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CHRONICLES OF EARLY DAYS

At the foot of a high hill on the south side of the Middle Concho river, near where a road crosses the river below the mouth of Kiowa Creek, was the grave of Henry Blake.

The first time I saw the grave was about 50 years ago. It was pointed out to me as the grave of a victim of a duel with guns. The grave was a mound of earth with a pile of stones laid around it.

Later, people at the 7 D Ranch placed a small, discarded steam boiler at the head of the grave as a marker. Afterward, the relatives or friends exhumed the remains of the dead cowboy and carried them away for more suitable interment.

The story of this tragedy had been told to me by several men who saw it, and when G. G. (Gid) Ainsworth told me the story last week, it occurred to me that someone ought to chronicle it for the benefit of future local history.

According to Mr. Ainsworth, the date was in the roundup season of 1884 or 1885, being about 60 years ago. Gid is not quite certain of the exact date.

A big cattle roundup was under way in the Middle Concho Valley. Several outfits were camped near each other south of the river. Among those now living who resided in the area later to be known as Sterling County, then Tom Green County, are Gid Ainsworth, then a mere lad, J. L. Glass, and W. L. Foster; W. N. (Bill) Hiler, Henry Bade, and Andy Jones and R. W. Foster, and others not recalled, were present, but now dead.

After working cattle all day, some of the boys played cards around the campfire at night. Two of the men Henry Blake and — McFera, had an argument over a game. Fighting words were passed and blows were struck, but Bill Hiler separated the two and quiet was restored for the time.

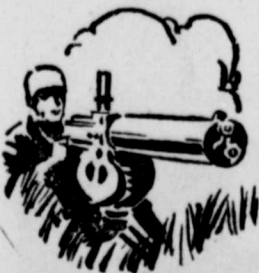
Those who knew McFera and Blake were fearful of the consequences when they would meet the next day.

Early the next day the boys were out at work when Blake was seen carrying a Winchester and McFera a sixshooter. When they met, the shooting began. A bullet from Blake's rifle grazed McFera's horse and he was forced afoot. The duellists advanced on each other as they fired. With his last shot, a bullet

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What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The 50-caliber Browning machine gun is one of the most efficient short range weapons used by U. S. Fighting forces. It is effective at ranges up to 2,000 yards and fires about 600 forty-five caliber bullets per minute.



One of these guns costs about \$1,500, while a thirty-caliber machine gun costs approximately \$600. Our fighting forces need thousands of these rapid-fire guns. Even a small town or community can buy many of them by uniting in the purchase of War Bonds. At least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day will do the trick.

U. S. Treasury Department

Quilting Bee



(WNU Service)

A Deep Oil Test To Be Drilled

The new oil test in the Clark pasture mentioned in last week's issue, is sponsored by the Ohio Oil Co. The drilling contractor is J. Fred Postelle of Odessa, who will use a rotary rig.

The contract depth is 8,500 feet unless pay is encountered. North and west from one to two miles from the new locations, J. P. Williams drilled three shallow wells in 1926 and 1927. All three had good showings. One was estimated good for twenty barrels. This was before they learned to increase the flow of oil with acid.

Wimodausis Club Studies Effect of War on Home

In the home of Miss Prebble Durham the Wimodausis Club held its regular meeting this week, with eighteen members present. Roll call was deprivations of war time, and the topic of study was "The Home Affected by the War," Mesdames E. F. McEntire, John Reed, and T. F. Foster gave interesting discussions. Mrs. David Glass and Mrs. Harvy Glass, accompanied by Mrs. Herman Everitt, sang "I Love a Little Cottage."

During the business hour, members pledged themselves to buy bonds or stamps monthly. The club is launching the project of gathering old silk hoses. A box is placed in Sharp and Bailey Dry Goods in which all ladies of the community may contribute to the war effort. Delegates were elected to the State Convention, which are Mrs. Lester Foster, and Mrs. T. F. Foster, alternate.

Mrs. Clyde Davis was welcomed as a new member.

G. A. Beeman

George Beeman, a one time citizen of Sterling, died last Saturday at Sweetwater and was buried there on the following Monday.

Mrs. Henry Bade and her son, Julius Bade attended the funeral.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The "Stovepipe," as the 60-millimeter trench mortar is commonly known, is used by our infantry for close-in fighting. It fires a 2.4-pound shell at the rate of about 35 a minute.



The mortar fires its projectile in a U-shaped arc and for this reason may be successfully camouflaged behind an obstruction. It costs about \$500. You and your neighbors, joining together, can buy many of these effective weapons for use of our Army. Investing at least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every payday will do the job. Get on the firing line on the home front . . . join the "Ten Percent Club."

U. S. Treasury Department

Salvage Needed

Our war effort needs every used tin can in this country from today until the war is over, according to information received from the State War Board. Not one can should reach the city or county dump from this week on.

Our country must recover every ounce of tin and steel, and cans must be prepared carefully to prevent loss of the vital tin coating. Housewives are requested to cut off both ends, wash the can thoroughly and remove the label, then flatten the body of the can by stepping on it. The cans should then be stored in a container protected from the weather to prevent rusting.

The time and place for turning in the salvaged cans will be determined later and such information will be given through the newspaper. In the meantime, every home should build up a reserve supply of tin and steel in the form of these cans.—Sterling County USDA War Board

David A. Henderson, uncle of Mrs. J. A. Elliott and Mrs. R. A. Garrett, died October 11, and was buried at Mullins the following day.

S. M. King Died Last Saturday

S. M. King, 70, died last Saturday at his home in San Angelo, and was buried in the Sterling City Cemetery in the afternoon of the following Monday.

Funeral services were conducted at the Sterling City Church of Christ by Minister R. D. Smith, pastor of the local church, and Minister J. P. Crushaw, pastor of the Church of Christ at San Angelo.

Lowe Funeral Directors had charge of the funeral and burial program.

Active pallbearers were: D. M. Brown, J. T. Brannon, Tom Humble, H. G. Garlington, L. R. Knight, J. H. McCabe, C. C. Ainsworth and R. C. Bynum.

Honorary pallbearers were: R. M. Woods, W. Y. Bengel, Jr., D. C. Durham, Neill Munn, C. C. Reynolds, Claude Collins, J. R. Welch, R. J. Welch, L. F. Hodges, F. M. Williams, J. L. Copeland, John Walraven and J. C. Reed.

Survivors include the widow, five daughters; Miss Bessie King of Brady, Mesdames Roy Pearce of Talpa, Emmet Walker of Coleman, H. H. Ditmore of Water Valley, and Weldon Echols of Gorman. Three sons: Riley of Sterling City, Walter of Blackwell and Robert of Fort Bliss.

Deceased lived in this county for more than 20 years. He was a good neighbor and a fine citizen.

A Hustler

Winston Churchill is delivering telegrams in Lubbock these days.

Churchill, 17-year-old freshman student at Texas Technological college, bears the same first, middle and last name as the English statesman, George Winston Churchill. His mother chose the name of Winston because it was a favorite name with her. The first name of George was chosen in honor of a relative.

Churchill collects autographs and has the signature of Prime Minister Churchill.

The student is an employe of Western Union. He is a clarinet player in the college band.—Lubbock Avalanche

Typhus Fever Increasing

Reports coming in to the State Health Department indicate an increasing incidence of typhus fever throughout the State without any particular regard to urban or rural population.

Inasmuch as nearly 900 cases of typhus fever have already been reported in Texas this year, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is urging full cooperation from all communities whether large or small in a campaign to exterminate rats and thus control the increasing prevalence of typhus.

"It must be kept in mind that the rat acts as a reservoir of the typhus germ and the rat flea is the means by which the type of typhus found in Texas is transmitted to man. Rats are liable to travel many miles from one community to another, and it is therefore obvious, that it will be necessary to make the rat extermination program over the entire state," Dr. Cox said.

Dr. Cox has recommended a four point extermination program in addition to the already widely used poisoning campaigns, which he believes, will assure more than temporary typhus control. This program includes: first, making food inaccessible to rodents through proper garbage collection and disposal; second, rat-proofing of homes and other buildings; third, keep at least two traps set and baited in every home that is not rat-proofed; fourth, proper educational measures.

Concerning the educational campaign, Dr. Cox pointed out that since the typhus fever rat is known to inhabit practically every section of the state, it will take state-wide cooperation to exterminate it. In order to do this, the public must become adequately acquainted with the habits of the rat and the various control measures that may be applied.

The State Department of Health has moving picture films on this subject and has issued a bulletin outlining rodent control measures. This bulletin will be mailed free upon request, Dr. Cox said.

S. H. Ditmore

S. H. Ditmore, 75, well known Water Valley ranchman died at a hospital in San Angelo last Friday and was buried at Water Valley Cemetery on the following Sunday. Rev. B. B. Hestir of Sanitorium, conducted the funeral services.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

When the Marines get their service pack, there is included therein a bright shiny new shovel cased in a muslin carrier. The shovel costs 68 cents and the carrier 39 cents, or \$1.07 for the ensemble.



These intrenching shovels are used by the Marines around camp, digging trenches, setting up barbed wire entanglements and in many other ways. Your purchase of War Bonds and Stamps every pay day can readily equip our forces with these necessary implements for warfare. Invest at least ten percent of your income every pay day. Buy War Bonds and Stamps from your bank, your postoffice and at retail stores.

U. S. Treasury Department

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In reading the war news, one often wonders what is meant by 37 mm, 75 mm, 88 mm and other mm calibers.

In modern gunnery, the millimeter is used as a unit in measuring the diameter of the bore of a gun.

A millimeter is the 1000th part of a meter, or 0.3937th part of an inch. Thus, a 37 mm gun has a bore of 1.45 and a fraction inches, or nearly an inch and a half in diameter. A 75 mm has a bore of 2.95 and a fraction inches in diameter, or nearly three inches.

The older models of rifles used an inch as a unit of measure of the diameter of the bore. Thus a 25 Caliber is 25-100th of an inch in diameter. A 45 caliber is 45-100th of an inch. Later models of rifles use 1000 as a bases of calibers. Thus a 30.8 Caliber rifle is 308-1000ths of an inch, or 6 1000ths of an inch larger than a 30 Caliber.

The old shotgun caliber is based on the number of round balls that a pound of lead will make. Thus, a 10-Gage shotgun means that its bore is equal to the diameter of a round leaden ball weighing one-tenth of a pound. The 12, 16, and 20 Gage guns indicate the diameter of the number of round balls in a pound of lead.

The old timer estimated the caliber of his muzzle loading rifle by saying that it takes so many balls to the pound of lead. If it used 40 bullets per pound of lead, he would say: "She takes 40."—Uncle Bill

Hitler is a black shade escaped from Hell to pester all humanity. If he could die ten million times, he could not atone for the millions of innocent lives that he has sacrificed on the altar of his unholy ambitions. Hitler is going to die (Oh, let it be soon) one of these days, and when he passes, (and haste the day) there will not be one who would insult the innocent dead by mourning his demise. The Angels will not suffer his black shape to pass through the Pearly Gates, and the nine-fold gates of Hell will not open for him because Satan does not want a shade that has out deviled all the devils since the traitor angel broke peace in Heaven and drew after him a third part of Heaven's sons to waste eternal days in woe and pain. What I am trying to say is that Hitler's early demise is devoutly to be wished.—Uncle Bill

You who have a surplus of fire wood in your pastures, put it on sale now, because some of your neighbors will need it this winter. The war conditions have made coal and petroleum fuels an uncertain problem. The time is here when coal and oil may not be had only in limited quantities—if at all, and we may have to resort to wood. There is an abundance of fuel wood in the country if it was only available.

It is a patriotic and Christian duty to help win the war, and it becomes every one to show his hand in helping his neighbors in these critical times.

I appeal to every man who can spare a load of wood, to sell it to his neighbors. You are not asked to give it away, but sell it at a reasonable price. Help yourself as well as your neighbors.—Uncle Bill

It is a well known fact that the Sterling woman is outstanding in her war activities. If there be one to challenge comparison, it is Mrs. Will Grosshans. With her own hands, she hauled in three loads of scrap metal and added it to the school collection. Her contribution added more than 5000 pounds of good metal to the great heap of junk.

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The war is on and you shouldn't be without a daily newspaper. The Star-Telegram is among the tops in America. It gives the latest war and other news.—The News-Record

From the Sterling County Library the following books are missing. As a patriotic citizen, will you please check over your own library and see if any of these books are in your home. Some one may have lent it to you. You may have thought you returned it. Please look again over the books in your possession. Return at once. "And So Victoria," "How Green Was My Valley," "Can This Be Wrong," "Kitty Foyle," "For Whom The Bells Toll," "My Son, My Son," "Crowing Her," "Baker's Dozen," "Mrs. Miniver" "Hurricane" and "Dr. Norton's Wife".



Church of Christ
R. D. Smith, minister

You are invited to attend the services at the Church of Christ. You will always be welcome and your presence will be appreciated. Bible class at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m., Communion Services at 11:45 Preaching at 8:08, p. m. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.

A very cordial welcome.

Methodist Church
Lowell O. Ryan Pastor
Church school 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock
Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock

Our Job Is to Save Dollars
Buy War Bonds Every Pay Day

A CHRONICLE

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from McFern's pistol struck Blake's middle just above the hips and he fell from his horse mortally wounded. Contrary to cowboy ethics, which forbade striking, or shooting a man when he was down, McFern is said to have seized Blake's rifle and beat him with it.

As soon as matters quieted down, the wounded man was tenderly placed in a wagon and Gid Ainsworth drove with him to the Bar-S Ranch where he died that night.

The next day they buried Blake at the place described at the beginning of this story.

Mr. Ainsworth said he was later

told that McFern was arrested in New Mexico and placed in a log jail. It was told that McFern set fire to the jail and perished in the flames.

While the average cow camp in those days was peaceful, quiet and hospitable, yet, most every cow-puncher carried his sixshooter in his bed roll in case of an emergency, because then every man was his own court, sheriff, and constable. He was too far out in the sticks to get protection from the law, so he went prepared to protect himself.

Gambling prevailed too often in cow camps then. The gambler's code was deadly. To be caught cheating in a game of cards, often meant death to the man who failed to beat the other to the draw. Many

a cowboy died with an ace up his sleeve.

Blake died because of the gambler's deadly code of ethics. It was really a trifling matter of a few dollars, but gamblers killed each other over things that amounted to only a trifle. Most all gamblers of the old school are at rest.—Uncle Bill

Come! Join our classes. Help make surgical dressings.

Monday night, 7:00 until 10:00 o'clock; and Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 until 5:30 o'clock.—Mrs. Lester Foster, Chairman.

LOST: Used Truck Tire, Tube and Wheel. If found return to owner, W. L. Foster, and receive reward 3t

Uncle Sam Needs Your

SCRAP

Before the Snow Flies

We've all heard a lot lately about the need for scrap metal. Probably you've already done something about it. But every one of us has got to do more. *Much* more. **AND DO IT QUICK!**

Here's Why

This war is swallowing steel like a quicksand. We need scrap metal to make steel . . . steel for *more tanks* . . . *more planes* . . . *more ships* . . . *more guns* . . . and *more shells*. It's our job to supply our boys and allies with all these things they *must* have to smash the Axis on land, at sea, and in the air.

Scrap Is Precious

Steel for tanks, planes, ships, etc., is made by melting old scrap metal with pig iron—about half and half. The pig iron is made from iron ore that comes from mines. But that precious scrap—THAT'S got to come from us folks here on the Home Front.

What Is Scrap?

Scrap is ANY old thing, made out of iron or steel, that we don't absolutely need. It is anything from a hairpin to a busted steam boiler . . . from a paper weight to a cracked rail. It is old machinery, pipe, tools, flat-irons, auto parts, screws, nuts, bolts, bathtubs, lawnmowers, stoves, tanks, metal barrels, iron fences—and what have you.

Where Is It?

This old scrap is everywhere. It is in cellars, attics, closets, alleys, auto graveyards, fields, garages, barns, and factories. We've all got SOME, be it little or much. A typical town family is said to have about 70 pounds lying about; a farm family, nearly 750 pounds. In ten months after Pearl Harbor the Santa Fe scraped together 210,716,000 pounds of scrap. A pound here, a ton there. That's how it mounts up.

Scrap Means Steel...Steel Means Victory

Sell It or Give It...But Get It In

Steel is the only language those bandits in Tokyo and Berlin understand. Let's give them plenty of talk . . . *in their language*. Every county, city, and town is having a scrap drive. Watch your local newspapers on how to get in it. Sell what you have, or give it away—but *get it in!* And now's the time, before snow flies! Your scrap can save American lives and help shorten this war. Every pound you turn in helps.

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Local Items

White Pigs for Sale.—W. Y. Bengel

Pair of broken mules for sale: See W. L. Foster, Sterling City.

J. D. Lane of near Stiles was a business visitor here last Sunday.

Mrs. D. Hall left for Austin Thursday to visit her daughter at that place.

Our old time friend, C. W. B. Collyns of Fort Worth, is a guest of Claude Collins.

District court convenes here next Monday. Very likely Judge Sutton will have a light docket.

James Smith left last Thursday for Davisville, Rhode Island, to report for duty in the Navy.

Pvt. Roland Edwards writes from Davisville, Rhode Island, that he is getting along nicely and likes the Navy fine.

Mrs. A. L. Merrell of Water Valley, and Mrs. Claude Ditmore of San Angelo, visited relatives and friends here last Monday.

Owing to the tire and other war situations, I will not buy any more scrap. Everyone please take notice. Thank you for past favors.—M. C. Mitchell

Dr. and Mrs. Roy E. Glass and children of San Angelo, visited Dr. Glass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glass and other relatives here last Sunday.

Lloyd King stopped over and greeted friends here last Tuesday. He was on his return from San Angelo to Fort Bliss where he is stationed and serving in the Veterinary Corps.

Corp. D. L. Hunt came home on a furlough from Camp Robinson, Ark. last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunt. D. L.'s many friends here were gratified to see him again.

Jimmy Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hall, has recently been commissioned a second lieutenant in the engineer corps of the United States Army. At present, Jimmy is stationed on the Atlantic coast.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Clark are visiting their son, James R. Clark, at Denver, Colorado. Young Clark is a volunteer in the United States Army, and it is expected that he will be sent to another station in the near future.

A reliable middle-age white couple desires connection on a stock-farm or ranch, or as a caretaker of tourist court as residence. A-1 references. Write P. O. box 617, Midland, Texas and state proposition. 2t pd

Mr. and Mrs. Durham K. Durham spent last week end as guests of Mr. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Durham. Durham has been laid up with a broken leg since last spring, but is now able to get about with reasonable comfort.

Sgt. Fred Mutchler, stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama, sent us a photograph of himself this week which we very much appreciate. The Sergeant is a veteran of World War I, as well as the present war. When the rumors of war became rife in the land, Fred was the first man in Sterling to volunteer in the army. He is a seasoned soldier.

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

DON'T ever argue with Grandma Hoskins about American history unless you know what you're talking about. Because when Grandma states a fact, it really is a fact.

The other day we got to talking about George Washington—who besides being a great general, was a public surveyor, a successful farmer, and a wise statesman.

"And he made mighty good beer, too," says Grandma. That was news to most of us.

"You can see his private recipe for beer right in the New York Public Library," Grandma Hoskins tells us. "In his own handwriting, at that."

And then she opened up on how Washington and those others who founded America believed in beer and moderation. Told us about William Penn who had his own brewery down in Pennsylvania, and Israel Putnam... Samuel Adams of Massachusetts and James Oglethorpe of Georgia.

"Beer," Grandma goes on, "has grown up with the country because it's a symbol of good fellowship and moderation."

Way back in 1789, she told us, James Madison stood up in the

House of Representatives and made the motion urging "the manufacture of beer in every State of the Union." And that same year Massachusetts passed an act stating that "the wholesome qualities of malt liquors greatly recommend them to general use."

From there on—until early in 1918, the brewing industry kept growing and beer and ale kept getting better and better.

Then came prohibition... thirteen dark years that bred vice and crime. Grandma says it taught us something though—something that George Washington and all those other early American statesmen knew all along... that no law ever takes the place of self-restraint and moderation.

That's why they were friends of beer and made moderation a cornerstone of American freedom. They were right about a lot of things—Washington and Adams and Penn. And from where I sit, they certainly were right about moderation, too.

Joe Marsh

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A letter from Jim Bob Clark stationed at Buckley Field, Colorado says that he is getting along fine. His old pal, Lt. Jack Mathis visited him recently and they enjoyed talking over old times in Sterling. Jack is now at Dow Field, Bangor, Maine.

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Also Short Subjects

Also

"The World at War"

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Wednesday and Thursday
October 28-29

Allen Jones
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in

"True to the Army"

Short Subjects

Saturday-Sunday
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Constance Bennett
Bruce Bennett

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"Wild Bill Hickox Rides"

Also News of the Day
Selected Short Subjects

SUNDAY MATINEE
3:30 P. M.

Undertaker's Supplies

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Announcements

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Sterling County subject to the action of the Democratic party in its primary elections in August 1942

- For Congressman 21st District
O. C. Fisher
- For State Senator
Penrose B. Metcalfe
- For Representative 91st District
Dorsey B. Hardeman
- For District Attorney
Ralph Logan
- For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector
V. E. Davis
- For County Judge:
G. C. Murrell
- For County and District Clerk:
Prebble Durham
- For County Treasurer:
Thad Green
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
R. T. Foster
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
Herbert Cope
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:
L. R. Knight
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:
W. N. Reed

Baptist Church
Sunday

A.m.
10:00 Sunday School lesson
11:00 Worship Service
P.m.
7:45 Training union
8:30 Evening worship
Wednesday

P.m.
4:00 Missionary Society
8:00 Weekly Teachers meeting
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 F.F.A. Reporter: Billy Chesney

P.-T. A. Sponsoring Halloween Carnival

On Friday evening, October 30, Sterling School P. T. A. will sponsor the annual Halloween Carnival.

Each teacher and organization will sponsor an activity. The following attractions have been planned: Bingo, duck pond, the white elephant sale, post office, cake walk, fish pond, house of horror, game room and comic movie. The carnival will be culminated with the coronation of a Halloween Queen, who will be chosen from the following class nominees: Marylene Storey, Clara Mae Augustine, Margaret Skeets, and Eugenia Mathis. The nominations for grade school princesses closed on Friday.

The home economics department is sponsoring a Chuck Wagon Supper consisting of beans, soup of a gun, pickles, onions, and ginger bread and coffee, which will be served in the home economics department.

A contest of bean guessing is being conducted. Prizes for this contest will be grocery baskets.

Eagles Meet Buffaloes Next Friday

Next Friday afternoon, Oct. 30, at 2:45 o'clock, the Forsan Buffaloes move into Sterling City for the purpose of trying to defeat the Eagles in their own back yard.

This is the last scheduled game of the season for the Eagles. In the event that the Eagles win the south half of the district, there will be a play off with the winner of the north half. The north half winner will be either Garner, Coahoma or Courtney. Every person in Sterling County is invited to come out Friday afternoon and watch the Eagles play Forsan in what may prove to be the last game of the season for the home team.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Fred thinks Arlene is an A-1 cook. Johnny, Billy and some other boys are growing mustaches. You can't see them yet, but they are there.

Arlene and Marylene like sailors. A certain senior has a new nickname—"Nugget."

Sue and Maudine are good soda-jerkers.

Sue likes Montgomerys and not the catalogue agency.

A certain black "Gbevie" gets around. Sue then Arlene.

Marylene likes cokes late at night. Fred and John like Buick convertibles.

Joy was happy over the week end. Georga Bell got all her business straightened out.

A certain girl regrets what she said.

Marylene was embarrassed Monday in the study hall.

Rhythm Band on Program

The Note Ranger Rhythm Band will present a program in assembly Friday morning.

Their motto is "Keep America Singing."

Rhythm Band Held Spot Light

The Rhythm Band composed of the first, second and third grades, who play under the appropriate name of "Note Rangers" held the main spot on the program when the P.T.A. met last Thursday. This group is directed by Miss Alexander and is very much enjoyed by their listeners.

In observance of National Fire Prevention Week, our fire chief, Mr. R. P. Brown made a very interesting talk. A reading was given by Mrs. H. M. Kautz, and group singing was lead by Mrs. Joe L. Snead with Mrs. H. H. Everitt at the piano. Prayer was lead by Rev. Claude Stovall.

The membership chairman, Mrs. E. F. McEntire, announced that the membership drive would close Oct. 24. Miss Alexander announced the primary room had already reached the 100 per cent membership mark. Mrs. Taylor Garrett, finance chairman, announced the completed plans for the Halloween Festival to be held Oct. 30. The new by-laws were read by Mrs. Kautz and the association voted to accept them.

About 60 people were present at the meeting and the first grade won the attendance award of one dollar

THERE'S MORE TO WAR THAN FIGHTING

By GADABOUT

Cooperation will help win this horrible war. I mean cooperating in everything, little or big.

Buying bonds is essential but not all. Why not: Keep your health and give doctors, nurses and medicine to our fighting forces?

(Incidentally I think all us senior girls are going to learn to roll bandages Monday night from 7 'till 10. Why don't you come to the court house and help us? We're beginners so you can be too!)

It's not your fault if you catch the measles, or did you want them? But if you are run down you're "live meat." Slanguage for exposed.

Know how I keep my rosy cheeks? Not from Woolsworth! I study during study hours, get to bed early, get my share of the fresh air and vitamin D, and eat sensibly. I know grandma did too, but repetition sometimes reaps reward. Boys, this does not include rumors.

Sugar rationing has worked swell here at Sterling and you are responsible. Quote our business men, "Thanks." Unquote.

Walking dates are becoming very popular now so just stop griping, or get a horse and buggy.

Remember Uncle Sam wants all the cars "over forty" and I'm not kidding.

CAMPUS CAPERS

Another game Friday. We'll say the Eagles will stampede the Forsan Buffaloes.

Joe Allen Mathis and Earl Smith, both serving in the U. S. Marines, are home on furlough.

The seniors left for "Destination Unknown" last night. No bag and no baggage, but they left anyway.



Scrap Metal Drive A Success

The scrap metal drive carried out through the cooperation of the Lion's Club and the school ended Monday. This collection of scrap metal proved to be a success. The school children with the help of their parents, teachers and friends brought in 163,152 pounds of scrap iron. The students of the first five grades, organized into a group called the "Victory Workers," won first prize by bringing in a total of 47,199 pounds of scrap metal. Joe Conger brought in a total of 8,030 pounds, which proved to be the largest single collection of any student. Most of the students will buy stamps and bonds with the money they earned in this collection.

First Grade

This has been a busy week for the first graders. Having worked very hard with the scrap iron drive, every one got their weight and over in scrap iron, and were proud of their Room Award as well as their Junior Ranger Badges.

The first grade boys and girls were happy over another new book this week.

Defense Stamps bought last week was a total of \$7.80.

Fifth Grade

Our class was glad to have a part in the scrap metal drive and we wish to thank our parents for helping us. We turned in 17,983 lbs. Duard Grosshans brought in 6,495 pounds. We wish to thank his mother for helping him. Everyone in our room brought his weight in scrap metal and that was a great help.

Fern Garrett, La Verne King and Courtenay Skeets are in the race for Princess.

Eighth Grade

Bonnie Ruth King, Inez Roe, Sadie Mae Wallace, Edith Fowler, and Lora Mae Humble are in the contest for the Princess of our class. The contest will close Friday.

The sixth, seventh, and eighth grades won third place in the scrap metal contest. The total amount of metal brought in by the eighth grade was 10,322 lbs. Billy Vern Davis brought in the most. The amount was 4,105 lbs.

Miss McCrury and her pupils presented Miss Faires with some mats to place under the flower vases on her desk.

Dixie Strickland has moved to Big Lake, Texas.

My home in Sterling City for sale. —Mrs. Lena Findt

Air Raid Warden of the Southwest



Civilian defense is not new to the Indians of the Southwest. As a protection against hostile attacks of warring tribes and later the Spanish Conquistadores, a system of defense has been part of their communal life for more than five hundred years. Standing atop his hogan, this young Navajo brave assumes the role of "air raid warden of the Southwest" to demonstrate how the centuries-old organization of his forefathers will function again in case of an enemy bombing.

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