

CORYELL COUNTY NEWS

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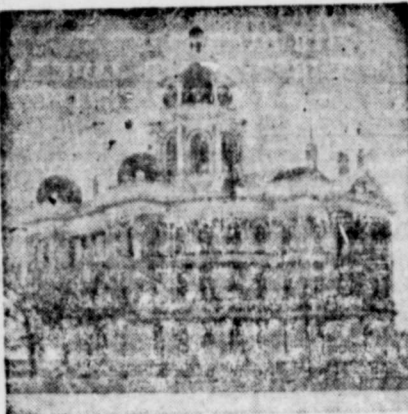
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COURTHOUSE NEWS



REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
Compiled from instruments filed for record in office of the County Clerk, and furnished by the **BROWN ABSTRACT COMPANY**
Ph. 66 — Gatesville, Texas

Andrew Winkler and others to J. R. Graham, John M. Thurston survey, 16 1/10 acres—\$600.00.

R. L. Crabb to Edwin Schorn, lot 26 in Copperas Cove.—\$1150.
Wayne Edwards and wife to A. L. Davis, 1/2 interest in 7.6 acres Spencer Rice survey.—\$525.00.

Mrs. Allie Wynn to Wood Myers 81 acres B. McDaniel sur.—\$1350.

Marriage Licenses

Loraine Baize and Dorothy Blanchard.

Robert Henry Black and Margaret Elizabeth Patterson.

Marshall Paul Lane and Betty Jean Smith.

Sewell Bridges and Laytrell Gunn.

John P. Baker and Virginia Gilbert.

Clayton Cannon and Lura Farquhar.

Dick G. Pompura and Estelle Thomas.

Doyle Shelton and Juanita Featherston.

BURNS PROVE FATAL TO ARNETT CHILD WEDNESDAY

Minnie Mae Choney, age eleven succumbed at 3:00 a. m., Dec. 22nd at the Gatesville hospital from burns received at her home in Arnett when her father, Connie Choney, poured oil on coals in a wood stove, which caused the flame to flare out, igniting the child's clothing. The girl ran outside, fanning the flame, and received fatal burns before she could be treated.

Funeral services for the child were held at the Scott Funeral Home at 3:30 p. m. December 22, with Rev. Craig conducting the rites. Minnie Mae, a native of Arnett, was survived by her father, Connie Choney; three brothers, Allen Choney, Connie Louis Choney, and Leslie Ralph Choney; and two sisters, Annie Ray Choney and Mrs. Clorene Brazil. The body was interred at the City Cemetery in Gatesville.

GRAND CITIZENS OFFER HOMES TO CORYELL CO. BOYS

If you've a boy that is in Harmon General Hospital at Longview, if you'll just let Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler B. Schley, of Kilgore, Rt. 1, know they'll see that they are plenty entertained. Usually, according to Wheeler they've found out that Coryell county boys are there after they are gone.

If your boy is in Harmon General, drop a card to these good citizens, and if the boy can get out of the hospital, they'll see that he has a grand time, as only Mary and Wheeler know how to entertain.

That's what we call GOOD citizens. They say they have men in their home from Harmon General all the time, and they'd like to have ALL the Coryell county boys.

Master Sgt. Kenneth Hengpeth, formerly of Kodiak, Alaska, and other points in the Aleutian Islands was a visitor here Christmas.

GET READY! ON YOUR MARK! GET SET, GO! THE STORK DERBY'S ON JANUARY 1

It's a race, and the heat'll be on shortly, when the News-Merchant's Eighth Annual Stork Derby Contest flings itself open on about high midnight, Dec. 31.

Then, the question will be sworn to secrecy until January 14, when the gaping world will be let in on the little secret: "Who's the 1944 Stork Derby Winner(s)?"

We've no information from "a source close to the administration" or from an administration spokesman, or from an "impeachable source". The fact is this is almost a blind race—blind in that no one knows any prospects, there have been no announcements as to entries, whether they have been withdrawn or "scratched". It's a wide open affair, and we don't know a thing. Even the "bookies" don't get in on this race, and there are no favorites.

There have been mud races, rain races, dry races but we predict a "wet one," and yet, who knows. It's the mystery about

this non-rationed opa'd-xyz'd race that gets you. You're just a flat blank, and if anybody knows any thing, it's the MD's here about, and did you ever get anything out of them. You know, they're sworn by the great somebody Hippocrates or some other old somebody not to tell anything, and they're worse than the Selective Service office about giving out information.

Already in to welcome the youngster, or more, are Morton Scott, Housefurnisher, Wm. Gambelin, Dairy; Mrs. J. B. Graves, Florist; Foster Drug and of course the News.

"Time hasn't permitted" more to offer gifts to this coming youngster, but you just wait and see, there'll be some nice things for the little feller. Just watch the columns of the News, the authorized representative of Coryell County's No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, Stork Derby Winner (s), for the latest news about this big event.

of a daughter born at 8:25 a. m. December 27th at the Coryell Memorial Hospital.

Christene Dallaes was born Christmas Day at 2:40 p. m. to Cpl. and Mrs. Merle H. Ohler, at the Coryell Memorial Hospital.

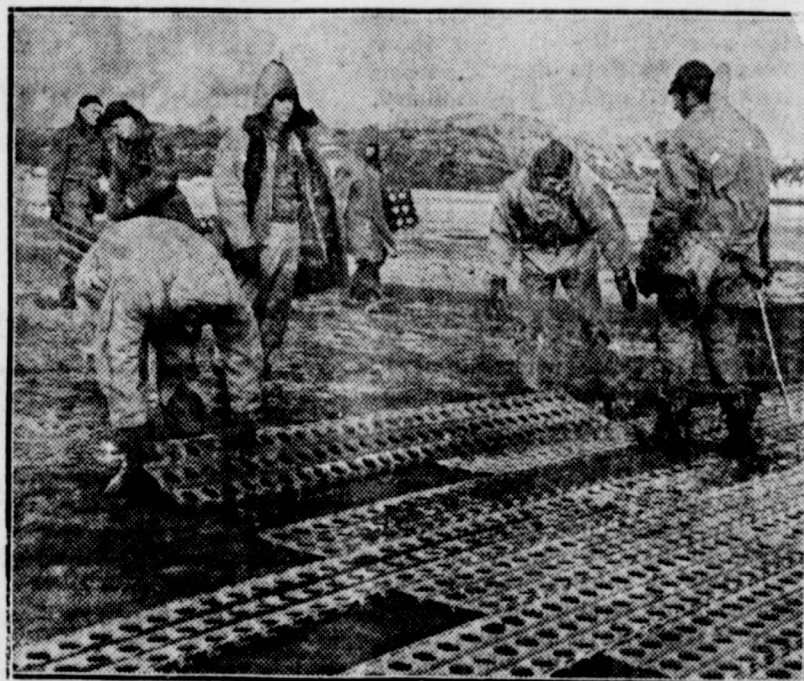
Miss Hariett Robinson, daughter of Mrs. Tom L. Robinson was holiday visitor with her Mother and friends.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Herring of Levita are the parents of a daughter born at 12:35 a. m. December 27th at the Coryell Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kelso of Gatesville Rt. 1 are the parents

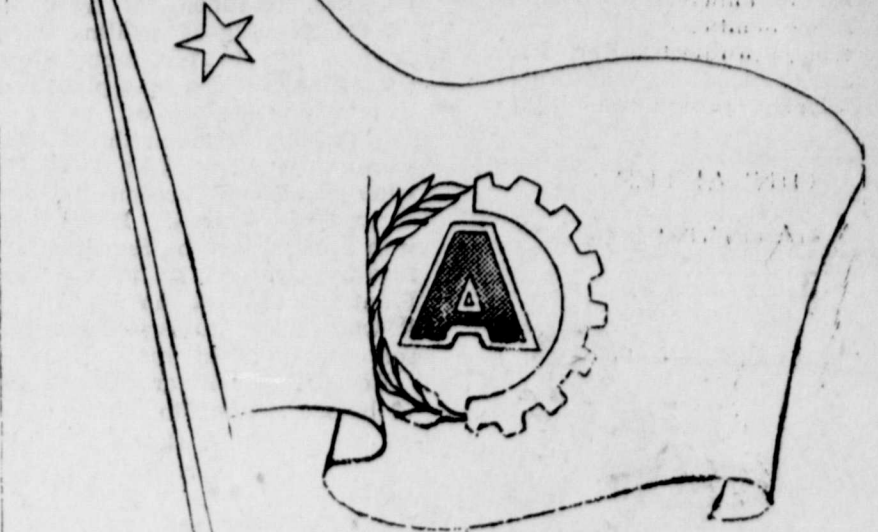
LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD IN PICTURES



Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Department

AVIATION ENGINEERS IN THE ARCTIC—A vital link in the chain of air bases built by U. S. Aviation Engineers is this landing field somewhere in the Aleutians. The field having been cleared, graded and rolled, portable steel landing plank is laid to complete the intricate system of runway and taxiways from which our aircraft will carry the war to the enemy.

PROGRAM AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT Award



A Message

from the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Food is a decisive weapon of war. Victory depends as much on our ability to produce food as on our ability to manufacture guns, planes, and ships. Our army of farmers and processors are fighting an important battle on the food front. Working diligently and skillfully, they are speeding this Nation and our Allies on to victory.

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Band Concert by RTC North Camp Hood Band

1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m.

Presentation Ceremonies

N. Foote, Chairman of Coryell County USDA War Board, Master of Ceremonies

Song.....My Country 'Tis of Thee
Dave Stillman, leader

Invocation.....Rev. Gaines B. Hall, Pastor
Presbyterian Church

Purpose of Meeting.....Judge Floyd Zeigler

Address.....Col. C. M. Thirkeld, Post
Commander, Camp Hood

Basis of Award.....V. C. Childs, Principal Statistician of
Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Presentation of Certificate.....Robert A. Manire, State Director
of Vocational Agriculture

Response.....N. Foote

Presentation of Flag.....Captain R. E. Mernaugh
Quartermaster Center, Fort Worth

Response and Flag Raising.....Future Farmers

National Anthem

Adjournment



Released by U. S. War Department Bureau of Public Relations

MACHINE GUNNERS IN NEW GUINEA—The Japs finally have admitted the loss of Buna, New Guinea, where American and Australian task forces annihilated 15,000 of the enemy. In this victory the 32nd United States Division covered itself with glory. This task force was built up around a former American National Guard division drawn from Wisconsin and Michigan, but now comprising officers and enlisted men from 44 states. As a result of their heroism in action 55 citations for Distinguished Service Crosses were awarded. Manning this machine gun are, left to right: Pvt. Lawrence L. Leishman, Peoria, Ill.; Corp. Rodney C. Reiner, Manitowoc, Wis., and Pvt. Martin Denuel, Cumberland, Wis.

Farm News

Orchard Planting

The large demand for fruit for home use and the ready market for all kinds of fruit has stimulated a new interest in the home orchard. January and February are the months for planting. Every prospective planter as

well as others having orchards should have a copy of Bulletin B-73 obtainable at the County Agents' Office. This bulletin answers all questions pertaining to the orchard. Such questions as the orchard site, kind of soil, varieties, treatment of trees on arrival, pruning at planting time, prevention of rat and rabbit damages, fertilizer, cropping plan, and pruning to shape trees.

It is important that the hole for planting young trees be deep and wide enough to accommodate the entire root system. Broken or torn roots should be removed before the trees are set in the hole. Plant the trees at the depth that it was in the nursery. Pack the soil firmly about roots.

Be sure to call for Bulletin B-73 before starting to plant.

W. P. Graham.
Co. Agr. Agent

GOIN' AFTER THAT PINT



A Pound For Hizhoner The No. 1 Baby From

Gamblin's Dairy
Phone 419

HUDDLESTON SAYS HE'S FOR LETTING SERVICE MEN VOTE

Quoting a part of a letter Representative Earl Huddleston he says: "I am in favor of provision being made so that our men in service can vote in 1944 election. If the Federal Government fails to do this, then The Texas Legislature should act on the matter. I think soldier men should have the right to vote as they are doing our fighting and so I have written Governor Stevenson my views on the same."

SAY!



We both can't be right! THEY MIGHT

This is war and we're doubling up on a lot of things. Anyway we'll have a present for the 1944 STORK DERBY WINNER (S).

MORTON SCOTT

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TIRE VULCANIZING

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Legal Notices!

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Dave Collins Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Coryell County at the Court House thereof, in Gatesville, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 24th day of January A. D. 1944, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1942, in this cause, numbered 5079 on the docket of said court and styled Alma C. Collins Plaintiff, vs. Dave Collins Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

The Plaintiff and defendant defendant were lawfully married on or about the 20th day of August A. D. 1941, and lived together as husband and wife until about the 1st day of December A. D. 1941, when, and at which time Plaintiff and defendant separated and have not lived together as husband and wife, the reason for such separation was cruel and harsh treatment.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays the court that the defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and for judgment dissolving said married relations, for the cost of suit, and for such other and further relief special and general, in law and equity, which he may show himself justly entitle to receive, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gatesville, Texas this the 9th day of December A. D. 1943.

Attest: Carl McClendon, Clerk, Dist. Court, Coryell County, Tex. (SEAL) 12-14; 21; 28; -1-4

TO LATE TO BE Classified

LOST: Light brown muley cow, wearing iron yoke, branded "W" left hip. R. L. Woodson, Gatesville. 2-2-2tp

FOUND: Pair ladies gloves. Describe and call for at News office. 2-2-1tc

WORLD'S ROLLER SKATING CHAMPION NOW IN McCLESKEY

The world's greatest roller skating champion, Pfc. Louis J. Testa, is now a patient at McCleskey General hospital. Private Testa, who is both an artist and an athlete, won the world's championship in both speed and figure skating.

The 28 year old soldier was the top star in the \$300,000 show "Skating Vanities of '42", when he entered the Army in January, 1943. Testa's act was called the high spot of every performance of the show, and his "Flying Dutchman," a series of leaps and spins at top speed, has never been equal ed.

Testa has done professional ice skating, played roller football and captained roller derby teams. He learned to skate when about 12 years old and made personal appearances in night clubs and theaters at 17. He won a 2500-mile race in Baltimore several years ago.

Testa was to have gone to Hollywood in June to appear in "Pin-Up Girl", a musical comedy featuring Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye, but was injured the same month while doing acrobatics at Camp Howze, Texas, where he was a member of the 332nd Field Artillery.

Testa hopes to be able to skate in about two years, but if he is unable he plans to open a skating rink or have a show of his own.

—Temple Daily Telegram.

Classified

Five lines or less (minimum): One time 25c, each additional 20c Over 5 lines: 5c a line 1st time, 4c line each additional time. Readers, Citations, Cards of Thanks, 1c a word or 5c line. Blind Ads 10c Extra.

Notices!

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank our friends for their kindness and consideration during the illness and death of our loved one.

May God bless each and every one of you.
Herbert Cathey and Family. 1-2-1pt

BUS SCHEDULES

Thru Busses to North Camp Hood
4:00 a. m.
4:20 a. m.
4:40 a. m.
5:00 a. m. and the same schedule for each hour to 1:00 a. m.
Hospital busses on the 1/2 hr. beginning at 4:30 a. m.
Thru Busses to South Camp Hood
2:30 a. m., 4:15 a. m.
8:30 a. m., 12:30 noon.
4:30 p. m., 5:30 p. m.
6:30 p. m. 9:30 p. m.
11:30 p. m.

Extras on Both Schedules when needed

SOUTHWESTERN TRANSIT CO.

At Union Bus Terminal 1-103-tfc

WANTED: Middle aged house-keeper companion for elderly woman, in good home. Prefer foreign born. Apply at News Office. 5-103-tfc

KNOX CURTIS POST No. 42 American Legion

Meets THURSDAY, 8:30 P. M. District Court Room And every Second Thursday in Every Month

All Ex-Servicemen and women are welcome and are needed.

REPAIRS on All makes automobiles. Years of experience, plenty of equipment. Prices reasonable. W. A. Prewitt Garage, formerly Curt Rogers, 602 Bridge, Ph. 71. 1-62-tfc

YES! WE DO do Tire Repairing and sell 'em too. NESBITT'S Grocery & Service Station, N. Lutterloh. 1-31-tfc

"THE GIFT WITH A FUTURE", Give War Bonds, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 in new Gift Jacket, at the News Office. P. S. We ain't doin' much Bond Business, now that the boys ARE goin' Come on, folks! 1-101-tfc

Let Us Figure Your Next

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For Sale

FOR SALE: '33 Master Chevrolet

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General Insurance

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Get our prices before you sell.

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Coryell Co. Cotton Oil Co.

coach; good cond. Cheap. Garland Berry, Gen. Del., Gatesville. Ph. 3493. 6-1-2tp

FOR SALE: Farmall-20 tractor and equipment. Also brood sow, brood mare, young horse. C. W. Mathews, Turnersville. 4-105-4p

FOR SALE: 2 A-1 Jersey milk cows with second calves; also, 39 red pigs, 2 mo. \$5.00 each. First come, first serve. B. A. Martin, Pecan Grove. 4-105-3tp

FOR SALE: Used Piano, see Mrs. O. K. Lovejoy. 406 S. 7th St. 4-105-4tp

FIRE INSURANCE for this world only. Sherrill Kendrick, City Drug Bldg. 4-33-tfc

FOR SALE OR LEASE: Royal Beauty Shop. See Mrs. Charlie Bauman. 4-94-tfc

RUBBER STAMPS: Signatures, time, number, notary seals, everything in this line at News Office. 4-58-tfc

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY Insurance to meet Camp Hood requirements. J. Sherrill Kendrick, Office, City Drug Bldg., Ph. 190 and 176. 4-58-tfc

For Rent

FOR RENT: Furnished rock house four rooms and bath, in high-land addition, garage and place for cow and chickens. Possession Jan. 15th, Woodrow Wilson, Ph. 2904. 4-2-1tp

Wanted

WANTED: Ear corn. See Charlie Mounce at Gatesville Food Lockers. 5-1-tfc

WANTED: Beauty operators for North Camp Hood. State license not necessary. Living quarters available. Write Miss Ruth Walker, Vogue Beauty Shop, Temple, Texas. 5-102-9tc

Buy or Sell

—HOW MUCH of your time do you spend in bed? Have that old mattress renovated and made new, or buy a new one. Try Winfield. 72-tfc

Real Estate

FOR SALE: The B. W. West home, 1312 Leon St. is for sale. Large corner lot. Five rooms, 2 porches very desirable location. Write Mrs. Jacquelyn West Chapman, Box 1167, Midland, Texas or see Tom Chapman, Gatesville, Texas. 11-95-tfc

Animals and Poultry

FOR SALE: Breed sows and gilts. Open gilts. Bore service. Eugene Clary, Turnersville. 12-105-tfc



FLOWERS Right for all Occasions
MRS. J. B. GRAVES
Florist
News Building
Phone 43-142

SOCIETY
In The

By
Mrs. Doris McCoy
News Society Editor

NEWS

**Estelle Thomas Married
Christmas Day**

Miss Estelle Thomas of this city became the bride of Lt. Dick G. Pompura of Youngstown, Ohio at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiley on the State School road.

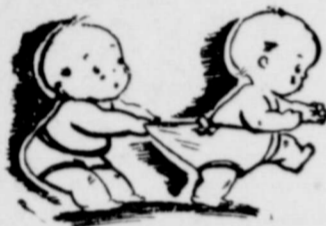
The bride was dressed in blue and wore a corsage of white crysanthemums. She was attended by her sister, Josephine Smith, who also wore blue. Rev. Craig performed the ceremony, and Johnny Knight was Best man.

Lt. Pompura is the son of the famous Colonel Pompura of the old Russian army. He is now stationed at North Camp Hood. The couple plan to make their home in Gatesville.

Lt. Sidney Gregory who has been stationed with the U.S. Marines in the aviation service at Pensacola, Fla., was here briefly for the holidays before going to his new station at Atlanta, Ga.

Misses Sara Francis Graham, and Miss Jerry Davis students at SMU, Dallas, were holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Graham and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Davis.

**A BASKET
OF FLOWERS**



For The No. 1 Kid
CORYELL
COUNTY
TEXAS
1944

**Mrs. J. B. GRAVES
FLORIST**

705 MAIN PHS. 43-442



Personals

T/5 and Mrs. W. B. Cummings of Abilene spent the holidays with Mrs. J. F. Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clemons. T/5 W. B. Cummings is stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas.

Av/s and Mrs. Kenneth O Coop spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coop of Purmela and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Franks of Gatesville. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in November 1942, and is in Primary Training at Coleman Field, Coleman, where he is classified as a pilot.

A note from Sgt. W. H. Ament, now at Richmond, Va., and he says it's quite a bit warmer, and says he'll be working Christmas Day, and sends his greetings to us of the News, and you, too.

Visitors in the R. B. Curry home Sunday after Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ford and family of Teague, and Sgt. John Hall Curry of the Army Air Field at Childress, Texas.

Miss June Marie Chamlee of TCU spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chamlee.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Morse, and Charles of Stephenvill were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Morse over the holidays and also with Mrs. Morse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

Lt. Cam McGilvray was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McGilvray and family from Fort Hayes, Ohio during the holidays.

Seaman Jimmy Dick Thomas was a Christmas visitor with his mother, Mrs. R. Thomas of Gatesville. He is stationed at Arlington.

Seaman Charles Francis Caruth with the V-12 at Georgetown was a visitor in the Francis Caruth home during the holidays.

Lt. Bayne Blankenship, who is in the Meteorological service of the U. S. Air Force at Childress was a visitor here during the holidays.

Lt. Holt (Wayland or Garland) from Ft. Riley, Kansas was a visitor here Christmas. His brother Garland or Wayland is now a Captain. Their first names slipped us.

Visitors in the D. H. Culberson home during the holiday included Fisher Wells Culberson who is in the Veteran's Hospital at Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Schley of Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whigham of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Ft. Worth.

Seaman Ralph Bailey of Lafayette, La., is visiting his parents Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Bailey of Gatesville.

John W. Merritt, of Route 2, Oglesby has been promoted to Sergeant in the Signal Corps, AAF. He entered the service in September 1941, and now wears the American Defense and Good Conduct ribbons and medals. He also served in the CMTC from 1936 to 1940. He also has a brother in the army, Pvt. Charles D. Merritt.

Sick from the post office force with the flu are Robert Stout, Chester Burchett, Eton Carroll, Roland A. Dixon, Jr. Maybe that's one of the reasons the mail is late.

Oliver Tatum was a visitor in Winters during the holidays with Will Cook, his brother-in-law who is in the hospital with typhus fever.

We must acknowledge a Christmas Greeting from Chaplain, Edward S. Bayless, of Jefferson Barracks, Mo. There's a good guy.

Miss Evelyn Warren who is employed at Abilene is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warren of Gatesville, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. English of Houston spent the holidays in Gatesville, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Byrom and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. English. Mr. English is employed with the Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company of Houston.

**SPORT
SCRAPS**

By
Jones

Well, San Angelo won it from Lufkin the easy way in Dallas Christmas Day, and now, the only thing left are the Bowl games, the Rose, Cotton, Orange, Oil, etc., etc., and why not the "Hood Bowl" right here in old Gatesville, New Years Day. Champeenship of all The Hoods.

Good old Humble comes along and says they'll broadcast the Cotton Bowl game, The University of Texas and Randolph Field and we can hear it better over WFAA.

Now that Coach Madison Pruitt is "in the Army" or will be shortly, we don't know who's going to be the basket ball mentor, if and when, and that sort of throws a big block into basketball in these parts.

Maybe they'll have to draft Mrs. Tom Mears. You remember, she took a team to the State Meet from Gatesville, and is no mean basket ball coach. Oh, yes, there will be basket ball, but it's not all ironed out yet.

Wish these clubs in the other schools of the county could waste a penny post card once in a while and send us the results of their games. Our Ford is down with double-water-pump-itis and hasn't recovered yet, altho we've tried to buy one from Syracuse, N.Y., to Georgia, Dallas and all points west. No repair kits, 2nd hand ones or new ones. We're trying to figure out an angle, still to use that good old 60, cause it's got 5 pretty good pre-war tires.

COMER REUNION

The ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Comer met Sunday, Dec. 19, at the home of their parents in Purmela for a family reunion. Those present were: Mike Comer and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sparkman and family of Levita; Mr. and Mrs. Bub Berry and children of Arnett; Mrs. Fred Lee and son and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee of Gatesville; Ernest Buckner and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Comer and boys; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Myers and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Comer and family; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Comer all of Purmela, and Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Comer of Hereford, Texas. The reunion was in honor of the youngest son, Stonewall Comer who will soon be in the service. The oldest son, Mike Comer, is a veteran of World War I.

Give him a crisp WAR BOND for a CHRISTMAS present to be remembered. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

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"The Pick of the Pictures"
"Always Comfortably Cool"

To-Day & Wed.

POWELL-SKELTON
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AHOY

Also Selected Shorts

Thurs.-Friday

1,000 THRILLS! CHARLES LAUGHTON
in M-G-M's ACTION DRAMA!
THE MAN FROM DOWN UNDER

Also Selected Shorts

OBITUARY

FUNERAL HELD FOR PHILLIP WARE

Funeral services were held December 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Scott Funeral Home for Phillip Brooks Ware, who was killed Dec. 21st while deer hunting with his father, W. P. Ware near Rock Springs, when his own gun accidentally went off.

Services were held by Rev. Bruce Weaver and the body was interred at the Restland Cemetery in Gatesville. The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ware and one brother.

rites HELD FOR INFANT

Funeral services were held Dec. 24th at 2:00 p.m. for John Perry Cathey, age three months, who passed away Dec. 23rd at the Coryell Memorial Hospital. Services were conducted by Rev. Cecil Jenkins, and the body was in-

terred at the Seaton Cemetery near Leon Junction. The infant who was born near Gatesville, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cathey and several brothers and sisters.

GARY POWELL

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Scott Funeral Home for Gary Clyde Powell, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on Christmas day. The child was born near Gatesville, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Powell and one sister, Patsy Ruth Powell. Services were held by Rev. Wallace Gooch, and pallbearers were: Lee Powell, Jim Powell, Clifford Wicker and Herman Wicker.

The body was interred at the Restland Cemetery.

Make it a thrifty CHRISTMAS—give WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

GREETINGS

I hope I'm not too late!

It's Never to late to have a Gift for that
Big Bouncing Baby
NO. 1, 1944
(Or More)



GEE!

Do they really mean it!

Yes, A Year's Subscription to the News
For the **FIRST BABY** Born in Coryell
County in 1944

Foster Drug
"THE REXALL STORE"

AT FIRST SIGN OF A
COLD
USE **666**
666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

CORYELL COUNTY NEWS
705 E. Main St. Phone 69



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Here's a nice long letter from Sgt. Jack Hearne, son of Mrs. Bill Maxwell, who's been in the thick of it in Italy, and was slightly wounded. He'd been reported missing in action, but later turned up at a hospital. Here also is a picture of Jack, and do we like to have pictures of these boys. Just as long as we can possibly dig up the money to get these cuts made of these boys, we'll do it. We'd like to have the entire 2,000 that are in or will be in the service, and we've probably got sixty of them now.

Here's Jack's letter to his mother:

"As you know my outfit has been in the fight in Italy. It was a pretty good fight, too. I can't give dates or names, but one day we didn't do so good, and I was captured by the Germans. It wasn't a very pleasant fate, Mother, but after that day, I was lucky to be alive. It was one hell of a fight that day. I was prisoner of the Germans about 25 days before I got back to my outfit. I escaped from them once on the 3rd night after I was captured but they picked me up while I was trying to get back thru the lines to our own troops. Would have made it that night except for a little hard luck. We got right into the German front lines and ran into an artillery barrage that our own guns were laying on the Germans and that kind of messed us up. It caused us to be recaptured and it was 22 days then before I got out of their hands again. A Waco boy, Willie Markum was with me, so that's the reason I was reported missing in action.

It was a wonderful feeling to get back and see the familiar faces in the Anti-Tank Company. I was never so glad to see a bunch of men. I got back about 15 pounds lighter and pretty hungry, but outside of that there were no ill effects. The longest I went without eating anything at all was 2 days and 3 nights and that was right after I was captured. Then the next 5 days while moving thru the hills our bunch had to eat just what we could get from the land. We practically lived on apples and grapes. Twice we ran down some chickens and had a chicken soup. Once we got 2 sheep and barbecued them, but there were 70 of us and it didn't go too far. We were hungry but liked a whole lot starving.

I gained some knowledge while I was prisoner. I was able to get a pretty good line on the type of men the German soldier is. He certainly is no superman and I can easily see why we are whipping them.

I can't tell you very much what combat duty is like in a letter. It is a horrible thing, and it's hard.

You're really playing for keeps in this game. You should see the places where I've been. They look like prairie dog towns. I really have moved the dirt. About the first thing you learn in battle is to get yourself in a hole. They are good things to be in when the shell fragments begin fluttering by your ear. Have found, too, that when you are in trouble and need help, the Lord is a good fellow to talk to.

It's Sunday morning, and I just got back from church. Seems funny to be sitting in the open listening to a sermon and hear a lot of airplanes going over to

give Jerry a pasting and you say a little prayer for their success.

Tell all my friends hello, and wish them a Merry Xmas for me. Sgt. Jack Hearne.

Now, folks, you have a rough idea what General Sherman meant when he said "War is Hell" Jack certainly didn't tell his mother everything; we don't think he would, censor or no; we think he saw a lot more than he said. Jack could tell some stories like a lot of the other boys when they come back, but in any war, when the boys come home, we think what they'll want to forget first, is the Hell they've been thru. It's better for them not to talk about it, and it's better for us to not inquire too much into what they have seen. It's just all too awful, enemy, or friend.

Here's one from Cpl. Ted Spence who's over the other way and has a San Francisco APO. Just where he is, of course, we don't know. He says:

As I am not busy at present, thought I should sling a little ink down Texas way. I am just fine and fat as a pig, and hope this finds you as well. Mat, I have been reading some very good letters in the Coryell County News from the boys in the service. Saw one the other day that Sam Spence wrote, and about the war bonds he was buying and what I see in the paper, the drive in Coryell county always goes over in a big way. You don't know how good it makes the men in the service feel to know the people are backing you up. I saw a list of some of the men that went Deer hunting and sounds like the most of them had good luck. Dad, (W.M. Spence) wrote me saying he had a very nice time on his deer hunt and fairly good luck. Mat, as it is impossible for me to send all my friends a Christmas greeting, I am using this method to wish them all a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Mat, I think you are very thoughtful indeed to give the families at home a chance to send their sons and loved ones a Christmas greeting thru the News. That is one issue I sure don't want to miss. I got a letter from one of my old Buddies about a week ago from "Somewhere in England," James Bruce Bomar. He said it looked like all the Texas boys were moving overseas. Texas is always on the job. I have been to a lot of different places since being in the service and I have never failed to run into a bunch of boys from good Old Texas. Well, as it is about bed time, guess I had better turn in for the night.

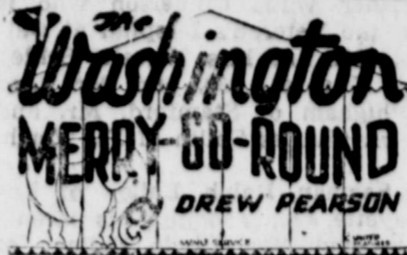
From an old Texas Hillbillie, I remain, Your friend, Cpl. Ted Spence.

P.S. Will answer all letters to those that wish to write. Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Ted's address is Cpl. Teddy W. Spence 38096797, Co. D, 580th S.A.W. B'n., (Sp.) APO 958, care P.M., San Francisco, Calif. Don't think anybody can tell where his outfit is from that address, and that's why it's published.

Ted, sorry more folks didn't take the chance to send greetings to their boys. Had hoped to have at least a page. I'm more sorry than you are. Anyway, we were pleased to have the ones we got, anyway, and if you don't get a copy of this paper with them in, drop a card and we'll send you another.

Got a nice Christmas Card from Sgt. R. T. McDowell, formerly with the 893rd T.D. B'n., here, who is at B Vint Hill, Warrenton, Va., "Mac" is well known in Gatesville, having been in and around here for two or more years. How's tricks, Mac?

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RECOGNIZE SMALL NATIONS

One result of the Big Four conferences may be a greater participation of small nations in the United Nations councils. President Roosevelt is known to advocate this. Also, he would like to shift the council meetings from London to Washington.

The idea of greater recognition of little nations is based not only on fairness and equity, but also on the fact that Latin American nations are getting increasingly hurt, if not provoked, over being left out of important United Nations parleys.

A large number of small nations are now belligerents, having declared war against Germany, while at least two of them—Brazil and Mexico—are strategically vital to the war. Without Brazilian bases, for instance, it would be almost impossible to ferry planes back and forth to North Africa with such rapid efficiency.

It was originally planned, in advance conversations (prior to Moscow) between ex-Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles and Roosevelt, also between the President and Churchill, to include smaller members of the United Nations in an over-all organization. A smaller council of Great Britain, Russia, the United States and China was to guide the over-all organization, but the smaller nations were to be a very definite and important part of the setup.

Also, it was planned to have United Nations headquarters in the fresher, more idealistic atmosphere of Washington, not in the Old World atmosphere of London.

Secretary Hull was not quite able to put these two ideas across at Moscow, but the President's persuasive influence on Stalin and Churchill may do so. He considers both items important to getting a permanent peace organization off with the right foot forward.

CAREER DIPLOMATS

Career diplomats are worried about a state department policy which brings new men into the foreign service at higher rates of pay—even including some men who have previously failed to pass career service examinations.

Known as "auxiliaries," they are appointed for the duration of the war. But Assistant Secretary of State Howland Shaw recently hinted that they may be kept indefinitely.

Alexander Schnee, 29, twice failed the foreign service examination. He then took a job with the commerce department and, when the war came, was made an auxiliary foreign service officer. He is now attached to the U. S. embassy at Buenos Aires, at \$4,600. If he had passed the exams in the first place, he would now be getting only \$3,000.

Fred H. Awalt, 33, likewise failed the foreign service exam, later was appointed as an auxiliary, and is serving as junior economic analyst at \$3,800, which is \$800 more than he would be getting if he had not failed the examinations.

Men who have passed those exams—a four-day series of tests and the toughest in the government—resent the fact that they are being topped in pay by other candidates from outside.

PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT

The only people in the U. S. A. who are really made unhappy by the President's travels—especially overseas—are the Secret Service. They spend sleepless nights until he comes home again, worried that something may happen.

On last winter's overseas junket to Casablanca, an extraordinary measure of protection was taken. Nothing like it has ever been seen in the history of the world. A great armada of ships of all kinds, mostly fighting ships, was assembled near the bulge of Brazil, and also near the bulge of West Africa. The ships moved out along the path which the President was to follow and practically covered every square mile of the Atlantic at this narrow crossing.

The President himself was flying overhead in a Pan American clipper, and the purpose of the ships was to form what the navy called

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Here's one from Northern Ireland from Cecil E. Moore.

"Hope all is well down your way. I am doing O.K. as far as I know. I sure wish I was there to see after my Big Boy. I got the news about 10 days after he was born, and can hardly wait to see him. I sure will be glad to get back in the good old U.S.A. You know there is no place like home.

Our mail system is very poor. I haven't gotten any mail in a long time.

Hope you heard from S. L. Edwards lately? I sure would like to see him. Elroy Brazil is in my outfit. He is one of the Gatesville boys. It sure does get blue over here. Tell all of them to write me.

Is it cold down there yet. It is here, and rains all of the time. I will be glad when I get the Coryell County News. I haven't got a copy of it since I have been

a "net" of protection. It was to serve the President as the net in the circus serves the trapeze artists. If the President's plane were forced down into the sea, no matter where, there would be at least one ship at that spot to rescue him.

No such plan was used on his latest trip, however. The mode of protection cannot now be revealed, but when the story is told, it will show an entirely different strategy.

CAPITAL CHAFF

1 Diplomatic grapevine reports that the state department is in for a delightful satire in Sidney Baron's forthcoming book, "One Whirl." Those who have peeped at advance proofs say the appeasement boys won't like it.

2 While the United States, for reasons of policy, is withdrawing from the Argentine market, John Bull is still plugging his old slogan in Argentina—"Buy British." This slogan is featured in British magazine advertisements in Argentina even now.

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