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Today and Tomorrow by DON ROBINSON

TALENTS . . . babies

From the time a baby boy becomes old enough to talk most parents begin looking for signs of what he is apt to be when he grows up. If Junior starts marking the wall paper with crayons his mother is sure to feel that there is a budding artist in the family. If he chews on a monkey-wrench his father will hopefully buy him a set of tools of his own in order to encourage his mechanical leanings, and if he goes after the cat with a knife the parents begin thumbing through medical school catalogs.

A few years later come periods of disillusionment when the budding artist fails in his drawing class in school, the promising young mechanic breaks his tools in a fit of rage over not being able to fix anything, and the born surgeon faints at the sight of blood.

Parents are notoriously over-eager in jumping to conclusions about the talents of their children and many are also over-zealous in trying to interest their offspring in the things that interest them. We sometimes hear of a doctor's son becoming a good doctor or of a lawyer's son becoming an outstanding lawyer, but these cases are exceptional. In the majority of cases the talents of children differ widely from those of their parents and can only be discovered after a long period of trial and error.

SPECIALISTS . . . doctors

But, although it is probably inadvisable to push children into adopting interests which later prove to be foreign to their make-up, it is also becoming increasingly important to expose them to as many fields of interest as possible so that their true leanings can be discovered at an early age.

For there is no doubt that, when the present young hopefuls grow up, we will have reached an age of specialization undreamed of in the past. To succeed in that age of specialization a young man will need to be an authority on something—even though it may be a thing of minor importance.

There are still plenty of family doctors, for example, who cope with all diseases, and all types of surgery, but in another 20 years, the medical profession agrees, most all young doctors will have a specialty. In the smaller towns it will still be necessary to have some doctors who can cover a multitude of complaints, but even there, with improvements in rapid transportation, the people will be educated to go to city specialists for serious troubles.

And, just as there may be one group of doctors trained to specialize in nose troubles, another group in throat troubles, another group in ulcer operations and still another group in heart ailments this same trend toward specialization will be noticeable in all fields—whether it is law, farming, store-keeping or selling.

FARMERS . . . start

A professor in an agricultural college told me, half humorously, that he could foresee the time when farming would reach the point where one farmer could grow tomatoes to the stage where they were green and would then turn the field over to another who was an expert on turning them red.

Farm specialization may not go quite that far, but it seems highly probable that the general farm, which includes cows, chickens, pigs and vegetables, will soon be a thing of the past. For farmers will find it more economical to spend all of their time specializing in the department they know best and like best. The dairyman will devote all of his attention to cows and buy his pork from the farmer who specializes in pigs, his chickens from the man who is strictly a poultry farmer and his vegetables from a truck farmer.

So parents who want to give their children every possible opportunity to make good must probe deeper and deeper into their interests. If Junior actually does prove to be handy with tools and shows promise of being an expert mechanic, it must then be determined just what form of mechanical work appeals to him most. If, on the other hand, he performs a successful operation on the cat at an early age, the search must go on to discover into what department of surgery his particular leanings can best be cataloged.

The schools will be called upon more and more to cater to specialization and to analyze the special interests of students, but the parents who can actually determine their children's true leanings at an early age will be able to give them a headstart which will be invaluable to them.



BEIN' ENGAGED TEN YEARS MAKES ZEB'S GAL FRIEND SO DARN MAD SHE COULD GIVE HIM BACK TH' ENGAGEMENT RING. . . . EFFEN HE HAD ONLY GIVEN HER ONE. . . .

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Mayor J. C. Barrow Makes Statement At Start of New Term

Hico city council met in called session Monday night, April 10, for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring results of the city election held April 4. The returns showed the following to be elected: For Mayor, J. C. Barrow; for Aldermen, J. V. Lackey, J. W. Parsons, and Roy French. There were 53 votes cast, with no opposing votes.

After being duly sworn into their respective offices by Mrs. J. R. McMillan, city secretary, the mayor then appointed the following committees:

Street Committee—J. C. Prater, J. V. Lackey, Webb McEver.
Water Committee—J. V. Lackey, Webb McEver, J. C. Prater.
Sanitary Committee—Webb McEver, J. W. Parsons, Roy French.
Park Committee—Roy French, J. C. Prater, J. W. Parsons.
Ordinance Committee—J. W. Parsons, J. V. Lackey, Roy French.
Finance Committee—J. V. Lackey, J. W. Parsons, Webb McEver.

In this connection may I make the following statement relative to city affairs. As a city council ours is the governing body, rather than the promoting of any special interest, yet it behooves the council to work in harmony with the securing and keeping of any worthy enterprise.

As to the importance of these committees, there are no first or seconds. They are all important. At this time I call your attention to the street committee. They have a very limited amount of funds. Two years ago we found the street fund \$1,778.43 in the red. This deficit has been taken care of and we now have some money in this fund. This amount, let us assure the citizens, we shall try to spend where it will do the most people the most good.

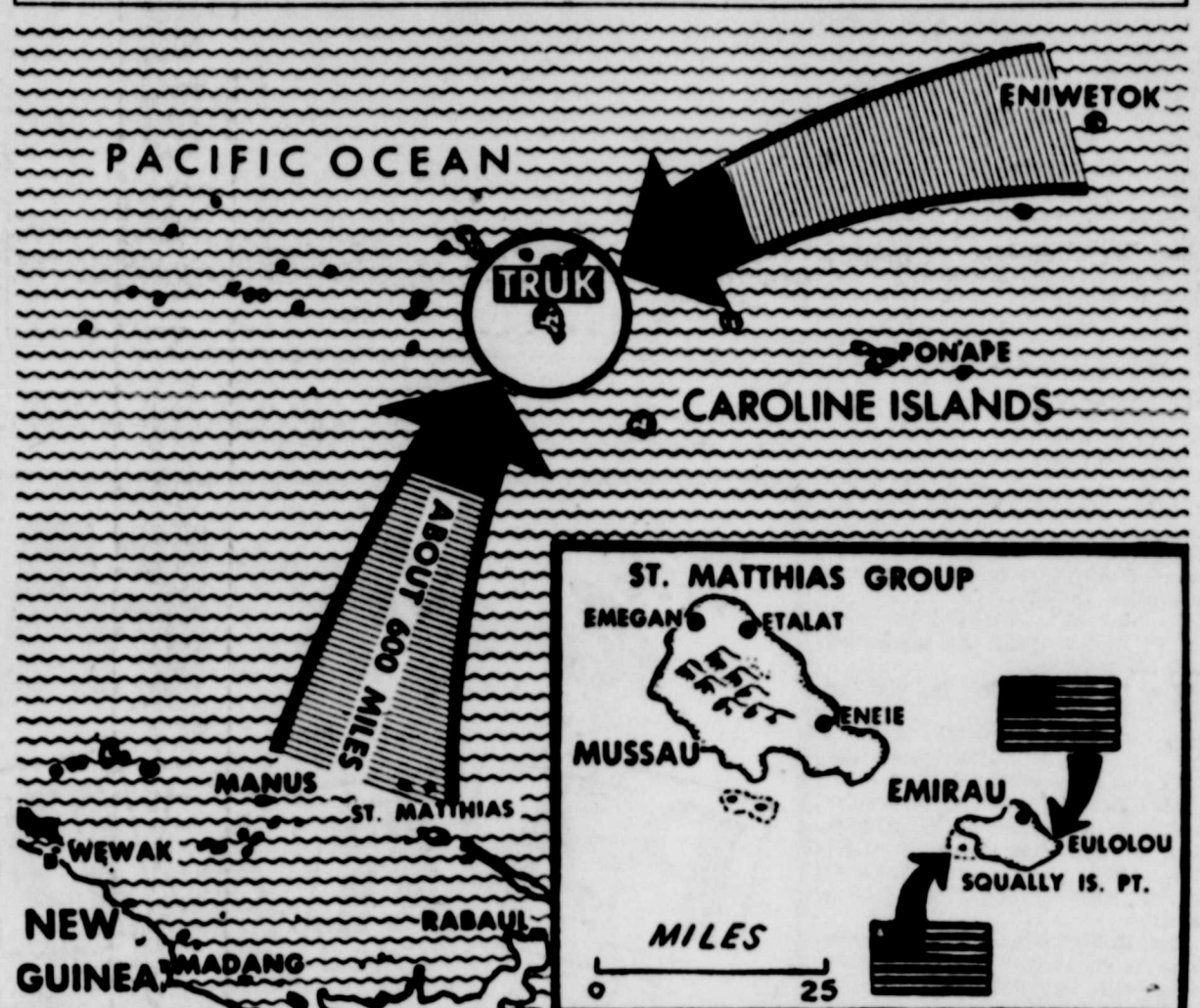
The street committee has authority over all streets and alleys. I find, and you will find, that there is a disposition on the part of some citizens to close up some alleys to suit their own convenience. This is wrong and is a positive violation of city and state laws. Alleys are public property, and you have no right to put a fence across an alley, even though it is seldom used. On behalf of this committee, and myself, I ask for your cooperation in this matter. Please help us not only to keep the alleys open, but to keep them clean. Please do not use the alley for a dump ground.

Another trouble we sometimes have is from putting trash in the gutters. This stops up the culverts and water is thrown out on the streets. When you mow your lawn, please do not put the grass in the gutter.

Please bear in mind that labor is scarce and that material is high. For this reason we can only do the best we can with the means at our command.

J. C. BARROW.

U. S. Marines Move Closer to Truk



Edging closer to Truk with the successful landing of U. S. Marines on the islands of the St. Matthias group, the United States now is in possession of an air field less than 600 miles from the huge Jap base. American occupation of the islands located just north of Kavieng also completes the encirclement of the Bismarck sea area in which the Manus island victory recently played an important part. Inset is a closeup of the seized area and points of landing.

Fifteen Firemen Met Monday For Practice, Business

The Hico Volunteer Fire Department met in regular session Monday night, April 10, with 15 members present. Practice was exercised by the company before the business meeting.

Inspection sheets were turned in by H. E. O'Neal on the Fowell building, and by Jesse Bobo on the Katy depot. Fighting fires in these particular buildings was discussed, and also the possibility of sending men to College Station to the annual firemen's school.

Ernie Lester's application for membership was held over for the next regular meeting.

The fire department takes this opportunity to thank J. C. Rodgers for the check he gave in response to a fire call to one of his rent houses last Sunday afternoon. No damage was done.

REPORTER.

Flower Exhibit and Silver Tea Sunday At Stephenville

The St. Luke's Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary of Stephenville will hold its Second Annual Silver Tea, Iris and Flower Exhibit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Everett, 295 East Benton, one block south of the Long Hotel, next Sunday, April 16, from 4 to 6 p. m.; also an Italian Exhibit from the collection of Mrs. William Spurlock, sent to her by her husband from the battle fronts in the European area.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are hoping their friends will respond as they did last year in sending in flower arrangements and helping to make this exhibit as successful as it was last year.

There will be over 100 different varieties of irises in bloom, with many other flowers on display. The public is cordially invited.

G. D. EVERETT, Jr., Stephenville Agent.

Need Growing For Hospital Corpsmen In Naval Reserve

With the need for hospital corps personnel becoming more and more acute as the war draws closer to its climactic stage, the Dallas Navy recruiting district currently is emphasizing a program for the recruitment of 17-year-old boys as hospital corpsmen, Lt. Comdr. L. H. Ridout Jr., officer in charge, announced today.

Seventeen-year-olds may volunteer immediately, and if the applicant has a reasonable education and adaptability for the work, he will be enlisted directly in the U. S. Naval Reserve as hospital apprentice, second class. This is equivalent to the army rating of private first class, an unusually good beginning for the youth going into the service of his country.

Boys interested in serving in the hospital corps are invited to visit Room 438, fourth floor, of the Post office building, Dallas, or Navy recruiting stations in Abilene, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Lubbock, San Angelo, Wichita Falls, Paris, Sherman, Tyler, Longview, Waco.

Hospital corpsmen are members of the crews of every type of Navy vessel and amphibious forces. They are taught how to give first-aid, rescue survivors, drive ambulances, assist at sick call, dispense medicines, type medical records, manage diet kitchens, assist at surgical operations, care for the sick and injured, receive and issue medical stores, and perform many other vital duties.

As a hospital corpsman, the young man can prepare for such civilian jobs after the war as dental technician, first-aid man, food inspector, medical technologist, nurse, physiotherapist, sanitation, X-ray technologist, and many others, Comdr. Ridout pointed out.

Shows Spars



Esther Williams, former national swimming champion, now of the Rims, shows SPARS at Los Angeles her water wares. Here she demonstrates right way to execute the crawl stroke.

WITH THE COLORS

RECENTLY DECORATED FLIER REPORTED INJURED OVER ENGLAND IN ACTION MARCH 9

Mrs. Calvin Diltz of Flagstaff, Ariz., has written her brother, O. O. Pollard, that she had received a message from the War Department stating that her son, Maun Ray Diltz, had been injured on March 9, over England, "more information to follow," and would also send his new address. Sgt. Diltz, who is a bombardier, had completed 50 missions about two months ago, and was recently decorated, Mr. Pollard said. His wife lives in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Pollard received word from her nephew, 1st Sgt. Reginald Henley, somewhere in England, that he had been sent to a hospital for a rest after serving two years with an infantry unit in North Africa and other points in the European Theatre of Operations. Two other nephews, all sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Henley of Stephenville, are in the service. Second Lieut. R. O. Henley, who was reported missing in action July 25, 1943, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was a navigator on a bomber based in England. And Pvt. Olive Norris Henley is stationed with a medical detachment at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

THE BOYS WERE HOLDING THE ANZIO BEACH-HEAD WHEN HICO BOY WROTE

Italy
March 6, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, Dearest Mom and Pop: Nightfall is fast approaching and it brings to a close another busy day on the Anzio beach-head. There is always some work to do, since I am in the maintenance section. As a general rule my work is in the rear of the front lines, but wherever duty calls I try to have faith and confidence that God will see me through.

Received your letter of Feb. 16, and was so glad to hear from you again. Also got a long letter from Bro. Monroe, and one from Herman Leach. I'm doing fine.

The Germans haven't pushed us into the sea, as they boasted they were going to.

Love,
RAY.

(Cpl. W. R. Johnson)

PURPLE HEART ADDED TO AWARDS GIVEN LOCAL BOY

Sgt. Lonnie Redden, who recently was awarded the Silver Star and jumped from private first class to his present rating for his aid in destruction of a machinegun nest with the Fifth Army in Italy, has received another award. His uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brunson, have received the Purple Heart which he received for wounds received in action with the same outfit he was serving in when the previous award was made.

Mrs. Brunson said her nephew, who lived with them before entering the service, said he didn't have much room to carry things around, so sent the medal home. He has now returned to the front, he wrote, after recovery from wounds received in action on the 30th of January, this year.

FORMER BAPTIST PASTOR WRITES HOME PAPER TO THANK HIS MANY FRIENDS

Chaplain School
Harvard University, Sec. 3
Cambridge 3, Mass.
7 April 1944

Dear Mr. Holford:

I arrived in Boston 22 March and haven't had time since to really find out the score. The school here is fine and most enjoyable and certainly confining—we must stay busy many hours each day. The men who instruct us are both military and spiritual in their discourses. We have a wonderful atmosphere and the morale is high.

I miss Hico and all the fine folk there. I had not realized how much I really loved "The Heart of Hospitality" on the "Banks of the Beautiful Bosque" until I left. May I take this means to say to each one of the folk there, "My prayers for God and best wishes for your continued happiness and welfare is paramount in my thoughts each day. You contributed unto my well-being and helped to make those two years the happiest in my ministry and I shall never forget those fine favors and kindnesses unto wife and me."

I have received many fine letters from you wishing me well, and may I thank each of you for these kind words.

To those in service from Hico.

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A Success Motto:
"Never forget a Customer . . . and never let him forget you."

HUGE PROPERTY LOSS, ONE DEATH FROM TORNADO

Storm Takes Big Toll At Pottsville and Surrounding Area Early Saturday Night

Lower Hamilton county was visited last Saturday night by what has been described as the worst disaster in its history when a cyclone swept the little village of Pottsville and the Aleman and Blue Ridge communities. The twister cut a path about two miles wide and some 15 miles long, leveling homes, barns, fences, and other houses to the ground.

Glenda Jean, 8-months-old daughter of Cpl. A. D. Glover Jr., now in the New Guinea area, was torn from the arms of her mother by the wind and was found dead some hours later a short distance from what had been their home.

The Hamilton Herald-News said that five other persons in the Pottsville area were injured. The most severely hurt was Mrs. A. D. Glover Jr., mother of Glenda Jean, who suffered several broken ribs and severe bruises. Others treated in a Hamilton hospital and by local doctors were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moore, aged parents of County Clerk Ira Moore, Mrs. Otto Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Glover Sr., and Juan June Glover, 13, who suffered a broken arm. A Mr. Klatt from the Aleman community was also injured.

According to the survey taken by Red Cross relief authorities, 14 houses, 34 barns, and 57 other buildings including chicken houses were totally destroyed. Fifty houses, 32 barns and 40 other buildings were damaged, some almost total losses. Sixteen head of cattle were killed, 16 goats, two hogs, 64 sheep, and approximately 5,000 poultry were lost.

The heaviest losses outside of buildings, the Hamilton paper said, was found in windmills. Most of them were destroyed, causing water shortages. Fences ranked next. T. D. Craddock, county agent, says the damage from hail is not as great as was at first feared.

Recovery is reported to have been rapid, considering the plight in which most victims were left.

Housewives Warned To Take Good Care Of All Ration Books

Housewives were advised today by Jess Brown, chairman of the Hamilton War Price and Rationing Board, to take good care of War Ration Book Four and to keep War Ration Book Three in a safe place.

For the first time since rationing began a year ago, all buying of rationed foods is now done from one ration book—Book Four—and that book will be in use about three times as long as earlier food books, the chairman said.

Applications are received frequently by the local War Price and Rationing board from persons who want their ration books replaced for various reasons, said Mr. Brown.

Since no more ration books are to be printed soon, the replacement of damaged or lost books may become increasingly difficult. To be on the safe side, therefore, the chairman explained, ration book holders should take special precautions against loss or undue wear on their War Ration Books Four. The longer life of War Ration Book Four is made possible by the use of 10-point stamps and tokens under the program which began February 27, he pointed out.

Bring War Souvenirs To C. P. S. Co. Office For Window Display

Community Public Service Company employees have started another very interesting display in their show window at the local office, composed of souvenirs sent home by men in the service.

If you will drop by and take a look at this window you will probably decide you have a souvenir, sent to you by some man in service, which you will want to put on display.

The sponsors of this civic enterprise are very anxious to have souvenirs from all parts of the world and the items will be well taken care of and returned to the owner at any time upon request, according to Ollie Davis, manager of the local office.

Winchell and Dies After Air Addresses



Walter Winchell, New York columnist, left, and Rep. Martin Dies (D.) of Texas, chairman of a committee on un-American activities, meet following their controversial addresses to a nationwide radio audience. Here the pair air further views as sequel to broadcasts—before another audience.

IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Evelyn Wittman of Cranfill's Gap spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Koonsman.

Mrs. Ruby Proffitt and son of Dublin spent Tuesday night with her sister, Mrs. Strange.

May Marie Royal of McGregor spent the past week end in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ella Mae Hensley.

Mrs. Ella Duncan and Mrs. Virginia Edwards and baby of Dallas spent the past week end in the home of Mr. Locker.

Mrs. Charlie Adkinson has returned from a visit with relatives in Matador.

Susie Freeman spent the week end in Dallas with her mother, Mrs. Wingren.

Mr. George Hindman, who has been in Canada for some time, came in this week to visit his wife and daughter of whom he had never seen.

Miss Vickie Waldrip of Knox City was here Saturday afternoon. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hoyt, of Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis visited relatives in Fort Worth this week. Mrs. Davis returned, and he stayed for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons of near Cranfill's Gap were here Saturday afternoon.

James Phillips, who is in John Tarleton at Stephenville, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. and Mrs. O'Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Douglas and sons who are on Lamb's Ranch were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Click of Fort Worth and Mrs. Millin of Glen Rose were recent guests of Mrs. Ratliff. Mrs. Millin is her mother and Mrs. Click, her sister.

Mrs. W. B. Perkins was taken to a hospital in Brownwood and operated on. Her husband is with

her. She is very ill, not much hopes of recovery. It is hoped by her friends she will recover.

Mrs. Fanny Sawyer has returned from Brownwood where she has been with Mrs. Perkins.

Bascom Mitchell Jr., who is in John Tarleton, spent the week end at home.

Wyvonne Polnac and her brother, Jerald, of Dallas spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Polnac, and other relatives.

Pvt. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson of Fort Worth spent the past week end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Adkinson and son of Fort Worth spent the past week end with his mother, Mrs. T. M. Tidwell.

Word was received here that Jack, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williamson, was reported missing in action. Their friends extend to them their sympathy.

Harris Tidwell, who is in the navy and stationed at New York, is home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell.

Mrs. Maye Russell of Spring Creek community visited Mrs. T. M. Tidwell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Birdall of Matador are visiting their sister, Mrs. Charlie Adkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Tidwell spent Sunday in Hamilton.

Mrs. Anganell Carpenter and children of Clifton spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Locker.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Curtis of Grand Prairie spent the week end here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pike and son of Dallas spent the week end with his parents.

Mrs. G. W. Chaffin is visiting her children in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell McAden and daughter of Dallas spent the week end here with relatives.

Miss Sue Whitley of McGregor spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitley.

Mrs. Billy Joe Pylant and son of San Antonio are visiting his parents.

Mrs. Robert Kincannon and baby came in Sunday from West Texas to be with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Perkins, at a hospital in Brownwood. Some of the folks took her up there.

Mrs. Long of Bluff Dale spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. French and

Mrs. Sally French spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Myers of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Turner and their son, Edward, and wife and baby, all of Dallas, spent the week end with his mother and sister, Mrs. Schumacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris and sons of Fort Worth spent the week end with relatives.

Robert Myers of Fort Worth spent Sunday night and part of Monday here.

Mrs. Spencer of Hico spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. John Tidwell.

Pvt. Ralph Yokum of Camp Wolters spent the week end with his mother.

Lieut. and Mrs. G. W. Mingus and son, who are in camp in Colorado, are here on a furlough to his parents and other relatives.

Pvt. William T. Greenwade of Camp Fannin spent the week end with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. James Porter of Fort Worth spent the week end here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shields of Dublin spent Sunday with his sisters, Mrs. Ida Bryan and Mrs. Walter Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Royal of Brownwood spent the week end here with relatives.

Mrs. D. W. Appleby, who has been working in McGregor, has

moved here to the house vacated by Mrs. Plummer. Dick will continue to work in McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey took the Senior Class to Dallas Sunday morning and returned Monday.

Lawrence Raye Harper of Dallas spent the week end here.

The mother of Mrs. Forrest Landis of Midland visited here this week.

Miss Pauline Greenwade is at home for a few days.

A very good crowd attended the Easter service at the Methodist church Sunday. All enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. Emma Houston, who has been in Stephenville Hospital since Sept. 24, 1943, returned home Saturday. A Mrs. Sutt of Stephenville is with her. Mrs. Houston is very much improved, and sure looks well. Her host of friends are sure glad she is back home.

After a visit to her mother, Mrs. Schumacher, Mrs. Frank Weade has returned to Camp Wolters to be with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Tidwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harper at Walnut Springs Wednesday night.

Mr. Will Plummer, who has been ill for some time, died Monday afternoon in the Stephenville Hospital. Will have a more extensive write-up next week.

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★ It's imperative that we in this section get started on a constructive poultry program in order that we may prevent a very definite shortage of poultry and poultry products which will appear if we are not careful before the end of this year. Springtime is chick and poult time. We are anxious to tell far-sighted poultry raisers about baby chicks and poults and Burrus Texo Feeds. We pledge you that there will be feed for your feeding needs, and assure you of our continued cooperation in your efforts with these important food crops. Let's talk it over!



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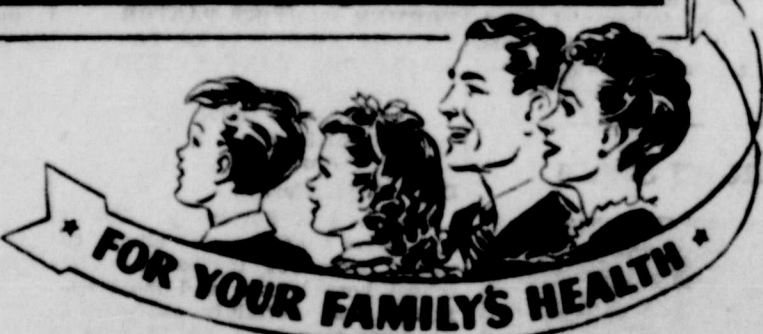
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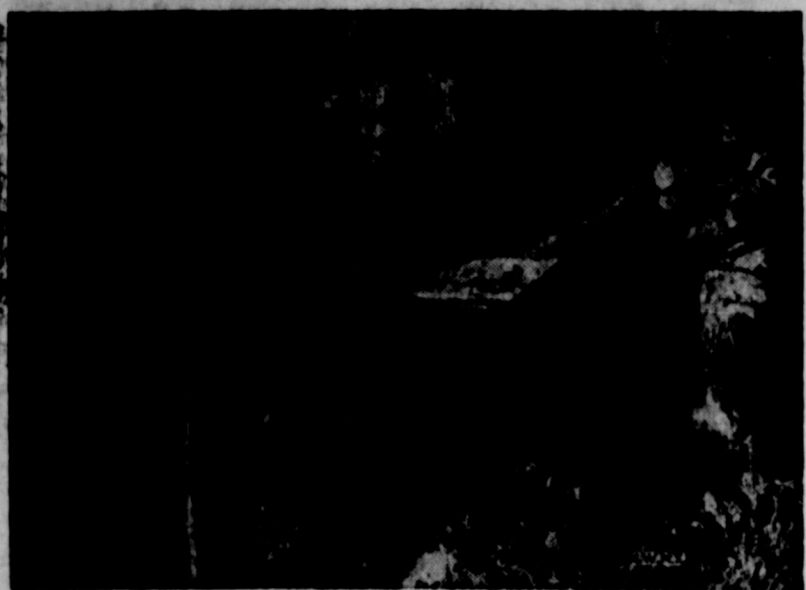
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The Mirror

Published by Students of Hico High School

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Senior Elva Jo Rainwater Sophomore Paul Wolfe
Junior Patsy Pinson Freshman Frances Angell

SENIOR NEWS

The Seniors are working very hard on their play this week, along with studying on six weeks' examinations.

Jimmie received a picture of Moody with his uniform on. He was with the rest of his class. We are really proud of Moody and he certainly looked nice in his uniform.

We had another sailor classmate home this week end. Everyone was very happy to see Claude Barnett in town Saturday.

Also Mary Emma Lewis was here visiting her parents this week end. Mary Emma is going to school in Fort Worth now and we certainly miss her being here with us.

Wyvonne enjoyed a large chicken banquet Friday evening at the F. F. A. Father-Son Banquet. Being the sweetheart of the F. F. A. boys, Wyvonne was invited to the banquet.

We each are going to write one of two themes in English this six weeks, to enter in a contest. One is "The Contribution That Cotton is Making to the War Effort," and the other is "Why Texas Should Observe its Centennial of Statehood." Themes on the former subject will compete with several cotton-growing States, but the second subject is for themes exclusively in Texas.

Margaret Ellis, another one of our Senior classmates, from Fort Worth was visiting here for the week end.

ORCHIDS TO THE JUNIORS

The Junior play Thursday night will probably, even now, bring a smile to the lips of those who saw it. It was one of the funniest and most unusual plays presented here in recent years.

The characters are well suited for the parts and, we think, could not have been chosen any better from the class. James Ray Bobo, perhaps, would have registered the highest score on the "Colgate Laugh-meter," had there been one, although Harold Lynn Norrod, as an idiot brother eating worms, would have contested him closely. Others deserving credit for the laughs they received were Patsy Pinson as a hillbilly servant and Lorene Hyles, portraying a shy girl and running under the table. Congratulations to the Junior Class as a whole and to Mrs. Pinson, their sponsor, for a grand performance.

EX-STUDENTS VISIT HICO

James Howerton visited in Hico over the Easter holidays. Everyone was glad to see James, especially Lu Dell, Virginia Standley and Donald Oakley visited in Hico recently. We always welcome old students back to H. H. S.

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That reminds us of the Junior play. All of the Sophs enjoyed it immensely. Good work, Juniors.

We were sorry to lose Weldon Houston from our class. We wish you success in whatever you attempt, Weldon.

The Sophomore class is indeed proud of three of our students, Lloyd Ancell, Max Hill, and Billy Keeney, for their splendid work in track.

STELLA BARNETT AND WANDA SEARS.

— H H S —

ALL NIGHT PARTY ENJOYED BY HOME ECONOMICS GIRLS

Several girls enjoyed an all-night party, sponsored by Miss Hammons, at the Home Eco. cottage. After cleaning up following the F. F. A. banquet, we noticed the time was passing swiftly, and we came over to the cottage and enjoyed several types of entertainment.

As Miss Hammons had planned to spend the week end with her parents, all the girls marched down the hill with her at 5:15 Saturday morning.

Despite the fact that we were all sleepy Saturday, all of us managed to live through it, and can honestly say that we had a wonderful time.

WANDA NELL SEARS.

— H H S —

F. F. A. BANQUET

Friday evening the local chapter of Future Farmers of America were hosts to parents and members, the school board members and their wives, the High School faculty, and several other guests in the school lunch room.

The main address of a well-rounded and inspirational program was made by Mr. Mathews of the Soil Conservation Bureau in Hamilton, who spoke to and of farmers and farming from a vantage point of experience in all phases of agriculture.

A feature of the evening was the ceremony which made Mr. Lasater an honorary member of the Chapter.

The festivities were ably presided over by Clovis Grant, the Chapter president, and James Ray Bobo introduced the F. F. A. Sweetheart, Miss Wyvonne Slaughter.

The meal was prepared and served by the Homemaking girls under the supervision of Miss DeAlva Hammons.

Mr. Bramlett, the Vocational Agriculture teacher, received numerous congratulations upon the success of the banquet and the excellence of the program.

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HOME ECONOMICS NEWS

The second year Home Eco. girls entertained with an Easter dinner for their parents at the Home Eco. cottage Wednesday night, April 5, at 8 o'clock.

Lovely Easter decorations were used throughout the cottage.

A delicious meal was served, consisting of the following: grape fruit baskets, meat loaf and tomato sauce, English peas, stuffed eggs, lettuce and tomato salad, hot rolls, iced tea, and cake.

Marie Nix served as hostess, and Jackie Gano as host.

The marble cake was decorated with pink and white frosting. The centerpiece was an Easter bunny sitting in grass, surrounded by colored eggs. The place cards were tiny Easter bunnies holding eggs.

The following were present: Mr. Bertice Barnett and daughter, Stella; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nachitzall and daughter, Mary Louise; Mrs. H. D. Gano and daughter, Jackie; Mrs. Roy Sears and daughter, Wanda; Mrs. J. M. Weisenhant.

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and daughter, Jean; Mrs. Henry Nix and daughter, Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Moore and daughter, Jean; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rands and daughter, Dale; and the teacher, Miss Hammons. We regret that the Fallins couldn't be present.

WANDA SEARS.

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TRACK

Saturday afternoon the track team from Hico and the coach, Mr. Lasater, took part in an Invitation Track Meet at the college athletic field in Stephenville, where they competed with Mineral Wells, Stephenville, Gorman, and Eastland teams. The Hico boys won third place with 16½ points in their favor.

Hico and Eastland teams compared their scores at this meet to determine the winners of the District Conference Track Meet. Hico won with 62 points to Eastland's 37.

Following are the events, names, and places, respectively, of winners from Hico:

100 yard dash, McKenzie, second.
220 yard dash, Keeney, second.
440 yard run, McKenzie, first, and Keeney, third.

880 yard run, Hill, first.
1 mile run, McKenzie, first.

440 yard relay, Hill, Keeney, Angell, and Hefner, first.

1 mile relay, Hill, Angell, Hefner, and Seago, first.

Shot-put, Hefner, second, and McKenzie, third.

Discus throw, Hefner, second.

Pole vault, Seago, first, and Angell, second.

Broad jump, Keeney, first.

High jump, Hefner, first, and Keeney, second.

Individual points won by each boy are as follows: Billy McKenzie, 15; Billy Keeney, 14½; Max Hill, 7½; Windall Seago, 6½; Donald Hefner, 13½; and Lloyd Angell, 5½.

The track team will go to the regional meet at Abilene Saturday, April 22.

WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by L. L. Hudson, local observer:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
April 5	78	46	0.00
April 6	80	51	0.00
April 7	78	54	0.00
April 8	84	67	0.00
April 9	84	59	0.02
April 10	82	62	0.00
April 11	79	48	0.00

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Hico, Texas, Friday, April 14, 1944.

MORE GARDENS NEEDED

Maybe it is due to the memory of aching muscles. Maybe they were discouraged by poor results last year. Maybe it is just plain laziness. But for some reason, according to a survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion, a million less families are planning to have Victory Gardens this year than had them last year.

We imagine a few warm spring days may change the picture. A lot of people who vowed "no more gardens" when they put their tools away last year are apt to give in when they see their neighbors start planting.

But, although it indicates a slackening of war interest on the part of some families when they are willing to stop gardening when food is needed more than ever, there is some comfort in the report that 25 per cent of all families which are planning a garden in 1944 intend to make it bigger than last year's garden.

According to the Institute's figures there were 20,600,000 Victory gardens last year and there are only 19,600,000 planned for this year. With the goal set at 22,000,000 for 1944, something needs to be done quickly to convince 2,400,000 families that it is to their own interests as well as a patriotic duty to get digging.

35,365,697 MOTOR VEHICLES

A world motor census recently compiled by a publication known as the American Automobile shows that, despite wartime automobile casualties and the ban on the sale of new automobiles, this country still is head and shoulders above all the rest of the world combined in automobile population.

The figures show that, exclusive of military vehicles, there are now 35,365,697 cars, trucks and buses in operation throughout the world. Of this total, 32,677,797 are in the Western Hemisphere and 30,227,863 are in the United States alone.

But despite the high automobile population remaining in our country today, which is only a little less than one vehicle per family, the total is almost 3,000,000 below what it was in 1939, the peak year.

In other countries, the war casualties of motor vehicles have been much greater than here. For in 1939 the world motor vehicle population had reached over 44 million, indicating a total loss, since the war began, of about eight million.

Because of the care which Americans have given to their cars during the past two years, our country is today apparently much better off so far as motor transportation is concerned, than the most optimistic analysts predicted when the automobile industry went to war.

Wee Bits of JESTURE

F. D. R. while referring to the war effort says that those of us who refuse to search our own souls must have someone search them for us. What a whale of a good idea, too.

It's just as might have been suspected all along, he's probably caught up with some of those "Never Swears" holding both hands on their pocketbooks watching the fight through a "Knothole" in the home-front fence. It might also be tried out on political-minded Washington, for if it works all right there, it ought to work anywhere. After all, Dunninger doesn't have a monopoly on this business, or does he?

Well anyway folks, the rats we must start chasing are the ones who ask, "Where's ya search warrant?" When searchers approach.

—By FRANK A. NEWMAN

THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

IT'S COMING.

As an American you know that this country is teeming with exceptional plans for education—that it is just one big opportunity for advancement and that all men have now a chance to succeed. Even uneducated people know that this country is very far ahead of all other countries in its opportunities for individual advancement. Anyone who works hard and thinks intelligently can win in America, and thousands upon thousands are winning and just as many thousands are standing still. If you decide you are standing still, you are only slipping back, for not a thing on this earth can stand still—not a thing! Just being an American will not save anyone from failure even though being an American has its rich advantages.

We have had a few years of intoxicating progress and years in which money has flowed like the water in a wild stream, but there will come a season of depression, and one of these seasons is on its way.

This big prosperity that we Americans are enjoying will eventually suffer a slump, so keep moving while the moving is good.

HEDDA HOPPER

My favorite columnist, before his death, was O. O. McIntyre, and when he went from off the page somebody had to take his place and it was Hedda Hopper, who writes that sparkling, most frank column called "Looking at Hollywood" which I read faithfully. No one writes like Miss Hopper. She tells the truth, and you know there are times when the truth is actually painful, but despite her frankness Hollywood loves her, and I know of no individual person who has as many friends as she.

I send her column in big bunches to some boys in the South Pacific, and they go the rounds. They are read and re-read until they are completely worn out. They are passed around and around, and one boy wrote and told me that he knew much more about the movies and the people who make them than he did when he was at home—in Los Angeles!

Another boy wrote as follows: "I jumped into a fox-hole and waited. The suspense was terrible. Then I remembered that I had two 'Looking at Hollywood's' in my pocket, so I took them out and read them, and actually when the second one was finished I was completely over my scare and was wondering what it would be like to walk into a nice, air-conditioned theatre and see a real American movie once more. Keep on sending them please."

And I will keep on sending them just as long as Miss Hopper writes them.

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In 1935 when I started out on my Trip Around the World all my friends were surprised that I chose a freighter for the entire voyage.

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That is why I chose a freighter and I have never regretted it.

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Quint's Mother

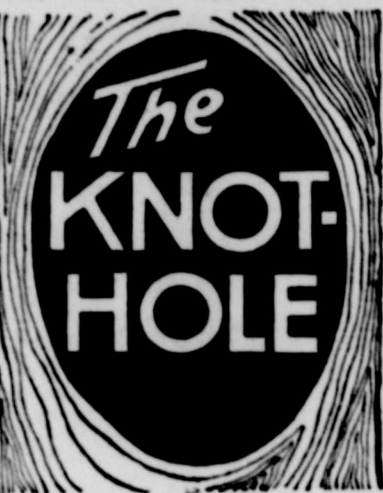


Mrs. Anna Emma De Valentin, mother of Quint, is shown in a photograph. She is a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark dress, and is looking directly at the camera.

Decisive Moment in History



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The KNOT HOLE

Should they win their first three games this season the St. Louis Cardinals will go over the .500 mark for all games played in this century. The standing now is 3,315 victories against 3,317 defeats.

The Philadelphia Eagles have signed five young men who have been given medical discharges from military service. Twenty pitching victories and the top of the second division is the way Connie Mack estimates the loss of two rookie pitchers, Charley Bowles and Norman Brown.

For the first time in its gridiron history, the University of Michigan will play as many as seven games with Western conference competitors. The 1944 lineup includes Indiana, Northwestern, Purdue, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio State.

When Catcher Frankie Hayes was notified that he had been traded back to the Athletics by the Browns he announced that "I'd rather play for nothing in Philadelphia than for \$10,000 in that St. Louis heat."

Mel Ott opposes calisthenics for ball players. Running and throwing lead the list on Ott's pre-season training program. . . . Lieut. Bruce Barnes, former pro tennis star, has joined the physical training department at the Pensacola, Fla., naval air station.

The late E. C. ("Billy") Hayes, mentor of some outstanding distance runners at Indiana university, predicted in his last interview that it would be either a Sack or a Fann who would win the four-minute mile.

The grandstand at Bing Crosby's Del Mar race track is now being used for the manufacture of bomb parts. . . . Hockey has been introduced in 30 countries. There are 11 artificial ice rinks in Scotland alone. . . . Ensign Charles F. O'Hara, former Boston college, Red Sox, and Baltimore Orioles pitcher, has gone to sea as commander of a navy gun crew on a merchant ship. . . . Newest heavyweight sensation is Fred Schott of Akron, Ohio. He weighs 205 pounds, is in 4-7 because of a trick knee. He knocked out his last five opponents.

Pittsburgh plans to build a huge sports arena as soon as the war ends. . . . Baltimore has 400 amateur basketball teams this winter. . . . Quote from Gene Tunney: "My main regret is that I was forced by circumstances to quit the ring before I reached the peak of my boxing skill." . . . Approximately 500 men have won the football "A" at West Point. Of this number, two are four-star generals, two lieutenant generals, 20 major generals, 20 brigadier generals and 20 colonels. Seven have been killed in action, two are missing and three are prisoners of war.

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HOUSE AND HOME

By MARY E. DAGUE

We hear a lot about how to use herbs in cooking but we hear very little about how to get them or how to increase what we have on hand.

Herbs are divided into two classes, perennial and annual, and the first thing to know is the herb classification. While the perennial can be grown from seed, it saves time to buy the plants. Often only one plant of each variety is needed because the perennial herbs can be increased by cuttings and layers. Some nurseries furnish the plants of annuals, too, but since these plants have to be replaced every year, it's less expensive to sow the seeds.

Chives, sage, the various mints, thyme, winter savory, tarragon, parsley and rosemary are perennials. Sweet marjoram, summer savory, sweet basil, caraway, sweet fennel, coriander, chervil, these are a few of the annuals.

A good place to put the herb garden is close to the kitchen door. There they are easy to get to, are fragrant and you'll find them both attractive and interesting.

The mints spread rapidly so you may want to plant them in a place by themselves. If you have but little room you can keep them from getting out of hand by putting a piece of tin around their roots.

Sage, thyme and savory are layered. To do this lay stems on the ground, pegging them down with hair pins. Then cover the section with earth.

Sweet marjoram can be used as a flavoring in salads and its fragrance, like that of rosemary, is sweet and lasting in bouquets.

Many of the herbs make excellent edging plants, so if you haven't room for a special herb garden you can use them to edge up beds. Sage has lovely lavender flowers and soft gray foliage and is a very beautiful plant. Thyme and winter savory can be used for edging plants, too.

When you use fertilizer in the garden, remember not to use too much on small plants. Gauge the amount by the size of the plant.

Burlap is one of the most useful materials to have for the garden. Old bags ripped and straightened out can be used. After firming the ground when tiny seeds have been sown, cover the seed-bed with the cloth. All watering is done directly on this surface and there is no danger of the seed being washed away. As soon as the seeds sprout and the tiny green tops appear the burlap is removed. It's a good idea to put sticks at the corners of the bed and tie the burlap to them so that it is raised about a foot from the ground. Leave it for a few days until the plants have established themselves. Water with a fine spray through the burlap. The burlap shades the plants and keeps the ground from drying out.

Mrs. Golden has returned home after a visit with relatives in Texarkana and Port Worth.

Lula Mae Coston of Port Worth spent the week end with home-folks.

Mrs. Tolliver, W. D., Donald, and Andrew Lloyd made a business trip to Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird Slater and daughter of Azece spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Orris Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Washam of Hico visited Mrs. Mary Foust Sunday evening.

Mrs. Walter Williamson and Mrs. John Lane spent Monday with Mrs. Mary Foust.

Mr. Ike Malone of Hico visited in the Coston and Foust homes Saturday morning.

Above the HULL A BALOO

By LYTLE HULL

Preventive Warning

The German people take intense pride in their "national monuments." The destruction of the great universities at Heidelberg, Leipzig and Bonn would break the heart of many a patriotic Teuton. Add to such a national tragedy the burning or dynamiting of every relic symbolic of the past greatness of their ancient race—romantic Nuremberg, beautiful Rothenburg, the palaces at Nymphenburg and Dresden, the historic old castles on the Rhine and the Moselle, and the thousand and one edifices which are as sacred to the German mentality as Westminster Abbey to an Englishman or Notre Dame and the palace at Versailles to the French.

Consider what it would mean to practically every German who had not lost his identity and all sense of decency through association with the gutter-born National Socialist party, if the almost unbelievable relics of the world's past in the museum at Berlin were taken forcibly from them; or if those two of the world's most magnificent collections of the "Great Masters," in Dresden and Munich, were lost to them forever.

The Germans are by no means all phlegmatic and unemotional creatures, and they are not all like Hitler and his roughnecks, nor are they all swaggering Prussians. Many of the more sincerely patriotic of our enemy's people think far more of their native land than they do of the fatal ideology which is sweeping it toward ruin; and many would doubtless risk their freedom, and even their lives, before they would contemplate such losses without making their voices heard where they might have effect.

There is much talk—whether true or not—that Hitler intends to take to Germany every movable work of art from France, from Italy, and

from the other conquered countries; and that he means to leave blackened ruins where the great cities and the sacred monuments of these countries now stand. Possibly he would be persuaded by his advisers to forego the sadistic enjoyment of committing acts so preposterous with danger of retribution for their native land; but if these advisers were prompted by an official warning—sent to Germany RIGHT NOW by the governments of the United Nations—that they will definitely retaliate in kind for every theft and for every act of useless and wanton destruction perpetrated against the helpless conquered nations—the pressure might become so great that even mad Hitler would not dare commit the acts which civilization now fears from his re-creating armies.

The German people might take a certain amount of satisfaction in hearing that Rome and Paris were leveled to the ground; but if they were officially warned now, by pamphlets dropped all over Germany, that such destruction meant elimination from off the face of the earth of Berlin, Munich, Dresden and every other city in their land—the clamor from the civil population might become too violent to be ignored by the Nazi authorities.

The "powers that be" in Washington, London and Moscow are naturally better informed than the ordinary civilian as to the volume of fire which exists behind all the smoke about Hitler's intentions; but if there is even the slightest possibility that he contemplates a crime which will rob civilization of such a large proportion of its irreplaceable treasures—then every conceivable precaution should be taken to prevent it, and such a warning from the United Nations to the German people—might seem to be one of them.

This Week in WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (WNWS)—A bill to increase the national debt limit from 210 to 260 billion dollars, approved by the house ways and means committee, will probably be passed with little fanfare, since there seems to be nothing else to do. In the first place, the bill does not increase the debt but merely makes it possible for the debt to be increased. In the second place, if the President's request for a 99 billion appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is approved, as it probably will be, the debt would go over the present 210 billion limit.

When the debt limit was raised to 125 billion a couple of years ago and was increased to 210 billion last March, there was considerable discussion here about how high the debt could go without endangering the financial soundness of our government. But now there seems to be little of this type of discussion. The attitude of more and more experts is that we have to pay for the war anyway, so there is nothing to do but close our eyes to the mounting debt until the No. 1 job is taken care of. They point out that 93 of the 99 billion requested by the President is for war purposes and probably cannot be cut. The only ways left to slow up the speed with which our national debt is increasing, therefore, is by taxation and by paring down non-war government expenses. And congress has made it fairly clear that it doesn't intend to add new taxes before election.

The manpower problem—that of meeting the quotas for the armed forces and at the same time keeping enough skilled help in war factories to assure maximum production—seems to have become more acute than ever. Due largely to public pressure against sending fathers to war while non-fathers and single men were excused from the draft because of their work in war factories, a plan was worked out to

draft men under 26 no matter what their work status might be. This was in line with President Roosevelt's statement that there were very few men under 26 who were indispensable in war factories but all of them were indispensable on the battle field.

But immediately following announcement of the plan hundreds of protests were received from industries which said their production would be definitely impaired if the skilled men under 26 were taken away from them. As a result, the war production board suggested a test plan under which young men in the eight most essential industries would be deferred if they definitely could not be spared. The industries included as most essential are: landing craft, synthetic rubber and 100-octane gasoline, high tenacity rayon, radar equipment, certain types of aircraft, submarines, certain types of tires and tubes, and an unnamed secret weapon.

It is expected that others will be added and the final result will probably be that the most essential young men in most war industries—providing they have a skill which cannot easily be replaced—will be deferred until replacements can be obtained. It was pointed out by the WPB that 27.4 per cent of all engineers in aircraft work are under 26 and that the industry would be seriously handicapped if that large group was suddenly drafted.

The war manpower commission and the WPB will undoubtedly work together closely to see to it that essential war production isn't harmed by the drafting of young men, but at the same time the draft of men in the group will be increased immediately. The non-essential industries will be the ones which will suffer most, some of them predicting that they will be unable to operate because of the shortage of skilled manpower.

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Personals.

Miss Mary Emma Lewis of Fort Worth spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lewis.

Mrs. Roxie Davis of Dublin spent Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. T. Gregory.

Mrs. Lloyd Reed and daughter, Arsha, are spending the week in Valley Mills with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grubbs of Fort Worth visited friends in Hico Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Segrest of Plainville were week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. R. O. Segrest.

J. O. Proffitt of Rochester visited here Tuesday and Wednesday with his brother, D. R. Proffitt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown left Wednesday for Fort Worth for a few days' visit with their son, Herbert Brown, and family.

H. R. Wallace Jr., auditor for the Community Public Service Co., is spending this week in the Hico Hotel.

Jackie Welsch of Dallas spent the Easter holidays here with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Welsch, and sister, Norma Jean.

Buster Brown of Temple, who is candidate for the office of State Senator, was in Hico Wednesday the interest of his candidacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fallis of Fort Worth spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Nelson, and other relatives.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fairley and Mrs. Harry Hudson were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson of Clifton.

Homer Duncan of Matador, Tex., spent Tuesday night here on his way to Sherman to get engine machinery.

Mrs. W. J. Crump, who always members when her subscription's up, got out a big washing Thursday morning and then came down most as early as the editor, to new her subscription. She came Hico from Independence, Washington county, 54 years ago with her parents, the late Col. Grubbs and wife, and has never been without the home paper, she says.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson of Stephenville spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lackey of Fort Worth spent the week end here with his brother, John V. Lackey, and Mrs. Lackey.

Mrs. Irvin Poff left today for Plainville for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jethro Newton, and family.

Lloyd Reed, accompanied by Joe Kimbrough of Hamilton and R. Lee Roberson of Valley Mills, has been attending a Kelvinator school held in Dallas this week.

Miss Louise Blair, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Malone and daughter, LaFae, of Brady spent the Easter holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swor and little son, Don, of Houston spent the Easter holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gamble.

Misses Lucille and Loraine Segrist and Mrs. Kal Segrist and children of Dallas spent the week end here with Mrs. Sue Segrist and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Segrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welborn and daughter, Margorie, of Fort Worth visited here Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. G. Welborn, and other relatives and friends.

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HICO FLORIST 47-26

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burden and son, Max, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burden spent Sunday in Bangs, Texas, with Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Pittman and children.

J. D. Kilgill, who has been living with his family at Alpine while he was serving as a member of the fire department at Marfa Air Base, came in last week end for a visit with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Jack Smith of Waco spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Jaggers. Her mother has been ill, but was reported to be improving when Mrs. Smith left for her home.

Miss Pansy McMillan, who is a student at TSCW, Denton, spent the Easter holidays here with her mother, Mrs. J. R. McMillan. Mrs. Roline Forgy of Fort Worth joined them here for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Morgan returned last Saturday to Hico from Dallas to make their home here with her father, W. A. Brown. Mr. Morgan is employed with a section crew on the MKT railroad.

Miss Ruth Phillips, who has been employed for the last ten or twelve years at the N. A. Leath & Son Variety Store, has resigned her position there and accepted one with the First National Bank.

Miss Erma Lee Chenault of San Antonio spent the week end here with her grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Chenault, and other relatives. Her father, Ben Chenault of Meridian, met her here for the week end.

Mrs. Hattie Norton and granddaughter, Miss Ima Bowden of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, spent Easter Sunday here with her brothers, E. H. Sr., T. A. and Lusk Randalls, and their families.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Meador and little granddaughter, Bertha Jean Connally, were Mrs. Stella Connally of San Antonio and Mrs. R. Lee Roberson and daughter, Joan, of Valley Mills.

Jerry Dorsey, who has held a position at Portland, Oregon, for the past several months, has sent an order with remittance for subscription to the home paper. Jerry's accompanying note, written on "Dempore Stationery" said: "Will you please send me the N/R for a spell? Don't work too hard. Regards, as ever, to all the folks."

George Martell Stringer, who has been attending the University of Texas at Austin, arrived home last Thursday for a few weeks' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stringer, before going into the armed services.

Easter holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams were Mrs. Mark Workman and daughter, Sandra, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Massey and little son of Fort Worth. Pvt. Mark Workman is now stationed at Camp Polk, La.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sherrard and children, Wilma Jean and Roland, of Fort Worth came in last Friday for a two weeks' visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ogle, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard of Clarette.

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Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy French and Mrs. Sallie Purdon were Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Purdon of Kaufman, Mrs. Jessie Purdon and Mrs. Mary Halley and son, Bobbie, of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patterson of Hico.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Calder were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adams of Amarillo, Lawrence Adams and family of Hico, Clyde Adams and family of Dublin, Raymond Lowe and family of Weatherford, and Mrs. Ruth Roberts and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shelton and children, Sue and Roger, of Fort Worth spent the Easter holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Randalls Sr. Charles returned to Fort Worth Sunday, while Mrs. Shelton and the children remained for a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. O. L. Doggett of Hamilton has spent most of the week with her mother, Mrs. M. S. Pirtle, who has been quite ill with the flu, but is reported some better at this time. M. T. Payne of Bryan, Mrs. Pirtle's nephew, also learned of his aunt's illness and came to see her Tuesday.

Mrs. W. M. Malone of Robstown came in Tuesday for a visit with her son, Clifford Malone, and wife, who are here from Clinton, Tenn., and with her sister, Mrs. George Christopher, and brother, John Simonson. Mrs. Malone and Clifford went to Dallas Wednesday for a few days' visit with her daughters, Mrs. H. D. Burden and Miss June Malone.

Mrs. Bess Warren of Dallas arrived this week for a visit here in the home of Mrs. N. N. Akin.

Easter guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Rhodes were Pfc. and Mrs. J. B. Rhodes of Tampa, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Daves of Walnut Springs, and Miss Norma Ruth McGlothlin of Hico.

Mrs. Morris Wanger of Ordway, Colo., arrived Monday for a visit here with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoffman and son, Kenny. Mrs. Hoffman's sister, Mrs. Eli Hard, who is a student at Baylor University in Waco, also spent Monday with them.

Joseph Paul Rodgers, accompanied by Miss Lola Thomas, both employed with the National Geophysical Company at Durant, Oklahoma, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rodgers. Another visitor in the Rodgers home was their daughter, Miss Priscilla Rodgers, who is a student at TSCW in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison Jr. and children, Kenneth Wayne and Archie Lynn, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allison of Fair, spent Sunday in Waco with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Seago and daughter, Sherry Dale, and Miss Peggy Allison. Other relatives there to meet the Allisons in the Seago home were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seilheimer and Mrs. L. J. Patterson and children, Joan and Butch, all of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rodgers and daughter, Ruby, went to Fort Worth last Friday to see the new daughter born to Mrs. Charles Stephens, who lives with her mother in that city while her husband is in the army, stationed at present at Fort Dix, New Jersey. The new arrival was named Sharon Kay. Guests in the Rodgers home whom they accompanied on the trip to Fort Worth were Mrs. Dula Stephens and daughters, Jacqueline, Mrs. J. B. Gray, and Mrs. Harry B. Stephens and son, Harry Lee, of San Antonio. The family still consider their home to be at Clifton. Mrs. Stephens said, although they are scattered considerably while they are trying to help win the war.

day of the week. Will you keep your appointment this Sunday? Many of you came on Easter Sunday. The Living Christ calls us to follow him every day.

Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m. Come and bring the children. Bring a neighbor, bring a friend. Spring is here and our attendance must increase.

Youth Fellowship meeting at 7:30.

Evening worship at 8:15. The sermon subject will be "The Rule of Our Faith."

The sermons for the next six Sundays will be on the Risen Christ for the purpose of renewing and stimulating our faith. Make your plans now to be in the services. Put this first.

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Saul's Early Preaching. Lesson for April 16: Acts 9:19-30; 11:19-26.

Golden Text: Romans 1:16.

The zeal of Saul as persecutor of Christians also distinguished him as a disciple. Immediately after the restoration of his sight, his baptism, and certain days spent with the disciples during which they doubtless instructed him in the Christian way, Saul began to preach "Christ in the synagogue."

At first, though the Jews accepted the change in Saul as genuine, the disciples were slow to trust him. But when the Jews laid plans to kill him, the disciples helped Saul to escape, letting him down the wall of Damascus in a basket. Disciples in Jerusalem were "afraid of him," but Barnabas led them to receive Saul. The Jews in Jerusalem also planned to kill him and the disciples there helped him to escape, by way of Caesarea, to Tarsus. Soon afterward Barnabas visited Saul in Tarsus and took him to Antioch.

So Saul began at once to preach the gospel that had reached his own heart, and with great results—in Damascus, Jerusalem, and Antioch. Many of his hearers were amazed, and the Jewish leaders were so disturbed that they planned to kill him. For a full year in Antioch Saul did some great preaching. For "much people" came to hear him and Barnabas, and both in numbers and in character the disciples in that city attracted such attention that they were called Christians.

Church News

Methodist Church

"The Appointed Place" will be the subject of a sermon on Christian worship at the morning worship service of our church. Every Christian ought to keep his appointment with the living Lord in the place of worship on the first

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CHAPTER V

Cherry Pycroft, member of the Waifs, hurries to London to the apartment of her friend, Denise, who had married the man she loved. On arriving she learns that Denise no longer loves Simon, and that she is leaving that night to avoid meeting him on his return from a trip to America. Cherry admits she has been in love with Simon. Denise asks her to stay and greet her husband with the bad news. Simon arrives but Cherry withholds the news. Learning that the train to Bristol had crashed—the train that Denise took—Simon and Cherry drive there, identify Denise's charred suitcase, and assume a badly burned body to be hers. Months later Simon and Cherry are married, but Cherry's happiness is spoiled at finding Denise's engagement ring in a drawer. . . . proving to Cherry that Denise is still alive. Cherry meets Jerry Miller secretly (Jerry had run away with Denise) and asks if he was witness to the accident in which Denise was killed.

Cherry said quickly. "No, of course he didn't. Simon had no idea that Denise was running away with anyone. It's something he must never know. I—I told him she was on her way to meet him."

"You mean when she met her death in that railway accident? I read about it in the papers."

"Yes."

"And you thought she'd gone off with me?"

"I was pretty sure of it."

"Why?"

"Well, I knew she and you were always together."

"Did she tell you she was going away with me?"

"Well, no, actually now that I come to think about it she didn't. But she allowed it to be understood when I asked if it was you."

Jerry's mouth twisted in an odd smile. "She would. No, I wouldn't have that honor. But I did introduce her to a pal of mine, an American who was as rich as Croesus. Here, I don't think I've yet got all this quite clear. Supposing you lay all your cards on the table."

Cherry wished she hadn't come. "You didn't meet me for my irresistible charm. We've already gone into that. But you very definitely wanted to see me. You wanted to ask me one or two questions. So far you've asked me . . . what was it you said just now?"

"Was I with Denise when she was killed? Did I actually see it happen?" He broke off, staring at her once again. "Holy smoke, you don't imagine for one moment that she isn't dead after all, do you?"

"No, of course I don't," said Cherry angrily. "What an outrageous suggestion!" But inwardly she was quaking. Jerry had guessed her secret.

"I have a pretty shrewd suspicion that you're not altogether sure."

"I am, of course I am. But . . . oh, Jerry, do stop looking at me as if you've caught me out over something!"

"But my sweet girl, I believe I have. I've never in my born days seen anyone look more guilty. But don't get into such a state. I shan't say a word. Tell me, is your husband uncertain about her death, too?"

"No, he certainly isn't."

She could have bitten off her tongue the moment the words were spoken. Now she had really been trapped into an admission. She tried to recover herself but only floundered helplessly. "Neither am I, Jerry. It's just . . . well, I wanted to know how it all happened. I—I thought, if you were on the spot . . ."

Jerry touched her hand. "Listen, my pretty one, don't you think you may as well tell Uncle Jerry all about it?"

Cherry drew a quivering breath. She felt suddenly cornered, as if she were treading on thin ice and dared neither go forward nor back.

"Maybe," Jerry said, "I can help you in some way. I believe Toddy Schenck has gone back to the States. That's the man I'd say Denise made a bolt with. I could try to get in touch with him and find out if he can tell us anything."

"Us." That linked them together. That meant she'd have to see him again and she didn't want to do it. She'd been prepared for only this one meeting; she'd been willing to keep the knowledge of it from Simon.

"Don't bother," she said flatly. "I—I wasn't really worrying."

"Oh, yes, you were. I looked at her quizzically. 'You're very sweet, you know, Cherry. I mean apart from your being so easy on the eye and all the rest of it. I take it you'd rather die than let your beloved husband know the kind of woman he was really married to.'"

"I believe I would," said Cherry simply.

Jerry sighed. "I wonder why some men have all the luck."

"I don't think they do. But I think a man like Simon deserves it."

"I'd say he's got it." He laughed shrilly. His voice was sincere



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enough. So was the expression in his eyes. "I'd like to see you now and again, Cherry," he said. "Besides, maybe I can find out something from Toddy. The more I think about it, the more convinced I am he's just the man who could tell us what we want to know."

"Are you normally in touch with him?" asked Cherry.

"More or less. He's a correspondent for one of the New York papers, you know. Rather a similar sort of job to my own. We chaps get about. For all I know he may be back in England again. At any rate, I'll find out and then the next time we meet . . ."

She shook her head. "There isn't going to be a next time, Jerry."

"Well, I've said already that he's a damned lucky man." He smiled and shook his head. "Look here, I ought to have some sort of say in this little matter. What's more, I'm going to. We're not living in the eighteen eighties. There's no harm in a married woman lunching or dining with some man other than her husband if I were married. I'd like to think other men wanted to take my wife around. It would show I'd picked a winner."

Cherry made a little gesture. "You don't understand, Jerry."

"Maybe not. I take it your husband doesn't know you're lunching with me today?"

"No."

"I guessed as much at Valerie's party. Next time we'll meet, at dinner. I'll drop down to the air-drome one evening."

She said quickly, "Angrily. 'I shan't time with you, Jerry.'"

He raised his eyebrows. "Won't you? We'll see. How about it if I have some news that might be of interest to you? Supposing I were to hear, shall we say, that Denise is still alive?"

Her hands twisted and turned in her lap. He wouldn't, of course. He couldn't! She didn't really think for a moment that Denise was still alive. It was only that she wasn't quite certain, that there was this horrible underlying doubt.

"After all, Toddy Schenck should know if anyone does. Mind you, he may be able to tell me that she isn't, in which case you needn't worry any longer. Funny if old Toddy met your husband. That's something we ought to prevent at any cost. Imagine if your husband were to hear that he and Denise had made a bolt of it together. Still, there's no reason why he should, is there? Don't look so alarmed. I don't like to see you looking so worried."

"I'm sorry. I won't again. I was really only teasing you. Come along, let's get hold of a newspaper and see if there are any good pictures. I'm afraid it's a bit late for a show, but if you feel like a movie . . ."

She didn't. She felt like walking out on him right at that moment. She longed above all else never to have to see him again. But an uneasy fear told her it might be policy to hide her true feelings.

A waiter had brought them a paper. Jerry was running his finger down the list of films. "There's a new Walt Disney at the Carlton that's been very well reviewed. How about that?"

"I don't really think there's time. I'm due back at the station at six."

"That will be all right. We needn't see it all through. I'll see you're not late."

He signaled for his bill as he spoke and they emerged from the subdued light of the restaurant into the brilliance of afternoon sunshine. The doorman called a taxi for them and Cherry got in. As she sat down she suddenly saw a man standing on the opposite pavement. It was Simon! He stared at her with obvious amazement. Her heart stopped. She wanted to leap from the cab, to rush over to him to try and explain. But at that moment Jerry sat down beside her and they began to drive away. She looked out of the little window at the back of the taxi to see Simon still standing looking fixedly after her.

Jerry had seen Simon too. He glanced sideways at Cherry. "Well," he said, "if that isn't just too bad!"

Cherry stared straight before her. Tears stung her eyes. Her throat felt dry and parched. She felt an arm glide round her waist. She flung away from it, turning on Jerry furiously. "I wish I hadn't met you today. I was a fool. I didn't really want to."

A dull red flush rose in his cheeks. "Well, I'm dashed! What a way to turn on a fellow!" Then his tone changed, a conciliatory note coming into it. "Have a heart, Cherry. It wasn't my fault we came out of that confounded restaurant at the wrong moment. It's just one of those unfortunate things that sometimes happen. But the world won't come to an end."

Cherry felt at the moment that it already had. She'd destroyed Simon's trust in her and that was more important than anything else. Without it no marriage could be happy. "I wish I hadn't met you," she repeated distractedly.

Jerry laughed shortly. "Flattering aren't you? 'What've I done to you?' I've behaved damned decently. Here, let me dry those tears. Gosh, what a silly girl it is!" Again he would have put his arm around her. Again she flung away from him. She leaned forward and tapped the window, motioning to the driver to stop. "Here, what's all this?" Jerry asked shortly.

"I'm sorry, Jerry. I don't want to go to the pictures with you."

The taxi was drawing into the curb. Jerry's face was ugly with his resentment and anger. "You mean you're walking out on me?"

"Yes, if you choose to put it like that. I want to see if I can catch Simon before he goes into his office. I must have a word with him."

Jerry laughed sardonically. "You know, I'm beginning to wonder why I wasted even one lunch time with you. I wouldn't have had I known you were only meeting me for what you could get out of me."

"I'm Jerry, Jerry."

"The devil you are! It's written all over you. All right, out you get! If Toddy Schenck tells me Denise is still alive I'll send you a postcard. It'll look well coming that way, won't it? People always read postcards. Maybe that precious husband of yours will see it before he hands it to you."

Cherry was tumbling out of the taxi as he spoke.

The taxi driver looked at Cherry uncertainly, wondering what had happened. It was rather strange to pick up a man and a girl at a restaurant, be told to drive to a theater, and have the girl get out halfway down Shaftesbury Avenue.

Another taxi was slowly passing. She stopped the man and jumped in. "Charles Street, please."

"Very good, Miss."

She had never been to Simon's office and wouldn't dream of actually presenting herself there.

So she loitered in the shadow of a doorway, watching for him. Then her heart gave a leap. He was crossing the street now. Only he looked so different—not the kindly, friendly Simon whom she knew and loved so well. This man's face was white and set. He was walking along, looking neither to right nor left.

A sob rose in her throat. She moved forward. But even as she did so, a man walking close behind Simon, overtook him. A man in uniform with a quite terrifying amount of gold braid. She heard him say, "Hello, Lindon, you look pretty grim. War getting you down? You shouldn't let it, old fellow."

Cherry fell back as Simon passed by. How could she stop him now? That other man would think it odd that she, Simon's wife, should be lying in wait for him. She watched them disappear through the barriers guarded by soldiers and police, saw the man salute briskly.

(To Be Continued.)

SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD

LAWS OF MORALITY

No one interested in today's young people can overlook their evident need for spiritual guidance. Many of them, as shown by their letters from the fighting fronts, are finding for themselves something to believe in, something worth dying for if necessary. Indeed, it is they who seem to be bringing renewed faith to their parents.

But this upsurge of faith must be passed on to the children at home, and parents need help in doing this. That is one reason why we are disturbed over the fact that in a country where churches dot the landscape in every direction, we are told that 17,000,000 children have never been to Sunday school. The population of some small nations in the world does not exceed 17,000,000. We are seeing what regression into paganism has done for Nazi youth. Granted that Sunday school is not the final answer to a child's religious needs, that it is only one of many means for giving a child religious education, we still cannot help being alarmed over the decline of its influence in the lives of today's children.

If your children are not attending Sunday school, you'll find it very much worth while to make the effort to see that they do. Sunday schools are friendly gatherings and modern methods of religious teaching are full of interest as well as inspiration. For instance, the church was one of the first institutions to recognize the teaching possibilities of the motion picture. It is true that when we were children there were many incompetent Sunday school teachers—good folks who looked upon "taking a class" as their church work, but who knew little about teaching of any kind or of managing a group

of boys and girls. But Sunday school teachers today are mostly trained for their work. You'll find that children really love going to Sunday school today, just as they enjoy going to school. If your church doesn't offer a Sunday school class exciting enough to interest youngsters then offer to teach one yourself! We hear a great deal about the importance of one's latent talents. Here is a large and fascinating field to be explored, for today, as we have said, there are projects in Sunday school education as thrilling and creative as those in our best day schools. But, of course, a child's spiritual needs cannot all be met by church instruction no matter how excellent it may be. Nothing can take the place of the spiritual values parents must implant in their children. But do not make the mistake of old-time disciplinarians who presented moral laws as threats hanging over almost every type of enjoyment of life. Instead, we should teach our children that they cannot achieve happiness without obedience to the positive laws of morality. These moral laws do not exist to hamper and thwart our desires. I recall an explanation which impressed me: that an engineer who wants to build a bridge knows he must obey the laws of mechanics, but he doesn't consider those laws an unfortunate interference with his personal desires. He recognizes that the laws of mechanics are what make it possible for him to build the bridge. And the same thing is true of the moral laws. They make it possible for us to live an abundant life. They set us free to achieve what we really and truly want.

Fairy

— By —
Mrs. J. O. Richardson

We had several inches of rain here Saturday night, accompanied by hail. However, the hailstones were small and crops were not injured much, but the fruit crop is probably finished up as the recent freeze got part of it. However, we are not complaining since viewing the wrecked homes and other buildings around Aleman and Pottsville, which is something unusual in this country. We who have been more fortunate should help in any way possible to restore the loss of these poor, unfortunate people, who are left without homes or earthly possessions. They also had a six-inch rain in the Lanham community, and some damage to out-buildings, and all fences in low-lands were washed out and fields and crops were badly damaged by the rapid rainfall and hail which was reported to be an inch and a half in diameter.

There were a goodly number present for the cemetery working last Friday, and a large portion of the cemetery was worked off. We appreciate the help of all who had a part in this work, and hope that arrangements can be made to complete this work in the near future.

Mrs. Horace Moore of Agee community spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Floyd Noland and children, Patsy Lou, Mary and Wanda. The Noland children are just recovering from the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brunson were visitors last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brummitt of the Percellville community.

Altman

— By —
Mrs. J. H. McAnelly

Martin Bingham visited his sister, Mrs. J. H. Goad, in Hico Sunday.

Several from this community attended church services in Carlton Sunday.

Doris D. Gibson of Palm Rose spent the week end visiting his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stringer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton were Hico visitors Friday afternoon.

Mrs. O. O. Pollard spent several days last week with her father, J. H. Harvey, who is ill in the Gorman Hospital.

Lila Reid spent Monday night with Wanda Crockett near Carlton.

Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon Jones of Waco visited their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry McAnelly Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Jim Carter spent several days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Carter at Carlton.

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The News Review is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the offices under which their names are listed for the nomination at the Democratic Primaries:

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For Representative, 94th District: EARL HUDDLESTON (Re-Election)

For District Judge: R. B. CROSS (Re-Election)

For District Attorney: H. WILLIAM ALLEN (Re-Election)

For Sheriff: HOUSTON WHITE (Re-Election)

For District Clerk: C. E. EDMISTON (Re-Election)

For County Tax Assessor-Collector: O. R. WILLIAMS (Re-Election)

For County Clerk: IRA MOORE (Re-Election)

For County Judge: W. J. HARRIS (Re-Election)

For County Treasurer: MRS. H. A. TIDWELL (Re-Election)

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For County Clerk: ELMO WHITE (Re-Election)

(Political Advertising)

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FOR SALE: Watson Cotton Seed. E. M. Hoover, Fair, Tex. 46-3p.

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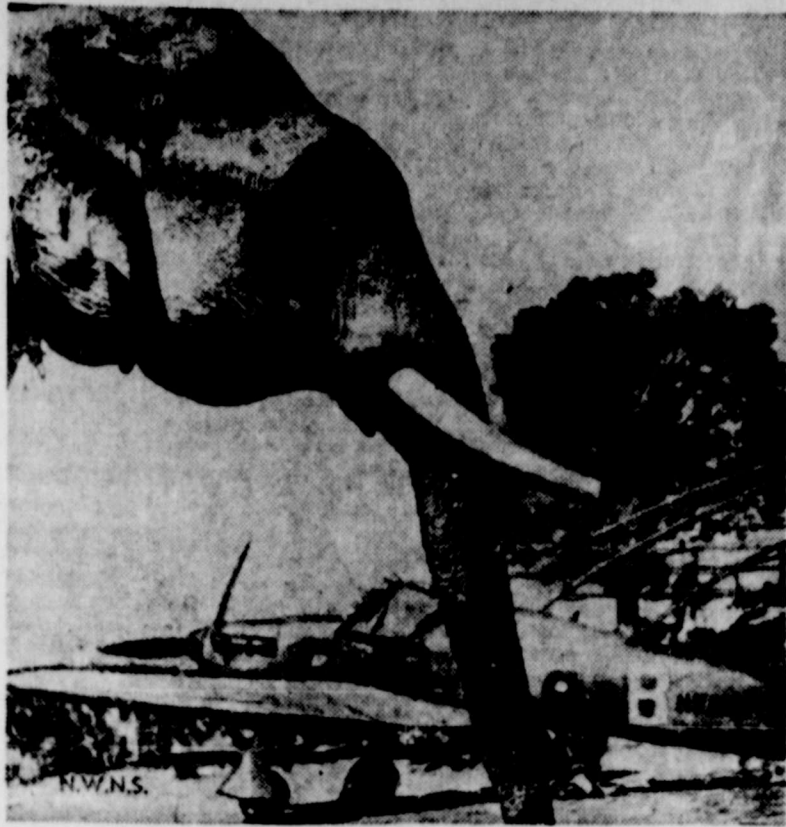
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PHONE 47

Photogenic Elephant



"Jumbo," king-sized mascot of a unit of the Indian air force, poked his pachydermic profile into this picture at a jungle airfield in Burma. Elephant took advantage to insert his pictorial presence while cameraman was trying for a shot of the Vulture Vengeances and Hurricanes of the IAF in background.

Dale Carnegie
Author of "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE"

TURNING LIABILITIES INTO CASH

This column today is about a boy who didn't get much formal schooling. The third grade. That was all. Yet he has managed to get along pretty well. He has made nearly as much money in three months as the President of the United States makes in a year. He is Wallace Beery, the son of a Kansas City policeman.

He left school and ran away as a boy hobo, sleeping in box cars and hobo jungles, and riding on freight trains.

He heard through a friend that his running away had hurt his mother deeply, so he came back and got a job as engine wiper in a railroad roundhouse.

He was content with this job and expected to be a railroad man the rest of his life. But a letter changed everything. The letter was from his brother who had left school, too, and got a job with the Ringling Brothers' circus. He said that if Wallace wanted to give up his engine wiping job and come to the circus he would try to find work for him. That night Wallace started hobnobbing his way to the circus. His brother introduced him to the manager of the circus, and Wallace got the job of watering and feeding the elephants—at \$3.50 a week.

He became an elephant-trainer, and thought himself settled for life. Then he received a letter from his brother Noah which upset his world. The letter said that he (Noah) was making \$18.50 a week acting on the stage in New York.

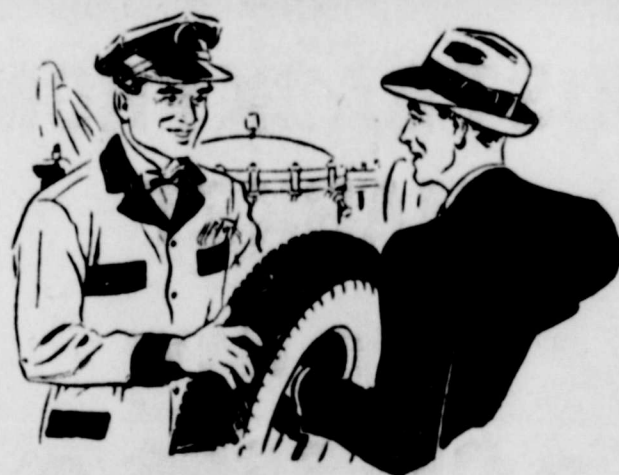
As Wallace Beery held that letter in his hand, he decided to become an actor. He knew nothing whatever about the stage and had never taken part in amateur theatricals. But he gave up his job, borrowed some money, and told his friends that he was going to New York to become an actor!

He got a job in the theater—as chorus man! Yet he had never taken a dancing lesson in his life.

The show was "Babes in Toyland" and he was chosen principally because he had a deep voice. He was so big and clumsy that the other chorus men called him "Jumbo."

He achieved success principally because he cashed in on his short-comings, playing parts where he was not supposed to be educated—roles where he was lumbering—and it has made him a world success.

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By Mrs. H. Alexander

Rev. Arch Jones of Dublin filled his regular appointment here Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Sherrard and children of Fort Worth are here visiting. Mr. Sherrard works at the Consolidated aircraft plant there. He is now on his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Littleton of Hico were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayfield last Sunday.

Von Scott spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Partain and baby of Fort Worth spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harvey.

Mrs. Luther Hudgens of Grand Prairie spent the week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee.

Gloria Jean Mayfield, who spent last week in Fort Worth, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Ara Denman and Mrs. Willie Baldwin and son, Ross, were in Stephenville Saturday.

Miss Nila Marie Alexander of Stephenville spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander.

Mr. Frank Stipe and daughter, Laverne, were guests in the home of Ray Stipe Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dowdy of Fort Worth are here visiting. Mr. Dowdy works at the Consolidated aircraft plant there. He is on his vacation now.

I. E. Durham of Belton spent the week end in the home of Mrs. S. O. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander and daughters, Betty Lou and Mrs. Leslie Patterson and baby, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. R. M. Alexander.

Mrs. John Goughly was in Stephenville Sunday.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth and Mrs. S. O. Durham visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stone East at Stephenville.

The Busy Bee Sewing Club met with Mrs. Geo. Salmon last Thursday afternoon.

Lt. Gerald Wolfe and wife of San Antonio visited in the home of Gerald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Wolfe, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wolfe spent the week end in Fort Worth visiting their children.

Mrs. Hub Alexander visited Mrs. A. J. Jordan of Hico Monday.

CARD OF THANKS

Our many, many thanks and appreciation for the kindness and goodness of our friends and neighbors during the complete loss of our home.

MRS. W. J. SOWELL AND FAMILY



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RAY MILLAND
RUTH HUSSEY

TUES. & WED. (NEXT WEEK)—

"THE UNINVITED"
RAY MILLAND
RUTH HUSSEY

THURS. & FRI. (NEXT WEEK)—

"GUADALCANAL DIARY"
PRESTON FOSTER
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WITH THE COLORS

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greetings. I'll be seeing you in many places before too long.

Tomorrow I shall visit many of the places of interest. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

RALPH E. PERKINS,

Chaplain, U. S. A.

YOU CAN'T GET A GOOD

MAN DOWN IN THE ARMY, IT SEEMS

Camp Lee, Virginia

April 14, 1944

Dear Roland and Family:

I am so sorry about not writing. But boy, oh, boy—you don't know the half of it! Have been busy, and how! Well, I got the dear old Hico paper today and when I read it I sure had to laugh at Herman Leach's crack about me. For I had just got off of K. P. Boy. I sure did get a kick out of that.

Well, Roland, I hope all of the DaDaDo that is in Hico just stays until all the boys come back, and I will assure you that you will see some fun, and how.

Well I guess Walter is still biting his gums and cussing when anyone wins a package of cigarettes on that marble machine. You tell him if I ever come home, he had better close up, or I will do it myself. How is the old bunch getting along? Do they still meet next door every morning and win the war over their coffee cups? Tell Walter when I come back I am going into business and it may be a cafe.

I have gone through a lot since I have been there, but I came through O. K. and am still going. What do you know—they have made a cook out of me.

Well, Roland, my friend, I will have to close for this time. Tell all hello for me.

Always a friend,

J. B. (DUG) RATLIFF.

[Dear Dug: Thanks for the letter—I knew that'd get a rise out of you when a marble machine was mentioned. You may be interested to know that there hasn't been a single package of cigarettes won since you left, and Walt says the boys have about given up. We were figuring the other morning, though, that with your skill and luck you might be occupying your spare time in the army to advantage. Just watch out and don't take any wooden nickels. And if Uncle Sam ever comes after the old men, I hope my disposition and attitude about the whole thing is as good as yours was when you left here. Grab off a furlough and come on home a while for some high-powered yarn-spinning.—ED.]

Carroll Akin, home recently on leave after an extensive tour of duty on a submarine in the Pacific, is now "upstairs." He has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Akin, of the Mt. Pleasant community, that he is now working in a fire control shop on a submarine tender. And although he didn't mention anything about it in his letter, his dad and the editor noticed that Carroll's rating is now seaman first class.

A Texan's idea of Texas is the description given a map which recently appeared in the Temple Telegram, and which was called to the editor's attention by a friend whose husband is in the service. The map, drawn by Bill Williams of Port Arthur, shows Texas occupying most of the United States, with the other minor States bordering it. Everything east of the Mississippi River is portrayed as "unexplored territory."

Pvt. Harrold T. Crist has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crist, that he has arrived safely in England with an Air Corps unit. His brother, Pvt. Duane Crist, with an anti-aircraft artillery battalion, met him there a little, having arrived some time ago in the largest convoy ever to cross the ocean up to that time. The brothers have hopes of seeing each other while in England, their mother said.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thornton have heard recently from their two sons, who are separated by half the distance around the globe. T/Sgt. J. T. Thornton wrote about the first of February that he was getting along all right with his tank corps unit in Italy. Cpl. Lawrence Thornton, who has been in Australia all winter, is now back in New Guinea with the Infantry.

GOOD DELIVERY SERVICE ON HICO PAPER GOING TO LOCAL BOY NOW IN ITALY

APO, New York

March 19, 1944

Dear Ed:

I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I still receive the paper and enjoy every line of it. I do not know what I would do if I ever missed a copy. Although some of them are late, I finally get every issue and I don't know how else I'd ever keep up with everyone the way Uncle Sam has got them scattered around.

What ever happened to Garland Higginbotham? I never see his name in the paper. Will you please send his and any of the addresses that are in Italy? I have been close to Tommie Hoffman and Raymond Johnson, but could not find them because I didn't have their full address. You don't know how much good that would do me JUST TO SEE someone from my home town. It has been so long since I saw anyone from Hico.

There is not much I can say, but you can look back in the newspaper of the date of Oct. 22, 1943, in the column written by Joe Smith Dyer, and under the heading "From My Diary" you will find me.

I will let it go at that and sign off for now. But please send me those addresses.

As ever, a home-town boy.

SGT. R. O. COLLIER.

[Dear Billy: Glad you finally get all the papers. But since you might miss the recent copy which told about Cpl. G. W. Higginbotham, we might repeat that he's now an M. P. at the POW camp at Hereford, Texas. In a letter we are sending you the addresses you asked for, and hope you contact some of your old buddies.—ED.]

HEADQUARTERS TECHNICAL SCHOOL

AAF Technical Training Command

Truxton Field, Madison, Wisconsin

Pvt. Hestel D. Hamrick, whose wife, Mrs. H. D. Hamrick, lives at Hico, Texas, has been assigned to the Technical School, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Truxton Field, Madison, Wisconsin, for training as a radio technician. Upon completion of his training here he will be fully qualified to take his place as a member of the Army Air Forces Base Operators Group, or may become eligible for advanced specialized training.

Private Hamrick, in civil life, was a sewing machine mechanic, self-employed. He attended grade school at Coopersville, Grade School, where he also engaged in baseball and other sports, finishing in 1931. He was inducted at Camp Wolters, Texas, January 28, 1944.

Mrs. Harry B. Stephens and son, Harry Lee, who have been living at San Antonio, visited here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rodgers and Ruby, while making arrangements to move to Stephenville to make their home. Their husband and father, First Lieutenant Stephens, is serving in an infantry unit with the Fifth Army in Italy. He recently sent home a collection of foreign paper money and coins, some foreign cigarettes, and a number of other interesting souvenirs. Harry, Lee ("Butch") to the editor) was trying his best to spend some of the money on a recent visit to the N. R. office. Mrs. Stephens is the former Miss Madeline Bratcher of Hagerman, New Mexico. Lt. Stephens has a brother in the Army, Pvt. Charles Stephens, stationed at Port Dix, New Jersey, and a brother-in-law, Pte. J. B. Gray, in the Pacific. The latter's wife, the former Miss Mozelle Stephens, is a parachute nacker at Kelly Field and lives at San Antonio with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephens. They are formerly of Carlton.

Tech/Sgt. P. S. Little, who has been in the South Pacific for 25 months, sent a telegram last week to his mother, Mrs. T. U. Little in Stephenville, that he had landed on the West Coast and was coming home for a visit. She also received a cablegram from her daughter, Lt. Willie Little, ANC, that she had arrived safely in England.

WE'VE BEEN HAVING SOME BEAUTIFUL WEATHER IN TEXAS LATELY, W. R.

AAF Gunnery School

Tyndall Field, Florida

April 8, 1944

Dear Editor:

Thought I would send you my new address since I have been having some trouble in getting my paper. I have moved around so much lately that I can hardly keep up with myself. I think maybe this is the last time for a while.

This is a nice school and a nice field. In fact, it is just as nice as any I have been on since I have been in the service (even though it does almost take V-Mail to reach it).

The way I always heard it, Florida was supposed to be the land of sunshine, but I have almost frozen since I have been here. Well, better quit now, as I have a tough schedule for tomorrow.

Sincerely,

PVT. W. R. LINCH.

5-YEAR SERVICE EMBLEM AWARDED TOMMY HOFFMAN BY SOUTHERN UNION

(Southern Union News)

Somewhere in Sunny Italy Southern Union Five Year Service Emblem number 188 is among the personal effects of Technical Sergeant Thomas A. Hoffman, infantryman of the United States Army.

Tommie entered the armed services in the early part of 1941. Prior to that time was employed as Meterman in the West Texas District at Poyte, Texas. Before that he worked with the company at Hico.

Practically since the first day Tommie became a Southern Unionite back in January, 1939, he has been a faithful contributor to Southern Union News, entertaining readers with his cartoons.

When they run clear out of reading material, they holler for home paper

Somewhere in England

March 17, 1944

Dear Holford:

Just a few lines to say hello and that I'm now in England and am kinda short on reading material, and sure miss the News Review. So please forward my papers to my new address.

Yours

CPL. PAT MORRIS.

Lt. Charles A. Russell Jr. has written from Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas to have the address on his paper changed. "You know, I believe Hico is about as lively as it used to be, only one doesn't see as many people," he added in the letter written after a recent furlough spent with his parents here. "I have been used to the big towns and almost felt lost there. I haven't been down here at this place long enough to say anything about all the scrub brush, hills and sand. After I have been here a while, I will write and let you in on what I think about this place."

Pvt. Gail B. Bullard, who has been stationed at Nashville, Tenn., is now with an ordnance company at Camp Rucker, Ala. He recently wrote his mother, Mrs. Ella Bullard, to notify us of his change so he wouldn't miss a copy of the paper which he never found anything to read in before he went into the service.

Mrs. Claude W. Barbee has written from Casa Grande, Arizona, to have the address on her husband's paper changed to Fleet Post Office, San Francisco. She has been staying with Claude, a seaman second class, while he was stationed at Port Hueneme, California.

Claud Barnett, S 2/c, stationed at Beeville, Texas, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barnett.

Pfc. and Mrs. J. B. Rhodes returned Tuesday to Tampa after a furlough spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Rhodes.

S/Sgt. Virgil Parsons of Camp Berkeley spent the Easter holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parsons.

ALL THE NEWS WE KNOW IS WHAT THE BOYS WRITE US FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

"Boy, you can really fix a guy up," begins a letter to the editor from T/Sgt. E. M. Price, MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla. The letter, written in answer to a teaser put out for him in recent issue of the paper, continues in part: "I thought when I joined the Air Corps that I was getting away from the tricks you and Herman Leach used to pull. Just the same, I did not—and don't—mind one bit. I know I should send a picture of my 'squaw' to H. J., but I would have to tie a weight to 'Mutt' to hold 'myself' long enough to take one."

"Say, my wife will never forget her visit with you folks while we were home Christmas. She still tells people about it. No foolin'—we sure enjoyed our visit to Hico."

When Mutt married a pretty wife in Florida 8 months ago, the first news flash came to us from Mayme Check out in California. Now the tables are turned, for Mutt's letter contained a piece of news from the West Coast, saying that his brother, Capt. Alvin Price, who recently returned to Camp Adair, Oregon, from taking a special course at Fort Benning, Ga., now has an APO number. For further details we'll have to wait until we see the servicemen's dad, Sam Price, who must have been staying on the job pretty close out at his place between Hico and Iredell, for we haven't seen him in town much lately.

AIRMAN SENDS PICTURE FROM TROPICAL ISLAND

Cpl. J. Carroll Smith, who is with a bombardment group somewhere in the Pacific area, has sent the editor a drawing which would be very interesting to our readers if mechanical difficulties and a number of other things didn't prevent its reproduction in the paper. The picture portrayed a native of some island where Smith has visited, "As Hollywood Sees Her" at the top of the page, and below was another scene captioned "But We Have A Ring Side Seat." Needless to say, the picture at the top was more glamorous than the realistic scene below, although the tropical scenery around both was interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Haught, Route 1, Hico, received a letter from their son, Pfc. Harold Haught, saying that he is now eligible to wear the bronze star on his service ribbon for service in the ETO (European Theatre of Operations). Pfc. Haught is in the Air Forces, somewhere in England. Another son of which the Haughts are justifiably proud is Nolan, a Senior at Iredell High School this year, who is State President of the Future Farmers of America. He will attend an officers' meeting of the FFA in Nacogdoches this week end.

Cecil Segrist received a message from his son, Pvt. Rudy Segrist, Thursday morning that he was "well and safe" on the other side of the Atlantic. Pvt. Segrist left the East Coast about three weeks ago with an APO number.

Mrs. Bill Rusk returned to Fort Worth last Friday from New York, where she has been with Pvt. Rusk, who received his APO number. Mrs. Rusk will make her home in Fort Worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boustead.

Pfc. Bertice Barnett Jr. has been transferred from Shreveport, La., to Camp Breckenridge, Ky., according to word from his dad.

LOOK OUT, O. W.—THAT NEW SUB MAY CARRY YOU JUST A SHADE FASTER

O. W. Hefner Jr., who is a helluva yeoman to have a first-class rating in the Navy, if we are to judge by the way he has taken care of his correspondence with the editor lately, has gone to sea again, we hear. After several trials runs, he left the latter part of February on a new submarine he has been helping to fit out at New London, Connecticut. His wife remains at New London, where she has a position.

O. W. has been home only once in five years, his dad reminded us when we inquired about the fellow we used to call "Whiskers." He was here in November, 1941 when some of the maneuvering prior to the firework at Pearl Harbor started. When he got back to his base, his ship had gone—and he was a man without a ship or anything else for a time. He finally got back in his berth, however, and served 16 months on one of the old R-sub of World War I vintage in the Atlantic.

It is probably a far cry from the old submarines to the modern one on which he is now a member of the crew, but O. W. has justly earned his good luck—and we hope for him a continuance of his recent good fortune. We hope also that the accommodations for writing are better, and that the lad will drop us a line now and then, even if he gets plum sassy.

Prospects are, his dad thinks, that O. W. might get to see his little bud, Raymond Hefner, who was a yeoman second class somewhere in the Pacific the last time we heard from him.

J. J. Smith left Tuesday for Temple after receiving a telephone call from his son, C. C. Smith, telling him that the latter's son, Russell Smith, had arrived home for a 30-day leave after three years in Australia as an aviation mechanic in the U. S. Navy. The sailor's wife, who is a native of Australia, whom he married about two years ago, is on her way to the States and will be met by her husband on the West Coast. They both will return to Temple for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown received a letter this week from one of their sons, Sgt. Grady Brown, somewhere in England, saying in part: "I am getting along fine. The weather here makes you feel good at all times. We have again started to work and I enjoy it more than ever as I know it is something we have to do. The more work, the quicker we will be back in the States and that is what we all want. There is no place like the U. S. A. to anyone who has lived there."

Mr. and Mrs. Webb McEver and Mrs. A. G. Liljequist were in Dallas Sunday to meet the latter's husband and Mrs. McEver's brother, Chief Petty Officer A. G. Liljequist, who had arrived back in the States after two years in North Africa. He is on a 30-day leave. The McEvers returned Sunday and the Liljequists came to Hico Tuesday to be with their children, Buzzy and Larry of Hico, and Betty, who is a cadet nurse at Hendrik Hospital in Abilene.

W. J. White, aviation student at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was called back to his station last Friday, after only getting to spend four days of his 10-day furlough here with his wife and baby. He telephoned his wife, the former Dorothy Ross, one night this week to stand by, she might receive a new address.

THEY WANT THIS SERVICE MAN TO GET HOME PAPER

The News Review received the following letter last Friday:

San Antonio, Texas

April 6, 1944

Dear Sir:

Please send the Hico News Review to my son, Cpl. Howell G. Blount, who is in North Africa. He was a graduate of Fairly school in 1940 and has many friends there and in Hico that he would like to hear about, also others in service.

Yours truly,

MRS. GUY BLOUNT.

And in the next mail we received this request from Mrs. J. O. Richardson, our Fairly correspondent: "Dear Mr. H.: Will you please book a year's subscription to your paper to Cpl. Howell G. Blount, etc., care of Postmaster, New York. Howell or 'Buster' as we call him is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Blount of San Antonio, but formerly lived here as our neighbors and we want him to receive the paper so that he can kinda keep tab on us."

Mrs. J. J. Jones was in the office last week to show us a beautiful iridescent bedspread sent her by her son, Harold (Pinky) Jones, S 1/c, from Italy. He also sent his sister, Mrs. Victor Bates, a pretty radio scarf and some costume jewelry. Mrs. Bates and little daughter, Irma Jean, are here for a visit with her parents while her husband, 1st Sgt. Bates, is awaiting orders at his station at Camp Shelby, Miss. Sgt. Bates has been in service for seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McNeely had a real Easter surprise. His brother, Mark McNeely, RMM 2/c, who has been in the Pacific area, for the past 18 months on a destroyer, accompanied by his sister, Miss Bird McNeely of Dallas, spent the week end with them. They all attended Easter services in Gorman, their former home.

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CPL. BOB ANDERSON BLOWS IN AND BACK OUT AGAIN

Cpl. Bob Anderson, who he practically figured out the proportion of stretching out a 48-hour pass to furlough proportionately stopped, off last week end in Hico on his way to Stephenville to visit his father, Ike Anderson, and sister, Miss Wynama. Bob has been stationed at Corpus Christi and satellite fields of the Naval Air Base since returning to the States from Pacific service with the U. S. Marines. He said he had been doing guard duty mostly, and the perhaps they wouldn't miss him before he got back.

Killing time while waiting for bus Saturday night, Bob came around to the office and helped the editor catch up on some of his home work. About the time we were ready to shoot the breeze with him that big wind blew up and Bob decided to blow north with it.

We'll get that big war story out of him some time yet.

Pfc. James J. Collier, who receives his mail in care of the postmaster at San Francisco, has written his mother, Mrs. John Collier, to have his APO changed. He told her that he was now on this side of the equator, which meant that he was a little closer home.

S/Sgt. Hulien Ratliff, wife and young son, Lanny Ross, of Camp Bowie, have been visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ratliff, and in Waco the week. Short is on a ten-day furlough.

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