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THE DRYS SAY-- THE WETS SAY--

If my memory serves me right, my old time friend, Jeff Sherrod is the only man who was living in Sterling City when I came here more than a half century ago.

I have seen a saloon in full blast. I saw it close for the want of patronage. I have seen a number of local option elections. I confess that I helped to ratify the 18th Amendment as a member of the House of Representative. I confess that it was the greatest failure of all political movements—a national curse which was repudiated after years of trial.

I have lived among these upright people until I can call ninety-nine per cent of them my friends. The only difference we ever had was about the plan of salvation and the methods of getting a drink.

In these matters, I have tried to allow every man the right to think and vote his conscience and judgment, and I have done the same. I would have been a darned hypocrite had I done otherwise.

In the early days here, we had horse races. The loser in the race spent much wind and time in explaining the how-come. The winners punctured the air with much boorah and many gesticulations.

Last week we had a periodic local option election in which the dries won a signal victory.

As a rule, most everybody is taking the results good naturedly. But a few wets and dries are still explaining.

The dries say that conditions were so bad that some deaf people could not sleep at night. They said some of the schoolboys were getting beer and loafing around the pool hall.

The wets say that the dries were either lying or they didn't have the guts to report the matter to the Sheriff or County Attorney who would have promptly done something about it.

The dries explained that it was an opportune time to put the beer joints out of business while so many of the boys were in the army and away from home. If they were at home, they might defeat the measure. That a quiet campaign was desired in order to conserve the peace.

The wets say that the election was a Pearl Harbor sneak. That it was not generally known that an election was to be held until a few days before the election date. They say that in order to keep the public in the dark, they had the ballots printed in Austin and the notice of the election tacked up in the court house where it was difficult to find.

The dries answered that the wets should have been looking out. They knew that eternal vigilance is the price of personal liberty.

The wets threaten to contest the election.

The dries say, come on with your old contest, we are ready. We were fair to everybody.

The wets say if you call five dries to one wet on the election board fair you certainly were fair to yourselves, but the election is over. No fights and no one was hurt. All are on speaking terms. We are all Democratic and will abide by the will of the majority.

Both wets and dries will have to go elsewhere for beer or else depend on their favorite bootlegger. As a matter of public record, bootleggers in the past had little to fear here if they were caught with booze enough.

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When Johnny Comes Marching Home



Will Collect Fountain Pens for Soldiers

A concentrated campaign to collect every broken and discarded fountain pen in Sterling County will be conducted by the County Salvage Committee, it was announced today by H. M. Carter, committee chairman.

The collection will begin Jan. 17, and continue through Jan. 25.

All pens contributed and collected will be repaired and rebuilt into good-as-new pens for distribution without cost to U. S. servicemen overseas. Distribution of the rebuilt pens will be by the U. S. Army Chaplains who will see that the pens go only to those servicemen who do not have workable pens.

The collection campaign here is being made at the request of the Texas Salvage Committee, and is endorsed by the Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, and other Army and Government officials.

Cooperation of civic groups, clubs, fraternal organizations, schools and others in the local collection campaign, is asked by Davis Drug Store who has been designated as collection center. Check your home, office, or school room and any pen that is broken or unusable to you, turn it in at once at the Davis Drug Store.

Pens collected will be sent immediately by Sterling County Salvage Committee to Mr. Emerson McCord at Houston, Texas, who will do the repair work at no cost and send the rebuilt pens to the U. S. Army for distribution by overseas chaplains.

Wimodausis Club Studies Post War Problems

"Post War Problems" was the general subject discussed when the Wimodausis Club met with Mrs. Clyde Davis on Jan. 5. The roll call was "My Ideas for Peace." "A Lasting Peace" was given by Mrs. W. E. Allen. "Proposals for World Peace" was the topic discussed by Mrs. L. R. Reed. "Why We Are Fighting, and for What" was given

From the Fijis



Miss Mackle McCown, junior home economics student at Texas State College for Women, is a long way from home. She is the daughter of A. C. McCown, owner of the Wai-ni-loka Plantation, Ovalau, Fiji Islands.

by Mrs. H. H. Everitt.

The club voted to continue subscribing for two copies of the "Club Woman." The president appointed the year book committee, which consists of Mesdames W. N. Reed, D. Hall, H. H. Everitt and Miss Prebble Durham, and a nominating committee composed of Mesdames L. R. Reed, Sterling Foster and N. H. Reed.

The club voted to install officers in May.

Mrs. Helen Crawford of Los Angeles, Calif., was a guest.

The club will meet with Mrs. W. E. Allen on Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyles and sons of near McCamey were last week end guests of Mr. Lyles' mother, Mrs. Helen Lyles.

The Lions Club

Mesdames S. M. Bailey, J. L. Sneed, D. P. Glass and Daisy Smith were the hostesses to the Lion's Club at their weekly luncheon in the basement dining hall of the Methodist Church last Wednesday.

In the absence of president Lion Dr. Swann, vice president Lion Clyde Davis presided over the club.

The attendance was good in spite of the snowstorm that was prevailing.

Lion Tom Onstott who was assigned to render the program, was out making repairs on the electric lines and failed to show up. They turned Lion Tom over to the tender mercies of Lion Taittwater, W. R. Hudson. There will be lots of roaring when those two cubs contact.

The Boy Scouts had failed to get full pay for hauling junk, so the club donated \$5.00 to make up the difference. The Scouts have already begun to build their cabin on the City Park grounds. Ground was broken some time ago and they are asking the public to help them in the good work. The Lions are very friendly toward the Scouts and no doubt they will have a nice cabin in which to meet in the near future.

Red Cross Workers

Red Cross workers Monday night were: Mesdames Lester Foster, Roy Foster, Henry Malloy, John Walraven, Lee Hunt, H. W. Hart, R. L. Spalding and Sterling Foster.

Red Cross workers Tuesday afternoon were: Mesdames Sterling Foster, Joe Emery, Henry Malloy, G. H. Cannon, Smoky Gams, Seth Bailey, J. H. Brizendine, G. C. Murrell, H. W. Hart, Lura McClellan, Roy Foster and W. B. Allen.

They Had No Holidays

The Red Cross Surgical Dressing Unit met Monday and Tuesday after two weeks holidays. Our boys in service had no holidays, so this is another urgent appeal to the women of Sterling County to volunteer at least three hours each week to aid in making dressings for our wounded servicemen.

Soil Conservation News North Concho District

The Supervisors of the North Concho River Soil Conservation District approved conservation plans on 31,226 acres at their regular monthly meeting Monday. These conservation plans include the J. C. Reed and Lee Augustine ranches and the Joe Emery farm of Sterling County; and the R. C. Chandler ranch (Llano County School Land) and the Mrs. T. C. Ramsey farm in Tom Green County.

A petition was submitted by the land owners in the Middle Concho River drainage area of Tom Green County for annexation to the North Concho River Soil Conservation District. The supervisors voted to accept the annexation and referred the petition to the State Soil Conservation Board for immediate action.

Present at the meeting were supervisors Zach Jones, Lee R. Reed, Foster Sims Price and J. R. Mims, County Agent, J. E. Tatum and E. J. Hughes with the Soil Conservation Service.

Foster Sims Price gave a report on the State supervisors meeting in Cisco last month and stated that much interest was manifested in Soil Conservation Districts.

Herman Garlington noted that a good cover of grass on range land and ample litter on cultivated land caught and held the snow, whereas on areas not having good cover, the snow blew off and drifted knee deep in nearby borrow ditches and fence rows.

Must Have Fats

Fats for the drugs we must have to save the lives of our heroes, and every man who risks his life that we may enjoy our peaceful existence is a hero. If it could be brought home to every housewife in Texas just where her tablespoonful of fat per day finally found its end, she would not have to be reminded again of the importance of fats in our great drive to rid the world of suffering and pain. Lack of fats in this war held an army back a week until rusted equipment could be replaced. That week cost American lives. Why do we sit idly by while our boys die. This killing war is just BEGINNING for us. When the black days of invasion come and we are doubly bowed in sorrow, let's not have to condemn ourselves because our salvage efforts were "too little and too late."

Turn your waste fats in at Randolph's Market and Grocery now and from now on.

Rainfall for 1943

According to J. T. Davis, local volunteer weather observer, the rainfall at Sterling City, during 1943 was as following:

January	.10
February	0
March	2.35
April	.15
May	4.92
June	.10
July	4.75
August	0
September	1.78
October	.50
November	1.42
December	2.85
Total	18.92

Leslie Stringer, of Wichita Falls, was here this week looking after his ranch interests at Broome.

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Yes, we grouch about hardships these days, but the latter day generation doesn't know the first letter of the hardships which their grandfathers and grandmothers endured in the Civil War days.

In these days of war, we can buy most of the nice things mentioned above. We have plenty of sugar, coffee, flour, and other good eats at fairly reasonable prices.

You can get a nice haircut at the barbershop for 65 cents. If you have a half dozen kids, you can have their hair cut at 65 per, or do it yourself. Most anybody can cut hair. It is a simple job. All you need is a pair of sharp scissors and a wet calftrope to make the kid sit still.

If the soles of your shoes wear out, you can buy leather and tacks and do it yourself. Its easy. Anybody who can pound sand into a rathole, can put halfsoles on a shoe—provide he is forced to and has a mind to do it.

Quit grouching and put your money into War Bonds. We must back the boys over yonder or Uncle Sam will make us do it.—Uncle Bill

THE DRYS SAY

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to do any good. If he was caught with as little as pine pints, they stuck him plenty. But if he was caught with three ten-gallon kegs of whiskey, they made a goat of a man alleged to have been seen walking down the road and turned the man caught with the booze free. I happen to know that the members of this jury was selected because of their dry proclivities.

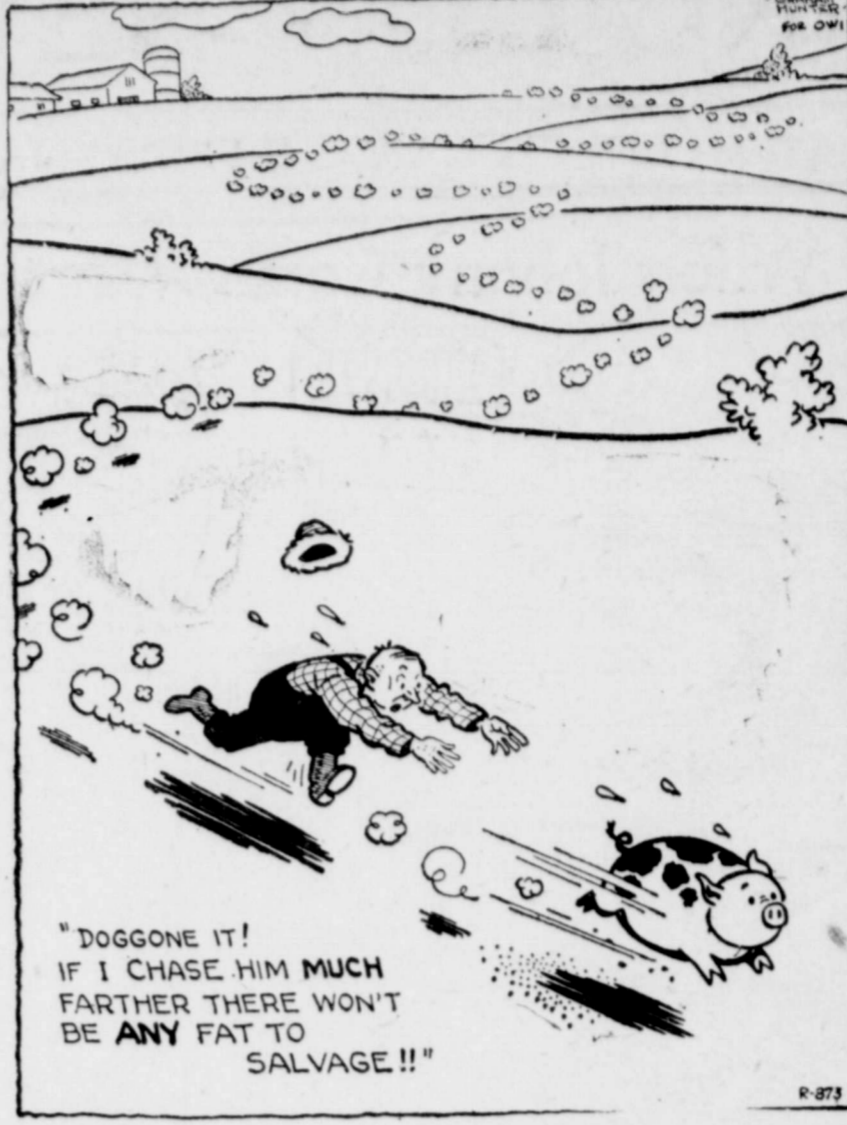
The method of getting booze in Sterling has always been a problem. Because a man votes dry is no sign he doesn't drink. The fact that he votes wet is no sign that he drinks. It isn't a question of booze or no booze that vexes us, but the method of getting it is the thing that makes us chew the rag.

After we all get used to the dry method of getting booze, it will be all clear and serene again.

I hope no one will get mad at me about what I have said about this matter. I am sure I am not mad at anyone about what they did. Plain talk should not hurt anyone. Each one of us are honest about our views. Its our right to think and vote the way we think best. That is what our boys are fighting for—even if they are away from home and can't mix up with us.

I hope none of the boys will think hard of us because we took advantage of their absence to pull this thing off.—Uncle Bill

The big dailies like the San Angelo Standard and Fort Worth Star-Telegram are not taking any new subscribers these days on account of shortage of paper. They may have to cut down the size of their papers and this at a time when the country needs them most.



Time Out for Lunch



Gen. Carl Spaatz (left), Gen. James Doolittle, and the commanding officer of an advanced B-17 bombing base in North Africa help themselves at mess during a celebration of the 100th mission over enemy territory from the North African base. (Official OWI photo—Rural Press Section.)

NO CLOCK WATCHER IS SHE

We were late last Saturday in getting the News-Record off the press and in the mails. We worked frantically to get the home list in the postoffice so Anna Lee could get the papers in the subscriber's boxes before six o'clock.

At two minutes before six, the last paper was addressed and ready for mailing. Only two minutes to go on. No, we will not burden the tired, little postmaster with an overtime task—the papers can wait.

At that moment the door opened and Anna Lee was framed in it. "Are the papers ready?" she asked.

They were, and she grabbed them and took them to the postoffice and put them up. Can you beat it for service?

Next morning I was limping along with a heavy load of papers for the outgoing mails. On the sidewalk they came untied and scattered. Just then R. P. Brown and Jim McCollum came along, helped me tie them and carried them to the postoffice. Can you beat it? Such people make a fellow wish to live always, bless their hearts.—Uncle Bill

The highest denomination of bank note issued by the United States Federal Reserve is \$10 000.

Charter No. 9813
Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank
OF STERLING CITY, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS.

At the close of business on December 31, 1948.

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

Loans and discounts, (including \$946.00 overdrafts).....	\$379,835.44
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.....	515,905.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures.....	
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.....	746,321.62
Bank premises owned \$4,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$1000.00.....	5,000.00
Other assets.....	
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,651,862.06

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits, of individuals, partnerships and corporations.....	\$1,413,948.38
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings).....	1,077.45
Deposits of States and political subdivisions....	23,521.49
Other deposits (certified and cashiers' checks, etc.)	324.00
Total deposits \$1,438,550.56	
Total Liabilities ..	\$1,438,550.56
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Common stock, total par \$60,000.00....	\$60,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits.....	53,311.50
Total Capital Account ..	\$213,311.50
Total Liabilities and Capital Account	\$1,651,862.06

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, Mrs. J. S. Cole, Cashier of the above 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 10th day of January, 1949.

[Seal] W. W. Durham, Notary Public

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

If you must cuss the president and those who are running the war, go down on the creek to do your swearing. It would make Hitler's heart glad to hear you. If there is anything that would cheer Hitler and the Japs, it would be hearing you cussing the President and the others who are conducting the war. The President and his helpers are dealing Adolph and the Japs so much misery, your cussing would be a great comfort to them.

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Cottonseed--
Cake
Meal

Purina--
Range Cubes
Dairy Feeds

Poultry Feeds

Worm Killers and Livestock Medicines

COAL

Grain, Hay, Salt, Feed Minerals

COAL

Local Items

Born: On the 10th to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gibson a girl.

Born: On the 12th to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Augustine, Jr., a boy.

Born: On Jan. 6th., to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Witkowski at a hospital a San Angelo, a girl.

Cars washed and shined. Bring cars to W. H. Sparkman residence -H. Sparkman tf

I have opened the Sinclair Station and will wash and lubricate cars, and fix flats. Your patronage will be appreciated. -Lloyd Murrell 4tp

Miss Mildred Atkinson has been appointed county chairman for the celebration of the President's Birthday in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Lt. Jimmy Hall came in last Wednesday for a brief visit to his family and other relatives here. The lieutenant is stationed somewhere in the West Coast.

Rooms For Rent: Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, known as the Findt residence facing Main Street and Third Avenue. See W. P. Meyer. tf

Rain, sleet and snow has prevailed here for the last month. The ground is thoroughly soaked. Snow on the ground today. While it is hard on livestock, but great riches are being stored in the ground for seeds and grass by and by.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Findt of Fluvanna, came in last week to visit Mrs. Findt's mother, Mrs. Lena Findt and other relatives. On their return, Mrs. Findt accompanied them to their ranch home near Fluvanna, where she expects to reside in the future.

After a sojourn in a hospital in San Angelo for several weeks, J. L. Lass came home last Saturday, except for a lame foot, the old timer is getting along all right. Mr. Lass' friends say that he does not seem to ride the range this spring as he has done for the last 60 years.

Report came yesterday that Pfc. Perry Brown, Jr., had been wounded in combat with the Japs somewhere in the South Pacific and now is in a hospital at Longview, Texas, and would be out in a few days and would come back to Sterling shortly to visit relatives and friends in his home town.

Lt. (sg) Edwin Aiken came in from the West Coast last Wednesday to be with his son, Edwin Jr. who underwent appendectomy at a hospital in San Angelo last Wednesday. Mrs. Aiken had gone to the West Coast to visit her husband when they received the message that their son was ill. They hurried home by plane, bus and automobile to be with him. The lad is reported to be getting along nicely. Lt. Aiken has been in the Pacific during the past year where he has had lots of unfinished business to finish with the Japs.

Many Red Cross Workers Overseas . . .



Red Cross men and women are with troops on fifty-three continental and insular battlefronts, and have gone into the theatres in many instances right along with the invasion forces, or else have followed soon after. Above is Miss Barbara Sweetland, American Red Cross worker, chatting with a small native boy, "somewhere in India." American Red Cross for the Office of War Information.

BONDS OVER AMERICA * * *

At Green Bay, oldest settlement in Wisconsin, there is a heroic statue depicting an Indian, a missionary and an explorer. Nicolet, Perrot, Marquette, Joliet and Black Bird, a Sauk Chief, are all remembered.



Keep On Backing the Attack With War Bonds

Many people from distant lands live at peace here in America making it a better place to live. Read for yourself what Nazilism has meant for Norway, Denmark, Holland, Greece.

Seabees Grow Garden in South Pacific



This picture of four Seabees in their Victory garden on "Island X," somewhere in the South Pacific, was entered in a garden photo contest sponsored by the Santa Fe Railway for its employees and promptly won a special award. All four men are furloughed employees of the railroad. They are, left to right, R. R. Hart, Fresno, Cal., E. S. Hill, Miami, Tex., Roy D. West, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Elmer Russell, Galveston, Tex.

BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

BACK UP YOUR BOY

FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF

Increase your payroll savings to your family limit

R. P. Davis Barber Shop Rain water shampoos

Baptist Church

Sunday
A.m.
10:00 Sunday School lesson
11:00 Worship Service
P.m.
7:00 Training union
7:45 Evening worship
Monday afternoon
3:00 Missionary Society
4:15 Sunbeams
Wednesday
P.m.
7:30 Weekly Teachers meeting
8:00 Mid-week Devotional
Come to these services, you are welcome, and you will enjoy the fine fellowship and hospitality of all our people.
Claude Stovall, pastor

"He's Crawling Now . . ."



HE'S a curious little fellow. Chubby fingers clutch at all he sees. He's cutting teeth, too, and likes to chew on things.

Mother watches him every minute, but sometimes she thinks in terror, "What if he'd fall from his high-chair . . . swallow a safety-pin . . .!"

With the telephone handy she feels safer . . . the doctor is within easy call.

The telephone brings the doctor, police, firemen . . . quickly. Have one installed in your home . . . now!

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Morning worship, 11 o'clock
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock

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Double Features Friday and Saturday

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Friday and Saturday
January 14-15

George Brent
Priscilla Lane

In

"Silver Queen"

--PLUS--

William Boyd

In

"Undercover Man"

Also News of the Day
Selected Short Subjects

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
January 16-17-18

Judy Garland

Van Heflin

In

'Presenting Lily Mars'

News of the Day and
selected short subjects

Wednesday and Thursday
January 19-20

Charles Boyer
Joan Fontaine
Alexis Smith

In

"Constant Nymph"

Short Subjects

Friday and Saturday
January 21-22

Blandie and Dagwood

In

"It's A Great Life"

--and--

Russell Hayden

In

"Lone Prairie"

News of the Day
Short Subjects

SUNDAY MATINEE

3:00 P. M.

CLEANING & PRESSING

Suits cleaned and pressed
Dresses, plain, cleaned & pressed **50c**

Work called for and delivered

The Men's Store

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THE DRYS SAY

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to do any good. If he was caught with as little as nine pints, they stuck him plenty. But if he was caught with three ten-gallon kegs of whiskey, they made a goat of a man alleged to have been seen walking down the road and turned the man caught with the booze free. I happen to know that the members of this jury was selected because of their dry proclivities.

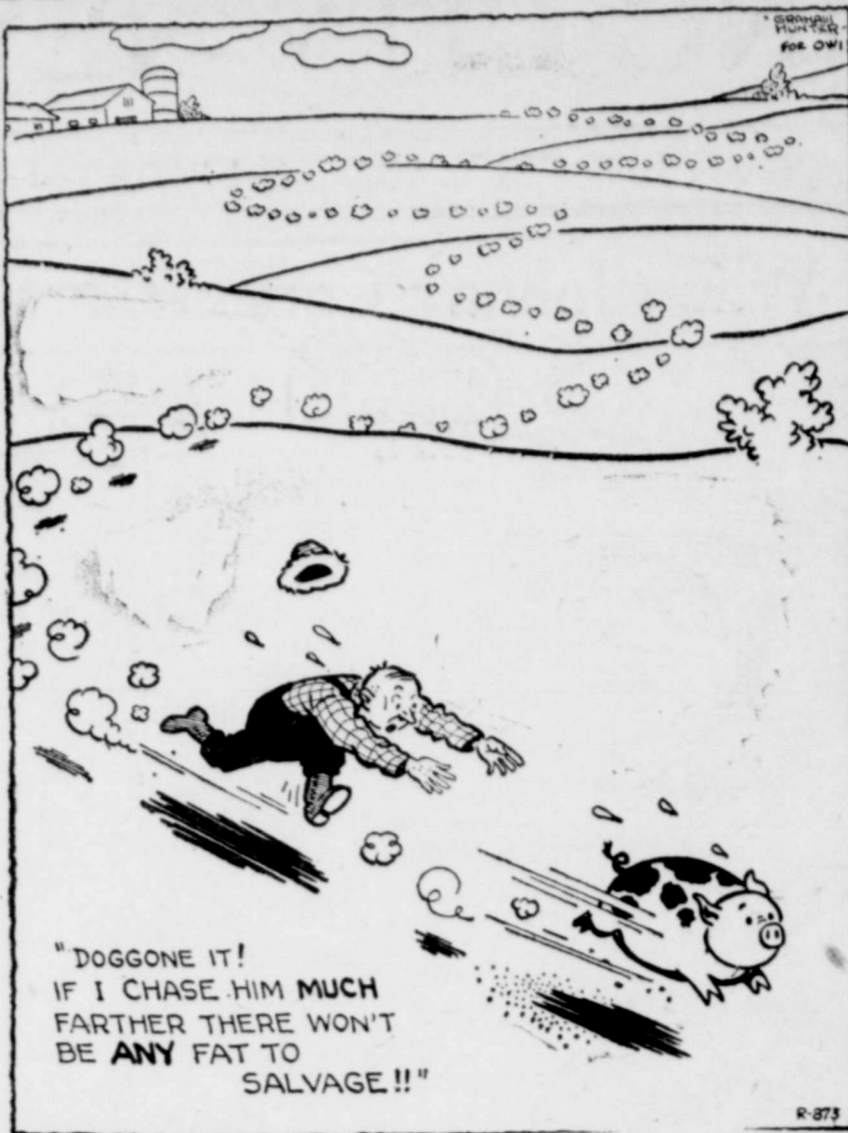
The method of getting booze in Sterling has always been a problem. Because a man votes dry is no sign he doesn't drink. The fact that he votes wet is no sign that he drinks. It isn't a question of booze or no booze that vexes us, but the method of getting it is the thing that makes us chew the rag.

After we all get used to the dry method of getting booze, it will be all clear and serene again.

I hope no one will get mad at me about what I have said about this matter. I am sure I am not mad at anyone about what they did. Plain talk should not hurt anyone. Each one of us are honest about our views. Its our right to think and vote the way we think best. That is what our boys are fighting for—even if they are away from home and can't mix up with us.

I hope none of the boys will think hard of us because we took advantage of their absence to pull this thing off.—Uncle Bill

The big dailies like the San Angelo Standard and Fort Worth Star-Telegram are not taking any new subscribers these days on account of shortage of paper. They may have to cut down the size of their papers and this at a time when the country needs them most.



Time Out for Lunch



Gen. Carl Spaatz (left), Gen. James Doolittle, and the commanding officer of an advanced B-17 bombing base in North Africa help themselves at mess during a celebration of the 100th mission over enemy territory from the North African base. (Official OWI photo—Rural Press Section.)

NO CLOCK WATCHER IS SHE

We were late last Saturday in getting the News-Record off the press and in the mails. We worked frantically to get the home list in the postoffice so Anna Lee could get the papers in the subscriber's boxes before six o'clock.

At two minutes before six, the last paper was addressed and ready for mailing. Only two minutes to go on. No, we will not burden the tired, little postmaster with an overtime task—the papers can wait.

At that moment the door opened and Anna Lee was framed in it. "Are the papers ready?" she asked.

They were, and she grabbed them and took them to the postoffice and put them up. Can you beat it for service?

Next morning I was limping along with a heavy load of papers for the outgoing mails. On the sidewalk they came untied and scattered. Just then R. P. Brown and Jim McCollum came along, helped me tie them and carried them to the postoffice. Can you beat it? Such people make a fellow wish to live always, bless their hearts.—Uncle Bill

The highest denomination of bank note issued by the United States Federal Reserve is \$10 000.

Charter No. 9813
Reserve District No. 11
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank**
OF STERLING CITY, IN THE STATE
OF TEXAS.

At the close of business on December 31, 1943.

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

Loans and discounts, (including \$946 00 overdrafts).....	\$379,835.44
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.....	515,905.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures.....	
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.....	746,321.62
Bank premises owned \$4,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$1000.00.....	5,000.00
Other assets.....	
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,651,862.06

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits, of individuals, partnerships and corporations.....	\$1,413,948.38
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings).....	1,077.42
Deposits of States and political subdivisions....	23,521.49
Other deposits (certified and cashiers' checks, etc.)	324.00
Total deposits \$1,438,550.56	
Total Liabilities ..	\$1,438,550.56
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Common stock, total par \$60,000.00....	\$60,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits.....	53,311.50
Total Capital Account ..	\$213,311.50
Total Liabilities and Capital Account ..	\$1,651,862.06

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 10th day of January, 1944.

[Seal] W. W. Durham, Notary Public
CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. Davis }
W. L. Foster } Directors.
Rufus W. Foster }

If you must cuss the president and those who are running the war, go down on the creek to do your swearing. It would make Hitler's heart glad to hear you. If there is anything that would cheer Hitler and the Japs, it would be hearing you cussing the President and the others who are conducting the war. The President and his helpers are dealing Adolph and the Japs so much misery, your cussing would be a great comfort to them.

STERLING FEED & FUEL COMPANY

RETAILERS

Cottonseed--
Cake
Meal

Purina--
Range Cubes
Dairy Feeds

Poultry Feeds

Worm Killers and Livestock Medicines

COAL

Grain, Hay, Salt, Feed Minerals

COAL

Local Items

Born: On the 10th. to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gibson a girl.

Born: On the 12th. to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Augustine, Jr., a boy.

Born: On Jan. 6th., to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Witkowski at a hospital in San Angelo, a girl.

Cars washed and shined. Bring cars to W. H. Sparkman residence - H. Sparkman tf

I have opened the Sinclair Station and will wash and lubricate cars, and fix flats. Your patronage will be appreciated. -Lloyd Murrell 4tp

Miss Mildred Atkinson has been appointed county chairman for the celebration of the President's Birthday in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Lt. Jimmy Hall came in last Wednesday for a brief visit to his family and other relatives here. The lieutenant is stationed somewhere in the West Coast.

Rooms For Rent: Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, known as the Findt residence facing Main Street and Third Avenue. See W. P. Meyer. tf

Rain, sleet and snow has prevailed here for the last month. The ground is thoroughly soaked. Snow on the ground today. While it is hard on livestock, but great riches are being stored in the ground for seeds and grass by and by.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Findt of Fluvanna, came in last week to visit Mr. Findt's mother, Mrs. Lena Findt and other relatives. On their return, Mrs. Findt accompanied them to their ranch home near Fluvanna, where she expects to reside in the near future.

After a sojourn in a hospital in San Angelo for several weeks, J. L. Lass came home last Saturday, except for a lame foot, the old timer is getting along all right. Mr. Lass' friends say that he does not intend to ride the range this spring as he has done for the last 60 years.

Report came yesterday that Pfc. Perry Brown, Jr., had been wounded in combat with the Japs somewhere in the South Pacific and now is in a hospital at Longview, Texas, and could be out in a few days and cheer Hitler could come back to Sterling shortly to visit relatives and friends in his home town.

Lt. (sg) Edwin Aiken came in from the West Coast last Wednesday to be with his son, Edwin Jr. who underwent appendectomy at a hospital in San Angelo last Wednesday. Mrs. Aiken had gone to the West Coast to visit her husband when they received the message that their son was ill. They hurried home by plane, bus and automobile to be with him. The lad is reported to be getting along nicely. Lt. Aiken has been in the Pacific during the past year where he has had lots of unfinished business to finish with the Japs.

Many Red Cross Workers Overseas . . .



Red Cross men and women are with troops on fifty-three continental and insular battlefronts, and have gone into the theatres in many instances right along with the invasion forces, or else have followed soon after. Above is Miss Barbara Sweetland, American Red Cross worker, chatting with a small native boy, "somewhere in India." American Red Cross for the Office of War Information.

BONDS OVER AMERICA * * *

At Green Bay, oldest settlement in Wisconsin, there is a heroic statue depicting an Indian, a missionary and an explorer. Nicolet, Perrot, Marquette, Joliet and Black Bird, a Sauk Chief, are all remembered.

Spirit of Northwest



Many people from distant lands live at peace here in America making it a better place to live. Read for yourself what Nazism has meant for Norway, Denmark, Holland, Greece.

Keep On Backing the Attack With War Bonds

Seabees Grow Garden in South Pacific



This picture of four Seabees in their Victory garden on "Island X," somewhere in the South Pacific, was entered in a garden photo contest sponsored by the Santa Fe Railway for its employees and promptly won a special award. All four men are furloughed employees of the railroad. They are, left to right, R. R. Hart, Fresno, Cal., E. S. Hill, Miami, Tex., Roy D. West, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Elmer Russell, Galveston, Tex.

Baptist Church

Sunday

A.m.
10:00 Sunday School lesson
11:00 Worship Service
P.m.
7:00 Training union
7:45 Evening worship
Monday afternoon
3:00 Missionary Society
4:15 Sunbeams

Wednesday

P.m.
7:30 Weekly Teachers meeting
8:00 Mid-week Devotional

Come to these services, you are welcome, and you will enjoy the fine fellowship and hospitality of all our people.

Claude Stovall, pastor

"He's Crawling Now . . ."



HE'S a curious little fellow. Chubby fingers clutch at all he sees. He's cutting teeth, too, and likes to chew on things.

Mother watches him every minute, but sometimes she thinks in terror, "What if he'd fall from his high-chair . . . swallow a safety-pin . . . !"

With the telephone handy she feels safer . . . the doctor is within easy call.

The telephone brings the doctor, police, firemen . . . quickly. Have one installed in your home . . . now!

THE SAN ANGELO TELEPHONE COMPANY

Methodist Church

Lowell O. Ryan Pastor
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Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock

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George Brent
Priscilla Lane

In

"Silver Queen"

--PLUS--

William Boyd

In

"Undercover Man"

Also News of the Day
Selected Short Subjects

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
January 16-17-18

Judy Garland

Van Heflin

in

"Presenting Lily Mars"

News of the Day and
selected short subjects

Wednesday and Thursday
January 19-20

Charles Boyer

Joan Fontaine

Alexis Smith

In

"Constant Nymph"

Short Subjects

Friday and Saturday
January 21-22

Blandie and Dagwood

In

"It's A Great Life"

--and--

Russell Hayden

In

"Lone Prairie"

News of the Day

Short Subjects

SUNDAY MATINEE

3:00 P. M.

CLEANING & PRESSING

Suits cleaned and pressed
Dresses, plain, cleaned & pressed **50c**

Work called for and delivered

The Men's Store

BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

BACK UP YOUR BOY
FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF
Increase your payroll savings to your family limit

R. P. Davis
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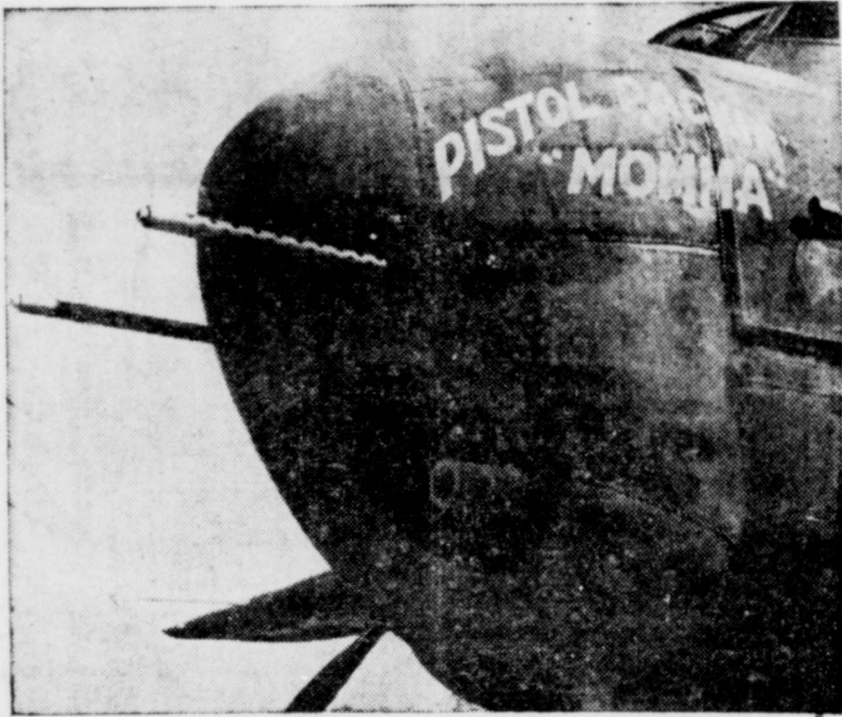
How Castaways Fish for Food



OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

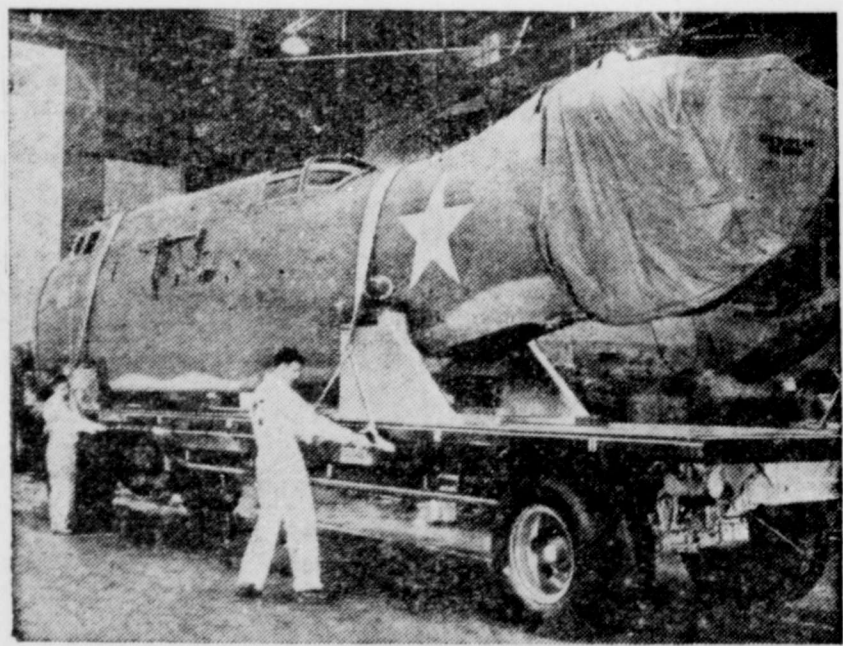
No longer do castaways on a life raft need to fear starvation and thirst. A simple, compact, complete, and fool-proof emergency fishing kit is now standard equipment on all lifeboats, rafts, and planes of the Navy, Army, and Merchant Marine. Hooks, lines, lures, spear, bait, and a net provide the means to catch food. The fish shown has been snagged in the net.

Flying Artillery



"Pistol Packin' Momma," in the form of a North American B-25 Mitchell bomber equipped with a 75 millimeter cannon, is a smash hit in the Southwest Pacific, where this plane and others like it have recently been hitting the enemy with the "flying artillery." A War Department announcement has revealed that the North American Mitchell is the first plane to be equipped with heavy artillery and has been a great success in smashing Japanese shipping and supply centers.

ASSEMBLY LINE ON WHEELS



This picture, taken inside a West Coast aircraft plant, shows a huge Fruehauf Trailer loaded with a fuselage of a patrol bomber and ready to wheel it to its next step in the production line.

WE WONDER

If Billy J. will ever make up his mind.
 If Mac pretended or if it was the "real McCoy" Monday night.
 Why Margie got mad at a certain out of school boy—

Who built a fire and why New Year's Eve night. Well, some people do get cold!
 When, where and why the lights went out Monday night and whom it effected.
 Why Santa Claus seemed "purty" good to the Seniors. Have THEY

been good?

Why June ate so much at the senior dinner the Nick Reeds gave. She was hungry of course! (Who wouldn't be—everything was wonderful!)

If Jerry could take a guest to the U.S.O. How about that, Speed?

Why the C. G. girls usually get the low down on this gossip column before it goes to press.

Texas' Top 4-H Gardener Wins National Championship



E. J. HARRISON JR., 19, of Cleburne, Texas, state entrant in the 1943 National 4-H Victory Garden contest, received both Southern sectional and national honors in the finals. As rewards, the youth received an all-expense trip to the recent 22nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and a \$100 War Bond, provided by Sears, Roebuck. . . . In five years of club work, the youth grew 34.1 acres of garden, the products of which he values at \$3,285.41.

To the People of this Community

YOU ARE IMPORTANT

There is no such thing as a "little" investment in the Fourth War Loan.

Your \$25 or \$50 or \$100 Extra War Bond may not have great importance in your mind in making up a 5 1/2 billion dollar total for individuals.

But multiply yourself by 130,000,000 and then you see in real perspective how truly great each citizen becomes in massing national strength against the Nazis and the Japs.

Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Navy chaplain aboard the Carrier Wasp when she sank, tells of a rescued wounded sailor, who, as he regained consciousness, asked: "Did I do my best?"

That's the only question you, too, have to ask yourself when you decide the extent of your personal participation in the Fourth War Loan.

There undoubtedly will be large single purchases of War Bonds in this community, but yours—if it is "your best" will deserve equally the red, white and blue shield you are privileged to display in the window of your home.

So "Let's All Back the Attack."
 THE EDITOR.



On the beaches of Italy, in the jungles of the Pacific—planes, tanks, artillery must move—and fast; no waiting to build roads or airfields. That's when our soldiers must unroll these "steel mattresses," as you see them in this photo. Your War Bonds pay for them.
 U. S. Treasury Department

Saving Means Victory!

SAVING means security against want, hardships and the anxiety of old age or misfortune

SAVING means more food, clothing, drugs and equipment for our fighting men, and thus end the war more quickly

SAVING means the purchasing of more War Bonds and Stamps

SAVING waste fats means the very life of our soldiers. From it life-saving drugs and explosives are made. Bring us every ounce of fat you can spare.

Let Us Help You SAVE on Food Bills

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