

OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

The following are excerpts from several letters received from James Allard: "Here I am in New and different—to me. I'm real having a time and wouldn't miss it for anything."

When I was in Silvertown on my last leave I was talking to Tom and Nanny Bomar one night. They hadn't heard from Carl Dean for sometime—or since he left the states.

They told me that as soon as I get an FPO address to drop them line and as soon as they heard from Carl Dean they would send me his address. Or Tom said "you never know, if you keep in touch with one another you might hit the same port or the same island at the same time." If so, you might get a chance to look one another over.

Well, I was writing some letters yesterday morning and I think, well, I'd better write Tom and Nannie, so they will have my address. But as it was kinda close to noon, I decided I would wait 'til afternoon.

Anyway I had just finished eating the noon meal and was leaving the mess hall when I heard someone about three tables from me say "ALLRED". Well, I looked up and so help me, there's Carl Dean.

Talk about being glad and surprised to see someone, well we really were. Incidentally, it was 42 days after I was talking to Bomars.

Hoss sure looks good. He's about 15 to 20 pounds heavier than when I last saw him last Thanksgiving.

Give my address to Roy and tell him to start the B. C. N'e

PFC. JACK HARRIS writes his letter, Mrs. Clarence Barclay; her Sis and family: Will answer your letter I received before I left England. This leaves me fine and happy you all are better by now. I am back in France sleeping in pup tent and eating C rations three times a day. I am headed back to my old unit. I don't know how long it will be before I get back to them, not long I don't think.

I sure hope you can take the way to Dallas and they can do some good when you get there with him. It is a shame that he is the shape he is in. I feel so sorry for you and him both.

It looks as if your troubles will never be over. If it is not one thing it is two more. I will be glad if they ever end.

I sure would of liked to see you while he was there. He use to write to me once in a while but haven't heard from him in a long time. I have lost his address and can't write to him.

I guess mom and them are in the cotton patch by now. I sure hope mom will take better care of herself than she has been in the past. I guess she had to go with the kids in order to get them to do anything. I guess dad will be hauling again this fall. I sure hope I can be there to help them by this time next year. It looks as if that will be as soon as I can hope to get there. I hope I can stay the rest of this battle out over here without getting hit again. I am still planning on coming home in as good a shape as I was in when I left. I think I will make it with the help of the Lord.

I would like to hear from B. T. and Lois for a change. I haven't heard from them since before their boy was born.

Well, I will close and go get my C rations as they are blowing the whistle. So answer soon.

PVT. KELTON NEWMAN, who is in New Guinea writes the following: "Dear Roy: Just a line to let you know I am in the best of health. Hope this letter finds you the same. I was thinking last night about all my friends at home.

Roy, have you been sending me the paper. (Ed. Note - We send you one each week) if you have am not getting it. I haven't received a paper since I came overseas. Maybe they will catch up with me one of these days.

Well it looks as if we have old jobs by the seat of the pants now, and also old Hitler too. It can't be over too soon to suit me. This is all the news that I know. Oh, I have an easy job now. I am a deep dispatcher. I have to know where the jeeps go and how long they will be used.

I hope to hear from you real soon. Tell Dean Allard, I sure wish could get one of those good haircuts he puts out. Tell everyone hello for me.

I heard from Hayne McClendon and he is trying to get over to see

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6th War Loan Opens Monday

WAR FUND GRAND TOTAL \$2238.78

The grand total for the War Fund for Briscoe County is \$2238.78. The following is the complete list of the solicitors and what they collected:

Silvertown	
Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Bean	\$22.50
Mr. & Mrs. Nash Blasengame	23.50
Mr. & Mrs. D. O. Bomar	132.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Brooks	24.00
Mr. & Mrs. Oner Cornett	15.00
Mrs. Avis Cowart	82.50
Mr. & Mrs. T. T. Crass	48.00
Mr. & Mrs. John L. Francis	49.33
Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Garrison	24.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Haverty	35.50
Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Hill	7.20
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Holt	9.50
Mr. & Mrs. Robert London	61.50
Mr. & Mrs. Eugent Long	23.00
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Mallow	30.50
Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Mercer	24.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mercer	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carver Monroe	34.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bud McMinn	19.50
Mr. & Mrs. D. T. Northcutt	32.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dee Reid	22.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Reid	48.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Schott	19.50
Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Stephens	34.30
Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Stodghill	21.00
Mr. & Mrs. Perry Thomas Jr.	79.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Wheelock	43.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Wimberly	27.00
Mr. & Mrs. Grady Wimbrly	56.00
Rock Creek School	2.00
Silvertown School	48.69
First National Bank	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Steele	5.00
Mrs. Bobbie Edwards	17.50
TOTAL	1186.02
Quitake	
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Barbee	38.50
Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Finney	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Currie	88.75
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hamilton	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Morris	50.50
Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Messiner	54.75
Mr. & Mrs. E. Morrison	11.00
Mr. & Mrs. B. McCracken	40.50
Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Persons	244.15
Mr. & Mrs. P. P. Rumph	84.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick Jr.	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Rucker	79.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. F. VanMeter	79.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. P. White	74.50
Brice	854.10
Miss Carolyn Schott	17.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bray Cook	26.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Edens	47.34
Vigo Park	90.34
Miss Evelyn Culwell	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wright May	17.00
Mr. & Mrs. Murry May	34.82
Mr. & Mrs. Don Alexander	34.50
Palo Duro	101.32
C. R. Piercy	7.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2238.78

Denhams Have Four Sons Fighting For Uncle Sam



Cpl. Wiley T. Denham, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Denham is in the field artillery, and is now in France. He entered service in December of 1942. He is married and has one daughter. He worked in a steel mill before entering service.



Cpl. Floyd E. Denham, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Denham is in the Air Corps. He entered service in May 1942 and is stationed at Victoria, Kansas. He is married and has one daughter. His occupation before entering service was a sheet and metal worker.



Pvt. Raymond S. Denham, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Denham, is with the Engineer Corps. He entered service in May of 1942. He is now in Italy. He was an oil worker before entering service.



Pvt. Tony R. Denham, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Denham, is a paratrooper. He entered service in November of 1943. He was wounded in Holland and is now in hospital in England. He formerly was a truck driver.

The Sixth War Loan opens officially, Monday, November 20, and Briscoe County has been assigned an overall quota of \$155,000, according to W. Coffee, Jr., county chairman of the War Finance Committee.

Coffee is notifying the following school district chairmen to serve as organizers and solicitors in their respective districts:

Lakeview	J. A. Montague
Francis	John Lee Francis
Rock Creek	Fred Mercer
Heckman	Don Grady
Wallace	A. L. Deavenport
Antelope	Elmer Sanders
Haylake	M. B. Self
Gasoline	H. B. Finney
Kent	Ellis Curry
Holt	Elbert Dickerson
Howard	C. E. Perry
San Jacinto	Earl Malone
Silvertown	H. S. Sanders
Quitake	H. G. Gardiner

These men have been chosen, says Mr. Coffee, Jr., because of their success in the past few drives. They, of course, have the right to call upon any person in their district for help as they see fit. A great deal of the success of our drives, is due to the work of these men. Each community owes it to them to give them all the assistance possible, and to consider the fact that they are working for the good of a great cause, doing it willingly and without thought of pay.

In spite of opinions that you may hear that the war is nearly over the need for money is as great as ever. As the main theatre of operations shifts to the Pacific, longer supply lines, and a sea and land war combined will call for expenses far greater than before. The amounts assigned each district by the Treasury Department are as follows:

Lakeview	\$6,200.00
Francis	5,812.50
Rock Creek	6,587.50
Wallace	4,312.50
Heckman	4,262.50
Antelope	5,812.50
Haylake	10,462.50
Gasoline	10,462.50
Kent	6,200.00
Howard	1,550.00
San Jacinto	10,850.00
Silvertown	44,950.00
Quitake	34,857.50

By comparison with the 5th War Loan in June, these amounts are slightly less as the overall quota of that drive was \$170,000.00. Briscoe County has failed to make her quota on only one drive which had a goal of \$212,000.00. That has been more than made up in subsequent drives. We must keep our record clear. The present quota of \$155,000 must be met—the quicker it's met, the quicker we will show the boys that we are backing them.

Buy what you can—THEN BUY ANOTHER \$100 WAR BOND.

Presbyterian Auxiliary Has All Day Meeting

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met at the church in an all day session, November 14, 1944.

Mrs. Sid Richards was leader for the Home Mission Study book "The Indian in American Life, Lindquist. She was assisted by Mesdames Dickerson, Alexander, Wright, Northcutt, Wulfman, Tony Burson. Mrs. Wright was leader for devotionals of the day, using scripture, prayers and a short drama to impress the importance of our interest in the American Indian Life.

Twelve members and one guest Mrs. C. C. Whitney of Jewell, Kansas enjoyed the day.

A covered dish luncheon was served.

NOTICE, Advertisers & Reporters
The Briscoe County News will be published this next week on Wednesday, Nov. 22, in keeping with Thanksgiving on the 23rd. Please let us have all copy early in the week.

NOTICE

November and December are the months in which to immunize against winter colds, in other words its time to take the cold serum. It is also a good time to give the life serum for the prevention of diphtheria, whooping cough and scarlet fever. Come in and get started.

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DR. O. T. BUNDY

ARMY CHAPLAIN GIVES VIVID DESCRIPTION OF S. PACIFIC

Capt. Mark L. Brown, an army Chaplain, writes his parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. G. Brown, from New Guinea. Since Briscoe County has many boys engaged in the Pacific war. Their home folks will read with interest this description of the remote and strange islands of the Southwest Pacific, penned by one whom we do not know, but who has eyes to see, and a talent for writing. Capt. Brown's parents reside at Jewell, Kansas.

New Guinea, Aug. 9, 1944

Dear Mother and Dad:

I'll never forget the day I saw the Golden Gate bridge disappear into the distance and I knew that I was on my way to an unknown destination.

How small and alone I felt that day, knowing that it would be a long time before I would see the familiar sights of the American scene again. Since leaving San Francisco I have been over a large portion of the South and Southwest Pacific. The trip across was long and uneventful. There was plenty of time to read and wonder in my mind just what I was getting into. I don't think there is anything so annoying as the uncertainty of where and when you are going. In due time we always find out, but one has to learn to develop patience.

I spent a few days in New Caledonia which is a French possession. Originally it was used as a penal colony. The language, of course, is French and my college acquaintance with it wasn't good enough to converse with anyone. The island is about two hundred miles long and thirty to forty miles wide. Running the full length of the island are high mountains and deep valleys covered with semi-tropical growth of trees and plants. The days are quite warm and humid, but the nights are cool. The mosquitoes are as thick as grasshoppers in western Kansas on a mid-July afternoon. It possesses the most healthful climate of any of the tropical islands. Much of the soil is rust red, so colored because of the almost pure deposit of iron ore on or near the surface. It is rich in mineral deposits of nickle, chrome and even gold. Nickle and chrome are the chief exports from their one port, Noumea near the southern end of the island, and most of it goes to the U. S. The iron deposits have not yet been tapped. Noumea is the only city of the island and has a population of possibly six or seven thousand. There are quite a few small towns and villages. The sanitation is very poor. . . . The sewer system is an open conduit that runs on either side of the street in front of the houses. From each house a smaller conduit carries the refuse to the main one in the street. Because of this the odors and flies are varied and prolific.

The original natives are of the Melanesian race which are as black as our negroes. . . . There is

a good deal of leprosy and the local government has set up several leper colonies.

The dwellings are built with the accent on comfort. The sides of the houses have huge windows but little glass is used; the idea being to let the breeze blow through to keep the place as cool as possible. The shades are small slats bound together and rolled up from the bottom. Each house has a veranda and this keeps the rain from coming in the windows. The roof of every building is corrugated metal sheets painted either red or green with every now and then a brown one thrown in. Looking down over the city it makes a very colorful sight.

From New Caledonia I went to Guadalcanal. I shall never forget my first smell of the tropics. We were passing the headlands of Guadalcanal early in the morning when from over the waters I caught the sweet sickening odors of the jungle. It smells like a cross between decaying matter and over perfumed flowers. It is both attractive and repulsive. Once you have experienced its tantalizing odor you will never forget it. The Solomon islands are all coral islands covered with a heavy growth of jungle. Here and there along the beach the jungle has been cut back to carrying depths and coconut trees planted. The plantations are long and narrow, always on the coast and usually run inland from a hundred to five or six hundred yards. Guadalcanal, unlike the rest of the Solomon Islands, saw, had large barren patches of sterile ground. Nothing will grow there. It is odd seeing dense jungle interspersed here and there with complete barrenness. It was particularly interesting from the air. I used to think that Kansas had the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets in the world but after seeing those of the tropics I've changed my mind. The brilliant colors of the sky seem to blend with the pale pastels of underwater coral to create indescribable beauty. There is one thing about island that many people do not know. The maps always show the names of towns, but in reality they are nothing but native villages or missions.

From Guadalcanal I went to Rendova and New Georgia with my unit. We went through some rather trying experiences to wrest comes out. During the rainy season the Munda airstrip from the Japanese. It was on Rendova that I had my first experience of being bombed. On New Georgia we experienced the real hell of battle. I saw the mighty destructive power of modern weapons of war. Virgin jungle was swept clean by artillery shelling, bombing, and sea bombardment. I saw both heroism and cowardice displayed and I smelled rotting human flesh. There are many things I would like to forget. We secured the airstrip and were withdrawn after

JOHNNY QUILLEN arrived here Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fowler.

HUGHES — COX

In a simple home ceremony, Miss Grace Hughes became the bride of Troy Cox. The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. A. C. Hamilton Jr. at eleven o'clock, November 11, 1944.

The bride was attired in a dress of roses two piece suit, with navy accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations. For something borrowed, she carried a white Bible and for something old, a handkerchief belonging to her grandmother.

The living room was decorated with baskets of flowers. Guests were the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hughes, the bridegrooms mother Mrs. Ada Cox, and Mrs. A. C. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox left immediately after the ceremony to visit relatives in Nocona and Gainesville. They will be at home on the Cox farm.

Mrs. Cox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hughes and has been employed at Finleys for a number of years. Troy is the son of Mrs. Ada Cox and has engaged in farming for several years. The community extends their best wishes to this couple.

Owls Down Quitake Panthers, 28 to 6

The Silvertown Owls outplayed the larger Quitake Panthers and came out on the long end of a 28 to 6 score on the Quitake Field Friday November 10th.

The Owls made their first touch down in the first few minutes of the game when West tossed a pass to Hill who lateraled to Dickenson and then Dickenson lateraled to West who carried it over for a counter. West kicked the goal, bringing the score to Silvertown 8, Quitake 0.

Quitake came back with a vengeance. Mayfield tossed a pass to Williamson and brought the score to 8 to 6 as Quitake failed to make the extra point.

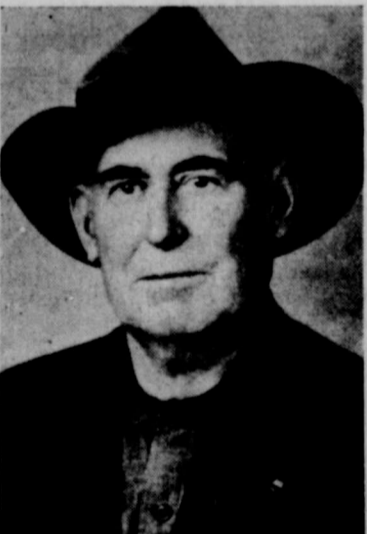
Dickenson brought the Owls back into the game taking the ball seventy yards for a touchdown. West's kick was good making the score 16 to 6.

The teams played back and forth without advantage to either side until the first of the third quarter when West passed to Self who lateraled to Dickenson who carried the ball over for another touchdown. The kick was no good. The score then 22 to 6.

In the fourth quarter, Dickenson again took the ball on his five yard line and carried it seventy yards for a touchdown. The kick was blocked, so the score remained 28 to 6.

Mayfield and Brummet were outstanding for the Panthers who constantly completed long passes for ground gains.

The Owls play the Flomot Longhorns November 24 at Flomot. The place or opponents for the bi-district game is not known.



R. F. Stevenson, who passed away last week, was one of Silvertown's most beloved old timers.

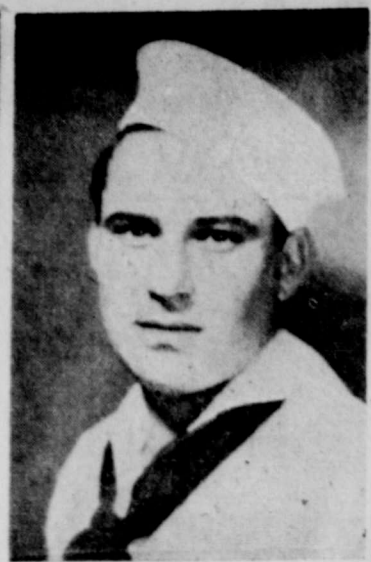
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We wish to express our thanks to our many friends for their comfort and helpfulness in the death of our loved one, Bob Stevenson. Your expressions of sympathy were lovely and thoughtful. Knowing you all as we do, we simply say "We thank you".

Mrs. R. F. Stevenson
Pvt. and Mrs. Jim Stevenson and Billy Don
Mr. and Mrs. Al Stevenson and Bobby
Mr. and Mrs. Wood Harcastle
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard and Joe Lynn
S-Sgt. and Mrs. Martell Grover Lee Stevenson



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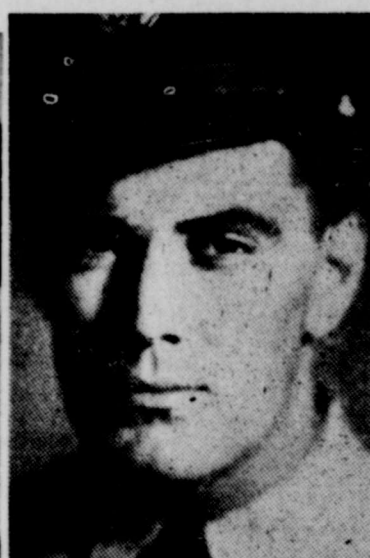
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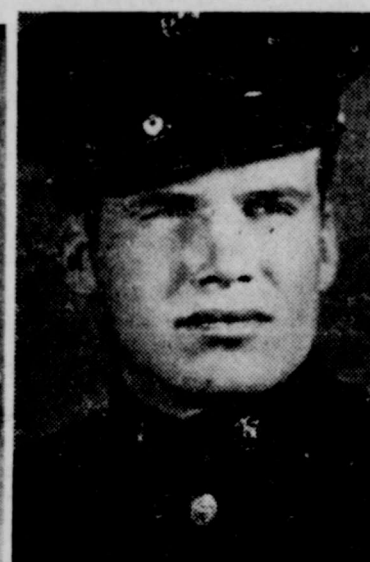
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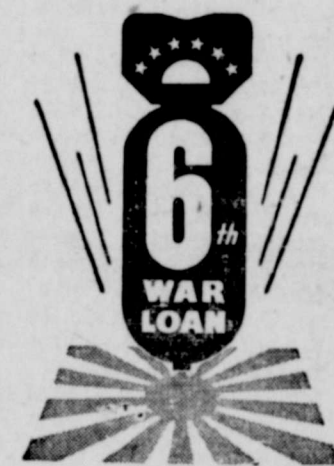
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Merry Xmas, Let's Echo that

Our boys won't quit until they've reached their goal. Let's not stop buying Bonds until we've reached *ours*! In this 6th War Loan Drive, the Nation's goal is \$14 billion . . . our individual job is to buy at least



an extra \$100 Bonds . . . *another* and then *another* . . . let's keep going . . . let's keep buying . . . let's keep on saying it with Bonds . . . "On to Tokyo!"

We hope that this message reaches you boys overseas by Christmas Time. That is the way we want to say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" . . . with an EXTRA venience. The least we can do is to back you up by buying bonds at every investment on earth.

And so, as we say "MERRY CHRISTMAS" this year, we pledge ourselves our greatest wish and prayer is that you will be with us again next Christmas.

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THE SIXTH WAR loan opens Monday and Briscoe County has \$155,000 to buy. A fellow asked me the other day why I didn't change the name of this column to the "Gimme News" or something like that. Personally, I didn't like the crack—and it was a dirty crack, not a wisecrack. It is true that it is pretty often that I am urging your support of some drive for money BUT, it is not a personal thing. I urge your sup-

port of bond drives and the like, but they are things that should be of just as much importance to one citizen as another. The only difference is that I happen to be your editor. It is my duty to my readers to keep them informed on all such matters, and it is my duty to our country to urge you to support such enterprises, and give you just as many reasons as possible why we should support them.

AND PERSONALLY I don't give a hang what the niggers think anyway. They worry me about as much as a gnat worries a horse.

I WISH I had pictures of all the men in service. On the inside page this week, we are running all the pictures I have of men overseas—sending them our Christmas Greetings and suggesting to the folks here at home that an EXTRA \$100 War Bond might be a pretty good way to let the boys know that we do wish them a Merry Christmas. There are a lot of men overseas whose pictures or name we do not have on the page. But fellows, we cannot do the impossible (or at least it takes a little longer) and every boy is included in our best wishes.

THE SILVERTON football players are really pretty good this

year. I was down to Quitaque Friday and watched them tump the Panthers 28 to 6. The funniest thing I saw there was a neat bit of broken field running by A. P. Diekenson. His boy, Gene, is just about as slippery as anything you ever saw in football pants and for the second time in the game slipped thru the line and was off 70 yards for a touchdown. This time I happened to be sitting by Dad. As Gene came into the open field, he jumped up and hollered "They'll never catch him now." He took off down the sideline, sidestepping and twisting his way through the spectators and I will swear by everything that is unholy that he beat Gene to the other end of the field. He did that in spite of the fact that Gene was out in the open and HE was in the crowd.

I SHOULDNT laugh at him. One of the highlights in my high school days came in a relay race. My Dad had always discouraged my feeble attempts at football and track—very seldom even attended. But this particular time, the last meet of the season he was there. I ran first man on the mile relay and drew a very weak crew. I had a lead of perhaps 60 yards at the finish. My Dad completely forgot himself, jumped out on the track right behind me whooping like an Indian. He got in the way of the next man coming in and it DISQUALIFIED our team. Funny thing though, I never did get very sore at him. It gives a kid a pretty good feeling to know that his Dad is in there rooting for him.

I WANT TO salute a very fine lady. Mrs. Mary L. Porter is one of the really old timers here and one of those folks who has worked hard for every day she has lived here—and she still works hard, doing all her own yard work and the like—not because she has to, but because she likes to. Mrs. Porter has been a very staunch supporter of all the bond drives because she says she thinks she owes it to her country, that has given her so much, and because she knows it is a very good and safe investment. Today Mrs. Porter dropped in and handed me the money for seven \$1,000 Series E War Bonds. I say again, Hats OFF to a fine lady and a fine American.

KEEP FAITH with them

New Donations to Veterans' Building Fund —

NONE

Total to date \$6,118.90

AMERICAN PEOPLE GIVE 30 MILLION DOLLARS IN 11-YEAR FIGHT ON POLIO

In the last eleven years the American people have contributed \$29,562,742.54 to conquer infantile padalysis. Basil O'Conner, President of The National Found-

ation for Infantile Paralysis, announced today at the opening of the annual meeting of the Medical Advisory Committees of the National Foundation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. At that meeting applications for grants to carry on medical research will be considered and further plans for carrying on the fight against infantile paralysis will be made.

This money was raised through the Celebration of President Roosevelt's Birthday and the March of Dimes, held in January of each year, starting in 1934.

Sixteen million dollars, or more than half of the total given, was raised in the two years of 1943 and 1944, Mr. O'Conner said.

"The increase in donations in 1943 and 1944, which probably was due in part to the high incidence of the disease, assured the National Foundation that the public wished to intensify its activities and to widen its entire field of operations," he added.

"It's almost like waking up one morning and finding that many of your dreams have come true. This generosity of the American people permits us to proceed with an assurance we merely hoped for a few years ago. We are now able both to intensify our scientific search for the cure and prevention of the disease, and at the same time to enlarge our field army fighting infantile paralysis.

"Some idea of the scope and extent of the National Foundation's program of scientific research is shown by the fact that, since it was organized only six years ago, it has made 298 grants to 74 institutions involving 114 groups of workers, in one of the greatest scientific attacks against the disease."

During the past eleven years almost \$15,000,000 of the total raised has been left with the counties where raised to provide the best in medical care for the thousand of new patients reported each year. This averages about \$444 per county per year and \$160 for each new case of infantile paralysis reported during that period, Mr. O'Conner said.

Of the remainder of this nearly 30 million dollars, the National Foundation received approximately 13 million dollars to conduct its programs of scientific research, education and epidemic relief. One half has been used by the National Foundation for grants in research dealing with the virus, epidemiology and after-effects of infantile paralysis, education and epidemic aid as follows: virus research, \$2,053,761; after effects research, \$1,405,292; education \$1,179,215; epidemics, \$637,548; Tuskegee Institute, \$404, 256; Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, \$825,000 — total \$6, 508,475.

From the first four Celebrations of the President's Birthday, which occurred prior to the establishment of the National Foundation, came a total of \$3,364,217. Of this sum, \$1,655,825 remained in the counties where raised to provide medical care for those afflicted with this disease; \$1,467,392 went to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, for which the Birthday Celebrations were originally conceived, and \$241,000 was given to a commission to be used for scientific research.

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FOR SALE — 1 Majestic range coal cook stove, good condition; 1 feather mattress, never been used; 1 Dining table; 1 mattress for half bed. 31-2tp
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FOR SALE — 5 pair Love Birds. See Mrs. Earl Brock. 312tc

LOST — Pipe threader, No. 11, 1/2 inch die, ratchet handle. 3--1tc
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FOR SALE — 5 room house and bath. 31-3tp
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LOST — Female Boston screw tail dog. Black with a little white. Goes by name of Jiggs. 31-1tp
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Estimating that the National Foundation and its Chapters have expended more than \$1,000,000 up to September 1 on the 1944 epidemic alone, Mr. O'Conner declared "What the full cost of this epidemic will be we do not know, but certainly, in addition to what it totals this year, there will be the necessity of caring for many of its victims in years to come, meanwhile continuing the care for those of former years.

"But we do know that any scientific program, however costly will be inexpensive and economical in the end for it will someday develop the means that will permit us to cure and prevent this crippling malady. The American people and their National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are determined that that day will come."

SUCH KNOWLEDGE GOES DEEP

By Robert P. T. Coffin
 The dog turns round three times To make sure he will fit
 When he rests. It seems by now He should be sure of it.
 But ten thousand years Is too short a span
 For dogs to learn new tricks, and it Is much too short for man.
 Men who have no sails Or ships now in their blood Like to know when tide is ebb And when it is at flood.

Ones who pulled their roots From green earth long ago Will stop in city streets to see Which way the least winds blow.

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It costs you little to have light in your home where you need it. You can be sure you are getting all you pay for if you keep your home lighting equipment in shape this way:

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Use white or light-lined shades on your lamps, to reflect more usable light.

Move lamps closer to points of use, to shed more light directly on the work. You can often increase their usefulness by rearranging furniture so that one lamp will serve two people.

Your eyes need the correct amount of diffused light to perform difficult seeing tasks like reading or sewing without strain. Now is the time to see that your home lighting equipment can furnish proper illumination.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aulton Durham and son spent the week end with Mrs. Crowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Brown of Floydada spent Monday in Silverton.

Doris Holt spent the week end with her parents.

Paul Webb of Tullia was visiting friends in Silverton Saturday.

Mrs. Opal Harvick and son of Tahoka spent three days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Peeler and children of Dimmitt spent Saturday in Silverton visiting with old friends.

Mrs. J. T. Luke left Friday to spend the week with her husband at Canadian.

Mrs. Florence Fogerson, Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson and children spent last Thursday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. H Roy Brown were in Tullia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Day, Mr. and Mrs. George Birchfield all of Matador were guests in the Fogerson home Sunday.

Joni Douglas underwent a tonsilectomy at the Plainview Hospital Friday.

T. D. McCallan of Albuquerque, and Mrs. Carl Hawkins of Lubbock came by for Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bomar and they in turn stopped in San Antonio, where Mrs. Roland Defee joined them and they all went to Sinton, Texas to observe their parents golden wedding anniversary. All of the children were present but one who is in the armed forces. Mr. McCallan, who has been ill for several months is not improving at this time.

Mrs. Ruth Cline of Holliday was here over the week end.

Mrs. Bruce Donaldson of Albuquerque, N. M. is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. Seay and her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens visited in the R. Seay home Sunday.

Jo Ann and Faye Zeigler spent

Saturday night with Lona Ann Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wallace visited in the Barney Stephens home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. G. Finley, Mrs. V. L. Miller and mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown were guests in the Jim Bomar home Sunday.

W. E. Schott has purchased the Homer Sanders home.

Mrs. Mickey Pitts of Tullia spent Saturday with her parents.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Arlon Simmons and son of Marfa are here visiting with relatives.

Evelyn Coffee, Norland Dudley, and Bernice McCarty were home from Canyon over the week end.

Mrs. Robert Hill and son and Mrs. L. D. Griffin spent Monday in Amarillo.

Don't forget the singing at the Church of Christ, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock Nov. 19th.

The L. T. D. Club met with Mrs. Durward Brown Monday afternoon. The "guess what" a set of place mats was guessed by Mrs. Roy Hahn and the war stamps were held over until the next meeting which will be with Mrs. Troy Burson October 28th.

A lovely refreshments plate was served to Mesdames T. T. Crass, Dutch Tidwell, Roy Hahn and Ware Fogerson.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cupell Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, Mrs. Clois Perry, and Joyce Mrs. James Morrison, Mrs. Everett Armstrong and Virginia Lee Miss Betty Thornton all of Amarillo, Leroy Cupell of the Navy and Linda and Mrs. W. E. Stodghill, Billy and Jerry.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral of Bob Stevenson last week were: G. P. Folley, McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baird, McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Nall and Mrs. Jimmy Nall of Turkey, Mrs. Erma Piercy, John Folley of Umparger and Iris Mae Fox of Amarillo, Mrs. Ben Folley, Mrs. Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGowan of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Edens of Beeville are the parents of a baby girl, born October 28th. Mrs. Edens is the former Wanda King.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dickerson of Lubbock were here Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Van Sullivan of Farmington, California has been visiting her sister Mrs. Pete Chitty.

Mrs. Billie Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dickerson spent the week end in Canyon with relatives.

Mrs. Inell Hancock and son and Miss Airington all of Clovis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith.

Mrs. Joe Lemons of Pittsburg, Pa. is visiting Mrs. Fred Lemons.

Mrs. Avis Cowart and Mary spent Tuesday in Amarillo.

Mrs. O. C. Mercer of Kress and Mrs. Anna Johnson of Tullia spent Tuesday with Mrs. Dick Bomar.

Mrs. H. C. Mercer returned on Wednesday after spending two weeks with her father at Cumby Texas.

Mrs. J. T. Smith left Tuesday for Salt Lake, Utah, after spending a month with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Gilkeyson

spent Tuesday in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Stevenson and family left Sunday for Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mesdames R. F. Stevenson, Dean Allard and Grover Martell spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle at White Deer.

Mrs. H. G. Finley, Mrs. S. P. Brown and Mrs. R. E. Stephens spent Tuesday in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patton left Tuesday for Beaumont after spending ten days with his mother.

Mrs. J. L. Woodard of Keller-ville is visiting her mother Mrs. Mary L. Porter this week. Mrs. Porter goes to New Mexico to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hancock Sunday.

T. J. Hodges Family Reunion

Those attending a family reunion of the T. J. Hodges family were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Drummond and daughters Ruth and Linda, Mrs. Eddie Armstrong and Gloria of Houston, Miss Jewel Hodges of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs.

V. Garrison and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner and family, Mrs. Bob McGuire and daughters and Loyd Hodges.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lige Stevens and Rev. and Mrs. Hamilton spent Sunday in the John Bradford home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shipman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Reid and children spent Sunday with their mother Mrs. W. W. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sharp and daughter of Tullia and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Peugh visited their parents Sunday.

The Rock Creek Club met with Mrs. Bob McDaniel Tuesday. The next meeting will be with Mrs. R. L. Johnson on Tuesday Nov. 21st.

Colbert Hamilton and son of Pampa spent Friday in the Fitzgerald home.

Mr. R. N. McDaniels Sr. was in Tullia Monday for medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McWaters were in Lubbock Thursday to see the doctor. Mrs. McWaters has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lauderdale spent Sunday in the Bob McDaniel home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders and Miss Dearold O'Neal left this week for Amarillo where they expect to go into defense work.

Vigo Park News

Mrs. H. C. Schafer returned home last week after spending over two months on the west coast for her health.

Jackie Rogers was in Stevenson and Fort Worth last week on business.

The ladies of the church will sell lunch at the Pevehouse sale the 22nd.

Mrs. O. E. Forsyth and son Jerry of Lincoln, Nebr. visited her sister Mrs. O. W. Gardner several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hyatt attended the funeral of Mr. Stevenson in Silverton last week.

We are glad to report that Mrs. W. T. May is able to sit up a little each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bice and children visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kemper in the Lakeview Community over the week end.

The Menefee attended conference. Bro. Menefee going Tuesday with Mr. Moore. Mrs. Menefee and

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Billy Mack going down Saturday. Miss Lois Brown spent the week end in Plainview with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers, Billy and little Jerry Evans were visitors in the Hub Rogers home Sunday afternoon.

Next Sunday will be Bro. Allen's day to preach. Sunday school at eleven. Lets all go.

Miss Marjorie Pevehouse underwent a tonsilectomy at the Tullia clinic Monday.

Behind the Scenes in American Business

In many parts of the country Christmas shopping is in full swing. Among reasons for this earlier than usual start is the fear of some consumers that a shortage of gift merchandise may develop well before December 25 rolls around. Another factor is the urging of the postoffice to mail gifts in November because there's not telling how the mails will behave during the peak of December month.

An underlying influence is the fact that consumers, by and large, have more ready, spendable cash than in previous years when Christmas shopping for many persons had to be postponed to the last possible moment due to the

pressure of installment loans and other bills and debts.

One item of "merchandise" that will not be short this year is war bonds and stamps. In the sixth great war loan drive, scheduled to run through December 16, the government is calling upon all Americans to use their cash reserves to help win the war. The quota for individuals is \$5 billion. That the people have such a sum for bond purchases, if it can only be reached, is evidenced by the vast amount of luxury spending going on all around us.

War bonds are an ideal Christmas gift. They will increase in value as time goes on, with an interest rate that is actually higher than that of the best grade corporate bonds. They will enable the owner after the war to buy something really wanted but which may not be available now. Best of all, they represent a concrete homefront contribution to the war effort.

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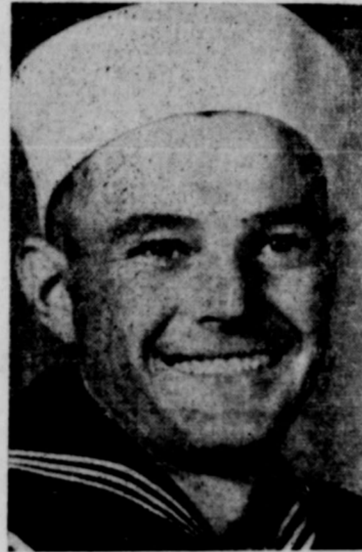
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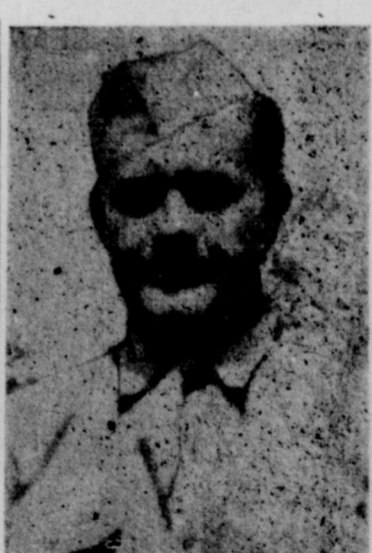
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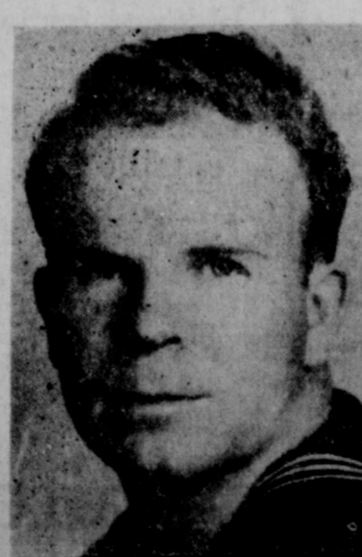
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Chaplain Letter Continued. many days the men, or what were left of them, had a chance to shave and drop the rotting stinking clothes that they had worn from the first days of battle and relax in the

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warm tropic waters of Blanche Channel, more familiarly known as "The Slot". The waves, gently rolling over these weary bodies, washed away the filth and battle fatigue. Clean clothes were issued and we boarded ships to be taken back to a rest area. For the first time in six weeks we were to sleep on the soft canvas bunks rather than the hard coral of foxholes. As the ships pulled away from the shore and began circling the "The Slot" until the convoy could be formed, the men lined the rails quietly watching, too tired to say much, and thinking of the friends who had become a permanent part of these wild and luxuriant islands. The sun was setting behind banks of cumulus clouds and the colors it created in comparison to the rose and blue and violet of underwater coral blending into the deep green of the jungle with its sweet sickening odor, made it a moment that we wished would last forever. I recalled Carl Sandburg's line, "I cried over beautiful things knowing no beautiful thing lasts." It was the moment to relive in memory the bitter and the sweet of the unreality just passed.

Out of all the death and destruction that I witnessed, this is the only thing I clearly remember and wish to hold. I was at the Collecting Company on an afternoon when our litter bearers brought in among others, a wounded Japanese soldier. After caring for the other wounded, our medical officers placed this enemy soldier on the make-shift operating table they were using. I saw the stoic fear in his eyes expecting now to experience the fulfillment of promised torture. Swiftly and silently these men of healing worked cutting off the clothing that gave off a nauseating stench, mixing with distilled water the life-giving plasma that had saved the lives of so many American boys and anesthetizing the wounded area. As the needle was placed into his arm some of our own soldiers standing just outside the tent watching began to mutter among themselves. I heard one say, "Look! good American blood wasted on a damned Jap." And another, "They ought to kill the Son-of-a-Gun". Still the surgeons worked, cutting, suturing, and bandaging a man who could not speak or understand the English language. Just as the surgeon was finishing I saw this wounded enemy lift his right arm and gently pat the cheek of the man whose language of voices he could not understand, but whose language of mercy spoke beyond the barriers of war, race and words. I knew then that there is yet hope for world understanding. The Prince of Peace was not an idle dreamer.

Our rest area was the Russell

Islands. A more beautiful place I have never seen. It is the paradise of the South Pacific. The islands are almost entirely covered with coconut plantations with just enough jungle left to give it a romantic appearance. The ground between the trees was covered with grass and cattle kept it cropped close. From the top of the coral hills we could look down on the shimmering blue-green sea with white spray breaking over the jagged coral. At night we could hear the ceaseless pounding of the surf with its recurrent surges and back wash. The nights were beautiful, particularly during the light of the moon. The swaying of the palm fronds in the breeze would cast delicate shadows over the earth. In spite of the beauty we hated to see the moonlight come, for with it came the Jap bombers to keep us awake all night. I have stood under the coconut trees and seen the pattern of tracers from our night fighters find their target in the fuselage of the enemy plane until bright with fire it would describe a flaming arc into the sky. Torrential tropical rainstorms arise with sudden fury blotting out the landscape, but they last for just a few minutes and then the sun I have experienced thirty or forty of these storms in one day always between, the sky would be brilliantly blue.

The thing that surprised me was the absence of snakes. I saw only one the whole time I was in the islands. There were, however large and ugly looking lizards known as iguanas which were from two to four feet long. There were two other species of smaller lizards, plenty of rats and toads. The thing that caused the most commotion among us were land crabs. They are large brown crabs that breed in the water and spend most of their time inland underground. At night they swarm over the land with a rattling and rustling sound. During combat they caused many sleepless nights and some casualties. Every time they would start scurrying around your foxhole you would swear the Japs were in again. It took a maximum of self control not to shoot or throw hand grenades. Every once in awhile one would drop into your foxhole and then there would be a battle royal trying to kill it in the dark. ***

When we arrived on the island it was nothing but coconut plantations and jungle. When we left it was like a seaport city with busy streets and plenty of equipment. Planes were constantly coming in and taking off of the strips. Huge ocean-going ships are pulling in to the newly constructed docks to disgorge their supplies. I had many interesting days with

the natives in their villages. They belong, as do the natives of New Caledonia, to the Melanesian race. The hair is cropped close to the head of both men and women. The clothing they wear is just about what you would expect, nothing more than a loin cloth, the young children wear nothing whatsoever. *** Each village has a communal garden and every person of working age must help cultivate it. There were certain days when the villages would be almost empty with the natives working in the gardens or hunting fresh fruit or wild pigs. ***

All natives smoked and they were always asking for pipes and tobacco. The first village I visited I saw a boy not over six or seven smoking an American cigarette. Just a few feet beyond him a little girl about three or four with no clothing on was smoking a corn-cob pipe. *** Another thing that all the natives use is betel nut. *** Because of this practice their teeth are red. Betel nut has about the same effect on the body as a stimulant. *** Each village has a church and all the natives go both morning and evening. Rather than being called to church by a bell they use a native tom-tom. In the early mornings and evenings we could hear the sound of those tom-toms across the water. The church is also used as a school to teach children pidgin English. The school is usually taught by one of the chief's sons. Each church has a native deacon who leads the services and every once in awhile a native ordained minister makes the rounds of the islands. ***

All in all my stay in the islands of the South Pacific was extremely interesting and I wouldn't have missed it for anything, but I'll be more than happy to get back to good old U. S. A."

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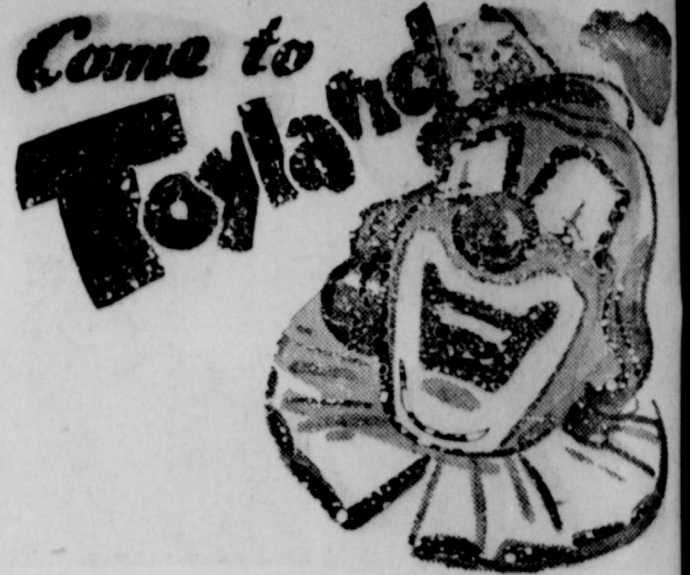
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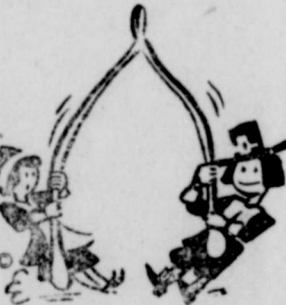
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