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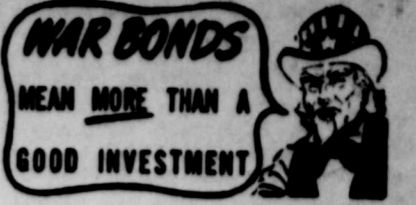
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Staff Sergeant Harvey W. Houston, home on convalescent furlough...

G. W. Britton, A Pioneer, Passes To His Reward

On February 15th G. W. Britton had just finished his breakfast and was thinking over the work of the day when a strange feeling came over him...

Hico (Thank God), Tex. February 22, 1945. Dear Homefolks: It is an exciting feeling as you get the first sight of Hico, which is the city waterworks...

As I got nearer, I kept trying to see someone that I knew, and as I came by the feed store, I happened to see Mr. Ellington and then Tuller...

His pastor, J. F. ISBELL.

Erath Red Cross Offers Accident Prevention Course

STEPHENVILLE, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Blanche Jones, county superintendent of public schools and chairman of the Accident Prevention Committee of the American Red Cross, has announced the Red Cross will conduct an Accident Prevention Course here March 5 to 10...

RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN STARTS MARCH 1

The 1945 Red Cross War Fund campaign will be held from March 1 to 31. The goal is 200 million dollars.

big difference, I just can not get used to the fact that all the small kids are practically grown now. Just one more thing, fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Holford are really trying to help you with the paper in every way, and you know your self that you are interested in the other boys from here, or at least curious to know where they are...



HICO HIGH GRADUATE KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Mrs. Kenni P. Thomas reported last week end that she had received a telephone message from her cousin, Earline, at El Paso, stating that the latter's brother, Derrell Elkins, had lost his life in a plane crash in Kansas...

SEAFO FAMILY NOTIFIED THAT THEIR SON, BILLY, IS MISSING IN ACTION

Washington, D. C. 224 P.M. Feb. 15, 1945. Eugene R. Seago, Hico, Texas. The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Flight Officer Billy G. Seago, has been reported missing in action since January 26, over China...

TEA TIME IN THE MARIANAS AND DRINKS ARE ON TOJO

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ratliff have received a clipping from a California paper carrying a picture of his brother, Sgt. Raymond Ratliff, and three other service men admiring the fine quality of captured Japanese tea and bamboo shoofts...

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TEXANS AMONG NINE TEXANS FREED FROM CAMP IN PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The names of nine Texans liberated from Japanese prison camps in the Philippines were announced by the War Department Tuesday.

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PVT. NORMAN JOHNSON IS BACK HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Pvt. Norman L. Johnson of Camp Carson, Colo., and wife of Dallas came in Friday for a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ford.

SEARGENT JONES VISITS WITH HIS NEW DAUGHTER

Sgt. Vernon F. Jones returned to his station at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, on Feb. 15 after spending a ten-day furlough with his wife and new daughter.

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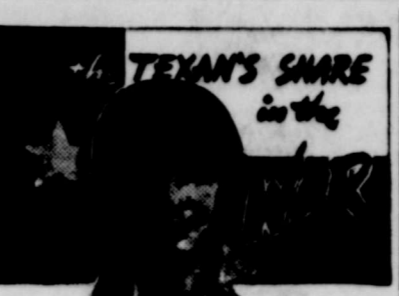
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TEXANS SHARE

Texans' home-front army of more than 100,000 war chest leaders and workers was honored last week when the State Legislature invited top State war chest leaders to address a joint session of the House and Senate...

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Plans Shaping for Rehabilitation of Club Property

Several members of the Bluebonnet Country Club met at the City Hall at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to discuss a proposition relative to rehabilitating the property and making it available for normal use as soon as conditions warrant.

21 Girls Meet to Organize Troop of Girl Scouts

Twenty-one girls between the ages of 10 and 18 met at the Hico Methodist Church Feb. 19 to organize a Girl Scout Troop. The Scoutmaster, Miss Leona Jones, was unable to be present, so Mrs. J. F. Isbell and Mrs. Geary Cheek had charge of the meeting.

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Medical Technicians Needed in Govt. General Hospitals

Austin, Feb. 20.—The Texas State Department of Health has been asked to assist in recruiting WAC Medical Technicians. Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, believes that this offers a splendid opportunity to learn and be of real service to men recovering from battle wounds and illness in government general hospitals.

TIRE RECAPPING SHOP HAS OPENED UP HERE

Operating under the name of J. & J. Tire Service, Jack Leeth has announced that he and a partner have opened the only tire recapping shop in Hico, located in the Leeth building at the rear of the News Review office.

WEATHER REPORT

Table with columns: Date, Max, Min, Prec. Data for Feb 14-20.

IT WAS FALSE ALARM

The sound of the siren during Wednesday afternoon's high wind caused anxious moments on the part of citizens until it was learned that the wires had shorted out, and there wasn't any blast at all.

# IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. R. A. French, Mrs. Allen Dawson, Mrs. Clem McAden and son were at the Wolfe Nursery, close to Stephenville, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Emily Schumacher is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Weade, and family at Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Appleby vacated the Allen house and moved to Hico. The house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt.

Paul Patterson of Dallas is visiting his parents. A miscellaneous shower was given Thursday to Mrs. Bob Mars-saller at the home of Mrs. B. L. Mitchell. She was assisted by Mrs. Hayden Sadler, Mrs. B. J. Fouts, and Mrs. Rance Phillips. A very large heart made of red crepe paper was placed in a door in the shape of a valentine. Mrs. Sadler stood on the other side of the large heart and took the gifts as the guests would arrive. Each one was given a heart. After the bride came in, each one presented their hearts and received the gifts which were presented to the honoree. The bride was given a knife and she cut the large cake. The refreshments were fine. Cake and hot chocolate, candy and pecans were served. All enjoyed the occasion very much. The bride received many nice gifts and was proud of them and thanked all for their gifts.

Peggy June Tidwell of Stephenville visited her parents Thursday. Mrs. Strange of Meridian spent Friday with her son's wife, Mrs. Tom Strange, and Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis bought the residence of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dearing and moved to it this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Golbow and sons of Addicks visited her father, John L. Tidwell, and wife Monday, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. Norma Lee Gray of Dallas spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Phillips of Dallas spent the week end here.

Cokey Graves, who is in the Navy and stationed at San Diego, is here on a furlough to his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodman and daughter of Dallas spent the week end here.

Pvt. W. E. Boyd Jr., who is in Camp Hood, spent the week end with his parents.

Bobby Jack Wilson, who is a first-class seaman and has been overseas, is now in California. He will return home on leave some time in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Vickrey, who lived in the Spring Creek community for seven years, left Sunday for Fort Worth to reside. They will be missed very much by their many friends, and all hope they will like there.

Miss May Blue spent the past week in Walnut Springs with her brother, Jesse, and wife.

Miss Juanita Walker returned to her work in San Antonio after a visit with her parents.

Mrs. Hugh Harris and son, James, and Mr. C. L. Tidwell were in Stephenville Thursday.

May Marie Royal of McGregor spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. James Tidwell of Dallas visited relatives here Friday.

There will be services in the new Church of Christ on February 25th. Lunch will be served. Services also in the afternoon.

A few days this week were almost Sprink-like, but last Friday a new norther came and it has been cold and rainy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Worrell and their daughter, Mrs. L. L. Houston, attended the annual R. E. A. membership meeting on Thursday, which was held in the recreation building in the city park in Stephenville. Also they attended the mid-Texas Hereford Sale which was also held in the recreation building. The sale was at 1 p. m. They report seeing some fine

Herefords and the grand champion bull sold for fifteen hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin of Waco spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. B. L. Mitchell, and family.

Last week when I mentioned about Leon Gordon he also had a sister, Louise, that his aunts raised. She is Mrs. Roberts now and lives in Fort Worth. I forgot to mention this.

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

Mrs. Tom Strange and daughter, Nancy, spent Sunday in Hico with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Appleby.

Mrs. Billy Devereaux and baby spent the week in Dallas with her mother, Mrs. Wingren.

Mrs. C. A. Mitchell and daughter, Mrs. Johnston, spent a few days in Dallas the past week.

Mr. W. D. Schenck was showing a kodak picture of his son, David, better known as Pinkey, taken with two natives. Pinkey is overseas. He is with several others on a job of building a radio station.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Oldham of Fort Worth, a son, on Feb. 15th, weighing 7 1/4 pounds.

We need more at the Methodist S. S. All who can do so should come. The Baptist S. S. is well attended every Sunday. We could have a large attendance also.

The 5th and 6th grades enjoyed a social in the music room of grammar school on Wednesday night. Several games were played, and refreshments were served.

The Iredell basketball team went to Walnut Springs Friday night and played with the team there. The girls won, but the boys lost.

Mrs. Lena Mae Cunningham and son spent a few days in Cleburne this week. Her sister was ill and sent for her.

At FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666 Cold Preparations as directed

## Fairy

By Mrs. J. O. Richardson

We have been having quite a bit of rain this week, and would surely like to see some fair weather.

Reuben Anderson of Grand Prairie, who has been here visiting relatives for the past week, was taken suddenly ill last week and carried to the Stephenville Hospital where, at last reports, he was some better.

Mrs. Emma Lackey received the sad message last Saturday night that her brother had died suddenly in Gatesville of a heart attack.

Mrs. Lackey and son, Bill, and family went down to Gatesville and remained until after the funeral services Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brunson visited Sunday in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sills, and family.

Pvt. Carl R. Sellers of Camp Hood spent the week end here with his wife and other relatives. His wife carried him back to Gatesville Sunday, stopping en route at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Sellers of Latham, where they met their brother-in-law, Wesley Jones, who was home for a five-day furlough. He

is in the Navy and returned to duty Tuesday of this week.

We received word this week from our friend and former neighbor, Mrs. F. V. Noland of near Blue Ridge community, stating they have all been sick with the flu. We hope all are improved by now.

Mrs. A. R. Hoover has been sick for the past week with a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fulbright of Kerrville stopped a while Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Parks, en route home from Stephenville where they had spent the week end with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fulbright, Miss Cleveone Parks, who had spent the past week here visiting her parents, returned home with her sister and husband. She is employed at Kerrville. Miss Ovie Parks, who also came in last week from Kerrville, has decided to remain and assist her father in the store.

People of this community were very sorry to hear that Billy Gene Seago was missing in action. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Seago, formerly resided in the Fairy community and his mother served as a faculty member of the Fairy School for several years. We sincerely sympathize with his dear parents in these anxious hours of waiting, and surely hope that good news will come soon.

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# The Mirror

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### BASKETBALL

The Hico boys and girls left today afternoon for a journey to Potts to enter their annual basketball tournament. At eight o'clock Friday night the boys' quint assembled on the court to meet Duster for their first game of the tournament. Our boys opened out ahead of their first opponent and kept a safe margin all the final whistle; the game ending Hico 32 and Duster 20.

After winning over Duster this team in the bracket to play Aleman Saturday at 2:00. Aleman proved to be a little better team than Duster, for there was only three points difference in final score with Aleman; Hico to Aleman's 20 points. After winning from Aleman the bracket said that we would play Potts for the semi-finals. The team played Potts a fine game but lost just the same. Potts put in a fresh team every quarter, but Hico's five fought with everything they had, and were easily seen from the

final figures, (only three points difference) Hico 17 and Pottsville 20.

If Hico had beat Pottsville they would have played Carlton for the winner of the tournament. Pottsville played Carlton and beat them, so therefore Pottsville was the winner of the tournament, Carlton runner-up, and Hico won third. The prize for third place was two one-dollar bills. The Hico Tigers put their names on these bills and they were put in the trophy case.

The girls beat Duster 19 to Duster's 16, but were beat Saturday by Gustine; Hico 14 and Gustine 19.

### — H H S — SENIOR NEWS

Using the play books which we received when Juniors and several other copies which we ordered recently, the Seniors have been trying to decide on a Senior play. Reports given at the class meeting Tuesday proved unsatisfactory. Deciding we didn't have enough material from which to select our play, we plan to order more sample copies.

### — H H S — WHO'S WHO IN THE JUNIOR CLASS

This week it is H. C. Connally's time to be interviewed.

He has brown eyes and brown wavy hair which the girls all admire very much. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and he weighs 160 lbs. His favorite book is "Mutiny on the Bounty." He likes Betty Grable in the movies. His favorite movie, however, was "Dragon Seed." Bing Crosby is the crooner for him; he is not a Frankie Sinatra fan.

H. C. played on the Hico football team of '44 and is a member of the basketball team of '45. He likes Plane Geometry better than any other subject, even though he admits those circles sometimes give him trouble.

H. C.'s ideal girl is tall, with brown hair and brown eyes. She must not talk too much if she suits him.

### — H H S — FRESHMAN NEWS

We have picked the perfect Freshman girl.

It seems she possesses many characteristics of Marlene Adams. She has hair, complexion, and clothes. She has the eyes of Patsy Ruth Roberts. She has the figure of Bobbie Jean Jaggers. Add the teeth of Mary Nell Battershell and there she is—the ideal female Fish of Hico High School.

Do you agree?

### — H H S — REFLECTIONS

Our Assistant Editor is taking over this column a week, for which we are extremely grateful. In his past work on The Mirror he was noted for the "Dirt Column" and so if he inclines toward giving the

## Basketball Will Get Rough



Just plain basketball was considered too soft for these navy trainees at U.C.L.A., so they thought up a new game similar to basketball, equipped with boxing gloves, and everything goes as the players "slug it out" under the basket. They are shown demonstrating the game at Los Angeles.

down on everything and anything, he is to be excused. You see, it's his column this week, completely and definitely.—ED.

This week the Editor decided to take a holiday from "Reflections," so it was left up to me to write it. Don't be alarmed at what appears, because next week she will resume her journalistic duties and I will again retire to the typewriter.

Everyone in the study hall where Seniors are present is certain that instead of going to Austin for educational purposes, the Seniors will end up behind a large fence in Austin. But really there is a good reason for their sudden outbreaks of laughter. Yes, they are reading plays. The Juniors have ordered their play books, so their turn will come, too.

Gossip in this year's Mirror is almost extinct but occasionally it breaks out. For weeks now the following has been piling up:

LuDell is concentrating all her amorous effects upon an ex-student of H. H. S. whose initials are H. T., while Elvena is interested in an old acquaintance, E. H. James Ray moved behind a pret-

ty Senior girl in English class and Saturday night he went to Stephenville accompanied by this same girl (L. H.).

Ada Lee has had a run with the Polk end of the Navy.

Clovis seems to like a miller and this one doesn't make flour.

Mary Jane was reported to be engaged in battle the 4th Period Friday morning.

Someone was learning how to write or print, so someone thought, but don't give up, Someone\*, some day you can tell what you typed.

The Editor wouldn't let me put her name in this column.

Monday everyone in the Lunch Room was singing "One Meat Ball."

Yes, it's true, Don has glasses.

Strange sights are occurring in the Study Hall. A complete change has come about. The students are actually using their study hall periods to study. But this will only last two weeks, as Six Weeks' Tests will be over next week. School would indeed be a marvelous place to go were it not for the approaching calamities.

### DOOR

It takes long years to grow the wood.  
For an oak, or even a pine one,  
It takes some skill, I've understood  
To measure and design one.  
It takes a painter just to paint,  
A carpenter to hang one,  
And yet—and this is my complaint—  
The merest child can bang one.

Hico High almost migrated to the Stephenville picture show Monday afternoon. When everyone heard James Ray say in Texas History that "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" was playing, plans were made. Stella took her pick-up and in it were Stella, of course; Charlene, Wanda, Ada Lee, Mary Nell, and Nelda Paul. Jerry and H. C. rode in the back. Jackie and Dale also went. Someone suggested that the picture show give James Ray a season ticket for advertising.

English IV class is very eventful. Mrs. Angell decided that the Seniors are slightly allergic to diagramming and also that James Ray's first name was Holiday. Mary Jane insists on using "like a reptile" for a prepositional phrase, while other students make sentences with 18 prepositional phrases in them.

### — H H S — NAMES

Names are very necessary things if Shakespeare could see the following, perhaps he wouldn't ask "What's in a name?"

If R. W. Can't learn English, how will he ever learn French?

We know Dale is not Haggard at all because she's been looking pretty lately.

James thinks he'd rather have snow than so much Rainwater.

Mary Jane wants a wheelbarrow to push Mildred around in.

Does Joan Goughlin when she hears Miss Hammons coming?

Does Wendell stay out late at Knight?

Wanda seems always "On the Ball."

Is Clovis related to the Grant of Civil War days? If so, does anyone know it?

Someone should tell Aranna this is not the season for Holley.

Does Leroy like to fish in the river or must he have Brooks?

What kind of Hunt is Mary on? We never see James Ray in a Bo tie.

Now, all who believe that wouldn't make Shakespeare take back what he said, stand on their head, for Dopey!

## Six-Inch Sermon

REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

Jesus, the Son of God.  
Lesson for February 25: Matthew 16: 13-17; 17:1-8.

Memory Verse: Matthew 10: 32.

In the north of Palestine, near the ruins of a pagan temple, and where the sources of the Jordan unite—in a spot beautified by nature and once adorned by the hand of man—the first and Great Confession was made.

His name having become known everywhere, Jesus asked the disciples the opinions of men concerning Him. The answers indicated that all thought Him some great Person. He was all the answers implied, but infinitely more. "But who say ye that I am?" The time comes when all men must answer that question for themselves.

Hebrew Kings had been anointed when called to rule their people. Christ means Anointed. Jesus (Saviour) is the name of the Son of God, the Christ (the Anointed of God) is His title. What a blessed combination!

The declaration Peter made was soon confirmed from heaven. Six days afterward, probably on Mount Hermon, Jesus was transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John. Heaven touched the earth to glorify the Son of God. The Law and the Prophets, which Jesus fulfilled, stood with Him in the persons of Moses and Elijah. No wonder Peter wanted to build three tabernacles for the great Persons and dwell there in that rapt place and state.

But they were called to serve and they could not remain on the mountain top. The glory of the transfiguration departed, Jesus remained. But may the heavenly scene strengthen us to make our own confession in the Son of God and, like the disciples, go into the busy scenes of life to serve men—through Jesus the Christ.

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TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR  
Hamilton County, Texas

English IV class is very eventful. Mrs. Angell decided that the Seniors are slightly allergic to diagramming and also that James Ray's first name was Holiday. Mary Jane insists on using "like a reptile" for a prepositional phrase, while other students make sentences with 18 prepositional phrases in them.

## SHADES with LIGHT LININGS

### REFLECT UP TO 30 to 50% More Light

If your lamp shades are not white or very light-colored on the inside, you're losing a lot of valuable light. Dark linings soak up light like a sponge—in some cases as much as 30 to 50% of the light is lost. Clean your lamp shades regularly, or if they're too dark or discolored with age, replace them with clean white-lined shades that reflect light instead of absorbing it. You'll find you'll get a lot more light from the same bulbs.

### HOW TO CLEAN LAMP SHADES

Parchment paper shades should be dusted with a clean cloth. Silk shades with fancy trimming such as appliqued ornaments, and shades of shrinkable material should be dry cleaned. Plain silk or rayon shades can often (but not always) be washed successfully provided they are stitched to frame and not glued. To wash, first remove all surface dirt with soft brush; then hold by wire frame at top and dip up and down repeatedly in lukewarm suds made from mild soap flakes. Rinse through three or four lukewarm rinses using same up and down dipping motion. Dry very fast, hanging in shade outdoors in warm, breezy weather, or suspending over radiator or stove, using fan to accelerate drying, in inclement weather.

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Hico, Tex., Friday, Feb. 23, 1945.

WORTH OF VITAMINS

When we think about all the people in our community, and every other community, who have been buying quantities of vitamin tablets and tonics in order to handle the battle with life more easily...

The report points out that vitamins are of utmost importance to those who are deficient in them, but questions whether there is any justification in the sale of vitamins to those who do not have a deficiency.

A HEALTHY NATIONALISM

Americans are fully aware of their importance as a nation. We realize our responsibility as a world power. Moreover, we have a strong national pride in our country as the land of opportunity and freedom.

However, there is a great difference between our nationalism and the kind of nationalism which has been looming its ugly head for centuries in Europe.

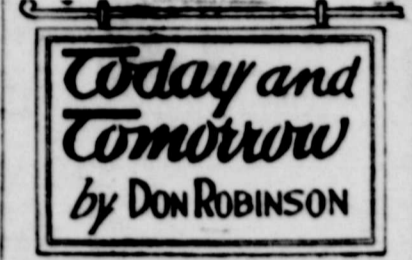
We may be grateful for our geographical location, this keeps us apart from this petty nationalism. There is no other nation that is so well practiced in the art of mixing varied races and creeds and making it work successfully.

Wee Bits of JESTURE

[Opinions expressed in this weekly feature are the writer's, and not necessarily those of the News Review.—ED.]

Well, folks, you have probably already heard the rumors that are going around about Mr. Stalin "getting off with the bacon" at the "Big 3" meeting.

mits himself too deeply on matters like that he should "let charity begin at home." If voting is a duty, why the "Poll Tax?" If woodcutters must sell their wood at "1942 ceilings," why the raise in salary for Congressmen that was suggested recently?



HABITS . . . conversion Speaking of reconversion, it will be interesting to see, after the war, how long it will take the average person to "reconvert" his living habits to the extravagant and perhaps wasteful standards of prewar days.

All of us have learned a lot about conservation during the last three years. We have learned that an automobile can go almost twice as far on a gallon of gasoline if driven at 30, instead of 60 miles per hour.

ADS . . . sales

At the beginning of the war it seemed like a minor revolution in advertising when manufacturers suddenly started spending good advertising money to tell us how to get along with a smaller supply of their products.

Although we have become used to such advertising now, I feel that manufacturers showed considerable business courage to substitute a conservation appeal for a sales appeal.

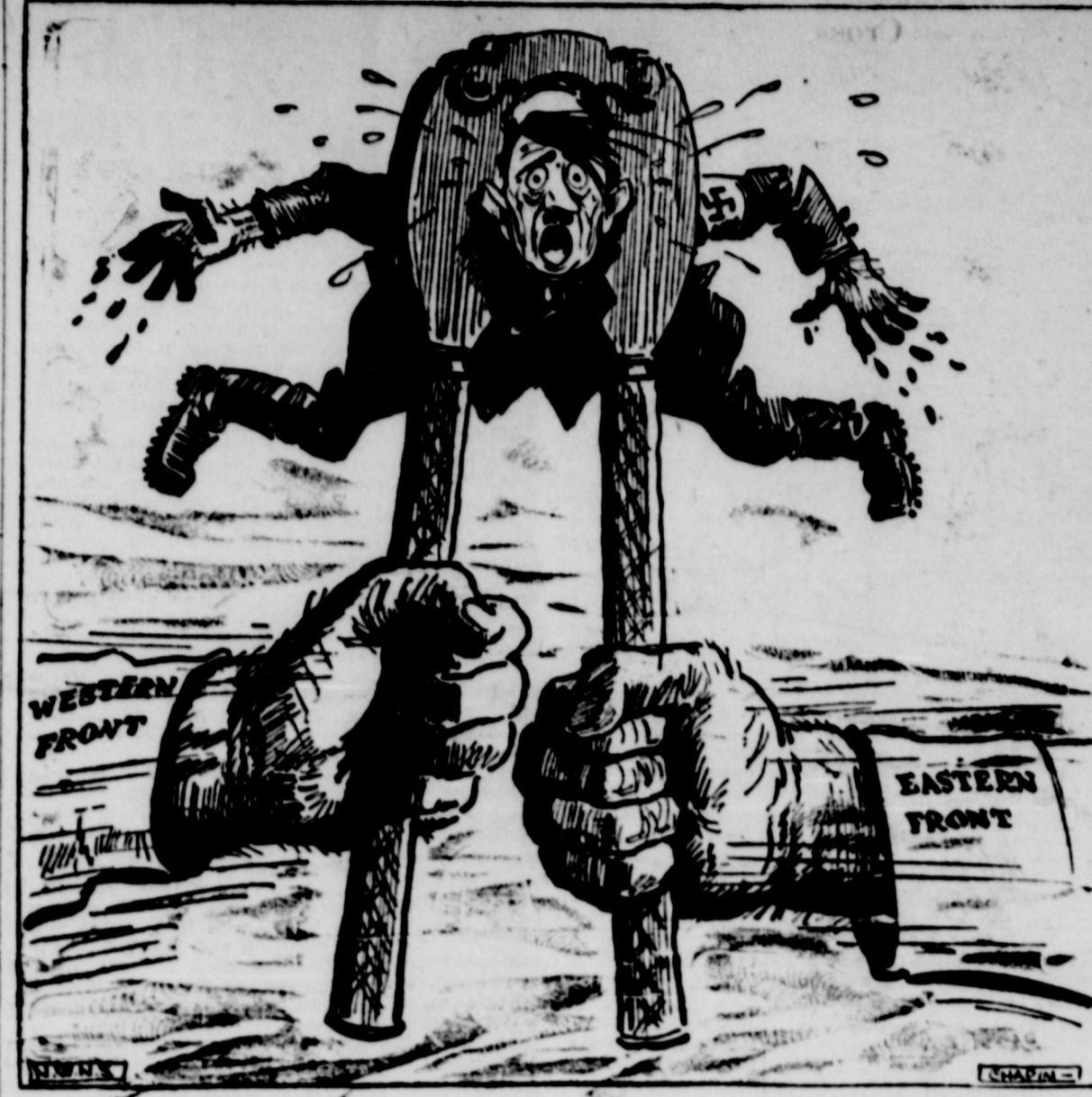
But most manufacturers probably realize that the average American doesn't like conservation and that most of us will quickly revert to our old habits as soon as supplies make it possible.

SECURITY . . . income

Our "How to Get Along Without" education hasn't been nearly as extensive as it has been in other countries. But it has been extensive enough to give us a better evaluation of what is really essential and what isn't.

A friend of mine who was out of work for many months during the depression, and supported his family during that time on the small allotment available through unemployment insurance, says that experience was one of the most valuable he ever had.

The Final Squeeze



HOUSE HOME BY MARY E. DAGUE

WHEN you're ordering your seeds this spring don't forget to include several varieties of herbs. You will find them interesting and profitable to grow because some will provide tantalizing flavors for all sorts of dishes.

In general, herbs like a warm sunny exposure, preferably facing south or east and a well-drained dry soil. The mints are almost the only exception because they thrive in a moist soil and semi-shade.

When the ground is well prepared sow the seeds thinly. Then cover them lightly by sifting a little soil over them. Press down firmly with a board and if the ground is very dry, water them gently.

A space two by four feet allows plenty of room for most herbs. Many of the low growing ones make delightful edging plants for vegetable or flower gardens.

THIS AND THAT BY JOE SMITH DYER

UNHAPPY? WHY? When Mrs. Smythe drives her fine big car through town, Mrs. Smith is very envious and for this reason—

Mrs. Smythe's husband gets \$30,000 a year and Mr. Smith gets only \$15,000. The terrible inequality of such incomes makes Mrs. Smythe haughty and Mrs. Smith humiliated.

Spouts Five Miles



A close view of waterspout which helps to dispel the belief that spouts are solid columns of water. Spray at the base of the column obscures the point where the waterspout touches the sea.

Mrs. Johnson who is driving her old horse and buggy and this situation causes them to barely speak. And here again we get the inequalities of another social stratum—here again the always-working, moths of envy is eating happiness out of the hearts of two good women.

We are never pleased. When we have enough, we want an excess and it is the envy we have for those who have that excess that makes us unhappy.

Mazurkas & Mongols: Warsaw is freed and like no other city in Europe its liberation symbolizes the horror and the hope of this second world war.

But Poland as a symbol of this war means more than the memory of a ballet and incidents of her medieval grandeur. It was Warsaw that first made little of Hitler's military boots when it stubbornly held out for 63 days against certain destruction.

Disappointment only shows that there is no man living that should really have all the things he longs for.

FASHION for today BY PATRICIA DOW



School or Play No. 8729—For a "Princess"—this delightful frock with over-shoulder ruffles and roomy pockets is ideal for school or play.

Form for Patricia Dow Patterns with fields for Name, Address, and Pattern No.

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# Personals.

Miss Louise Blair of Brady spent a week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wren and Mrs. Nell Reeves were business visitors Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. John Higgins and daughter, Coleen, of Camp Hood spent the past week end in Hico.

Mrs. A. R. Pierson of Dallas is ending the week here with her mother, Mrs. J. I. Tooley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. E. O. Battles were in Weatherford Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Joiner.

Mrs. E. M. Smith returned home Monday after an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Walter, at Imperial.

Miss Wilena Purcell spent Saturday night in Waco with Mrs. S. Smedley and Mr. and Mrs. Arance Huckaby.

Miss Ann Persous of San Antonio spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Persons.

W. G. Trout of Fort Worth, representing Barron Feed Mills, was in Hico Wednesday on business with Keeney's Hatchery and Texaco Store.

Mrs. J. R. Massingill of Fort Worth and daughter, Mrs. Ivan (later of Marshall, came in Wednesday for a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. C. D. Yarough, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Massie of Armon, Texas, and Mrs. Horace (Arnes) of Dayton, Ohio, spent Sunday night with Mrs. Massie's sister, Mrs. E. A. Willis, and family.

**ASTER FLOWERS AND PLANTS**  
Easter time is flower time. Place flowers now for a gorgeous Hyangea plant for Mother, Wife or sweetheart.

**THE HICO FLORIST** 40-2c  
Miss Frances Brown of Fort Worth came in Tuesday to be with her grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Brown, who has been ill for the past several days but who is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Earl Bowman returned Tuesday to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roberson on the Stephenville Hospital here she had been for several days for treatment. At last report she was improving.

Mrs. James Brown and children, Mable and Judy, of Houston are in Sunday for a visit here with her husband's mother, Mrs. A. Brown, and family. James is employed with a construction company in the Aleutian Islands.

Guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lynch and Mrs. W. R. Lynch are Mrs. C. B. Gough and son, Harold, of West Point, Ga. Harold has accepted employment at the Hico plant and says he likes this part of the country so well that he thinks he'll just stay a while.

A little son, Geary Lynn, was born Friday morning, Feb. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Oldham in the Stephenville Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Oldham formerly lived in Ireland but are now making their home in Fort Worth where he is employed at Consolidated Aircraft plant. Mrs. Oldham, nee Alma Phillips, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips of Hico.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-1fc.

## Church News

**Baptist Church**  
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union, 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching, 8:00 p. m.  
Tuesday - W. M. U., 3:00 p. m.  
Inbeams, 3:00 p. m. G. A.'s, 4:15 m.  
Wednesday - R. A.'s, 4:15 p. m.  
ayer services, 8 p. m.  
O. D. CARPENTER, Pastor.

**First Christian Church**  
Preaching service each first and third Sunday mornings of each month at 11:00 o'clock.  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.  
You need your church and the church needs you. Come worship with us, your presence is greatly needed.  
J. L. FUNK, Supt. Sunday School.

**Methodist Church**  
Church School, 10 a. m. Tyrus King, Superintendent.  
Preaching, 11 a. m. Subject, "Why We Have Religious Difficulties."  
Preaching 12:15 p. m. at Clairmont.  
Preaching 3 p. m. at Duffau.  
Evening service at Hico Methodist Church, 8 p. m. Subject of sermon, "Trilling."  
Worship with us.  
J. F. ISBELL, Pastor.

## Home Nursing Course Available Through Red Cross

Farm families all the way from Ventura, California, to Rutland, Vermont, are benefiting from American Red Cross Home Nursing instruction given by professional nurses. Since Pearl Harbor, more than 250,000 rural women have completed home nursing classes. In many places the U. S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service is cooperating in promoting classes, and county health departments are furnishing nurses to teach.

Those wishing to enroll should call their Red Cross chapter. The standard course requires but 24 hours. It teaches how to care for communicable diseases, give bed baths, change the bed with the patient in it, take temperature and pulse, improvise equipment for greater comfort, and give simple treatments and medicine ordered by the doctor. The course further includes care of the mother and her new baby and the prevention of illness. A 6-lesson course of 12 hours on care of the sick only is also available.

## LETTERS from Readers

### MARK'S LONESOME; HE'LL BE SAYING SOON THAT THE "BEACON" IS BETTER

Lockney, Texas  
February 17, 1945  
Dear Holford:  
Had not given so much thought to the home-town paper before, but since I can't get an issue of it I sure do miss the "Headache." So if you don't mind, send it along and I'll have a box of aspirins handy.

Well, we sure had some luck on our move. Seems as if the old devil was right after us. Anyway insurance is a grand thing, even if you do have to buy it on credit once in a while.  
We like out here just fine, but it seems kinda unnatural not to hang around and drink a cup of coffee with some of you guys and take a nickel off Hord Randa's. Send that little print along as we can read it and it has lots of other uses also. Anyway we don't care to miss many issues and when my sub expires just notify me and keep it coming.  
Your friend,  
MARK WALDROP.

### WILL YOU ANSWER THEIR LETTERS IF THE BOYS DO WRITE TO YOU, TOMMY?

Blanket, Texas  
February 19, 1945  
Dear Mr. Holford:  
I really did appreciate your sending me a copy of last week's Hico News Review with the article in it from Currie Polk. I have been wondering where lots of the boys were, because it has been such a long time since I have heard from any of them.  
I would like a letter from all of them, because I can say truthfully that I enjoyed coaching in Hico better than any place I have ever been.  
Saying hello to everyone.  
Very truly yours,  
TOMMY D. LEVISAIS.

### MAYBE THAT SHOE MAN WRAPPED HIS LUNCH IN YOUR PAPER, CHARLES

Santa Fe Shoe Shop  
Fort Worth, Texas  
February 20, 1945  
Hico News Review Paper  
Hico, Texas  
I want last week paper, haven't got it. Is my name on it Charles?  
How is Doris, Hershel, Walter and all the rest?  
Answer, please.  
CHARLIE THE JEW.

**LEADS SIXTH GROUP**  
Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the U. S. Sixth Army group, made up of the 7th and 9th armies, both giving excellent accounts of themselves on the German front. He is known as a slasher of red tape and a dynamic, pushing man with a wide grin.

**BACK UP YOUR BOY**  
FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF!  
Increase your payroll savings to your family help

**CUSTOM HATCHING**  
We Have Hatching Capacity For 20,000 Turkey Eggs Per Week.  
We have one hatchery for tested flocks and one for untested flocks. So, whether your turkeys are tested or not, we have a place for your eggs.  
We Set Every Monday—TURKEY EGGS ONLY  
Our B. B. Bronze Poults are as fine as can be bought anywhere. Let us book your order now for the time you desire.  
**GERALD TURKEY HATCHERY**  
— Telephone 183 —  
HAMILTON, TEXAS

## Clairette

By Mrs. H. Alexander

Rev. Greenwood of Bluffdale filled his regular appointment here last Sunday.

Several from here attended the Hereford Sale at Stephenville last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Stanford and little son, Donald, of Brownwood spent the week end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanford.

Mrs. Sam C. Thompson of Colorado City spent several days in the home of her father, T. M. Lee.

Miss Lila Sherrard of Mineral Wells spent the week end here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherrard.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander and daughter, Elizabeth, Thursday night were Mr. R. M. Alexander, Mrs. I. B. Havens and son, Lt. Tull Havens, of Hondo Air Field, Miss Nila Marie Alexander of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander. A dinner was served in honor of Lieutenant Havens.

Mrs. Mollie Johnson fell Thursday, receiving considerable bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stipe were guests Sunday in the home of Ray Stipe.

Mrs. Moran Martin spent Wednesday at De Leon in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alf Sloan.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe Saturday night were Mrs. Sam Thompson of Colorado City, Mrs. Sam Wolfe of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee, and Misses Eunice and Nola Lee.

Mrs. John Gollightly, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan, and a daughter, Miss Heater, went to Brownwood Saturday to visit Mrs. Mable Sevier, who is ill.

Rev. Jewel Greenwood of Bluff Dale spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark are visiting relatives at Dallas.

Mr. John Salmon, Mrs. Nora Dowdy and daughter, Bissie, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Wolfe Sunday.

Mr. I. B. Havens and daughter, Florine, spent the week end here in their home with Mrs. Havens, who is ill. Mr. Havens remained over with his wife.

Lt. Tull Havens, who has been here for several days in the home of his parents, returned to Hondo Army Air Field Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deward Head were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Gollightly.

## OLIN H. D. CLUB MET AT HOME OF MRS. JACKSON

The Olin Home Demonstration Club met in regular session in the home of Mrs. Robert Jackson on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. Cary Noble gave demonstrations on garment dyeing and cleaning a sweater using glue. Both demonstrations were highly successful.

Mrs. James Sparks called attention to changes in the THDA constitution and by-laws and explained and clarified the program of work of the five-state committees of the Association.

During the business session vacancies of officers were completed as follows: Mrs. Robert Jackson, president; Mrs. Richard Tooley, vice-president; Mrs. Hunter Newman, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. E. E. Basham, council delegate; Mrs. James Sparks, program chairman; Mrs. Arthur Todd, dairy demonstrator; Mrs. Cary Noble, clothing demonstrator; Mrs. Ira Johnson, reporter.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Hunter Newman on the afternoon of March 1st at 2:00 o'clock. Miss Thelma Keene, Co. H. D. Agent, will present the program. All community ladies are invited to attend.

REPORTER

## Fear of Cancer Is Often Unjustified, Says Health Officer

Austin, Tex., Feb. 19.—Many false ideas and misconceptions regarding the cause of cancer are responsible for an unjustified fear of this disease according to a statement released by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"We receive many inquiries as to what is the cause of cancer," Dr. Cox said. "In order to reduce the total of 160,000 cancer deaths in the United States each year it would be well for the general public to be more fully informed about the established cancer facts."

"The more common cause of cancer," Dr. Cox asserted, "is some form of chronic or prolonged irritation such as friction."

"Cancer is seldom caused from a single bruise. A type of bone cancer known as sarcoma may possibly result from a single severe injury, but it is believed that a single bruise to a soft tissue such as the breast will not cause cancer to develop."

There is no scientific evidence that cancer is caused by a germ; therefore it is not contagious or infectious. There is no record in medical literature of physicians or nurses getting cancer from their patients.

In commenting about some of the old-fashioned ideas about the causes of cancer, Dr. Cox said it is time for the average person to realize that aluminum cooking vessels, electric refrigeration, or certain food groups cannot be the cause of cancer.

"Certainly aluminum vessels and electric refrigeration have nothing to do with it, and there is no known food or combination of foods that have any influence on the cause or cure of cancer," Dr. Cox said.

Cancer can often be cured if diagnosed in time. If the earliest symptoms such as enlargement or change of color in any mole or wart, bleeding from any body cavity or chronic indigestion with an aversion to meat are heeded as warnings, and early diagnosis is secured, x-ray, radium, or surgery may save the life of the patient.

## PRESENTING THE

# New Hat Silhouettes



As gay and giddy a collection of new season hats as you could wish. Chick adaptations of your favorite sailor—high crowned styles with just the suggestion of brim—hats to frame your face, flatter your good taste. You'll love each and every one of these new silhouettes—and we've dozens of intriguing hats from which to select your new season treat.

# New Prints

FOR THE CHARMING WOMAN

## DON'T FORGET

The Little Tot

Have a picture made to send to Daddy in the Service.

THE WISEMAN STUDIO  
HICO, TEXAS



Dress up for Spring—dress up bright and beautiful! Nothing like a gay light-hearted print can make you feel so young again. Choose a "dress-up" classic of a charming two-piece model... choose a small dainty print or an all-over pattern—but choose a print to greet the glorious spring... choose it to wear now under your coat—later with spring furs.

# J. W. Richbourg

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- 5.50 - 17
- 6.00 - 16
- 6.50 - 16
- 7.00 - 16

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ALL SIZES OF NEW TUBES  
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"Let's Talk Tires"

N. N. Akin, Mgr. G. Hooper, Gulf Agt.

THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



—by Mac Arthur

MOTORISTS FACE HARDEST WARTIME PERIOD

PINCH IN TIRES, PARTS AND FUEL WILL CONTINUE

Farmers to Get Quarter Of Truck Needs.

With 1,500,000 passenger cars breaking down with little or no chance for replacement and the spare parts situation tight; with gasoline and tire supplies remaining critically short, and with the serious shortage of lead necessitating the greater conservation of batteries, vehicle operators will face the hardest period of the war in 1945, the Office of War Information reported.

As a result of the cloudy prospects for the year, car owners will be wise to make the most judicious use of their vehicles, be quick to attend the smallest trouble, and, where possible, share in driving, it was said.

With no new cars to be manufactured through 1945, and the pool of second-hand cars drying, scrapping of private passenger automobiles continues at a high rate and the total number of such cars in the hands of essential drivers is getting dangerously low. ODT, making its study from sources other than registrations, estimates that the national total of passenger cars as of January 1, 1944, was 28,900,000. This figure dwindled to 24,400,000 as of January 1, 1945. It is estimated that of these 24,400,000, approximately 23,750,000 are actually in use and that 650,000 are immobilized. ODT warns that if shortages of replacement and repair parts become severe, this number may increase. Further-

more, automobiles would head for the scrap heaps more quickly than now if gasoline were to be rationed liberally.

Less than one-fourth of the motor trucks estimated as needed to meet essential civilian transportation requirements during 1945 will be produced and distributed to commercial operators. Authorized civilian program amounts to 188,792 light, medium, light heavy and heavy trucks or 21.4 per cent of ODT's stated requirement of 773,935 vehicles.

ODT, as claimant agency for commercial vehicles, estimates that farm trucks and off-the-highway farm vehicles totaled 1,550,000 in 1944 and will total 1,630,000 in 1945. The average age of farm trucks is between 7 and 8 years. The nation's farmers, WFA estimated, could use 200,000 new trucks this year, but probably will get about 60,000.

Even though the certified production of all petroleum liquids for February, 1945, is at an all-time peak and the current production of all grades of gasoline is also at a record-breaking total, the problem of gasoline supplies for civilians remains acute. Reason for lack of improvement: Military demands have expanded along with increased production.

Military requirements are currently on the increase. This always causes greater demands on transportation facilities. At the present moment, transportation is tighter than supply. Every car, barge, tanker and pipeline is being used to capacity—the greater requirements for military supplies during the last six months making the movement of civilian supplies more difficult.

Gasoline allocations for passenger cars are based upon an ODT estimate that the essential transportation work of each automobile can be performed with an average mileage for the nation of between 5,000 and 5,500 miles a year. The average annual mileage before the war was 9,000 miles, about 4,000 of which was for social and recreational driving.

With tires carrying more freight and passenger-traffic today than ever before in history, and with military mechanization requir-

ing more and more tires, the problem of producing enough tires for essential civilian and military transportation is acute, ODT officials emphasize.

The armed forces now need about 30 per cent more tires than they are getting. Officials point out that military tires undergo rough use in all war theaters. These tires do not roll over smooth concrete, but bounce over ruts, sand, rock and the debris of war. Tin cans, shell fragments, broken glass, shattered parts, rubble and bullets are normal hazards of the tire on war duty. Roughly three out of every five tires replaced in France suffered from carcass damage rather than from wear to the treads.

In the face of multiplied military tire requirements, the nation's civilian owners of passenger automobiles will have to endure another year of stringent rationing. WPB has reduced the quota for civilian passenger car tires in the first quarter of 1945 from an anticipated 8,000,000 tires to 5,000,000 tires, because heavier emphasis is being placed on the output of tires for light trucks and jeeps.

Currently the greatest threat to U. S. transportation—military and civilian—comes from the shortage of lead, material used in the manufacture of batteries. A decreased lead supply will require a 40 per cent cut in metal available for civilian batteries. Lead assigned for civilian battery construction may be cut from about 224,000 tons in 1944, to 143,000 tons in 1945.

Because of the shortage of lead, ODT urges all motorists to conserve their batteries. Maintenance suggestions include the following: Replenish water as soon as liquid falls to the top of separators; adjust "hold-downs" or battery supports to prevent battery from bouncing in its cradle; avoid overcharging or undercharging; avoid "battery dopes," since no satisfactory substitute electrolyte has been found for the simple mixture of sulphuric acid in water.

Production of permitted spare parts for civilian needs was accelerated in 1944 to reach an all-time record value of \$750,000,000, it was revealed by the WPB. The high rate production is expected to continue through 1945.

Elkins and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Elkins, was born at Duffau about the year 1922 and graduated from Hico High School. He had been in the Army Air Corps for about five years.

G. W. (Bud) Britton, who was buried at the Duffau Cemetery Friday afternoon, was one of our pioneer citizens, having lived here all his life, and was almost seventy years of age. He died suddenly of a heart attack at the breakfast table, Thursday, Feb. 15. There was born in the Stephenville Hospital Thursday morning, Feb. 15, an 8 3-4 pound girl who was christened Nita Lee. She is the daughter of Erwin Lee King and wife, Pat. The baby and Pat are doing nicely, and Lee is doing fairly well.

CLAIRETTE H. D. CLUB MEMBERS DISCUSS FARM BEAUTIFICATION PLANS

Homes are the foundation of our Nation. The attitude of the people is greatly influenced by their surroundings. Children, especially, are wonderfully affected for good or evil by their surroundings.

On the farms little attention is given to beautifying the farmstead, and what is given is contributed solely by the women.

The women of the Clairette Home Demonstration Club and their agent, Miss Hannah Nabors, met on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Alexander, to study and discuss plans for beautifying some farmsteads in the community.

The women found three reasons why rural homes have neglected their premises in this way. (1) A belief that any adequate improvement will be too expensive. (2) A conviction that it will require too much time and work for upkeep, and (3) Indifference.

They found that it is not expensive because our native shrubs are easily transplanted with just a little time and work. Sometimes just hauling off the rubbish and junk helps a lot.

In planning our landscapes we must be careful to include only the plants and shrubs that require the least amount of care. A few well-kept ones are much better than a yard full that are neglected.

The women decided that indifference was their greatest problem, but with the help of their husbands and instructions from their agent they plan to beautify their farmsteads.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. Joe Alexander, Mrs. Bonnie Alexander, Mrs. Leslie Patterson, Mrs. Bobby Alexander, Mrs. G. E. Holladay, Mrs. Ray Stipe, Mrs. D. M. Head, Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Mrs. John Gollightly, and the agent, Miss Hannah Nabors.

The club will meet with Mrs. J. G. Edwards on Friday, Feb. 23, at 2 p. m. to study "Care of the Stick"

REPORTER

KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS

City of Manila Recaptured



The victory in Manila is certain to bring an early change in pace in the battle for Japan and fight to oust Japs from China. Manila's famous land-locked bay is a natural parking place in which to gather our ships for any exploit. Japan's water supply lines to west and north of Luzon become easy targets for fliers, and excellent flying fields offer endless possibilities for knockout bombing blows. At hand, for instance, are Nichols and Nielsen fields and nearby is Clark field. Map insert shows section south of Pasig river in Manila where the Japs were pocketed.

Duffau

— By — Elmer Gesecke

We are still enjoying nice rains that have been falling for several days.

Geo. Bowie is moving a windmill over a well at his place. He is piping water into the house, and as George says, "Just trying my best to get along at home."

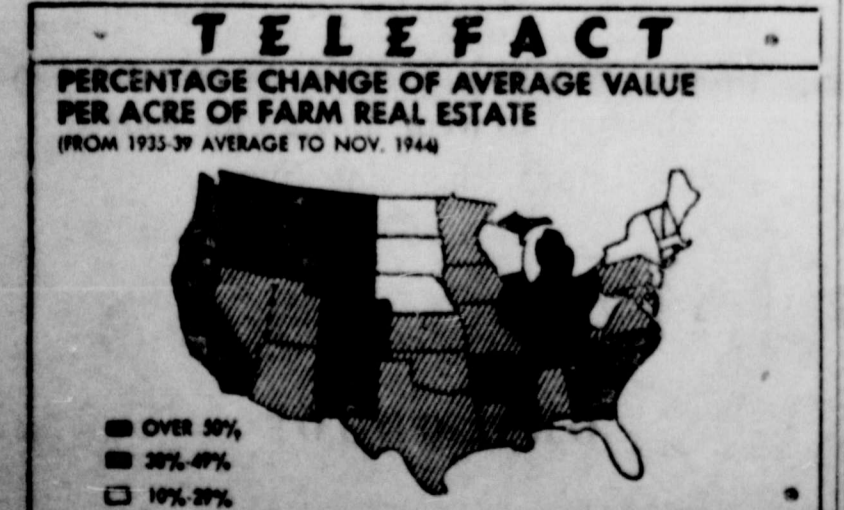
Our community was saddened Thursday when news was received that Darrell Elkins had been killed in a plane crash. We have no definite information at this time as to where or how the accident occurred. Possibly the editor will have a complete detailed account of the tragedy elsewhere in the News Review. Darrel, son of Dale

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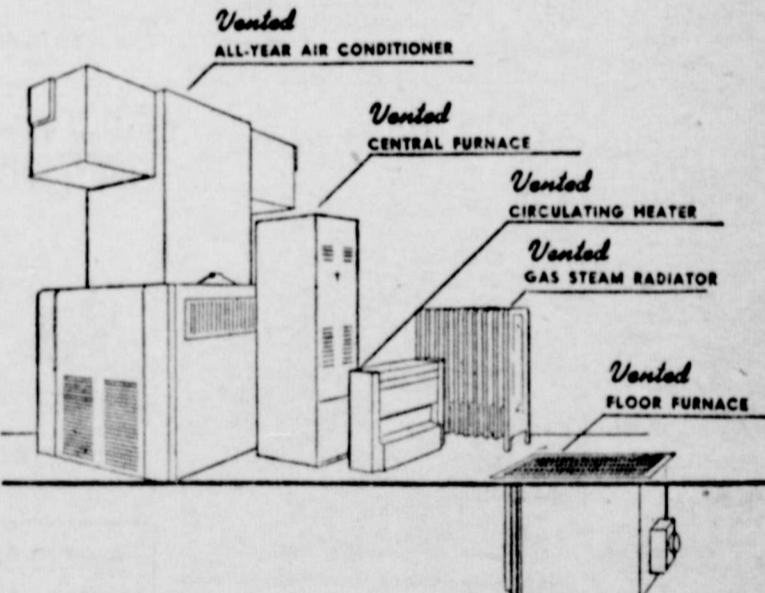
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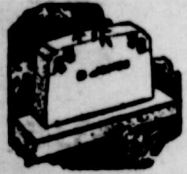
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FOR SALE: Model B Allis-Chalmers Tractor with equipment. Tip-top shape. D. R. Proffitt. 38-tfc

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FOR SALE: 1930 Ford Tudor, fair rubber. Also have several used batteries at a bargain. D. R. Proffitt, Magnolia Station. 35-tfc.

FOR SALE: 32-volt wind charger, complete with 45 ft. tower, batteries, wiring and light bulbs. Mrs. Eileen Copeland, Hico Rt. 1. 36-tfc

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### Carlton

By Mrs. Fred Geye

The Carlton Women's Club met with Mrs. Ophelia Upham Feb. 15, in honor of her 70th birthday, and to have their "Revelation Party," reveal their secret pals, and to draw new names, each member receiving nice gifts from their pals. Each lady brought a covered dish and at the noon hour a bountiful feast was spread. The day was spent in quilting and having a good time. Members present were Mrs. Rena Stidham, Mrs. R. L. Brimer, Mrs. R. L. McDaniel, Mrs. Joe Bush, Mrs. Fred Geye, Mrs. Milton Whitehead, Mrs. Ella McKenzie, Mrs. S. S. Vaughn, Mrs. Lilla Byrd, Mrs. Jim Pollard, Mrs. Will Wright, Mrs. Frank Osborne, Mrs. Will Barnett, Mrs. Upham, and her husband. Guests present were Mrs. R. A. Smith of Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Upham of Wilson, and Frank Osborne of Dublin.

Freddie, 11-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self, was carried to the Gorman Hospital last Wednesday, ill with pneumonia. They returned home with him Sunday, and he is doing fine.

Capt. Woodie Wilson, a patient in the McCloskey Hospital at Temple, and his wife, a teacher in the Stephenville school, spent last Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Norma Wilson. This was his first visit home since arriving back in the States from overseas duty.

Mrs. Alvin Barrett underwent an operation in the Gorman Hospital last Monday and is improving.

Billy Cole, a defense worker in Fort Worth, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cole.

Mrs. Hal Sowell and daughters, Barbara and Wanda, were weekend visitors in Marshall and Tyler.

Charlie Rich has returned home from San Diego, Calif., having received a medical discharge from the Navy.

Mrs. R. A. Smith received a mes-

sage Sunday night that her only child, Mrs. A. L. Payne, had died suddenly at her home in Marshall. She left Monday morning to attend the funeral in Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Vaughan and two sons, together with their little friend, Phillip Custom, of Fort Worth visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Proffitt, and Melba Jean. Mrs. Bertha Chick is visiting at Sudan with her sister, Mrs. Mertie Shaffer; at Meadow with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Green Britton, and at Tipton, Okla., with her brother Dave Britton.

After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Salmon, and his sister, Lou, S/Sgt. Doyle Salmon has returned to Newark, N. J. Mrs. Willard Williamson returned Tuesday to her work in Cisco after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fisher, and her sisters, Mrs. Hubert Stuckey and Mrs. R. D. Ford.

Mrs. Fred Geye returned Wednesday from Dublin, where she had been since Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Warren, who was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Clark visited Friday afternoon at the Gorman Hospital with Mrs. Alvin Barrett. Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Hatley were visitors in Dublin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Keeney Jr. and baby son of Hico spent Sunday with his uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Curry Jr.

Dow Self and Mrs. Fred Geye spent Friday at the Gorman Hospital with his wife and baby and the daughter of Mrs. Geye.

Mrs. Glen Hancock (the former Mrs. Ruby Proffitt) of Stephenville and son, Bobby Jack Proffitt of Hico visited Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Proffitt, and his two brothers, Denny and Junie. Junie accompanied his mother home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright spent Friday and Saturday at Stephenville.

Pvt. Lorys Lander of Camp Hood and his wife of Dublin visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead.

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### W. S. C. S. MET MONDAY WITH MRS. LUSK RANDALS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met Monday, Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. Lusk Randals. The first lesson of the Bible study, "The Word of His Grace" given, Mrs. N. M. Colwick gave the background of the study in three parts, "A City," "A Man" and "A Letter." Mrs. J. F. Isbell then gave an outline of the two divisions of the Book of Ephesians, "The Christian Faith" and "The Christian Attitude." Rev. Isbell gave a talk on "The Purpose and Plan of God," explaining the first chapter of Ephesians. The study hour was closed with a song and a benediction by Rev. Isbell.

A few business matters were discussed before the social hour. The hostess served delicious chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips and hot tea. The above mentioned members and the following guests and members were present: Mrs. C. D. Hanson, Mrs. Lula Stewart, Mrs. Wade Greenslit, Mrs. Harold Hanson, Mrs. E. H. Persons, Mrs. Morse Ross, and Martha Lou Hanson. REPORTER.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their words of sympathy at the death of our beloved husband, father and brother; also for the beautiful floral offerings. Had it not been for your kindly deeds, our sorrow would have been harder to bear. God bless you all.

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**NAVY DEPARTMENT NOTIFIES HICO MAN HOPES FOR SON ARE ABANDONED**

M. O. Burnett, father of a chief petty officer serving on the ill-fated USS Monaghan, Thursday received the following telegram concerning the case:

Washington, D. C.  
1292 A. M., Feb. 22, 1945

Mathew Oliver Burnett  
Hico, Texas

The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that a careful review of all facts available relating to the disappearance of your son, Raymond Otis Burnett, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, USNR, previously reported missing, leads to the conclusion that there is no hope for his survival and that he lost his life as a result of ship disaster during typhoon on 18 December, 1944, while in the service of his country.

If additional information is received it will be forwarded to you promptly. Sincere sympathy is extended to you in your great sorrow.

VICE-ADM. RANDALL JACOBS  
Chief of Naval Personnel

The following official news dispatch appeared in Thursday's daily papers:

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 22.—Four seamen who escaped by life raft and were rescued 96 hours after their ship, the U. S. S. Monaghan, and two other destroyers, capsized and sank during a typhoon Dec. 18 in the China Sea, have arrived here.

Well, Mom, I'll tell you about what is wrong with me now. You remember I wrote you a letter from Belgium and told you I had frozen feet. Well, I have. They have brought me back to the States to treat them. They aren't bad, the only thing is I can't get out of bed, just have to lie here. I haven't been out of bed for a month now, and damned if I ain't getting tired of it and I will be proud to get out where I can walk around. I can tell more now about how I got my feet frozen. I was in Germany on the front line and German shell fire kept me pinned down in a foxhole for four days and nights. There was snow about four feet deep and I couldn't move around, so my feet froze just like a block of ice. It wasn't very pleasant, Mom.

I won't be here but two or three days, and will write you later to tell you where I am. Write soon as you can.

Love,  
HORRACE  
Still in Maine  
February 13, 1945

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**NO ARMY ON EARTH COULD PUT OUT THE CROW WE'VE SEEN YOU EAT, SOLDIER!**

Somewhere in France  
February 5, 1945

Dear Holford:  
Thanks to you and the many postal clerks etc., I'm getting the paper right along. Needless to say I enjoy reading it, or I wouldn't have ordered it.

Glad to hear that Henry is out of this mess. There are so many bicycles and people riding them I half expect to see the ex-soldier-of-fortune pedaling along one of the winding roads in France.

I believe you ran a part or all of a letter from Captain Pinson in the last issue of November or the first in December. He listed a menu he had on the boat he went over on. It would kill a horse... choice of this, choice of that, etc. I would like to ask the captain whether or not he ventured down to any of the enlisted men's messes and if so, if he would be interested in giving them menus! There's no malice or bitterness in my heart, but let's look at both sides of the thing with open eyes.

France in war time isn't at all the place of gaiety, laughter, wine, women, etc. It's supposed to be. It's a sad looking place. Even Berlin Sally is getting down in the dumps! If she isn't careful she'll be hurting the morale of the troops.

I've been transferred from my old position as a machine gunner to that of a photographer. As could be expected, I enjoy my new work much better.

Ran into a S/Sgt. Bailey from Salen over here. He's really been seeing and doing things—he could spin yarns about them for years, but he'll probably never mention them.

Bout out of soap, Holford, but I do hope you'll get it over to Captain Pinson that I don't think it's right to misinform the public.

Yours,  
GLENN  
(Pfc. Glenn Marshall)

**PRIVATE ROE SAYS IT'S NOT PLEASANT TO HAVE YOUR FEET FROZEN**

Back in the States  
February 12, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roe  
Route 2, Hico, Texas

Dearest Folks:  
Will drop you a few lines to let you know I am back in the States. I got back yesterday, traveling by plane from France, and got back fast. I am now in Maine, a little state up close to Canada, and it is really nice to be back in the U. S.

Mom, I have already sent you a telegram. I guess you wonder how I liked flying. It was fine, but I would have liked it better if I could have got up and walked around some. But as it was, I was lying where I could look out of a window in the plane. It really is funny to get up real high in the sky and look down at the ground—everything looks so little.

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**MOM TIGHTER THAN POETRY IN THIS GUY'S LETTER BACK HOME**

The following poem "From a Soldier in the Trenches to Complaining Citizens At Home" was sent by a Hico G. I. to his mother, with a request that it be printed in the paper. It is somewhat reminiscent of a sign on the cash register of a local store, "What're you kicking about, they're not shootin' at you, are they?"

The poem:  
So you're sick of the way the country is run,  
And you're sick of standing around in line;  
You're sick, you say—well, that's just fine.  
Yes, I'm sick of the snow and my frozen foxhole,  
I'm sick of the mud, slime and files;  
And I'm sick of the stench when the night mists rise,  
I'm sick of the siren's wailing shriek,  
I'm sick of the groans of the wounded and weak,  
And I'm sick of the bomber's dive,  
And I'm sick of seeing the dead alive,  
I'm sick of the roar and noise and din,  
And I'm sick of the taste of food from a tin—  
I'm sick of slaughter, I'm sick to my soul;  
I'm sick of playing a soldier's role,  
I'm sick of blood and death and smell,  
And I'm sick, even sick of myself, as well;  
But I'm sicker of a tyrant's rule,  
And conquered lands where the wild beasts drool,  
And I'm cured damn quick when I think of the day  
When all this hell will be out of the way;  
When none of this mess will have been in vain,  
And the lights of the world will blaze again;  
And things will be as they were before,  
And kids will laugh in the streets once more;  
And the Axis flag will be dipped and furled,  
And God looks down on a peaceful world.

**HAIRBREADTH HARRY HAS FINISHED ANOTHER HERRERA**

Captain Harry T. (T for Travel) Pinson, who wrote his wife and daughter recently that he was seeing practically everything in a foreign country, and that "you can read about it always, but have to see it to believe it," is on his way home. He has been serving as a convoy officer since leaving Camp Hood early last year, and phoned Mrs. Pinson Wednesday that he was back in the States and expected to be home soon. Now all that worrying she's done about him since Valentine Day has gone for naught. We hope she can keep up with him when he gets home.

**SOME NEWSPAPERMAN!**

When S/Sgt. Grady T. Coston was in China, we used to hear of and from him occasionally. Now he's home on furlough, we hear, and we don't know a darned thing about it for sure. Can anyone enlighten us? His family moved to Oklahoma recently.

**Pvt. Bob Dodd of Camp Hood was called home the first of the week to be with his father, L. E. Dodd, who suffered a heart attack last Saturday and was taken by his wife to the Hamilton Hospital. Private Dodd returned to camp Wednesday and at last reports, his father was improving.**

**Pvt. William E. Bullard, with a line maintenance unit overseas, gets his mail (started to him) in care of the postmaster at New York. He has written his sister, Mrs. J. E. Massengale, that he is in a "beautiful country" but can't tell her which one.**

**LEETH FAMILY RECEIVES WAR PRISONER'S MESSAGE FROM JUNIOR IN GERMANY**

Miss Mae Phillips advises that her nephew, S/Sgt. Geo. D. Leeth Jr., of Hamilton recently broadcast a War Prisoner's Message over the radio. The message was received at several places in the United States, and many letters and cards have been received by George's parents.

The Radio Department of the American Women's Voluntary Service at New York sent a transcript of the message as follows:

"Dear Mother and Dad: Had to ball out over the lines. Am O. K. at Stalag Luft 1. The food is O. K. Check with the Red Cross about packages. Write Helen and Rudy what happened. Love, Son."

A note accompanying the message in a letter from the official listening post of the AWVS added: "Remember the enemy has control over the preparation and transmission of this message, and the contents should be treated accordingly. It is quoted as received, but ample allowance should be made for error and enemy misrepresentation."

**WAYNE HOUSTON IS STILL THINKING OF H. H. S. AND WANTS TO GET LETTERS**

USS  
c/o FPO, San Francisco  
February 15, -945

Dear Mr. Holford:  
I received my first paper a few days ago. It was the December and one January edition. I was glad to see that some of the boys are getting home, and lots of them are writing to the paper. I really enjoyed reading them. It kinda made me wish that I was home. Well, I guess that I do, and always will anyway.

I see that everything is going fine in good old H. H. S. I'm afraid that my days with H. H. S. are over for good, although I wish that I were still there now. I'll never forget those days. I see that the boys are winning a few games of ball. That's the way I like it, so tell them to keep up the old Hico spirit. Hico has had a great winning spirit for years. So you see, we can't lose it now.

Well, Mr. Holford, I only had a very little time to write, so I will have to close promising to write more the next time, and there will be a next time. Tell all my old friends to write, and say hello to them. I hope to see all of you very soon.

My love to all.  
Always,  
WAYNE  
(Walter W. Houston (SSC) S 2/c)

**CPL. WM. C. NIX, IN JOLLY OLD ENGLAND, WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM FRIENDS**

Stephenville, Tex.  
February 19, 1945

News Review, Hico, Tex.  
Dear Mr. Holford:  
Bill wrote me some time ago and asked me to have his address changed on the paper and I am at last getting it done. I guess if he hasn't been getting his copies I will really catch it when he gets back. He wrote not very long ago that he had received two papers and really enjoyed reading them. He said he especially enjoyed the letters from the boys in service.

My mother and daddy, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton, and I have been getting the paper regularly since we moved up here, and enjoy reading about the people at Hico more than ever.

Bill's APO has been changed, but he is still in England. He would surely enjoy hearing from his many friends in and around Hico if they would care to write.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and also for the nice home-town paper you folks publish.

Yours truly,  
MRS. BILL NIX.

**WRITES FROM PHILIPPINES TO INQUIRE ABOUT THINGS AND PEOPLE BACK HOME**

The Philippines  
February 4, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Rhodes  
Hico, Texas  
Dear Folks:  
Just a few lines to let you know that I am O. K. and doing fine. I haven't heard from you since last month. I sure would like to get some of those letters you wrote. I finally got to the Philippines, but it is not like the good old U. S. How are things in the States by now? Some day I hope to be back there with you.

The news sure sounds good, don't you think?  
I guess Billie is in by now. I was hoping he wouldn't have to go. If he's in, I guess he will be over pretty soon. If he does, I sure hope I get to see him. Tell Norma Ruth hello for me.

How's old Donny? Still in school, I guess. Tell all the folks hello for me.

There's not much news. Mother and Dad, so I hope you are all O. K. and don't worry about me. So until you hear from me again, I'll sign off for this time.

Love,  
J. B.  
(Pfc. J. B. Rhodes)

**Cpl. and Mrs. Herbert Bramblett came in Friday from Lubbock for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bramblett Sr., and with her uncle and aunt, John Simonton and Mrs. George Christopher. They left Wednesday for Robstown for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Malone, and with her sister, June. Corporal Bramblett will report to Childress Army Air Field on March 4.**

**Sgt. Audie Roberts, with a bombing squadron that has been at Salpan, has written his mother, Mrs. C. E. Roberts, Hico Route 2, that he is now in the Marianas and that he is receiving his Hico paper. That's news, the way the boys are moving around these days. But she is careful to keep his address changed promptly.**

**Alfred T. Bales, who is somewhere in Belgium, has been promoted to private first class, according to his sister, Miss Zedie Bales, who was in the NK office to have the address of their paper changed to Route 1, Baird, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bales and Zedie plan to move to Baird this week to make their new home.**

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