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THE MUSTANGS

After the buffalo were destroyed and the Indians were driven out of this part of West Texas, thousands of wild horses, or mustangs remained on the range to pester the pioneer ranchmen.

The mustang was a graceful animal with long, flowing mane and a tail that almost touched the ground. They ranged in groups sometimes more than a hundred. They were ruled by a stallion that led and directed their safety and well being.

When marching in search of grass and water, they marched with the precision of a brigade of soldiers. The leader stallion would march in front of the group, but he was always watching and if he saw a mare or colt drop out of the procession, he would whirl back and give the stray such a biting and kicking it would seek refuge where the marchers were the thickest.

At certain periods, the leader stallion would drive out the young stallions as well as a group of fillies and a new harem would have its beginning. It was a known fact to observing plainmen that a stallion would never mate with a filly of his own get.

These mustangs were a great pest to the ranchers. An old stallion would leave his harem and go foraging for new members of his ramuda. He would sneak up where mules and saddle horses were turned out to graze and drive them to his group and keep them there. If his recruit happened to be a stallion, there would be a fight, because the old mustang didn't need any more stallions in his family.

Sometimes a mustang stallion would drive off every horse and mule on the ranch and leave the rancher afoot. They became such pests that the ranchmen were forced to destroy them.

J. L. Glass still owns the old rifle that he used to shoot mustangs with.

In those times there were mustang hunters who captured these wild horses for a livelihood. They would locate a bunch of choice looking mustangs and lay plans to capture them. They would prepare a great circle and stake out saddle horses and food at certain points. The time for the hunt would be when there were moonlight nights, because much of the drive had to be at night.

When all was ready, a rider would approach the mustangs and start them on the run. He didn't crowd them, but kept them going steadily. Now and then he would ride ahead and keep them going in a circle. Sometimes the circle would be as much as ten miles. The rider made certain that the mustangs didn't have time to eat, sleep or drink.

At intervals, a fresh man and horse would relieve the rider and give him and his horse time to rest, eat and sleep, but the mustangs were kept moving with no chance to rest, eat or sleep.

After about 24 hours, the mustangs would slow down and show signs of fatigue, but they were kept going until one by one of the weaker ones would drop by the wayside. It was then that the driver would crowd them until they were completely exhausted.

Then other riders would come on the scene and roped and tied as many as they wanted. In this way the hunters could take their choice of the wild horses.

There were individuals of these

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Over Here



(WNU Service)

Lions Club Observes Navy Day

The Lion's Club celebrated Navy Day at its weekly luncheon served in the dining hall of the Methodist Church last Wednesday. The hostesses were Mesdames D. Hall, T. S. Foster, R. L. Spaulding and Daisy Smith. A fine lunch was served.

Guests of the club included Weldon Philips of the US Navy, Dayton Barrett, who served a number of years with the Pacific fleet and was awarded the good conduct medal; and Misses Jerrie Sneed and Billie Sue Everitt. The latter two entertained with songs.

H. L. Hildebrand gave an interesting synopsis of Naval history from July 4, 1776, to the present day. S. M. Bailey, County Chairman of the National War Fund Drive for Sterling County, reported that only about \$300 was needed to complete the County's quota of \$1,570.

Discussing the matter of clearing the brush which obscured visibility on the road near the depot, it was stated that the county would have it done soon.

Automobiles Collide

C. T. Sharp received severe cuts and contusions about his head last Tuesday morning when the car he was driving, in company with H. Sparkman, collided with a car driven by Tommy Augustine with a group of school children near Mrs. W. T. Latham's residence.

H. Sparkman was also cut on his head, but his hurts didn't put him to bed as it did Mr. Sharp.

Some of the school children received slight hurts.

A truck had stopped in the road and neither saw the other as they attempted to drive around it.

Miss Evelyn Knight Is Married

The friends of Miss Evelyn Knight, sister of Hal and Lawrence Knight, will be interested to know that she was married at Austin, Oct. 16 to Lt. Walter Joe Moran of the U. S. Army.

The bride was born, reared and

URGES GUAYULE EXPANSION NOW



William O'Neil

Declaring that the production of real rubber is even more vital today as a supplement to the synthetic rubber program than it was at the beginning of the war, William O'Neil, president of the General Tire & Rubber company, is urging immediate expansion of the guayule rubber project.

O'Neil has asked the rubber administrator and members of congress to act in setting up a guayule program which will provide a larger source of natural rubber. He pointed out that with the great synthetic production, natural rubber is needed in the manufacture of heavy duty truck tires for use both by the military and essential civilian transportation companies.

Experiments with guayule culture since the Forest Service took over the project provided in legislation sponsored by O'Neil have shown that the period from seed to harvest need not be more than two years and probably can be one. Under the two year plan each acre produces from 600 to 850 pounds of rubber. Under the one year plan, guayule seed is drilled in like wheat early in the year, and is ready for harvest in the fall of the same year, producing from 400 to 600 pounds per acre. In each instance irrigation is necessary, but the one year method eliminates the necessity for nurseries and for transplanting, thus lowering the cost of rubber from this source.

O'Neil has suggested that much of the program be transferred to Mexico where there is an abundance of labor and of irrigable land.

educated through the high school in this community, where she has many warm friends to congratulate her.

The local Ration Board received 1156 applications for Book No. 4 last week. For Book No. 2, the County registered 1496. Those who failed to register may do so after Nov. 10.

Some Fine Hogs

Jackie Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Durham, hears the distinction of being the owner, of a pen of the biggest hogs in Texas.

About two years ago, Jackie received a gilt from Sears & Roebuck hog project which has become so popular and successful with the F. F. A. and 4-H boys of Texas.

From this gilt, Jackie has a pen of hogs that will challenge the admiration of every hog raiser in Texas. There are ten of one litter of these Duroc Jerseys modestly estimated, will make at least 3,000 pounds of pork.

Four of this pen estimated by experienced persons will at least weigh from 750 to 900 pounds. Four pigs only a few months old, will weigh 75 pounds each.

At a reasonable estimate, this boy has the makings for 6,300 pounds of good hogmeat. They are all fat. Some of the larger ones can hardly get up when they lie down.

Of course, Jackie's Dad helps him but Jackie has done most of the work in feeding and caring for them. After school each day, this boy rushes home to look after his pets.

These hogs have access to a Johnson grass field where they graze and root for the succulent and nutritious Johnson grass roots, but their main feed at present is Purina Cubes.

This shows what a boy can do for the home front if given the opportunity.

Red Cross Workers

Red Cross Workers Monday night were: Mesdames W. B. Allen, Sterling Foster, Lester Foster, Lee Hunt, Frank Cole, Henry Malloy, Joe Emery, W. R. Hudson, Lee Augustine, Roy Foster, Edwin Aiken, and Miss Flo Allen.

Red Cross workers Tuesday afternoon were: Mesdames Lester Foster, Rufus Foster, Lura McClellan, H. W. Hart, Joel R. Barton, D. Hall, Pat Kellis, Warren Garms, E. B. Butler, A. F. Clark, Joe Emery, G. H. Cannon, John Walraven, George Case, H. F. Merrell, Martin Brown and V. F. Bomer.

Dr. Cox Announces Campaign for Control of Venereal Diseases

In a statement issued this week by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, it was disclosed that in the near future an intensified state-wide educational campaign will be instituted for the control of venereal disease.

"The venereal disease situation in Texas has been receiving the close attention of the State Health Department," Dr. Cox said, "and it has become apparent that with the heavy concentration of military forces now within the borders of this state, the scope of the control program must be broadened. One of the most essential measures in this respect is the education of the public to the danger involved."

Every possible means for informing the public will be used, with emphasis placed on newspaper publicity, radio lectures, posters, pamphlets, leaflets, and personal information disseminated at venereal disease clinics throughout the state. Although there are now 138 treatment centers and clinics operating in the state, Dr. Cox indicated that if additional facilities are needed for the treatment of infected persons, more clinics will be established when the need is ascertained.

Special educators, doctors, and case investigators from the State Department of Health will be available for consultation and assistance to those cities and communities in the state most urgently needing such help.

Entertained With Barbecue

Supt. Tom McChesney and his staff of drillers of the Phillips Petroleum Co. at the oil test rig in the J. L. Glass pasture gave their friends another fine barbecue last Wednesday evening.

About 75 guests participated at the feast, including guests from Midland, Odessa and other points.

Through the generosity of Mrs. McChesney this old pencil pusher was given a ride in her car to the scene of the barbecue.

No king ever enjoyed a better feast than the one which those boys set before their guests. They had all that a normal person might crave to eat, including a kettle of stew.

The drill has passed the 8,000 foot level in shale. To men who know, the test looks good.

We join all the guests in thanking the McChesneys and their staff for this fine treat.

Four Out of Five in U. S. Service

The Homer Pearce family are all in Uncle Sam's service except the mother, and she is doing her bit.

The two sons of the Pearce family Homer L. and Reggie B. Pearce are now Captains in the armed forces. They are in service somewhere on the West Coast.

The only daughter, Mrs. Anna Lee Pearce Johnson, is our popular postmaster, the best in Uncle Sam's service as all Sterling will testify. Mrs. Johnson's husband, MM2C Tommie Johnson, is in the Navy somewhere.

Last, but not least, the old man Homer L. Pearce himself is assistant postmaster and a member of the Local Board. He is always cheerfully helping Anna Lee with the mail.

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STINKIN' FOR A FIGHT

Nothing would satisfy Hitler but a fight. When England, France, and Italy met with Hitler at Munich, Hitler was in a very bad humor. He told the delegation that he didn't want any other country in Europe except Czechoslovakia. Hitler looked so tough, that the delegates from these countries said in effect: "We don't want any war, and rather than have any hard feelings about the matter, we'll give you Czechoslovakia," as if that country was theirs to give. Hitler lost no time in making over that country. Then he took over Poland and most all the other countries of Europe.

Joe Stalin of Russia didn't want a fight. He didn't want any trouble with Hitler, so he signed a pack with him that they would let each other alone.

One day, a few months later, when Joe had his back turned, Hitler jumped astraddle of Joe's neck with both feet and went to the ground with Hitler on top. For a long time Hitler kept Joe on the ground rubbing sand in Joe's eyes. This didn't scare old Joe a little bit. It only made him mad. For a time it looked like Joe was a gone goshing but Joe and his people got over their surprise and began to fight. Hitler hung on for a time, but Joe is hitting him so hard that Hitler and his baby killers are printing tracks toward a place where the timber is tall and the scenery is quiet and serene.

This trick pleased Hitler so well, that he ribbed Hirohito, chiefrod of the Japs to try it on Uncle Sam. Uncle Sam's boys were so busy with horse-races, ball games and making money that they were not ready to cope with a union labor strike, much less for a real grown man's war. Fellows like Senator Wheeler told the folks to keep their money in their pockets and not fortify Wake and the other islands because the Japs were nice people and it might hurt their feelings if we put men and guns on these places where the Japs did business.

So one Sunday morning at Pearl Harbor, while our soldiers and sailors were at the movies, Sunday School and Church: while no one was looking or even suspecting, a flock of Jap bombers, ships and every thing they had attacked the people of that city and tore it up like a sow's nest and when the yellow devils had finished their dirty work, over 3,000 innocent people lay dead in that city.

That didn't scare Uncle Sam to speak of—it only made him mad, even if he was afoot without a gun. While Uncle Sam was getting ready these yellow murderers gave us the beating of our lives.

But later on the tide turned. These disciples of Hitler's treachery are being destroyed like the devilish rats they are. They are paying for their unspeakable crimes at Pearl Harbor. Their power will be buried so deep in the Pacific Ocean that not

one bubble will ever rise to tell of their iniquitous existence.

Hitler and Hirohito will go to hell on a greased slide. See if they don't.—Uncle Bill

THE MUSTANGS

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horses that submitted to captivity and made fine saddle ponies, because they were tough and could do hard work and make their living on a scant range.

But other individuals could never be conquered. They would never give up. When forced to carry a man, they fought with such fury that they were useless.

Among the last mustang drive in this part of West Texas was made by Matt Allen, the late Henry Baede, and others. They captured as many as they could care for.

The most beautiful horse I ever saw was a snow white mustang that ranged with his harem in the valleys of the upper reaches of the North Concho. His tail and mane almost touched the ground. He wasn't a large horse, but his limbs and body were perfect. His skin was as white as that of a white human. I found

this out by creeping upon him from behind some brush. When he smelled me, he rounded up his family and led them away.

I had seen this stallion many times while hunting antelope. One day he was missing from the harem and I suspected that some rancher had killed him. Mustang hunters told me that they had often tried to capture him, but failed because when the other mustangs were exhausted, "Old Whitey" kept going.—Uncle Bill

If I had a girl whom I wanted to cultivate high ideals and fitness for future life, I would encourage her to join the Girl Scouts, and see that she lacked nothing needed to carry on her Scout work. She couldn't go wrong if she learned and practiced the teachings of the Girl Scouts.—Uncle Bill

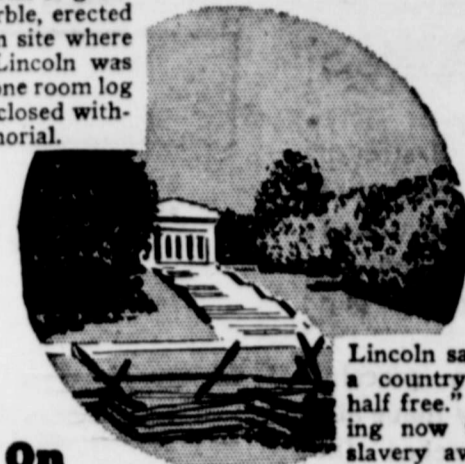
Under the provisions of a bill passed by both houses in Congress, the dependents of soldiers will get more pay. A wife with one child will get \$80 per month and each additional child will receive \$20 per month.

The present payment is \$62 per month per the wife and one child

BONDS OVER AMERICA

Behind a split rail fence near Hodgenville, Kentucky, is the Lincoln Memorial of granite and marble, erected on the farm site where Abraham Lincoln was born. The one room log house is enclosed within the memorial.

Lincoln's Birthplace



Lincoln saw the evils of a country "half slave-half free." We are fighting now to keep Nazi slavery away from our free shores as much as to liberate the conquered peoples of Europe and Asia.

Keep On Backing the Attack With War Bonds

and \$10 per month for each additional child.

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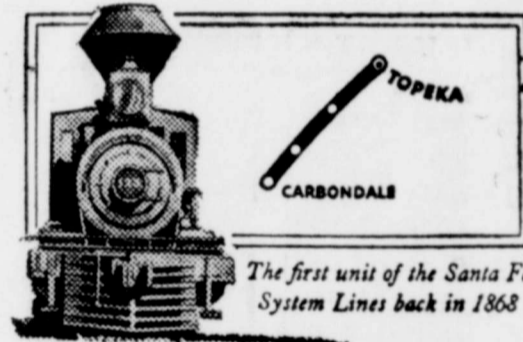
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A light frost in the low valleys on the night of 26th of this month.

The NEW Winning of the West



The first unit of the Santa Fe System Lines back in 1868

JUST 75 years ago this week, October 30, 1868, rail was laid on the first unit of the Santa Fe System Lines—a 17-mile stretch in Kansas from Topeka to Carbondale.

Today, Santa Fe System Lines are over 13,000 miles long, serving people and products from Illinois to California, and from Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico.

Looking Ahead

Farsighted men, even years back, began looking ahead to the Southwest and West not only as a land of enchantment and natural resources but as the coming theater of industrial expansion in this country.

The war has brought home the soundness of this vision—big things are happening today in the states of Santa Fe land.

States served by the Santa Fe

Thousands are flocking to Texas—great state of farm, factory and free enterprise—to man its booming plants, cultivate its soil, and ride its far-reaching ranges.

Kansas is becoming famous for its plane factories and munition plants, as well as its golden wheat fields.

Arizona is winning new fame in the fields of agriculture, live-stock, mining, and as an aviation center.

Oklahoma's oil is writing bright new pages in the science of war, and advances for the peace to come.

Freight cars are rolling out of New Mexico

loaded with essential copper, potash and zinc, as well as steers and sheep.

Illinois, Missouri and Iowa are saying it around the world with factory and food products.

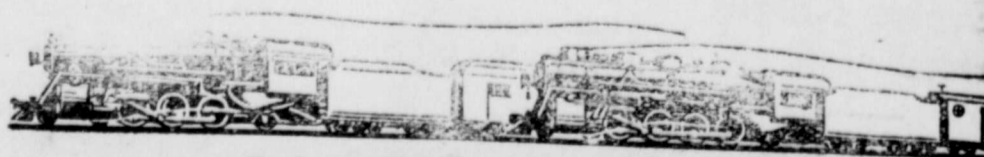
The lead and silver and coal from Colorado's mineral-filled mountains are doing great things toward winning a war.

And in California, steel mills, shipyards, power dams, plane plants and lumber mills are working around the clock to supply more, more, and more of the sinews of war.

Santa Fe all the way for U. S. A.!

We of the Santa Fe are too busy "keeping 'em rolling" for Victory to take time off to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the laying of our first rail.

This is, however, an appropriate time to point out how important to the development of this New West has been the linking together of its States by Santa Fe rails. We are naturally proud to be part of this great development.



SANTA FE SYSTEM LINES

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Local Items

Phillips Petroleum Company was drilling past 8,133 feet in the J. L. Glass test this morning.

Born: October 19, to Eusign and Mrs. Floyd C. Burnett, a girl. They named the little girl Barbara Jane.

Durward Chapman, of the Navy Reserve school at Fayette, Mo., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Chapman, here this week.

W. R. Morgan, former employe of the First National Bank, but now a flockmaster of near Rankin, visited friends and attended to business here last week end.

Mrs. H. L. Pearce left last Wednesday for San Antonio where she will attend the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Seaman Second Class Weldon Phillips, formerly stationed at Camp Eadicott, Davis Field, N. J., is here on a furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Minta Phillips. He is to leave next week to report to a new assignment on the West Coast.

Representative Harley Saddler was a visitor to our town last Tuesday. Mr. Saddler is drilling a wild-cat oil test in the J.R. Mims pasture about ten miles east of here. Mr. Saddler says they have passed the 1,600-foot level in a promising lime

Pfc. Wm C. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis, has received his diploma from Lincoln Aeronautical Institute as an Aircraft Mechanic. He has been transferred to Santa Monica, Calif. in the Crew Chief's School in the Douglas Aircraft Corp.

Pink Sherrod of near Dryden, Texas, spent last week end visiting his father, J. T. Sherrod and other relatives here. When Pink was a button, he served as devil for the News-Record. That was about 40 years ago. Altho he is a well-to-do flockmaster of the Big Bend country, he has always retained his love for this old shop and the force. Pink's printer's rule was his ticket to all the shows and entertainments. When Pink showed that rule to the ticket seller, he always got by. Pink could always argue himself into a show with his rule.

Mrs. Pearce Is Hostess to Sesame Club

Mrs. Homer Pearce entertained the Sesame Club in her home Tuesday evening with a most enjoyable musical program.

Six members answered the roll call and the following program was presented:

The Fundamentals of Music—Mrs. J. R. Hale
Vocal Solo—"Romona" sung in Spanish by Mrs. L. O. Ryan
Piano Solo—"Nola" by Mrs. T. Johnson

Mrs. Geo. Case was elected club delegate to the State Convention. Mrs. Homer Pearce was elected alternate club delegate.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Taylor Garrett, Nov. 9.

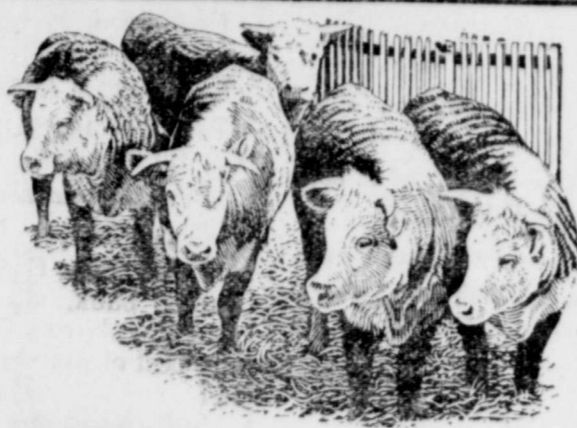


FDR says:

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Ned Buxton was home on furlough last week. And you ought to see the fuss the town made over him. Seems like almost everybody wanted to give a party, or a testimonial dinner, or stage something special in the way of celebration.

Of course, Ned acted grateful. But he told me later, all he really wanted was to sit down with a few old friends, enjoy a glass of beer or two, and talk about old times again.

I guess that's how many soldiers feel. They don't want a lot

of fuss made over them, with formal celebrating and such.

What they really like are the simple pleasures—one of Mom's home-cooked meals, visiting with friends over a glass of beer—enjoying things that mean home and comfort and security.

From where I sit, our biggest job, apart from helping win the war, is making sure those things are waiting for our men when they come back home for good.

Joe Marsh

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In
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IN TECHNICOLOR

News of the Day
Short Subjects

Wednesday and Thursday
November 3-4

Lum and Abner

In
"Two Weeks to Live"
Also News of the Day
Selected Short Subjects

Friday and Saturday
November 5-6

Richard Carlson
Martha O'Driscoll

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"My Heart Belongs to Daddy"
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In
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Short Subjects

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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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Eagles Take A Licking

The Sterling Eagles took a licking last Friday afternoon Oct. 22, at the hands of the Courtney team to a score of 20-0.

The Eagles gave a fairly good showing against the Courtney six considering the fact that the Sterling Eagles were the underdogs as far as weight was concerned.

The Courtney team scored once in the first quarter and twice in the last quarter. Two extra points were made by the visiting team in the last quarter.

The starting lineup for Sterling included Tommie Augustine, Jack Mitchell, Billy J. Littlefield, Wilburn Lindsay, Frank McCabe and Ira Dees.

Several substitutions were made during the game. The substitutes included Neal J. Reed, Joe Snead, and Jimmy Mac Mathis.

Thursday at 2:30 the Sterling Eagles will go to Water Valley to meet the Water Valley team. This is a return game, Water Valley having beaten the Eagles 6-0 at Sterling City several weeks ago.

Attend District FFA Meet

Mr. Carter, Neal J. Reed, Tommy Augustine, and Frank McCabe attended a district meeting of the F. F. A. at Midland last Saturday.

We had the privilege of electing two boys from our home chapter to be officers in the District Chapter. Frank McCabe was elected for secretary and Wesley McCleery was elected fourth vice president.

A father and son banquet will be held in Midland in February for the boys and their fathers in this district.

There will be a judging contest during the Fat Stock Show at Midland. The judging teams will be composed of four boys from each school in this district.

Bonnie Ruth King Undergoes Operation

Bonnie Ruth King is now recuperating in a San Angelo hospital after an appendectomy last Sunday. Bonnie Ruth was selected last week by the Freshman as Halloween princess to fill the place of Betty Jo Rutherford, who has moved to Odessa.

Because of Bonnie Ruth's illness, it was necessary for the Freshmen to choose another princess. Edith Fowler is now the Freshman princess.

First Grade

Jenny Ruth Davis has been selected as princess to represent the first grade in the coronation of the Halloween. William Grady Clark, Jr., is to be her escort.

For the past week the Rhythm Band has been preparing several numbers to be given at the Halloween Carnival. This will be the first public appearance of the Rhythm Band this year. The band has chosen the name of the Victory Players, and the patriotic theme will be carried out throughout the year.

Tests for Navy Training Will Be Offered

Qualifying tests for civilians army specialized Training Program and Navy college program will be offered at the Sterling High School at 9:00 a. m., Nov. 9. Supt. Hole and Mr. Carter will be in charge of the test.

Civilians who will be 17 but not yet 22 on March 1, 1944 who are high school graduates, or who will graduate by March 1, 1944 are eligible to take the test.

The purpose of the test is to select potential officers material and give successful candidates further training.

Anyone interested should contact either Mr. Carter or Mr. Hale.

Dance Given in Gym Last Friday

A dance sponsored by the Junior class last Friday night in the high school gymnasium. The entire high school student body was invited.

A patriotic theme was carried out in the decorations.

The dance was under the sponsorship of the junior class room mothers, Mrs. John Skeet, Mrs. L. R. Knight and Mrs. Leah Wyckoff. The sponsor of the junior class is Mrs. John Wade.

This dance was the first school dance of the year.

Homemaking Club Meets

The Homemaking club met Tuesday afternoon. Plans for the Carnival Dinner were discussed, and everyone is invited to eat Mexican Dinner with us in the Homemaking Department Friday night, Oct. 29.

Margaret Skeete, president called the meeting to order. Dixie Knight, program chairman had charge of the program.

WE WONDER

"How The Fued Started"—Bonnie Ruth King

"Our Class at Work"—Ernestine Cole

"You'll Never Know" and "Paper Doll"—sung by Beth Abernathy and Betty Jo Rutherford

The freshmen had charge of the refreshments and served cinnamon rolls.

What was so interesting in San Angelo this week end to a certain junior girl.

What Paula Sue has slowly but surely picked out of her hair this week.

What senior boy was really having a "good time" Saturday night.

Why Wesley was riding around all by his lonesome after the dance Friday night.

What Mac was telling Frances Monday noon that seem so important.

Why June was so happy Monday afternoon.

What two senior girls found to laugh about Sunday night, after being very disappointed.

JOKES

Can you feature Frank (better known to the students as "Cabbage") going to HALE and asking for a glass of ICE WATER.

Have you heard the latest about the lil' moron? Don't feel lonesome, we haven't either.

Mr. Littlefield: "What does this 60 mean on your report card?"

Billy J.: "Oh-h-h—that's just the temperature of the room!"

Mrs. Wade: "Do Sterling Hi School boys waste much time?"

Jack: "Oh no! Most girls are reasonable."

Second Grade

The pupils of the second grade are glad to have Billy Joe Swann and Bunky Randolph back in school after nearly a week's absence because of illness.

3rd and 4th Grades

Last Friday Mary Davis and Bobbie Blair celebrated their birthdays. In their honor Mrs. Davis served the room with cake and ice cream.

Undivided profits 61,200.87
 Total Capital Account . . \$221,200.87
 Total Liabilities and Capital Account \$1,695,857.71
 STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, ss:

I, J. S. Cole, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 J. S. Cole, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of October, 1943.
 [Seal] W. W. Durham,
 Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
 J. T. Davis
 Claude Collins } Directors.
 W. L. Foster

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank OF STERLING CITY, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS.

At the close of business on October 18, 1943.

Published in response to call made by Comptroller of Currency under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts, (including \$1,370.82 overdrafts)	\$184,155.01
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	416,000.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	162,053.35
Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	4,800.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	923,324.35
Bank premises owned \$4,500.00, furniture and fixtures \$1000.00	5,500.00
Other assets	25.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,695,857.71
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits, of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$1,467,959.48
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	2,615.58
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	4,078.71
Other deposits (certified and cashiers' checks etc.)	3.24
Total deposits \$1,474,657.04	
Total Liabilities	\$1,474,657.04
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Common stock, total par \$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00

SPECIALS

Vegetables We will have a shipment of fresh vegetables every Wednesday. Also a good selection of fruit when available.

Barbecue Tuesday and Friday sizzling hot Bar-B-Q will ready at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Macaroni Luxury Macaroni Dinner with 1 oz. of cheese for only 15c

Facial Tissue Astree facial tissue box of 200 for 10c

Corn Prosperity, cream style, No. 2 can for 15c

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