us that Travisner, who lives west of Cisco off the old Abilene highway, has lost 175 head of goats recent weeks. Timber wolves blamed for the loss of these.

It was reported that two of the goats were killed recently but others are still at large. Government experts known as "Second Men" have set traps with cyanide gas on the ranch. The cyanide gas in these traps is supposed to kill the wolf in 12 short seconds. So beware!

Monday, we drove through the eastern section of the county and found the peanut harrow in full swing down around Neda and Cheaney. While going through and taking a look at the crops, etc., we stopped by homes of Willie Melton, L. Moody, Temple Caudle, and Rogers.

In addition to his peanuts, Jackers has over a thousand turkeys that will soon be on the way to market tables across the county for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was really a fine group of turkeys.

Tuesday, we had a very interesting visit with W. J. Garner of the Rising Star who is with the soil conservation service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Garner gave us several hints on some farmers and ranchmen in the area who would be good subjects of our "Farmer of the Week" feature.

The soil conservation man showed us a map of the Jesse Reynolds farm showing the improvements that have come to it during the last three years. Reynolds has planted over 70 acres of bottom land in grass. "He now has a complete ranch program as good as you'll find anywhere," Garner told us.

The Rising Star man also said that W. I. Brooks of Dan Horn community has one of the best pasture development programs in the area. He has about 320 acres planted in feed stuff for his cattle and Spanish goats.

Elva Taylor, also of Dan Horn, has recently built a system of channel-type terraces in a soil and water conservation program on his farm. Commissioner Arch Birt and county workers helped on the project.

Here is some information that should be of special interest to peanut farmers. An "old-time" in the Dan Horn community and one of the most successful farmers in the county, W. B. Starr, made the following experiment with his peanuts: On a block of land, he planted half in peanuts and half in vetch last year and the land which was planted in vetch last year produced almost twice as much peanuts this year as the land that was planted in peanuts last year.

According to the soil conservation man, he pulled up ten peanut plants on each section of land — on the land which was just planted in vetch in 1949, he found 13 ounces of peanuts to ten plants and on the land which was in peanuts two years in succession he found seven ounces of peanuts to the ten plants.

## FARMER OF THE WEEK....

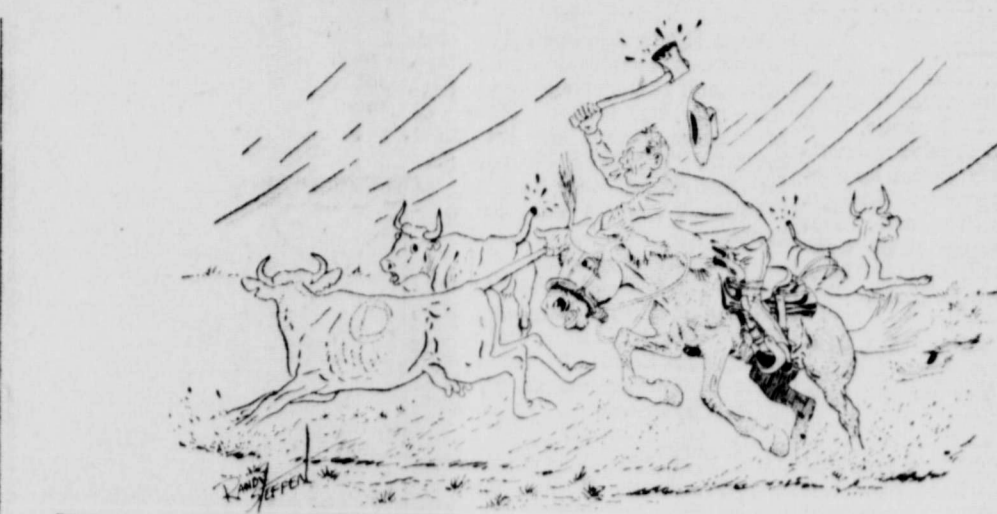
# Ditmore's Circle D Ranch Horses Win Top Awards In Eastern Show

One of the biggest little farms in Texas is operated by C. A. Ditmore and sons of Scranton. Located some seven miles southwest of Cisco on the Base Line Road, this farm, which is known for and wide as The Circle D Ranch, is the home of two horses that have won more trophies for their age than any other two horses in the state.

At a national horse show in Springfield, Mo., last month, one of the horses won the reserve championship stake for cutting horses. The other quarter horse won the grand championship prize at the All-American Palomino Show at Eaton, Ohio, last June. These two beautiful horses have won a total of 24 grand championship trophies.

Ditmore has registered these two champion horses with both the American Quarter Horse Association and the Palomino Horse Breeders Association as "Sinney" and "Little Goldigger 'D'". A stallion from Whiteside Ranch, Sipe Springs, Sinney has two famous grandfathers in the horse world, Weatherford-Joe Bailey of the Whiteside Ranch and King P-234, owned by Jess Hankins of Rick Springs. Little Goldigger is from the foundation horse, Golden Chief, owned by R. L. Underwood, well-known Wichita Falls Quarter horse breeder.

At present, there are 16 registered quarter horse mares and



This cartoon of Ditmore and Sinney was published in a recent issue of BACK IN THE SADDLE both as a joke on Ditmore, and an attempt to josh readers of the magazine in the East, where folks are not so familiar with methods of working cattle. Needless to say, Ditmore has been kidded a great deal since the drawing was published.

Right is how Ditmore and Sinney do work cows. Note the absence of the axe in this photo. The silver platter shown is the trophy Sinney won at the All Palomino Show early this summer at Eaton, Ohio, as Champion cutting horse.

colts from both stallions on the Circle D. The main operation of this ranch is raising Palomino and Quarter horses for cutting and roping purposes. James Boucher

of Comanche helps M. Ditmore and his sons in the training of the horses. Mr. Ditmore is also interested in cattle and keeps from 50 to

75 head of commercial cattle on his ranch at all times. From 1942 to 1945, he owned and operated the old Clark-Biggerstaff Ranch near Putnam where he

**FARM AND RANCH CHATTER**  
By LAYNE BEATY

The first annual Texas Livestock Roundup in Fort Worth on Nov. 2 and 3 is the culmination of a dream some of us around here have had for several years.

It's a forum for the presentation of current and needed information on the livestock situation. Through the years it will grow bigger and attract more widespread attention, perhaps to become a major livestock event of the nation each fall.

The sudden passing of Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange, brought sadness to many Texans. Grange members in the Lone Star State, headed by Arthur Leesch of Boerne, are getting ready to attend the annual Grange convention in Minneapolis Nov. 15 to 25.

Another blow to agriculture came with the untimely death of Wallace Dameron last week. Without warning, Mr. Dameron, for many years superintendent of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora, collapsed and died at his office headquarters on last Thursday.

This was the second such blow to Texas agriculture in three months. Ray Dickson, veteran chief of the experiment station at Spur, passed away in August.

Fairs and expositions are a lot of work, but they're worth the effort.

They are the show windows through which most of us are able to see progress in agriculture, in livestock and the industries which serve these important fields.

Did you ever notice how many people, especially in cities, run a bigger risk of collision by giving icy stares or making faces at some offending motorist, instead of watching the road ahead after traffic incidents?

We have never known a careless driver to improve a bit just because some other driver shouted at him.

In the country, the main offense seems to be pulling into the roadway in front of an oncoming car thus forcing him to slow down.

The first effect of the new parcel post rates that comes to mind is the box of dirty laundry that the offspring send home from college for Mom to handle.

Then, there are the mail order purchases.

If it's news when a man bites a dog, there was a lot of news around the hotdog stands at the county fairs. A lot of hands were biting the dogs that fed them.

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The Ditmore family now live in a beautiful rock home on the Circle D Ranch. Their two sons, C. A., Jr., 13, and Frank, 11, are members of the Future Farmers of America organization and students in the Scranton schools. They attend the Baptist Church at Scranton.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lewis and their son, W. T. Lewis, have returned from a trip on which they visited relatives in East Texas, Shreveport, La., Eldorado, Mena and Fayetteville, Ark., returning by Ada, Okla., where they visited Mrs. Lewis' sister and family. While in Arkansas Mrs. Lewis

reports that she worshipped in the church where she formerly held membership for 18 years; and that every seat was filled; and chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the people attending. She asked someone if the day was a special service and they replied in the negative saying that the people attended in that way at every service.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norman and children of Temple visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Stephens over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Doty and small and sons, Stevie and Mark of Big Spring arrived Tuesday afternoon for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Doty.

Mr. W. Z. Latch and daughters, Miss Lela Latch and Mrs. R. V. Rendall and granddaughter Mary

Jane Rendall went to Wichita Falls Saturday where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carey. They also attended the football game, Midwestern U. vs. ACC, while there.

Mrs. Norman Bailey and two children returned to their home at Midway, Okla. Sunday with sending the previous week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clements spent Sunday in Dallas visiting their son, Everett Clements, who was in a hospital receiving treatment for an injury which he sustained while at work. Everett Clements resides at Odessa. The Ciscons also visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Phillee, while there.

Mrs. J. A. Moore and son, Jerry Moore of Dallas, spent Sunday in Cisco visiting her mother, Mrs. M. W. Oldham.

W. L. Hussey who is employed at Odessa was here over the weekend visiting Mrs. Hussey and their son.

Rev. and Mrs. Cyril Stone and baby stopped in Cisco Tuesday for an overnight visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dan-

iel. They were enroute to their home in Odessa from Dallas where Rev. Mr. Stone has been a hospital patient for several weeks following surgery.

Mrs. Ted Hamilton who has been ill the past few weeks will go to Abilene today for treatment before undergoing major surgery next Monday.

Word Home Demonstration club will meet tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock for the regular meeting; in the home of Miss Alice Bacon at 904 West seventh. The lesson will be given illustrating the making of "Donuts." Visitors will be welcome.

Mrs. Rosa Amsler and her daughter and grand daughter, Mrs. Williams and Linda of Dallas are visiting in Cisco this week with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ernest Schaefer.

Mrs. E. N. Adcock of Cisco was a visitor recently in the home of her sister-in-law and daughters in Dallas.

Miss Martha June Morehart, teacher in Andrews high school, spent the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. B. E. Morehart.



IT GOES ON AND ON—Flaring up suddenly after the Communist reverses in Korea, the incisive fighting in French Indo-China is now in its sixth year. Here, near Viet Nam, mixed forces of French and Colonial troops, carrying clothes and ammunition on their shoulders, wade along a shallow stream in search of the Communist guerrillas who are forever a disturbing element.

while each was waiting his turn to have his fortune told. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, and orange juice were served to the following: Mrs. Roy Farley, Pearl Farley, James Ed Agnew, Pearlene Farley, Jerry Cochran, Jean McClelland, Don Farnsworth, Freda Grist, Tommy King, George Fewell, James Ricker, Kenneth Jones, Charles W. Jones, Barbara Bennett, Sonya

Sims, Barbara Schaefer, Pat Agnew, Jane Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jones.

Mrs. George Winston returned Saturday from Dallas where she



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Four boys received Bear badges as follows: Jerry Monk, Jack Lucas, Charles Lavary and Larry Sledge. Wolfe Badge was presented Johnny Bob Richardson. Four received awards for having been members of the Pack for a year. They are: Thomas Busby, Jack Lucas, Jerry Monk, and James Starr.

Following the presentation the meeting adjourned for members and parents to attend the football game.

### Y. P. Training Union Entertained Monday By Hallowe'en Party

The Young People's Training Union of the First Baptist Church enjoyed an evening of 'horrible fun' Monday October 30, when they met in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. R. R. Jones. The house was decorated with black cats, pumpkins, and other Hallowe'en symbols, and lighted with jack-o'-lanterns.

Games were directed by Miss Pearlene Farley, until the middle of the evening, when the witch and fortune teller, Miss Freda Grist, arrived.

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