

Spur Air Port to Be Officially Designated

Frank Cazier, representative of the Civil Aeronautics Authority with headquarters in Amarillo, was in Spur Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of making another check on the local airport.

Cazier assisted the city engineer in completing necessary maps and forms to be sent to the Washington CAA headquarters for approval. He stated that, so far as he was able to ascertain, all requirements had been met and he issued an interim permit for the airport, pending the approval of the Washington office. This permit will allow all planes to land and take off at the Spur field. Planes may now be kept at the local hanger and flown from the field.

V. C. Smart, local air enthusiast and a leader of aviation in Spur, was appointed airport manager

for the Spur Municipal Air Port, it has been announced by City Commissioner O. B. Ratliff. Smart has absolute control over flying in a 25 mile radius of Spur. It is his duty to see that no unnecessary hazards are undertaken by flyers in this area.

Cazier flew down by plane from Amarillo and after examination of the landing area he expressed himself by saying that the landing strips were in good shape and that it was a splendid air field.

Ratliff stated that due to the fact that CAA requirements for designation of airports had been changed, the approval of the local air field has come through much faster than was anticipated.

The new hanger at the field has almost been completed. The roof is being put on this week and

should be completed next week, Ratliff said.

Several men of Spur, who now own planes, have moved their planes from Stamford to the Spur airport. They have had their planes at Stamford while they were taking flying lessons there.

Ratliff also stated that several major airlines will be contacted soon in an effort to induce them to use the Spur airport as a possible landing field for a feeder passenger and mail line. If this is accomplished citizens of Spur could take a plane from the local field and go to Abilene or Lubbock and then take planes for any point in the United States.

Citizens of Spur should be proud of the civic-minded men who are behind this project. When the war is won the Spur Municipal Airport should be one of the major small-town fields of West Texas.



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\$291,000 Dickens-Kent War Loan Drive

Spur Security Bank Reports Largest Deposits In History

Total \$2,657,864.99
On Deposit At End
Calendar Year 1943

The statement of the condition of the Spur Security bank at the end of the calendar year, 1943, shows that deposits total \$2,657,864.99, the largest in the 34-year history of the bank.

At the close of business, Dec. 31, 1943, the deposits totaled \$2,657,864.99. The increase in deposits for the year 1943 over those of the previous year was \$772,232.12.

The bank was organized under the name of the Spur National Bank in 1909, shortly after the town was established. In 1933 the name of the bank was changed to the Spur Security Bank.

Directors of the bank are Clifford B. Jones, president of Texas Technological college in Lubbock, W. T. Andrews, vice-president; E. S. Lee, cashier, and F. F. Vernon, Asst. cashier.

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Dickens Teams Win Over Robertson Tues.

The Dickens high school basketball boys and girls teams were victorious in their first conference games Tuesday night, defeating Robertson in the Lorenzo gymnasium.

The Dickens boys won a decisive victory over the boys from Robertson by a score of 17 to 12.

The girls' game was a close one with the Dickens team winning by a score of 11 to 10.

Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs and daughter Mary Olive, visited her parents in Celina last week.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Due to the continued increase in the price of newsprint and labor costs, the publishers of The Texas Spur find it necessary to increase the subscription price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year in Dickens county, and \$2.00 per year outside Dickens county.

This increase in subscription price will become effective Tuesday, Feb. 1, and all who so desire, in the meantime, may renew their subscription for one year at the old rates of \$1.00 per year in the county and \$1.50 per year outside the county. Renewals at the old rate will not be accepted for more than one year; and we ask all subscribers to please bear in mind that the subscription price of The Texas Spur after Feb. 1 will be \$1.50 per year in the county and \$2.00 per year outside the county.

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County Judge E. H. Boedeker, pictured above, will be the principal speaker at the luncheon today of the Spur Rotary Club, at which the members of the ration boards of Dickens county will be the honored guests. Judge Boedeker has not announced his subject for the address but it is presumed it will deal with the work the boards are doing in the county.

Fire Destroys Two Rooms of Leland Wilson Home Sunday

Fire, which started in a closet under the stairway leading to the attic, destroyed two rooms of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wilson Sunday morning at 10:50 o'clock while the family was in church. The cause of the blaze was not determined, however.

The fire was confined to the two rooms nearest the closet, but the water damage to the rest of the house, a frame structure on West Second street, was considerable. The part of the house not damaged by fire will have to be refinished and new wall paper will be needed to restore it to its original condition. The two rooms that burned, of course, will have to be rebuilt.

The Spur volunteer fire department responded to the alarm quickly and soon had the blaze under control, but not until the two rooms were destroyed.

New Well Furnishing City With Water

City Manager Truman Green announced Wednesday morning that the new city water well would be supplying the city with water by that night. The well, which was dug some two months ago, will furnish water at a rate of 200 gallons per minute and, with the other well now in operation, should give an adequate supply of water to avoid any shortage next summer, Green stated.

The city is planning to drill another well within the next year. The wells are shallow, only having to be drilled to a depth of fifty feet to find water.

Bulldog Quint Loses To Paducah, Play Floydada Tuesday

The Spur high school basketball team journeyed to Paducah Tuesday night and lost a thrilling 23 to 13 game with the high school team of that city.

Pete Dobbins was high point man in the game. Jimmy Vernon also played a good game. The boys did quite well, considering the star of the team, Jimmie Draper, was unable to play in this game.

In the second game of the evening the Bulldogs' second team was victorious over the Paducah second stringers. The score was 22 to 6. Roy Lee Ball and Elmer Gannon were the outstanding players in this game.

On next Tuesday night at the Spur high school gymnasium the Bulldogs will take on the mighty Whirlwinds of Floydada, the first of two games getting under way at 8:00 o'clock.

In the past there has not been much interest in basketball in Spur as far as the fans are concerned. A good basketball game can be just as interesting to watch as a football game. Let's get behind these boys and help them win the district championship in basketball this season. They need your support.

Coach Foy Brantley says that these boys have what it takes to make a good basketball team and, with the support of the fans, should be a well rounded squad as the season goes on.

Methodists Apply To WPB for Permit To Rebuild Parsonage

Application for a permit to reconstruct the Methodist parsonage has been sent to the Dallas office of the War Production Board and plans are being made to tear down the present parsonage on North Carroll street and rebuilding on the 75-foot lot just south of the church, it was announced this week by Rev. Howard H. Hollowell, pastor of the church.

Hollowell stated that the cost of the project would be about \$5,000 and that a total of over \$4,300 had been raised in cash or in good pledges.

When the house is rebuilt it will be a six-room brick veneer of light colored brick and will be one of the most beautiful homes in the city. A new parsonage for the church has long been needed as the present home of the pastor is badly in need of repair.

Hollowell also said that no one who had been contacted had failed to respond generously to the project.

In the event the War Production Board turns down the application, Hollowell stated, the money collected will either be put into War Bonds or left in the bank until the war is over, in which event a new parsonage would be built.

Sgt. Otho Powers Killed In Action On Makin Island

Mr. and Mrs. John Powers, McAdoo, received a telegram from the War Department Dec. 9, stating their son, Sgt. Otho T. Powers, was killed in action on Makin Island Nov. 20. There were no details given other than that he was killed in action in line of duty for his country.

Otho was born June 20, 1916. He graduated from McAdoo high school with the class of 1933. He was living on the farm with his parents when he volunteered for the Army, March 20, 1941, and received his training with the 193d Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga.

He was on maneuvers in Louisiana in the fall of 1941 and at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor he was sent to California. He was among the first of our soldiers to reach Pearl Harbor after Dec. 7, 1941. Sgt. Powers was stationed there until the invasion of the Gilbert Islands.

Otho was a good soldier. His letters were received regularly by Mrs. Powers. They were never censored.

One of his buddies, who had been with him during all of his training, came back to the states last summer and came to see Mr. and Mrs. Powers. He praised Otho for being such a grand "Sarge."

Otho only came home once after he entered the service. That was in September, 1941, before he sailed in December.

He is survived by his parents, a sister, Mrs. Glynn Johnson, McAdoo, and a brother, Sgt. Coy O. Powers, Fort Lewis, Wash., who was at home on furlough when the telegram came.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers' loss of their loved one is the community's loss of a fine young man. May he rest in peace, "Where there is a Star Spangled Banner waving somewhere."

Bryant-Link Co. To Rebuild Hardware And Implement Store

It was announced this week by Geo. S. Link that the Bryant-Link Hardware and Implement Co., is planning to rebuild their building, which was destroyed by fire on Dec. 4, 1943. Link stated that all insurance adjustments had been made and that a permit to rebuild had been granted by the War Production Board. It will take some time yet before actual work will begin, Link said, due to shortage in labor and building materials.

Plans are now to make the establishment into a modern structure with a modernized front. Link stated that two buildings of 37½ feet frontage each will be built instead of the 75 foot frontage of the old building.

A complete line of hardware and implements will be stocked, he said, as soon as the rebuilding is completed.

The company was one of the first business institutions in Spur, having been started here in 1909 and operated continuously until the fire last month destroyed the store.

First 1944 Baby of County Born To Mrs. Walter H. McCormick

The first baby born in Dickens county in 1944 was Norman Hicks McCormick, born at 5:37 a. m., Saturday, Jan. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. McCormick of the Croton community, it was announced by Dr. J. F. Hughes.

Other births reported by Dr. Hughes were as follows: Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rogers, a girl, at 6:50 a. m., Jan. 3, at the Nichols Sanatorium. She has been named Patricia Ann.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Conaway at 4:53 a. m., Jan. 3, at the Nichols Sanatorium. He has been named Thomas Larry.

Bulldogs Given Trip To Cotton Bowl By Spur Business Men

Members of the Spur high school football team, champions of District 4-A, were presented with a trip to the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas Saturday by the business men of Spur.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the game, even though they had to sit in the cold rain throughout the contest.

The party, which was made up of 22 members of the squad, the student manager, Coach Jack Christian, Supt. C. F. Cook, Rev. Howard H. Hollowell, Rev. Herman Coe and David McAtee, left Spur about 3:00 o'clock Saturday morning, returning home immediately after the game.

Supt. Cook stated that the members of the team, Coach Christian and he wished to express their sincere appreciation to those citizens of Spur who thought well enough of the team to give them such a trip.

Lt. McClure Arrives In England To Join Fighter Squadron

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND: The arrival overseas of 2nd Lt. Max W. McClure of Spur, was announced by the commanding general of the Eighth Fighter Command. Lt. McClure is a pilot in a fighter squadron.

His mother, Mrs. Ann B. McClure lives in Spur. Lt. McClure graduated from the Spur high school and Texas Tech College. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Before entering the army, he was engaged in newspaper work with The Texas Spur.

Enlisting as an aviation cadet on Jan. 23, 1942, Lt. McClure took his advanced flying at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, and received his wings and commission on March 20, 1943.

The 25 year old flyer has named his plane the "Ready Teddy."

RESIGNS POSITION It has been announced here this week that Mrs. R. C. Brown has resigned her position as clerk of the local draft board, effective Dec. 31, 1943.

Mrs. George Lisenby has been employed to take her place in the board office.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Featherston visited relatives in Aspermont Christmas Day.

Committees Named For 4th War Loan Drive for County

The following committee, with their members, for the Fourth War Loan Drive, which begins Jan. 18, have been named by the War Finance Committee of Dickens county, as announced by O. B. Ratliff, chairman: General manager, Fourth War Loan Drive, C. F. Cook.

Chairwoman of Women's division, members of which remain unchanged from last drive, Mrs. E. S. Lee.

Publicity committee, Lester Garner, chairman; Mrs. C. B. Chandler, Walter Switzer.

Non-resident committee, Eric Swenson, chairman; W. F. Godfrey, Howard Hollowell.

Political subdivisions, E. H. Boedeker, chairman; L. E. Lee, Horace Gibson, M. B. Gage, Carl Proctor, R. R. Wooten.

Big Purchaser's committee, Bob Weaver, chairman; Harvey Holly, Herman Coe, Dr. B. F. Hale, Roy Stovall, Morris Golding, George Gabriel.

Continuing Monthly Quota committee, Carl Proctor, chairman; A. C. Hull, M. C. Golding, Horace Hyatt.

The above named committees should meet within the next few days and organize for the task which lies ahead of them, Ratliff stated. Any further information desired by the committees may be obtained from O. B. Ratliff or C. F. Cook.

"Let's All Back the Attack!"

Ration Boards of County To Be Guest At Rotary Luncheon

All panels of the Dickens county ration boards will be the guests of the Spur Rotary Club at its regular weekly luncheon today (Thursday) at the Spur Inn, it was announced by President Jack Christian of the club.

A representative of the district rationing committee of Lubbock was to have been present at the occasion to present certificates to the members of the boards, but it has been announced that he will not be here and that the certificates have been mailed to the members.

However, the program, as otherwise planned, will be carried out. County Judge E. H. Boedeker will deliver the principle address. Judge Boedeker will be introduced by Rotarian Ned Hogan, program chairman.

Services For Uncle Of Local Man Held At Haskell Monday

John Burton Lavender, brother of Harry Lavender of Stamford, and uncle of R. L. Benson of Spur, passed away Sunday, Jan. 2. He was the son of Mrs. W. H. Lavender who preceded him in death two months ago.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ in Haskell Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment was in Spring Creek cemetery in Jones county.

A long time resident of Stamford, Lavender was born in Jones county Nov. 1, 1898. He had been ill for about two years. He was living in Haskell at the time of his death.

Chairmen-Workers In School Districts Named for Campaign

The quota for Dickens and Kent counties in the forthcoming Fourth War Loan Drive has been set at \$291,000.00, it was announced this week by O. B. Ratliff, county chairman. The drive will officially get under way on Jan. 18 and continue through Feb. 15. However, all sales of Series E, F and G bonds and Series C Treasury Saving Notes sold during the period Jan. 1, through Feb. 29 will be credited to the drive.

Of the quota set for these two counties \$120,000.00 in Series E, war bonds must be sold to individuals.

The Fourth War Loan Drive lays particular emphasis on sales of war bonds to the individuals, hence the \$120,000.00 quota set for Series E bonds. This is the bond which most individuals of Dickens and Kent counties have been buying, Ratliff said. During this drive more of this type of bond must be purchased. However, the other types of bonds will count on the quota.

As was announced in the last issue of The Texas Spur, the Dickens county quota will be apportioned to twelve school districts. Each of the districts will bear a percentage of the whole, and each of the districts must sell their pro rata part of the quota. Ratliff is arranging a large bill board to be set up at the corner of the Spur Security Bank, and upon this board will be shown the various school districts, their quotas, their local chairman, and a daily record of the progress of sales within the districts. The citizens of the various districts should keep an eye on the board to learn the progress of their district sales.

Listed below are the twelve districts and the chairmen who are responsible for the quotas:

Duck Creek, Alonzo Lollar, chairman; Hugh Hagins, Walter Driggers.

Red Mud, Bill McArthur, chairman; Mrs. Tom McArthur.

Dry Lake, Archie Powell, chairman; Loyd Hindman, Coy Dopson.

Highway, Bob Hahn, chairman; George Pierce, Oscar McAtee.

Peaceful Hill, Oscar McGinty, chairman; Mrs. White Moore.

Spring Creek, Max Wise, chairman; Mace Hunter.

Patton Springs and Dumont, Bryon Haney and V. M. Hand, chairmen; Joe Rose, G. W. Bennett, Bruce Scoggins.

Dickens Independent, Johnnie Koonsman, chairman; Fred Arrington, C. S. Swearingen.

McAdoo Independent, Leonard Fox, chairman; T. M. Brantley, Austin Rose.

Spur Independent, Jack Christian, chairman; Raul English, James B. Reed, W. A. Harris, Star Route, J. L. Karr.

Each of the above named chairmen and workers is requested to meet at 3:00 p. m. Friday, Jan. 14, in the Spur Theatre building. At this meeting specific information and instructions will be given to the various chairmen and workers. Your presence is urgent if you hope to have your district meet its quota. It is your responsibility. Be there!

The school district chairmen and the school officials of the various schools should make im-

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1944 Offers Sorrow and Death

The beginning of a New Year has been the occasion, since time immemorial, for human beings to consider their progress and to make plans for the future.

It is generally featured, in the present age of the printed word, by reviews of what has happened in the year ending and by prophecies as to what is about to occur.

These psychological pauses in the process of existence serve a useful purpose, provided the individual understands that the calendar year is a device of man to record the cycle of life and that what men and women think and do are more important than the current season.

As Americans await the fruits of 1944 there is one thought uppermost in the minds of the nation. We know that, in the next twelve months, thousands of young men must buy, with their lives, the precious heritage of liberty, which has been bequeathed to us by the past.

Many families, in this land, will mark 1944 by the loss of loved ones, slain in the areas of combat, scattered throughout the world. They will be grief-stricken and ponder the poignant pain that stabs into their hearts. They will wonder, no doubt, if the sacrifice is vain.

Many other Americans will not have this sad experience but they have a tremendous obligation as loyal patriots. It is their task to make certain the gains of freedom and to guarantee, by their conduct, that no American shall die on the battlefield for naught.

It is not a pleasant prospect that looms before us, as Americans. In other years we could expect pleasures and prosperity. Now we must await inexorable fate that will scatter sorrow and death among our homes. It is time for us to rededicate ourselves to the faiths and the hopes and the promises of real Americanism.

1944 is not a year for profit-making, for self-seeking. It is destined to belong to those who suffer, sacrifice and serve. Its gifts will include death and sorrow to many, many thousands and life and liberty to many, many millions. Besides these fruits, what else matters?

Wright Plane Coming Home

The airplane in which Wilbur and Orville Wright made their first successful flights in 1903 near Kitty Hawk, N. C., will be brought back to the United States and installed in the Smithsonian Institution.

This was revealed in connection with the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the famous flight. President Roosevelt announced that Orville Wright "is going to bring the Kitty Hawk plane back from England, where it has been in the British Museum."

This will end, happily, we hope the long controversy about the "first" plane and, quite appropriately, place the relic in the country of its inventors, where it should have been all the time.

British Paper for U. S.

Something new in international journalism is to be attempted by the London Daily Mail which announces that it will inaugurate a New York edition as a contribution to closer understanding between the British and American people.

The edition will consist of a digest of a week's issue of the London daily, photographed on microfilm, flown to New York and printed there. If the venture succeeds the newspaper says it will "fly other oceans very shortly."

The British newspaper will make available to Americans some idea of the news and thinking of the people of the British Empire. It will take a step further than that made by the Manchester Guardian some years ago, when it published a

special weekly edition in England for American readers.

The world needs, and will one day have, an international newspaper, devoted to world events, reported and interpreted without reflecting national interests. Its news would include advances in the arts, sciences and humanities, as well as the current crop of international affairs.

Heavier Aerial Assaults

The aerial war has developed tremendously in recent months but there are indications that point to a much heavier assault upon our enemies in the year ahead.

The biggest war plant in the nation is now ready to produce engines for army bombers. Located near Chicago the main building is large enough to house Willow Run and have room left for twenty baseball diamonds.

The mass production of super-bombers is also about to begin. The plant at Marietta, Ga., and other plants, will produce the huge successors to the Flying Fortress at a rate that would astonish Hitler.

The 9,000 planes a month rate of production may not increase very much but the planes produced will be much heavier. They will transport effect.

Berlin's Foolish Threat

Evidently the aerial offensive is hurting Germany more than some people think. This seems clear from the "Huns of the air" epithet hurled at British and American aviators by Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.

The threat of the Berlin radio that military courts will deal with Anglo-American prisoners "who are guilty of a serious breach of international law" indicates some cracking of German morale.

While it is extremely improbable that the Germans will invite retaliation there is always the possibility that the Nazis will take vengeance upon those within their power.

If, unfortunately, the Germans adopt the Japanese conception of aviators, and execute American and British fliers, it will be up to the United Nations to exact a terrible penalty. We prefer not to think of such a scourge but, if it becomes necessary, we should not hesitate.

Accept the Risks of Peace

The President's message to the people of the United States revealed high confidence in the organization of the nations for peace, after the war ends.

Mr. Roosevelt made it perfectly plain, however, that there can be no sure peace unless the nations are ready to use force to maintain it. This is important. Any people willing to pour out blood and treasure, after being attacked, should be willing to act prudently and intelligently to prevent the attack.

We assume all the risk when aggressor nations seek to plunder the world. Is it too much to ask that we take some risk to maintain peace?

Heavy Casualties Ahead

The happy illusion of the people of this country that they can whip Germany and Japan without suffering heavy casualties is responsible for the warning from Washington, preparing the people for terrible battle casualties.

The Associated Press quotes one of the nation's highest executives as predicting that our casualties will jump from 132,000 to more than 500,000 in the next three months.

This means extremely heavy fighting is at hand. It also means that the enemy will be on the receiving end of some hard blows and that, come what may, the Axis casualty list will grow.

Unfortunately, Santa Claus forgot to bring us a 40-hour week.

We wonder what Adolf thought about the hangings in Kharkov?

Economy is the axe applied to the other fellow's expenditures.

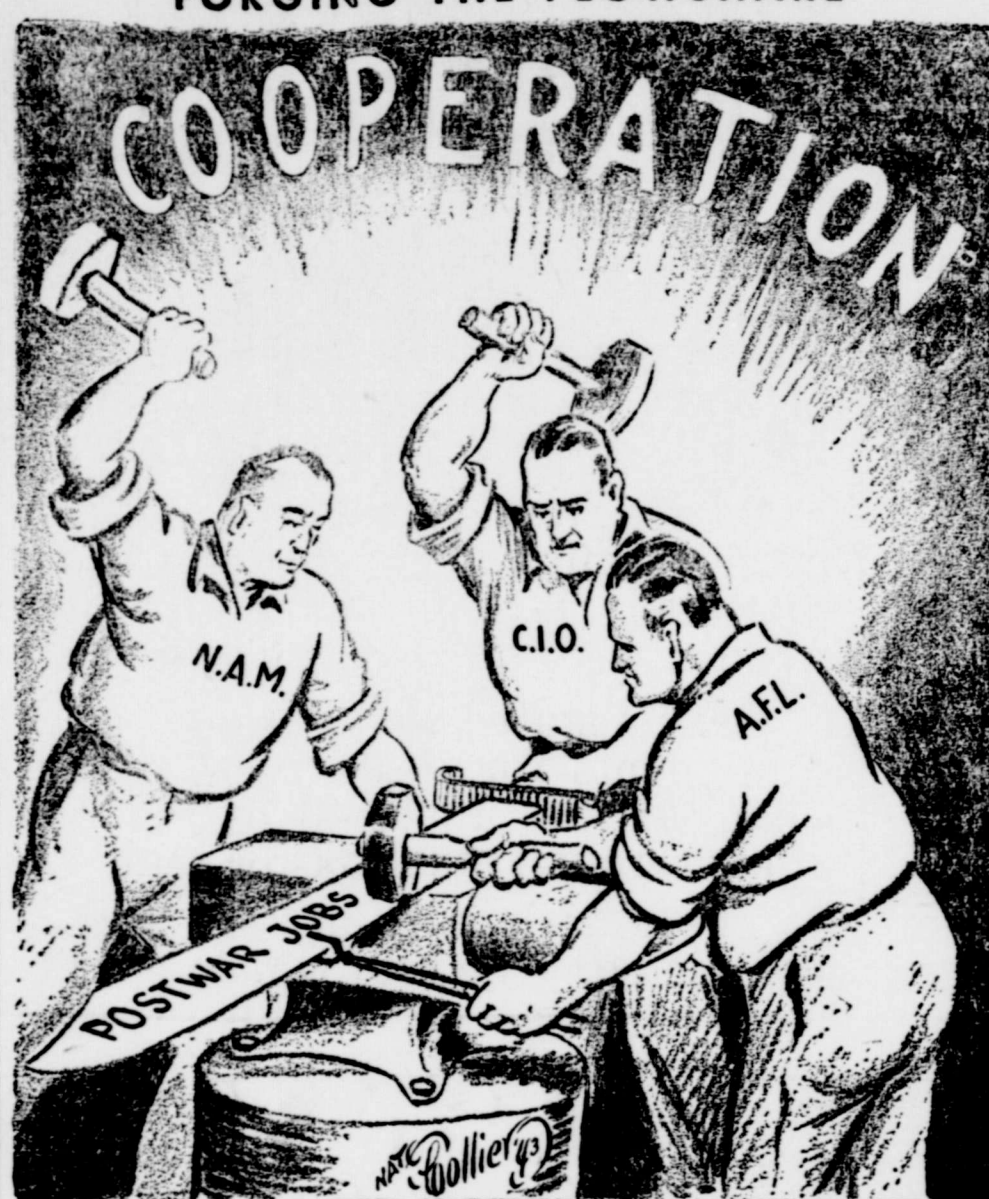
A one-track mind is not a handicap if you are on the right track.

The Constitution means little or nothing to a high pressure group.

The study of conflicting opinion is necessary to the discovery of truth.

You can support the war effort by buying, and keeping, bonds every month.

FORGING THE PLOWSHARE



LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

By HUGO S. SIMS

There is one way to understand the progress made in two wars that the nation is fighting and which will enter decisive stages during 1944.

Turn the pages of time back a year and consider the war news that was being read by the people of the United Nations as 1943 was fading and 1944 beginning. Compare the situation with the battlefronts today and there is only one sensible conclusion, regardless of prophecies and post-mortems.

Nazis Lose War In Russia. Here is what was happening in Russia about a year ago:

The Germans were in Stalin-grad, with a month to elapse before Gen. Paulus was to surrender; Soviet offensives were underway along the Middle Don aimed at Rostov and Red army soldiers in the Caucasuses were taking the offensive.

It is a long way from Stalin-grad, Rostov and the Caucasuses to the southern battleline in Russia today. In addition, the Russians have had a successful offensive of 1,000 ft., gaining ground every week except along the northern front where they were sixty miles from Latvia as 1943 began.

War In Mediterranean Decisive. What was the situation in the Mediterranean?

The successful invasion of North Africa had been launched but the British Eighth army was fighting 170 miles from El Agheila and 225 miles from Tripoli. Our bombers were attacking Naples and Taranto, in Italy, Tunis, Bizerte and Sfax.

It requires no magician to understand that the scene has changed around the Mediterranean. Today an Anglo-American army holds a ninety-mile line across the Italian peninsula, driving slowly toward Rome, some eighty miles away.

The islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica have been reclaimed. There is hard fighting in the Balkans, where Allied supplies are reaching the groups fighting the Germans. The Italian fleet is out of the way and Italian soldiers, except in isolated instances, no longer fight for the Nazis.

Japan Gives Ground In Pacific. What was underway in the Pacific a year ago?

Australian troops were about to take Buna Mission on New Guinea, the Marines had not yet been relieved by the army on Guadalcanal and the Japanese were fairly active in bombing Allied points.

Since then, there has been slow progress on New Guinea but the advance up the Solomons has thrown the Japanese back upon New Britain, where Allied troops now occupy Arawe. Rabaul has been under heavy aerial attack and is said to be untenable as an important Japanese base.

The Gilbert islands have been seized and American planes are daily attacking Japanese bases in the Marshall islands, which are likely to be attacked at an early date.

The Japanese have lost huge numbers of planes and many ships. They are finding it difficult to maintain air strength at points of contact or to send cargo shipments with reinforcements and supplies to threatened places. Japan's shipping resources are already severely strained, suffering especially from the activity of our submarines.

Defeated On Sea and In Air. There are other important differences. The year 1943 has witnessed the miracle of production in the United States, without which, as Stalin recently stated, the United Nations could not have won the war.

As the year began the German U-boats were threatening to pre-

vent the shipment of our men and supplies across the Atlantic. There was near-consternation in this country where it was seriously proposed to stop the shipbuilding program in order to concentrate upon cargo planes to beat the U-boats.

Now, this has changed entirely. The ships ply their routes to European ports almost with impunity and U. S. shipyards have delivered new ships ahead of schedule. The U-boats have been whipped and, at this time, Anglo-American forces are being gathered in England for the supreme effort to defeat the Nazi army.

No accurate picture of the war situation can be obtained without noting the greatly increased bombing of German industry, ports and facilities. The R. A. F. and the U. S. Eighth Air Force are visiting destruction and devastation upon Germany and gradually slowing down the production of Nazi plants, upon which depends the ultimate fate of the Nazi army.

Everywhere throughout the year our enemies, Germany and Japan, have progressively lost ground. No where have they scored a compensatory triumph. The leaders of both nations know that the United Nations have not yet reached their peak effort and view with apprehension the development of coordinated plans for attacking them in 1944.

The wars are entering their critical stage. Both in Europe and in the Pacific our forces have attained preliminary objectives and are now in position to deliver crushing blows. The air-sea war against Japan is going as well as the air-land war against Germany and both enemies are hard-pressed to oppose the pressure that now pushes them to the wall.

The promise for 1944 is that the pressure will increase, simultaneously, against both Japan and Germany. The only unanswered question is how long our separated foes can last. Nobody knows and it is impossible to be certain as to which enemy will collapse first. It is anybody's guess.

A Most Sensible Resolution

Among your New Year's resolutions, you could not reach a more sensible conclusion than to resolve to prepare yourself for a nice position in business.

From all accounts, there is going to be a period of reconstruction that will tax the capacity of private business. The whole world is going to have to be converted from war to peace. The markets are bare of practically all the necessities of life, not only here but abroad as well. Our country will be the bread basket of the world; not only that, but billions of dollars will be spent here in readjustment, rebuilding, manufacturing of all the things we enjoyed before the war and new products also.

Millions of automobiles, tires, refrigerators, radios, washing machines, electric irons, toys, and almost everything imaginable will be needed, and America has the ingenuity, the means, and brains to do it.

Young men and women have a definite place in this world-wide scheme of things if they are properly prepared. Business, of course, has its place in this broad picture; therefore, thoughtful young people will sense this situation and begin now to prepare themselves. We do not know of a better place to get a sound economical business training than at The Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. For



UNITED WE STAND

Aviation still sets me agape. The sight of a powerful four-engine bomber overhead, riding thin air in open defiance of the law of gravity, inspires awe. So does its obvious might as an engine of destruction.

Back of this mechanical miracle, on the ground, is not one place but many places, the wheels of industry are whirling to produce such ships. More than 3,000,000 men and women, more adults than live in Chicago, work in the aircraft factories of America, it is said. What a change! Only four years ago the entire payroll of this industry was less than 50,000 people.

Imagine what would happen if powers which created this huge expansion were suddenly reversed. Suppose the aviation industry had to go back overnight to its pre-war rank and nearly three million workers had to face life without employment.

A Senate Committee.

The United States Senate wisely has appointed a committee on Post-War Economic Policy and Planning to study this problem and related ones. Testimony before this committee recently brought out the fact that nine of the principal airplane manufacturers have a total of 29,430 sub-contractors, and each of these has a circle of suppliers, perhaps five to ten.

It is plain to see that anything damaging one of these nine big manufacturers spreads out quickly into all industry and touches the affairs of small firms in many towns and cities. It hurts millions of working men and women, their grocers and butchers. Sudden cancellation of government contracts would do this. Aircraft manufacturers are especially exposed because of their extremely rapid development.

Mushroom Growth.

Since Pearl Harbor, every time an airplane manufacturer got a little money from one job, he needed it right away to handle a much bigger one. As a result, aviation firms are top heavy, doing more business than they have capital to handle. It is a patriotic work, entirely justified by the war emergency. Manufacturers have expanded their operations with the sole object of winning the war, without stopping to worry about overexpansion.

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personally, but without business they can't keep their workers. Having a healthy aviation industry after the war is for everybody's good. Helping it settle down to a peacetime basis without wrecking the nation's whole business set-up is vital. The government alone can do this.

Action Necessary.

By refusing to let aviation get tangled up in the borderless jungle of bureaucratic procedure, government can perform a vital service to national prosperity and national safety. When peace comes and contracts have to be cancelled, the government should move fast to pay for goods already ordered.

To an outsider it would seem sensible to put responsibility for winding up contracts in the hands of the same people who made them, namely, the Army and the Navy. They know what is involved, how much has been done, and what commitments contractors have made.

Army and Navy are organized for action and this will be an advantage when the war is over and people begin to hunt work. Anyone who slows down this process with horse-play will be taking on himself one terrible responsibility, because the United States now has a million contracts in force valued at 75 billion dollars, enough to make or break private enterprise at the close of the war.

Our Weekly Quiz

1. What happened Nov. 28 to Dec. 1st?
2. When does freezing weather come to the lower Ukraine?
3. What warships make up a carrier task force?
4. What is the "Little Steel" formula?
5. What is referred to by NAM?
6. How many people pay taxes?
7. When is a soldier "trigger happy"?
8. Who owns Excalibur?
9. How many pre-Pearl Harbor fathers were affected by recent legislation, designed to defer their call to service?
10. When does an officer leave camp "V.O.C.O."?

(See "Answers To Quiz" elsewhere in this issue.)

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West Texas Baptists To Share In Raising Money for Schools

PLAINVIEW, Jan. 5.—All the 38,000 Baptists in the 174 Baptist churches of District No. 9, located in twenty West Texas counties, will be given an opportunity to share in raising \$3,000,000 cash for the additional endowment of the 18 Baptist schools and hospitals owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, it was announced here today by Rev. J. Lowell Ponder, district missionary for the denomination, who will head up that effort in this district.

Other directors associated with Mr. Ponder in promoting the campaign are Dr. C. E. Hereford, First Baptist church, Hereford; Frank R. Day, Hereford layman, and Mrs. Minnie Lumsden, Wilson, district president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Ten Baptist associations are embraced in this district, and the following associational directors have been named to promote this undertaking in their territories. Brownfield, Rev. W. Avery Rogers, Brownfield; Dickens, Rev. Herman Coe, Spur; Floyd, Rev. T. A. Doyle, Floydada; Hockley-Cochran, Rev. A. A. Brian, Levelland; Lubbock, Rev. W. S. Ferguson, Slaton; Staked Plains, Rev. L. B. Reavis, Plainview; Sierra Blanca, Rev. W. E. Barnes, Hereford; and West Plains, Rev. Jesse B. Leverett, Sudan.

While Baptists of large means will be appealed to for large gifts in raising the \$3,000,000, all members of the churches will be invited to contribute according to their ability, the leaders say. The statewide effort is being led by Dr. J. W. Brunner, Dallas, Endowment secretary of the denomination, who advises the campaign will be presented in many churches throughout the state on Sunday, Jan. 23, which has been designated "Denominational Day."

The various Texas institutions participating in the endowment effort, and the sums they are scheduled to receive from the

Pilot No. 5



Freddie and George planned their home together.

Adapted from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture

By HALSEY RAINES

Cast of Characters

George B. Collins...Franchot Tone
Freddie...Marsha Hunt
Vito S. Alessandro...Gene Kelly
Everett Arnold...Van Johnson
Winston Davis...Alan Baxter
Henry W. Claven...Dick Simmons
Major Eichel...Steve Geray
Hank Durban...Howard Freeman
Nikola...Frank Puglia
American Soldier...Wm. Tannen

CHAPTER ONE

Major Eichel, the Dutch officer who found himself in command of the small beleaguered Pacific force which faced further bombing by immensely superior enemy forces, could not have explained clearly why he picked George Collins.

There were five American pilots left with the squadron; there was

coach. But George Collins, of leaner figure, had a look that riveted the Major's attention from the first. Major Eichel could not quite understand it; it was more than a look of absolute fearlessness and determination; it was the look of a man who is completely certain of his mission. It was for these somewhat hard-to-analyze reasons that the Major's choice for the hundred-to-one chance-of-returning flight against the Japs fell upon Collins; he believed that if anyone could inflict reprisal on the enemy and still get back with their one plane, Collins would. Not until he had taken off from the improvised island base did he find out that he was the one married man among the five fliers.

This discovery surprised and intrigued him still further. Seated along the camp breakfast table with the other pilots, he kept wondering what was the background of Collins' life... what had given him that look that was so difficult to describe?

Suddenly George Collins' voice cut through the room with startling clarity. "K-V-2," came his signal. "K-V-2. Altitude seven thousand. Visibility poor. Wind moderate. Japs none."

With his sign-off signal, the men relaxed. Only Vito Alessandro seemed tense, and filled with unrevealed, pent-up emotion. The Major turned to Everett Arnold.

"George Collins—has he been married a long time?" he asked. "Only about a year," answered Arnold. "I was at training camp with him and I was best man at the wedding."

"I knew him back in college," put in Claven. "And I knew him too," volunteered Davis. "He wasn't like he is today when I first met him."

Only Alessandro remained silent, lips closely locked. Major Eichel had an odd feeling that he knew more about Collins than the others, but he also realized that pressing him to talk would be futile.

As the conversation proceeded, and the Major felt himself becoming more and more absorbed in the mystery of the young flier, the events of Collins' earlier years were unraveled. Bit by bit the collective reminiscences brought a very clear picture of the man who was now embarked on a perilous flight in the tropic skies...

One of the brainiest halfbacks his college had ever turned out, George Collins showed the same intelligence and determination in tackling problems of law school.

The durban political machine, which had spread-eagled itself over all opposition in the state and paid no heed to methods so long as its objectives were attained, had its eyes on George long before he received his law degree. Gov. Hank Durban was a political tycoon who understood the value of young blood, with top collegiate honors. Durban's confidential overtures flattered George, who was at an age most susceptible to praise.

George's fiancée, Frederica, had grown up in his town. It seemed the most natural thing in the world that one day he should realize how intensely he loved her, and propose. The day after their engagement they began to chart out rough sketches of the house they were going to build. They found a location which struck them both as ideal, and, having no cash at the moment but boundless ambition, set out to put up the building with their own hands and the help of such friends as Henry Claven. They could devote only week-ends to the work, for George was finishing law school, but by snowfall the wood framework was up. "How about slinging some of that sober advice of yours at the master builder here?" Freddie

told Claven when he drove up on what was to prove his farewell visit to the new home.

"Do you know what he wants to do when we finish this house?" Her blue, gleaming eyes and irresistible smile were fixed on Claven. "He wants to build a sailboat!"

"How would you carry it to and from the lake?" asked Claven in great seriousness. "Build a trailer!" interjected George.

Claven turned to Freddie. "I'm afraid I won't be able to stop him," he commented. "I'm leaving tomorrow for Chicago. It's a job that looks like a future."

No one expected the parting to be for such a long period. Claven drove off as an invitation to come back for the later housewarming rang in his ears. Then he became engrossed in work in the Midwest, letters were more and more infrequent, and finally ceased. Something had happened. Claven wasn't to see George again till he met him in the service.

Winston Davis had met George Collins when, having been put behind an Air Corps recruiting desk, he faced him in the room where candidates came to join up.

George was wearing the stained blue denims of a truck driver. His papers indicated that he had been a practicing lawyer, and had voluntarily retired. What had prompted this action was a deep mystery. George looked like a man who had seen mental anguish; his hands moved with neurotic uncertainty and his eyes were constantly shifting.

"According to our records," Davis told him, "you've been rejected."

"That's what I came to see you about," nodded the other.

"If you came for advice on reject schools," went on Davis, "I'll be glad to help you. But of course we can't re-examine a man until six months after his examination failure."

"I happen to know I passed the exam near the top," said George quietly.

Davis, embarrassed and at a momentary loss for words, buried himself in a sheaf of papers. "I wasn't rejected on physical grounds," George went on. "My draft classification's I-A."

"The Air Corps requirements are different," said Davis guardedly. "Your reflexes indicated neurasthenia."

"The doctor said the only thing wrong with me was a slight case of shock, which would pass," said George.

"Shock from what?" asked Davis.

George dropped his eyes. "From an auto accident—a few years ago."

Davis studied George for a few moments guardedly. "We tried to look up that accident that you told the doctor about," he said finally. "There's no record of it in the state traffic files."

George paused a moment before replying. "All right, I lied," he admitted. "But it's still shock—from something else that happened to me."

"All right, and I lied too," came back Davis. "You weren't rejected on physical grounds, Mr. Collins. It isn't my job to criticize. My only interest is in finding men who have the right kind of background for the Air Corps." He paused to frame his next words carefully. "We've decided that you haven't."

"What made you decide that?" asked George slowly.

"Well, first of all, there's the bare fact that you were once a practicing lawyer in this state, and now you are not. To us that indicates some kind of moral instability. Secondly, a letter from the dean of your law school," George looked down and read: "George Collins was our most promising man in years. When a man is mediocre and fails to improve himself, that is only sad. But when a seemingly courageous, strong man reveals himself to be a cheap opportunist—"

He broke off, as George pressed

forward with clenched hands.

"Let me in, Davis," he pleaded. "Let me in—I'll prove to you who I am!"

"Do you claim these people have lied about you?" asked Davis quietly.

"They haven't lied," said George. "It's true. But there's something else that's true too."

Davis shook his head. "Sorry Collins," he said firmly.

George rose and walked out, with shoulders bent.

Davis's alert-eyed secretary, on whose judgment he relied implicitly, came over, looking at him in an odd way.

"We can't take men who are trying to escape themselves," said Davis awkwardly. "They'll crash the first time up."

"How do you know what he's trying to escape?" asked the secretary.

Davis smiled wryly. "All right," he said lamely. "Get me his address from the card."

That night, at a bar in the nearby town of Heraldsgrove, Davis went into a bar and spotted George at a pinball game.

"He's gone to pieces," whispered the bartender confidently. "People know it. What I can't figure out is why he sticks around here and takes it."

George caught sight of Davis. Looking grim and resentful, he stepped over.

"What are you doing—following me?" he demanded. "If you wanted to find out something, why didn't you ask me?"

"Now wait a minute," countered Davis. "You don't have to get so hot about it. I'm not interested in you for myself—only for the Air Corps."

George turned fiercely to the bartender. "What'd he want to know about me?" he cried.

Davis looked at George calculatingly. "I was just wondering if there was any fight left in you," he said.

For answer George doubled his fists and sent a hard blow to his chin. Davis' return blow, deceptively easy in delivery, was far more severe, and sent George sprawling against the bar.

Davis bent over the younger man and supported him. "Just one question," he said. "Then I'm not going to ask any more. Why didn't you leave this town after everything went against you?"

"I don't know," said George. "I guess because I live here. Running away wouldn't do any good."

Davis smiled faintly. "That's what I hoped you'd say, Cadet Collins," he answered.

To the five men sitting around the commissary table, came the abrupt, sharp signal of George Collins' radio.

"K-V-2," was the call. "K-V-2. Aerial shot away. Hope radio's getting through. Got two planes. Here comes another!" The words broke off, punctuated by the clearly echoing bark of a machine gun.

After a few moments' silence, the Major leaned forward tauntingly. "There isn't anything else we know?" he demanded. "I can't understand. Here we have George Collins the brilliant student—then something happened which changed his whole character for a while and he goes to pieces. And now—I must admit, gentlemen, I am the more confused than I ever was."

"That's what comes of trying to take a guy apart," smiled Arnold. "Some parts missing. Some parts too many."

Vito Alessandro, who had sat motionless and tense, suddenly stood up.

"Who told you to take him apart in the first place?" he cried.

"That was my fault," said the Major. "Now it is my fault we have left the bad things unexplained. I apologize for that."

As he was starting away, Alessandro stepped closer.

"Wait a minute," he interjected. "You had no right to start it, true, but now you can't leave it like this. I know George Collins better than anyone. I was at law school with him, and then he came to work for me. Claven told you about his and Freddie's house. It was half finished when he started work at the office..."

The Major sat down, as a flood

of words, impetuous, excited words, came pouring from Alessandro...

(Read installment 2 on page 7.)

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SOCIETY AND
CLUB NEWS

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

FEATURES AND
FASHIONSPioneer Couple of
County Celebrate
Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Bill) Stafford, pioneer residents of Dickens county, observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with an open house at their home at Glenn between 2 and 6 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hale, nine miles northwest of Dickens, Jan. 3, 1894, then went to Dickens where a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Browning. They moved to the Afton community where a home was established.

Miss Sallie Mae Hale was an early day school teacher in Dickens county, having moved here in 1891 with her parents from Hood county. Stafford, a native of Florida, came to Dickens county in 1883 and worked on the Spur and Matador ranches before buying a ranch of his own.

Three guests at the wedding were present at the anniversary celebration. These were Mrs. W. L. Hyatt and O. L. Hale of Spur, and Mrs. John Smith of Roaring Springs. Hale is a brother of Mrs. Stafford. Many stories were told and old experiences related of the early days. Most of the guests present were early day settlers of Dickens and Motley counties, or their descendants. Miss Patsy Jean Stearns, granddaughter, entertained with vocal selections during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are the parents of seven children, as follows: Mrs. Gussie Stearns, Plainview; Mrs. Zada Curd, Glenn; Mrs. Gladys Harris, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Willie Mae Stafford, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Myra (Dick) Watson, somewhere in England; Wiley R. Stafford, Gardena, Calif.; and Mrs. Mavis Hext, National City, Calif.

They are represented in the service of our country by Myra (Dick) Watson, serving with the WAC's in England; David E. Watson, son-in-law, with the Marines, stationed at Mare Island, Calif.; Pless Curd, son-in-law, with the Seabees, stationed in the Aleutians; and Stafford S. Stearns, grandson, in the Army, stationed at Pomona, Calif.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank this opportunity to thank the kind people for the generous offering and the beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our dear husband and father.

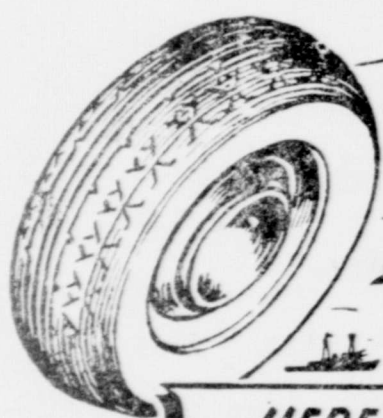
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O. K. TIRE SHOP

Officers of Dickens
County Home Demo
Council Entertained

By AGNES M. MARRS.

The outgoing and incoming officers of the Dickens county Home Demonstration Council were entertained at the home of Mrs. O. C. Arthur by the agent, Mrs. Agnes M. Marrs on Saturday, December 18.

Mrs. S. L. Benefield, outgoing council chairman, Espuela Club, read St. Luke's account of the Christmas Story, after which the guests joined in singing Christmas carols. Virginia McNeill, secretary of the Spur Junior High 4-H Club, and Mary Olive Marrs, president of the same club sang Silent Night. Several Christmas games were participated in by the guests preceding the visit of Santa Claus with gifts for each council member and guests.

Anticipation for a year of unexcelled accomplishments was voiced by the representatives from the different clubs. Eight Home Demonstration Clubs in the county were represented as follows: Dry Lake, Mrs. E. J. Lasse-ter; Afton, Mrs. Clark Forbis and Mrs. Frank Forbis; Espuela, Mrs. S. L. Benefield; Mrs. R. C. McMahon, Mrs. F. B. Crockett, Mrs. Ava Johnson, and Mrs. Harold Karr; Highway, Mrs. Kelcey Putnam; Soldier Mound, Mrs. Floyd Barnett, Mrs. W. H. Condon, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Floy Watson; Spur, Mrs. Thurman Morrow, Mrs. H. M. Christian, Mrs. Hobart Lewis, and Mrs. O. C. Arthur; Tri-Community, Mrs. Joe Watson, Mrs. S. Clark, Mrs. Lee Parker; Wichita, Mrs. Pete Gannon, Mrs. Bill Myers, Mrs. Jim Koonsman, Mrs. George Pierce, Mrs. Arner Watson, council chairman for 1944 was unable to attend on account of the illness of her son, Billy.

Mrs. F. B. Crockett paid tribute to Mrs. Benefield for her efficient service as council chairman for the past two years, and the council presented a gift in token of appreciation of her work. Virginia McNeill and Mary Olive Marrs assisted in serving refreshments to council members and Joyce McMahan, Alice Jo Crockett, and Joe Kenneth Watson.

Marriage of Moselle Baum To Sgt. Weldon McCreary Announced

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Baum of McAdoo are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Moselle, to Sgt. J. Weldon McCreary, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCreary of Rockwood, which took place at the First Baptist church in Amarillo, Dec. 30, 1943. Dr. A. D. Foreman, pastor of the church, officiated performing a double ring ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a two-piece powder blue wool dress with black accessories, and a corsage of American Beauty roses. She wore a strand of pearls which was a gift of the groom and for something old, a handkerchief which her mother carried when she was married.

Mrs. Leon Isaacs and Miss Valina Finney attended the bride and Cpl. Leon Isaacs and Sgt. Gene Brownlow attended the groom.

Mrs. McCreary is now a member of the Amherst school faculty.

She graduated from McAdoo high school and attended Texas Technological College where she was an English major.

Sgt. McCreary graduated from Rockwood high school and received his B. S. degree in Vocational Agriculture at Texas Technological College in June, 1940. He taught agriculture at McAdoo two years prior to entering the service. He has been stationed at Camp Wolters, Sheppard Field, and is now an instructor at Amarillo Army Air Field.

Lorraine Bond Weds
Pvt. Haralson Dec. 24

Miss Lorraine Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bond of Eastland, became the bride of Pvt. J. B. Haralson Jr., son of J. B. Haralson of Fort Sumner, New Mex., Friday night, Dec. 24, at the home of Rev. Herman Coe, officiating minister.

The bride is employed at Chastain Pharmacy in Spur and is very popular among the younger set.

The groom, before entering the army, was employed at the Tri-County Lumber Co., here for more than a year.

Haralson left last week for Camp Bar-lew, where he is stationed. Mrs. Haralson will remain in Spur indefinitely.

Miss Sylvia McClain
Weds A. B. Herring

In a quiet ceremony Miss Sylvia McClain, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. McClain of Spur, became the bride of A. B. Herring, Dec. 24.

The bride was raised in the Red Mud community and has many friends in that community and in Spur.

The groom formerly lived in Ralls where his parents now reside. His father is engaged in wheat farming there. Herring is now employed at the Spur Creamery.

The couple will make their home in Spur.

20th Century Club
Host To Federated
Clubs Here Dec. 21

Members of the 20th Century Study club were hostesses to all the other federated women's clubs of Spur Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the home of Mrs. E. L. Caraway, the occasion being the annual Christmas party. Assistant hostesses were Mmes. B. F. Haile, O. L. Kelley, E. S. Lee, O. C. Arthur, and O. M. McGinty.

Mrs. George S. Link, president of the club, greeted the guests at the door and presided throughout the evening.

Mrs. Jack M. Moore sang Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," accompanied by Mrs. J. C. McNeill, III.

Mrs. O. M. McGinty introduced the out-of-town speaker, Mrs. Luther G. Roberts, Dean of Women at Abilene Christian College, who gave a manuscript reading of Alice Duer Miller's book-length poem, "Cinderella."

Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit cake, and hot spiced punch, with a miniature Christmas tree as decoration, was served to more than sixty club members and guests.

Jessie Lee Bilberry
Dedicates Poem To
Mothers of County

Dedicated to all Dickens county mothers who have sons in the service.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER ON
CHRISTMAS DAY

Dear God:
In a branch of service this Christmas Day,
Are our beloved sons, so very far away.

Be with them, Lord, and help them do
Just the things that thou would have them to.

Keep them from all harm with thy watchful eye
Even though in a foxhole somewhere they may lie.

Give them strength, courage, and loving kindness on high,
And be with them, Lord, if it should be their time to die.

But, Father, if it be thy will, may we ask just one thing?
That by this time next Christmas Day, you will to us, our sons and Peace bring. Amen.

Jessie Lee Bilberry,
Spur, Texas.

VISITS NEW GRANDCHILD

Mrs. S. A. Lawrence left Sunday for Glenwood, Iowa, to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Walker, and see her new granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker on Dec. 27.

Marie Whitwell Is
Honoree At Party

College and high school friends of Miss Marie Whitwell were guests at a party in her honor Monday night, Dec. 27, in the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Cloude on Hill Street.

Miss Whitwell is a student at Texas University in Austin and was home for the holidays. She returned to the university on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The usual Christmas decorations, including mistletoe, were used throughout.

Refreshments of mince pie and coffee were served to Melba and Evelyn Lewis, Elizabeth Ramsey, Rose Petty, Lou Emma Shugart, Betty Weaver, Joe and Lane Ericson, Bob Weaver, Leonard Wilson, Jr., Alfred Walker, Pat Christal, Pete and Pike Dobbins, Billy Addy and the honoree, Miss Whitwell.

1917 Study Club
Elects Officers

The 1917 Study club met with Mrs. C. R. Gollihar, Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. The following officers were elected at the business session: President, Mrs. C. H. Elliott; vice-president, Mrs. Clyde Bingham; secretary, Mrs. E. D. Hagins; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Gruben; parliamentarian, Mrs. Nell Davis; reporter, Mrs. Fred C. Haile; historian, Mrs. L. H. Perry.

A time quiz was given by Mrs. Nell Davis and patriotic music was rendered by Mrs. R. E. Dickson.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. Ned Baird, R. E. Dickson, L. H. Perry, Clyde Bingham, Clark Forbis, E. D. Hagins, W. C. Gruben, R. C. Forbis, Nell Davis, J. E. Berry and the hostess, Mrs. Gollihar.

Mrs. George Hostess
To 1931 Study Club

The 1931 Study club met with Mrs. R. C. George Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The president, Mrs. Winston Brummett, presided during the business session.

The following officers were elected for next year: President, Mrs. Ray Penn; vice-president, Mrs. Bynum Britton; secretary, Mrs. Ferril Albin; treasurer, Mrs. Harold Karr; reporter, Mrs. Bob Simmons; historian and librarian, Mrs. Ray Penn; delegate to City Federation, Mrs. Jerry Ensey.

The program was on Post War Plans. Roll call was answered by telling "What I can do to be ready." Mrs. Brummett gave an interesting paper on Post War Plans and Mrs. Penn told about Post War Homes.

Delicious refreshments of salad, butter wafers, olives and spiced tea were served to the following members: Mmes. Winston Brummett, Ferril Albin, Bynum Britton, Hobert Lewis, Ray Penn, Jerry Ensey and the hostess, Mrs. George.

Mrs. Wilson Honors
Son At Dinner Party

Mrs. Leonard Wilson was hostess at a dinner, given in honor of her son, Leonard Jr., Seaman 1/c, who is now stationed at San Bruno, Calif., Monday night, Dec. 27, at 7:30 o'clock.

The menu consisted of fried chicken, cream gravy, cream potatoes, green beans, stuffed olives, celery, hot rolls, jello salad, devil food cake and hot chocolate.

Those present for the occasion were Evelyn and Melba Lewis, Leonard Wilson, Jr., the honoree; Bob Weaver, A. S. Marie Whitwell, Alfred Walker, Betty Weaver, Elizabeth Ramsey, Homer Charles Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Vaughan and sons, Lee Owen Jr., and Douglas, of Lubbock.

Draft Board News

Following is a list of new registrants for the month of December, 1943:

Wallace Millard Smith, Spur, Texas.

Jesus Hernandez, Glynn, Texas.

Sherman Lloyd Finney, McAdoo, Texas.

Willie Anderson Young, Spur, Texas.

Billy Henry Smith, Spur, Texas.

Edd Partridge, Dickens, Texas.

Bill Garner, Afton, Texas.

G. A. Bonham Jr. Afton, Texas.

Gilbert Eugene Hudson, Spur, Texas.

Bascom Nathaniel Pipkin, McAdoo, Texas.

THEATRE PARTY

Members of the Knights of Pythias lodge in Spur entertained the Pythian Sisters with a theatre party last Friday night at the Spur Theatre.

About 25 couples were present at the showing of "Tahiti," which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Methodist Church

10:00 a. m. Sunday School, H. M. Christian, superintendent.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship service.

6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p. m. Evening worship service.

On Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet in the home of Mrs. Kate Morris. This will be the annual pledge service. Wednesday, 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting and choir practice.

First Baptist Church

Herman Coe, Pastor

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship service. The pastor's subject for this service will be "The Church In Action."
6:45 p. m. Training Union.
7:30 p. m. Evening worship service.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the lovely floral offering and for the many kind words of sympathy upon the death of our dear mother. May God bless and keep each of you, is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bell, Spur and
Mr. and Mrs. Barton Wood, Gatesville.

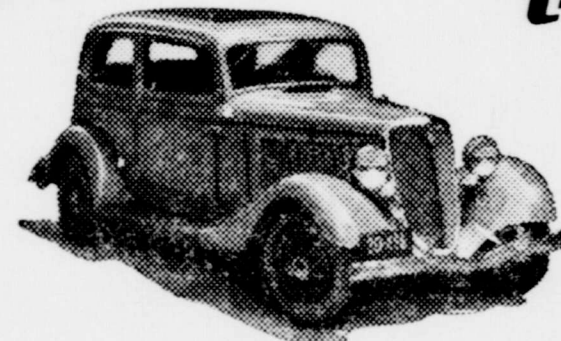
Women Needed for
Training In United
States Marine Corps

Staff Sergeant Charles W. Clarke, in charge of U. S. Marine Recruiting Station, Abilene, Texas, advises he can enlist 22 women in January between the ages of 20 and 36 in the U. S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

Women Marines are trained to do it right away to handle a New River, N. C., before being assigned to various duties in the Marine Corps, such as bookkeeping, clerks, hairdressers, laundries, typists, mechanics, the war emergency. Manufacturers, motion picture operators have expanded their operators, office machine operators with the sole object of parachute riggers, passenger training the war, without stop-truck car drivers, radio operators to worry about overexpansion, stenographers, typists, telephone operators and many others. Aircraft companies are headed by same as for the merchant men of ability, 1944. Clothing allowance includes for pioneers. They are well equipped green uniform for winter and to take care of themselves white seersucker with green pinstripe and solid white for summer.

Contrary to public opinion by turning out well-trained women marines receive more pay than men and women for business in civilian life in same position. Write them today for one cal and dental treatment is free.

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The Lord called our Daddy Jim And took him up to heaven with Him.

He needed someone sweet and true. And he knew that Daddy Jim would do.

Oh! Daddy Jim, we miss you so, Why, Oh why, did you have to go? But I guess the Lord knew what was best, So he carried you home so you could rest.

Up there the lights are never dim, And you'll have rest and peace with Him, And when you walk those streets of gold,

Remember that we loved you so. Composed by Mrs. Lloyd Rudder, Girard, Texas.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Myers and S/Sgt. James O. Hart attended the funeral of Mrs. Byron Hart in Aspermont Dec. 24. Mrs. Hart passed away in the hospital at Levelland with pneumonia.

Cross Marks the Spot.

Mother—Well, Jimmy, do you think your teacher likes you? Jimmy—I guess she does; she puts a big kiss on all my sums.

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OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Cadet Billy Powell, who is taking the Army specialized training at Texas A. and M. College, spent Christmas Day in Spur with his father, J. V. Powell. Billy reports that he is doing quite well at the college and is making good grades in all his studies.

Rev. Howard H. Hollowell recently received word that S/Sgt. Robert M. Hollowell of Kermit, Texas, a cousin, had been killed in action in the European area. Sgt. Hollowell is a son of J. M. Hollowell of Kermit.

Cpl. Leon Isaacs of Casper, Wyo., arrived in Spur Tuesday of last week to spend a few days with relatives. Miss Juandella Isaacs, a sister of Amarillo, accompanied him here for a visit.

2nd Lt. and Mrs. G. B. Wadzek of Del Rio spent the week end in Spur visiting old friends. Lt. Wadzek was principal of Spur high school for eight years before entering the service. He is in the physical training department of the Air Corps and is now

studying rehabilitation work in preparation for overseas duty. He stated that he was certainly glad to be back in Spur and greet his old friends.

Pfc. Johnnie C. Randall of the Army Air Forces, I. S. I. P., stationed at Bryan, Texas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Randall in Spur while on a seven-day furlough. This is the first furlough he had had in 14 months.

Pfc. Doyle H. Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Bingham, has returned to Garden City, Kans., after a 14-day furlough. He is stationed at the air base there. Pfc. Bingham, who was inducted into the army in September, 1942, is in the Quartermaster division.

Sgt. Billy B. Saxon arrived in Spur Sunday night from Keesler Field, Miss., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Saxon, while on a 15-day furlough. Sgt. Saxon is with the air transport command at Keesler Field.

Herman Cornelius, Seaman 2/c of San Diego, Calif., arrived in Spur Sunday. He has received a medical discharge from the Navy. He will visit his wife and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Yoes.

Sgt. Billy J. Towles of Sherry Point, N. Car., spent a few days here last week with Mrs. Dave Wilson.

Pfc. Raymond Ince, who is taking the Army specialized training at Texas Tech, and Miss Louise Ince, a student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ince. Raymond is taking an engineering course at Texas Tech.

Mrs. Emma Russell received word from the War Department that the address of her son, Staff Sgt. Stanley R. Russell, had been changed to Co. A, 2nd Sig. Bn., APO 9330, %Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Bob Weaver, A. S., returned to Austin, where he is stationed with the Navy, after spending the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver.

Kenneth Dopson, Seaman 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dopson of Spur, has been transferred from San Diego, Calif., to Lawrence, Kans. He is taking electricians mate course there. He has been in the Navy for two months.

Sgt. William C. Starcher is now at Greenville, S. Car., it was learned here this week. Sgt. Starcher is studying to be a tail gunner.

C. R. Walthall, A. S., is in San Diego, Calif. He writes that the Navy isn't for old men with five children, but he is managing to keep going. He would like to hear from any of his friends. His address is C. R. Walthall, A. S., Co. 43-524, USNTS, San Diego, Calif.

Sgt. Billy Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sparks of Dickens, has made some history for this county. He has been given special decorations for his services on foreign fields. This was the third Christmas he has been away from home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott received a telegram Tuesday from their son, S/Sgt. W. C. Scott, who had seen about a year of foreign service, stating that he had just landed back in the states at Miami, Fla. He said he was well and feeling fine.

S/Sgt. Hub Hight, stationed at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas, is in Spur this week visiting his mother, Mrs. W. L. Hight, and his brother, Horace Hight, while on a 7-day furlough.

Sgt. Lowrance of Afton Is Reported Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lowrance of Afton received word last week that their son, Sgt. Gerald K. Lowrance has been missing in action in the European area since Dec. 11.

Sgt. Lowrance was a member of a bomber crew on a B-17 and was stationed in England. The crew failed to return from a bombing mission over Germany on that date.

He had only been in the service about eleven months, having entered the Army on Jan. 27, 1943.

Lt. Brummett Now A Student At Four-Engine Pilot School

Word was received here last week from Roswell Army Air Field that 2nd Lt. Dudley K. Brummett, son of Judge and Mrs. H. A. C. Brummett, of Dickens, is now a student in the four-engine pilot school at the Army Air Forces Command station at that field. Lt. Brummett received his pilot wings recently at Yuma, Ariz.

Lt. Brummett, a brother of County Attorney Winston Brummett, attended Lubbock high school and the University of Texas.

So What?

Getting out this paper is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly;

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we clip from other papers, we are too lazy to write it down ourselves;

If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.

If we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting up news.

If we do get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius;

If we do, the paper is filled with junk.

If we make a change in a fellow's write-up, we are too critical;

If we don't, we are asleep.

Now, like as not someone will say we swiped this from some other paper.

WE DID!

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Blackberry and dewberry plants at \$1.50 per hundred at my place 4 miles southwest of Girard. See H. E. Brooks. 7-4tp

FOR SALE: Good Ford tractor and all equipment. See P. A. Willmon. Afton, Texas. 8-4tp

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who's never turned his head and said, "Not bad!"

Personal Mention

Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin left Thursday of last week for Carlsbad, New Mex., for a two-day visit with her son Loyd and family. She spent Sunday in McAdoo with her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Dennis and family on her return to Spur.

Mrs. Sam Augustine and Miss Winifred Lee of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with their parents. Mayor and Mrs. Lewis Lee.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christian last week were his mother, Mrs. G. L. Christian of Abilene; his brothers, Capt. G. L. Christian Jr., now stationed in Florida, and Dr. T. E. Christian and wife and sons, Tommy and David, of San Antonio. Capt. Christian has been sent to Florida after serving two years in the Southwest Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Milam, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hull and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Proctor were in Dallas last week end attending the Cotton Bowl game.

Rev. and Mrs. Herschel Thurston and daughter, Ann, of Perryton, were visitors in Spur Friday of last week. Rev. Thurston is a former pastor of the First Methodist church in Spur.

Miss Virginia Lee of Liberty spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Emma Lee, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Moore of El Paso were in Spur from Wednesday to Friday of last week, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Moore. They returned by way of Lubbock to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Conn, for a few days.

Miss Gene Engleman, student at TCU in Fort Worth, and Miss Betty Jo Woodrum, student at TSCW in Denton, spent the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Engleman and Mrs. Mack Woodrum. They left for Lubbock Friday to spend the week end with other relatives and friends before returning to their schools this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Ainsworth Gate of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Gabbert and sons, Keen and Bob, of Lubbock, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keen Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bond and family of McAdoo left Saturday for Cross Plains to visit with his mother, Mrs. M. A. White. The returned to their home in McAdoo first of the week.

Miss Ann Thurston, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Thurston of Perryton, returned to Fort Worth Saturday to resume her studies at Texas Wesleyan College after spending Thursday and Friday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherrill spent a few days in Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jephth Craig during Christmas.

Miss Pearl Matthews of Dallas, sister of Mrs. W. C. Gruben, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Matthews and daughter, Olive Pearl, of Lubbock, were Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Gruben.

Miss Emma Pearl Gruben spent Christmas week in Haskell as a guest of Judge and Mrs. John F. Ivy.

Mrs. Grace Owen Loyd and daughter, Jeanine, of McAdoo, and Mrs. Emma Russell and daughter, Wanda Ruth, spent part of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Beulah K. Bird on her ranch near Post.

Miss Margie Nell Russell returned to the University of Texas at Austin after spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Emma Russell, and grandmother, Mrs. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cravy and son, Mack, of Morton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ince.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ince were in Brownfield on Sunday of last week getting acquainted with their new grandson, born recently to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ince. The new baby's name is William Thomas Ince, Jr.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Coe and daughter, Charmian, were in Plainview Monday and Tuesday attending a conference of District 9, of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Love and family spent the Christmas holidays in Cisco with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ledbet and daughter of Odessa spent last week end in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ensey.

Mrs. Kelly Marsh was a guest of Mrs. J. A. Marsh in Abil last week end.

Dennis and Harry Tom Martin of near Anson spent a few hours in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Maybell Thornton last week on their return from a hunting trip in Motley county.

Don Martin, coach at Ranger high school, visited recently in Spur. Martin formerly taught in Spur and later was coach at Matador a number of years.

The Glen Jackson family have recently moved from Spur to Dickens. Jackson is one of our new oil men.

Mrs. John Stokes and small son, Ronnie, formerly of Dumas, have moved to Spur to make their home. They will live on East Hill Street.

Mrs. David Sisto, who has been here for the past two months visiting with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Clemmons, and her sister, Mrs. J. C. McNeill, III, returned to her home in Fort Worth last week.

Miss Margaret May Weaver returned to Post Sunday where she is teaching in the schools, after spending the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Jenkins, who have been in California for the past several months, are back in Spur. Jenkins will be employed at Jimison's barber shop.

Misses Sue Loe and Nadine Brewer, teachers in the Dickens schools, were Spur visitors Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Hollowell and daughter spent Christmas day with relatives in Sweetwater.

Mrs. W. D. Starcher and son, William D., returned Friday from a holiday visit with Lt. and Mrs. Dick Speer in Dallas. They also visited in Houston, San Antonio and Waco.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Vaughan and sons, Lee Owen Jr., and Douglas, of Lubbock, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson during the holidays.

Mrs. Jim Crump and grandchildren, Marna and Larry Smith, visited a few days with her daughter and their mother, Mrs. Melvin Granger, at Tyler during the Christmas holidays. They returned to Spur on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Jim Crump has been ill with the flu the past few days but is able to be up and about now. George Gabriel is in Dallas this week buying merchandise for the Fair Store.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding left Sunday for St. Louis, Mo., to buy new spring merchandise for the Schwarz and Son dry goods store.

Hateful to meet as are the gates of hell,
As he, who hiding one thing in his heart,
Utters another. —Homer.

Who owns the mountains? The man who has a deed to the land? Rather, the man who appreciates the mountains.—McInnell.

Slave to no sect, who takes no private road; but looks through nature up to nature's God.—Pope.

The perfections of Nature show that she is the image of God; her defects show that she is only his image.—Palcal.

Coming or Going?
Another advantage of the stream—

lined car is that you can often get with parking it on the wrong side of the street.—Washington Post.

Sour Note.

"An injection of tannin in the roots makes the chestnut immune to blight." The comics of radio will hear of this, we are afraid. —Chattanooga Times.

Luxury or Nuisance.

Those who claim that prisoners are being pampered with radio sets in their cells evidently haven't been listening-in lately. —Grand Island (Nebr.) Independent.

Waiting for All Seats.

"Well, I finally got into the movies."
"You really did! How?"
"Oh, I paid the usual fifty cents."

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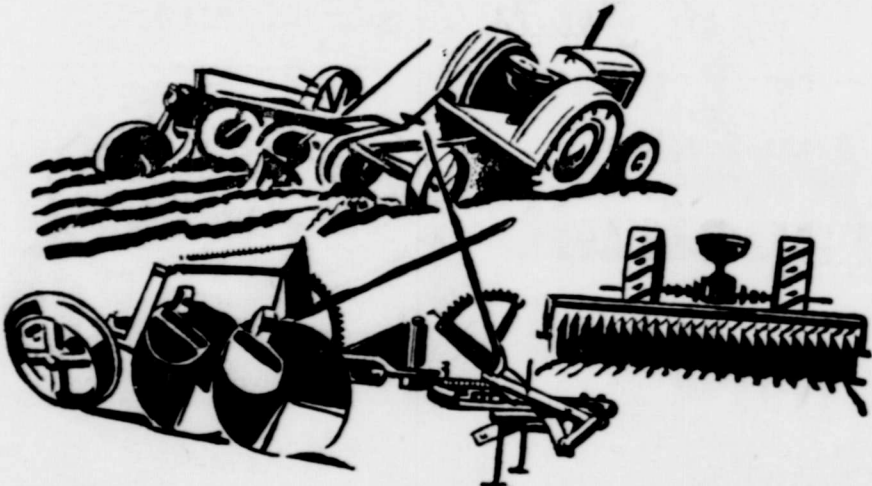
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DICKENS NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Swarengin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spears in Matador, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Swarengin and Mrs. Woodrow Swarengin accompanied S/Sgt. Woodrow Swarengin as far as Sweetwater Christmas day, where he boarded a train for Martinez, Calif., where he is stationed in the Coast Artillery. Sgt. Swarengin had been visiting his wife in Spur and his brother, C. C. Swarengin here for several days.

Mrs. H. L. Norris, deputy clerk in the sheriff's office, is back on the job this week after having undergone a major operation in a Lubbock hospital a few weeks ago.

M. L. Kelley, former Superintendent of the Patton Springs schools, visited his mother, Mrs. S. J. Tuthill and T. H. Rigby for a few days. He returned to Austin Friday of last week to take

up his studies at the University of Texas, where he is a student.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett, a boy. He has been named James Ralph and weighed six pounds at birth. Mrs. Bennett returned last week with her new son from a Vernon hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Van Pelt of Fort Worth spent the holidays in Dickens with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Harkey.

Other guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harkey during the holidays were S/Sgt. and Mrs. Mike C. Harkey of Memphis, Tenn., Miss Mary Lee Harkey of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Garner of Spur, Mrs. Johnnie Lewis and son Teddy of Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Petty and daughters, Rose, Ellice and Annette of Spur, and Harkey's brother, Eli Harkey.

Bill Perrin of Las Cruces, New Mex., and Mrs. Don Perrin and daughter, Donald Ruth, of Pampa, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Nettie Littlefield. Mr. and Mrs. Don Perrin and daughter also visited his grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Perrin in Lubbock, and her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert in the Wichita community.

1st. Lt. Woodrow Cobb, Pfc. Johnnie Cumbie Jr., and S/Sgt. Forest Ogle are all in New Guinea and are doing fine and are well. All are Dickens boys. Mrs. S. T. Johnson received word from them on Thursday of last week.

Rev. G. S. Prince of Lubbock was scheduled to arrive in Dickens this week to take up his duties as pastor of the Dickens Baptist church it was announced last week. He will be accompanied by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stagner of Amherst, and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Robinson of Snyder, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Felmy during the holidays.

Friends of Dave Odam will be sorry to learn that he suffered a broken finger several days ago while hauling well casing at Kermit, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cozby of Lubbock, and Miss Olive Meadors of Lamesa were Christmas guests of their mother, Mrs. J. H. Meadors, in Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Street and family were holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Street, and other relatives in Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boedeker of Lockney, and Miss Mary O. Baker of Lubbock, spent the Christmas holidays with Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boedeker. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boedeker are parents of Judge Boedeker.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Whatley and family of Anton, and his mother, Mrs. W. M. Whatley, were Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Whatley in Dickens.

Mrs. Lodie Herbst of Dickens and her sister, Mrs. W. T. Wilson of Amarillo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson.

The bride was raised in Red Mud community and many friends in that community and in Spur.

The groom formerly lived in Ralls where his parents now live. His father is engaged in wheat farming there. He is now employed at the Creamery.

The couple will make home in Spur.

20th Century Club Host To Federate Clubs Here Dec.

Members of the 20th Century Club were hostesses to the other federated women of Spur Tuesday, Dec. 21, applied home of Mrs. E. L. Carav. He told men and women busy occasion being the annual party. Assistant hearts today, that of making were Mmes. B. F. Hall, Kelley, E. S. Lee, O. C. and O. M. McGinty.

Mrs. George S. Link, of the club, greeted the door and presided over the evening. Mrs. Jack M. Moore, ing Berlin's "White C" accompanied by Mrs. J. Neill, III.

Mrs. O. M. McGinty, the out-of-town speaker, Luther G. Roberts, Women at Abilene College, who gave a reading of Alice Due book-length poem, "Cin Refreshments of fruit cake, and hot sp with a miniature Christmas decoration, was served by the club members.

Jessie Lee Bill Dedicates Poem to Mothers of Confederates

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week. The play was entitled "What Husbands Don't Know." Immediately following the play a pie supper was held. Claude Swarengin acted as auctioneer. The last pie to be auctioned was auctioned for the prettiest girl, Jean Ousley was nominated for this honor. A total of \$90.00 was taken in at the play and pie supper. This money will be used to buy equipment for the home-making department of the school.

Rev. J. B. McCarley of Stamford preached Sunday morning and evening at the Dickens Methodist church.

Roy Ward was a visitor in McDoo Sunday.

Dr. R. A. Self, Dr. Bagley, and Homer Scott, all of Dallas, were visitors of County Clerk E. H. Ousley last week end. They all enjoyed hunting with Eric Saturday.

N. S. Ousley, radio technician in the secret service department of the United States government, who has been stationed in Riverside, Calif., has been transferred to Paris, Texas. He visited with his brother, E. H. Ousley, a few hours Sunday while enroute to Paris.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS AT WORK

International Sunday School Lesson for January 9, 1944.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."—John 9:4.

(Lesson Text: Mark 1:23; 2:14)

Four cities stand out in the life of Jesus. He was born in Bethlehem, he grew up as a boy in Nazareth, and died in Jerusalem, and during his life he did his greatest work in and around Capernaum.

The latter city was situated on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, surrounded by a very populous neighborhood. Our lesson tells of a Sabbath day's work here.

In the synagogue of Capernaum Jesus taught and the people were "astonished at his teaching." There was no wonder that his doctrines surprised them. As a matter of fact, they are just as revolutionary today as then.

He advised his hearers to love their enemies—would not this admonition be greeted with astonishment today if practically applied?

He told men and women busy hearts today, that of making money, that material riches were not so important. He told the rich young ruler to sell all that he had and give away his wealth.

The parable of the rich fool pointed out the inadequacy of wealth in the fatal hour of death—yet how many millions of professing Christians make the acquisition of money the prime motive of life?

He advised people interested in getting all they could out of life that the best way to save their lives was to lose them, to live unselfishly and give themselves for the happiness of others. Are not these teachings astonishing to this day?

Another characteristic of the teaching of Jesus which attracted his listeners was the depth of conviction revealed in every word spoken by him. "He taught them as one having authority and not as the Scribes." Jesus believed what he said, and consequently the insity of his conviction impressed those who heard him speak.

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in effecting his miraculous cures Jesus resorted to the language of this day, or followed the current scientific knowledge about such matters.

Or, it might just be that our material science denies the existence of demons just as it questions the actual proof of the existence of souls, because the knowledge acquired in material spheres does not demonstrate spiritual truths.

Another miracle of healing concerned Peter's mother-in-law, who was sick with a fever. The news spread and many in the city flocked to the great healer for relief from pain and disease.

Such miraculous cures are not experienced today. But everywhere Christianity has gone it has taken the hospital and modern medical relief.

Following the busy day, with all its demands on nerve and muscle, Jesus rested during the night. However, early in the morning ("a great while before day," possibly to avoid the crowds), Jesus went off to a place of solitude for prayer, renewing his spiritual power and faith through this divinely appointed means. If Jesus had need for prayer, what about the ordinary man and woman? What wonders might be ours if we sought spiritual strength earnestly?

Conservation On Farm A Matter of National Concern

Conservation on farm and range is a matter of national concern in wartime. Conservation farming makes the best use of all the land and all the water. While America is at war we must have efficiency in industry. We cannot afford waste of land or water or labor on the farm any more than we can afford waste of metal, power, or labor in the factory. A conservation program is helping to win the war by proper management for eliminating waste of soil, water, and productive capacity of our soil.

Program and work plans of soil conservation districts, technical planning and supervision by the Soil Conservation Service technicians, financial assistance from the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, educational work of the State Extension Service and numerous programs of other agencies and groups are means of helping farmers and ranchers achieve sound and practical conservation of their land and water resources.

Technical advice, money, work plans, and knowledge will not save the soil or increase its production unless these conservation measures are actually applied to the land by those who own and operate it. The land in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District can produce more and produce it longer if conservation measures are applied. The Nation and its allies at war need more food. The

job of agriculture is clear-cut. It must be done by those on the land.

Most of the farmers and ranchers in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District are doing their part. The past week applications for help on soil and water conservation work were received from Luther Thornton, J. F. Phiftr, J. F. Baker, G. A. Sloan, R. A. Greer, A. D. Sumerlin, Mrs. Gay Collet and S. B. Goodrich.

New farm plans were completed for J. A. Wade Estate, C. R. Scott, Bob Hahn, B. F. Hale, D. C. Boydston and L. C. Camp. Terrace lines were run for E. R. Cox, L. A. Welborn, Boh Hahn, Dave Boydston, B. F. Hale, Fred Jennings. Terraces were constructed for Robert Lewis, Dave Boydston and I. L. Denson.

While President of the United States, George Washington lived in New York City.

Answers To Quiz

1. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin conferred at Teheran.
2. Mid-December.
3. Three or four carriers, with cruisers, destroyers and, possibly, one or more battleships.
4. A rule of the War Labor Board to limit wage increases to 15 per cent above levels of Jan. 1941.
5. National Association of Manufacturers.
6. Estimate: about 40,000,000.
7. When nervous and apt to shoot inopportunistly.
8. It was King Arthur's sword.
9. About 1,000,000.
10. When he has a "Verbal Order of the Commanding Officer."

The first public school in America was the Boston Latin School, established in 1635.

BUY BONDS... and we'll win the war!

(An Open Letter To Whatever Is Left of the Axis)

Jan. 6, 1944.

Dear Axis:

AMERICA will win this war.

AMERICA has a heritage of liberty and we intend to preserve it.

AMERICANS are a God-fearing, God-loving nation with a passion for justice and freedom—and you're not big enough to take them from us.

AMERICA is only beginning to give you what's coming to you. We're licking you—in Africa! In the Pacific! And there's more to come—in Europe!

YOU'RE FIGHTING MORE THAN ARMED FORCES! You're fighting the American people—130 million strong and unanimously agreed on one thing: **WE DON'T LIKE YOU OR YOUR PRINCIPLES!**

PROUDLY we Americans sent our sons, husbands and brothers to lick you. But while we "praise the Lord," we're passing the ammunition—to our men on the battlefield.

YES—WE AMERICANS are buying WAR BONDS and our little Americans are buying WAR STAMPS. We're going to blitz you... with nickles, dimes, dollars, and men!

YOUR TIME IS UP, AXIS.

Confidently,

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NOTICE!

We have opened up another used parts and Work Shop in the building formerly occupied by Williams Produce & Feed across the street southeast of Ince Machine Shop, am still operating

follows: Mrs. Gussie Stearns, Mrs. Plainview; Mrs. Zada Curd, Glenn; Mrs. Gladys Harris, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Willie Mae Stafford, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Myra (Dick) Watson, somewhere in England; Wiley R. Stafford, Gardena, Calif., and Mrs. Mavis Hext, National City, Calif.

They are represented in the service of our country by Myra (Dick) Watson, serving with the WAC's in England; David E. Watson, son-in-law, with the Marines, stationed at Mare Island, Calif.; Pleas Curd, son-in-law, with the Seabees, stationed in the Aleutians; and Stafford S. Stearns, grandson, in the Army, stationed at Pomona, Calif.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the kind people for the generous offering and the beautiful flowers during the illness and death of our dear husband and father.

May the Lord's richest blessings be yours.

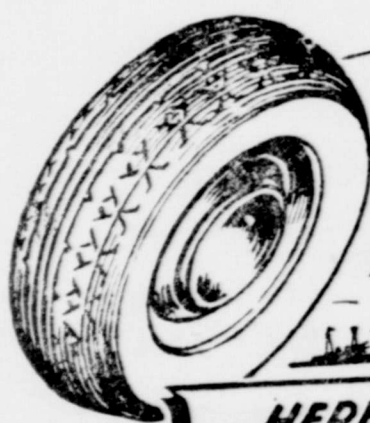
Mrs. J. H. Rudder and children.

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YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Mrs. Smith's Cafe



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The best way to save the rubber in your tires is to have them recapped in time! That's why the government is making it easier for you to get recaps. You no longer have to burn up a lot of gas and rubber shuttling between the Tire Inspector and the Ration Board to get recaps—you just drive in and get the job done. No certificate is needed! Do your share to save rubber—get tires recapped on time.

We have just received a new shipment of rubber, come in early for your recapping job.

O. K. TIRE SHOP

Pilot No. 5



Freddie looked at him in white anger.

What Has Happened So Far:

Trapped on a Pacific outpost with only one airplane after a devastating Jap attack, five American pilots vie with each other for the honor of going aloft to try to wipe out the enemy base. Major Eichel, Dutch officer in charge, picks George Collins because he seems most sure of himself. As George is in the air, his comrades review their knowledge of his mysterious life, which had seemed shattered by some unknown shock. Vito Alessandro, one of the five, says that he knows what provided this shock.

CHAPTER TWO

The secret of the lavishly furnished suite of offices with which Alessandro was endowed after he began law practice was not hard to find. His uncle was an executive in Hank Durban's high-pressure political machine. Vito attracted business from the start because persons found that if he represented them, licenses could be obtained more easily, or court matters settled with speed. Unlike George, who was head man in his class, Vito had just slipped by the final exams. But his economic status as a young lawyer seemed to be in reverse ratio to his difficulties in earning the right to practice.

In Vito's private office was a gaudy-colored chromo of Il Duce's entry into Rome, with a stark barrage of tanks and a solid wall of saluting fascist troops.

Freddie, when she accepted an offer to work in this office and first saw the picture, gave a gasp.

"It's so horrible. Mr. Alessandro," she said. "Where did you get it?"

Vito grinned. "Governor Durban sent it out to all his Italian constituents," he explained.

Freddie could not trust herself to speak. But there was another surprise to follow.

"My uncle thinks I'm not too hot a lawyer," said Vito. "He recommended having George Collins for a partner." He paused,

and watched her expression intently. "You see," he went on, "I thought it wouldn't be a bad idea to have us both here, where you could sort of choose between us." He clenched his hands. "Freddie, I love you. I'm going to fight for you."

Freddie looked at him coldly. "Forget it, Vito," she said. "Forget it completely, absolutely."

"I can't do that," said Vito. "I'll always feel the same about you."

"George will never take the job here," said Freddie.

"I wouldn't be too sure about that," countered Vito. "It's not every fellow just out of law school who gets the governor of the state to take a personal interest in him. He'd be a fool if he turned it down."

Freddie, nevertheless, pleaded with George, when she saw him, to refuse the offer flatly. The cherished the highest ideals for him and while she felt it was all right to work as a secretary in Vito's office, for George to lend his talents to Gov. Durban's thinly disguised plans for land reclamation at the expense of the poor, the original landowners, created a feeling of fear and panic in her. Still she could not dictate his decision; and after he had gone with Vito to see Durban and received the offer of a law partnership directly from him, she was forced to yield to the inevitable. George's mind was made up; he was sure he would not be harmed by the association. Freddie, aware of the intense suffering already caused as Durban made thousands homeless, merely brooded.

George, working overtime to figure out ways of getting rid of more property-holders to make way for Durban's ruthless and power-colored schemes, was late meeting Freddie at their house. A slight feeling of anxiety came over him as he looked at the incompleting top part and the unshingled roof, but soon, he reflected, he would have money to help fulfill his and Freddie's dreams.

Freddie was seated in the darkened interior. Contrary to her ordinary behavior, she didn't turn or get up as George entered.

"I'm sorry I couldn't get away," George told her awkwardly. "There were three million things piled up and no one to help me handle them." Freddie still averted her head and he hurried on: "I know we haven't done any work on the house in a long time. But don't be angry. Surely you don't think that being poor and building our own house meant that we loved each other more than now, when we'll get a contractor to go ahead with it."

Freddie began to sob softly,

and George pulled her toward him. "Honey," he begged, "you mustn't feel like that. It's not as if we were going to stay in this house all our lives. We'll have a lot bigger one some day. And don't worry about my job. I swear I'm not going to let it change me."

Freddie, still unable to express her feelings in words, sobbed and put her arm about him.

Freddie was working at the office late one night, George having rushed to the capital to see the governor.

All at once the office boy came in and said to Vito: "There's a man here to see you, Mr. Alessandro. I think he's your brother from Italy."

Vito was electrified. "Nikola!" he cried excitedly. This was the time of which he had always dreamed, the time when his boyhood idol—the veteran and hero of many of Mussolini's campaigns—would come back in triumph to his family.

When the door opened, however, Vito stared in horror. This man with the scars and dark glasses and the skeleton-like figure . . . could it possibly be Nikola? Not until the visitor had spoken could he accept the truth.

"Nikola, what happened to you?" he asked in a shaken voice.

"They put me in prison," answered Nikola. "Two years. They found out how I felt about the government."

"But the postcards. They said you were well—"

"They were faked. I didn't want to die in Italy. Finally I managed to escape. I came to America for a last look at mama and you. I wanted to breathe clean air once more, in a free land."

Turning, Nikola suddenly got a glimpse of the glorified picture showing Mussolini's triumphal entry into Rome.

"What is this doing here?" he cried hoarsely. "Is this a joke?"

Vito tried to make some evasive remark, but Nikola, staggered to the wall, ripped the picture down in cold fury.

"You stupid dog!" he shouted. "Is this what you make of America? You who had the good fortune to live here? You had to become a traitor to the country that welcomed you!"

Vito, trying to pacify his brother, said that of course he liked America but that he felt the ideal of democracy to be an illusion. Worn out by his tirade and stunned by his brother's delinquency, Nikola sank back. All that he wanted now was to see his mother. When he had been brought to her, he felt that this truth was the end, and at the first chance to be alone, he cut his wrists in the washbowl and ended his life.

Desperately needing some understanding companionship, Vito rushed to Freddie's apartment and poured out the whole story.

"You didn't kill him, Vito," she told him compassionately.

"Maybe I'll never know if I did—" he answered. "Anyway, I had to come. I felt you were the only one in the world who could straighten me out."

"I don't know if I can straighten you out," said Freddie intensely, "but what you've told me is beginning to straighten me out. This thing your brother was fighting in Italy—maybe it's here too, Vito! I didn't see what it was, until now. And we haven't been fighting it. We've been feeding it. That's what's the matter with all of us, you and George and me."

There was a sudden knock at the door. It was George, coming home from Durban's unexpectedly and wanting to say hello. For a moment he failed to see Vito in the corner; then as he did, he drew back in astonishment.

"Oh, maybe I should have gone straight on home," he said. "Don't talk like that," interjected Vito. "Something happened tonight—"

George's voice rang out bitterly. "Ever since I got in that law office," he cried, "you've been trying your best to bust us up. Taking Freddie's side every time we had an argument—"

Freddie looked at him in white anger, as he paused. Vito spoke with a voice that seemed a hollow echo.

"My brother Nikola killed himself," he said.

George was genuinely touched. "Vito, I'm sorry," he answered. He turned to Freddie. "I can't blame you both for being sore. Forgive me, Freddie."

Vito rose and started for the door. He spoke with a great effort. "I don't want to be the reason for any trouble," he said. "Maybe I did try to bust you up, but that's over."

When he had left, the high tension between Freddie and George almost seemed like something malignant.

"Who do you think you've loved all these years?" cried Freddie wildly.

"There's no use getting angry," said George. "I guess a guy's entitled to two bits worth of jealousy."

"That wasn't jealousy," said Freddie. "It wasn't even you talking."

"I guess maybe it wasn't," George responded. "I had a tough

night. Waited three hours for Durban, and couldn't even see him."

Freddie stared at him, then chose her words with stoical deliberation. "George," she said, "it's happened."

"What's happened?" he demanded.

"What I was scared of. I love you as much as most people love each other—maybe more. But do you know something? I don't like you."

George's startled look gave way to a slight smile. "That's double talk," he said.

Freddie shook her head. "No, it isn't. It's been coming on a long time. From the moment you stopped liking yourself."

"Why shouldn't I like myself?"

"You haven't liked yourself for pushing these families around—have you? Or for the way you stopped trusting me tonight?"

"Look, honey," said George with some irritation. "I'm wearing myself out trying to understand you. Just what do you mean?"

"I mean either we both get out of that office, or we're finished."

George looked at her incredulously. "You mean you're going to let a thing like this break us up?"

"It's more than that," said Freddie. "I'm only asking you to leave that dirty job before we fall out of love completely—"

"What cockeyed idea have you got of love?" interrupted George. "If you love a man you stick with him!"

"There's something going on in this country that we've got to fight," said Freddie bitterly. "Fight it before it starts getting control in various places and changing us." She paused. "You don't even look like the man I thought I loved."

George, trying to force a bantering smile to his lips, actually felt a cold shudder. "What do I look like?" he asked.

Freddie spoke without flinching. "Like the cheap, ward-heeled, would-be fascist you've become!" she retorted.

She hadn't meant to say it that bluntly, but there it was. It was now or never, with their future poised in the scales.

George looked at her in mingled anger and amazement. Then he raised his hand and slapped her across the mouth.

Freddie, a feeling of blackness coming over her, sensed that this was the finish.

"Get out!" she ordered.

"Freddie—" begged George, overcome at what he had done.

"Get out now!" repeated Freddie. "Get out!"

There was little else he could do except obey. Listening to his receding footsteps, Freddie felt everything spin about her, and reached out for support. The thing that Durban had brought into George's life, she reflected, had been so strong, and evil, that it had strangled everything else. When she had regained self-control she sat down and wrote a letter to Vito, resigning her position at the office. She had decided to leave town.

(To be continued)

(Coming to Palace Theatre Soon.)

Marines Recruiting West Texas Platoon

U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Abilene, Texas, which comprises 53 counties, is enlisting 17 year old youths for a Marine Platoon composed of boys from West Texas. Birth certificates and parent's consent papers are necessary.

High school boys will be allowed to graduate in mid-year class before being called for "boot training" in San Diego, Calif. This training is for seven weeks, after which "boots" are permitted to select any of the 43

branches of service. Enlistment is for duration of national emergency and six months. Texas leads in enlistment of recruits.

Boys who are interested should enlist before reaching their 18th birthday, as Marine quotas through induction stations are very small. Write or call U. S. Marine Recruiting Station, 203 Post Office Bldg., Abilene, Texas. Descriptive literature and parent consent blanks will be sent immediately.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued last week by the office of the county clerk of Dickens county:

Samuel Vargas and Miss Mary Valdez.

J. B. Haralson Jr. and Miss

Lorraine Boise Bond.

Lt. Karr Writes Of Hunting Trip In African Desert

A letter was recently received by Miss Opal Karr from her brother, 2nd Lt. Guy B. Karr, who is somewhere in North Africa. He stated that he was feeling fine.

He stated that he had just returned from a 200-mile hunting trip. Only a limited number were allowed to go. Karr said, and he happened to draw a lucky number. He made the trip in a jeep and after getting out in the great open spaces they started shooting rabbits from the moving jeep.

Quoting from the letter: "When one would jump up we would take after him like we used to do in the wheat fields, only the ground was not as smooth and we were shooting rifles instead of shotguns. We killed several, also one red fox out of three that we saw. Two of us were shooting and, of course, we both had the satisfaction of thinking 'I was the one that killed him.'"

"After driving about 75 miles in the desert we arrived at the place where the game, that we had started out to get, was supposed to be, but found that they had gone on south about 75 miles or at least that is what the Nomads told our guide. Our gas supply was too limited to go any farther, so we did not accomplish what we had started out to do, but the trip was very interesting in that we saw so much of the country that had not been affected by the Army being here. The Nomads and their camel caravans were very interesting. We visited one of their tents and watched them pack the camels for a move. I suppose we saw a thousand camels in all. These nomads were scattered along for several miles. We could not find out where they were going or where they came from.

"We came out in the daylight and as we were nearing the mountains we crossed a place almost exactly like Blanco Canyon at Crosbyton, except there was no road, just a trail, and there was not as much vegetation, but the rim around the edge was just as level. It took

us about six hours to go sixty miles, so you can imagine what a rough country it was."

Lt. Karr was employed for many years at the postoffice in Spur before entering the service. He is in the Postal section of the Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Karr. He is also a brother of Hubert Karr.

County Educators In Austin Attending Teachers Conference

Supt. C. F. Cook, of the Spur public schools, and Supt. O. T. Loyd, of the McAdoo schools, left Wednesday for Austin to attend the eleventh annual mid-winter conference of school executives and teacher trainers, which will convene Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

The purpose of this conference is to provide opportunity and encouragement for leadership, to re-think and re-shape the program of education in Health, Guidance, and Vocational training, conservation of our natural resources, prevention of juvenile delinquency and Inter-America relations to meet the general emergency and individual community needs.

Special war films will be shown in the auditorium of the First Baptist church in Austin, headquarters for the conference, on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Many prominent educators will speak at the conference.

Schedule Announced For District 8-B Basket Ball Teams

The following is the basketball schedule of District 8-B, as released by officials of the district recently:

First Half.

Jan. 4, Lorenzo at Patton Springs, Jayton at McAdoo, Dickens at Robertson; Jan. 11, McAdoo at Patton Springs, Robertson at Lorenzo, Jayton at Dickens; Jan. 14, Patton Springs at Robertson, Dickens at McAdoo, Lorenzo at Jayton; Jan. 18, Patton Springs at Dickens, Robertson at Jayton, McAdoo at Lorenzo; Jan. 21, Jayton at Patton Springs, Dickens at Lorenzo, Robertson at McAdoo.

Second Half.

Jan. 25, Patton Springs at Lorenzo, McAdoo at Jayton, Robertson at Dickens; Feb. 1, Patton Springs at McAdoo, Lorenzo at Robertson, Dickens at Jayton; Feb. 4, Robertson at Patton Springs, McAdoo at Dickens, Jayton at Lorenzo; Feb. 11, Dickens at Patton Springs, Jayton at Robertson, Lorenzo at McAdoo; Feb. 15, Patton Springs at Jayton, Lorenzo at Dickens, McAdoo at Robertson.

Dairy Farmers May Make Application For Feed Payments

Hubert Karr, executive secretary of the Dickens county AAA committee, stated this week that he wishes to remind all dairy farmers of the county that they may now make application for dairy feed payments for the months of November and December, 1943. Karr said that all farmers are urged to come to the AAA office in Dickens as early as possible to make application for this payment.

Karr also stated that application blanks would be available at dealers as soon as they are received by his office, but a sufficient supply for this has not yet been received.

Mother of Mrs. Bell Heart Attack Victim

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bell left Saturday, Dec. 25, for Waco, to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. F. Wood, a former resident of Spur, who died of a heart attack Christmas morning at 8:30 o'clock. The services were conducted Monday.

Mrs. Wood was 68 years of age and had lived in Waco for the past 17 years.

She is survived by one son, Barton Wood, Gatesville; and one daughter, Mrs. Bell, Spur; three grandchildren, Reese and Bobby Latimer, Waco, and James Fox, in the navy at San Diego, Calif. Also one great grandchild, Sherman K. Latimer, Waco. All attended the services except James Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell returned to Spur Tuesday night of last week.

War Bond—

(Continued from page one) mediate plans for the bond rally if they have facilities for one. Set your date for a rally at once and notify either C. F. Cook or O. B. Ratliff.

Kent county will have at least three huge bond rallies under the supervision of county chairman, L. F. Wade, and his able assist-

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE or Trade: 80 acres of land. Would consider tractor. See W. J. Willmon, Afton, Tex. 10-2p

FOR SALE or Trade: One nice little stock farm, 1/2 section. See S. T. Battles, Star Rt., Spur, Texas. 10-2tp

YANDELL Service Station in Jayton will buy your Butane Drums and Tanks. 10-4tp

FOR SALE: Bicycle, real cheap. See Mrs. Elmer Shugart or call 81. 1-c

FOR SALE: 1940 Model DeLuxe Ford. Good tires. Inquire at Spur Work Shop. 1-p

FOR SALE: 20,000 bundles of Higer priced to sell. Sell by bundle or ton. 10 miles south of Ralls. See Joe Elam, Rt. 1, Ralls, Texas. 10-2p

FOR PIANO tuning at \$5.00, also reconditioning call J. E. Lowrance, 609 N. Willard St., just west of Spur Inn. All work guaranteed. Also will buy and sell used pianos. 8-1f-c

ant, Prentiss Allen, county agent of Kent county.

Plans are progressing to have the radio comedian and entertainer, Cal Farley of Amarillo, at the huge Kent-Dickens county rally at Spur on the last Saturday of the drive, Ratliff stated.

Efforts are also being made to obtain the services of Lt. Everett Martin as a speaker for some of the rallies. Lt. Martin has recently returned from the "hell on earth" of the New Guinea area. He has seen the real McCoy of war and death. He knows the value of war bonds.

"Let's all Back the Attack!"

LOST: A gold locket somewhere on streets Christmas day. Reward offered to finder. Please return to Lois Baker at Chastain Pharmacy. 10-2p

FOR SALE: Comparatively new Maytag Electric washing machine. See or write Mrs. Thomas Bingham, the former Mrs. John Wade, Box 642, Spur. 10-3p

FOR SALE: A big team of Percheron mares, weight about 1,800 and 2,000 pounds. See Cecil Estep, 11 miles northwest of Spur. 1-p

FOR SALE or Lease: 10 acre farm east of Spur on Highway 70. See H. J. Garner at East Ward Rock Station. 1-p

WANTED: Hammer Mill. Give description and price. Ben M. Finney, McAdoo, Texas. 10-4p

FOR SALE: Buff Orpington roosters. Extra fine bunch to pick from. \$1.25 each. See M. C. Peak, 1 1/2 mile north of Girard. 10-2p

FOR TRADE: 1 Roman Durham Bull yearling. Baled hay for sale. Spur Implement Co. 10-2c

MRS. J. A. MARSH, dealer in Avon Products desires your patronage. She can be contacted at home or phone 286-w. 10-2c

FOR SALE: A few Buff Orpington roosters. Different prices. See W. M. Malone or call 127L1. 9-2p

FOR SALE or Trade: Cow and young calf. Would trade for some hogs. Prefer 50 to 75 lbs. See J. O. Morris. 11-2 miles south of Spur. 9-2p

FOR SALE: Ten-mark seed at \$1.75 per bushel, at my place 4-2 miles southwest of Spur. Mrs. L. B. McMeans. 9-2p

FARM FOR SALE: 131 acres, half mile south of Afton. Exceptionally good terms. See or write Leon Lawson, Afton, Texas. 7-1f

FOR SALE: Very choice Holstein, Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers \$25.00 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with 5 heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw, N. Y. 7-5c

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Borrow \$100.00 and pay back in 12 installments of \$8.95 each—Total cost not more than \$7.40. Larger loans at even lower rates.

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY



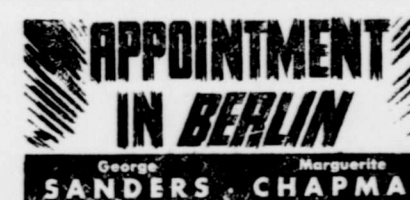
Chapter 5 of Batman.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

"A Lady Takes A Chance"

JEAN ARTHUR and JOHN WAYNE

PREVIEW-SUNDAY-MONDAY



BOND NIGHT

\$450 BOND

TUESDAY

FOR SALE

WE HAVE 4 GOOD CLEAN CARS on HAND FROM NEW YORK.

- 1-1941 Ford Tudor
- 1-1941 Chevrolet
- 1-1940 Chevrolet
- 1-1939 4-door Chevrolet

All Good Tires

H. S. Holly Agency

NOTICE!

We have purchased the Musser Lumber Co. and are now open for business.

Mr. Seaman Reynolds will continue as manager of the yard. We will appreciate the continuance of the nice business given this yard in the past.

To the best of our ability under war-time conditions we will carry a complete stock of lumber and building hardware.

Spur Lumber Co.

W. P. Lamar

O. W. Young



Hatchery Started Saturday, Jan. 1st

WE HAVE A FEW MORE UNBOOKED CHICKS ON THE FIRST HATCH

We wish to express at this appropriate time, our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and patronage, and for each of you happiness throughout the New Year.

HAIRGROVE HATCHERY

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Old-time Food favorites

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Rationed Values

Non Rationed Values

Green Beans Standard Cut	No. 2 Can	12c
Macaroni or Spaghetti Red Label	6-Oz. Pkg.	4c
Oats Morning Glory Quick or Regular	48-Oz. Pkg.	19c
Corn Meal Morrison Premium	5-Lb. Bag	26c
Popcorn Blue Diamond	1-Lb. Pkg.	18c

Malted Milk Carnation	1-Lb. Jar	38c
Toilet Tissue Silk	3 Rolls	13c
Oxydol Granulated Soap	24-Oz. Pkg.	23c
Flour Bowley's Best	25-Lb. Bag	1.28
Flour Gold Medal Fine Quality	50-Lb. Bag	2.65
Flour Kitchen Craft Fine Quality	10-Lb. Bag	52c
Flour Gold Medal Fine Quality	10-Lb. Bag	61c
Flour Bowley's Best	10-Lb. Bag	55c

Fresh Coffee

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AIRWAY

1-Lb. Bag 20c

Coffee Edwards Fine Quality

1-Lb. Pkg. 25c

Coffee Maxwell House

1-Lb. Jar 34c

Coffee Chase & Sanborn

1-Lb. Pkg. 31c

Tomatoes Gardenside Standard	No. 2 1/2 Can	15c
Sauce Gardenside Tomato	8-Oz. Can	5c

Other Values

Purity Oats	16-Oz. Pkg.	8c
Juice House of George Grapefruit Juice	46-Oz. Can	27c
Baking Powder	Clabber Girl 5-Lb. Can	59c
Grape-Nuts	12-Oz. Pkg.	14c
Post Toasties	11-Oz. Pkg.	8c
Rippled Wheat	Reg. Pkg.	10c

Saffeway Quality Meats

Fresh Pork Loin

ROAST

Loin End Cuts

Lb. 28c

4 Points per Pound

Pork Chops Center Cuts Lb. 33c Points 7

Bacon Whole or Half Slab By the Piece Lb. 29c Points 3

Cured HAMs		
Round End Lb. 33c	5 Points	
Shank End Lb. 31c	3 Points	
Center Slices Lb. 49c	8 Points	

Sliced Bacon Grade A	Lb. 35c	Points 4
Picnics Wilson's Certified	Lb. 29c	Points 2
Sausage Pure Pork, AA-2 In Cloth Bags	Lb. 33c	Points 5
Veal Steak Sirloin	Lb. 37c	Points 7
Veal Roast Shoulder Cuts	Lb. 25c	Points 5
Baked Loaves Ass'd.	Lb. 29c	Points 4

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Texas Seedless

Grapefruit

Lb. 5c

Potatoes No. 1 Colorado Rural Lb. 39c

Apples Delicious, Winesaps, and Rome Beauty Lb. 11c

Oranges Sunbelt Navel	Lb. 10c
Potatoes Nebraska Triumph	5 Lbs. 17c
Texas Yams	Lb. 10c
Avocados Nutritious 24 Size	Each 15c
Cauliflower Texas White	Lb. 10c
Waxed Rutabagas	Lb. 5c

Fresh Crisp

RADISHES

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and **BEETS**

2 Bun. 15c

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