

Personal Mention

M. S. Lambert of Wichita community was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday morning.

Miss Lola Drennan has returned to Lubbock after spending a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Drennan of Afton, and sisters, Mrs. Frank Ragland and family of Roaring Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morrow of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gabbert and two sons of Lubbock came in Saturday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keen. Mrs. Gabbert and sons will spend all the week here. Mr. Gabbert returned Sunday night.

Robert Drennan Jr. of Afton, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Drennan of Levelland for the past two weeks.

Jimmie Koonsman and daughter, Peggy Berth, were business visitors in Spur last Saturday.

Mrs. Earl Murchinson returned Saturday morning from Dallas where she visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Poindexter for several days before visiting her brother, Pvt. Jimmie Sparks, who is stationed at Bryan. Pvt. Sparks is in the Air Corps there.

Miss Mona Lawrence left Friday for Carlsbad, New Mex., to visit with friends, and while there will go through the caverns.

Little Miss Donna Mae McLaughlin of Brownfield, is here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Aston of the Dry Lake community, for several days.

Commissioner and Mrs. Jim Offield and daughter, Rosa Lee of Afton, were in town Friday attending to business affairs.

Morris Scott Clay returned Friday from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Weldon Cannon of Tulsa, Okla., where he visited many places of interest, including the Will Rogers memorial.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gregory of the Duck Creek community, were trading in Spur Friday.

James Victor Allen of Texas Tech, was home for the past week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen.

Ott Denson of the Highway community, was trading in Spur Friday of last week.

Earl Long returned Monday a week ago from a visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan of Vera.

Mrs. Etta Webb of Munday is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leon Reagan and family, for a few days.

Tom McArthur, who is ill in the West Texas hospital in Lubbock, is slowly improving relatives report.

Miss Margaret Mae Weaver spent last week in Lubbock the guest of Mrs. Sam Augustine, while attending a teachers meeting there.

W. B. Francis Jr. returned last Thursday from Cheyenne, Wyo., where he has been working through the harvest season.

Rev. Fred Carnes and Mrs. Carnes and two children, of El Paso are here visiting Mrs. Carnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed.

Judge Alton B. Chapman of Floydada, was a business visitor in Spur last Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan and son, Bernice, recently returned from a 10-day stay in Clovis, New Mex. Bernice rested and recuperated, and Mrs. Sullivan visited an old friend, Mrs. H. F. Plaster, while there.

W. J. Elliott returned last Monday from Dallas where he has been for medical attention, and is feeling much improved at this time.

Mrs. Louis G. Williams returned Thursday to Camp Carson, Colo., to be near her husband, Pvt. Williams, who is stationed there.

Mrs. Andy Hurst returned Wednesday from an extended trip to Fort Worth, Dallas, and McLeod, La., where she visited her son, L. J. Hurst and family of Fort Worth. In Dallas she visited Marion Hurst and family, and Rev. and Mrs. Lance Hurst of McLeod, La. On her return trip she visited her mother, Mrs. J. L. Smith in Abilene, where Mr. Hurst joined her for a week end visit before returning home.

Ruby Carter has returned to her home in Hobbs, New Mex., after a six weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Bob Dickson on Spur ranch headquarters.

Jim McArthur of Red Mud was attending to business in Spur Saturday.

Bud Long of Altus, Okla., visited his sister, Mrs. Hettie Calvert here for a few days last week.

J. M. Aston left Monday a week ago for Dallas where he will be employed in North American Aircraft production.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Calvert of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Calvert, and Mrs. Hettie Calvert here last week, before leaving for Brownfield where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Carlos Kissinger, for several days.

Miss Alene Morrow of Lubbock recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrow here, and to be with her brother, Winfred Morrow, who was leaving for Navy training in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Boy Hand had as their guests last week their nephew, Shannon Davidson, a niece, Mrs. Howard Rogers and small son, Ronnie of Flomont, and a sister, Mrs. Dora Davidson. Many will recall when Shannon Davidson made his marathon ride from this part of the country into the golden gate at San Francisco, Calif., and won a nice purse, and was given a part in the cast of a Western picture.

Mrs. Neal A. Chastain and Neal A. Jr., Mrs. W. D. Starcher, and Billie D., returned last Saturday morning from Ruidoso, New Mex., where they had spent a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler and daughter, Mrs. Nathan Patterson and small son, Curtis Derrell, visited Mrs. Butler's brother, Virgil Webb and family of Muleshoe, from Sunday until Tuesday night of this week.

Mrs. E. M. Cox of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Floyd Murry and little son, Ronnie, of Floydada, came in last Saturday to visit with their mother, Mrs. M. P. Greer. They will be here for an extended visit.

Mrs. John Howard Bailey is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bailey, and her aunt, Miss Lillian Rape. Corp. Bailey has recently been transferred to Camp Maxey, near Paris.

Teddy R. Brannen, son of Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. H. Bowman, arrived here from Corpus Christi Sunday morning to visit with Seaman Bowman who is here from Virginia, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore and little son, of Fort Worth are here visiting Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur, and other relatives and friends. Mr. Moore has been employed for several months at Fort Worth Consolidated.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gabriel and family returned Monday from a seven day visit with Mrs. Gabriel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cohlma of Wayoka, Okla.

Mrs. Charles Taylor and daughter, Genyce of Dickens, were shopping in Spur Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shugart of Amarillo, and Mrs. Dot Sargent of Roswell, New Mex., came in Sunday to return their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shugart home and to remain here for a week's visit with their parents and other relatives. They returned Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Floyd of Elton returned Sunday from a month's visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Garrett of San Antonio, and with friends in Marlin.

Mrs. Dick Speer of Dallas and Miss Creaghead of Breckenridge were guests in the home of Mayor and Mrs. Lawis Lee Sunday.

Mrs. Hayden Pierce and Delbert and Elizabeth Ann of Los Angeles, Calif., have been here for several weeks, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee. Mrs. Pierce is a sister to Mrs. Lee.

Mrs. Ella Miller made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore Jr. and Gary Baxter of Fort Worth are visiting in the home of Postmaster and Mrs. O. C. Arthur.

Miss Betty Langford returned to her home in Girard Monday after a week end visit to the Carlsbad Cavern, New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Pierce of Abernathy were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Glass are here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gilcrease and family. They are the parents of Mrs. Gilcrease.

Mrs. Ben Perry returned to her home in Spur Monday after a week end visit with her sisters, Mrs. Velma Owens, and Mrs. Francis Perry of Lubbock.

Mrs. Loretta Beeson returned Monday from a weeks visit with friends in Carlsbad, New Mex. While there she went through the Carlsbad Cavern.

S. E. Hatfield returned to Spur Monday after a three weeks stay in Borger, where he has been working.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett is visiting Mrs. E. J. Cowan of Lubbock for a few days this week before going to Bluett, New Mex. to be with her son, Rev. W. C. Bennett, who is holding a two weeks revival meeting there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ince left Tuesday morning for California where they will visit their sons, W. T. Ince and family of Englewood, and D. B. Ince Jr., of Long Beach, Calif., for a two weeks visit. Their daughter, Miss Louise Ince, accompanied them as far as Morton where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Charley Cravey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Green and children, Allen and Shela, are on a vacation to Ruidoso, New Mex., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fox left for Mineral Wells Sunday where Mrs. Fox will remain for awhile. Mr. Fox returned Monday.

Rev. S. J. McMurry and son, L. M. McMurry, of Bangs, were week end visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Ramsay, with Rev. McMurry filling the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Hindman is spending a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Leonard McBrylin and family in Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. C. B. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fox and Cecilia, visited friends and attended church services in Floydada Sunday. Miss Vera Shephard accompanied them as far as Matador where she spent the day with friends.

Mrs. Marie Gruben of Royston came in Saturday and will spend this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gruben and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rucker of Guthrie are spending a few days here with Mrs. Rucker's sister, Mrs. Troy Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Manley of Rochester, and daughter, Mrs. K. R. Deemen of Abilene, spent Sunday here visiting their sister and daughter, Miss Lois Manley.

Albert Cargile returned to his home in Abilene Friday, after a weeks visit here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin, and friends.

Mrs. T. N. Morgan left Monday morning for Kermit, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Levi Kruse, 10 days before leaving for Colorado City, where she will visit another daughter, Mrs. V. L. Moser and family.

Pvt. A. Sprayberry, stationed at Camp Swift, is in Spur on a 10-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sprayberry.

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NOTICE

To enable me to take post graduate work, under the faculty of the Texas Chiropractic College of San Antonio, my office will be closed from August 27th until September 1st.

DR. O. R. CLOUDE
Spur CHIROPRACTOR Texas

To Producers Of Cottonseed

Our Policy For the Coming Season Will Be As Follows:

We recognize and whole-heartedly pledge ourselves to do everything possible to help you and your neighbors in this emergency.

We recognize that the producers of cottonseed have a priority on the feed produced from your seed and in order that you will get the amount of meal and hulls you absolutely need for your livestock, the prompt marketing of cottonseed for processing will make the meal and hulls, above your own requirements, available to dairymen, beef cattle raisers and other livestock producers of this section. The only profitable way for livestock producers and dairymen to continue in business is for cotton growers to share the cottonseed meal and hulls produced from their seed in excess of the actual needs of their own livestock.

Some producers of cottonseed need all of the products out of the seed, and then some. Many producers of cottonseed do not need but a small percentage of the products out of the cottonseed they produce. Therefore, this excess, we pledge you, will be distributed to the dairymen and non-cotton producing ranchers in the territories served by our mills.

We urge you to sell your cottonseed to the gin as you gin your cotton in order that the seed may move to the oil mills so that you may secure feed as soon as possible, and that needed materials may be produced promptly for the armed forces of our country.

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"THE HUMAN COMEDY"

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SYNOPSIS: In the little town of Iphoca, California lives the loving, human Macculey family. The eldest brother 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 . . . growing up, learning about life. Now he is troubled. A letter from Marcus fills him with foreboding. Suppose his brother never comes back home.

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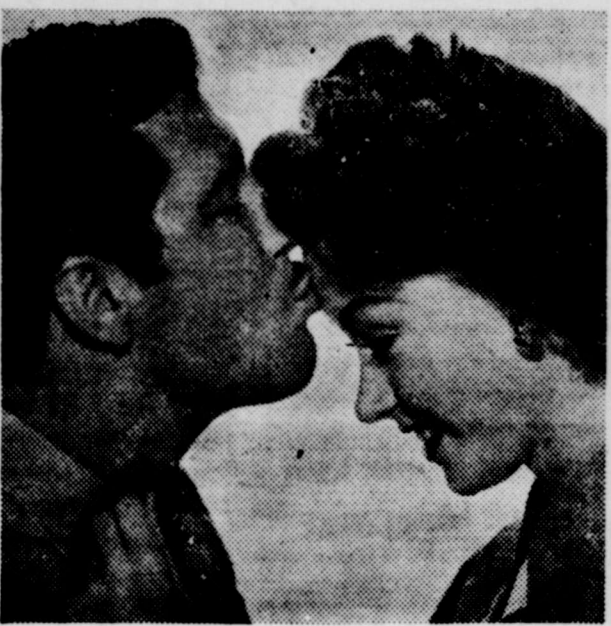
"But Homer, girls like to get out and flap their wings."

Homer is disturbed at breakfast the next morning when he hears Bess his sister (Donna Reed) and Marcus' girl Mary (Dorothy Morris), talking to his mother (Fay Bainter), about getting jobs. What's the idea? Homer demands. He's the man in this family. The girls oughtn't to be thinking about jobs. Marcus wouldn't like that idea at all.



"You say I was afraid, Homer? But what is 'afraid'?"

He dwells on the thought the whole day. Bicycling along the street that evening he suddenly sees his little brother Ulysses (Jack Jenkins) surrounded by a crowd. The child is weeping because a "mechanical man" in a store window has frightened him. Homer comforts him and feels wonderfully adult and protective in the process.



"I used to think you were just fluff, Diana, but I was wrong."

The seasons pass. Diana Steed (Marsha Hunt) and Tom Spangler (James Craig) have been married six months. Now Marsha shows her true colors. Spangler is going into the Navy soon and she will be having her baby while he is away. Gayly and courageously, she faces the situation. She will carry on. She knows how to pray.



"Wake up, Mr. Grogan! You've got to wake up!"

Homer goes back to the office. Mr. Grogan (Frank Morgan), seems to be asleep. Following past instructions Homer splashes him with water, tries to get hot coffee. Then Homer realizes that he is dead. Suddenly, he spies an unfinished telegram in the typewriter just off the wire. He trembles as he starts to read it. Be sure to see the concluding episode.

TURN TO PAGE FIVE AND READ THE 6th AND FINAL EPISODE OF "THE HUMAN COMEDY."

Leaf Worm Threat To Cotton

The leaf worm is the biggest threat to the Texas cotton crop at this time, according to Dr. H. G. Johnston, entomologist for the A. and M. College Extension Service. The boll weevil population is about normal for the season, and there is not likely to be further damage by flea hoppers.

Leaf worms have spread over the state at least three to four weeks earlier than normal, he says. An abundance of adult moths are appearing and a new generation will develop in the next week or ten days. Dr. Johnston says that this is the generation of leaf worms which normally appear in early September. On that account it may be expected that many cotton fields will be stripped completely. Because of the large acreage of late-planted cotton over the state, such a condition threatens heavy loss to the Texas cotton crop unless the leaf worms are controlled. The pest is readily controlled if poisons are applied when the worms are small. But after they are one-half to two-thirds grown control is more difficult. Dr. Johnston suggests that growers see their county agricultural agents for details concerning control of cotton insect pests.

are deprived of food and many perish during the winter.

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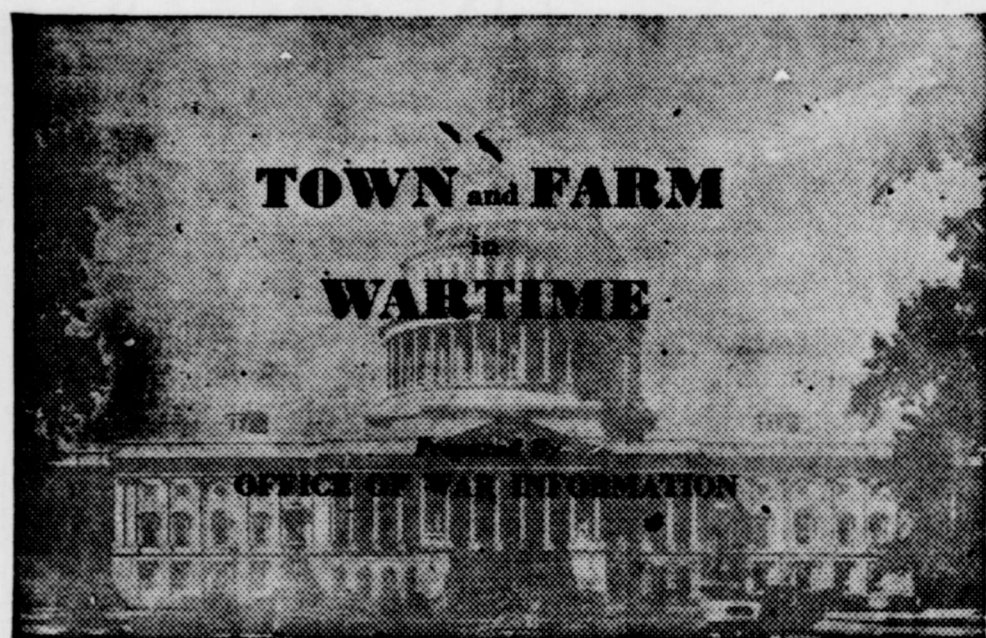
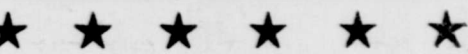
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TOWN and FARM in the WARTIME

RATION REMINDER
GASOLINE—in 17 states of eastern shortage area A-6 coupons are valid until November 21. In states outside the eastern shortage area A-7 coupons are valid through September 21. All gasoline coupons in the possession of car owners must be endorsed with the owner's license number and state of registration. (A coupons now good for 3 gallons instead of 4.)

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons in old rations remain valid through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new rations are valid now. Occupants of oil heated homes are urged to return their applications for next year's fuel oil to their dealers for summer fill-ups.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 14, good for 5 lbs., is valid through October. Stamp Nos. 15 and 16 are good through October 31 for 5 lbs. each for home canning purposes. House wives may apply to their local ration boards for more if necessary.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 (1 pair) is valid through October 31.

STOVES—Purchase certificates now issued and normally valid for thirty days from date of issuance, will be invalid after August 23, by which time it is expected the new nation-wide stove rationing plan will be in effect.

MEAT, Etc.—Red stamps T, U, V, W, now valid, ex-

pire August 31.
PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps, R, S, and T, remain valid through September 20.

AGRICULTURAL PAYMENT RATES

A revised scale for payments to farmers under the 1943 Agricultural Conservation Program has been set up by WFA to adjust available funds to the increased number of eligible farmers. The revised rates (with the former rates in parentheses) are: cotton, one cent per pound (1.1 cents), corn, 3 cents per bushel (3.6 cents) and wheat, 8.5 cents per bushel (9.2 cents). Rates remain unchanged for rice and tobacco.

EQUAL DRAFT OF FATHERS

Drafting of fathers with children born before September 15, 1942, will begin at approximately the same time throughout the nation, the Selective Service Bureau of WMC said recently.

AUGUST CROP REPORT

The following comment on the August crop report was made recently by Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator: "The July crop report made it clear that farmers in the face of many difficulties had substantially met, and in some cases exceeded, the crop acreage goals. During July, growing conditions were favorable and current indications are that yields per acre in 1943 will be the second largest on record. The progress of the year's production so far is gratifying. The hard work and the determination of farmers have placed us in a position to meet essential food needs, given average weather from now on. "However, the crops are still to be harvested, marketed, and processed, and in the case of the feed crops, fed to livestock. Farmers will need additional workers for

harvest, and food processing industries are short handed. The wartime food problem is not solved, though present production prospects are encouraging."

WAR BALLOTS FOR ARMY

Blank forms are available to all officers and enlisted men of the Army to enable them to apply for war ballots for elections to be held this year, the War Department reports. Public Law 712 requires these forms to be available in years when officers of the National Government are elected. The forms will also enable legally qualified soldier voters to participate in state elections.

REPAIR SCHOOL BUSES NOW

School authorities and school bus operators have been warned by ODT against delaying the overhauling of school buses. Last-minute efforts to obtain necessary repairs may result in buses being laid up when schools open this fall. The shortage of skilled mechanics and the scarcity of repair parts may result in unexpected delays, and a check-up may reveal that some buses cannot be repaired and must be replaced. The ODT suggests that school authorities or school bus operators contact local ODT District Maintenance Advisory Committees to help solve problems that may arise.

CIVILIANS GET CANNED GOODS

Civilians will receive approximately 6 1/2 million more cases of canned apples, fruit cocktail, beans, sweet corn, pumpkin or squash, lima beans and tomato puree under an amendment to Director Food Distribution Order 22.4 which reduces the quantity that canners are required to set aside from 1943 production to meet government requirements.

GIFTS TO THE U. S. A.

Thousands of Americans, in addition to paying taxes and investing in war bonds, have given several million dollars in cash and many other gifts to the government. The Treasury to date has completed more than 20,000 transactions in connection with contributions ranging, in cash, from one cent to several hundred thousand dollars, and in gifts, from tin foil to Rolls Royces. Cash donations total about \$4,423,000.

BENEFITS GRANTED TO WAC

Members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, as soon as they take the oath as members of the Women's Army Corps, become eligible for National Service Life Insurance and the free mail privilege. Furthermore, a member of the WAC who is married to a service man is eligible to receive the usual family allowance for soldiers' wives.

CLOTHING CEILING

Retail and wholesale ceiling prices for women's, girls', children's and toddlers' fall and winter dresses, suits, coats, blouses, and other outer clothing have been provided by OPA at levels equal to or lower than those of last fall, in Amendment No. 1 to Maximum Price Regulation 330.

ARMY NEEDS DOCTORS

To continue the standard of the U. S. Army as the healthiest Army in the world, 7,500 additional physicians and surgeons will be needed during the coming three months, and an additional 2,500 by January 1, 1944. Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General says: "The casualty rate in the Army to date has been very low, and one of the main reasons has been the availability of trained surgeons on the battlefields and in hospitals behind the lines to give our wounded men quick, efficient and expert care."

FOOD PRICES DOWN

"Retail food prices as a group—representing about two-fifths of total living costs—declined by 2.0 per cent," Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins said recently in discussing changes in the cost of living from June 15 to July 15. "Clothing costs rose 0.5 percent. Other costs, including house furnishings, utility rates and services, were stable or increased moderately." With meat prices cut back by OPA and vegetables seasonally lower, the cost of living for city workers dropped 0.8 percent.

TO USE NYA EQUIPMENT

Vocational schools which were using National Youth Administration equipment or buildings on June 30 have been advised by Paul V. McNutt, Chairman, War Manpower Commission, to file applications before October 12 with the regional offices of the Procurement Division, Treasury Department, if they wish to continue using these buildings, tools, and machines for training students during the war.

SET ASIDE DRIED FRUITS

"Dried fruit packers must set aside for government procurement their entire holdings of raisins, prunes, apples, apricots, peaches, pears, and currants during the 1943-44 season under a continuation of last year's program," the WFA said recently. Last year more than 234,000 tons of dried prunes and raisins were released for civilian consumption.

CARS TO KEEP RUNNING

America's 30,000,000 motorists have been assured by WPB that sufficient new and reconditioned parts will be made available to keep the nation's essential cars rolling through 1944. Even the country's 5,000,000, ten years old or more, will be kept on the road by necessary replacement parts.

ORDER FUEL NOW

With War Price and Rationing Boards rapidly completing the task of renewing consumers' heating oil rations, OPA is urging householders to place orders immediately to give both consumers and dealers plenty of time during warm weather to get a supply of heating oil in home storage tanks.



GOOD EATING

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Farmers Urged To Fight For Higher Grade of Cotton

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has appealed to cotton farmers, ginners and pickers of Dickens county to help relieve a critical shortage of high grade cotton for war purposes. He points out that while the nation's total stocks of cotton are still large, "the decline in grade is startling."

In line with Mr. Jones' appeal, the War Food Administration and the National Cotton Council have placed in the hands of ginners in Dickens county, and in the office of Chas. Taylor, supplies of literature and other materials which show the methods through which grade may be improved by the individual harvester and ginner of seed cotton.

Gins in the county have been asked to display large posters emphasizing the importance of grade improvement. They have likewise been asked to attach cards to wagons and trucks bringing cotton to the gin, in order that the message may be carried back to

pickers in the field, and to distribute leaflets which point out various grade improvement procedures.

The National Cotton Council, heading up the program in behalf of all branches of the industry, is calling for "superhuman effort to deliver a maximum of high grades despite the obvious difficulties of labor shortages."

"To give the army an adequate supply of the grades required for military goods," says the Council, "it is going to be necessary for every individual to: (1) pick his cotton only when it is dry; (2) keep leaf and other trash out of it; (3) get cotton out of the field before it suffers weather damage; (4) be sure that he does not mix good cotton with bad."

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Magnifying Difficulties

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—The following editorial which appeared in a recent issue of the Fort Meade Post, camp publication at Fort Meade, Md., was written by Chaplain Lt. Forrest G. Rodgers, pastor of the First Baptist church in Spur from 1930 to 1935.)

The most dangerous enemies, and the most deadly saboteurs in our land are the people who magnify our difficulties of this war, and there should be meted out to them the most severe punishment, regardless of who they are or of their rank or station in our nation.

Numbers 13:26-66; Numbers 14:1-4.

These Scriptures give a brief sketch of the mixed multitude, who were under orders to proceed, and take the Promised Land, but they had passed through two, long, weary and hard years since they had started to march against the enemy, and they had met with many difficulties; some of them had grown faint hearted, and were afraid of everything—even afraid of themselves, and this is the danger-point in many a great undertaking.

These people had traveled several hundred miles and were encamped on the very border of the promised land; the faithful and courageous ones were ready to go up and take the land, and their leader, Moses, had no other idea, and he addressed the people: "Behold, the Lord thy God has set the land before thee; go up and possess it."

The fearful wanted to send out an investigating committee, or spies, into this new land. So a committee of twelve was sent, and they went over, and searched out the land. The twelve, however, did not see things alike: the people and the cities. Ten of the spies were fearful, doubters, gossipers; they did not zip their lips, and they were without faith in God or void of faith. There were only two who believed God.

Now we find the twelve before the "C. O." submitting their report. On the first part of the report they were all agreed because had evidence from the land, fruits, etc. They agreed before the "C. O." that Canaan was a goodly land and much to be desired; a land well-watered, wonderful vineyards, great cities and much food, and that God had promised it to them and they would like to have it. Also, there were giants in the land, well-trained men, and great fortifications, walled cities; that they were as grasshoppers in the giants' sight, and that it would be a big task to take the land. They were not acquainted with the land, for they had not passed that way before. There would be many sorrows, losses and expenses.

Now we see the same twelve submitting the last part of their report to the "C. O." and on this part they disagreed. The devil always tries to get God's children to doubt the Lord and His Word, saying that you cannot do what God says. The devil is going to make some people in this country believe we cannot win this war. But by the grace, power and wisdom of the God of Israel, the eternal God, the God of all power and the only God of salvation for the sinner's soul, by Him we shall win this war! Let us as a Christian nation give to Him all honor and praise for the victory which will bless the whole world. They disagreed on these points: the ten said they were as grasshoppers in their own sight and were not able to take the land. But the two said, "We are not as grasshoppers in our sight, and are well able to possess the land." The ten said the enemy was all giants and cannibals and we cannot go up against them. The two said, "They are giants and cannibals but we are well able to take the land." The ten said "The enemy is stronger than Israel because God will be with us; therefore, we are the stronger. Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

We agree that without God it would be impossible but with God all things are possible. "Pray unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

We agree that the enemy has trained men, giants, and equipment, but they are no match for our God. We agree that some of our great leaders and warriors are dead, but God is not dead. We agree that there are many difficulties out before us, but if we will let God, He will go before us, follow after us, and be our protector from above, beneath, and on every side, and under every condition and on all occasions. He is the unfailing one. "I will not fail thee," "I am the almighty God of war." "God is our refuge and strength" . . . "the Lord of hosts is with us; the god of Jacob is our refuge."

Things that cause difficulties to be magnified are: doubts, fears, weaknesses and faint-heartedness; these always come to people who do not believe God and the Bible, and when they leave God out of their plans and lives.

The penalty for magnifying difficulties; God places the greatest penalty on this of any sin in the time of war because we are to magnify God instead of our difficulties. As a result of magnifying their difficulties their leader was defeated, their nation was defeated, and God brought on them as a penalty: turmoil, strife, hatred, jealousies, confusions, rebellion, divisions, sorrows, sufferings, poverty, idol-worship, shame and death. God withdrew His presence and power from them, and would not go up with them to battle and refused to give them victory over their enemy (although these people were the apple of His eye) because they magnified their difficulties instead of God and His power.

The look that brings victory out of difficulties: this is the secret of it all, and where all people win or lose, and it all is in the look you take or how you look. They were all twelve looking at God, and all good men as the world counts good) but ten of them looked the wrong way; they looked at God through their difficulties, and naturally their difficulties appeared to be greater than God. The two looked at the same difficulties through God and therefore God was greater than the difficulties. Many great enterprises have failed because difficulties occupied the forefront instead of God. Which occupies the forefront with you: God or difficulties?

LT. FORREST G. RODGERS,
Assistant Post Chaplain.

We Can't Win Walking

Increase in the traffic load, both passenger and freight, for the first half of 1943, has exceeded all the advance estimates on which government authorities based allotments of material for new railroad equipment and for maintenance. Half again more freight service than in the pre-war years has been performed by American railroads during the past 12 months, and passenger volume has been three times as great as in any of the 11 years preceding 1941, according to Z. G. Hopkins, representing western railways.

In spite of staggering rises in wartime transportation requirements, there has been no material increase in the supply of railroad equipment. With the aid of the country's shippers, a record has been made in getting maximum possible service out of all available transportation facilities.

But there are limits beyond which shippers and the railroads cannot go with present tools, however active and unified they may be in cooperative and patriotic effort. It must be realized that too little and too late can stymie American shippers and railroad men no less than armies. Adequate additional equipment must be available if the railroads are to maintain their remarkable war transportation service. We should remember that this war is being fought on wheels—we can't win it walking.

Encourage Oil Production Now

William R. Boyd, Chairman, Petroleum Industry War Council, warns that: "The huge and increasing military demand, the failure of the government to provide crude oil price incentive to increase desperately needed reserves, our manpower and materials difficulties, and the necessity to make fuel oil in preference to gasoline, have all combined to create what properly may be called a critical oil situation. . . ."

"So far," says Mr. Boyd, "no plane, no tank, no jeep, no truck has failed to move; no ship used for war purposes has had to remain in port for want of oil."

And that is the message which the families of men in the service wish most to hear. Though automobiles may rot in garages and homes may be chilly, these inconveniences will be taken in stride so long as oil reaches our fighting men. All of which emphasizes a little-appreciated fact. Individuals holding the highest positions in industry have sons in this war, just the same as the hardest working welder. They have a common stake in quick victory, and in an uninterrupted flow of supplies.



COMMON SENSE

The work of a farmer is entirely creative. The youngest plow-boy recognizes growth as gain and knows work improves growth. Maybe that's why it is hard for a farmer to figure profit on an act of destruction. Even in the early days of Planned Economy when little pigs were being slaughtered and growing crops uprooted to create an artificial scarcity, many a farmer doubted the prudence of trying to raise prices by such sinister methods.

Close association with God's world must have given farmers better insight than big-time agricultural experts for they exhibit more wisdom. Ten years since 1933 provide ample perspective for viewing the results of those man-made shortages. The decade brought sudden changes, too, which make the depression years stand off by themselves. Now we can all look back and see how little good it did to plow up the cotton and "purge" the shoates.

A Clear Picture.

DeWitt Emery, president of the National Small Business Men's association (may his tribe increase) has prepared a graphic story of the consequent results of wrong methods. He uses figures from two government departments, Commerce and Agriculture, to point out exactly what a great many farmers had believed all the time; that destroying the growing stuff did more harm than good and achieved no important end.

Mr. Emery computed the average price on several farm products for two periods of time; one just before Planned Economy took effect, the other just after. The first period was longer; 1921 through 1932. The second period was 1933 through 1937. Did Planned Economy bring farm prosperity in the second period? It did not. It jacked up some prices slightly and briefly but brought no such times as came in the first period before Planned Economy was tried. Average prices actually were lower, as follows:

	Percent
Corn	4.3
Hogs	15.9
Wheat	16.2
Cattle	17.1
Potatoes	26.9

Chopping down supply to make a price-boosting lever was an extravagant experiment and it was at the farmer's expense. Crops and livestock that he might have had were gone and prices reacted much more to other and natural influences than they did to the man-made scarcities. A drought which certainly was not manmade, caused imports of farm products to reach record heights in 1937; a development that the planners did not plan. Imagine the United States of America purposely buying 16,555,218 pounds of pork and 86,337,248 bushels of corn and nearly a half-million head of beef cattle from foreigners.

Planned Economy has scored an interesting series of failures in this country. Planning in preparation to meet circumstances as they arise is sensible, but planning to control circumstances, when most of the power is out of the hands of mortal man, is foolish. Presumptuous meddling with natural laws is always costly tinkering with these economic laws has proved expensive to producers and consumers alike.

The Key Is Work.

America's political price-rigging equipment is a makeshift and ready for the junk heap when the war is over. Farm prosperity comes when industrial employment is high. When a great many workers are busy every day earning good wages their families buy farm products and live well; otherwise they don't. If destructive economy failed to solve the nation's 1933 problem, what can it avail in 1944? It is not worth trying again.

The only safe road in the dark is a known road. The United States quickly became the world's richest and most influential power with Private Enterprise to fire the ambition of its people and reward their common sense. The known way is still the only way for labor, for agriculture and everybody.

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Then there are mocking-birds and butterflies, the Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande with "a foreign land only a step away."

With this tropical wonderland of beauty, perfume and song in Texas, nevertheless it is estimated that only a million out of our 6,500,000 inhabitants have ever visited the region. It is probable that more of the inhabitants of the upper half of the State have viewed much more distant but less charming Southern California.

This should not be. Texans should see their own Magic Valley at their first opportunity.

Jim Grisham, Dallas attorney who used to practice law in West Texas, has a droll sort of wit. One day, a young lawyer of the oil boom town who had very little learning or experience, met Grisham and exclaimed, "I've just been paid a

thousand-dollar fee to represent a man accused of murder. If you were me, what would you do?" Grisham solemnly answered, "I would use part of the fee to hire me a good lawyer." Afterward, he related, "You know that fellow



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"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 Maccauley family. The eldest brother 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. . . . Through his work he sees sorrow and despair. One day at the office he finds that his friend the telegrapher, Mr. Grogan (Frank Morgan) has died while taking down the unfinished telegram in the typewriter.
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Perhaps it was the shock of the telegram that hastened Willie's death.

The unfinished telegram is from the War Department. It is about Marcus. Homer has the dreadful conviction that it means Marcus is dead. Mr. Spangler comes in and sees that Grogan has passed away. The telegraph box is still rattling. Quickly, he takes down the complete telegram. Homer's fears were well founded. Marcus has died in action.



"I want to talk with Marcus. I even want to fight with him again."

Spangler makes arrangements for poor Grogan's funeral. Homer can't face going home just yet. Spangler takes him for a walk through the park. Homer is wild with fury at life. The world is bad. He hates it. He wants to spit at it. Why did Marcus have to die? He was young and good. Where was the sense in such a crazy world?



They had no premonition of tragedy.

At home, Bess, Homer's sister (Donna Reed) and Mary Anna, Marcus' girl (Dorothy Morris), talk about Marcus and the war without premonition of tragedy. And through the streets of Ithaca at this moment, breathing in the spirit of the town, delighting in it, walks a young soldier. He has been sent home for good, with a leg injury.



"Yes, I know you. I feel that I know you well."

Homer has left Spangler. He walks up the path, finds the soldier in front of his house. He is the orphan Tobey (John Craven), Marcus' pal. To him Marcus has left his birthright. Homer sees in Tobey the soul of Marcus and all good men. With exaltation he and Ma and Bess welcome the returning soldier into their home and hearts.

"THE HUMAN COMEDY" SHOWING AT PALACE THEATRE PREVUE SATNRDA Y NIGHT, SUNDAY-MONDAY

DICKENS NEWS ITEMS

Dickens folks attending Methodist Quarterly conference at Duck Creek church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp and Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, where they enjoyed an old fashioned dinner on the ground at the 12:00 o'clock hour. Rev. Sam Young, district superintendent, was present to direct the conference.

R. C. Littlefield is spending a few days visit with Mrs. Ida Perrin and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Littlefield of Lubbock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Swaringen met Mrs. Swaringen's mother, Mrs. F. R. Middlebrook of California, in Lubbock Friday, returning her to her home in Dickens where she will spend an extended visit.

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Mrs. L. B. McMeans, south of Spur, was a business visitor in Dickens Monday morning.

A special session of Commissioners' court met Monday morning to discuss the county budget and to cancel out this quarter's report.

G. H. Watson transacted business affairs in Dickens Monday morning.

Commissioner and Mrs. M. B. Gage visited their niece, Mrs. Bertha Harrison in Knox county, the past week end. Commissioner Gage said the crops were badly damaged by the dry hot weather there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hindman spent the last week end in Lubbock where they visited relatives and friends and attended to business.

Roy Ward returned this week from an extended stay in east Texas, where he visited relatives and old friends, and was accompanied home by Mrs. Ward who

has been there for some time.

J.W. Offield and wife from Sullivan City, in the valley, are here for a three weeks visit with his brother, Jim Offield and family of Afton.

Two big prairie fires, one north and one east of Dickens, covered quite a bit of ground before the volunteer fire fighters got them put out last week. One was thought to be due to carelessness with a cigarette and the other was started from trash burning.

Miss Earlene Bailey of Corpus Christi, returned to her home Tuesday after a two weeks visit here with her uncle, Jack Gipson and family, and other relatives.

Miss Louise Grimes of Jacksonville, is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jack Gipson and family, and other relatives until the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Van Pelt of McAlester, Okla., spent a few days here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Harkey, while enroute to San Antonio where Mr. Van Pelt will be employed in de-

fense work.

Mrs. W. H. Hindman returned last Thursday from Galveston where she has been for the past three months for medical treatment.

Mrs. A. B. Herring returned Wednesday from Ralls where she had been visiting her father, D. E. Bloodworth since last Thursday.

Mrs. D. J. Harkey attended the funeral of her father, J. M. Chumbley in Phoenix, Ariz. Wednesday of last week who succumbed to a heart attack. He was 82 years old.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Joe Ousley arrived Tuesday night for a three-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ousley, and her mother, Mrs. John C. Reynolds. He is stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City.

L. S. Putman is visiting relatives in Amarillo a few days this week.

Mrs. Frank Speer is in Hollywood, Calif. at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Terrell Buford, who was stricken with pneumonia following an appendectomy. Her condition is reported as improved.

H. A. C. Brummett and Judge E. H. Boedecker were in Matador on business Thursday.

B. C. Stapleton, seaman first class, stationed at San Francisco, has wired Mrs. W. T. Wilson that he will arrive soon for a visit with her and Mrs. Lodie Herbst of Dickens.

Mrs. Reginald Lindsey and little son of Hamlin, arrived Monday to be here indefinitely with her aunt Mrs. Lodie Herbst.

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Personal

Sgt. and Mrs. George Gelles spent the week end visiting Mrs. Gelles parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Drennan of Afton, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Ragland of Roaring Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morrow and family of Spur. Miss Lois Manley made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday of last week returning Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Morrow and son, Thurman Jr. spent the week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Drennan of Afton. Frank Franklin left Monday for Lubbock induction center to en-

ter the Air Corps. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. W. Franklin, who was meeting her daughter, Miss Jaunita Franklin, supervisor of the electrical department of the defense plant in Clovis, New Mex., for an over night visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keen and small son of Midland, are here visiting Mr. Keen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keen, for two weeks.

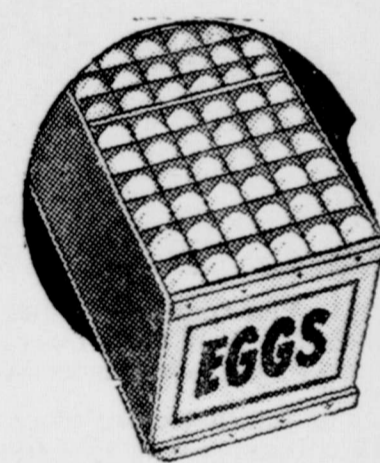
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Methodist Pastor At Dickens Resigns To Attend College

Rev. Conrad Ryan, pastor of the Methodist church at Dickens, has resigned his pastorate to attend school at McMurry, in Abilene this fall.

Under Rev. Ryan's ministry at Dickens the Methodist church has set an enviable record this year, by paying out every church obligation at the present time.

In addition to this approximately \$200.00 worth of improvements have been added, trees have been set out on the church lawn, the church has been painted inside and out and the walls have been repapered. This is the first church in the Vernon district to have their year's report all collected and completed.

Mrs. Luther Jones returned to her home in Morton Monday morning after a week's visit here with her sister, Mrs. Betty Hyatt, and Mrs. Bud Morrison, and other relatives.

Picnic Supper For Two Service Men At Roaring Springs

Friends and relatives gathered at Roaring Springs Falls last Thursday evening for a picnic honoring two service men who were home. Sgt. Dumont Bridge, stationed at Nashville, Tenn., and John Norris Mitchell of the U. S. Marines.

Sgt. Bridge is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claton Bridge, north of Dickens, and Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell of Roaring Springs.

Mitchell joined the Marines four years ago, and he has upheld that old tradition that it was a Marine that came, saw and conquered. He has participated in seven major battles in the southwest Pacific area. He was present at the siege of Manila where he had two airships shot from under him. In the last few months he has been in one of the most active theatres of the war. He has been given an honorable medical discharge from the army, and after resting and recuperating, will enter school for a two years college course, made possible by the government.

It was an interesting fact that each family present for this occasion had a son in service. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ousley and family, of Dickens; Mrs. Minnie Smith, Leslie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bridge, and Miss Donna Lou Gipson and friend of Dickens.

Cpl. Wm. P. Ballard Awarded Good Conduct Medal

LUBBOCK ARMY AIR FIELD, Aug. 18.—The Good Conduct medal was awarded Cpl. William P. Ballard of Spur at this twin-

engine air field Saturday. The medal was presented to Cpl. Ballard by Col. Ralph E. Holmes, commanding officer.

The medal is awarded those who have completed a year's service with a rating of "excellent" as to conduct and efficiency on the job.

Cpl. Ballard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ballard and graduated from the Spur high school. He and his wife now reside in Lubbock and he was a farmer prior to entering the Air Forces and is now a mechanic on the flight line.

Patton Springs School To Open Next Monday

The Patton Springs school will open August 23 with a full faculty. The school is starting about a week earlier this year in order that more time may be given to the cotton harvest this fall. A faculty meeting has been called for Saturday morning August 21. One of the teacherages has been equipped for the single lady teachers. After a brief program, registration for the high school students will begin.

Extensive repairs have been made on the building and Home Economics Cottage. A new room has been equipped for the high school band.

All school buses have been repaired and are in good condition. The faculty consists of the following members: Roy Thurston, Social Science in high school and coach; Herbert Lindsey, band and high school Math., and grade school principal; Mrs. Thurston, English and Speech; Edward White, Vo. Agriculture; Velma Dean Spear, Home Making; J. W. Adams, Commercial.

Grade school: Ruby Lee Slayden, music and girls physical education; Mrs. Robert Parker, language arts; Mrs. Sally Jacopson, math and science; Lois Gilentine, recreative arts; Mrs. Adams, fourth grade; Miss Jack Powell, third grade; Mrs. Herbert Lindsey, second grade; Mrs. Varnell, first grade.

All patrons are encouraged to be present for the opening exercises.

J. W. Adams, Supt.

Courtesies Extended Calvin Simmons On Recent Visit Here

Calvin H. Simmons, seaman second class, was extended courtesies on his recent visit here. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons gathered the "old gang" together and they had a hamburger supper in the City Park. Those present were Billy Addy, Jimmie Vernon, Calvin H. Simmons, Robbie Hoover, Wilma Dee Nix, Elsie Klee Fraisher, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and children, G. W., Jamie Nell, and Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Vernon entertained with a supper in their home honoring Seaman Simmons on his recent leave here. Before the evening meal was served, pictures were taken of the crowd. The menu of fried chicken, cream gravy, green peas, fresh

corn, vegetable salad, ice cream and cake.

Friends present were Wilma Dee Nix, Robbie Hoover, Jimmie Vernon, and Calvin Simmons.

Calvin Hull left Wednesday for Fort Worth where he will visit relatives for about ten days or two weeks.

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Miss Doris Brantner returned to her home in Sudan Saturday, after a weeks visit here with Miss Robbie Hoover.

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Taking 100 Kilowatt hours as the average use in a residence, the table below shows the cost of this amount of electric energy in the neighboring towns. These costs are based on the residential light rate.

	Cost of 100 KWH
Aspermont	\$6.00
Jayton	6.00
Dickens	6.00
Roby	6.00
Rotan	5.75
Matador	5.75
Stamford	5.18
Abilene	4.88
SPUR	4.63

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Huge War Loan Drive Starts Sept. 9

County Maize Crop To Yield Over \$150,000; 20 Carloads Shipped



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Mrs. Lucy Cowan has received word that her son, James Henry Cowan, has recently been promoted to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army. Captain Cowan is in the Engineers Service Command, stationed in the South Pacific. He writes his mother that he had recently had dinner with one of the Tribal Chiefs, and that it was all very well, but adds, "I would certainly enjoy a hamburger from the states."

Captain Cowan was in school at University of Texas at the time of his enlistment, and was one among the first to go. He has been in foreign service for almost two years. He is the only son of the late E. G. Cowan and was born and reared here and his friends feel a keen interest in his achievements.

Duwayne Willard, second class seaman, left Monday for San Diego, Calif., where he is stationed, after spending his leave with his wife and parents here.

Pvt. Homer B. Allison is here from Ft. Benning, Ga., on a 12-day furlough to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Allison and family.

Pvt. W. R. Henderson of the Air Corps, stationed at South Plains Army Air Flying school, is here on a 10-day furlough to visit his brother, Luther Henderson and family.

Corp. S. C. Fallis of the Technical Department of the Air Corps, stationed in Missouri, visited friends here for a few hours this week.

Sgt. Dee Butler of Tulsa, Okla., accompanied by Mrs. Butler and little daughter, are here on a 10-day furlough with Sgt. Butler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler and family.

Bill Laine is now a qualified air cadet, and is stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., where he is waiting to be assigned to pre-flight school for more advanced training.

Lt. and Mrs. Billie D. Bell of Frederick, Okla., are here on a 10-day furlough with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McGee.

Corp. James Culbert of the Air Corps, stationed at Shepherd Field, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Culbert, on a week end pass.

Pvt. Fletcher Ballard and Mrs. Ballard visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ballard here the past week end.

Lt. Morris Laine is on maneuvers at Camp Camell Ky. where he has been made Special Service Officer, for the 50th service group. All athletic and social events come under Lt. Laine's supervision. He has recently returned to his post after six weeks in a hospital due to a stomach disorder.

Corp. Harold McCain of the Air Corps, stationed at Moody Field, Ga., arrived last Friday to spend a 15-day furlough with his parents in the Cat Fish community.

Dupree Allen, first class store keeper, accompanied by Mrs. Allen, came in Monday afternoon and stayed until Tuesday. Mr. Allen has recently made a trip across and will return to his ship from an east coast port this week. He expects to be away for

Supt. Cook Makes Statement of Policy Regarding Schools

The Spur school board has elected me to superintend your schools. I want to assure the school board and the patrons of this fine community that I will at all times try to guide and direct this school in a manner that we will all be proud that we have a part in the Spur schools. I find that the Spur schools already have a fine standing with the state department of education and other schools in this part of Texas. After living here this short time I can see why. The people in Spur will not be satisfied with any other kind of school and they are to be commended for their stand. I am happy to live in a community of this type.

I want you people to know that I will make many mistakes but I will assure you that they will be made trying to do what I think is right. We are all subject to common errors, so when I do make this or those mistakes please help me correct them in the most pleasant manner. It is my policy to treat your child as if they are mine, and when I have to correct your child please know that it is my belief that this child should be so corrected. I believe in being the same to all. Any child or person that expects to have more privileges than others will find that I am not so easy to get along with. We can all enjoy ourselves better by having the same rules for all. I welcome at all times your help and I know that I will receive the best. Please come and visit with your child's teacher and discuss any problems that may arise. Don't tell the other fellow about your dislikes, tell your superintendent. This will simplify our problems and make our school a better school. VISIT YOUR SCHOOL REGULARLY. PLEASE MAKE YOUR VISIT ENJOYABLE BOTH BY THE TEACHER AND YOURSELF. We have our teachers employed to teach our children. They are trained to do this and if you disagree with them just remember they are the child's teacher, employed to teach.

We have made several improvements on our buildings. East Ward has been the building that has received the most. It will be impossible to do all we want to do in regard to improvements this year. (Continued on last page)

Funeral Services Held Last Friday For County Pioneer

Death claimed one of the most interesting and well-known men of this area, in the passing of Thomas Eugene McArthur, 65, on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the West Texas hospital, Lubbock, after an illness of over a month.

It is a fitting tribute to call Mr. McArthur one of the "Trail Blazers" of the west, having settled here 52 years ago. He has been instrumental in the upbuilding and developing of this part of the country into what now is, that those who come after may enjoy the fruits of his pioneer years. Men like Mr. McArthur are preserved in the memory of their fellowmen.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 4:00 in the Church of Christ in Spur, with C. V. Allen officiating.

Interment was in the Spur cemetery with Campbell Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Pall bearers were Bill Putman, M. L. Rickles, Ed Fuqua, A. A. Fry, E. S. Lee, O. P. Meadors. Flower bearers were Misses Dorothy Foote, Jo Ann Smith, LaVoris Lee, Mineola Ward, Evelyn Pickens and Imogene Fry.

Mr. McArthur was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McArthur, and was born Jan. 29, 1878, and moved to Dickens county with his family 52 years ago. He was married to Miss Susie Allcorn Jan. 29, 1912, at Spur. Four sons were born to this union—Herman, Tommie, Jimmie and Woodrow McArthur.

This Soldier May Be Your Boy

Back the Attack!

BUY WAR BONDS

I've got a home, too, Mister! Every extra bond you buy through the Payroll Savings Plan will help me get back to it. "Figure it out yourself."

City Officials Urge Clean Up Premises to Prevent Spread of Infantile Paralysis

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has issued the following statement and suggestions concerning the control and prevention of poliomyelitis which is assuming epidemic proportions in certain sections of the state, it was revealed Wednesday by city officials who are urging citizens "to clean up their premises and to report any unsanitary conditions that comes to their attention," in an advertisement in this issue of The Texas Spur. They urge you to read the ad and cooperate wholeheartedly in keeping the city clean.

Until recently it was generally believed that this infection is transmitted by means of discharges from the respiratory tract. It is now believed that poliomyelitis is primarily another of the several gastrointestinal infections. Therefore, control measures must emphasize clean-up campaigns and improvements in sanitation.

Strict sanitary measures must be observed in all communities. Stringent efforts should be made to eliminate the house-fly and to destroy its breeding places. All mosquito breeding places must be eliminated at once. Every effort should be made to institute approved garbage collection systems immediately. Safer water supplies must be assured. Where adequate municipal sewage disposal systems are not in operation, it is vitally important to promote and maintain sanitary septic tanks and outdoor privies.

T. B. Paige First World War "Vet" To Join Legion

All Legionnaires and ex-service men are reminded that a meeting of the American Legion will be held Friday night, Sept. 3, in the Legion hall over the Spur Security bank. Every ex-service man is urged to be present.

Interest in reorganizing the local post continues to mount, and several have already paid in their dues for 1944. To T. B. Paige goes the honor of being the first "veteran" of World War No. 2 of becoming a member of The Spur American Legion Post. Paige, who recently received a medical discharge from the army, has spent two years service in the present war.

Don't forget to attend the meeting Friday night, Sept. 3, when the newly-elected officers will be installed.

WILL MOVE TO STAMFORD

Paul R. Bettis, who has been employed at the Spur Security bank for about two years, has resigned his position, effective Sept. 1, when he will move to Stamford and manage his father's farm.

Quota of \$410,500 For Dickens, Kent Counties In Drive

County War Finance Committee Chairman O. B. Ratliff Wednesday announced the combination of Dickens and Kent counties for the Third War Loan Drive. The two counties will strive jointly to meet the quota set for them, Ratliff said. He pointed out that there would be no quota set for the separate counties, but the two counties will bend every effort to meet a quota of \$410,500, set for them by the state chairman on the Third War Loan Drive.

L. H. Wade, editor and publisher of the Jayton Chronicle, and county chairman for Kent county, requested, and Ratliff wholeheartedly agreed to the combination of the two counties. Combination of counties for the Third War Loan Drive is being practiced over Texas, particularly in the low-populated group, Ratliff stated, adding that the arrangement was conducive to better results at a less expense to the Treasury department.

Ratliff stated that the Dickens County War Finance committee will work hand-in-glove with Mr. Wade and his co-workers in Kent county, and that a member of the Dickens county committee would be delegated to spend some time and effort with the Kent county committee. A group composed of Ratliff, Bill Andrews, Olan Arthur and Carl Proctor met with Mr. Wade Wednesday morning to go over the coming War Loan drive with the Kent county committee chairman. Since plans and arrangements have already been made in Dickens county for its drive, there will be no marked changes in the plans of attack, and similar plans are contemplated for Kent county.

Both Wade and Ratliff realize that a stupendous task lies ahead of them in meeting the huge goal set for the two counties. Their best efforts will be given to make the drive a success, and they only ask for the full cooperation of the two counties. They also realize that the Third War Loan Drive comes in a difficult season, but nevertheless, the quota must and will be met.

Ratliff expressed the view that the combining of the two counties will tend to bring the people of Dickens and Kent counties closer together in the war effort, and that the ties created will last long into the future.

Plans will be made in Kent county for Bond selling rallies and for a thorough canvass of the county for Bond purchasers. Hundreds of prospects within the two counties will be requested to lend their money to the United States of America.

Quotas For Commissioners Precinct In Dickens Co.

The War Finance committee of Dickens county announces the following quotas for the four commissioners precincts in Dickens county for the Third War Loan Drive which begins Thursday, Sept. 9, extending through Sept. 30:

Prec. No. 1 has a quota of \$78,804. This precinct is headed by R. R. Wooten, chairman; Willow Street, vice chairman, and A. Z. Hays.

Prec. No. 2 has a quota of \$60,894. This precinct is headed by Carl Randolph chairman; Jim Orfield, vice chairman, and J. W. Adams.

Precinct No. 3 has a quota of \$169,354. This precinct is headed by Raul English, chairman, W. H. Hindman, vice chairman, and James B. Reed, Carl Proctor, and O. L. Kelley.

Prec. No. 4 has a quota of \$50,148. This precinct is headed by Lee Mims, chairman; M. B. Gage, vice chairman, and Robert McAteer.

It will be the responsibility of the committeemen of the four precincts to meet the above quotas by any means deemed wise by those charged with the responsibility of raising the quotas. The committeemen, in turn, will work with the various districts within their precincts for any special drives or rallies. They are urged to start now arranging for such drives and rallies.

While the quotas are large, it is felt by Ratliff that they can be met if every one works at the job. The state quota is stupendous and each county of the state was in turn given a large quota. Dickens county has been assigned an unusually large quota of \$358,200. This is more than twice the amount of the last drive quota.

Working Committees.

Working committees in Dickens county are as follows:
O. B. Ratliff, chairman; W. T. Andrews, vice chairman; O. C. Arthur, A. C. Hull, Carl Proctor, and V. M. Hand of Dumont. The women's division of the executive committee is composed of Mrs. E. S. Lee, chairman; Mrs. P. E. Gollihar, Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mrs. Johnnie Koonsman, Dickens, and Mrs. Ben Eldridge, McAdoo.

Mrs. Wanda White will serve as executive secretary for the county.

Publicity Committee: Lester Garner, chairman; H. G. Hull, and Mrs. Nona Starcher.
Speaker's Committee: E. D. Cook, chairman; O. L. Kelley, vice chairman; Winston Brummett, R. C. Brown, and L. D. Ratliff Jr.

Rural Committee: V. M. Hand, chairman; Charles Taylor, vice chairman; Fred Christopher, Fred Arrington, and Eric Ousley.

Non-resident Committee: Eric Ousley, chairman; Jack Godfrey, vice chairman, M. C. Golding, Rev. H. L. Thurston and Fred Jennings.

Publicity Subdiv. Committee: E. H. Boedecker, chairman; L. E. Lee, vice chairman, Byron Haney, and Horace Gibson.

Big Purchasers Committee: Bob Weaver, chairman; Harvey Holley, vice chairman; Rev. Herman Coe, Dr. B. F. Hale, and Jack Christian.

Continuing Monthly Committee: M. C. Golding, chairman; Henry Alexander, vice chairman; Fred Jennings, W. F. Gilbert, Neal Chastain, Martin Pope, and George Sloan.

Ratliff requests that each of the above committees be called into immediate session by their respective chairmen to map plans for the Third War Loan Drive.

Ratliff has opened an office in the City Hall for the duration of the drive. He may be contacted there for further information. "BACK THE ATTACK" by purchasing War Bonds in September!

THE LOW DOWN

HICKORY GROVE

It is kinda refreshing to run across a person like this old South Carolinian Sand-hiller—Cotton Ed

—his language has spice and flavor. It is a relief from the average palaver. When Cotton Ed Smith says something, it is not just well-balanced rhetoric 2 or 3 things, or nothing, to intrigue

us folks into thinking it is something good for us versus being good just for the ones concocting the rhetoric.

Senator Ed says we gotta have a sales tax—he didn't mince words. He says we can choose between going broke or having a tax. We can choose our own poison, he says. Also, he says, for 8 or 10 years before the war we danced to odd and fantastic music—now we gotta pay for that fiddlin' around, along with the war debt to boot. They don't like Cotton Ed there on the old Potomac, but the folks in South Carolina and elsewhere, like him.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.