

Christmas Shoppers-- Watch Next Week's Issue for Hints On What to Buy and Where to Buy It!

On the eve of Pearl Harbor, which we folks back home are supposed to remember as a black date on the calendar marking infamous treachery on the part of an oft-befriended nation, the News Review editor finds himself and his short-handed but long-winded force rather befuddled trying to keep up with Native sons all over the globe.

Quite a change has come over the old town and the entire nation in the past year, and we have been forced to revise our lifetime of study about successfully running a weekly newspaper. A sincere effort is being made to carry as much interesting news about home boys in the service as possible, within the limitations of censorship—which we assure our readers is really something, especially when an editor is put on his honor about what to print and what not to print. Recently we have been advised to refrain from identifying any service man with his unit in telling about his location. Our former policy of printing full mailing addresses for the convenience of homefolks who wish to correspond with the boys has been necessarily discontinued, but this information will continue to be available privately to proper parties who apply for same in person.

With Christmas only a few short weeks off, and realizing that some of the boys in foreign service won't get this issue of the paper until about the time the old man with the white whiskers climbs down their chimneys, we join others who are sending greetings of genuine friendship and realization of the sacrifices being made by those whose company we are forced to dispense with for a duration.

We hope that wherever they are, sleeping on the ground and on Army cots at some camp or maneuver area in the United States... on hammocks aboard crowded ships at sea... in foxholes of the jungles of the Solomons... wiping dust from their eyes in the desert of North Africa... learning the native slang in Australia... wrapping in furs to keep from freezing in Alaska... training for intensive and technical fighting and going through the ordeal of listening to the Limies in England... on the high seas, in the skies, or training others to do their assigned jobs wherever they may be... we hope that these men still hold a small spot of warmth in their hearts for the folks back home and for the News Review and its force in particular.

We also hope that these fighting men—and every one of them who has gone from Hico is making an earnest effort to become the best in his line, if we are any judge of their spirit—we hope sincerely that they may never hear of the beefing the homefolks are doing over gas rationing, sugar and coffee rationing, and other so-called hardships of civilian life these days.

We believe they know that the folks back home don't mean to be inconsiderate, and that while they have a kind of temporary nervous complex that makes them do funny things for people who have brave souls going through real hardships, torture and hell in defending them, they are just exercising the great American prerogative of making something out of little things while performing their duty in the bigger things of life.

Certainly there is not a one of them who would want to exchange places with the service men, and we venture to say there are few service men in the thick of it who wouldn't give a little boot to swap places with the folks back at home, some of whom seem disturbed about comparatively minor matters.

If in this scheme of things there is anything the home town newspaper can do to weld back together the broken ties and sentiments of a community whose social and civic life has been torn asunder and scattered to the four winds, we certainly would be doing less than our part if we failed to make an effort in that direction. Comments from the homefolks and service men about the enjoyment and satisfaction reaped through perusal of our lowly efforts are genuinely appreciated. And with a continuance of this cooperation and appreciation we may be able to weather the storm in the publishing field which is gradually weeding out the weaker of weekly newspapers and sometimes leaving towns much larger than Hico without a publication for the first time in a half century and more.

When we remember that every line we write means something to some boy far from home, we are made to realize more fully our obligation and responsibility, and to feel humble in the thought that we might be doing more.

But we sincerely endeavor to do the best job we can under the circumstances, and recognize our debt of gratitude to kind friends who help us in assembling news in the paper, especially the items which we have been printing for about two years in the "With the Colors" column.

At last we have the answer to that old one about why does a chicken cross the road. Because no cars were coming either way.

More Registrants From This County Inducted, Accepted

Following is a list of registrants from Hamilton County who have recently been ordered by the local board for induction, and who have been accepted for service in the U. S. Army:

- Eduard J. A. Leitko, Ireland Route 1. Ted Bankston, Hamilton. Hugo E. Busch, Hamilton Rt. 2. Otto J. Nauert, Hamilton. John G. Rudolph, Hamilton Rt. 3. Jesse L. Williams, Jonesboro. Otwell C. Moore, Hamilton Rt. 1. Berry L. Martin Jr., Hamilton. John L. Williams, Carlton. Dural D. Lane, Hamilton. Claude R. Griggs, Hamilton. Kenneth F. Thames, Fairly. Chester W. Polk, Hico. John E. Taylor, Hamilton Rt. 3. Loyd Spray, Evans Rt. 1. Vertis M. Keller, Hico. Johnnie W. Parrish, Indian Gap. William A. McClatchy, Hico Rt. 2. John D. Newsom Jr., Hamilton Rt. 1. Brents M. Broyles, Evans. Tommie A. Barnett, Hamilton. Monroe L. Sellers, Hamilton. Henry Virtise Hovey, Hamilton Rt. 3. Wiley G. Sims, Ireland Rt. 1. Aubrey Gregory, Hamilton. Claude Harvey, Hamilton. Otto Brown, Hamilton Rt. 1. Jessie W. Lynch, Waco. Herbert B. Gordon, Hamilton. Connie F. Cody, Hamilton. John C. Cox Jr., Fort Worth.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

The Hamilton County Local Board has changed its meeting day from Tuesday of each week to Friday of each week. Those registrants who desire to appear before the local board should make a written request to the board, not later than ten days from the date their classification card is mailed, for such an appearance. Upon receipt of this request submitted during the proper period, the registrant will be notified the date and time to appear before the board.

These are the regulations and must be complied with if the registrant is desirous of meeting with the local board.

NOTICE TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF INDUCTEES

There will be no more ceremonies or farewell speeches to the registrants at the time they depart for their army physical examination. Any ceremonies held will be on the day the men report to the Reception Center on the day their furlough ends, which usually is seven days after the men report for their army physical examination, and at 11:00 a. m. in the District Court Room, Hamilton, Tex. HAMILTON CO. LOCAL BOARD.

Gas Company's Named Changed Through Merger

Texas Southwestern Gas Company now becomes Southern Union Gas Company through the completion on November 24 of its merger and consolidation with New Mexico Gas Company, New Mexico Eastern Gas Company and Southern Union Gas Company.

Texas Southwestern Gas Company, since its inception, has been operated as a part of the Southern Union Gas System and the merger in no way affects its operations, service, personnel or management, according to a statement made by H. C. Fritzell, manager of the company's properties in the South Texas district.

As a part of the merger and consolidation, Southern Union Gas Company issued and sold first mortgage bonds and 240,584 shares of common stock, the proceeds therefrom being used to retire the funded debts of the constituent companies, including Texas Southwestern Gas Company.

The properties will be operated in the name of Southern Union Gas Company.

Drivers Warned To Stop for All School Buses

Bill Allen, district attorney, has issued the following warning to car drivers:

"A number of instances of cars passing school buses while they were stopped have been reported and as many people do not know the law and have not really thought of the danger to children involved, I ask the cooperation of the public in seeing that Art. 301-b of the Penal Code is obeyed.

"This statute provides that when a school bus stops, all motor vehicles approaching the same from any direction shall stop and not start up again or attempt to pass the same in any direction until the school bus has finished receiving or discharging passengers.

"Bus drivers are asked to cooperate in the future by taking numbers and making identification."

Billion Dollar U. S. Victory Loan Drive Is Now On

E. H. Randals, president of The First National Bank of Hico, this week announces that that institution is cooperating with the U. S. Treasury Department in the nine billion dollar Victory Loan drive. On Page 2 of this issue of the paper is a display advertisement giving the main points of the drive, and Mr. Randals states that he will be glad to talk with interested parties about further details of this patriotic investment plan.

R. E. Harding and Wm. P. Smallwood, co-chairmen of the Victory Fund Committee, Fort Worth region, announce the appointment of Clarence R. Hendricks as regional manager for the 59-county area of West Texas which has been set aside as the Fort Worth region, and in which Hamilton and Erath counties are located.

Mr. Hendricks has opened an office at 702 First National Bank Building, Fort Worth. He comes to this post after long experience in the banking and investment business, having been granted a leave of absence as vice-president of W. N. Edwards & Co. of Fort Worth, dealers in investment securities. Prior to his association with this latter firm he was with The First National Bank of Fort Worth.

Many Young Men Interested In Being Officers In Army

Many young men of 18 and 19 have been asking Sgt. Hess, local recruiter, how they may become an officer in the Army.

"The opportunities have never been greater," he said. "If young men of 18 and 19 enlist in the Army today, they can get a head start. They may go right up the enlisted ranks and may become second lieutenants before they are 21."

"Many young men ask me what an Officer Candidate School is. They want to know what the requirements are, what you learn, how hard it is, and how long it takes until you graduate.

"The opportunity to go to Officer Candidate School, I tell them, is open to every man in the Army who has had 13 weeks of basic training. That means that a young man of 18 who has the ability and leadership can go to school and become a second lieutenant within a year. That's not wishful thinking. It has been done and it is being done.

Sgt. Hess added: "The choice of Officer Candidate School is up to the individual. There are many schools to pick from and much to learn from them. It's only natural that a man pick the branch in which he is most qualified.

"Opportunities in the Army," Sgt. Hess hastened to point out, "are not confined to Officer Candidate School. A man of 18 or 19 has the privilege of selecting his branch of service. He may either continue his civilian interests and skills, or choose to learn new skills."

Methodist Pastor And Family Receive Liberal "Pounding"

The parsonage family of the Methodist church were the recipients of a liberal pounding from members of the church on Wednesday evening of this week. The group attended the Bible study and then preceded the pastor and his wife to the home while they were in a committee meeting with other members of the church planning for a Christmas program at the church.

The pounding consisted of sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, sugar, coffee, candy, fruits, fruit juices, meats, flour, and a variety of other good things to eat. This fine old custom is enjoyed by the pastor and family, not only from the standpoint of the value of the articles but also from the standpoint of the fine spirit manifested by the members in doing such things.

The pastor is glad to be here for another year and appreciates this liberal gift from the members of the Methodist church.

Nearly Five Hundred Apply At School For "A" Rationing Books

Four hundred and twenty-five car owners applied at the high school gymnasium for basic "A" rationing books during the official registration days, according to Supt. I. L. Lasater, and several more had been accommodated since that time.

The superintendent reports that additional supplies have been received from the county headquarters, and that applicants are still being served as they appear.

ON THE NEWS FRONT

Your Contribution to War Effort Determines Your Gas Ration Book

Motorists in the United States are going to learn (and some in the eastern section of the nation have already learned), like the British, that they can, and must, do without the use of their automobile for the duration of the war. At least without it by a far greater amount than they have been accustomed.

When national gasoline rationing becomes effective every automobile will have to have an "A," "B," "C" or "D" rationing sticker to show what kind of a permit they have. You can be sure, unless you show a very good reason, you will only get the ration which will give you the minimum, not the maximum, amount of gas according to the type of duty your car is performing to win the war.

For instance: if you use your car for your own personal use only you'll be having an "A" sticker on your windshield. That means you will get between three and four gallons of gas a week. In other words if your car gets 18 miles on a gallon of gas (which is the average according to the government rationing board) you will be able to travel only 360 miles a month. But don't forget this: The gallon value of the coupons in your ration book is fixed by the OPA. So maybe you will travel more, and may be less, depending on the amount of gasoline available for civilian use.

Then there are the "B" stickers. This ration allows a maximum of 470 miles a month, that mileage including an extra ration provision for those who must drive more than 150 miles a month for occupational purposes. Holders of such "B"

books must carry three or more passengers or prove that they cannot, or that transportation available is definitely inadequate. B drivers receive A and B rations.

Holders of "C" ration books are listed as being those drivers whose work is most essential to the war effort, and who must use their cars more than 470 miles a month for occupational purposes. Such C drivers are farmers, doctors, and defense plant workers.

Motorcycles will receive a D certificate. The gasoline ration obtainable with this type of certificate will provide an average of 240 miles per month. If the owner of a motorcycle can prove he needs more than this amount of gasoline, supplemental D books are issued. This will happen quite often in cities where many concerns have switched over from automobiles and small trucks for their light deliveries to motorcycles.

T gasoline ration books go to all commercial (except motorcycles) and military vehicles. This means that any vehicle or truck having one of this type of sticker can go into any filling station anywhere, anytime and just tell the caretaker to "fill 'er up."

There are two other types of ration books—the E and R. These books provide gasoline for non-highway equipment and purposes. On many farms throughout the U. S. there are pieces of gasoline equipment used (such as running a home electric plant) which require such books. The E book will be for small users, the R book will be for the larger users of gasoline.



Eugene Lane, who has been stationed at Perrin Field near Sherman with the Air Corps since the first of November, came in last Friday for a few days' visit here with his mother, Mrs. John Lane. After returning to Perrin Field he was transferred to Kansas.

J. J. Smith received a Christmas card Wednesday from his grand son, J. Carroll Smith, who is a bombardier in the U. S. Army and is now stationed in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McNeely returned home Monday night from Memphis, Tenn., where they had been visiting their son, C. S. Jr., during the Thanksgiving holidays. C. S. Jr., a seaman second class, has been in naval training at San Diego, California, but was recently transferred to Memphis and upon successful completion of his course there will be made aviation machinist's mate.

Pvt. Harold Crist, who is stationed at Blackland Flying School near Waco, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crist.

John Leach received a letter this week from his son, Herman, who is somewhere in Southern Florida, stating that he "wouldn't give one inch of Texas for this whole country where I'm stationed."

Pvt. Claude Christopher, who is in the Signal Corps and is now stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, came in Sunday for a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Christopher. Claude started out on the train, but he and sailor decided they could make better time from California to Texas hitch-hiking—and did.

Miss Jerry Pittman, a teacher in the Albany public schools, spent the week end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ogle. While here she came in the News Review office and ordered the paper sent to her brother, Sgt. Robt. A. Pittman, for another year. She stated that she heard regularly from her brother, who is somewhere in the Solomons, and that he is getting along fine.

Earle Harrison, who with O. G. Collins, also of Hico, is learning more about Uncle Sam's flying machines down at San Antonio, may be interested to know that the editor is still willing and anxious to carry regular reports about War Bond sales in the Hico district, but so far has been unable to find out who succeeded him as chairman of the local committee. Unofficially, however, sales are reported to be holding up well, although this is a far cry from the neatly detailed reports Earle always kept and obligingly turned in for publication.

Sgt. Bill Gamble has returned to Camp Edwards, Mass., where he is stationed in the laboratory sec-

tion for enlisted technicians, after spending a 10-day furlough with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gamble of Hico and his wife, Mrs. Bill Gamble, 1433 West Terrill St., Fort Worth.

S. J. Cheek Jr., who we learn by the grapevine route is private first class in spite of all his efforts to stay a buck private, wrote last week from Fort Lewis, Washington, to divulge a deep military secret. "Every account I get from Hico," Pvt. Cheek wrote, "the butcher, the banker, doctor or lawyer has gone to war. Lucky Strike Green has gone to war also! And you too, Brutus?" S. J. has changed jobs again, but hasn't figured out yet whether or not it is a promotion, as he's "always leery of anything that looks to be a good thing, especially in the Army." He promises to see us next year on his furlough, if the war doesn't end before then.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Charles H. Gray announce the birth of a 6 1/2 pound son, born Saturday, Nov. 25 in the Stephenville Hospital. The youngster has been given the name of Charles Glenn. Mother and baby are both doing nicely. Sgt. Gray is with the U. S. Forces in the Middle East.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wren, "Billy," wishes to inform his friends of Hico that he thinks of them. He is stationed at Camp Hulen, Texas. Bill likes the Army very much. He would like to hear from his friends, who will be furnished with his address upon inquiry from his parents.

Pvt. Elvis Vinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Vinson of Route 2, Hico, recently wrote from Camp Adair, Oregon, where he has been stationed since Sept. 25, sending a few pictures along with the report that he was going to school in the quartermaster branch and recently made 100 on map reading. Pvt. Vinson left in July for basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas, and hasn't been back home since his furloughs have been too short to allow him to come home and see his new baby brother, E. J., 3 months old, who looks like he is going to grow up into a tough fightin' man.

Clinton S. Ritchey, stationed at Ellington Field and due to set his commission in January, suffered an accident Tuesday morning of this week when a plane piloted by his instructor fell from a height of 100 feet, injuring both. A message to his father-in-law, E. F. Porter at Hico, said his injuries consisted of dislocation of the left elbow and a gash on the head, and there was fear of concussion. His wife, the former Miss Martha Porter, who is making her home in Houston, sent the message to her father. Their many friends hope Clinton's injuries will not prove as serious as at first feared.

Renewing their subscription from Temple, where they are now making their home, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McFadden add a note to tell that "After nine long weeks we are happy to inform you and our good friends that we have received two letters from our son, Auburn T., somewhere in Africa. The first was mailed Nov. 18th, received Nov.

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Business Women's Club Meets At Home Ec. Cottage

The Business and Professional Women's Club met in regular monthly session Tuesday evening at the Home Economics Cottage, with Mrs. Boyd Greenway and her class serving a lovely three-course dinner.

Table decorations of Christmas trees and colored lights, with Santa Claus place cards lent a delightful Yuletide touch which was very suggestive of the coming holidays.

Mrs. Ralph Perkins returned thanks, emphasizing our world at war and the peace that would come through the Christ Child. Mrs. Woodward, program chairman, led a very interesting program on "Christmas Customs in America and Foreign Lands." It was found the lighted candle in the window was loved by all nations.

The club decided that each member have her lighted candle in the window during the Yuletide season. We ask that every home in Hico join us in the universally-loved custom.

Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Collins and Miss Thoma Rodgers will conduct a Christmas carol party Christmas Eve. Your lighted candle will be an invitation for the carolers to visit you.

Hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Gillaspie.

REPORTER

Plans Laid for Christmas, New Year At C. of C. Meeting

The November meeting of the Hico Chamber of Commerce was held at the Russell Hotel on the evening of Nov. 24, 1942, with acting president E. H. Persons in the chair. Brief reports were made by the committees on housing and roads. Although no definite figure could be given, it seemed that progress had been made in raising the money for graveling the road into the Millerville community.

After E. H. Persons had stated that the government had requested that the usual custom of profuse Christmas lighting be abandoned this Christmas, on motion of Rev. R. E. Perkins the body voted to comply with the request provided neighboring cities did so.

On motion of Morse Ross, the body instructed the Christmas committee, A. A. Brown, Roy French, Geo. Stringer, Grady Hooper, Webb McEver, and Jesse Bobo, to make and carry out plans for the Christmas season. The name of Rev. R. E. Perkins was added to the committee.

Since the next meeting was to be the time for the annual election of officers, the following nominating committee was named by the chair: Marvin Marshall, I. L. Lasater, Webb McEver, R. E. Perkins, and Geo. Stringer.

Webb McEver reported for the Farm and Ranch Committee and mentioned the fact that several substantial ranchers have recently come into the community. He moved that since we usually do not meet in December the next meeting date be fixed on the second Tuesday in January and that ranchers be invited as guests at the January meeting. The motion carried.

John W. Perkins of Megargel, father of Rev. Ralph E. Perkins, was a guest.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Sec.

Farmers Asked to Intensify Efforts In "Scrap Hunt"

Hico and community, already highly praised for successful completion of various scrap drives in the past few months, are being asked to intensify their efforts and continue turning in materials that are badly needed in war production.

A telegram from Donald M. Nelson, National Chairman, received last week too late for publication in the early Thanksgiving issue, read as follows:

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24. Roland L. Holford, News Review, Hico, Texas.

The Government is asking the American farmer to dedicate the remaining weeks of 1942 to an intensified scrap hunt. Steel mills need more heavy scrap and the farms are one of the best sources of this type of metal. We need your further help in this farm drive, and in aiding our salvage committees to continue this effort throughout the next few weeks. Mats and other material to help you are being prepared and will be mailed soon.

All salvage committees are being instructed to continue to make available to the farmer and all their transportation facilities and manpower and to cooperate in every possible way.

The nation is looking to the American farmer, I am sure, with your help, he will come through. DONALD M. NELSON, Chmn.

Important Notice From County Board On 6th Registration

The Proclamation of the President establishes the dates for the Sixth Registration as follows: "The registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons who shall have attained the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth during the periods indicated below, shall take place in the United States and the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico, between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. on the days hereinafter designated for their registration as follows:

(a) Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 11, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 17, 1942;

(b) Those who were born on or after September 1, 1924, but not after October 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 18, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 24, 1942;

(c) Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942;

(d) During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth; provided, that if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday."

The place of the registration will be the Hamilton County Local Board Office, located in the Court House, Hamilton, Texas. JOHN R. EIDSON, Chairman, Hamilton County Local Board No. 1, Hamilton, Tex.

Meat Restrictions Allow Farmers to Use but Not Sell

Dallas, Dec. 3.—Farmers and others who slaughter animals for their own consumption are not subject to the OPA meat restriction order of October 1, but every person in the U. S. who slaughters and delivers to others, even so much as one animal of the sort listed in the order is subject to the regulation's restrictions and to its penalties in case of violation, regional OPA officials warned today.

Animals covered by the order are cattle, sheep, lambs and hogs. Delivery of meat from those animals to civilians is limited so that there shall be enough for the fighting forces of the United States and its Allies.

Officials said that records of all slaughter for delivery to others must be kept and be available to inspectors of the OPA by everyone from the country butcher, or the farmer who slaughters meat for others, to the largest packing houses. False statements of the number of animals slaughtered and delivered, or other violations of the restriction order, subject offenders to fines up to \$10,000 or ten years in jail, or both.

Limits set up by the order fall into two classes. The larger slaughterers—those who kill more than 500,000 pounds in a quarter—are limited in their civilian deliveries to the following percentages of the kinds of meat covered that they delivered to civilians in the corresponding quarters of 1941—beef, 70; pork, 75; lamb and mutton, 95; and veal, 100.

The other slaughterers, including everyone else, are limited to no more than the same amount of each of the kinds of meat that they slaughtered and delivered to others in the corresponding quarter of 1941. Cutter and canner grades of beef are defined as a special kind, and here, too, "non-quota" slaughterers may not deliver more of this kind than they did in the same quarter of 1941.

NYA Counsellor Here Each Week to Interview Youth

I. L. Lasater, acting superintendent of Hico Public Schools, announces that he has information about National Youth Administration's wartime training for youths, both girls and boys, and will be glad to talk with interested prospects. He was visited this week by a representative from the War Work Center at Waco, who also conferred with Mayor J. C. Barrow, local NYA referral agent, and other of these men will be glad to explain the details of the plan through which many young people are being placed in paying defense jobs.

A representative of the NYA is in Hico each Wednesday at the City Hall, between the hours of 3 p. m.

**Clairette**

By Mrs. H. Alexander

In spite of the cold weather we had good attendance at Sunday school last Sunday, but we insist that everyone put forth an effort and attend Sunday school somewhere.

Rev. Hogg will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday at 11:00 and Sunday night. Each one is invited to be present. Come, let us keep the good work going by our presence.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Birl Havens Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Billie Alexander of the Hog Jaw community.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Stone and son, Gerald, of Selden were guests Sunday of Mrs. W. B. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Partain and baby, accompanied by Mr. Doyle Partain, motored to De Leon Sunday to visit relatives. Doyle will leave this week for service in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McChristial of Sundown visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McChristial during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Earl Austin of Bauxite, Ark. came in last Wednesday to see her brother, John Alexander, who was leaving for Navy service. John was accompanied by his father, R. M. Alexander, and Mrs. Austin to Waco Thursday night, spending the night there with a brother, C. G. Alexander, and wife. They all accompanied him to Dallas. From there he was sent to Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stipe and baby of Fort Worth spent the week end in the home of Roy Stipe and family.

Bill Alexander is on the sick list at this writing.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander were Mr. and Mrs. John Gollightly and children, Hub Alexander and family, Mr. R. M. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Havens, and George Cosby and family.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander Thanksgiving night were Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Thompson and baby of Fort Worth visited Thanksgiving Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Mayfield who have been visiting in Little Rock, Arkansas, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Blanche Jones, Miss Phinella Walker, and Nila Marie Alexander of Stephenville were guests in the home of Hub Alexander and family Monday night. Their visit was very enjoyable, as Mrs. Jones and Nila Marie have just returned from a trip to the Gulf Coast. They visited in Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and other points, and saw many sights of interest. They enjoyed the trip very much, the only objection being that they just didn't have time to stay longer.

Guests in the home of Mr. R. M. Alexander Thanksgiving Day were Mrs. Mattie Carter, Mrs. Parlee Harvey, Mrs. Earl Austin of Bauxite, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Bud Partain and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander, Joe Alexander and family, Hub Alexander and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Havens, Florene Havens of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McChristial, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McChristial of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. George Cosby and son, Donald, and John Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayfield and children, who have been in the West, returned home last week.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John East were Mrs. Nola Sharp of Stephenville and Mrs. Stone East of Burnyan.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolfe and daughter, Hilda, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tutt and little son, all of Dallas, spent from Friday until

Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clark.

The Adult Sunday School Class enjoyed an entertainment at the high school auditorium last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Cooke of Corsicana and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Phillips and baby son of Longview were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe over the week end. Rupert was called home on account of the illness of his father, who is in the Stephenville Hospital.

The Busy Bee Sewing Club met with Mrs. Hub Alexander Thursday of this week.

**Gilmore**

By LOUISE LIVELY

Mrs. Pete Jenkins and Dorothea Holladay visited Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Jenkins Sunday.

Pfc. Edward Shipman of Camp Haan, California, and his sister, Inez Shipman of Hico, spent Saturday night with J. L. Lively and family.

Calvin Lively and wife are moving to the home place of O. E. Meador, where they plan to make their home for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lively and daughter, Louise, and daughter-in-law, Jane, were in Stephenville Friday.

Mr. J. D. Lively visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lively, Sunday. He reported that his little daughter, Betty Jack, jumped off a building 8 feet high. The child has injured her leg very badly. She is at the age of three.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Upham visited with relatives in Waco during the Thanksgiving holidays.

**Dry Fork**

By Johnnie Ruth Driver

Several from this community were in Hamilton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Driver and daughters, Opal and Johnnie Ruth were in Alexander and Clairette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Columbus and baby and Mrs. Orval Bell spent Sunday at McGirk where Oran preached.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ables of Hico.

Mrs. T. R. Thomas is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Amy Vann, of Carbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Havens of near Hamilton spent Tuesday with Bufford and Claude Johns.

Mrs. Ford is visiting her sister in East Texas.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

The Meaning of Church Membership. Lesson for December 6: Colossians 3:1-17.

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 12:27.

The lesson leads us to consider the change wrought in a believer and his privileges and duties as a church-member.

In his heart is re-enacted the crucifixion and resurrection—sin is crucified and the spiritual raised. He puts off the sins of his former life and puts on the "new man," with all good affections and motives. He proves the reality of his spiritual resurrection by seeking things above.

Though we see only one side, we are sure the moon has another side. We can see only what a man does, the way he lives, but we are sure there are things within him that correspond to what we see. We conclude that he lives in harmony with verses 16 and 17, that kindness and love, with other good things, dwell in his heart when we see him live well.

Neither can we doubt that the peace of Christ rules in his heart. The admonition, "Let peace rule," may well be changed into the statement that peace will rule in the man who dwells in love toward Christ and his fellows.

Is it strange that many sermons fail, that stirring exhortations often fall on dull ears? Can good crops grow in unprepared ground, or all good things flourish in unrepentant hearts? Let us prepare our hearts through true faith in Christ, that we may rise with him to new life and daily seek those things that are above.

The local government of Texas is carried on through 7,796 local units of which 254 counties are the basic subdivisions.

**School Hours to Be Changed Beginning Monday, Dec. 7th**

Hico schools will begin next Monday, Dec. 7, taking up at 9:30 instead of 9:00 a. m., according to announcement this week from the superintendent's office. This change is being made, it is stated, so that children who ride the buses will not have to get up so early.

Supt. Lasater said the schedule was being rearranged to accommodate the later opening hour, and that an effort would be made to dismiss at about the regular time. The periods, he said, would be condensed and adjusted, but no exact schedule has been worked out as yet, except for the later opening hour.

**Carlton**

By Mrs. T. C. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roach of Stephenville were business visitors in Carlton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright and daughter, Ima Gene, of Fort Worth spent Wednesday and Thursday here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright, also Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead and children.

B. L. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Modie Finley, and husband accompanied Mrs. Eva Maddox of Lubbock to her home Tuesday of last week and returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Ragland and children are moving to Harbin. Mr. Ragland has work in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Clyde LeFevre and Miss Gladys Lee Salmon of Dallas spent the holidays here with homefolks. Lewis Chambers and Merle Clifton of Dallas spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Edd Chambers and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton and son.

M. J. Carmichael of Illinois spent last week with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montie Carmichael.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pruitt and baby have moved to the B. L. Smith home.

Rev. Helms and wife and son spent Monday in Fort Worth with their daughter and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Williamson of Gustine spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charline Morgan.

Frank Stidham and Mrs. Wayne Stidham of San Angelo spent the

week end with his mother, Mrs. Reva Stidham, and Miss Pat Lynch. Mrs. J. A. Roberson of Mexico is here visiting friends and relatives and is planning on moving back here the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol McPherson and daughter of Fort Worth spent the week end here visiting relatives.

Alvie Lynch of Odessa and Mrs. Rosa Bush visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Lynch and family of near Lamkin.

Mr. and Mrs. De Roy Dove and son moved to McGregor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Miller of Burdett and granddaughter, Sharon

Ruth, of Fort Worth spent the week end in the home of Rev. S. W. Miller and family.

Mrs. H. Sowell and daughters of Sherman are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Sowell.

Rev. R. A. Cox and wife of California came in Wednesday. Rev. and Mrs. Cox plan to locate somewhere in Texas.

Mrs. R. C. Butler is visiting relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turney and family of Purvis spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright.

Mrs. Sam Johnson of Clairette is visiting Mrs. Fannie Cantrell. Perlie Sharp was a business visitor in Hamilton Tuesday.

**NOTICE**

Effective November 24, 1942, the name of TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN GAS COMPANY has been changed to SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY. This change will in no way affect the management, employees or personnel, all of whom look forward to rendering even better service with greater efficiency.

Albert S. Johnson  
President

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**THE MOST IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT EVER MADE BY THE U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT**



**The 9 Billion Dollar Victory Loan Drive Is On!**

This week the United States Government begins the task of borrowing nine billion dollars from accumulated savings and idle funds in the next several weeks as an essential part of winning the war more quickly and more completely.

During these critical weeks you probably will be visited by a representative of one of the securities firms or banks which are contributing their time and effort — without compensation of any kind — to the Victory Fund Committee. He will explain to you, for instance, the benefits that you can obtain from the new Victory 2½'s — available for the first time. Welcome him as a war worker when he calls. If you miss him, ask your banker or securities dealer for full

particulars. There is no limit to the amount that you can purchase.

Today many American families are torn apart. Millions have left their homes or their jobs; thousands have given their lives and many more are prepared to do so.

But the government, your government, is not asking you to give anything to this Nine Billion Dollar Drive. It is asking you to lend it all of the money you can possibly invest in what is the safest investment in the world — at a good rate of interest.

When the Victory Fund representative calls, please remember this: it is in your own interest, as well as that of your country, to listen to him — and to invest.

**BUY THESE VICTORY 2½'s NOW**

Twenty-six year 2½ per cent bonds due December 15, 1968, callable December 15, 1965. Issued in coupon or registered form at the option of the buyer. Commercial banks will not be permitted to hold these bonds until ten years after the date of issue. There is no limit on the amount any eligible investor may purchase. Interest is paid semi-annually, June 15 and Dec. 15. The bonds will be sold in denominations from \$500 to \$100,000. In the event of the death of a holder, the bonds may be redeemed at 100% and accrued interest for the purpose of satisfying federal estate taxes.

Two series of shorter term obligations: (a) 1½ per cent bonds due June 15, 1948, and (b) 7/8 per cent certificates of indebtedness due one year after issuance. These securities are open for subscription by banks, and also by all other classes of investors, whether private, corporate or institutional.

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New and Old Customers Are Welcome

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**Carmen's Beauty Shop**

For Modern Hair Styles

"Meet the People..."

(Each week in this space will be presented a picture and word portrait of someone whose name is news.)



Admiral Halsey

U. S. forces in the South Pacific area surrounding the Solomon Islands must face two bad facts, two very good ones. They are outnumbered on land and harassed on the sea by deadly Jap sub activity. But—they rule the air and, through a co-ordination of air and sea power, may yet be able to outmaneuver the Jap navy.

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Sparks of Iredell gave a big dinner in honor of J. D. Henderson, Raymond Thompson and F. T. Lawson, who are leaving for the Army. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henderson of Iredell, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Lawson of Eagle Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Thompson and son, Raymond, Mrs. Ed Thompson and daughters, Charlene and Joyce Ann, all of Iredell. They all enjoyed the nice dinner very much.

Gregor spent the past Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis.

Georgella Harris spent the week end with Norma Jean Cavaness.

Mrs. Ida Mitchell spent the week end in Hico.

Ralph Echols, who is in camp at Waco, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. Jackson of Dallas spent last Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and Mary Lou returned Sunday from West Texas where he has been working.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and children of near Fairy visited his mother, Mrs. Minnie Clark, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Mutt Plummer left Thursday for Riverside, California, to be with her husband who is in the Army and stationed there.

Hugh Harris, who works in Fort Worth, spent the week end at home.

A nice "shower" of groceries was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Green Sunday night. After the services were over all went to the parsonage and took in a package. They were proud of everything.

A nice box of gifts was presented to Mrs. Pike Sunday by her S. S. class of ladies. Wednesday was her birthday. She is a fine teacher and her class loves her very much. She was very proud of her gifts.

Mrs. J. L. Goodman and her young nephew, Little Nolan Pike of Dallas, spent the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Pike.

Mrs. Ina Turner, en route home from San Antonio, stopped off here Monday and visited her sister, Mrs. Patterson, a few days. She lives at Stamford.

Susie Freeman returned to her home in Burnet Sunday after a visit of ten days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

James Arthur Davis returned Wednesday from Perrin, where he had been with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, for some time.

Mrs. Gann spent the week end in Waco with her sister, Mrs. Tom Gann.

Miss Syble Pylant visited in Killen and Brownwood this week end.

The school dismissed Wednesday for the holidays. The stores all closed up. Some went visiting.

The feature for Monday night will be, The East Side Kids in "The Gang of Mine." This should have been shown a few weeks ago but another film was sent. A reel of war news, a fine comedy, and the 11th chapter of the serial.

Iredell Chapter Future Farmers Elects Officers

The Iredell Chapter of Future Farmers of America has met and elected officers as follows: President, Frank Chaney; vice-president, Nolan Haught; secretary, Joseph Ray Harris; treasurer, Tom Simpson; watchdog, Marshall Houston; parliamentarian, Kenneth Bob Cooper; reporter, La Moine Fuller; Future Farmer sweetheart, Norma Jean Cavaness.

The Iredell chapter members are planning to make a yearbook in which will be carried pictures of each boy and his various projects.

The chapter is cooperating with the government in buying some pigs and fattening them out to help win the war.

The Ag. II and III classes are going to the shop and are building for various projects. Some of the boys are rebuilding various things, while others are making different things in the blacksmith and woodwork department.

The Ag. boys are cooperating in the government "Food For Freedom" program.

REPORTER.

Aching 'Dogs'



Chasing Japs over the rugged terrain of New Guinea is not the best thing in the world for one's feet. No less a personage than Hanford MacNider, USA, is soothing his aching "dogs" here during a halt in the jungles of New Guinea. A Papuan bearer stands by.

Church News

Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m. with Tyrus H. King, superintendent.

"The Manner of God's Love" will be the subject of the pastor's sermon before the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We are expecting a large crowd at both services Sunday. Gas rationing is now with us. Rubber is precious and gas has been rationed. Consecrate a portion of your gas to the Lord and get the church-going habit.

Youth Fellowship at 7:15.

Evening worship at 7:45. The sermon subject will be "Why Be a Christian?"

A hearty welcome awaits you at two services Sunday.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Baptist Church

"Her Gift and Ours" is the title of the playlet to be given at the evening service Sunday. Everyone is invited to be present and enjoy with us this production. This and the offering will climax the week of missionary endeavor. Sunday morning the pastor will bring a missionary sermon.

Gas may be rationed, but the love and goodness of God are never rationed except by our own negligence and indifference. This is the time for all Christians to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."

Friday night the Junior Training Union will have their social in the home of the pastor, beginning at 6:00 p. m. The Couples' Class will have their social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Lasater beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 10, there will be a team of Sunday school workers in Hamilton. They are for the entire county, therefore there will be no Associational Workers' meeting. Every teacher and officer should attend this meeting! It will begin with a lunch served by the Hamilton church at 6:15, and will continue until 9:30. J. D. Riddle of Abilene is the team leader. If you cannot go at 6:15, you will be well repaid for going at any time thereafter. The January meeting will be held here.

RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

W. M. S. MET FOR FIRST FOREIGN MISSION PROGRAM

Monday the W. M. S. met for the first program in the series of Foreign Mission Programs. Wednesday night the women had charge of the prayer meeting service in a continuation of this program.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 the

women will join in the Day of Prayer around the world. This is one of the most important of all days, according to Mrs. McNeely, president of the society. She says: "We may neglect to study and learn only ourselves, but when we neglect to pray so great a cause we harm not only ourselves but every phase of the Kingdom's work."

Sunday night the Missionary Week will close with a playlet at the preaching hour entitled, "Her Gifts and Ours." Everyone is invited.

Monday the circles will meet again. Circle No. 1 will meet with Miss Rhoda Crist, Circle No. 2 with Mrs. Hanshaw, and Circle No. 3 with Mrs. Bowles. The chairmen of these circles urge every lady to be present.

REPORTER.

Pentecostal Church

Prayer meeting and Bible study will be held every Wednesday night at 7:45.

Sunday school on Sunday morning at 10:30 and the evening worship at 7:45. Hear the old-time gospel and singing. Everyone is invited.

Victory Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock for the duration at the Pentecostal Church.

The prayers at these meetings will be especially for the safety and return of our husbands, sons and other relatives and friends and victory for our nation.

Everyone who is concerned is urged to be present who can have the force of each other's prayers.

DOLLY LINCX, Pastor.

Falls Creek

By Virginia Coston

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston of Stephenville ate Thanksgiving supper with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston and daughter.

Mrs. Pat Stutts and Mrs. Ada Pratt of Cameron spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. W. W. Foust.

Lula Mae Coston of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and daughter of Gatesville and Miss Constance Allen of San Antonio spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen.

Mrs. Albert Krueger and daughter of Hamilton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Coston and family.

Mr. Dugar Foust of Fort Worth spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. W. W. Foust.

Mrs. Walter Williamson of Hico is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Foust.

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Turkey Producers! BRING US YOUR CHRISTMAS TURKEYS! We will pay top market prices for your Christmas Turkeys. We appreciate very much the business you gave us during the Thanksgiving run and shall render the same efficient service we have always given. Our Christmas Turkey Market Opened Dec. 1 JUST GIVE US A TRIAL - THAT'S ALL WE ASK! Tabor Produce

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### Prospects Up At Army Camp for Merry Christmas

Camp Bowie, Tex., Dec. 3.—Prospects of a Merry Christmas for Camp Bowie soldiers were looking up this week with plans for week-long Yule festivities being arranged under the supervision of Lt. Scott L. Reeburgh, Camp Special Service Officer. Pvt. Lloyd Pantages is in charge of the program.

Merchants and other citizens of Brownwood are cooperating in the effort. There will be donations of soft drinks, ice cream sticks, cigarettes, fruits and candy. The Brownwood Garden Club will decorate the entire Enlisted Men's Service Club, including a large Christmas tree. Another group of Brownwood women will arrange a grab bag from which every soldier present will receive a useful gift.

Tentative schedule lists an activity for every night of the week, beginning with Christmas Eve and ending with a big New Year's Eve dance at the Service Club. All events are open to the men's sweethearts, wives and families.

Opening gong will sound at the Sports Arena where a card of boxing matches arranged by Lt. Robert Telder, Camp Athletic Officer, will be presented Dec. 24.

On Christmas Day, the men will be asked to consider the Service Club as their home. There will be a fire in the open fireplace and presents for all from the grab bag around the tree. Mrs. C. Hill Stevenson, principal hostess, and Mrs. Leta Shelton, junior hostess, will welcome the men in the large recreation room.

An elaborate Christmas dinner with a special menu arranged by Mrs. Clara Hancock, cafeteria hostess, will be served at a reasonable price.

Highlight of Saturday night, the day after Christmas, will be the opening of the Broadway stage hit, "Junior Miss," at Theatre No. 4. This will be the first legitimate play of the USO-Camp Shows to be presented at Camp Bowie.

On Sunday there will be "open house" at the Service Club all day, and the usual moving pictures that night.

Monday and Tuesday nights, at Theatre No. 4, additional performances of "Junior Miss" are scheduled.

A big "amateur show," composed of camp talent, will be given at the Service Club on Wednesday night, and the festivities will close with the New Year's Eve dance on Thursday night.

### 'Hits the Spot'



The army is doing its part to conserve coffee. Every batch is tested by experts who are determined that the army coffee today will not be made the butt of jokes as in World War I. Photo shows—somewhere in England—an American soldier registering his delight with a cup of the same good coffee he got back home.

### Large Crowd Enjoys Community Program Thanksgiving Eve

A large crowd that filled the auditorium of the high school to overflowing enjoyed an interesting community program last Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve. At the chili supper preceding the program about 150 persons were served. It was reported by Supt. I. L. Lasater.

The program, built around the theme, featured a pageant, "Father, I Thank Thee," songs, readings and numbers by a male quartet filled out the program. At the conclusion pledges were made to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and the Holy Bible.

### Hico Wins Two Basketball Games Monday Night

Two basketball games were played at the Hico gymnasium Monday night, and Hico came out winner in both the boys' and girls' contests, according to announcement this week by Supt. I. L. Lasater.

Fairy girls and boys, always known for their fast and hard-to-beat aggregations they put out, were defeated. The scores in the girls' game were 24-29, and in the boys' game 31-17.

No announcement has been made about future games, pending observation of the effects of gasoline rationing.

### Says War Tends to Increase Prevalence Of Dread Disease

Austin, Dec. 2.—Emphasizing the importance of cooperating with the national tuberculosis control program, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, today declared that war more than any other circumstance breeds the adverse conditions conducive to an increase in the prevalence of this disease.

"The history of tuberculosis throughout the world shows clearly that war brings an increase of this disease in its wake," Dr. Cox declared. "Exposure, malnutrition, fatigue, and physical hardships make it easy for tuberculosis to strike."

While war conditions in the United States do not at present approach those in Europe, Dr. Cox said that serious thought should be given to the fact that tuberculosis deaths in England and Wales increased 12 per cent between 1939 and 1941.

Dr. Cox outlined the symptoms of tuberculosis as ordinarily being fatigue, poor appetite, digestive disturbances, loss of weight, afternoon or night fever, lingering cough, pleurisy, hemorrhage, night sweats, and anemia. If any one of these symptoms persist, Dr. Cox warned that a physician should be consulted immediately and an examination given to determine whether or not tuberculosis is present. If this disease is diagnosed in its earliest stages Dr. Cox said that a great percentage of cases can be cured.

### "On to Victory" Is Theme of Special Week At Theatre

In line with the motion picture industry's policy of putting on special activities to promote the sale of war bonds and stamps, the Palace Theatre at Hico is conducting a special one-week campaign in connection with the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Mrs. E. H. Henry, manager of the local theatre, says the War Activities Committee-Motion Picture Industry is sponsoring the drive, and that she is proud to be one of more than 16,000 movie house managers participating.

This campaign, beginning on Monday, Dec. 7, has for its slogan: "Avenge Dec 7th—On to Victory!" Special programs will be featured throughout the week, followed by a "Scrap Matinee" to be held some time in December. Mrs. Henry asks the public to watch the paper for announcement of details and date.

The Palace Theatre, like the banks and post offices, are official issuing agents for War Bonds and Stamps, and will make an intensive effort to augment bond sales every night during this special week.

May we respectfully suggest that you go to your local theatre during the week beginning Dec. 7—and buy a bond?



Previous to this year, John Beasley, Cardinals' World Series hero, had pitched only one major league game, and that was on the closing day of the 1941 season at Wrigley Field, where he beat the Cubs 3 to 1.

Phil Weintraub, former Giant outfielder, now the property of Toledo, sells insurance in the off season. He recently sold policies to two umpires.

Abe Goldberg, former president of the Sugar Bowl committee, predicts the normal attendance of 70,000 at the New Year's day game, will sink to 50,000 in 1943 because of the transportation problem.

Joe Gunson, who died recently in Pennsylvania, received little or nothing for his invention of the catcher's mitt in 1888. He improvised the mitt out of a felder's glove, belt, piece of wire, sheepskin padding and a covering of buckskin.

Bob Lucas, halfback on the Paulding, Ohio, high school's football team, gained 1,714 yards from scrimmage and scored 272 points in his team's first seven games this year.

### JOE GISH



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Supplemental ration for essential passenger cars



\*C\* DRIVERS DISPLAY ONLY THIS STICKER

An extra ration for special classes of drivers whose work is most essential to the war effort and who must use their cars more than 470 miles a month for occupational purposes.

C books are valid for 3 months.

Qualified applicants receive both A and C books, providing them with enough gasoline for proven occupational use.

The transport ration for all commercial vehicles (except motorcycles) and military vehicles. They receive a T ration but no A ration.

Supplemental ration for passenger cars



\*B\* DRIVERS DISPLAY ONLY THIS STICKER

An extra ration for those who must drive more than 150 miles a month for occupational purposes. This ration allows a maximum of 470 miles a month for such purposes.

Holders of B books must carry 3 or more passengers or prove that they cannot, and that other transportation is inadequate.

B drivers receive A and B rations. The B book contains 16 coupons and is valid for 3 to 12 months depending on proven needs.

The ration for motorcycles



MILEAGE RATION NO STICKER FOR \*D\* DRIVERS

A ration for holders of motorcycle registration cards. Coupons are good until July 22, 1943.

The D ration is designed to provide an average of 240 miles per month, 150 miles for occupational use, 90 miles for family convenience.

Supplemental D books are issued for proven needs in the same way as B or C books.

The E and R books provide a ration for non-highway equipment and purposes. The E book is for small users, the R for large users.

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# Personals.

Misses Ruth Phillips and Pauline Driskell spent Sunday in Waco.

Jane Latham of Evant spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with Mary Jane Barrow.

Miss Ursey Alford of Dallas spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with Miss Thoma Rodgers.

Miss Annie Pierson returned last Friday from Dallas after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Ed Tarver.

Mrs. J. B. Russell and daughter, Glenna Maude, of Dallas were Thanksgiving guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barrow.

Miss Mable Jordan of Brownwood spent Tuesday night and Wednesday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan.

Mrs. Albert Brown and baby of Fort Worth visited here Monday and Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey Griffiths and children returned last week from Lubbock, where he has been employed several weeks.

Albert Brown of Fort Worth spent Thanksgiving Day here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson of Dallas spent a part of his vacation here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Perkins of Megargel spent the days preceding and Thanksgiving Day with their son, Rev. Ralph Perkins, and Mrs. Perkins.

Mrs. Paul Turner and daughter, Paula Jane, of Coahoma spent last week here with Mrs. Turner's grandmother, Mrs. Wylie McFadden.

Mrs. Harold Stephens returned to her home in San Antonio Thursday after spending several days here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mings.

Miss Saralee Hudson, a teacher in the Austin public schools, returned there Sunday after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hudson.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of J. J. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and daughters, Billie and Ina Ruth, of Temple, and Mrs. J. H. McNeill of Waco.

Mrs. Barto Gamble and daughter, Mrs. Vernon Swor and little son, Donald Swor, visited Mrs. Ned Chapman and sons, Carl and David, in Hamilton Monday.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Persons were Miss Ann Persons of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and children of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and daughters, Betty and Dorothy Jane, accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Price, spent the week end with Mrs. O. G. Collins and Mrs. Betty Adams.

Justice of the Peace J. C. Rodgers performed a ceremony for a double wedding at his residence Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 p. m. The couples united in marriage were Miss Inez Joyce Bagley to Vernon Leon Yocham, and Miss Vereece McDowell to Glen L. B. Howard. Both couples live near Duffau, on Hico, Route 4.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-tfe

The Rev. Ralph Perkins spent Wednesday in Waco at Masonic Grand Lodge as a representative of the local lodge. He was accompanied by Messrs. Curry and Sewell of Carlton, Carley of Meridian, and a representative from Iredell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Welch and Mrs. Gwendola Wolfe of Stephenville were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Welch also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richbourg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Killion and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Killion Sr., and Miss Lola Mae Hendrix visited in McGregor Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sites and son, Paul. Mrs. Sites returned home with them for a few days' visit.

Thanksgiving dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wieser of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sellers of Fort Stockton. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers returned home the latter part of the week.

Rev. Floyd W. Thrash and daughters spent Thanksgiving Day in Arlington with Mrs. Thrash and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Bowman. Mrs. Thrash, who had been visiting her parents for the past two weeks, returned home with her family Friday.

Jess Askey of Athens was a Thanksgiving Day guest in the home of Mrs. Roy French. Mrs. Askey, who had been here for the past two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy French, accompanied her husband home Thursday night.

Mrs. Fred Leeth and daughters, Ila Dee and Ala Dee, of Dallas visited here Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Seagrast.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of San Angelo spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Ross, and her mother, Mrs. A. A. Vickrey.

Mrs. Vernon Swor and son Donald returned home to Houston Thursday, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gamble, for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blair went to Walnut Springs Sunday after Mrs. Blair's mother, Mrs. R. M. Strepy, who had been visiting there with another daughter for the past two weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Montgomery of Dallas, accompanied by Mrs. Clyde LeFevre who visited relatives in Carlton, visited here during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett.

Mrs. Maye Hollis and daughters, Mary Helen and Mrs. Cecil Hobbs, of Coahoma spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. John Rusk and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rainwater and other relatives.

Miss Kathryn Cunningham of Dallas came in Tuesday for a short visit here with her grandmother, Mrs. J. I. Tooley, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham of Fairy.

Mrs. H. N. Wolfe and son, Paul, Mrs. May Bates and son, Bobby, accompanied by Thomas Ray Costoe of Clifton who was their Thanksgiving guest, spent last Friday in Waco.

Week-end guests in the home of Mrs. J. A. Garth and daughter, Jessie, were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Garth of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duckworth and little daughter, Latrelle, of Dublin.

Jack Gray came in Sunday from Texarkana to join his wife and baby, who have been here for the past week visiting her aunt, Miss Grace Phillips. They plan to return home the latter part of the week.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL WREATHS  
Lovely and long lasting — you will find at The Hico Florist. Out-of-town orders delivered and given personal attention. 28-c.

Roy French and Goodwin Phillips left last Thursday for Mason where they spent several days hunting deer. They were joined there Friday by their wives and all returned Sunday night, reporting fair luck.

Mrs. Sid Carlton of Stephenville was in Hico Monday on business and visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and daughter, Betty Jane, recently moved back to Stephenville after making their home in Hico for several years.

Mrs. Irvin Duckworth left Wednesday for Little Rock, Arkansas, where she will be employed and where she will join her husband who is taking basic training in the U. S. Army at Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

Mrs. E. H. Henry and mother, Mrs. W. O. McKinney, accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Guy Stewart and small son of Stephenville to Dallas last Wednesday night, where they spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Stewart.

The Rev. Ralph Perkins spent Wednesday in Waco at Masonic Grand Lodge as a representative of the local lodge. He was accompanied by Messrs. Curry and Sewell of Carlton, Carley of Meridian, and a representative from Iredell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Welch and Mrs. Gwendola Wolfe of Stephenville were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Welch also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richbourg.

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Mrs. and Mrs. I. L. Lanster and little daughter, Mary Catherine, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Justin with relatives. They were accompanied as far as Denton by Miss Jimmie Ruth Thompson, who visited with her mother and brother, Mrs. Jim Thompson and Terry.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan and daughter, Hester, were Mrs. J. G. Gollyghtly and children, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Jordan and children of Duffau, Buck Jordan of Brownwood, and Mrs. Jordan's sister, Mrs. J. W. Harrison, and daughter of Navarro, Texas.

Mrs. G. C. Keeney, Walter Ramey and Currie Polk were business visitors in Waco last Thursday. While there Walter volunteered his services in the U. S. Navy and will leave soon for his physical examination. Currie was also doing some investigation at the Naval recruiting office.

Mrs. J. H. Goad, who was called to Cisco about two weeks ago to be with her sister, Mrs. H. D. Blair, who suffered a heart attack, was in Hico the first of the week attending to business matters. She returned to Cisco Tuesday and plans to remain with her sister until she has fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wilson of Arlington visited here Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Proffitt and other relatives. They left Friday, accompanied by Mrs. L. A. Powledge, Mrs. W. P. Goar and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Powledge of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Potts and sons, Billie and Bob, Gatesville, and Mrs. L. R. Powledge, Gainesville.

Guests here for the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of Mrs. L. A. Powledge were Miss Frances Powledge, Mrs. W. P. Goar and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Powledge of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Potts and sons, Billie and Bob, Gatesville, and Mrs. L. R. Powledge, Gainesville.

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F. M. Mings, Mrs. R. F. Duckworth and daughter, Miss Irene Frank, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Alvor with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crews and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crews. They were accompanied as far as Cleburne by Mrs. Mings who spent the holidays with her mother and sister, Mrs. Tom Laney and Mrs. Lee King.

"I wish to express my appreciation to you for having sent the paper to me out here in Ingelwood, California," wrote Mrs. Paulene Hubbard this week, "but I am going to change my address. (Boy, is it ever a good one this time!) Please send my paper to Hamilton, Texas, care of John Hudson." Mrs. Hubbard's friends in Hico and community are looking forward to a visit from her in the near future, even though she can't tell to many military secrets about those planes she's been helping to build out in California.

Mrs. Ruth Roberts returned last week from Wilson, where she has been employed for several weeks.

Mrs. J. I. Tooley had as Thanksgiving and week-end guests her daughters, Mrs. Almer Pierson of Dallas and Mrs. Rupert Cole of Fort Worth, granddaughter, Patsy Ann Tooley of Olin, and two great-granddaughters, Quata and Novice Barnett of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Johnson went to Lubbock Sunday to meet her father, W. R. Stevens, who returned home with them for an extended visit. Mr. Stevens came to Stephenville in 1875 to make his home and has lived there ever since that time. He recently lost his wife, and has been visiting with relatives in West Texas for several weeks.

Mrs. J. A. Guyton accompanied her son, Leighton Guyton of San Antonio, to Waco last Thursday where they were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Guyton. Other guests were Mrs. T. A. Duncan and daughters, Olive and Gloria, of Oklahoma City and Mrs. G. L. Powledge of Dallas, who returned to Hico with Mrs. Guyton for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porter moved back into their residence here last Tuesday. Mrs. Porter, who has been in Fort Worth for the past year with her mother, who recently passed away, returned to Hico last Tuesday accompanied by her sister, Miss Lola Shannon of Fort Worth. They also visited in Hamilton before Miss Shannon returned to her home in Fort Worth.

Miss Pauline Driskell received the following announcement this week: Mr. and Mrs. William Forrest Hooker of Stephenville announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred Helen, to Mr. Albert Martin Swygert on Saturday, the twenty-first of November, nineteen hundred forty-two, Parris Island, South Carolina. Mrs. Swygert, a former resident of Hico, has been librarian at the Naval Base at Parris Island for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Pierce and children, who have been making their home in Marfa for several months, have returned to Hico to make their home, having recently purchased the W. M. Emmons place in the Dry Fork community, formerly owned by Vernon Smith of Waxahachie, Mr. and Mrs. Emmons bought this place last March and moved here from Plainview. They are visiting in San Antonio this week with relatives and have not announced their plans for the future.

A report from the University of Texas this week announced that Miss Mary Ella McCullough, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCullough of Hico, is a Bluebonnet Belle nominee. Each organization: club, dormitory, fraternity or sorority at the University nominates one or more girls for the coveted honor of Bluebonnet Belle. All of the nominees are presented at the annual Round-Up Revue, scheduled next year for April 2. Out of this group less than 15 are selected as Bluebonnet Belles and their identity is not revealed until The Cactus, campus yearbook, is published.

Mrs. Sam Cluck of Hewitt were Thanksgiving guests here with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Bingham.

Share-the-Meat Program Aims At Fair Distribution  
Recently you have been reading about and hearing much over the radio about the national Share the Meat Campaign. The main object of this campaign is to secure the voluntary acceptance of 2 1/2 pounds of certain types of meat per person per week. Conservation of meat is necessary in order to meet the nutritional needs of our armed forces and our allies as well as the civilians.

The restricted meats which the nation is called on to share are pork, beef, veal, lamb, and mutton. Fish, poultry, and organ meats, such as liver, heart, and brains are not included in the weekly personal allowance. These may be used as often as desired.

The 2 1/2 pounds weekly allowance per grown or adolescent person will total 139 pounds dressed meat per person per year. This is an adequate supply according to the Texas Food Standard by the use of some meat extenders and meat substitutes.

Farm families who produce their own meats are asked to participate on the same basis as families who have to buy all their meats. Farm families are urged to begin now to conserve and store their meat supply in order to have meat throughout the year.

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— By —  
Louise Hyles

Rev. Simms will preach at Unity Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night. The public is invited to attend these services.

Roy Adkison and wife and his mother spent Thanksgiving with his sister and family in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hyles and family recently visited her sister in Weatherford, where their brother, Pvt. Frank Hallsback of Camp Howze, joined them; also two other brothers and their families were there. Mrs. Caldwell and two children returned home with them and spent several days.

Lorene Hyles of Buck Springs spent Sunday night with Louise Hyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Amy Hallsback and little daughter, Vada, of Mineral Wells returned home Thursday after a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Fred Hyles, and family.

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WITH THE COLORS (Continued from Page 1)

24th; second mailed 21st, received 25th, which is good mail service. Auburn T. reports he is in fine health and that the camp is very comfortable and the climate agreeable. "Business is very good in Temple," Mr. McFadden added. "We are very comfortably situated here, but we miss our good friends in Hico." A veteran of World War I, the father also sent money for a year's subscription to the paper for his son, as he knows how good the old rag looks to a boy far away from home.

Staff Sgt. Jesse B. Hefner kindly remembers the News Review editor with a Christmas card wishing

"The best of health, the best of wealth, and all the best of cheer—may they be yours this Christmas-time and through the coming New Year." The card was mailed from the U. S. Army Forces in North Africa, and came by air mail.

Texans here. . . This is a pretty country. There are all kinds of tropical trees and fruits here. I went to a boxing match last night. There were eight bouts and one between five Negro boys. I don't know how long I will be here—some think about 6 weeks."

ing or what she was going to do while waiting for the return of her husband, Durward Lane, from foreign service with the Navy. She just had a letter from Durward saying he hadn't received the News Review since he left Rhode Island, but he hopes to have that matter ironed out before Estaleta comes home from an expected visit during the Christmas holidays.

Yankee corporal was really a re-hashing of a story brought back to Hico back in pre-depression days from Cleveland, Ohio, and recounted by Joe Guyton, C. L. Lynch, or some of those wandering sons who sought to impress the natives with tales of their travels. Check up and see, Othar. And don't ever doubt us again.

the reports which advised that he was getting along all right. Needless to say, his visit back home is all the more pleasant on that account. Austin, who has been somewhere in the Southwest Pacific in recent months before returning home, visited in Fort Worth and Grand Prairie Thursday with relatives and today expects a visit here with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Herrington, who plan to come over from Killeen.

each day will be filled with health, happiness and contentment. He cheerful as you go along the way and keep the lights burning until I return." Requesting a subscription entered for him to the Trumpet, the service man instructed his father to send \$5.00 of his money to the church.



DARK LIGHTNING By HELEN TOPPING MILLER W.N.U. FEATURES

CHAPTER VII

SYNOPSIS

Gary Tallman, a young petroleum engineer on his way to a job in Mexico, gets as far as Texas where he is given a ride by Mona Lee Mason. They have an accident, and Gary is seriously injured. Mona Lee takes him to her home. There he finds two reasons for not going on to Mexico—Mona Lee's daughter, Adelaide, and evidence of oil on the Mason ranch. When Harvey Mason, Mona Lee's husband, decides to drill a well, Gary stays on to help. Now he and Mr. Mason have gone to see a man named Harper about supplying water to operate the drilling machines.



"Don't figure to let you have any water," Harper said.

Old man Harper lived in a long, unpainted house with a kind of open hallway through the middle of it. The porch sagged in sad scallops, each depression occupied by a languid, long-tailed dog.

Every dog's tail thumped like a signal drum on the wooden floor as they drove up to the gate, and from within the house a woman's voice called nasally, "Pa, here comes somebody!"

Harvey and Gary waited on the porch, surveyed with weary indifference by the flat eyes of the dogs. Then old man Harper came to the door. He wore cowpoke boots and a wide hat, and his shirt had been ably cost fifty-nine cents, two or three years since.

"Howdy, Harvey." "Hello, Harper," Mason pulled up a chair and sat down between two dogs. "Thought I'd come over to talk over a little piece of business with you."

"If it's about that note," Harper said, "I'm fixing to pay it. When it's due."

"It's not about the note. If you ain't able to pay it—or maybe pay all of it, we can fix that up. What I want to talk about is me running a pipe down here through your pasture and pumping a little water out of that creek. What you figure you'll charge me for running the pipe line, and the water?"

Old Harper did not look up, but there was a glint in his sly and contemptuous twist. "Don't figure to charge ye nothing, Harvey."

"Well, I'll pay you whatever the damages come to."

"Don't figure to charge you nothing," Harper went on in a maddening drawl, "because I don't figure to let you have any water, because I've leased every doggone acre of this place to some fellers down in Corpus Christi. And if there's any more water in that creek than what my cattle can drink, I reckon they'll want it themselves. They're paying me twenty dollars an acre for ten years, and that's more than I can make off a bunch of cows."

Harvey's neck was red and his eyes glared. "Harper," he said, "I sure wish that note was due right now. I'd foreclose and sell you out!"

"Well, it ain't due. And when it comes due I'll have the money to pay it. So looks like there ain't very much you can do. Anyway you got it all right in your own family. It was your son-in-law, Ol Kimball, fixed up the leases for me."

"Who'd you lease to, if it's any of my business?" "It ain't, but I don't mind telling for I reckon you'll find out anyhow. I leased to Grice-Morgan—and if you can get any water out of that outfit, you're a good one."

"Well, I'll get it—if I have to run a pipe plumb to the Gulf of Mexico after it!" Harvey stamped away. He trod viciously on the starter and reared the engine till it roared. "What do you know?" he demanded wrathfully. "That dirty little heel! He comes to my house Sundays and eats my chicken and drinks my liquor, and then he sells me out—like this. Son, if it wasn't for Grace, I'd sure drive into town and give Mr. Oliver Kimball a good poke in the jaw!"

"I'm afraid you won't get any concessions out of that Grice-Morgan outfit," Gary was dubious. "Yeah; I've heard about them—'You might figure on running a pipe line and tapping the city supply—that is, if they'd let you.' 'I'll go talk to 'em. They've got water to sell—they can sell it to me.' 'Do you want me to see about the concrete job? We can put a derrick up without concrete corners and we have to concrete the surface casing in.' 'You said you knew a good outfit.' 'Powers is the best. All new equipment, and they work fast and save you money.' 'Well, you get Addie to take you over to see them.' 'Mr. Mason, why not wait a little? Grice-Morgan may decide to put a test well on Harper's land. If they should do that—and the well same in, you'd know definitely that it was worth while going ahead with this proposition. And if they get a dry hole, you will have saved yourself a lot of trouble and money."

"If they did get a dry hole," argued Harvey stubbornly, "that wouldn't prove that there wasn't oil on my place. Maybe I've got oil and there isn't any on Harper's land. That would be a swell joke on the old buzzard, wouldn't it?"

Already, in his racing imagination, Harvey was completely detached from the present. Adelaide was too busy to drive Gary over into the oil field. "It's the dance at the country club, Gary—the spring dance. It's supposed to be Friday night and I'm on the decorating committee."

Gary grinned. "Now we return to the original question, which is—how am I going to get to east Texas? I could go on the bus but it would take all day to walk around the field after I got there. I'd lose a lot of time."

"Get Mother to drive you over. It would do her good to get out. And don't forget, you're invited to the dance, Gary."

Gary said, a trifle stiffly, "Sorry—I'm afraid I'll be busy." Thinking that his best suit would look shabby at a dance, no matter what a cleaner he could do for it—and, of course, Adelaide would be going with some other fellow—Bob Ferguson, probably.

When the big red concrete machine came roaring up the drive, Harvey had not been able as yet to complete arrangements about water.

Adelaide sat, excitedly, on an overturned chicken coop, watching the forms being put together and the cement poured in. The rigging crew arrived, and Gary watched them piling off the truck, and gave a shout. "Bill Grant, you old son-of-a-gun!"

A tall, bronzed, muscular young fellow took a broad jump off the truck and came running. "Hi—Gary! What the heck are you doing here?" They beat each other on the back and pumped hands, while Adelaide watched.

"Putting down this well, Adelaide, this is Bill Grant, the rottenest football player that ever fumbled a ball. Bill was in school with me. What are you doing with this bunch, Bill?"

"Still sticking 'em up. Worked at it three vacations—then I got out of school and there wasn't any job—so I'm back being a punk again. How do you do, Miss Mason?"

"So nice you know each other. Bring your friend up to the house, Gary, to meet Mother. Were you on the same football team?" "Two years. There was the days, hey, Gary? And now we're dirty working men and the girls don't give us a look. Not that you're doing so bad, though, you mug. He always was a heartbreaker, Miss Mason."

"I can imagine," Adelaide's smile was airy. "I've heard tales about derricks falling down, Mr. Grant. I hope you're going to do a good job on this one?"

"What happened to your shoulder, Gary? You look one-sided." "Motor crank-up. Broke a collar bone. But it's practically well now. I'll be pulling out of here in a few days—for Mexico, probably." He could, he'd show her, be as aloof and airy as she was.

But Adelaide said blandly, "He's just talking. He's not going to Mexico. He's staying here to help my father get out oil." "If he gets oil he won't need any help." "He'll need a couple of rangers to keep the get-rich-quick boys and the promoters off of him," said Bill Grant. "But if he gets a dry hole—"

"Listen, Adelaide. Don't count on me for this dance. I'm all crippled up and I haven't the right clothes—"

"Oh, Gary, don't be such a mug! Why, I turned down half a dozen dates to go to that dance with you. Don't you want to take me?"

"Oh, Great Scott!" he burned with confusion. "Of course I want to! But—I thought you'd have another date—"

"You could ask, couldn't you? I never saw such a stubborn mule as you, Gary Tallman. I have to black-jack you, practically, if I want you to take me places."

Gary drew a long, astonished breath. He would never, he was certain, understand women.

"You're sweet, Gary." She patted his arm and he forbore to wince when she hit a lame spot. "It's too bad you are so awfully dumb!"

The shining steel went up and Gary's heart seemed to soar with it, to weave a glittering web against the April sky. He did not climb, because his grip was still precarious, but he was rigging that derrick in his mind, clinching every bolt, swinging up every humming beam.

At noon he sent word to the house by Slim that he was staying on the job and sat down with the rigging crew to share the lunch that had been brought out in the clattering truck.

Bill Grant had declined the invitation to have lunch at the house, because he was wearing working clothes and hadn't had time to shave for a couple of days.

"If I'd known I was going to meet a girl like that, I'd have put some clean corduroys, and bear's grease on my hair. Some guys have all the luck. This Mason has money, hasn't he? Any man who'll put a wildcat down on his own must have a roll. Maybe I won't go down to the coast. Maybe I'll stick around for that dance. I can always get a job."

And that, Gary thought dubiously, was not such a good idea, either. Gary thought even less of the idea when at night Bill appeared, shaven and spruce, all dressed up in gray slacks and a snappy plaid coat.

They'd been having a nice, quiet game of three-handed rummy when Bill arrived. And in four minutes by Gary's watch, the radio was going and Bill and Adelaide were dancing in the hall, while Mrs. Mason sat and beamed and murmured how much she liked boys and wasn't Gary pleased to see his old college friend again?

"Oh, yes," grumbled Gary, "Bill's all right. He'll get along." "You'll get along, too, Gary. Now, you go straight out and make Adelaide dance with you. I'll get Bill out in the kitchen and make him squeeze lemons."

But Adelaide was out of breath, she protested—and why not everybody go and help squeeze lemons? Harvey came tramping in at eleven o'clock, all aglow, pleased with himself. He banged Gary vigorously on the back. "Well, old croaker, I nailed 'em to the cross! I'm getting my water from town—all I want."

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ramage of Black Stump Valley between Duffau and Iredell where they own ranch property, are two very proud parents this week, all on account of the fact that their oldest son, Lt. Jewel C. Ramage, has just been awarded a silver trophy for having made second highest score in rifle range test in his company. His score of 97 out of a possible 100 shots was especially good since he competed with 100 men in the test. The silver trophy, a rifleman kneeling with gun to shoulder, ready to aim and fire, was won by Lt. Ramage while he was stationed at Fort Warren, Wyo. He received his commission as first lieutenant a few weeks ago and is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. A graduate of John Tarleton College, he afterwards attended Texas A. & M. College. He enlisted in the Army several months ago—Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

Pvt. John H. Munnerlyn, who left recently for induction in the Army, is in the station hospital at Camp Hulen, Tex., according to a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Munnerlyn. "Dear Mother," he wrote, "I had to give up and go to the hospital. They will make an X-ray picture tomorrow, but you don't ever know what is coming when you are in the Army. But they sure treat you nice in here. I don't know where they sent Herman Leach. Just Bill Hulen from Hico. My uniform fits fine and doesn't look bad at all. I haven't had any pictures made yet. I have lost five pounds since I got in the Army, but don't worry about me for the nurse just called me in and told me not to eat anything in the morning, that they would X-ray me. They will help me if they can, and if they can't they will send me home. I feel some better now, for they put me on a milk diet. It is the first milk that I've had since I left home. I might be here a week or so—if I am I'll write you every day for I have nothing else to do. Your son, Johnny."

In renewing his subscription to 119 N. Cleveland St., Sherman, Mrs. Ellis Hackett wrote last week: "I now live in the home of my daughter and her husband, Eugene has enlisted in the Army. He is a private in the Air Corps at Perrin Field, 6 miles from Sherman, and gets to come home every Sunday. My son-in-law has enlisted in the Army Air Forces at Santa Ana, Calif. We still enjoy the paper."

"Dear Editor: At last I have the goods on you—so you are a fake," writes our perennial correspondent now turned critic, in the person of Staff Sgt. Othar S. Carlton, stationed at the Glider Pilots Pool, Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. But before jumping at conclusions like the tough sergeant did, go ahead and see what his criticism is, and listen to the editor's explanation.

"Printing something that was not original! Oh, you had me guessing, but I should have known. I have been checking up on you and I have all the dope concerning that large hangar. It was written as a 'tall tale' by Cpl. H. M. Lamb from Foster Field in Victoria, Texas. From now on let's keep our yarns original."

If our former caddy would keep his head out of Life Magazine and a few other high-brow publications and listen exclusively to the News Review gospel, he would know that he hasn't a thing on us. What he thought was an original 'tall tale' claimed by the impotuous

Sgt. Tommie A. Hoffman, who is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., spent Thanksgiving Day here with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Marcum, and family. He left Friday for Loveland, Colo., where he will spend the remainder of his furlough with his wife and little son, John Thomas.

Pvt. Clifford Malone, who is stationed at Camp Wolters, spent the week end here with his wife and other relatives. He was accompanied as far as Mineral Wells Sunday night by Mrs. Malone and Mr. and Mrs. George Christopher.

Pvt. Jess W. Trantham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Trantham, Hico Route 3, was inducted into the Army Nov. 11, and was sent to Camp Wolters, near Mineral Wells. His parents received a letter from him last week from Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, and he said he liked just fine only it sure was cold up north.

Mrs. Roline Forgy spent Sunday in Waco with her husband, erstwhile News Review printer and advertising manager, who is training at the Waco Army Flying Field.

Pvt. Frank Fallis returned to duty Wednesday after spending his furlough here with his wife and at Clifton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fallis. Frank has been stationed at Chigs Field, near El Paso, but is being transferred to Alamogordo, New Mexico. Mrs. Fallis, who spent several weeks with her husband while he was in El Paso, remained here for the present.

Three copies of the "Kodak Bear" dated Fort Greely, Alaska, and bearing the penciled name Powers on the address margin, have arrived at the News Review office and are being looked over appreciatively by the editor and others. The wrapper bore the name of a certain second lieutenant whom none of us could quite place within our acquaintance, but later research developed the theory that the real sender was one Joe Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers of Hico, who is stationed somewhere in Alaska with the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Vernon Brewer reported this week that he had successfully passed his examinations at Waco for enlistment in the Navy, and that he had been ordered to report at Dallas next Tuesday for final physical examination, successful passing of which would send him immediately to a naval training station, probably at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson have received a letter from their son, Tech. W. R. Johnson, passed by censor and sent air mail through the postmaster at New York. "My letter will necessarily be short," young Johnson wrote, "because there isn't much I can write about. But in these few lines I wish to drop a word of love to all of you back home, hoping indeed that

Pvt. James A. Smithwick, writing last week to Cecil Segrist, advised that he was still on this side of the pond, in spite of reports he had heard of from Hico that he had gone across. He is with the Army Air Forces at Middle River, Maryland, and says he finds the work very interesting. In fact so interesting that he plans to make it his career. He is looking forward to a rating after he finishes school, at which he is taking special instruction on the B-26, which he describes as one of the best medium bombers in the world. Pvt. Smithwick says he has gotten out of touch with the folks back home, and would like to hear from some of them. Those interested may obtain his present address from Cecil Segrist at the confectionery.

Those who visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Howle Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. John Howle and her mother, Mrs. McDowell and daughter, Perry Lee, all of Duffau; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tidwell, Iredell; and Mr. and Mrs. John Thornton and family of near Hico.

Mrs. Hugh Harris and Mrs. Carl Jaehne visited Mrs. Harrison Holland Monday.

Tressie Perkins is spending the week with Mrs. Fannie Sawyer who lives in Iredell. Mrs. W. D. Perkins and Mrs. Pat Morris were in Hico Monday.

Hubert Austin Fellers, seaman second class at the time of Pearl Harbor and reported killed in action in an official communication from the Navy Department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fellers, is home on a short furlough. First reports were later corrected, and the sailor's family and many friends have rejoiced greatly at

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# Your BRAIN BUDGET

1—Which one of these nations has Britain been allied with since 1822: (a) Portugal, (b) Spain, (c) Denmark, (d) Sweden?

2—One of the following is the name of an officer who carried secret messages to North Africa for General Eisenhower before the U. S. invasion. Which is the correct one: (1) Lieutenant General Drummond, (2) Lieutenant General Clark, (3) Colonel Dawson, (4) Captain Garcia?

3—Most of the inhabitants of French Morocco are Moslems, Berbers and Arabs. What is the population of French Morocco: (1) 3,500,000, (2) more than 5,000,000, (3) less than 1,000,000, (4) about 2,000,000?

4—What year was it that the American Navy first sailed into the port of Algiers to eliminate the pirates infesting the place: (1) 1812, (2) 1776, (3) 1795, (4) 1865?

5—One of the following is the approximately correct number of 4-H club members in the U. S. Which one is it: (1) 750,000, (2), 900,000, (3) 1,400,000, (4) 1,500,000?

**ANSWERS**

- 1—Portugal.
- 2—Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark.
- 3—More than five million.
- 4—1795.
- 5—(4) 1,500,000 4-H'ers.

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# This WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWSN)—With rationing now covering enough products so that it has become a real concern of millions of people, the Office of Price Administration here, which controls rationing, is being flooded with problems of major proportions.

Once more the OPA has learned that any announcement of a shortage leads to immediate rush buying and thus hastens the shortage. Even in the case of butter, a product on which it would be foolish to hoard because of spoilage, the announcement of the freezing of 50 per cent of the nation's butter reserves brought an overnight buying surge and consequently an overnight scarcity in retail stores.

The machinery for rationing food products, such as coffee and sugar, is now operating quite smoothly. With each new product there are difficulties in getting the rationing into operation, particularly because of misunderstandings or lack of information among the people, but once the issue is clarified the coupon system seems to work well.

The greatest problems still are concerned with gasoline rationing, since many rackets have developed for illegal sales of gasoline and there is a general opposition to the whole program among certain groups of people. In the states where gasoline is plentiful, it is difficult for the people to see why they should be rationed, even though they do understand that the purpose of it is to preserve tires.

The unwillingness of the people of the Midwest to agree to gasoline rationing is quite understandable in those states, but it has created a strong inter-sectional conflict, both in congress and among the people. The easterners, who have been rationed on gasoline for many months, and are now having their rations cut still further, feel that the midwesterners are showing an unpatriotic attitude in resisting rationing. The people in the gasoline states, on the other hand, can't see why the easterners can't be good sports about it and accept rationing of gasoline without insisting that it be nation-wide.

The gasoline problem is particularly difficult for the government to handle to the satisfaction of all for everyone realizes there is plenty of gasoline in this nation to supply all war needs and all civilian needs. Gasoline is rationed in the East because of transportation problems as well as to save rubber, whereas in the West the only reason is to save rubber. The government has still avoided the question around which most of the confusion exists—that is, whether each family is supposed to preserve its tires entirely for its own personal use, or whether confiscation of tires for necessary uses is a possibility.

Although rationing and shortages are changing many of our living habits and eating habits, conditions continue to be better than usual in this country due to the fact that the national income is greater than ever before in history. But that very fact—and the fact that national income will be even greater next year—is a constant source of worry in Washington. It is estimated that in 1943, in spite of high taxes and increased savings by the people, the expendable income will be at least \$15,000,000,000 greater than the value of goods available for purchase. This was true to some extent in 1942, but stores and factories unloaded a large supply of merchandise they had on hand. In 1943, when the surpluses are exhausted, the people will really feel the strange condition of being unable to spend all of their money. This condition could lead to serious inflation, in spite of all the price ceilings and other restrictions.

The government, therefore, feels that it is necessary to work out still more ways to drain off excess income from the people and will probably put through still more taxes, or at least a plan for enforced savings. There is no doubt that the treasury will have great difficulty in collecting, during 1943, the heavy taxes already imposed, but while they are working out that problem they will consider it necessary to recommend still further plans for collecting additional funds. Probably a plan to force people to put a percentage of their incomes in war bonds will be the outcome.

Because the government is collecting such huge amounts of money from the people, the mail of most congressmen indicates a greater public interest than there has ever been in how that money is being expended. The people have no objection to the use of unlimited funds for the purchase of war equipment, but when they hear that almost 3,000,000 people are now on the government payroll, they want to know why that force cannot be cut down.

In addition to complaints about there being too many people being employed by the government for non-war purposes, there is also an increasing demand to know why it is necessary for the army and navy departments to employ a million and a half of non-uniformed personnel.

Two committees are now investigating the cost of government in order to make recommendations for cutting those costs down. But, because of the confusion over the activities of so many branches of the government, no matter what is suggested it is likely that the number of government employees will increase rather than decrease in 1943.

The area of Texas is 263,644 square miles of land and 3,695 square miles of inland water surface, according to a revised figure of the U. S. Bureau of Census issued April 11, 1941.

## War Motif in Boys' Club Pet Show



Blue-blooded stock is conspicuous by its absence at the Madison Square Boys' club, New York, but there is plenty of affection existing between the exhibitors and the exhibits. This year the war is reflected in the Boys' club presentation. Each exhibitor turned up with his pet representing some rank in the army or navy, or one of the organizations aiding in the war effort. Here Albert B. Hines, a director, looks over part of the field of entries.

## The Mirror

**SENIOR NEWS**

All of the "Smart Seniors" are surely glad six weeks' tests are over, but we all passed them. You should know that, (Pretty conceited, aren't we?)

We have interviewed some boys out of our class, now we will pick out some girls. First it will be Margie Lea Parker. Margie Lea lives about 4 miles out in the country. O. K., Margie, let's go.

Food? Chicken (the neck).

Subject? Not any. (Teachers, don't read this).

Sport? Basketball.

Hobby? A certain Senior boy. Song? "White Christmas."

Boy friend? Although a little boy from Louisiana sorta likes her, she still likes a Senior boy.

(Couldn't be Stanley, could it, Margie? She says it not only could, but is.)

Margie Lea is 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, is 16 years old and is one of our many popular Seniors. She has pretty "brown" hair and, oh, those dreamy blue eyes! She also is an all-around student.

**ADDLED ANSWERS**

Since six weeks' tests are just over, we wish to present, as a special feature of the Mirror, answers returned on examination papers. We picked one from several subjects but for the sake of the students, we abstain from telling who said what.

History: Tell all you know about the French Revolution. I don't know anything about it; I had the mumps during the French Revolution.

Math: What is trigonometry? It is when a lady marries three men at the same time.

English: Define the first person. Adam.

Literature: Tell all you know about Milton. Milton wrote "Paradise Lost"; then his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained."

Home Economics: How can you keep milk from souring? To keep milk from turning sour, you should keep it in the can.

Science: What happens when you stroke a cat's back? It cocks its tail up like a ruler, so you can't go no further.

**JUNIOR NEWS**

We all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays. They were especially welcome after six weeks' tests. We are also glad to be through with our six weeks' tests. I think most of the grades were favorable this time. The only trouble is that the boys seem to be beating the girls in Geometry.

The third community meeting, was held last Wednesday night in the High School Auditorium. There was a chili supper in the lunchroom, and then a program was presented in the auditorium. Several high school girls sang during the program.

**SOPHOMORE NEWS**

The Sophs enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving holiday. Several students living in other towns, who were in our class before they moved, visited in Hico. Jane Latham was a guest in the home of Mary Jane Barrow, and Thomas Ray Coston of Clifton visited with friends here.

A number of Sophs celebrated Thanksgiving with a wicker roast at Virginia Costen's home. Investigation after the bonfire was built revealed the fact that we had overlooked a minor detail—the winners. We therefore proceeded to be very thankful for an abundant supply of mustard and marshmallows.

Six weeks' test Algebra grades turned out very nicely. Roughly outlined, here they are: Failing, all; passing, Mrs. Segrest.

**FACTS AND FEATURES**

1. We notice that Don is limping this morning. After inquiring, we were told that he received his injury while trying to escape from the girl who is always pursuing him.

2. George was certainly unhappy over the holidays, as Jimmie Ruth was out of town.

3. Mary Nell Jones is sorta sad this morning since the cute blonde from Clifton has gone home.

4. Paul Kenneth certainly seems to be a ladies' man. He says, "I'm short, but sweet."

5. Jane Latham seems to like

our little city a lot. She spent the holidays here.

6. Why are Mildred R. and Patsy Pinson always distressed at the social gatherings?

7. Don't feel bad if you see a couple of H. H. S. boys with dresses on. They're getting mighty tired of seeing the girls wear khaki pants, overalls, blue jeans, etc.

8. Owen and Odell Welborn were back in Hico last week. We were glad to see you, boys.

9. A bunch of Senior girls were seen sweating over a Bookkeeping test. What's the matter, girls?

**FRESHMAN NEWS**

Everyone seems to have had a good time over the holidays.

We are wondering how our report cards are going to look. A little better, we hope.

It seems as if Sharlie has a new boy friend. How about it, kid? Is that right?

Blondie seemed like she was getting along fine Saturday night. Keep trying—you'll get him yet.

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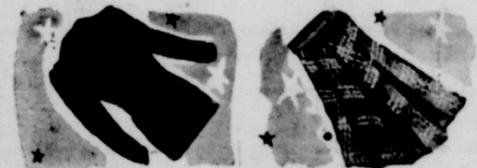
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