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I AM EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS OF AGE

Last Monday morning I was up at six o'clock to meet my 88th birthday, the day of the "rising of grass," the 15th day of March, the Ides of March.

The day before, I was made happy when my good neighbor, Aaron Clark came over and took my better half and me in his car and drove with us to his ranch home, and with Mrs. Clark entertained us in a manner that royalty might envy.

It was Mrs. Clark's birthday too but Pearl is only a kid when her age is compared with that of her guests. To add to my joy, when we returned home, my good friend Miss Nan Findt came in bearing a fine birthday cake marked in red sweetness '88."

These 88 glorious years I have seen the sun rise and set thirty-two thousand one hundred and twenty times. In all these days I have had my joys and sorrows, but the days of sorrows have been blotted out by the days of joy as the sun of day blots out the darkness of night.

I realize that the shadows of the evening of life are drawing near, but through the mercies of my Maker, they are softened by the love of patience and contentment, so that old age bears lightly and makes me find the sweetest comfort in my declining days.

I have read the Book that teaches us how to live and die, and from it I have drawn my conclusions. All these conclusions may not be as some may conclude, but mine are such that I never doubt the justice and mercy of God. As a little child trusts its parents, so, from day to day, I trust Him and save myself from the fears of evil.

There is no certain formula for making happiness in life. But I am sure that if one obeys God's decree made to Adam and Eve, "by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," is the surest way to contentment and happiness. No one can be happy if he is idle.

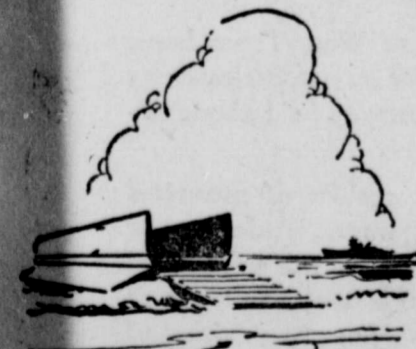
The sweetest employment in life is harvesting the sunbeams that stream each day along our pathway. Garnering the wheat and reaping; casting out the thorns and chaff and removing the things that hurt us and our fellows from their daily paths.

In my 88 years I have seen three

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What You Buy With WAR BONDS

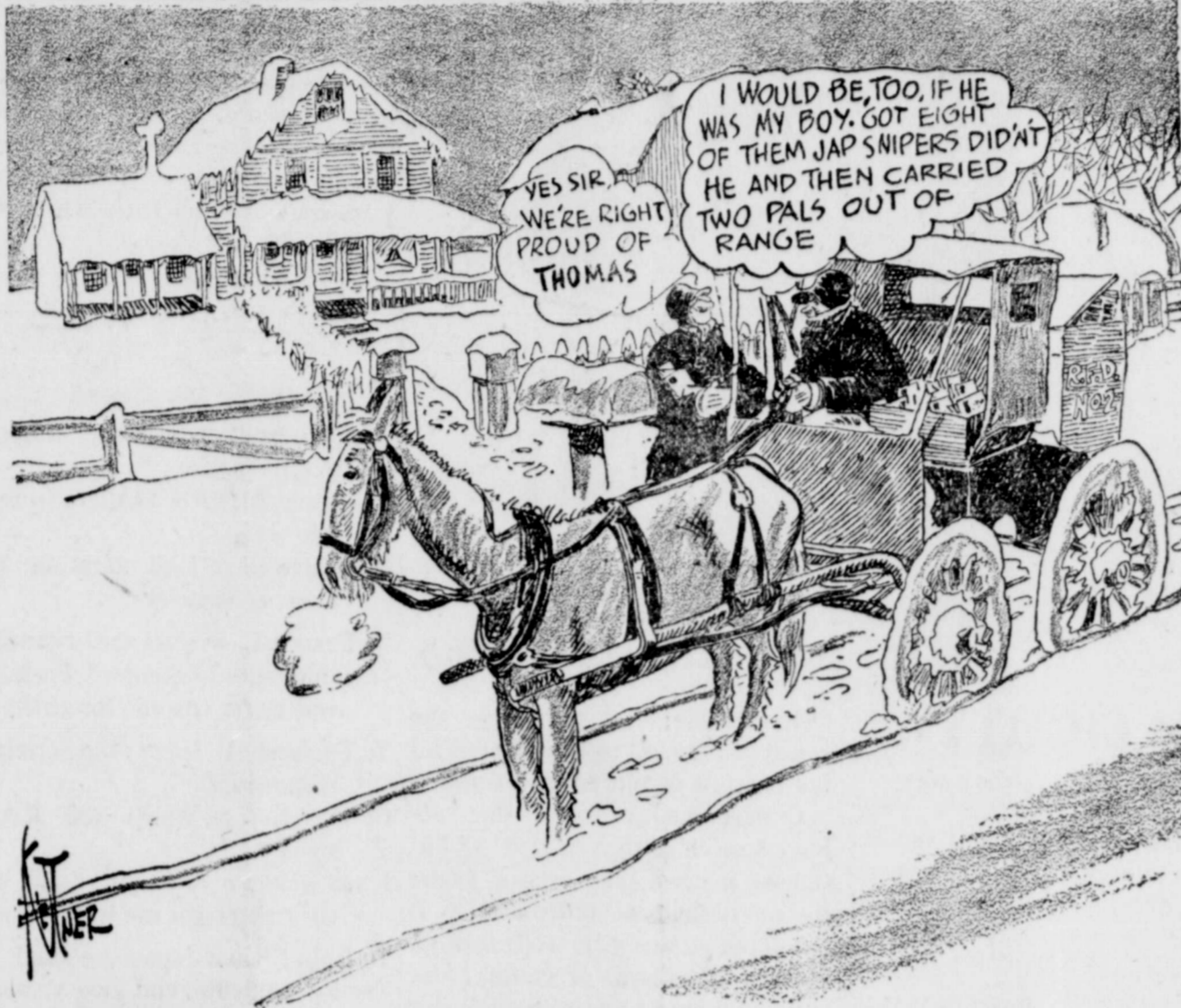
Down in the Solomons and on the African coasts the Crocodile Boat or tank lighter played a most important role in landing our invasion armies. These self-propelled, light fast boats haul tanks, artillery and other equipment from the big ships off-shore to the beach heads.



We need more and more of them, for they are essential to the successful operation of the war. They are made in several sizes from small fifty-footers, costing about \$2,400 to the big 500-tonners costing around \$37,000. Your purchase of War Bonds every payday will help pay for them.

U. S. Treasury Department

War Is Coming Home



(WNU Service)

Ohio Oil Company Seeks Permission Drill Another Test

After drilling 8456 feet in search of oil on sec. 6, G. C. & S. F. Ry Co. in the Clark pasture, and abandoning it as a dry hole, the Ohio Oil Co. has made application to drill a new test one and a half miles southeast of the abandoned test on sec. 82, Blk. 5, H. & T. C. Ry Co. in the L. T. Clark & Son pasture.

The test is 14 1-2 miles southeast of Sterling City and about 8 miles west of Water Valley. It is 522 feet east of the east line of Sterling County in Tom Green County and is south of Mulberry Creek 3270 feet from its north bank.

It is planned to begin drilling in a few days. The contract depth is 3300 feet.

Evening Up

Senator Lee O' is evening up old scores with President Roosevelt and Judge James V. Allred by opposing the appointment of the latter as Judge of the 5th Federal Judicial District. Allred ran against Lee O' last year for the senate and was defeated. According to Senator Lee O' anybody who ever opposed him in a race for an office is a liar and a mulethief, and Senator Lee O' never lets the opportunity slip to get revenge. Allred is a Texas man and the only crime he ever committed was to run against Lee O' for the Senate. It takes a man of small caliber to use a high office to get revenge. In order to do this, he takes a slap at the President and the people of Texas. But he can't help it, he is made that way.

Entertained Bridge Clubs

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Rogers Hefley and Mrs. Pat Kellis entertained their bridge clubs at the Hefley home. Pink gladioli decorated the rooms where bridge was played. A salad plate was served. Defense stamps for score rewards were given Mrs. Lester Foster, Mrs. James McEntire and Mrs. W. S. Nelson.

Twenty players were present.

Sunny Smiley



Smiley Burnette does a Mexican dance in "Idaho" that is a highlight in his long career, and this rotund comedian has been delighting audiences for years, first in the Gene Autry pictures and now in the Roy Rogers attractions. He's an expert song-maker as well as comedian, and has won a wide fan following through personal appearances.

Red Cross Workers

Red Cross Workers this week were Mesames Seth Bailey, C. T. Sharp, R. P. Brown, John Walraven, Joe Emery, Lura McClellan, V. F. Bomer, Roy Foster, Frank Cole, Sterling Foster, W. N. Reed, W. B. Allen, Lester Foster, Rufus Foster, Pat Kellis, Y. F. Foster, A. F. Clark, M. E. Churchill, W. H. Stone, G. H. Cannon, D. Hall, H. W. Hart, Lee Augustine, Joe Sneed, and Misses Lometa Wood, Maggie and Ruth Reynolds, Vevian Reese and Clifford McCrury.

Miss Foster Goes to Dallas

Miss Marvin Frances Foster, who has been in charge of the local office of the West Texas Utilities for the past several years, has resigned her position to accept service with a Dallas concern. Mrs. T. A. Revell who has been serving as sales lady with Sharp & Bailey for a long time is filling the place of Miss Foster with the West Texas Utilities and Mrs. Warren Garms is filling the place with Sharp & Bailey left vacant by Mrs. Revell.

The man who gets along best in this world is the one who can look happy when he isn't.

Destructive Grass Fire Yesterday

Fire destroyed the grass on between ten and twelve sections of land in the W. L. Foster, Fred Hodges and E. F. Atkinson pastures yesterday afternoon before it was brought under control. For a time it looked as if Mr. Hodges' barns and ranch house would be consumed, but the new fire truck arrived in time to wipe out the fire before it reached the buildings.

The fire originated at the new bombing target range in the W. L. Foster Santa Fe pasture, where the grass was being burned, when the high wind caused it to jump the fire guard.

This was the 7th call for our fire department this week. Bombs set fires in the Kennebrew pasture when bombardiers missed the range, but the loss of grass in each instance was comparatively small. A fire was started on the railroad right of way opposite the W. W. Durham pasture east of town by matches thrown from the highway, but the damage was not great.

Assistant fire chief Joe Emery estimates the grass has burned off of more than 12,000 acres of land in this vicinity by fires originated by carelessness and ignorance.

The cultivation of tomatoes in this part of the country is different to that of East Texas. In a moist climate, tomatoes are apt to grow too much foliage and must be pruned in order to give the fruit sunlight to ripen, but here, pruning is not good because the foliage is needed to protect the fruit from sun blister. Most any kind of tomato will do well here, but the "Break O' Day" is among the most dependable varieties. From July until frost is the fruiting time here.

The Santa Fe Railroad Company has assigned all its available garden spots for use of its employes for raising vegetables this season. Our local Santa Fe agent, D. Hall, will use the garden plot just east of the passenger depot for a vegetable garden this year.

Dysentery Is Now Prevalent in Texas

Commenting on the unusually high incidence of dysentery in Texas at the present time, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, described dysentery as being an infectious disease characterized by diarrhea, pain in the abdomen, and toxemia. It is caused by a specific bacteria or germ. These germs cause inflammation of the lining of the intestinal tract which produces pain throughout the abdomen and the discharge of many loose stools that frequently contain blood and mucus. Toxemia results from absorption of the poisonous substances produced by the germs.

"The germs gain entrance to the body through the mouth," Dr. Cox said, "and then make their way to the intestines in the same manner in which food does. When they reach the intestines they find conditions favorable to their growth and there they establish themselves at the expense of the person infected and produce their harmful effects."

Dr. Cox warned that dysentery affects young children more often and more seriously than adults, frequently resulting fatally; however he said, it may occur at any age. It is usually more prevalent during the summer season, and the great number of cases now being reported are unusual for spring.

"The germ is expelled with the excreta of persons sick with dysentery and may continue to be expelled for some time after the patient recovers from the disease. These persons who still discharge the germs after they recover are called carriers, and they occur more frequently in this disease than in the majority of other infectious diseases.

"Food protection and adequate sanitary measures are more urgently needed now than ever before if we control the potential possibilities of epidemic dysentery in this State."

Almost every rancher and home owners you meet is planning a victory garden this season. Anyone with a supply of water can raise all kinds of vegetables needed by a family. In raising a garden here, you must fight weeds, insects and birds. Don't pay any mind to the guy who tells you to not use too much water. That can hardly be done in this country.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Women at War today are saving for Women at Peace when the War is won. They are buying War Bonds as thrifty housewives, saving to buy those handy, convenient and necessary electrical appliances when their Bonds mature.



Women know that money saved now will help win the peace, putting their menfolks to work in our domestic factories when the war is over. They know purchase of War Bonds today will help their family and the whole country tide over the readjustment period from War to Peace.

U. S. Treasury Department

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We've noticed that some people know a lot more when you try to tell them something than when you ask them something.

I am truly grateful to my many friends for the gifts, tokens and cards expressing good wishes and kind regards on the occasion of my 88th birthday last Monday. I sincerely thank you—Uncle Bill

Pay no attention to the fellow who advises you to plant in the moon. Plant when your land has been well broken and pulverized with plenty of moisture. This moon business is all right provided your land is in good condition.

Senator Lee O' informs us that he and others will urge the increase of cotton acreage ten per cent. Well, every little bit helps as the old lady remarked about the sea, but if I had my way, the cotton farmer would be turned loose so he could raise all the cotton he can, and that wouldn't be enough. War is hard on old clothes and lots of clothes will be needed after the war, as well as cottonseed products for feed and food.—Uncle Bill

Jim Tom, the youngest member of the News-Record family spent a day last week in bed with a large size case of chickenpox. Jeanette, one of Jim Tom's pals, got across the alley the other day in the hope that she could borrow a few chickenpox from Jim Tom, but one of the Fiadt guards arrested her and took her away. Jeanette can't understand why she can't have a few of Tom's chickenpoxes. Jim Tom is enjoying a two-weeks vacation from school.

I am willing to leave the control of booze drinking up to the army officers. They are on the ground and should know what is best for the average soldier. It is to the officer's personal interest to have his men sober and fit for duty. The officers have full power to enforce measures for the protection of the best interests of their men and they do not need the help of remote control. I am willing to pass up booz legislation until the war is over so the boys can have a say in this matter when they come home.—Uncle Bill

Senator Lee O' rendered his greatest service to the people of Texas when he resigned as governor of the state for the senate and gave us Coke Stevenson, one among the best governors we ever had. Since Lee O' has left Texas, the olive branch of political peace waves once more over the land. The Senator is making good in the U.S. Senate by lopping up and down the country telling the legislatures how to do things. Also, if the Senate has time to listen to Lee O', he expects to introduce a bill to instruct our soldier boys in the best methods of getting a bottle of 3.2.—Uncle Bill

For Excellence in Investment



THE MOST YOU CAN BUY IS THE LEAST YOU CAN DO

I AM EIGHTY-

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bloody wars come and go, and am now in the middle of the fourth and greatest of all. My heart grieves for those parents who must give up their noble sons to fight the enemies of God and man. I rejoice with those whose sons have brought honor to themselves and their country.

War is the evil heritage of all flesh. But war is in the program

of human life; so it behooves the youth of the land to be prepared for the pursuits of war as well as peace. Old age is not so bad if one adjusts himself to that period of life. Old age is not all the grunts under the weary loads of infirmities. It has softened me with tolerance toward the foibles of youth, I also remember that I was full of life and the spirit that is the heritage of youth and my heart goes out to them. For this, they repay me with love and respect

When they see me limping to-

ward home after a day's work in the printshop, they pick me up in their cars and carry me home. They show me every kindness and courtesy that is in their power to do. They are all good to me. They make old age and its infirmities worth while to bear.

The mines of earth have no treasures that I would exchange the love and respect that my neighbors bear me.

I was not consulted when I came into this world, neither will I be consulted when I leave it. But I am not worrying. It is God's way. I am content to let His will be done.

—Uncle Bill

HITLER'S WILL

(Dated Very Soon)

"To Russia I leave the Russian Winter where My brave ARYAN Soldiers froze—just when

We expected to land deep in the heart of Moscow.

To France I leave all the beautiful Mademoiselles in occupied Paris. I was never the one for girls.

To England I leave the original manuscript Of Mein Kampf, which the R.A.F. spoiled.

I had written a different finish but their fliers got me in the end.

To Italy I leave Japan the land of The Rising Scum, and vice versa. It's a question of who will be getting the worst of it.

To Count Ciano, the Son-in-law of Mussolini, I leave the Victoria Cross for bringing down in one day

Forty-one bombers and seventy fighters—all Italian.

To Franklin D. Roosevelt I leave My apology for interrupting his fishing.

But he got even. To Winston Churchill I leave a box of matches.

I never yet saw his Cigars lit. Besides, who will need matches where I am going.

And to the entire world I just say and will they give thanks?

Army Abbreviations

BAS stands for Bootleggers Society. The army boys use abbreviation when referring to bootleggers who seek to place bootleg in charge of handling booze within ten miles of an army camp.

K P, means kitchen police, a man who peels potatoes for army cook. A lady friend ran into this shop the other day to form the editor her son had been promoted to the rank of K P to be sure to make mention of in the paper.

A W O L, absence without leave. He is the man whom the colonel would like to meet and have a drink.

G H, guard house. It is a city refuge from which the K P has been promoted to his present rank, where the A W O L is boarding up lodging after the M P gets him.

M P, is the man who keeps K P on the job of peeling potatoes and the A W O L on the run.

A married man's wife finds things for him; a bachelor's wife finds his are on the floor.



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Mrs. W. E. came in last parents, Mr.
Miss Babe spent last parents, Mr.
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Local Items

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Mrs. W. E. Grigsby of Sanderson, came in last Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glass.

Miss Babe Cole of Colorado City spent last Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cole.

Rev. B. B. Hestir will preach at the Presbyterian Church Sunday both morning and evening. You are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Slaton and Miss Iris Dorsett, were last week end guests of relatives and friends here.

Mrs. John Blair of near Mertzon returned home last Tuesday after a several day's visit to relatives and friends here.

Aaron Clark has several hundred lambs on his Lacy ranch that are fat and doing well. Mr. Clark says he has not fed them any this winter

Mrs. Erie Conger of near Sanco, is visiting her son, Foster Conger and family at their ranch home south of here.

Wm. P. Sullivan, a former Sterling County boy, and who has been in the armed forces for several months, has recently been promoted to sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hart received a message a few days ago from their son, H. W. Hart, Jr., who is with the armed forces, had safely landed somewhere.

Link Wood was in from his ranch in the north part of the county last Tuesday. Mr. Wood says that while moisture is badly needed, his stock is doing good—especially his sheep.

The weekly luncheon of the Lions Club was held in the basement of the Methodist Church last Wednesday. Mesdames J. L. Sneed, R. T. Foster and S. M. Bailey served a splendid lunch to the members of the club.

J. H. Blackburn, Jr., is visiting his brothers, John C. and Eugene Blackburn at Fort Douglas, Utah. Eugene Blackburn has recently been transferred to Ft. Douglas, where John C. has been stationed for the past several months; thus, the two brother soldiers are together.

John Cole was in from his ranch on the Pecos near Rankin last Monday. Mr. Cole says his stock is doing good. He says he never feeds anything except a milch cow. He says he has no grass, but the weeds and shrubs are all that is needed except some rain. He says that the Methodist preacher is still in that country and that he and Canon Lyles may need his services pretty soon to make it rain again.

Otis Rabb of near Robert Lee was a business visitor here last Tuesday. He wanted to know if anyone in Sterling could remember when he was born here back in '97. Lots of old timers here remember that event but they blame his dad for taking him to Coke County to raise him up. When asked about the prospects of rabbits in Coke County, Otis said, "If this dry weather continues, you Sterling folks may have to go to Coke County for your rabbits." He is a son of my old sidekick, J. C. Rabb.

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

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

Palace Theatre

Friday and Saturday
March 19-20

2 Features 2 After School Play

Richard Dix
Francis Gifford
In

"Tombstone"

--AND--

Eddie Bracken
June Preisser
In

"Sweater Girl"

Also--

Short Subjects

Sunday and Monday
March 21-22

Henry Fonda
Don Ameche
Lynn Bari
In

"Magnificent Dope"

News of the Day
Short Subjects

Wednesday and Thursday
March 24-25

John Payne
Betty Grable
in

"Footlight Serenade"

News of the Day and selected short subjects

Friday and Saturday
March 26-27

Geo. Sanders
Herbert Marshall
in

"Moon and Sixpence"

Also News of the Day Selected Short Subjects

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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

8:30 Mid week Devotional

We welcome you,
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Methodist Church

Lowell O. Ryan

Pastor

Church school 10:30 a. m.

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Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock

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