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WILD LIFE OF THE CONCHOS

In digging water well in Sterling City, many bones of long extinct animals have been found at from 30 to 40 feet levels in the water-bearing sand and gravel.

Bones of buffaloes, Imperial elephants and other animals which roamed these hills and valleys when they were reed covered lakes and ponds long before the slow process of erosion covered them to the depth above mentioned.

These monsters existed here in what Scientists call the Carboniferous Age when giant forms of vegetation grew here, and on which these huge animals depended for food. But there came a time when the climate changed, the vegetation failed and they perished to leave their bones for future generations to wonder how they lived and of what form they were when they lived here.

A tooth and some bones in my possession go to show that the elephants was of huge proportions. The tooth, which is about eight inches long and nearly three inches wide indicates that the jaw of the monster was fully four feet long. The corrugations of this tooth leads to the conclusion that it was a browsing animal, living on herbs and shrubs which grew so plentiful along the ponds and marshes.

Buffaloes must have existed at the time the elephant was here, because we find the bones of these animals at the same level where the elephant bones were found.

But the buffalo seems to have survived the elephant because it was better fitted to adopt itself to the change of climatic conditions. They went only when the white men destroyed them with his rifle.

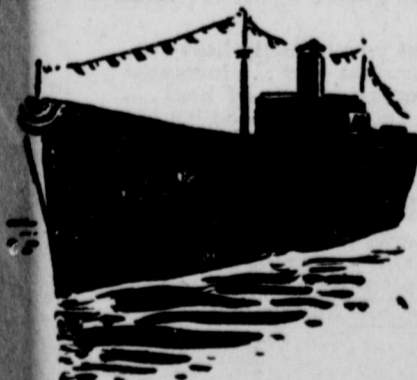
Back in the 70's, millions of buffaloes swarmed over these hill and valleys. They were the chief source of food and clothing for the Indians and the Indians had sense enough to kill them only when needed, but the white man didn't have that much sense. He killed them by the thousands until not one was left in this vast area.

The last wild buffalo to die in this area was a huge bull that ranged near the rock waterhole on Kiowa Creek about 25 miles south of Sterling City. It was killed with a Colt .45 by the late Andy Jones about 1890.

When I came to this part of the
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What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Every shipyard in our country is setting amazing records in the construction of a merchant marine so essential to the transport of supplies and men to the seven seas. The overall cost of these hundreds of ships now building runs into millions of dollars.



Many of them are called "Victory" ships and you are contributing to this victory by your purchase of War Bonds . . . at least ten percent of your income, every payday. We'll need these ships after the war, too, when Peace comes.

U. S. Treasury Department

Spiking!



(WNU Service)

Thad A. Green, 66, County Treasurer, Is Dead

Thad A. Green, 66, county treasurer, died last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock at his home here after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Baptist Church with the Rev. C. B. Stovall officiating. Burial was made in the Mont Vale Cemetery under the direction of the Lowe Funeral Directors.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Laura Green; two daughters, Mrs. Ray Mathis of Sterling City and Mrs. F. E. Wallace of San Antonio; four sons, Pvt. John M. Green of Wichita Falls, Pvt. Thad Green Jr., of Winfield, Kan., Pvt. Benny Green of Goodfellow Field, and Bill Green of Sterling City; one sister, Miss Ollie Green of Robert Lee; and one brother, Walter O. Green of the San Angelo police force.

Active pallbearers were C. T. Sharp, W. R. Hudson, John Walraven, Marvin Churchill, Frank Cole and S. M. Bailey.

Honorary pallbearers were J. S. Cole, J. T. Davis, Jeff Davis, D. Hall, Jim Hinshaw, W. Y. Bengel, W. Y. Bengel, Jr., John Reed, Claud Collins, E. L. Bailey, J. J. Langford, Walter Sparkman, J. W. Philips, Joe Emery, W. L. Foster, Sam Simmons, G. G. Ainsworth and Dr. W. J. Swann. Deceased was born Feb. 10, 1877, in Rockwall County, he has lived in Sterling County since 1912. He was elected County Treasurer of Sterling County in the general election in 1942 and qualified for that office in January 1943.

Corporal Stovall Promoted

Marcellus Stovall, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Stovall, has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Sgt. Stovall volunteered for foreign service with the RCAF and for a year prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, was on patrol duty in Nova Scotia. In May 1942, he transferred from the RCAF to the American forces and since has been

stationed at Macon, Ga., Wellington, N. C., and Maxwell Field.

At Maxwell Field, Sgt. Stovall's squadron was selected to build up the new 445th Squadron at Malden, Mo. Stovall received his sergeant's rating in Missouri, and is now stationed there.

Thieves Steal, Strip and Burn Car

A thief, or thieves stole Rogers Hefley's car last Friday night, drove it up the Colorado City road several miles, stripped it of the two front wheels and tires, took the motor off and loaded it on their vehicle, set fire to the remainder and drove away.

So far, the thieves have not been apprehended. While it is a hard case, the authorities are doing all that is possible to bring the offenders to justice. Sheriff Vern Davis and his deputy W. W. Durham are not putting out anything, but they are on the alert.

Lt. Jack Mathis Promoted

From somewhere in England, Lt. Jack Mathis writes his mother, Mrs. Avis Mathis of San Angelo that he has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of bombardiers.

Jack was resting up from some strenuous raids he and his comrades had made on the Henies. He was at a big hotel where he was enjoying good eats, good bed and the best of service. He didn't say anything about the fights he had been in. The letter was dated Feb. 5. He said he was fine.

Red Cross Workers

Red Cross Workers this week were Misses Mildred Atkinson, Flo Allen, Vivian Reese, Clifford McCrury Leola Jones Micky McGuire, Mesdames Lura McClellan, Edwin Aiker, Roy Foster, Frank Cole, Sterling Foster, H. F. Merrell, Joe Emery, Lester Foster, Rufus Foster, Pat Kellis, C. B. Stovall, W. N. Reed, and R. P. Brown,

Sgt. George Ryan Among the Heroes Decorated at Pyote

Sgt. George Ryan, the youngest brother of our fellow citizen, Rev. L. O. Ryan and local Methodist pastor, was among the heroes who received citations and medals recently at Pyote, Texas.

Sgt. George Ryan Jr., youngest son of Rev and Mrs George Ryan Sr., of Tuleta, was an aircraft mechanic at the Army's Hickam Field Hawaii, when Japs woke him up out of a sound sleep on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. He hasn't had such peaceful sleep since.

He had been in Hawaii for two years when the war broke out. He remained at Hickam Field for two months, busy day and night with repairing crippled aircraft, before he went to Australia in March 1942, as assistant flight engineer and aerial gunner with a combat crew.

From Australia until he came home with the 19th Bombardment Group last December, Sergeant Ryan was flying combat through many harrowing engagements. He was awarded the Silver Star by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney on Jan 12 for a flight over Rabaul on Aug. 29 in which his Flying Fortress (piloted by Capt Fred C. Eaton of New York) was attacked by four Zeros—two of which never got home to tell the story. He wears also the four citation special medal of the 19th Group.

Sergeant Ryan individually is credited with bringing down a Zero in the Coral Sea battle and one in a flight over Lae.

There was another Jap plane, too—

"We don't talk about that one, though," he said.

"It was just a po' little old Jap seaplane, left over from the other war, I think. It was a scout bomber. We played cat-and-mouse with that one and finally—well, it didn't amount to much."

The young Texan's worst experience was over Lae on July 3. Two B-17's were attacked by 12 fighters. His plane had its oxygen system shot out and was forced to dive
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SAVE AGAINST THE DAY

Save all wide mouth bottles and tin cans. We are not getting any more tin tobacco cans. A tobacco can comes in handy for catchall boxes. They are good to store garden seed in. Good for holding nails, tacks or other small things. You will miss them when they are gone. Save all the tin cans.

Every bottle and glass jar with screw tops should be saved as fruit and vegetable containers. You may not get these things later on.

I remember that after the first year of the Civil War we were cut off from tin, copper, iron, steel, glass ware and pottery as well as buttons, combs, cloth, leather, needles, pins, knives, forks, spoons and most every thing needed in the household.

You would be surprised how soon these things will disappear from a household after two or three years without replenishment.

At first it was awful hard for us to do without these things but we bucked the situation by making substitutes. To replace dinner glasses, we cut off a bottle just the right height and it made a dandy glass. But soon all the bottles were gone and then we had to use gourds in place of glasses or pottery cups. I have seen nice cups made of horn.

Horns were a most useful and plentiful material at that time. Cows and steers in those days wore very long horns, and from these horns we made combs, buttons, cups, spoons, knife handles, dinner horns and powder horns. Horns were easily worked when properly heated. A sharp knife, small gimlet, and a thin bladed saw were all the tools needed to convert a horn into these needed articles.

We raised gourds for various purposes. There were powder gourds, dinner (lunch) gourds, sugar gourds, coffee gourds, but no sugar or coffee to put in these gourds, lard gourds, milk gourds, water gourds and dipper gourds. We used gourds for every purpose that tin and pottery vessels are used for now.

Jack knives were replaced with sheath knives worn in scabbards on the rawhide belts we wore. For making these, every old file or other piece of steel was carefully hoarded. Every old gun barrel was a prize. The local blacksmith made serviceable pistols and guns of them.

About the third year a pottery factory was set up in East Texas and soon we began to buy jugs, cups, plates, bowls, saucers and other vessels of jug ware to replace our gourds.

Needles were carefully hoarded. For pins, we used thorns. We made buttons of horn, bone and mussel shells. We made our own hats and caps. I am still partial to a good coonskin cap. We soon learned to tan leather and make our own boots and shoes. Every stitch of clothing we wore was spun and wove by hand out of raw material, our cloth was dyed with roots, herbs and the minerals we found in the ground.

We had no schools to bother with but some of us learned to read and write. We had no sugar, coffee or flour. If we ate, we had to raise it and we usually ate, though the menu was sometimes cornbread and rainwater. You talk about hard times, you don't know what hard times are.

But save all of your bottles and cans.—Uncle Bill

Mrs. D. Hall is visiting her daughter in Austin. The occasion of the visit is a new grandson.

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MORE COTTON

Our Congressman, O. C. Fisher is making a strenuous effort to have restrictions and limitations on cotton planting this year removed and turn the cotton farmer loose.

With the shortage on cottonseed cake at this time of the year, means a serious shortage of calves and lambs. Not only this, but the weight and quality of meat that will be so badly need later on.

In my humble judgment, we can not raise too much cotton now. When the war is over, cotton will be in great demand, and we ought to try to supply the demand when the time comes. Fisher is right and should have the support of the whole South—Uncle Bill

WILD LIFE OF

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country 56 years ago, the land was swarming with wildlife and the streams abounded in fish. Altho the buffalo had vanished, yet there were Antelope and deer in vast numbers. A few bear, panthers and loboes, coyotes and bobcats were to be seen on every side. Quails, prairie chickens and wild turkeys by the thousands.

The North Concho was alive with beavers but he wore a valuable fur coat and the trapper never rested until there was not a single beaver to be found from the head to the mouth of the North Concho.

The last bear was killed in the Canyons in the winter of 87-88.

The last panther was killed on Cox Hollow in the summer of 1890.

The last prairie chicken I saw in this country was in 1912. It was flying up the valley of McKinzie Draw and seemed headed for the Panhandle maize fields. I hope it got there.

The Antelope disappeared almost to the vanishing point when the late Thomas Brennan and his son Thomas Brennan Jr. preserved a small number for seed. These increased until the game warden trapped and distributed over a hundred among the ranches in this part of West Texas. Most of them are reported to be doing nicely. Lester Foster reports that those in his pastures are increasing. J. T. Davis, J. L. Glass and others report that those in their pastures are doing well.

Lester Foster has a number of deer in his pasture that are doing well. The deer vanished until the people began conserving them and now there is promise that they will be seen again over the range as they used to be, but not for the public to shoot at.

There was a space of fifteen years that a wild turkey was not to be found, but a wild hen and gobbler came back to Sterling Creek. In a few years more came. These were augmented by domestic turkeys and now there is a goodly number of them to be seen along the river and creeks.

Two years ago our local Lions

Our First Acid Test—War Bonds and War Taxes



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Club induced the Game Commission to plant five beavers in the North Concho near the U Ranch. These are reported to be doing nicely.

The coyote and lobo are gone to keep company with the bobcat, bear, and panther, but the fox is here to pester the rancher.

The quail got a start on the hunter last year because of the high weeds and he is to be seen in many places.

Wildlife in Sterling is now being conserved.—Uncle Bill

Sgt. George Ryan

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down to low altitude and put up a running battle for 40 minutes. They counted a few canon holes when they landed.

There was another time when the plane he was on ran out of fuel and had to land with a belly full of incendiary bombs on a rough, stumpy field, gashed with gullies. It took four days to clear the field, fill the ditches, dig out the stumps and repair the tail wheel with two-by-fours.

"We called ourselves the Frontiersmen," he said.

Sergeant Ryan is a nephew of Mrs. H. C. Roth of Llano. His father is a Methodist minister. He was born at Johnson City and (like most Methodist preachers' sons) he has lived in a lot of places. Among them are Smiley, Centerwood, Garwood and Agua Dulce. He is 26.

And, oh, yes, about that broken sleep at Hickam Field.

When the sergeant woke up in a hurry and learned that the Japs were attacking, he and a friend rushed out to set up a machine gun behind one of the hangars. Ryan was firing and the other boy was feeding the ammunition. The other boy was killed.

"I don't talk much about that, either," says the sergeant, "there was a lot of that—"

Sergeant Ryan attended a family reunion at Tuleta Christmas.

He enlisted in the Air Corps in the Philippines three years ago.

A graduate of the Garwood High School, he had declined a college education to work in filling stations and tinker with machinery. Then he went to Manila to study to be an airplane mechanic.

Postmaster Anna Lee Johnson reported to the Lions Club last Wednesday that the school children had purchased bonds, \$100, and stamps, \$49.55 for the week.

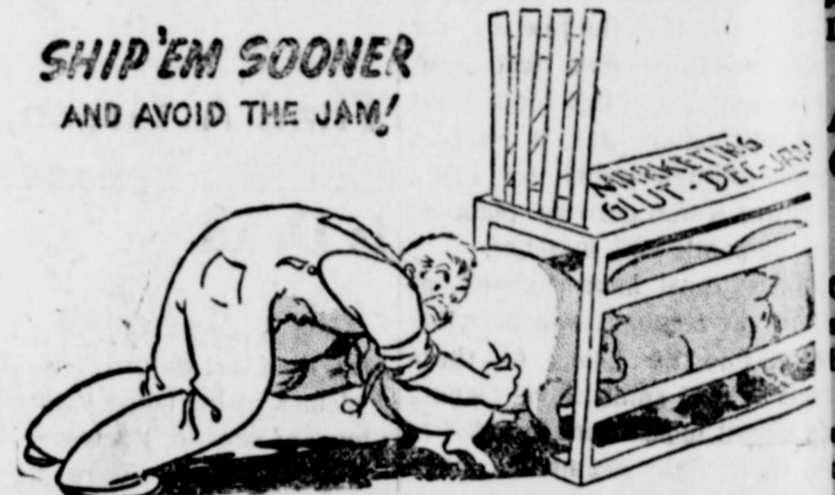
\$860.65 Raised on Red Cross Quota

Miss Marvin Foster of the local Red Cross force, reported to the Lions Club last Wednesday that so far, \$860.55 had been contributed for the March drive for \$1,300 the quota assessed Sterling County. This leaves \$440.45 to be collected. Come on with your part. Don't worry about what Bill Jones or Jonathan Jerkbasket gave or didn't give, give what your conscience tells you to give. We never did fail the Red Cross and we must not do it now.



COMMANDER OF ALLIED FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, promoted to the highest U. S. military rank on February 11, directs the operations of the combined American, British and French armies in ousting the Axis from Africa. He was born in Tyler, Texas, in 1890, graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1915, and during the World War was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "his unusual zeal, foresight and marked administrative ability" while commanding officer of the Tank Corps Training Center at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa. He has filled many important posts in the War Department and while serving as Assistant Chief of Staff in charge of the operations division, Office of the Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C., in June, 1942, he was designated as commanding general of the European theater with headquarters in London. He organized and commanded the American forces in landing in North Africa November 8, 1942.

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Santa Fe Reports on its first year of war operation



During 1942, Santa Fe moved 79 per cent more passenger-miles...and 122 per cent more freight ton-miles...than in 1918, during World War I.

And all this was done with 26 per cent fewer locomotives than we had in 1918.

These figures indicate the greatest volume of business we have ever handled.

They also indicate why you may have experienced some difficulties and inconveniences in traveling or shipping by train during the past year.

Crowded Trains Our passenger traffic volume was up 102 per cent last year as compared with 1941. Gasoline rationing, in our territory, will increase that volume even more this year.

The Santa Fe must handle this additional load with its present passenger cars, as no more cars will be built during the war.

Late Trains In these days of unprecedented passenger volume it is not always possible to maintain schedules with on-time regularity...and since military trains have the right-of-way over everything else, they often cause our regular passenger trains to be delayed.

At many stations along the line, mail and express are heavier than in normal times—and take longer to load. This is another reason why trains are delayed.

Car Shortage Special troop trains are becoming almost routine on the Santa Fe. In just one case, we moved an entire division from one camp—and it took 55 complete trains to handle the men and equipment.

We must also keep our passenger cars in constant service to handle the increased traffic all over the line. For this reason, we cannot always concentrate extra cars at any one point.

Freight Cars Due to the submarine menace and the diversion of freighters to other services, almost all of the intercoastal freight tonnage formerly handled by ships through the Panama Canal was hauled by the railroads in 1942.

This brought about an unusually heavy demand for Santa Fe freight cars...increased considerably the average length of haul...and occasionally caused delays in delivering empty cars at some loading points. It also indicates Santa Fe has many busy months ahead.

Keep 'Em Rollin'! Please remember there's only one thing we want to do more than keep trains on time and supply cars as promised—and that's keep troops and war freight on their wartime schedule. And we know that's the way you want it!

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Local Items

Duroc-Jersey Boar for Service. Boar subject to registration.—See Tommy Augustine, Sterling City. 3p

Mrs. Eugene H. Cambell of Fort Worth, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins of near Sweetwater were visiting Mr. Collins' father, Claud Collins last Wednesday.

Mrs. Pleas Glass and children of San Angelo were last week end guests of Mr. Glass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Glass.

LOST: Black and white spotted terrier. Perhaps lost in Sterling City. Name Scooter. Finder communicate with Jack Mims and receive reward.—Jack Mims tf

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Braeuer had as their guests last week end their sons and daughter, George, Harry and his family of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conger and son of Forson.

A meeting of the ranchmen and farmers will be held at the court house next Monday night to devise ways and means to increase food production for the coming season. Don't fail to attend this meeting.

A. T. Bratton Joins Soil Conservation Force

A. T. Bratton, joined the North Concho Soil Conservation District staff Monday, March 1, reported Harold M. Kautz.

Mr. Bratton is a graduate of Texas A & M, completing his work there in 1937. He taught vocational Agriculture three years at Miles, during which time he gained much recognition in West Texas. For the past three years, Mr. Bratton has been in Austin with the State Board of Control in charge of farm and livestock management for the State Eleemosynary Institution. Mrs. Bratton will remain in Austin until her school is out June 1, at which time she will join Mr. Bratton in Sterling City.

Tea For Recent Bride

The Rufus Foster home was the scene of a social affair Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Fred Allen and Mrs. Reynolds Foster entertained with a tea, honoring Mrs. Clyde Reynolds, a recent bride. Receiving with Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Reynolds were Mrs. J. B. Ratliff and Mrs. Steve Currie of Garden City. At the guest register Mrs. Reynolds Foster presided. In the dining room a beautiful floral arrangement in pastel shades with green satin showers centered the lace covered table. Alternating at the tea service were Miss Marvin Foster, Mrs. W. N. Reed and Mrs. W. J. Swann. Mrs. Fred Allen and Mrs. Hubert Williams assisted in serving. Mrs. Clyde Everitt and Mrs. Herman Everitt played piano selections during the afternoon. Many guests called.

Entertained for Daughters

Naming her daughters, Mrs. O.K. Durham and Mrs. Ray Lane as honorees, Mrs. C. N. Crawford entertained Friday afternoon with four tables of bridge. Defense stamps as prize rewards fell to Mrs. Hal Knight and Mrs. Roy Foster as high and low scores. The honorees re-

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ceived beautiful pieces of china. Mince pie topped with cream and coffee were served the guests. Those present were: Mesdames Rogers Hefley, E. B. Butler, Lester Foster, James McEntire, R. P. Brown, G. C. Murrell, V. E. Davis, Clyde Davis, J. L. Sneed, Pat Kellis, Martin Reed, Hal Knight, Roy Foster, Will Durham and the honorees.

A Card of Thanks

We graciously thank the good people for their kindness shown my dear children in their time of sadness and the loss of their father and may God bless every one of you in your daily walk of life is the prayers of your friend, Mrs. Dorothy Green and children

PIGS FOR SALE—5-weeks old.—E. K. Cherry. tfp.



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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

8:30 Mid-week Devotional

We welcome you,

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STIRRING AROUND STERLING

By GADABOUT

The mysterious doings of the seniors and Miss Mathis has been revealed. Getting ready for a visit of "Three Days of Gracie." At night you can find only one or two seniors at home—but just enter the auditorium—no, don't, because it would disturb them, but, anyway they swarm around up there like bees.

Some high priced black-mailing could grab the boys journeying to Fort Worth, but Billy J. got his shave of black "mailing?" so we'll hush.

Joe was seen making hay in Dallas Monday afternoon and the sun wasn't even shining.

Maudine was also seen here and there in Kerrville week before last with a sailor in tow.

We Salute: Sue Everitt! Sue was named the "All Tournament" team at Eden's Volley Ball Tournament the 27th. Three others were mentioned. Sue now sports a silver volley-ball on a chain around her neck.

We point with pride: To our basketball boys! Our team capped second at the Regional. These boys and our coach, Mr. Burnett are due thanks and congratulations. They would make any school proud of them. We're glad it happened to Sterling High where the seniors will soon present —

"Three Days of Grace"

Round and about:—

Midnight preview in San Angelo: Volley ball girls and Mrs. Burnett. Saturday: Drinking cokes at the Gable's, Betty, Arlene and ex-SHSer Mitzi.

Fred, Johnny, and Tom Dee at the Dentist's (?).

The seniors fooling around Thursday night. Marylene had a case of fright.

Alternating for drink ticket at Drug Store every night. Another gang of the seniors.

Don't forget the photography contest for the annual! Laziness is NO! excuse.

Come on, go see Anna Lee about some bonds and stamps.

The Sterling volley ball team entered the Eola tournament on Saturday. The team was defeated by Melvin in the play off for consolation.

Sue Everitt made the all-tournament team.

Eagles Win Second in Regional Meet

At a regional meet played in the Abilene high school gymnasium on Feb. 26-27, the Sterling Eagles won second.

Sterling defeated the following teams: Alameda 29-23; Highland 21-19; and was defeated by Sidney with the score of 23-33:

Jackets have been ordered for the following boys: Tom D. Davis, Johnny Dawson, John Lancaster, Jack and Fred Mitchell.

Mr. Burnett announces that beginning with March 14, school will be taken up at 9 o'clock in the

morning instead of 9:45. The hour of dismissal will be 3 o'clock in the afternoon

Warning Against Careless Use of Medicines

The careless or uninformed use of medicines cause much serious illness and even many deaths in Texas every year, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer said today in a statement urging the public to use caution in self medication.

"It is never safe to take medicine in the dark," Dr. Cox said. "Always read the label carefully to make sure the aspirin you are about to take is not a bichloride of mercury tablet. As a matter of fact, poisons and medicines containing poison should be kept together, well out of the reach of children and marked in some distinctive manner. Another thing to remember," Dr. Cox said, "is that medicines should always be taken as directed by a physician because many beneficial medicines can do untold harm if taken too frequently or in too large quantities. It is well to stop and think that you may be taking your own life in your hands when you take medicines casually."

The State Health Officer also warned of the danger in the inclination of many persons untrained to diagnose and treat their own ills. Such persons are likely to guess wrong, he asserted, and while they may not take medicine that is actually harmful, they are nevertheless postponing an accurate diagnosis and the resulting proper treatment that could help their illness.

"The safest rule is never use medicine, internally or externally that has not been prescribed by your doctor for that particular illness with which you are suffering," Dr. Cox concluded.

AAA Planned for 7 Million Tons of Proteins in 1942

According to production records, one acre of peanuts in Texas yields 203 pounds of meal and 110 pounds of oil and one acre of soybeans produces 457 pounds of meal and 86 pounds of oil while one acre of cotton will produce only 153 pounds of meal and 53 pounds of oil.

In addition to meal and oil, an acre of peanuts also will yield from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds of high quality hay.

Referring to planned production, George Slaughter, chairman, state AAA committee, said that under last year's program, when goals were established for agricultural products, approximately 7,000,000 tons of protein feed were produced as compared to the former all-time high of 4,776,000 tons, produced in 1941.

Wasted money is wasted lives. Don't waste precious lives. Every dollar you can spare should be used to buy War Bonds. Buy your ten per cent every pay day.

Cowboy Brown



Joe E. Brown turns cowboy in his latest picture, "Chatterbox," in which he is seen as a radio star who doesn't know which side of a horse to mount, and learns—the hard way! He is co-starred with Judy Canova in this Republic comedy.

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Many West Texans in all walks of life are being introduced to a new variation of the old "hop, skip and jump" remembered from school days. It never became popular with top athletes who considered it "silly"... even "crazy".

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The hop-skip-jumpers, long bent on pet socialistic experimentation, are waging a fierce fight to "save face". But West Texans and all Americans are asking:

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