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DICKENS NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Ousley and small daughter, Linda Lois of Oakland, Calif., are here visiting Mr. Ousley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ousley, for several days. Mr. Ousley is employed in the ship yards there, where he is an electric burner.

Leonard Joplin of Spur was a business visitor in Dickens Monday morning.

Sgt. Joe Ousley, who has been training as an Aerial Gunner, has been enrolled as an Air Cadet and will enter his basic training at an early date.

Mrs. Roy Ward left Monday morning for Dallas where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Alvia Walker, enroute home she will visit her mother and another sister, in Hill county.

Mrs. Mary Littlefield returned last Sunday from a two months visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris at Levelland.

Miss Mary Lou Brumfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brumfield of McAdoo, was united in marriage to Pfc. Raymond McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McWilliams of McAdoo, in Dickens last week with Rev. W. J. Simmons, pastor of the Church of Christ, performing the ceremony.

L. D. Ratliff was a business visitor in Dickens Monday morning.

O. G. Joiner, superintendent at McAdoo, has resigned to accept the place of principal and band director in the Ballinger schools.

Sheriff Fred Christopher made a business trip to Wichita Falls last week.

Pvt. Jack Partridge returned to his station Sunday after a 10-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Partridge.

J. P. Roberson of the Highway community was here Monday to make arrangements for transferring his children to the Spur schools for this year.

Mrs. Thomas Haralson of Ft. Sumner, New Mex., came in last Saturday to spend a three weeks visit with her aunt, Mrs. Vela Turpin and family.

Jack Gipson returned home Saturday from a month's work in the Oklahoma harvest fields.

A bus load of soldier boys were spending some time in Dickens Monday, and the Gipson drug store was having a hard time dispensing drinks to 35 thirsty boys. These boys were being transferred from Wichita Falls to the South Plains Glider Field, where they will receive 45 days training as glider pilots. In this group was one boy from Georgia, one from New Jersey, one from Wisconsin, and one from Texas.

Mrs. Keen's Keen Sense of Hearing Detects Rattler

Sunday afternoon while Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sparks were sitting in the front yard at the Keen residence, Mrs. Keen stated that she kept hearing what she believed to be a rattle snake, and upon investigating, found a rattler with seven or eight rattles near the cellar door where they had been passing a short time before. In a short time Mr. Rattler was disposed of and the family are beginning to respect Mrs. Keen's sense of hearing, as she had been telling them she had been hearing a rattle snake for several days.

ROY STOVALL HAS AIR-PLANE VISITOR SUNDAY

Spur's airport, although yet without official approval as a landing field and minus any hangers, is already being put to use and had a customer Sunday when Pete Peterson, owner of the Littlefield Creamery flew over for a short visit with Roy Stovall, owner of the Spur Creamery.

Miss Margaret Mae Weaver visited relatives in Abilene last week.

Motley-Dickens Old Settlers May Hold Two Days This Year

Annual reunion of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers' Association may be planned for two days instead of former plans for one day, according to tentative agreements made by the less-than-quorum group of directors meeting at the Roaring Springs Pioneer Pavilion last Saturday morning.

President C. C. Haile of Afton has called another meeting of directors and members of the rodeo committee, to be held at the pavilion at 10 a. m. Saturday morning, July 31. Everyone interested in the reunion is requested to attend.

Despite gas rationing and other travel handicaps, it was reported that many people have voiced an opinion that the reunion should be held for two days, instead of one. Neither of the two counties has any other entertainment scheduled for the year. It was also pointed out that the "soldiers on the home front" need some relaxation from the strain of war and that the amount of vehicle wear and gas consumption would be very small.

Dance Scheduled Friday. Another dance has been scheduled at the Roaring Springs Pioneer pavilion Friday evening, July 30, sponsored by the rodeo committee. In past seasons the annual August rodeos have offered free admission, but members of the committee declared that prize awards and other expense impose a cost of approximately \$200 per day, and that a small charge for each automobile or other vehicle entering Pioneer park, may be made this year. Plans for a pioneer parade for the first day of the reunion will be discussed at the meeting of directors Saturday. It was declared that past parades have proved very popular and added to attendance.

Canning Project for Patten Springs to Start Near Future

A canning project for the people of the Patten Springs school district will start in the near future, it was announced this week. Three 50-quart cookers and an electric sealer have been ordered and are expected to arrive any day.

Teachers for the canning school are Miss Ruby Lee Slayden and Mrs. Howard Alexander.

The school's canning equipment will be available to anyone who cares to use it, according to the announcement. The teachers will be on duty five days each week to help any person with his canning. One day each week will be devoted to canning of vegetables for the school lunch room.

Any patron who desires to can for the lunchroom or for himself should contact either Mrs. Alexander or Miss Slayden.

The school's canning facilities will be offered to the public without charge.

Hurry! If You Want To Get In On the 2 Years For \$1.00

Quite a few have already taken advantage of The Texas Spur's Special Two Years for \$1.00 Subscription Offer, the names of whom will be published as soon as they can be tabulated—perhaps next week. There are still others who want to come in on this offer. But you will have to hurry. Remember Saturday is the last day.

ATTENDS FATHER'S FUNERAL

J. W. Adams, superintendent of Patten Springs schools, and Mrs. Adams returned Tuesday of last week from Dallas where they had attended the funeral of Mr. Adams' aged step-father, J. L. Wright, who died Thursday of the previous week from a stroke. They also visited Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. John Turner of Houston while they were away.

HERE FROM ROCKWALL

George Hise of Rockwall, brother of Jim Hise, linotype operator at The Texas Spur office, is here for a few days visit with the Hise family.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Pfc. Denham Ridings, stationed at Garden City, Kan., spent a 10-day furlough with Mrs. Ridings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Usery here, and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Ridings of Hamlin. He returned to his station Sunday.

Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Murphy of the Anti Aircraft, stationed at Camp Cook, Calif., visited Mrs. Lawrence's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Cox on a 10-day furlough.

T. Corp. Ira Westfall of Fort Ard, Calif., is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Westfall, on a 12-day furlough.

Pvt. Roy M. Smith, stationed at the Army Air Base at Palacios, is here spending a 15-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Martha K. Smith.

Pvt. Robert Foster, stationed at Camp Hulen, is here spending a six-day furlough with Miss Virginia Thomas and other friends of Spur.

Pvt. Wilbur B. Hagins of the Lubbock Army Flying school is spending an eight-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Hagins of Spur.

Pvt. S. C. French of Lubbock South Plains Army Air Field is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr and Mrs. G. D. French of McAdoo.

Pvt. Carl F. Holloway of the Army Air Field, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Holloway, on a three day pass.

Pvt. Wayne Kessinger of the Air Corps, stationed at McChord Field, Wash., is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kessinger, and other friends in Spur.

Pvt. H. F. Barfoot, accompanied by his wife, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Langston here, last week.

Huley N. Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Day of Spur, has won the silver wings of an aerial gunner in the Army Air Force. He received the right to wear the coveted insignia and was promoted to the grade of sergeant, after successfully completing training at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla.

Pfc. John O. Christal of the Air Corps, stationed at Stinson Field, San Antonio, is here on a seven-day furlough to visit his father, Joe Christal. Pvt. Christal has asked for overseas service and expects to be sent over before long.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon received word last week that their son, Lt. Billy Koon, had been transferred to Ft. Riley, Kan., where he will attend officer communication school for a three months course. Lt. and Mrs. Koon have been stationed in the state of Washington for about nine months. Mrs. Koon accompanied Lt. Koon to Ft. Riley.

Tech. Sgt. Howard K. Richey writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Richey, that he has been moved from the northern part of Africa, to Oran in Algeria, and stated that he had traded a bar of candy for a large ripe tomato, and that he and his buddy had purchased from an Arab a dozen eggs for \$1.20 which they boiled and ate for an evening meal.

Pvt. Thomas Garcia, who has been stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., has been given an honorable discharge from the Army. He will work on the farm the remainder of the summer.

Pfc. Voil Drennen of the Anti Aircraft, is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. A. Drennen of Dickens, on a nine day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ball of Spur have received word that their son Pvt. Lester Ball has arrived safely overseas. Pvt. Ball stated they were about five weeks in crossing.

Tech. Sgt. Lee J. Peck of the Ordnance Department, stationed at Desert Training Center, Calif.,

C.A.A. Members Purchase Twin Motor Airplane

The aeronautical fever among Spur citizens is spreading fast, and four of them, all members of the Stamford Civil Air Patrol. This makes the second plane owned by Spur citizens, Lester Garner being the owner of the other plane.

Purchasers of the new plane are V. C. Smart, Richard Gibson, E. D. Engleman and Spencer Campbell. Mr. Smart was flown to Eldorado, Ark. Sunday by Pilot Johnny Gray of Stamford and closed the deal Monday for the plane and it was flown to Stamford Monday by a licensed pilot.

The plane is a red and cream colored Piper Cub Coupe, powered with twin horsepower motors, and was purchased from E. H. Whitten of Eldorado. It is practically a new plane, having only 24 hours and 45 minutes flying time to its credit, according to Mr. Smart.

Mr. Smart stated that as soon as the local airport gets C. A. A. approval the plane will be brought to Spur for the purpose of giving flying instructions to student pilots. The instructions will be given by a licensed pilot, he said.

Lester Garner, who accompanied Mr. Smart to Stamford Sunday, added four more solo hours to his credit.

School Building At Patton Springs Being Reconditioned

The trustees of the Patton Springs schools are having the building reconditioned throughout, getting it ready for the opening of school Aug. 23, J. W. Adams, superintendent, stated this week.

All classroom floors and desks have been revarnished, the school gymnasium repainted and the floors put in condition for another year, Mr. Adams said.

A special band room is also being equipped, and extensive repairs have been made on the homemaking cottage and the building will be heated with butane gas next year. The football field has been reworked and will be ready for use when school starts.

REV. COE AND FAMILY AT HOME-COMING SERVICE

Rev. Herman Coe and family attended a homecoming and dedication service Sunday at Loop, home church of Bro. Coe for many years. Rev. Coe preached the sermon and he reports a fine and inspirational service.

NEW DAUGHTER

A fine baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foreman Tuesday, July 20, at a Lubbock hospital. The charming young lady tipped the scale beam at eight and one-fourth pounds, and has been named Sandra Sue. Mrs. Foreman will be returned to her home Friday.

INFANT SON DIES

The little son, David Eugene, born to Mr. and Mrs. Raul English in a Haskell hospital last Wednesday, died 21 hours after birth. Mrs. English is reported doing nicely at this time.

MINISTERS TO MEET

A call meeting of the Ministers Alliance will be held in the pastor's study at the First Baptist church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, it has been announced. All ministers are urged to be present.

Mrs. Mamie Ward of Las Cruces, Nev. and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Faulkner of California are here visiting Mrs. Ward's sister, Mrs. N. M. Smith, and other relatives.

is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Peck, on a 15-day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons received word this week that their son, Woodrow Simmons, has been commissioned as second lieutenant at Camp Monmouth, N. J. Lt. Simmons is a radio technician and is in the communication branch of the Army.

Molly Pitcher Tag Day, Aug. 4



The modern Molly Pitcher will greet you throughout the nation on August 4th when brigades of Mollys will tag every buyer of War Bonds and Stamps. They will carry on the tradition of the Revolutionary War heroine who has gone down in history because she aided her fighters at the battle of Monmouth in 1776.

City Commission In Market for Sweeper To Clean Streets

Due to the illness of W. C. Suits and the difficulty in obtaining laborers, there has been an unavoidable laxity in sweeping of the streets in recent weeks. However, Street Commissioner O. B. Ratliff becoming "disgusted," as he put it, with the appearance of Main street Sunday night combed the flats and rounded up a few colored boys and gave Main street a thorough cleaning.

"It is the plan of the city commission," Ratliff said, "to either buy or build a street sweeper and sweep the streets each night to safeguard the health of the community."

ROTARY TODAY

Henry Alexander, Ned Baird, Winston Brummett, Spencer Campbell, Raul English, W. E. Francis, George Gabriel, Lester Garner, Ned Hogan, Oscar Kelley, Carl Proctor and Eric Swenson—the whole dozen of you—you missed a mighty good program at the Rotary luncheon last Thursday when District Governor Pic LaMour made an interesting and informative talk to the members present on Rotary and its opportunities for service to the community, the nation and the role it should play in forming a just and lasting peace following the defeat of the Axis powers which began to crumble Sunday with the fall of Benito Mussolini and his Fascist regime in Italy.

Governor LaMour paid high tribute to the progressive spirit of the Spur Rotary club and lauded President Jack Christian as an "up and going Roatrian and full of what it takes to keep the club moving forward."

"Capital and Labor" is the subject of today's program, with Bill Andrews speaking for Capital and Ned Baird for Labor.

Note to Raul English: Olan Arthur will present you with one of those cute little Rotary calendars if you are present at today's luncheon.

BAPTIST REVIVAL TO START FRIDAY NIGHT

The Steel Hill Baptist church will begin a revival meeting Friday night, July 30, Rev. Lee Ervin, pastor, announced this week. Rev. Lee Ervin, assisted by the pastor, will do the preaching. Bob Allen will lead the song services. The public is cordially invited to attend each service.

'Loaned Carpenters' Repair Fire Damaged Laundry In 5 Days

Through the generosity of others by "loaning" their carpenters, and the willingness of others who voluntarily left the jobs they were working on to help out, the Spur Laundry-Cleaners was able to resume operations Wednesday after suffering severe damage by fire last Thursday afternoon. Lester Ericson and Joe Long "loaned" their carpenters, and Babe Jerry, T. A. Morrow, and several others whose names we were unable to obtain all pitched in to repair the building damaged by the fire in order that the laundry might resume operations as quickly as possible.

Origin of the fire was supposed to be caused from an overheated smokestack. Due to failure of a pump on the fire truck to function promptly, the blaze gained considerable headway before firemen could start pouring water on the blaze. Damage to the building was placed at \$1,000 by insurance adjusters. Appraisal of the extent of damage to the equipment and clothing has not yet been made. All were fully covered by insurance. Dave and Leonard Wilson, owners of the laundry, express to members of the fire department and all others who assisted in extinguishing the fire, their appreciation for the fine job they done.

2-C AND 3-C REGISTRANTS TAKE NOTICE

According to Selective Service rules and regulations all registrants who have a 2-C or 3-C classification must be devoting all their time to agricultural work. Rumors have reached this Local Board that some registrants in the above classes are not devoting all their time to agriculture. If such is the case it is the duty of the local board to re-classify such registrant in 1-A for immediate induction.

The Draft Board is referring all registrants in Class 2-C to the County War Board for their investigation. It is their duty to investigate the activities of these registrants and make such recommendations as the facts are found to be to the Draft Board. Every registrant not devoting his full time to agriculture activities are subject to a 1-A classification for immediate induction.

It is the hope of this Local Board that all registrants with a 2-C or 3-C classification are devoting their entire time to an agriculture occupation.

Dickens County Local Board By R. R. Wooten, Secretary.

Alfred Walker, ROTC student at Arlington, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walker.

Funeral Rites for County Pioneer At Dickens Saturday

Funeral services for Charles Ferrin, who died suddenly at his home in Farming, New Mex., Monday, July 19, were held in the Dickens Methodist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with Rev. E. D. Landreth, pastor of Methodist church at Lamesa. Interment followed in the Dickens cemetery. The body was brought to Spur by a Hutson Funeral chapel ambulance, where Campbell Funeral chapel took charge of arrangements.

Pall bearers were V. C. Smart, O. C. Arthur, W. F. Foreman, R. R. Wooten, Monk Rucker, H. A. C. Brummett.

Mr. Perrin was married to Meta Donnel Winkler at Dickens in 1902. Three sons were born to them, all of whom survive. They are: Bill Perrin, Las Cruces, New Mex.; Don Perrin, Pampa; and Sgt. Dick Perrin, stationed in New Jersey. Other survivors include his mother, Mrs. Ida Perrin, Lubbock; a grandchild, Donald Ruth Perrin of Monahans.

The deceased had lived on the Ferrin ranch 10 miles east of Dickens since coming to Dickens county, until he moved to Concho, Ariz. about ten years ago, where he was engaged in the grocery business. He moved to Farmington, New Mex. in 1940.

The Perrin ranch home—the place at the end of the road—was famed for its hospitality, and many hungry men found there where there were none ever refused a "square" meal.

Mr. Perrin lived a colorful and interesting life. He was a product of the Western pioneer days, and was a rancher by profession and environment and intuition beginning riding at the age of four.

Mr. Perrin was known as a "Square Shooter" and helped many men during his lifetime. He served as commissioner from his precinct nine years prior to moving away from the county.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the services were: Pvt. Don King of Lubbock, Woodrow Perrin of Winnet, Judge and Mrs. George R. Bean, Mrs. Paul Hardwick, Mrs. C. E. Morrison, Mrs. Hinton, Mrs. Mary Lambert, Mrs. Nannie Cobb, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rushing and two sons, Joe and Lee Jr., Mrs. Susie Rushing, of Floydada; Cap Featherstone of Blanchard, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Giddens of Matador, Mrs. Moria Osborne of Dallas, Mrs. Ida Perrin of Lubbock, Don, Pat and Dick Perrin.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

If you lived elsewhere than in the U. S. A., and you picked up a 1943 U. S. A. paper, you would sure be perplexed. "What kind of an outfit is this here America anyway?" you would say. "Here is this paper reporting on the palaver taking place about freedom—the four freedoms. How about the Freedom they been having there, ever since the Mayflower. And the Constitution, how about it one they been living under—and bragging about, and making progress under."

I will answer these queries—trying not to let my blood pressure rise and zoom. The four Freedoms, folks, is just a slogan—something to get our mind off of something else. Instead is some new freedom and something we never had before, it gives us less. Private enterprise and initiative go by the board—are washed up. The new four Freedoms is our present and original Declaration of Independence dehorned and boiled down to one-dose size—for the gullible. It is something like a 10 cent edition of an original. Sounds great, if you just listen but don't ponder.

But, you folks in foreign lands, you should not take us too seriously, anyway coming election year. We have some odd and unique ways of trying to intrigue our voters.

Yours with the low down, JO SERRA.

Society-Club News

Daily Use of Bible Urged At Meeting of Soldier Mound Club

"Use your Bible as a daily guide," said Mrs. Bill Ballard to the Soldier Mound Home Demonstration club when it met in the home of Mrs. W. H. Condron July 14. If we study the Bible carefully, and follow its plan we will reach our destination safely. The Bible is full of sound advice for everyone, regardless of your walk in life.

The Bible story of "The Good Samaritan" was read by Mrs. Floyd Barnett. Several short stories were read from Helen Welshimer's "Talks to Girls" by Mrs. Barnett.

The club will meet the first Thursday in August with Mrs. Ollie Hindman. This will be a demonstration on preparing food for the frozen locker. We urge every woman in the community to be present. This is a program for people who do not get the information at club meetings. You will be helping yourself to attend this meeting, as any information you need in preserving food will be given. Help your neighbor by getting the information for her.

Those attending were Meses. Paul Loe, Bill Ballard, Ollie Hindman, Bill Davenport, C. P. Allen, Floyd Watson, Floyd Barnett, John Aston, Dan Pritchett, and W. H. Condron.

Attends Marriage of Sister At Tahoka Sunday Afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGinty and two sons left last Friday for Tahoka to visit Mrs. McGinty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Draper and to be present for the marriage of her sister, Miss Marion Draper Sunday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock to Lt. Welch Flippen who is stationed at Altus, Okla., where he is a Flying Instructor. Until recently Mrs. Welch has been connected with the Beaumont hospital where she was a dietician. Lt. Welch is a graduate of East Texas State Teachers college of Commerce, and Mrs. Welch a graduate of Texas Tech and the University of Texas. They will be at home in Altus, Okla.

Wedding Vows Unite Virginia Johnson And L. D. Parks

Wedding vows for Virginia Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson, and L. D. Parks, son of Mrs. Maggie Parks Hindman, were said at the home of the groom's parents east of Spur at 10 o'clock Sunday evening. Rev. Herman Coe, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated in a single ring ceremony.

The bride wore a navy blue sheer dress with white accessories. Her corsage was white carnations. For something borrowed she wore a locket belonging to Miss Effie Wilson. For something old she wore a pair of old family earrings belonging to Miss Frances Johns. Miss Johns was maid of honor and L. D. Horne attended as best man. Miss Johns wore a

dark suit with white accessories. Ice cream with the wedding cake was served to the friends present in an informal reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman.

Mrs. Parks is a graduate of the Spur high school with the class of '43. Mr. Parks attended the Spur schools later accepting employment at the Palace theatre. Mrs. Parks is employed at Bell's cafe. They are at home in the Bowman apartments on North Burlington Ave.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCain, Effie Wilson, Frances Johns, Aline Yarbrough, Billie McCain of Olney, David and Calvin Hull, and L. D. Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson Entertain Boys Entering Navy

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson, entertained at their home Tuesday night with a dinner party in honor of their son Leonard Wilson Jr., and his friends, on the eve of their departure for service in the Navy Air Corps.

The table was laid with a service for ten. The menu consisted of fried chicken, cream gravy, creamed potatoes, cream peas, fresh tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, olives, hot biscuits, iced fruit punch, ice cream and cake. Mrs. H. G. Hull assisted Mrs. Wilson in serving.

Those leaving last night to enter the service of the Navy were David Hull, Billy T. Smith, and Leonard Wilson Jr.

Those present for the dinner hour were: Meses Marie Whitwell, Melba and Evelyn Lewis, Francis Johns, Maxine Adams, Norma Thurston, Mrs. H. G. Hull, David Hull, Leonard Wilson, Billy T. Smith, Winford Morrow Homer Wilson, and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Dickens County To Be Represented At H. D. Council

Dickens county will be represented at the Texas Home Demonstration council by Mrs. Arner Watson, Mrs. Pete Gannon and Mrs. W. H. Condron, it was announced by Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs, county home demonstration agent, this week.

The meeting will be held in the Baker hotel, Dallas, Aug. 17-19. In keeping with war-time conditions, the convention will be streamlined with no banquets or elaborate entertainment. "The Battle on the Home Front" will be the theme of the meeting.

At a meeting of the Dickens County Home Demonstration council in the home of Mrs. Marrs Saturday, plans were made for "Fun Night" Saturday, Aug. 14, in a vacant building in Spur. There will be a radio program, games, drinks and ice cream to sell, and fun for everyone.

Those present were Meses. Arner Watson, John Aston, Joe Watson, Mrs. Pete Gannon, Fred Christopher, W. H. Condron, Kelsey Putman, F. B. Crockett, Ollie Hindman, S. Clark, S. L. Benefield, Agnes M. Marrs, and Miss Dana R. Meredith of Matador.

Beef, Some Fruits, Vegetables, Take Point Value Hike

The amount of beef available for civilians this month is about eight per cent less than last month. Result . . . point values increased during July. Most of

the choicer cuts of beef have point values from 9 to 13 points per pound. Canned fish have advanced in point value, too . . . 4 points per can, says Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs, county home demonstration agent. Since there are more fresh fish in the summer than in the winter, this encourages the housewife to serve more fresh fish.

The good news is this, Mrs. Marrs points out: Margarine and lard have been reduced 1 point per pound. A few cheeses are down 1 point, though butter remains the same.

Supplies of some canned fruits and vegetables are somewhat depleted, so they took a jump in ration points. This should not bother the women of Dickens county who have been busy canning, drying and freezing these foods, Mrs. Marrs points out. She says that the increasing number of calls for assistance from women over the country indicate that housewives are zealously preserving precious foods for their families this year.

The rise in point values means that homemakers who can't produce their own food will have to plan better and figure a little closer. This should encourage farm families to continue their fine job of fighting on the home front . . . producing more fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy and poultry products for their families here and for our boys on all the battlefronts throughout the world.

Consult Mrs. Marrs for information on methods of food preservation.

Mrs. George Gabriel Entertains for Son Wednesday Evening

Mrs. George Gabriel entertained last Wednesday afternoon from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock honoring her son, Max, on his fifth birthday.

At the close of the play time hour, ice cream and cake was served with a favor for each small guest.

Those present were Nan Nell and Janie Alexander, John Bernard Glover, Bruce and Jennings Long, Sue Hull, Sandra Watson, Kathleen and Carolyn Kelley, Glen and Dorothy Payne, Corena Burk, Anna Ferne and Billy Frank Huse, Eddie and Robert Proctor, Robert and Ronnie Ensey, and Almeida Ratliff.

Swim Party Given Tuesday for Boys Entering Service

Friends of David Hull, Billy T. Smith, and Leonard Wilson entertained with a swimming party and picnic lunch Tuesday afternoon at Duck Creek.

After a cooling dip in the "old swimming pool" they did full justice to the lovely meal.

Friends present and responsible for this treat were Evelyn Lewis, Maxine Adams, Billie Jean Woodrum, Norma Thurston, Elizabeth Ramsay, Dorothy Karr, Calvin Hull, and the three honorees Leonard, David and Billie T.

WSCS Meets

The WSCS met Monday afternoon at the Methodist church with Mrs. Erie Foster presiding. Mrs. Paige Gollihar gave the last lesson on International Relations in a very interesting manner.

Those present were Meses. Erie Foster, Paige Gollihar, J. C. Payne, W. E. Gilbert, J. R. Laine, Lela Evans, H. L. Thurston, and Miss Etta Fite.

Iced punch was served at the close of the meeting.

Heat Treatment for Seeds Advised By Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs

Farm families should save all the seed possible this year for next year's vegetables and crops. Your food dried will prove useful in providing the heat treatment for killing insects in all stages of development in seed for planting of food. A controlled temperature such as may be obtained in the home food drier, is very desirable for this purpose. But if strong germination is to be preserved the temperatures should not be allowed to go too high. For seed not to be planted the limit of temperature is that which will not scorch, advises Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs, county home demonstration agent.

"It is probable that the temperature which different seeds will stand without injury to germination will vary," Mrs. Marrs said. Experiments show that cow peas, wheat and corn are not considerably injured by 150 degree F. for 25 or 30 minutes. In the process it should be considered that thin layers of seeds will heat through quicker than thick layers. But if the temperature is kept within certain limits the length of exposure may be such that all seeds will be thoroughly heated without danger of damaging any.

If seed are not quite dry it is advisable to dry them out at a

FONDA CHANGED STYLE OF FILMS' LEADING MEN

There is a certain characteristic in Henry Fonda's screen portrayals that must give heart to most meek men. For Hank has come to be recognized as the cinema standard bearer for the average American male.



HENRY FONDA

Where the ordinary man takes heart is that, in all his pictures, Hank rises to the occasion. A simple honesty prevails, and though Hank may be fooled once in a while, he rarely makes the same mistake twice.

An example of his growth in character occurs in Fonda's newest film, 20th Century-Fox's picture "Immortal Sergeant." In the film coming Sunday-Monday to the Palace theatre, the star appears as a mildly successful author thrown by the war into the full fury of the fighting in the Libyan desert from the quiet cloisters of his profession.

From a mild-mannered "Tommy" he develops, under fire, into

First Baptist Church HERMAN COE, Pastor

Services of the day open at 9:25 with a prayer service in the T. E. L. class room. Everyone is invited to attend this service and help open the services of the day in the right way.

Sunday School is at 9:45 with classes for every age. Training Union is at 8:15 in the evening.

The worship services of the day are at 11:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m. The pastor will be in the pulpit at both hours of worship. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

The Vacation Bible school was closed Sunday night with a very nice program presented by the young people who attended the school. A fine hearing was given them. The faculty consisted of the following: Superintendent, Herman Coe; Secretary, Betty Jean Aldridge; Choister, Mrs. Herman Coe, and pianist, Mrs. Madge Alexander.

The Beginner Department: Mrs. W. S. Featherston, helpers: Mrs. Don Ramsey, Mrs. J. P. Legg, and Mrs. J. C. Mason; in the Primary Department were: Mrs. Frank Watson, Mrs. John Hazlewood, Mrs. Casey Aldridge and Mrs. W. P. Foster; in the Junior Department were: Mrs. Jerry Ensey, Mrs. T. J. Seale, and Marie Whitwell; and in the Intermediate Department were: Mrs. Charlie Powell, Mrs. Joe Long, Mrs. A. C. Hull, and Mrs. Joe Jeffers.

The enrollment of the school was 100, with an average attendance of 79.

temperature of around 120 degrees F. Then give them 15 or 20 minutes treatment at 150 degrees to insure killing the insects and eggs. After treatment the seeds should be placed in weevil-proof containers.

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An efficient soldier. Then, at the critical moment, when his comrades look to him for leadership, he rises to meet the challenge.

Similarly, in other backgrounds, Fonda has become the chief exponent of a new type of "glamor" for leading men. Naivete, honesty and wholesomeness are the hallmarks of this new kind of film hero, who doesn't know all the answers—even with the last reel.

In the past seven years, Fonda has gained quite a name for himself. A star for the majority of that time, he has been the favorite of millions simply because he was himself, and refused steadfastly to affect any of the airs that have caused the undoing of some of his contemporaries.

Off the screen as well as before the cameras, Fonda reverses the simple things in life. Happily married and the father of two lovely children, Hank nevertheless felt the call of duty so strongly that he enlisted in the Navy on November 1, 1942, closing for the duration one of the most outstanding cinematic careers.

It is fitting that "Immortal Sergeant" is his last film as a civilian for the duration. For it conveys to all in dramatic form the fundamental freedoms that Henry Fondas the world over are fighting for.

In "Immortal Sergeant," Fonda is co-starred with Maureen O'Hara. Featured in her support are Thomas Mitchell, Allyn Joslyn, Reginald Gardiner, Melville Cooper, Bramwell Fletcher and Morton Lowry. The action-filled picture was directed by John Stahl and produced by Lamar Trotti, who wrote the screen play.

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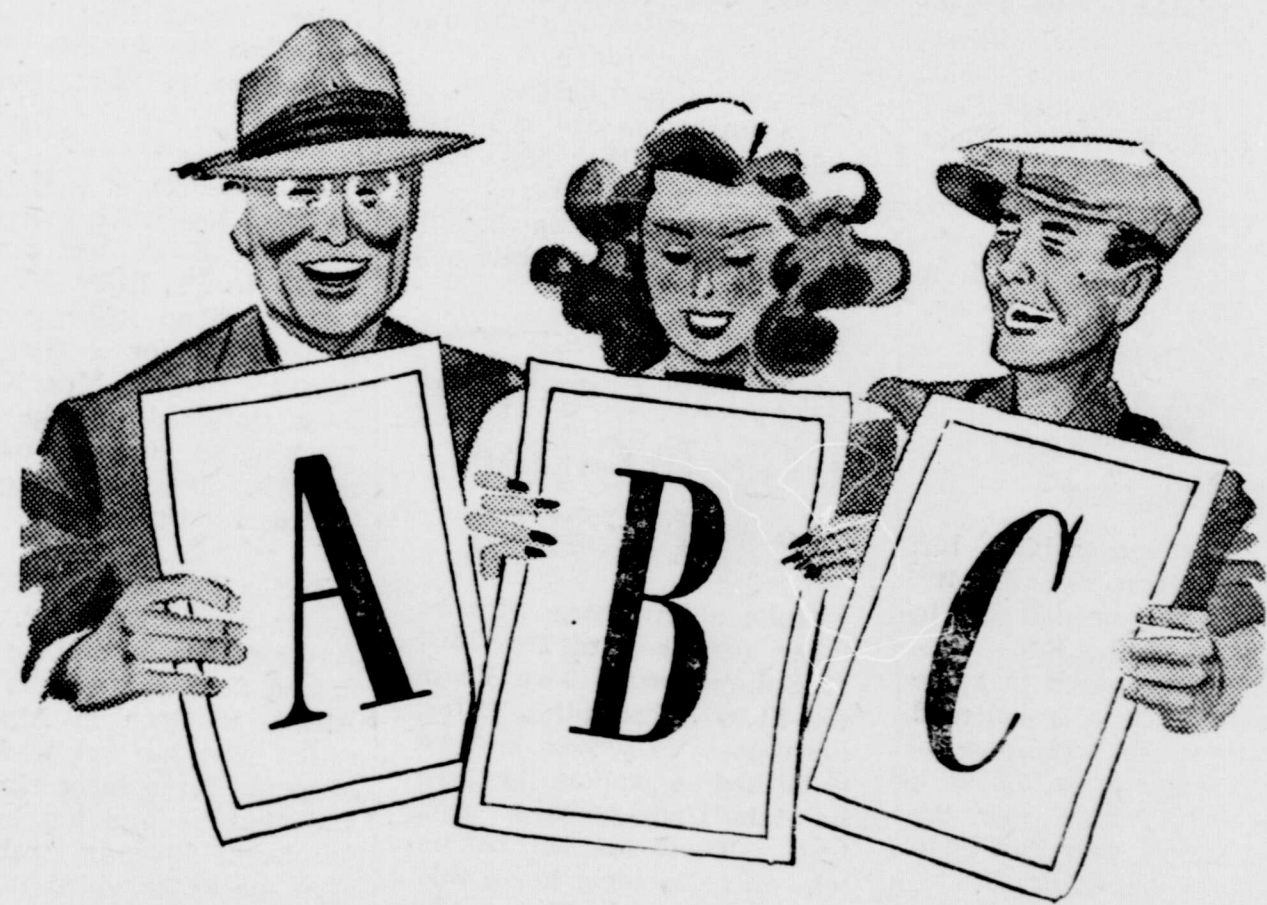
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By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for August 1

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GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 5:22, 23; 6:1-7; 12:31.

GOLDEN TEXT—Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.—Psalm 50:15.

Why doesn't God do something? People are quick to ask such a question in a time of crisis. Today they want to know why God permits the war to go on. In the day of our lesson Moses wanted to know why God did not deliver His people from Egypt. He and Aaron had been appointed of God to lead them out, but their first efforts only met with failure and increased persecution.

The complaint of Moses, and the response of God make an instructive story for our consideration and guidance. It will answer our questions.

I. Moses Said, "Thou Hast Not Delivered Thy People" (Exod. 5:22, 23).

When the efforts of Moses brought heavier burdens on the people they blamed him and Aaron for making their situation worse. This sorrow and shame made them doubt God's calling and commission. How quickly men are discouraged in their purpose to serve God.

The people were wrong in their attitude. They should have been patient. They ought not to have assumed that the loss of the first skirmish meant the loss of the whole campaign.

Are we not just like them? The new minister or the recently elected Sunday school superintendent makes a mistake and instead of helping him to pick up the pieces and start over, we decide that he just will not do, that we must have a change.

Even though the people were wrong, however, the man of God should not have lost his faith and accused God of failure to keep His promise. He was supposed to have learned the lesson of patience in the long years on the backside of the desert. Had he forgotten the experience of the burning bush?

II. God Said, "I Am Jehovah, Thou Shalt See What I Will Do" (Exod. 6:1-7).

In other words, Moses was to remember that he was dealing with the Eternal One, unchangeable, and always true to His word and able to make His will come to pass.

So often men in dealing with God think of Him in terms of their own weakness and failure. What we need is to have a Godlike conception of God, not a manlike idea of Him. God is the infinite and Eternal One with whom we have no right to quarrel, and whose dealings with us are too high for us to judge (Ps. 139:1-6).

God's covenant with His people was established (v. 4). He had heard their cry (v. 5) and His deliverance was sure (v. 6). The only thing Moses had to do was to wait and see God work.

That word "wait" is a little one. It seems to call for no effort, to be easy of fulfillment; yet it seems to be the hardest thing for a human being to do. Men who carry the burden of active warfare with ease and with honor become discouraged and sick when they must sit in a prisoner's concentration camp and wait for deliverance.

Christians who can speak and work for God when things are active and moving become querulous and despondent when they have to wait for something to happen, or when they are laid aside for a time.

His promise is sure. That is not just a religious sentiment. It is a fact, and it is proved by history. Note that in the case of Moses—

III. History Said, "It Came to Pass the Selfsame Day" (Exod. 12:51).

Moses had to take God's word, for "the selfsame day," which we read here came later. It came in God's own time, after He had, through Moses, humiliated and broken the hard will of Pharaoh. Then He gave His people the great memorial feast of the Passover, teaching them the needed lesson that redemption is by the shedding of blood.

In that night Jehovah did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. That deliverance was as certain the day He made the first promise to Abraham (v. 3, and Gen. 12:1-3) hundreds of years before, as it was now that it had been accomplished.

History is really God's story, revealing His outworking of His plan for mankind. The torn and blotted pages are man's handiwork. Sin and unbelief have caused him to hinder the work of God, but God is not defeated, and in the midst of man's self-created chaos, He proceeds quietly to work out His own purpose.

The many prophecies of Scripture which have been fulfilled not only prove its divine inspiration, but demonstrate its dependability. Every promise of God is "yea and amen" in Christ (II Cor. 1:20, 21). We can count on that!

Bible Saves Life of A Soldier

Note—Herewith is presented a letter from a lieutenant in the United States Army in far-off battle fronts to his sis'er in Pennsylvania. The original is in the possession of Rev. B. White, of Zarepath, N. J.

The Wilds of Nowhere, The Land of Death and Destruction.

Dear Sis: In writing this letter to you, I don't know where to start first. So many things have happened since I last wrote, I have escaped death at the hands of an enemy in a way so amazing I am in a daze.

You remember I told you when I was going over, I was going armed with the Bible. The Bible is the reason I am still here and able to write this letter to all America.

"Here is the story: My buddy and I were sent out on duty with our men in the work I told you before was our job. We had just received information—the most important in weeks. When we were discovered by the enemy, I gave the information we had collected to my buddy, and told him to beat it with it and prepared myself to face them. It was the first time I had been faced with the necessity of pointing my gun at a man, and blasting the life from his miserable body. I thought fast; then I said, 'Lord, it's your responsibility now! My buddy had not obeyed my order. He had no such scruples. As I reached for my carbine, a shot struck me in the breast and blasted me down. Thinking I was dead, my pal jumped for me, grabbing my carbine as well as his own, stood astride my body, blasting away with both guns. He was blasted too his knees with three bullet wounds, but when he finished, there was not one of them left. He was amazed when I rolled over and tried to get up. The force of the bullet had stunned me. Dazedly I wondered why I pulled the little Bible out of my pocket and in utter muteness looked at the ugly hole in the cover. It had ripped through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, on through the Pentateuch, on through the other books, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and kept going. Where do you think it stopped? In the middle of Psalm 91, pointing like a finger at these verses: 'A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.'

"Sis, when I read that verse it raised me three feet off the ground. I did not know there was such a verse in the Bible; I'd been reading mostly the New Testament. I read the rest of the chapter—the first part that ripped apart. In utter humility I said, 'Thank you, precious God,' and I felt like a little boy that had escaped the mouth of an enemy of prey."

"When I got my buddy back to the post, he said, 'Lute, (he calls me Lute) I've had enough. This convinces me. Come on—I want to get right with God, starting right now.' He wouldn't let them tend his wounds. He said, 'Nothing mattered now but this.' He stayed on his knees 15 hours with three wounds. His body became numb, he couldn't move it. He wouldn't live up. When the Lord finally came in he moved. That sol-

dier went crazy for God. He jumped over chairs (mean boxes). He jumped over bunks. He even ran outside and shouted to the whole camp.

Prayer, Too, Will Win War.

"Since I've given my heart to God, and talked with the boys, holding meetings and prayed with them, God has given me twenty-five of my buddies who have prayed through and come out for God. God even gave me my General. It took a long time, he was so dignified. But God told me to go after him; I stuck to his trail until he was grounded and came through. Spirit of God hovered over that tent with a sort of glimmering golden haze. I tell you Sis, prayer is going to win this war, not guns alone. Fervent agonizing prayer I know is, God is bringing them in one by one. The whole company will be a company of praying men. God has promised them to me, given me assurance. Think of it—120 praying men and one General in one regiment! When

that happens this unit will be unconquerable. Pray sis, pray sis you have never prayed before. Tell everyone to pray. Tell all America to go on its knees.

"Before such decisive victory anywhere over here sometimes for hours, sometimes for days, there has been a feeling of praying far away. The feeling is so strong you can hear many men, the most stubborn of them, say so so strong you can hear it. One said, 'Sounded like people praying from some distant place. Must be hearing things in this dead place.

So pray everyone. It will have to come from afar off. No one prays in this land of utter desolation. God has turned His face away from the horror and destruction man has brought on himself."

"Send More Bibles."

"Again, I plead, tell America to pray! This war will not end until nations and people have paid in blood and tears for thrusting God out of their

hearts, out of their nations, out of their lands. And tell them for God's sake to send Bibles and more Bibles. A Bible will give him confidence that God is with him. I'd like to have this letter broadcast from every radio station in America. Try to get it on the air, in the papers, anything that is printed. Make copies of it and send them from coast to coast. Tell them for God's sake to send more Bibles.

... I could go on, but I am so tired, so weary, but in all so happy to see them coming to God one by one. So tell them to pray, atone for sin, and keep praying. And when you send things to your boys, send Bibles. They want Bibles. Your Loving Brother, Lieutenant..."

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The most harrowing experience this writer ever had in doing an article for the murder mystery magazines was in connection with the Snow case at Stephenville. Congressman Sam Russell was district attorney in the case and took the lead in solving the riddle which sent a three-time killer to the electric chair.

Congressman Russell spent a quiet Sunday afternoon in outlining the case of the triple murders to me several years after it ended and then, late that afternoon, I went down to the newspaper office and worked well up

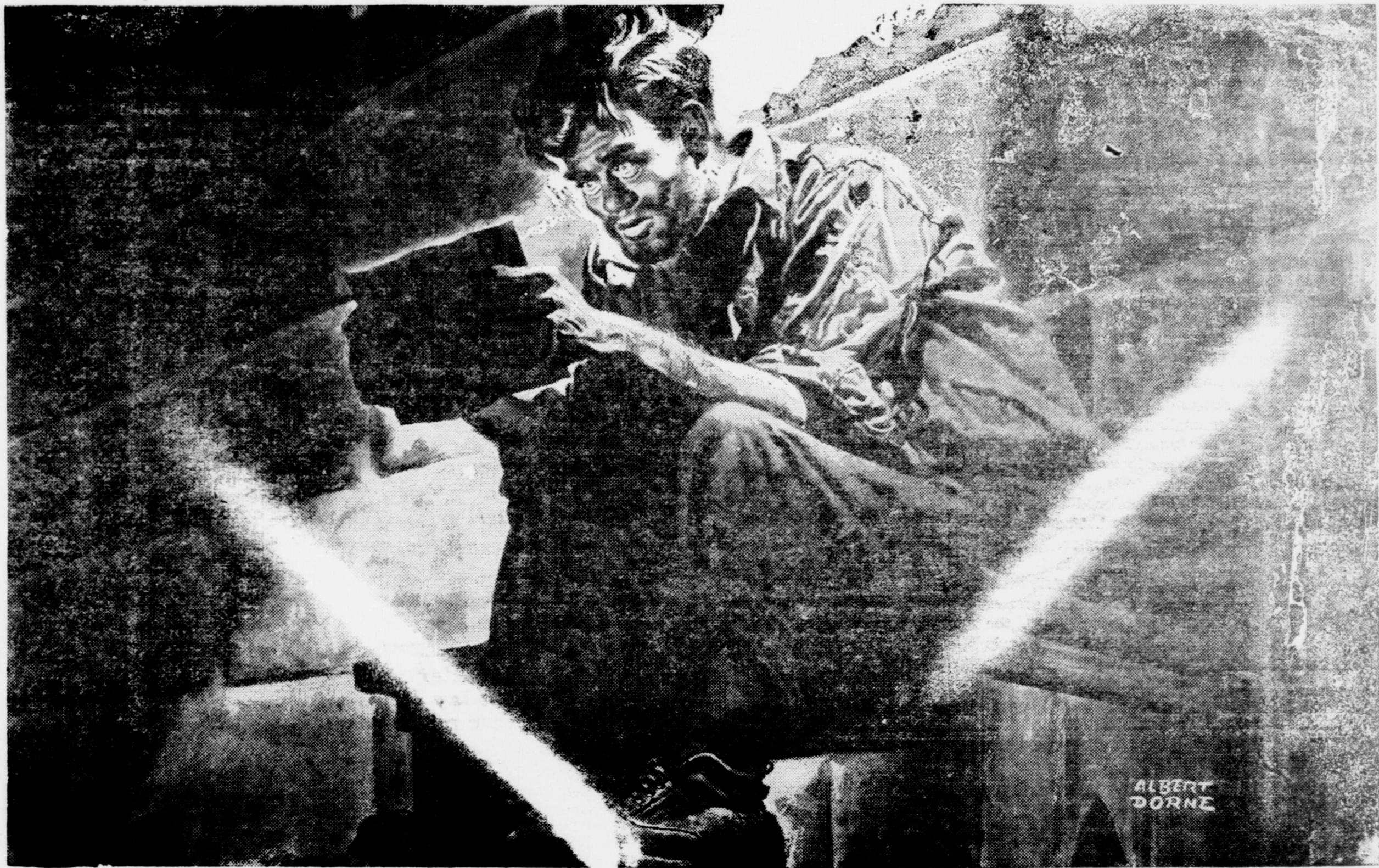
into the night putting the story on paper in the dark and deserted building—that is, dark except of course for the one light over the typewriter.

The chain of events began with two men who set forth to put out traps. They came to a cellar, partly caved in, beside the ashes of an old farmhouse. They decided the cellar would be a good place to put a trap and one of them clambered down. He noticed in the dimness a tow sack dangling from the rafters. He took it down and carried it outside, opened it and found a pair of eyes peering at him from the sack.

It contained a man's head.

Well, that was the start. By the time I had written the full story of the three murders and the solution, my nerves were so jumpy that the scurrying of a rat across the floor in the rear nearly caused me to knock over the chair in which I was sitting.

A darkey, asked by the draft board how many dependents he had, replied, "I has foah dependents but I can't depend on none ob dem."



Letter to a P.O.W.

WILL YOU WRITE A LETTER to a Prisoner of War . . . tonight?

Maybe he's one of Jimmie Doolittle's boys. Perhaps he was left behind when Bataan fell. Anyway, he's an American, and he hasn't had a letter in a long, long time.

And when you sit down to write, tell him why you didn't buy your share of War Bonds last pay day.

"Dear Joe," you might say, "the old topcoat was getting kind of threadbare, so I . . ."

No, cross it out. Joe might not understand about the topcoat, especially if he's shivering in a damp Japanese cell.

Let's try again. "Dear Joe, I've been working pretty hard and haven't had a vacation in over a year, so . . ."

Hell, better cross that out, too. They don't ever get vacations where Joe's staying.

Well, what are you waiting for? Go ahead, write the letter to Joe. Try to write it, anyhow.

But mister, if somehow you find you can't finish that letter, will you, at least, do this for Joe? Will you up the amount of money you're putting into War Bonds and keep buying your share from here on in?

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Not Monkeys

"The food needs of the nation can only be met in the long run by the age-old plan of work and pay, and not by running the farmer like a monkey up and down a prophetic stick," says Herbert Corey, newspaper correspondent and editor.

Nonsense Must Cease

One effective weapon against inflation is greater production of consumer goods. Taxes and bonds can never be made to absorb all of the war-inflated earnings of the people. Moreover, it is becoming evident that price ceilings are a limited success. Therefore, to help maintain stability there must be sufficient production of necessities to furnish an outlet for consumers' dollars. If there is no such purchasing power outlet and wages continue to spiral upward, accompanied by astronomical government borrowing, the inevitable result will be more and more inflation.

Civilian production should not be curbed any more than is absolutely necessary to armament demands. The nonsense of artificial restrictions on production merely to make the people realize they are at war, must cease. Lengthening casualty lists carry their own tragic story.

In addition to stepping up production, the reams of red tape entangling retail distribution must be removed. Rationing and price regulations must be simplified. Attempts to stop inflation by bludgeoning retail prices back to lower levels, regardless of costs, should be abandoned before the distribution industry is demoralized. The average merchant operates on paper thin margins.

If the "get tough" theorists persist in hunting for excuses to curtail production and distribution, instead of hunting for means to achieve greater production and more efficient distribution, the country will have not only inflation but thousands of crippled industries. And instead of being able to sit in Washington issuing decrees from swivel chairs to retailers, the price fixers will be forced to chase up and down the back alleys of the nation in a vain attempt to catch black market operators.

Comfort First

Another bill has been introduced in Congress—S. 1161—"To provide for the general welfare." As usual, it is proposed to have the Federal government do the providing. This most recent of the "comfort" measures is designed to remove virtually all the hazards of living. Among other things, it makes provision for free general medical, special medical, laboratory and hospitalization benefits for more than one hundred and ten million people in the United States. It would place in the hands of one man—the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service—the power and authority to hire doctors and establish rates of pay for doctors; to establish fee schedules for services; to establish qualifications for specialists; to determine arbitrarily what hospitals or clinics may provide service for patients. In short, the bill, if enacted into law, would destroy the entire system of American medical care.

And so the spectre of socialization in the German pattern continues to haunt the land. On the one hand we see a powerful labor union urging public ownership of basic industries, while on the other, public servants are recommending public ownership of the medical profession. Both moves are based on the fallacy that the general welfare is composed solely of two parts—comfort and security.

Our people would do well to remember the words of a famous writer: "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too."

A Lesson In Astronomy

The Office of War Information has issued a report on American air transport. Factual in character, it is nevertheless breathtaking. It gives United States commercial airlines much of the credit for the development of airways reaching to every area of the globe and flown over by the Army and Navy air transport services, as well as by the airlines. The OWI says: "A pilot on the Lisbon-New York run flew the Atlantic four times within three days. Another pilot crossed the ocean twelve times in thirteen days, making one round trip in less than twenty-four hours." Everything from heavy freight to critically wounded men and medical supplies are carried on these globe-girdling flights.

During 1941, their last normal year of operation, American commercial airlines carried 4,060,500 passengers, an increase of 45,000 per cent over the approximately 8,700 carried in 1927. Between these same years, air mail increased from 1,270,300 pounds to 44,595,300 pounds, and air express and freight from 45,860 pounds to 22,315,000 pounds. Regarding the future, aircraft production figures become astronomical. In 1938, according to the OWI, total production of the aviation industry—cargo and combat planes together—amounted to a mere \$280,000,000. It soared to \$1,800,000,000 in 1941, and in 1942 made another huge jump to \$6,400,000,000. This year it will reach the colossal total of \$20,100,000,000. These are some of the reasons why the Civil Aeronautics Administration soberly contemplates that before 1950, the United States may well have half a million private, commercial and military planes in active service.

With such staggering aviation expansion, which has become international in character, it is understandable why the airlines favor uniform Federal regulation of commercial air transport as envisaged in the Lea-Bailey Bill now before Congress. Inequities in the proposal, if they exist, should be corrected and the measure passed.

They Die By Two's and Three's

Fire losses for the nation during the first five months of this year are estimated at \$163,660,000, an increase of \$15,578,000 over the same period of 1942.

When anything less than a billion dollars is small potatoes, many people will scarcely notice these figures—unless they happen to be among these unfortunate souls whose property contributes to the ghastly total. And make no mistake, ghastly is the only word that adequately describes the gigantic and wholly unnecessary fire waste in the United States. What is more ghastly than the waste itself is the fact that the country accepts the wiping out of several hundred millions of dollars worth of homes, factories and farms as a routine annual occurrence. The still more ghastly fact of 10,000 lives going up in smoke with costly property, is also callously taken for granted. A man, a woman, a child here and there; they die by two's and three's in the ashes of a nation's carelessness.

Occasionally public complacency is ruffled by horrors, such as the Boston night club tragedy. Then agencies like the National Board of Fire Underwriters can get temporary cooperation to put in force fire prevention measures which public lethargy has long blocked.

And so, slowly through the decades, the science of fire prevention has moved ahead. Steady progress in fire prevention depends upon continuous public education. Individuals must learn to recognize common fire hazards and fear them sufficiently to remove them. Full and effective fire prevention is impossible otherwise.

Refreshing Reminder.

Speaking in behalf of marketing cooperatives before the food forum recently held in New York City under the sponsorship of the Dairyman's League Cooperative Association, Congressman Jerry Voorhis of California declared: "I want to tell why I believe in cooperatives. I believe in them because I know the economic problems that have been destroying democracy and freedom in other countries must be solved. Free government cannot live where there are no free farmers (Cooperatives) can and they have restored to farmers in this country and in many other countries the control over their own economic destiny. I believe in them because they are the one means that I know whereby our problem of poverty in the midst of plenty can be solved without resort to government dictatorship or to the development of a dependence of millions of people upon government support."

In these days of subsidies and artificial restrictions, it is refreshing to be reminded that the farmer can, if given the opportunity, shape his own future the same as he and other American citizens have always done in the past.



IT'S A THREAT

If a quick return of good living conditions in America after the war can truly be said to depend on any single commodity, petroleum is that commodity. A post-war oil shortage would be a catastrophe. Automobile manufacturers and dealers should lead the way back to prosperity, but they can't do it with crude oil scarce enough, even temporarily, to make gasoline costly or hard to get. An oil famine can be created, but it need never come.

How America's war effort depends on petroleum was discussed recently in this column but a post-war oil famine would be equally serious, and it is more probable. For example: it is possible, with vandalous haste, to increase oil yields from known pools. In a war emergency this might be tried, but such methods waste more than they get. If they do postpone an oil famine, they make it worse when it comes.

Draping the Crepe.

Records show that every so often in the petroleum industry, all the known fields are looked upon as old fields; there are no big new pools being developed with freely flowing wells. Such is the case now; known reserves are declining. And always at times like this somebody feels an urge to put on sackcloth and prophesy about how much oil is left. Sometimes they can almost make car owners near Uncle Sam scraping the bottom of his barrel. Just the same, estimates seem to be getting bigger right along.

It was the eminent geologist, Ralph Arnold who, in 1914, estimated America's crude oil reserves at six billion barrels. The American Association of Petroleum Geologists raised the guess to nine billion in 1921. The American Petroleum Institute in 1925 ventured that five billion barrels more would be all. The U. S. Geological Survey set a grand total of un-pumped oil at 13 billion barrels in 1934. Now, in 1943, the going estimate is 20 billion barrels to come. Meanwhile America's oil needs have been supplied at fair prices.

Must Hunt Oil.

"Oil is where you find it." The petroleum industry is 80 years old. Since it started, 50 or 60 billion barrels of oil have been discovered. Experts estimate that the United States will need to find about that much more to meet the needs of the next 20 years. Unfortunately, oil men don't know where more than a third of it is, but they know where to find untold acres of untested land, right in the United States, land that ought to be tested.

But prospecting is costly. By the time a venturesome oil man searches jungle and wilderness for a likely spot to make a wildcat test, protecting himself all he can with good engineers' advice; by the time he buys a lease and drills a hole deep enough to prove what is (or is not) there, he has spent approximately \$100,000. And a failure costs as much as discovery. Failures outnumber rich discoveries too—call it 600 to one.

The 20 billion barrels of known reserves amount to 15 years' supply at present rate of usage, but that's no help. It will take 25 or 30 years to get that oil out of the ground right, and rushing it will ruin the field. Finding a new oil pool somewhere is necessary. Obviously quite an inducement is needed to make men take long chances with large amounts. That's exactly the draw-back. Oil is too cheap to tempt prospectors to drill except close to other oil where chances are more favorable.

The OPA is holding crude oil prices under 60 percent of normal while operating costs rise. Oil men say a price boost of 50c a barrel would revive wildcatting; surest way to find a new field. Government offers a subsidy instead, another encroachment on private enterprise. For my part, I'd rather pay a little more for gasoline than weaken further the very foundation of American prosperity, or (as the government suggests) depend on imported oil after the war. Full employment at good wages depends upon exporting, not importing.



DON'T WASTE TANK TRUCKS—The ODT is asking farmers and businessmen to help reduce tank truck trips and mileage by placing larger fuel orders and calling for fewer deliveries.



Speaking of Health

By DR. VICTOR G. HEISER
MEDICAL CONSULTANT
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

The Breath of Life

There are many causes of unconsciousness. When an injury or other condition interferes with the delivery of oxygen to the lungs and body cells, a person becomes unconscious, or technically speaking, asphyxiated. Choking, submersion, electric shock, or the inhalation of carbon monoxide or other gas may be the cause of asphyxiation. Drowning, which is submersion, produces asphyxiation, whether the air passages become filled with water, blood, pus, or other substances. All swimmers and those who engage in water sports should be familiar with the method to be used to revive those whose breathing is interfered with due to submersion.

Delay of but a matter of moments may cause serious and even fatal results. A victim of asphyxiation usually is not breathing, or does so obviously only with great difficulty. The first object is to restore natural breathing as rapidly as possible. Delay in doing so within two or more minutes may be fatal.

The Schafer Method.

When possible, one person should loosen all clothing and remove all foreign bodies from the mouth, while another begins artificial respiration. No delay must occur. Respiration should be restored at once, without troubling to move the victim too far.

In case of drowning or unconsciousness from electrical shock the victim should be placed face downward on the ground with a thick folded garment or a pillow under the lower part of the chest. The mouth and nose should be cleared when obstructed. No preliminary manipulation of the tongue is necessary.

The operator kneels astride one thigh of the patient, facing his head. He then places his hands flat on the back over the lower ribs, and gradually throws the weight of his body forward, so as to make firm pressure, thus compressing the chest and forcing air

out of the lungs. Still retaining his hands in position, he then brings his body up into the semi-erect position, relaxes pressure on the ribs and allows air to be drawn into the lungs. The process is repeated regularly about every five seconds; it should be continued for at least several hours or until normal breathing is reestablished. Do not stop artificial respiration if this does not follow, until a physician pronounces the victim as beyond recovery.

Remember to start artificial respiration as quickly as possible. Remember to send for a physician.

to notify the fire or police department, or a local hospital, so that medical service and apparatus may be quickly made available. The breath of life has come to many after such action. Keep cool, and act quickly.

THE OLD RELIABLE

If you need a good laxative or cathartic to relieve headache, biliousness, or that lazy tired feeling when due to temporary constipation, ask for and be sure you get

HERBINE
CITY DRUG CO.

REAL DISCOVERY FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Dangerous High Blood Pressure (Essential Hypertension) is usually marked by distressing symptoms such as dizziness, throbbing headaches, sleeplessness and nervousness. If disregarded, this may lead to Heart Trouble, Stroke, Paralysis, Hardening of the Arteries or Kidney Trouble. Diamonex, discovery of a heart specialist, is designed to quickly aid in the relief of these distressing symptoms.

A Chicago resident says: "I suffered from High Blood Pressure for several years with increasingly severe throbbing headaches, dizziness and shortness of breath. I showed the Diamonex formula to my doctor and, on his advice, tried the treatment for two weeks under identical conditions as previous treatments. Within only three days my bad headaches and dizzy spells were gone. My high blood pressure was reduced and I sleep fine."

Diamonex goes directly to work in three different ways to aid in the relief of these dangerous symptoms. Results are speedy—within as short a time as two weeks sufferers often find that Diamonex has accomplished 75% of the total reduction possible with this formula. If you suffer from High Blood Pressure you may try DIAMONEX without risking a penny. To introduce this wonderful treatment to a million new sufferers this liberal trial offer is made for a limited time only.

Send only \$1.50 to the Diamonex Company, 318-A North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois for a full TWO weeks supply of genuine DIAMONEX, prepaid. Use Diamonex according to the simple directions for only two weeks. If, at the end of that test period you are not delighted with results your money will be refunded immediately on request. There are no strings or conditions—you owe it to yourself to make this wonderful test at once. Write today as this offer is fully guaranteed.

HELP BRING HIM BACK WITH War Bonds



From that extra change you save by letting us do your laundry, and while you are helping him, you help your self in several different ways, for instance:

A woman who does her laundry by hand, Purdue University researchers have reported, lifts a total of 632 pounds of clothing and water in the course of an ordinary wash.

Spur Laundry-Cleaners

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Whether it's just a snack or a big Sunday dinner, you'll enjoy the foods at our place.

Mrs. Smith's
NU-WAY CAFE

NUTRITION IS YOUR JOB!



SEE THAT YOUR FAMILY GETS THE PROPER FOOD

Let us help you plan meals that are models of war-time nutrition and point-saving. We're keeping our prices in line!

SHOP AND SAVE AT OUR STORE

Hyatt's Food Market

HORACE HYATT

100,000 Dehydrators Home Garden Crops To Be Ready Sept. 1

Remember the sweet-smelling dried apples, peaches, and other fruits grandmother used to keep on hand for the long winter months? This year you'll have a chance to dry your own in up-to-date home food dehydrators. You can use the dehydrators not only for any fruits you may be too busy to can, but also for carrots, beets, and other victory garden vegetables.

To Be Ready September 1.
To make sure that every possible method of food preservation would be available to take care of this year's greatly increased garden crops, the War Food Administration requested the War Production Board to permit the manufacture of home dehydrators and offered to relinquish critical copper and steel from its own allotment for the purpose. WPB has now approved a program calling for the production of 100,000 dehydrators before September 1 of this year and has authorized 31 manufacturers to participate in the program.

As a starter, 89,000 of the dehydrators are scheduled for production by commercial concerns. The rest will be made by students in vocational training centers. After fabrication and assembly of the dehydrator parts by the students, the finished dehydrators will remain in the schools for training purposes.

Models Approved By WPB.
When buying one of the new dehydrators, you'll have your choice of 11 different models. The Office of Production Research and Development, WPB, has approved all the designs, from the standpoint of construction as well as on the basis of the quality of the product turned out.

Built in the form of compact cabinets, the dehydrators will take up little space in the kitchen. They average about 36 inches in

City of Spur, Texas

Condensed Statement of Operations

May 1, 1942 to April 30, 1943

Electric Plant, Building, Distribution System, Etc.	\$151,328.75	\$66,000.00
Waterworks Pump Station, Wells, Distribution System, Etc.	96,513.24	26,000.00
Sewer Plant, and Distribution System	42,031.42	16,000.00
Gas, Plant and Distribution System, Etc.	22,211.27	16,000.00
Tax Funds: Park, Fire Station, Equipment, Street Investment and Equipment, City Hall Furniture and Fixtures, Air Port, Lands and Grounds	53,740.49	500.00
Total Cost of Property	\$365,825.17	
Total Outstanding Indebtedness		\$124,500.00

	Electric Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Gas Fund	Tax Funds	Total
TOTAL INCOME	\$32,565.58	\$17,825.50	\$4,850.27	\$10,434.81	\$12,220.78	\$77,896.94
OPERATING EXPENSE						
Salaries and Wages, Office	7,655.64	3,643.55	1,235.90	698.07	5,315.39	18,548.55
Supplies, Etc.	432.00	331.00	40.00	131.60	275.38	1,209.98
Repairs and Supplies	6,390.16	506.28		161.78	1,246.68	8,304.90
Fuel Oil	4,863.92					4,863.92
Lubricating Oil	676.80					676.80
Lights and Power-Pump Sta.		1,419.53				1,419.53
Street Lighting—Total Exp.					979.58	979.58
Butane Gas				5,675.40		5,675.40
Interest Cost	4,399.14	1,446.09	813.60	644.05	37.50	7,340.33
Office Rents, Etc. for Relief Agencies					569.81	569.81
Municipal Band Expense					1,154.00	1,154.00
Depreciation	4,253.30	3,446.84	840.63	597.78	1,602.67	10,741.22
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	28,670.96	10,793.29	2,930.13	7,908.68	11,181.01	61,484.07
TOTAL OPERATING PROFIT	3,894.62	7,032.21	1,920.14	2,526.13	1,039.77	16,412.87

height, 26 inches in depth, and 25 inches in width. The outer walls may be of natural stained or white-coated wood or wallboard. Each dehydrator will be a self-contained food drying unit, complete with its own heating device—an electric heating element, light bulbs or fuel burner. Temperature, humidity, and air flow will be controlled by a fan or blower and a thermostat.

Drying Will Be Simple.
Using a dehydrator will be easier than canning. Complete instructions, telling not only what foods can be dried and how long each takes to dry, but also how the finished dehydrated product should be stored and later prepared for the table, will accompany each dehydrator.

On the average, the drying process will take between 8 to 14 hours. In 8 hours, for example, 16 pounds of carrots will be reduced to a single pound of orange-colored flakes. To get one pound of dried onions, you'll have to have 8 pounds of fresh onions in the dehydrator for 10 hours. A pound of dried squash, calls for 11 pounds of fresh squash and 12 hours in the dehydrator, while a pound of dried peaches calls for nine pounds of the fresh fruit and 14 hours of dehydration.

Foods Easily Stored.
Storage of dehydrated foods is also a simple matter. Either regular home canning jars or empty pickle, mayonnaise, or other jars from the store will do. But they must be airtight, so that the food will not absorb moisture from the atmosphere. It will take only a few jars, and very little storage space, to handle even a good-sized crop, since dehydrated foods lose so much in bulk.

When placed in water in preparation for the table, the foods expand and assume their normal appearance. In taste, too, they are comparable to the fresh product.

Prices To Be Moderate.
What you will have to pay for your dehydrator hasn't yet been determined. The Office of Price Administration, whose job it is to set the prices for the various models, estimates that they will range between \$40 and \$80.

Rationing Disapproved.
The dehydrators will be sold in regular retail stores, hardware stores, electric shops, general stores. They will not be rationed. However, both WPB and WFA are determined that they go wherever they can be used to preserve the largest quantity of food for the greatest number of people.

Clubs or groups of farmers or city gardeners who wish to share dehydrators or individuals who

have large quantities of produce to be preserved will have first choice as buyers. WPB and WFA are working closely with the manufacturers to guide the flow of their products to this market.

FARM BUREAU GOALS

Farmers will feed our armed forces, our civilian population, and our fighting allies in 1943 just as they did in 1942.

Presented below in condensed form is a list of major objectives of the Farm Bureau in 1943:

1. Work untiringly for an early victory in the war and a lasting peace.
2. Bring about full agricultural production in 1943.
3. Fight to have all groups share the burdens and sacrifices of war equally.
4. Continue support of the national farm program under the Agricultural Adjustment Act with its companion measures covering soil conservation and price stabilization by means of commodity loans and other price supports under the Steagall Act.
5. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO FARMERS ALL ESSENTIALS, INCLUDING MANPOWER, NECESSARY FOR FULL PRODUCTION.

Do Your Part to Help Bring About These Objectives by Joining

The Dickens County Farm Bureau
Roaring Springs Breeder Consigns To National Sale

National recognition has been achieved by the purebred Duroc herd of T. H. Duvall of Roaring Springs, by selection of a registered bred gilt from this herd for consignment to the National Duroc Congress sale to be held at the Shelby County Penal Farm,

Memphis, Tenn., July 30 and 31, the Texas Spur has been advised. One hundred leading Duroc breeders from 19 states from California to Pennsylvania, have been chosen to send their "very best" bred gilts to this national sale. Included in the offering will be three choice gilts from Texas herds.

The sale will be the climax of a two-day educational program and "type conference" sponsored by the United Duroc Record Association, national organization of Duroc swine breeders at Peoria, Illinois. Theme of the 1943 Duroc Congress will be "More Efficient Pork Production for Victory." In the Type Conference breeders will discuss the type of hog that will be most efficient in accomplishment of war production goals for pork. Supplementing this part of the program will be a market barrow carcass demonstration, judging contest and discussion of wartime hog feeding problems.

In charge of the educational program will be noted livestock authorities from 14 states. Prof. Fred Hale, chief of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will be chairman of the Type Conference and Dean H. H. Kildee of Iowa State College will be principal speaker at the Victory banquet. Others assisting with the Congress educational program will include Prof. Fred Hale of Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

BACK UP YOUR BOY
Increase your payroll savings to your family limit

Memphis, Tenn. was picked as ideal site for the event because of its location is the center of the rapidly expanding livestock production area of the "Central South." Southern cotton farmers are adjusting their cropping systems to include more grain and forage crops and are anxious to raise more hogs, as well as other classes of livestock, to utilize this feed and provide fertility for their soil.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

REPAIRS

ARE NOT EXPENSIVE HERE...



Our shop can handle anything in motor repairs; cost is low, too. Come in and bring your repair work, we'll make it like new again.

Barclay Garage

SLIM

Extends an invitation to all Dickens county folks to visit

Slim's Cafe

Which reopened under Slim's management this week.

For Your Eating Pleasure Try Meals That Are:

DELICIOUS
ECONOMICAL
HEALTHFUL

No Ration Points Needed To Eat At
Slim Foster's Cafe

BUTANE RANGES

We now have in stock several Butane Ranges and Heaters. If in need of a stove see us now. Also a few Floor Furnaces.

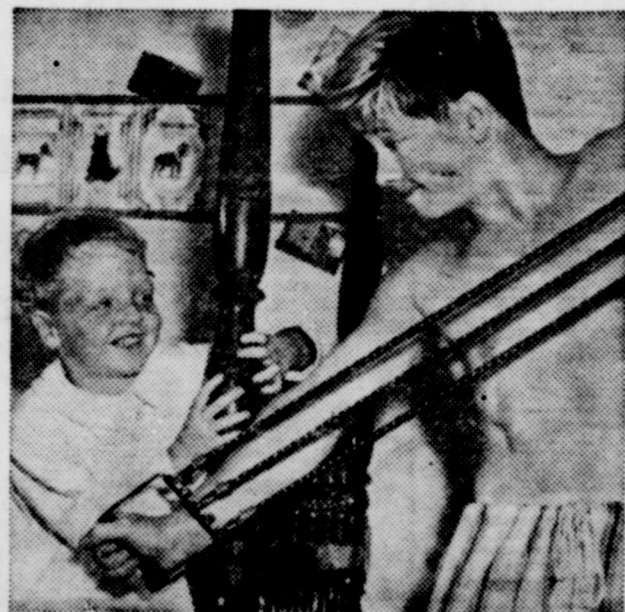
GARNER GAS AND OIL CO.

"THE HUMAN COMEDY"

Adapted from the METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER Picture by BEATRICE CAMMER

SYNOPSIS: In the little town of Ithaca, California lives the loving, human Moccasin family. The eldest son Marcus is off in an army camp. Sixteen year old Homer (Mickey Rooney) with his after-school job as messenger boy is proud that he is now head of the family. Without fully understanding it, he is growing up, learning how difficult life can be . . . and what it means to be a human being.

NOW READ EPISODE TWO—BELOW



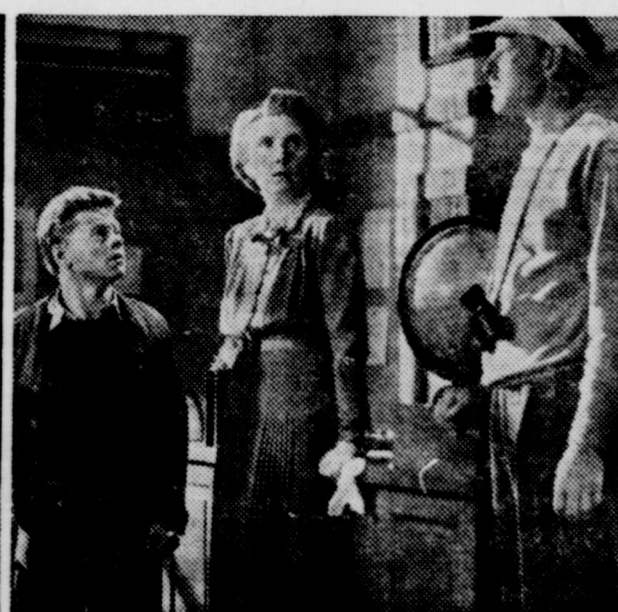
"Gonna be a strong man, Homer? Gonna be a giant?"

Next morning, Homer does his exercises while five year old Ulysses (Jack Jenkins) looks on. Ulysses wonders about the adult world. Why is Marcus away? What does "being home" mean? Homer answers paternally, finishes breakfast and hurries out. This is an exciting day, for after school he is to run in the two-twenty hurdle races.



"Noses snoop, noses break up marriages, noses cause wars."

At school, Homer gives a rose to Helen Elliot (Rita Quigley) whom he adores from afar. Helen doesn't even know he's alive. Then Homer's rival Hubert Ackley steals the rose. The boys quarrel. Homer is furious. Instead of reciting his lesson, he gives an impromptu dissertation on, "The Nose Throughout History," aimed at Hubert.



"If he can get in the race, why not me?"

Miss Hicks keeps both boys in after school. Neither will be able to run in the track meet. She is giving them a lecture on Democracy when in comes the coach, Blenton, boot licker to the rich. He marches Hubert off, disregarding Miss Hicks and Homer. Miss Hicks almost bursts into tears because of Blenton's arrogance to her.



Homer's determined to win! If only his legs hold out!

Now Miss Hicks has got her dander up. When Homer demands, "Was that civilized? Was that democratic?" she replies with a thumping "No!" Then she dismisses Homer and tells him to get out there and win that race. He dashes onto the track. The starter gives the signal. They're off! Read the next thrilling episode.

Cotton Marketing Authority Gives 'Pros' And 'Cons' About Whether To Sell New Cotton Or Hold It For Better Prices

If the farmers of Dickens county are in a quandry about whether to sell their new cotton, or to hold it for better prices, Dr. A. B. Cox, University of Texas cotton marketing authority, has drawn up a list of "pros" and "cons" which may help you decide.

He won't recommend which you should do, but lists the arguments for and against as follows.

For holding:
1. Acreage this year is the lowest for nearly 50 years—21,995,000 acres, as compared with the peak of 44,608,000 acres in 1926.

2. Parity prices have gone up an average of 10 points per month during the last five months. In June the parity price was 20.34 cents, with a guaranteed loan of 90 per cent of parity, or 18.31 cents in June.

3. Production this year will be 1,800,000 pounds less than last year's harvest if the average yield per acre is as much as the average for the past five years, or 246.1 pounds.

4. Civilian consumption, now curtailed by the war, should be boosted by accumulated buying power when the war is over. Exports through lend-lease channels will likely be increased substantially for the duration as Allies recapture territory in Europe and reduce the Atlantic submarine menace.

5. The present seemingly large carryover in this country is of low grade short staple cotton—which in normal times goes to export and will be in demand when the war closes. Consequently this should not push down prices of the current crop.

For immediate sale:
1. Mill consumption is trending downward since January, due to labor shortage, unsatisfactory results from three-shift operations, and the narrowing mill margins resulting from advancing cotton prices and "roll back" of finished products in some cases.

2. Mills are reducing stocks, and

delaying purchases, due to uncertainty as to the duration of the war, to "very optimistic" reports about the yield of the new crop, and to narrowing margins of profit.

3. Prices listed in futures contracts are progressively lower from October to July of next year, with July, 1944, being quoted at \$3 a bale under quotations for October, 1943.

4. Price ceilings on raw cotton may be established if prices threaten to rise above the 21.38 cents per pound for middling 15/16-inch on April 7.

5. The average weight of cotton goods purchased for civilian consumption is much lighter than the average weight for war purposes—which would mean fewer bales would be required to keep mills at their present rate of activity when they return to civilian orders.

6. There is a substantial accumulation of Indian cotton in India which will be a depressing influence on the price of our lowgrade short staple cotton when the war is over.

RECORDS!

Owing to the fact that everybody is very busy at present, phonograph records are coming in but just a bit slow. Let's try to put a little more time on this worthy cause, and bring more records. Remember that no one is making any money from this; it is strictly a patriotic cause. They go to the men that are fighting for our freedom and country.

The Boy Scouts will help us out on this, and will try to come around to your house here in Spur about Friday 30th, and if you have any to go, just leave them on your front porch and they will pick them up.

People in the country, when coming to Spur, please bring, or send them to the Hill Top station.

We hope that every one will cooperate in this, and we can send out a large shipment to the boys in service.

Cliff Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver left for Austin last week where they will visit their son, Bob, for a few days.

Personal Mention

Mrs. H. D. McCain and daughter Betty, of Olney, spent an overnight visit with their son and brother, J. D. McCain, manager of the Palace theatre here, Monday. Miss Billie McCain, who had been visiting her brother for several days, returned with them.

Mrs. Cuba White left last Saturday, accompanied by Miss Bonnie Campbell as far as San Antonio, where Miss Campbell will visit with Miss Robbie Clemmons for several days. Mrs. White will continue her trip to Corpus Christi where she will visit Mr. White.

Jim McArthur of the Red Mud community was a visitor in Spur last Friday.

W. T. Lovell of the Wichita community was a business visitor in Spur last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller and family visited Mr. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Miller of the Croton community last Sunday.

Tom McArthur was in from Red Mud last Thursday trading with Spur merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Koonsman and Peggy Beth, were business visitors in Spur last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller and family who have been living at Flomont, have returned to the Croton community and will be on the farm for the remainder of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Richey of Afton, were trading in Spur Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ham and son, Joe Jr., returned to their home in Oklahoma City, Okla., after a 10-day visit with Mrs. J. M. Foster.

Miss Lynn McGaughey of Lubbock spent the past week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGaughey.

George Roberson of Lamesa, spent last week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hazelwood.

Mrs. Polly Cato left Monday for a vacation trip going by Lubbock for a few hours then to seek cooler places.

Rev. H. L. Thurston returned Monday after spending 10 days in Leuders where he held a revival meeting.

Miss Udell McDaniel left last week for Bisbee, Ariz., where she will spend a two weeks vacation.

Miss Winfred Lee spent the past week visiting Miss Nell De Long near Sterling City.

Mrs. A. G. Dunwoody and two daughters returned from Haskell last week where she had spent a two-weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Johnson. On her return home she was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Archie Wiseman and two small children, who are visiting in the Dunwoody home for several days.

Mrs. Sam Augustine spent the past week end with Lt. Augustine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Augustine, of Sterling City.

Mrs. Dave Dunn and daughter, Miss Jo Dunn of Dickens, were business visitors in Spur Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Martin made a business trip to Fort Worth last week.

Misses Mildred and Donna Shaw, of Ranger, who are employed at the Army Production wood shop there, have been guests of their aunt here, Mrs. Archie Gregory, and another aunt, Mrs. Davie Hodges of McAdoo. They returned to Ranger Monday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Long is getting a new shingle roof this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and son Bill, of Terrell, were here last week visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Lewis. Mr. Lewis is a Flight Commander in Terrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ensey and son, Wayne, visited Mrs. Ensey's mother, Mrs. Ernest Roberson in Crosbyton last Sunday.

Miss Vera Shepherd left Monday for Ft. Sill where she will visit with Mrs. George Culberson for two weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Clay and two children, Martha Jean and Bob, of Graham, and Mrs. Bessie Clay of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Clark Forbis of Afton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goff for the past week end. Martha Jean and Bob were guests of Mrs. Cecil Addy while here.

Mrs. J. A. Hood left last week to return to her home in Lubbock after a 10-day visit here with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dogie Graves and son, Jerry, were in town from the C. B. Jones ranch Tuesday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gabbert and two sons, Keen and Bob of Lubbock, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keen here last week.

Jerene Vernor of Stamford is here this week working in the Stamford Credit and Production office for M. L. Rickles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander and son and daughter, Roy and Ann of Colorado City, visited Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander here the past week end, returning Monday.

Mrs. Ann McClure and Wynell, accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Chapman, visited Judge Alton B. Chapman and family of Floydada the past week end. Mrs. McClure and Wynell were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Smith on Sunday, and Judge and Mrs. Chapman on Monday. While in Floydada Mrs. McClure had a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blendon (former residents of Spur). The Blendon's are on an irrigated farm 10 miles northwest of Floydada and are doing fine.

Mrs. Everett Baker, the former Miss Marion Reed, is here from Columbia, S. C., on a three-weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed.

Billy Bob Alexander of Gordon, is here visiting his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander, for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hindman and children of Electra, are here visiting her mother, Mrs. L. B. McMeans for a few days.

Charles P. Witt and family of Calgary were in Spur Saturday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Larche and son and daughter of Stamford, arrived last week to visit Mrs. Larche's brother, Jim Swaringen and other relatives of Duck Creek community. Mr. Larche and son returned home Sunday. Mrs. Larche and daughter will remain for a two weeks visit before returning home.

Mrs. Opal Lovern and son, Doyle, of New Orleans, La., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hemp-hill of East Afton, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Spur for several days.

Mrs. J. L. Hamilton and little son, Leroy, of Littlefield, are here visiting for several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gilcrease.

Mrs. Mary Berta Harkey arrived in Spur last Friday from Abilene, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. L. H. Perry, who returned to her home after a weeks visit there. Mrs. Harkey spent the week end here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan left last week for cool Colorado, where they will spend a few weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Wooten are here visiting relatives and friends and waiting Mr. Wooten's call to the Army.

Miss Jo Ann Rummel of Monday returned to her home last week after a visit with Miss Betty Weaver. On her return home, she was accompanied by Betty who will visit in the Rummel home for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cannon and little daughter, Lanora, are here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott of Calgary.

Mrs. M. A. Lea had as guests this week her two grandsons, Robert E. Lea, Flight Commander at Stamford Flying school, and E. C. Hall Jr., chief petty officer from the south Pacific, a daughter Mrs. Bertie A. Ellis, and Miss Mary Kathrine Crouse of Sherman, granddaughter Mrs. Billie Grant with her small son of Dallas.

Mrs. Murry Lea and small son, Bobby Dale, are visiting relatives in Baird this week. They were accompanied by Miss Kathrine Newman who has been spending a two months visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Lea.

Humpy Green returned to Spur last Sunday after a few weeks stay in Monahans, and is again employed at the Bell cafe. Mr. Green has received word that his daughter, Miss Evelyn Green, had entered the hospital at Gorman for medical treatment.

Pvt. and Mrs. Louis Williams arrived Saturday from Colorado Springs, Colo., where Pvt. Williams is stationed. Pvt. Williams is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Williams of Tahoka this week. While in Colorado Mrs. Williams visited many places of interest including the Garden of the Gods, the Cave of the Winds, Pike's Peak, Cripple Creek, and toured one of the largest gold mines in the United States.

Word has been received from Bill (Scotch) Elliot, who is in Dallas for medical treatment, that he is somewhat improved.

Nationwide Molly Pitcher Tag Day

Washington, D. C.—On August 4th, Molly Pitcher is stepping out of the pages of American history to sell War Bonds and Stamps. The gal who carried water to thirsty soldiers during the blistering Revolutionary Battle of Monmouth and took over her husband's cannon when he was wounded, has long been a symbol of the heroism of American women.

In her honor, brigades of modern Molly Pitchers will take their stands on nation-wide Molly Pitcher Day at street corners, building entrances, and in public places to sell the bonds and stamps that back up our modern fighting men.

A red-white-and-blue Molly Pitcher tag will be given to everyone who purchases a bond or stamp on that day. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary, and of the Independent Food Distributors Council unit of Molly Pitchers, will aid and augment local Women's War Savings Stuffs to make up the volunteer sales force. They will use water-pitchers to hold their supplies of tags and War Stamps. The slogan on the tags will read "Fill the Pitcher with Bonds and Stamps on Molly Pitcher Day," and the goal of the sales force will be to "tag" the total population.

This is a family war. Put your War Bond buying through the payroll savings plan on a family plan, which means figure it out yourself.

Any excuse you can give for not upping your payroll savings will please Hitler, Hirohito and puppet Mussolini.

War Bonds should mean something more to you than just "a good sound investment." Figure it out yourself.

USE SPUR WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 7 acres, well improved, hog-proof fence, just outside city limits south. Price \$1,200. See H. A. Marcy or Leonard Wilson. 381c

FOR SALE: 1 lavatory, 1 Nesco oil stove, 1 kitchen cabinet, 1 chiffrone, 1 swivel chair. See Mrs. Myrtle Whitwell. 1-p

FOR SALE: Remington typewriter; good condition, standard keyboard. If interested see it at Love's Shoe Repair Shop. 38-2c

STAPLES for TOT and similar make hand stapling machines, 35c per 1,000. THE TEXAS SPUR.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our thanks to our friends for their help and kindness during our darkest hours of trouble at the passing away of our wife, Jno. D. Hufstader and Family.

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