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All School Vacancies Are Filled

With vacancies filled in teaching staffs and classwork resuming, Stratford schools got under way with their fall semester this week.

At a meeting of the school board Monday night, Mrs. Grady Pearson and Mrs. E. A. Wooten were selected to fill the vacancies in the fifth and sixth grades. This makes three new teachers in the staff. Mrs. Roxie Campbell, science teacher, was appointed last week.

A wider course in mathematics is being offered this year in order to qualify young men for the armed forces and for war work. Two stenography courses and a typing class are also planned to train workers. E. A. Wooten, superintendent of schools announced.

Early instruction in shop and homemaking is being offered, with 8th grade boys enrolled in a wood-working course and 8th grade girls in a homemaking course.

New equipment, including tables and chairs, which cost \$150, has been purchased for the library.

Complete staff for the grade and high schools as released by Mr. Wooten is as follows:

M. E. Cleavinger, high school principal, curriculum director, American history, commercial law and civics.

Skilled Men To Serve In Army Near Here

Opportunity for technicians and trained mechanics to serve at home was promised qualified men in the Panhandle by the Army Air Force recruiting headquarters at Amarillo, last week.

The case of William Russell Boney, 19, of Stratford was cited as typical of the opportunity awaiting men who are skilled mechanics, radio men, armorers, welders and metal workers and who are needed for service at the new glider school at Dalhart. Mr. Boney enlisted and will be one of several men who have a chance to become non-commissioned officer specialists quickly and of serving near their homes. Lt. Wm. A. Gravano of Amarillo is accepting applications for these positions.

STATE POLICE SEEK YOUNG MEN TO FILL VACANCIES

The State Police are looking for qualified young men to help police the wartime home front. With more than 100 of his officers on leave with the armed forces, State Police Director Homer Garrison has announced the appointment of forty drivers license examiners and issued a call for applicants to fill seventy vacancies in the Highway Patrol. Application forms are available by writing to Col. Homer Garrison, Director, Department of Public Safety, Austin.

FARM CASH INCOME STILL ON RISE, BUREAU SAYS

Austin—Cash income for Texas farmers continues to surpass that of a year ago, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

Receipts for farm commodities for the first seven months of 1942 total \$334,342,000, as compared with \$206,979,999 for the similar period of 1941 the report shows. Increases over last year were recorded in every section of the state.



Our Men In Service

William Russell Boney is now in the army as an air corps specialist. He is on duty at the glider school in Amarillo.

John Garoutte Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Garoutte, has enlisted in the United States Army. He will be stationed somewhere around New Orleans, he believes.

Pvt. S. J. Lavake began his six weeks' course of mechanical schooling at Camp Berkeley, Abilene, Tex., Mrs. Lavake, who is making her home in Amarillo spent the weekend with her husband.

CURRENT PROGRAM AT THE ROXY

Tonight, "BLONDIES BLESSED EVENT" with Arthur Lake and Penny Singleton.

Friday and Saturday, "SUNDAY PUNCH" starring William Lundiga and Dan Daily Jr.

Sunday and Monday, "WIFE TAKES A FLYER" starring Joan Bennett and Franchot Tone.

Tuesday, "MAD MARTINDALE" with Jane Withers and Alan Mowbray.

September 16-17, "WHISPERING GHOST" with Milton Berle and Brenda Joyce.

Grady Pearson, plane geometry, algebra, and physical education.

Mrs. Nelle Alexander, high school English and library.

Mrs. Campbell, general science, algebra, bookkeeping and biology.

Mrs. E. Hill, two classes of shorthand.

Mrs. Velma P. Howard, high school speech and 7th grade home room.

Mr. Wooten, typing and wood-working for high school boys.

Miss Joyce Thomas, homemaking instructor for high school and 8th grade girls.

Mrs. Van B. Boston, 8th grade home room, 8th grade shop.

Mrs. Grady Pearson, 6th grade, director of physical education in upper elementary grades.

Mrs. Wooten, 5th grade home room.

Mrs. Adeline Bird, 4th grade home room, departmental instructor in penmanship.

Mrs. Walter Lee, 3rd grade home room, elementary school principal.

Miss Bonnie Pendleton, 2nd grade home room, departmental instructor in public school music, choral instructor for high school.

Mrs. Mary Allen, primary and first grade home room, departmental instructor in phonics.

Mrs. Martha Harrison, assistant instructor in public school music.

PETE BETSON'S PASTURE EXPERIMENT WORKED WELL

P. N. "Pete" Betson, who lives five miles northeast of Stratford, reports a successful growth of grass on cultivated ground which he seeded to pasture grasses.

Mr. Betson planted the grass in April, 1941, and it is now a knee high pasture. He used several varieties of seed, Blue Gramma, Sideack Gramma, Hair Gramma, Buffalo, Gallega and Weeping Love grass, which was recently introduced from Africa. Most successful of the group was Weeping Love.

His land had Sudan stubble on it at the time he planted. The experiment was conducted under auspices of the USDA experiment station at Woodward, Oklahoma.

Bond Sales Greatly Surpass August Quota

Sherman county citizens really went to town in the matter of buying war bonds during the month of August.

The month's quota was \$4,900.00. The First State Bank sold \$9,718.75 and the post office reports sales amounting to \$843.75, making the county more than double its quota.

Purchasers of bonds in the last two weeks' period were: Miss Amelia Ramon, Sgt. W. W. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Pitman, Dwight Emerson Robertson, Philip Blank, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Norvell, E. J. Massie, Miss Roberta Wray, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aduddell, Miss Lorraine Ross, Stanley Murdoch, Miss Mabel Murdoch, Robert Dean Stone, Miss Geraldine Kelp, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Keener, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Buckles, Miss Mary Woodford Kidwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price, Mrs. Cassie P. Shoun, Leon Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullins, Miss Wanda Jean Bryant, Mrs. Opal Marie Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin and Ray M. Wall.

61 TONS SCRAP IN

Judge L. P. Hunter reported last week that 61 tons of scrap iron and steel had been turned in thus far by Sherman county citizens as part of the national scrap harvest campaign. The county quota was a carload and it appears that it will be far exceeded.

FATS POSTERS PLACED

Posters which encourage housewives to conserve and sell kitchen fats were erected over Stratford last week by the county fats salvage committee headed by Mrs. John Knight, chairman.

CONTRACTS FOR SCHOOL BUS ROUTES UNSIGNED

Judge L. P. Hunter stated this week that a little progress was being made in the signing of contracts for school bus drivers, and he hopes to have them completed soon.

There has been difficulty, he stated because drivers have hesitated to sign contracts while they are uncertain as to whether they can obtain tires. Transportation is being provided for practically all the pupils at present, however.

Leaving Saturday for College Station to attend the annual Extension agent's conference are Miss Mabel Martin, home demonstration agent, and Art Bralley, county agent. They plan to be gone about two weeks. Miss Martin will spend a few days visiting her parents in Kerrville before returning to Stratford.

Rent Control Rules Provide Landlords Subject To Lawsuits

Dallas—Tenants living in defense-rental areas where federal rent regulations are in effect have the right to bring suit against landlords who charge them more rent than the legal maximum, Howard A. Schladt, regional rent executive, has announced.

Mr. Schladt said that a tenant who has been charged more than the legal rent ceiling since federal rent control was invoked in a specific area, may bring action for \$50 or for three times the amount by which the payment or payments have exceeded the applicable maximum rent, whichever is greater, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs as determined by the court.

Under the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, if any person selling a commodity violates a regulation, order, or price schedule prescribing a maximum price or prices, the person who buys such commodity for use or consumption other than in the course of trade or business may bring an action either for \$50 or for three times the amount by which the consideration exceeded the applicable maximum price, which ever is greater, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs as determined by the court.

The Price Control Act further states: "For the purposes of this section the payment or receipt of rent for defense area housing accommodations shall be deemed the buying or selling of a commodity, as the case may be."

All Single Men Will Soon Be Inducted Into Armed Forces

All of Oklahoma's single men who are not engaged in vital war industries, who are not disabled, or who are deferred by law, soon will be in the army, it appeared Monday.

Lieut. Col. Clive E. Murray, state draft director, Monday said that Oklahoma's local draft boards with a large number of single men can expect heavier calls than those with only a few men.

He also pointed out that all local draft boards must complete classification of all registrants as quickly as possible, to put single men into the 1A group ahead of married men. Some local draft boards have not yet classified men who registered this year.

The only single men who will not be reclassified into the 1A group are those in classifications 2 and 4. Classification 2 is for those whose civilian work or training is vital to the war effort. Class four include those who are deferred by law.

These steps will be in keeping with the selective service system's national program of taking single men before taking married men, Murray pointed out. Customarily, changes in draft procedure are not felt in local board calls for about six weeks.

At the same time Murray warned that boards can expect heavier calls next year than they've had to date. After the single men, the married men who have no children are up next Murray added.

Registrants with wives and children, and who were married before Pearl Harbor and when induction was not imminent cannot be drafted under existing regulations unless and until Maj. Gen. L. B. Hershey, national draft director, issues the order.

"As far as possible, local boards will be required to call up men of similar circumstances in each call, and boards with a comparatively large number of single men very possibly will have heavier calls than those with a few," Murray said.

Murray said he had received no instructions concerning creation in the state of a pool of single men, who would, in effect, be lent by boards with a large number of single men to boards with only a few.

RUSSELL CLEMENTS IMPROVING SLOWLY

Russell E. Clements, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clements of Dalhart, is now able to be on light duty around the U. S. Army O'Reilly hospital at Springfield, Missouri, it was learned from his mother recently.

Young Clements entered the Army Feb. 3, 1940, and was hurt Feb. 7, 1942, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has been in the hospital since. He had been promoted to corporal, but during his light duty activity must, under Army rules, have the rating only of a private.

Mr. and Mrs. Clements are pioneer residents of Stratford and with their family moved to Dalhart eight years ago. Russell is a graduate of Dalhart high school. While in high school, he lived in the country, which prevented him taking part in athletics.

—Dalhart Texan.

Farmers Not To Blame For High Food Prices

Living costs definitely have gone up, but don't blame the farmer for the prices you are forced to pay.

This advice comes from C. E. Bowles, extension specialist in organization and cooperative marketing of the Texas A. & M. College.

Before Pearl Harbor a year's supply of foods for the average working man's family cost \$462, Mr. Bowles says in quoting figures from a check made by the U. S. department of agriculture. Three months later staple foods—beans, pork, bread, milk, potatoes—had risen to \$484, an advance of \$22.

Of this \$22 increase farmers got \$6 in higher returns for their produce. Every time the farmer received an additional dollar, an extra \$2.66 went into the pockets of those who buy, process, transport and sell these foods to the ultimate consumer, Mr. Bowles declared. The consumer's dollar is split 51 cents to the farmer and 49 cents to those who handle it before it gets to the dinner table, and for the first time in 21 years the farmer received as much as half of the food dollar.

Ergot Threat Seen For Livestock

Ranchers and stock farmers were warned this week of the fungus disease, ergot, present in grasses this season.

County Agent Art Bralley stated that the disease often effects the heads of many native grasses, rye, and other small grains during wet seasons and was indicated as the cause of serious abortion losses among several cattle herds of the Texas Panhandle and adjacent areas during the winter of 1941-42. These were thought to have been due to livestock eating ergot infected heads of Indian grass, sand bluestem, and little bluestem when the ground was covered with snow and the coarse heads of the grasses were softened by moisture.

Grasses become infected at heading time, but the plant disease is not noticeable until the poisonous black ergot horns are seen protruding from the mature heads. By means of these horn-like bodies that fall to the ground, the ergot fungus lives through the winter and produces infection the following season.

In addition to abortion, which was the outstanding symptom of the Texas outbreak, ergot may also cause sloughing of the hoofs, horns, ears and tails.

The county agent has specimens of ergot in infected grasses at his office.

OPA PLANS PRICE CEILING FOR HOGS AND CATTLE

The Office of Price Administration announced last week that it is planning a price ceiling for live hogs and similar action is contemplated soon for cattle prices.

The ceiling price, the OPA said would be worked out in conjunction with representatives of livestock producers. "Vigorous steps" are being taken to enforce quality grading provisions of its beef regulations, the office declared, in order to prevent upgrading as an evasion of price levels.

The agriculture department reported a 9-point advance in farm prices from July 15 to August 15, raising the general level to 163 percent of pre-World War I figure, 32 points higher than a year ago.

BRIEFS TO BE FILED IN SANTA FE ABANDONMENT CASE

Briefs will be filed in Washington before November 1st by the opposing parties in the controversy over abandonment of the Santa Fe line from Boise City to Farley, N. Mexico.

Tracks and supplies along the line have already been requisitioned by the government and service has been discontinued, following the hearing held Tuesday, September 1st, in Clayton.

SCHOOL BUSES LIMITED TO TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

School buses that carry football teams to games, transport school bands, debating teams etc., on excursions will lose eligibility for tires, according to regulations issued by the OPA.

The buses must be used exclusively for transporting teachers and children from home to school and back again. All the buses of a school would be rendered ineligible if this rule is broken, even though only one bus is used.

OIL LEASE FILED ON SHERMAN COUNTY LAND

An oil lease covering 160 acres of land in Block 1-T of the T. & N. O. Survey was filed last week in the office of the county clerk.

The lease was from A. C. Witt and wife of Perryton to W. N. Price, covering the Northwest quarter of Section 278 in the block.

15 Bushel Yield Made On Safflower Crop

An encouraging yield of 15 bushels to the acre has been made by M. L. Keener on his experimental crop of safflower, County Agent Art Bralley has announced.

Safflower is a thistle-like plant stands from one to three feet high, branches out, and has pithy stem branches. It produces an oil bearing seed, which is consumed generally in the paint and varnish industry. The oil is edible and is also reported to have special qualities when used in tempering steel. The cake, after the oil extraction, is a good stock feed, similar to cotton seed meal.

Mr. Keener is sending a sample of his seed to J. R. Junby, superintendent of the Experiment Station at Chillicothe, for tests of weight and of oil content. He has had many inquiries for seed and expects to dispose of his entire crop this year for seeding purposes.

3,243 RECRUITED DURING MONTH FROM NORTH TEXAS

The North Texas Navy recruiting district enlisted 3,243 men during August, one of whom was recorded as coming from Sherman county.

A drive is underway for naval enlistment in this area and Sherman county has been asked to provide three recruits for September. The September quota for the entire area is 3,600 men. Lt. L. H. Ridout Jr., in charge of the U. S. Navy Recruiting station at Dallas expressed himself as pleased with the results thus far, stating that the number of recruits was larger than in any one previous month in this district.

CROP DIVERSIONS NOT TO AFFECT AAA WHEAT PAYMENTS IN FUTURE

Diversion of wheat acreage to the production of war-crops will not affect AAA wheat payments or allotments in future years.

Coupled with this announcement from the Texas AAA office was a renewed plea for the diversion to war-crops of acreage normally planted to wheat areas where other crops can be grown.

George Slaughter, state AAA committee chairman, declared that farmers who underplant their 1943 wheat allotments in order to increase their acreages of crops which are vitally needed in the war will not suffer deductions from AAA wheat payments for 1943, nor will their wheat acreage allotments be reduced in future years because of such diversions.

FOOD, CLOTHING NOT NEEDED BY OVERSEAS MEN

Members of the armed forces overseas are amply supplied with food and clothing, and people who send them gifts are asked by the post office not to include such articles in packages sent to them.

The post office department also says that only one Christmas parcel or package shall be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or for the same addressee.

BERT SLAY IN HOSPITAL

Bert Slay was taken to Northwest Hospital in Amarillo last Sunday following a heart attack, where he is still under treatment.

Mrs. Slay, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding, drove to Amarillo, Tuesday to visit him.

Mrs. Mynola Ross has received an announcement of the birth of a daughter, Helen Joanne to Dr. and Mrs. Wilbert Otto Brown of 814 Sunnyside, Chicago, Illinois.

Plans for County Fair Indefinite

Plans for a county fair were held in abeyance following the meeting last Saturday of Victory Council and USDA War Board in the court house.

After discussion of plans for the fair, it was decided to postpone decision until today's poultry clinic, being held in the court house, when the matter will probably be decided. Present indications are that instead of the fair, an exhibit will be held at which 4-H boys can display their livestock and 4-H girls can show poultry. Shortage of tires was cited as reason for discontinuing plans for the fair.

At last Saturday's meeting several reports were discussed, including a Rat Control campaign for the entire county. The Rodent Control service has agreed to furnish a man to help in this program during the latter part of September. Odys Bryant reported an intense rat infestation throughout the fields and farm

This Is Last Day To File Prices With Local Price Office

Filing stations, laundries, shoe repair shops, dry cleaners and all others who render services either to consumers, wholesalers of manufacturers have been reminded by the Sherman county War Price and Rationing Board that they are required by OPA regulations to file their ceiling price lists with the local County Board before midnight tonight (Thursday).

These prices consist of March prices charged, and the statement filed must contain an adequate description of the services a firm supplied or offered in March, 1942. Under price regulations, from now on such businesses will also be required to furnish to any customer who asks for it, a sales slip showing the date, name and business address of the firm, the service sold and the price charged.

This regulation went into effect August 19th. Among the more common services covered by it are repair of farm machinery, commission selling, grinding, mixing, bagging, fumigating and sampling of grain on a custom basis, and the grinding, mixing and bagging of seed, covers the repair and rental of all automobiles, trucks, buses, tractors, trailers, electrical appliances, store and kitchen equipment, and the developing and printing of photographs. Pamphlets explaining this regulation are on file at the local office.

Baptist Revival To Begin Sept. 20th

Annual revival meeting of the Baptist church will begin on September 20 and continue through October 4, with Dr. L. A. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dalhart, doing the preaching for the series.

In preparation for the revival, members of the church will meet each night during the week preceding the meeting for a prayer service and study. Everyone is cordially invited by the pastor, Fern A. Miller, to attend these services as well as those of the revival.

MANY WHEAT LOANS ARE BEING MADE

Many more farm storage loans are being made by the Sherman County ACA office this year than ever before, according to Mrs. Marjorie Cleavinger, secretary of the local office.

Samples and measurement of bins have already been taken on three times as much wheat as in 1941 by Harry Jackson, local supervisor. Farmers are being urged to file applications at the county office as soon as possible so that rubber used in making trips to obtain samples may be conserved by covering all the farms in one section on one trip.

Loans on warehouse and farm stored wheat already completed have brought farmers more than one and a half million dollars, Art Bralley, county agent, reports.

TIRE AND TUBES ISSUED FOR WEEK SEPT. 5TH

Persons to whom tire and tube certificates were issued during the week ending Sept. 5, by the Sherman County War and Price Rationing Board are listed below:

Stratford—Richard Adams, 1 tractor tire and tube; J. T. Cartrite, 1 tractor tire; G. L. Taylor, 1 tractor tire; Peach Smith, 1 pickup tire and tube; Rubin L. Baskin, 2 trailer tires. J. W. Garoutte, 1 tube, passenger car.

Recapped Tires—School bus, Sherman Holt, Groves, Texas, 2; Arrell Cummings, Stratford, 2, farm car.

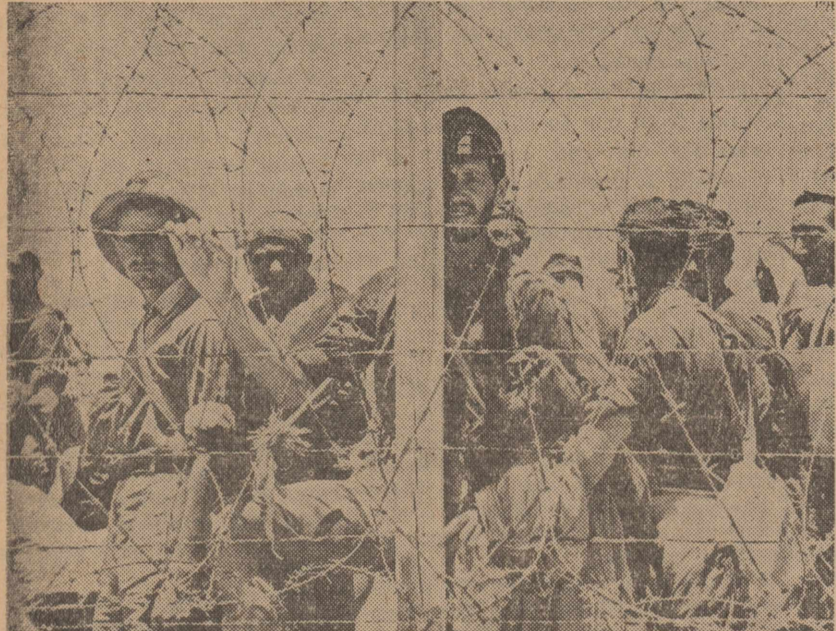
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleck of Gruver, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Clinton Belcher.

Miss Mabel Martin explained a proposed program for 4-H club girls \$6 in high returns for their projections were made concerning this proposal. A report of the Gillette Committee of the United States Senate on the rubber situation was read by Rev. J. B. Thompson. Mrs. John Knight, chairman of the fats salvage committee, reported on work done by the committee.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

United Nations Rout Japanese Forces To Score Major Milne Bay Victory; Soviet Bombers Blast German Cities; Offensive Nets Air Bases for Chinese

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.) Released by Western Newspaper Union.



These Italian prisoners were captured on the North African front by New Zealand and Indian forces. Almost all prisoners taken were from Pavia and Brescia footslogger divisions. Reports from the front indicate a mutual feeling of dislike between the Italian and German troops and officers. German troops are said to have refused to salute Italian officers.

TRAPPED JAPS: Outguessed, Outfought

"Milne bay area is rapidly being cleared of the enemy... His losses have been heavy... All his heavy supplies and equipment, including tanks, were lost."

This happy communique from General MacArthur's headquarters in Australia made it clear that the Japanese were smashed in their Milne bay thrust and that Port Moresby was saved for the fourth time. The Japs were outguessed and were caught in a carefully prepared trap.

The communique said, in part: "The operation represents another phase in the pattern of the enemy's plans to capture Port Moresby... His latest effort was to turn the right flank by a surprise attack at Milne bay. The move was anticipated, however, and prepared for with great care. With complete secrecy the position was occupied by our forces and converted into a strong point."

Solomons

American forces in the Solomons continued to consolidate their positions in the newly won outpost in preparation for their next move, which may be a blow at Jap bases in the northwest Solomons, or, if the enemy renews land and sea attacks, defensive action.

Two waves of Jap planes attacked U. S. troops and installations on Guadalcanal island, where a large enemy airport fell to invading American marines. The position of the marines has grown strong enough for the navy to announce that only "mopping up" operations were in progress. The navy also announced further strengthening of positions on six Solomon islands in American hands—Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Florida, Tanambogo, Makambo, and Gavutu.

THE GOOD EARTH: Recaptured by China

The recapture of Chuhsien and Lishui, the two most important airport cities in eastern China, marked one of the greatest victories of the war for Chinese soldiers. In a few weeks of fighting the Chinese counterattack virtually wiped out Japanese gains of the May and June campaign in the Chekiang and Kiangsi sector.

Best news to America is the fact that both towns are within 700 miles of the Japanese mainland, and may soon base United States bombers for attacks on the enemy at home.

Among Chinese officials there was little tendency to look upon recent gains as a clear cut victory resulting from superior offensive power. Belief was expressed that the Japs had overextended themselves.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

TRAINING: Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding general of the Services of Supply, U. S. Army, called upon schools and colleges to become pre-induction training centers for the armed services. His prediction was that some colleges may be required to devote all facilities for such purpose.

OBDRATE: Despite British broadcasts to the contrary, the German high command in a recent communique claimed that an Allied operational order seized during the raid on Dieppe showed the raid was intended to be the opening of a second front in Europe.

ACTION: Back to Washington came Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, former secretary of war. He had been wounded three times in Pacific naval action. He had been assigned to get supplies through the Jap blockade when Gen. Douglas MacArthur was in the Philippines.

WARNING: Attention, Nazis

Something new had been added to Moscow's reports of the war with Nazi Germany. It was the story of increasing air raids by the Red bombers on German cities. Even Berlin was the victim of these attacks. And Berlin admitted it, too. But the Nazis claimed that the Russians had come in high and scattered their bombs at random with little regard for military objectives. This was old stuff from the Nazis, and the world wondered.

In addition to Berlin, the Moscow radio announced that Koenigsberg, Danzig, Stettin, plus many other cities had been bombed in the stepped-up air program. German citizens were warned that as the nights grew longer, the bombings would increase.

See-Saw

All this helped to divert attention from the bitter land fighting along the eastern front. Around Stalingrad the battle had see-sawed for days. German forces had admitted that Soviet troops had pushed through counter-attacks with terrific pressure but claimed at the same time that these had been crushed after heavy battling.

In the fighting northwest of Moscow, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's Soviet forces were reported to be continuing their large scale counter-offensive by hurling the Nazis across a "strategic water barrier" at one point, recapturing several villages and following the foe westward.

MEATLESS DAYS: And Shipping Space

When President Roosevelt issued his statement on "meatless days" he brought the effect of war on the home front closer than it had ever been to the nation's dining table. For while sugar rationing had come, coffee was scarce, food prices were up, there was really no actual shortage of any food commodity for the housewife to worry about. But "meatless days" were something else again.

It wasn't about a meat shortage though that the President talked about in his statement on the subject. He said that conservation of meat through a meatless day each week would be calculated to save shipping space in overseas hauls rather than to alleviate any U. S. shortage.

In such a system U. S. meat would largely replace Argentine, Australian and New Zealand beef and mutton as food for fighters and civilians in Great Britain and on other fighting fronts. Ships now hauling supplies from Buenos Aires, Wellington and Sydney would be replaced by ones traveling the shorter route.

U. S. BOMBERS: In Desert Action

As a prelude to the actual reopening of the Egyptian desert offensive, British and Axis forces sparred daily by raiding each other's supply and patrol lines via the air route. U. S. bombers were aiding the British in these attacks.

While German Marshal Erwin Rommel was still "digging in" around El Alamein and consolidating his position before the Nazi drive toward Alexandria and Cairo, the British navy was striving desperately to cut his supply lines in the Mediterranean. RAF and U. S. planes, meanwhile, were striking hard at Nazi bases at Tobruk and El Daba. Both cities have vital Axis-held airports.

As the tempo of this new desert battle increased British and American planes also attacked enemy encampments, tank concentrations and armored units, behind Rommel's front lines.

RAF bombers and torpedo-carrying planes set two Axis ships afire and hit at least one other in an attack off the coast of Libya, and set fire to an oil tanker in the Mediterranean.

CRUSH JAPAN: Grew Warns

A "crushing defeat" of the Japanese militarists is the only thing that will assure future peace in the Pacific area, Joseph C. Grew, former American ambassador to Japan, told the nation upon his return to Washington.

Grew, who returned from Japan on the exchange ship Gripsholm, said: "We shall crush the Japanese machine and caste system in due course, but if we Americans think that, collectively and individually, we can continue to lead our normal lives, leaving the spirit of self-sacrifice to our soldiers and sailors, letting the intensification of our production program take care of itself, we shall unquestionably risk the danger of a stalemate in this war of ours with Japan."

He pointed out that Japanese can surmount economic hardship and that force alone will defeat them. "Let's put it in a nutshell," he said. "There is not sufficient room in the area of the Pacific ocean for a peaceful America, for any and all of the peace-loving United Nations and swashbuckling Japan."

KAISER: Record-Breaker

Ten-thousand freighters launched within 18 days after their keels are laid.

That was the goal announced by Henry J. Kaiser, master shipbuilder of the Pacific coast, when he spoke just before the record-breaking Liberty freighter, John Fitch was



HENRY KAISER Back to Washington.

launched only 24 days after keel laying. This launching broke by two days the record established in one of Kaiser's Oregon yards when construction time was reduced from 35 to 26 days.

It was at the John Fitch launching ceremonies that Kaiser disclosed he would again present to the government plans for building huge cargo planes. A few weeks previously he had made his first proposal to Washington and obtained authority to present specific plans for the plane construction program.

V-MAIL: Saves Space

Throughout the nation, some 45,000 postoffices and rural letter carriers are equipped to furnish free forms on which to write soldiers overseas by V-mail. By this process, V-mail letters written on special forms, are photographed, reduced to micro-film and sent overseas by air. Upon arrival the letter on the film is developed and full-sized letters are printed and delivered to the soldiers. Army officials are urging friends and parents of the boys overseas to increase their use of V-mail, thus saving valuable cargo space on supply ships.

AIR OFFENSIVE: Hits Nazi War Plants

The Allied air offensive against German war factories and seaports continued in strength as British long-range bombers, probably numbering at least 650, lashed out at southern and southwestern Germany for two consecutive nights.

From London came word of a successful raid on Rotterdam, during which tons of bombs were dropped in the Dutch port and dockyards by Flying Fortresses of the United States army air force.



Washington, D. C.

U. S. GENERAL IN ACTION

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Scott, U. S. tank expert just back from Libya, is not talking about it in his lectures to American armored forces, but he did more than almost anyone to stem the onrush of Von Rommel's tanks when they broke through the British lines and started their mad dash to Alexandria.

General Scott was in Egypt helping out with the American tanks which had been sent to the British. And he happened to be in the thick of it during that part of Rommel's attack when the British seemed most disorganized.

So Scott, though an American, jumped into the battle, actually took over temporary command, and organized a counter-attack. All the details can't be told yet, but when they are it will be a great story.

WHY GIRLS LEAVE WASHINGTON

Many young girls who left home to come to Washington are now leaving Washington to go home. They thought it would be thrilling to work in the capital in wartime, but they are sadly disillusioned.

Clerks and junior stenographers simply don't make enough money to live on. A labor department survey indicates that a single person must earn \$1,470 a year to live in Washington, at present rent and food costs. Yet there are two Civil Service ratings below that figure—\$1,260 and \$1,440, for clerical and stenographic jobs.

Young girls like Washington at first. It's something to write home about—living right in sight of the great Capitol dome, passing in front of the White House every day.

But the thrill wears off when the boss works them 12 hours a day in a war office, when their feet get tired standing in crowded buses, and when they can't sleep comfortably four in a room.

Norah Booth personnel expert in OPA, knows these cases by the score. A girl from Nashville, Tenn., came to Washington last June, thrilled to the eyebrows. Now she is leaving.

"I don't know what's the matter with me," she told Miss Booth. "I'm all jumpy. I guess you call it nerves. It was fun being here at first, but you have to work so hard and pay so much for a room! I'm tired of worrying whether I'll have enough money next week for a new pair of stockings. I'm going home!"

HOW TO WRITE TO SOLDIERS

The army is far from satisfied with the way its V-mail (photo letter) service to troops overseas is going. Despite the big advantages of V-mail in the speed and transmission as well as guarantee against loss, the general public hasn't taken to it.

This is partly due to a misunderstanding of the technique of the service and partly to the fact that V-mail blanks have been available only at larger post offices. However, the army is planning to extend the service soon to every post office and rural route in the country. At the same time, an educational program will be launched.

Actually, it is much simpler to send a letter by V-mail than the regular way, since you don't have to bother with envelope or stamps. All you do is write your message, with your address and that of the receiver, on a blank form, and fold and seal it. The sealed form goes to a port of embarkation, where it is put through a machine and photographed on a small micro-film roll. Later the roll is printed and developed in a reproducing station at its overseas destination. The photo-letter is then placed in an envelope and delivered. Since the filming and developing are performed mechanically in the dark, senders of V-mail are assured absolute privacy.

Also, they get faster delivery. The army gives priority to V-mail because of a one-third saving in cargo space. The army postal service estimates that 22 sacks of V-mail are equal to 37 sacks of regular mail. However, the chief consideration to senders is that V-mail is guaranteed against loss. The original V-form is preserved for re-filming, in case a mail cargo is lost at sea.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Tennessee mountaineer Cordell Hull never forgets. Recently he refused a job to a prominent New York publisher because some years ago he had signed a petition demanding that the state department stop sending scrap iron to Japan.

Good sport Evie Robert, after losing a \$1,000 bet that Senator Jim Mead would get the Democratic nomination for governor of New York, telegraphed triumphant Jim Farley: "You sure were right—and how!"

U. S. army officials suggest that headlines on American participation in the Dieppe Commando raid were misleading. Our part was insignificant.

Various American citizens of Japanese descent are urging a second front now and volunteering for front line duty.

NEW EFFECTIVE HAY FEVER RELIEF

Hay fever, which annually causes more sneezes, more inflamed noses and more red, streaming eyes than any other scourge, may have its final big fling this September, all because a Pennsylvania electrical engineer was served a dish of corn meal mush which was entirely too salty.

The engineer, sneezing, and with all other hay fever manifestations, stopped at a hotel where he was served a dish of mush which he considered sending back as it was much too salty. Finally he ate it, however; the hay fever attack lessened, ultimately ceased. Next day he had three meals, all oversalted, and experienced his most comfortable time in years in the "hay fever season."

His analytical mind quickly grasped the possibility that the saline substance in his food was responsible for his relief.

About this time, Dr. E. E. Selleck, a graduate of Columbia University, met the engineer, made notes, and when he returned to his home, began experiments. Today Dr. Selleck declares he has found a certain means of relief for hay fever and is supported in his contention by other medical experts, and a nationally known chemical manufacturing concern, the Hollings-Smith Company, at Orangeburg, New York, has taken over making the remedy, which is called Nakamo Bell.

Describing the experiments, Dr. Selleck said, "After I was sure I had found a means of quickly relieving hay fever through the chloride group, I tested it in the most practical way I knew. I held a three day clinic, to which many hay fever sufferers responded, from ages ranging from 10 to 60 years. Each person was given two tablets with a little water. Some relief came to all within ten minutes. Reports on these cases during the ensuing weeks showed practically a complete cessation of symptoms." —Adv.

'Mechanical' Chess Player

One of the greatest chess players was Kempelen's Mechanical Man, a midget who, disguised as an automaton, toured Europe during the late 18th century and defeated all leading players of the time, says Collier's. He and his partner Kempelen were able to fool the public because he was very small and legless, played with mechanical movements and wore a costume having little doors that, when opened, revealed only turning wheels.



A teaspoon of vinegar beaten into boiled frosting when flavoring is added will keep it from being brittle when cut.

Honey on cottage cheese, a dish centuries old, is being revived today.

Denatured alcohol will remove the stain made on tablecloths by colored candles.

The old family coffee pot can be kept sweet by occasionally boiling in it a strong solution of borax.

Kerosene will soften boots and shoes that have been hardened by water and will render them as pliant as new.

Is your dry floor mop too dirty for further use? Wash it in warm suds, rinse well, and dry in the air, shaking it occasionally to restore fluffiness.

If you make your own household dresses, remember that the most comfortable ones have plenty of room.

Put a little water, milk or cream into fudge frosting that thickens too quickly, stirring until it has the right consistency.

Constipation! Why Not Get and Keep 'Regular'?

One of the commonest causes of constipation is simply this: Modern diets, superrefined, too often give us too little "bulk food." In such cases, dosing with cathartics and purges gives only temporary relief—the trouble comes back again and again. The way to more lasting relief is to get at the underlying cause and correct it.

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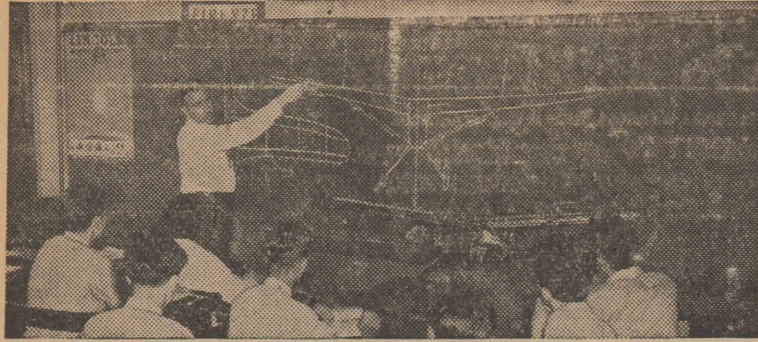
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Future Pilots

Students at Albert Leonard high school, New Rochelle, N. Y., being instructed by teacher Frederick L. Lobdell on plane stresses and strain in an aerodynamics class. They are all ATCA students with visions of the day when they'll be flying their own plane.

500,000 High School Youths Will Receive Pre-Flight Training

Nation to Get Jump Over Axis by Readying Students For Future Aviation Career

It's an ironical twist of fate that the most far-reaching change in our modern educational system was set in motion by a war.

As September rolls around, public, private and parochial high schools throughout the nation will have radically altered their curricula to include instruction in pre-flight training under the auspices of the Air Training Corps of America, working in conjunction with the Civil Aeronautics administration and the U. S. office of education.



Educators themselves readily admit that the war, with the attention it has focused on aviation, must be credited in large measure for the speed and efficiency with which ATCA's program has been launched, although the program's peacetime objectives are considered equally important.

Studying With New Interest. Regardless of cause, this September some 500,000 boys who voluntarily are enrolling in ATCA units will be studying algebra, geometry, physics, and other subjects with a new interest. They'll be enthusiastic about subjects they once considered "dry" because these studies will be taught in terms of aviation.

During five, or more, hours each week, ATCA members will study subjects in pre-flight training such as air navigation, communications, aerodynamics, meteorology, safety, and the structure and design of engines.

And if there are those who doubt the enthusiasm with which boys are taking these courses,

they need only visit one of the schools where the ATCA courses already have been introduced. There these youngsters can be seen tackling the fundamental problems of aviation with an eagerness that is surprising.

They build their own model planes to scale, following specifications provided by the army and navy. These planes perform a useful function in the classes on spotting, where ATCA members learn how to distinguish one type from another at a casual glance and from any angle.

New Style School Arguments. The visitor will see these boys arguing over a problem in plane design—discussing where stress and strain will affect the craft—as though the chart on the wall were a real bomber and they were going to take off in it themselves.

In classes on communications the pupils will be taking down the dots and dashes of the Morse code with the same zeal they might put into remembering the signals for an off-tackle play on the football field.

In classes on engine structure, in physics, in algebra, in whatever these future fliers now are studying in their pre-flight courses, the same

TRYING HARD

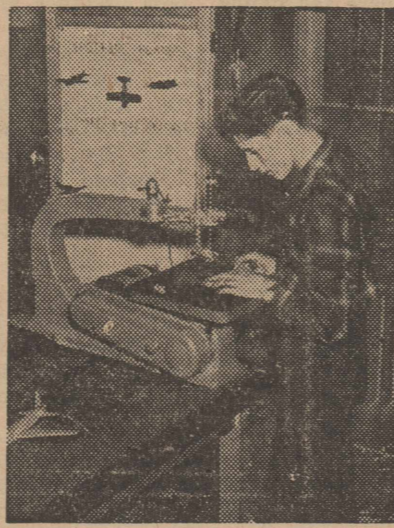
On the drill field, where members of ATCA units learn marching formations and take callisthenics to build them up physically, these lads show the same earnest attitude. They're trying hard every minute, so that sometime they can earn the right to fly a plane for the army or navy, or become professional fliers in civilian life.

degree of youthful eagerness is apparent everywhere.

This attribute of the Air Training courses in secondary schools, as much as the fact that the new studies have called for a complete overhauling of the curricula, is the reason that educators are quick to acknowledge that the system of teaching is going through the most radical change it ever has seen.

And They Like It! They find it adding to their own enthusiasm to be met with such a ready response on the part of their pupils. When "x plus y" can be something to do with a pursuit plane

Model Builder



This ATCA student is building his own model plane from army and navy specifications. Such practice gives youth throughout the U. S. first-hand knowledge of planes they hope some day to fly.

and "a times b" has something to do with increasing the already terrific speed of a giant bomber, it's something which both teacher and pupil find exciting.

ATCA members present a dashing appearance in their uniforms especially designed for the corps. Jackets, shirts and trousers of the uniform are all in a matching tone of gray-blue. Ties are navy blue and buttons on the jacket are silver-toned. The caps have a piping of bright red and the same color appears again in the single stripe on each sleeve cuff. The red and white ATCA insignia is attached to the upper left sleeve.

Considering the spirit it has injected into the system of teaching, it is not surprising that ATCA courses are finding a ready welcome in the schools.

As for the army and navy—they, too, are all for it. They have long recognized that the best professional flier is the one who has been trained from youth. They realize the importance of the program in filling the lack that has existed for providing training in the fundamentals of aviation.

Objectives of ATCA have been endorsed by Robert A. Lovett, assistant secretary of war for air, and by Robert Hinckley, assistant secretary of commerce and founder of the Citizens Pilot training program.

Sponsoring the work of the ATCA are some of the outstanding men and women in the country, including Bernard Baruch, James A. Farley, Alfred E. Smith, Jeremiah T. Mahoney, chairman of the Pan-American games committee; C. R. Smith, ex president of American airlines; Robert Hinckley, assistant secretary of commerce, and Mrs. Colin Kelly, widow of the American air hero.

That's the story of ATCA. It's one of those things created during war which is not necessarily a part of war. It will, educators feel confident, live long after the war is over, and the ways of peace returned again, because it is inextricably tied up with aviation—and aviation itself has many long and vigorous years stretching ahead of it.

End of War Will Mark Aviation's Golden Age

America invented the airplane—the greatest single threat to our security today is the plane itself.

Having created the means by which man could fly, America failed miserably to recognize the significance of its own invention. It remained for other nations to grasp the airplane's enormous possibilities—to visualize it as a gigantic instrument of peace and war.

It remained for other nations to sense the possibilities of training—not just a small segment—but all its youth, to be air-minded and air-wise.

Americans have been caught napping. But, if a determined group of American citizens have their way, this will not, cannot, happen again. These determined citizens have united to form the Air Training Corps of America.

Wings for America at Peace. No informed person will deny that the end of this war will mark the true beginning of the Aviation age.

There will be new markets to be won, new lands to be developed. And in this post-war race for trade, aviation will play a major role. In America and throughout the world, the highways of commerce will be in the air. In transportation, in a thousand as yet undreamed-of facets of our daily life, men trained in aviation will be the leaders of tomorrow. And the nation which molds these leaders will be itself a leader.

In training its youth for aviation, America is assuring its sons a rich

opportunity, and is at the same time, taking steps to insure its own future.

Wings for America at War. Every decent American hopes that boys now in high school will never have to go to war.

But every thinking American realizes that they may have to fight before this war is won. And make no mistake about it, this war will be won by trained, professional airmen over that "last battlefield," wherever it may be. These airmen, grim though the idea is, must be young. For the air warfare of today, with its 40,000-foot altitudes and 400 m.p.h. speeds, demands youth-trained youth. No one else has a fighting chance.

This is the lesson brought us from England, a lesson dearly learned by the heroic RAF in the Battle of Britain. England itself has already profited from this lesson, and has set up its own Air Training corps under the air ministry. So far, England's Air Training corps has graduated 75,000 boys into the Royal Air force.

Helpful to Canadians. The idea, transplanted to Canada, has resulted in the training of 26,000 boys—and has not yet hit its full stride. It is already considered an indispensable part of the Royal Canadian Air force training program. It is saving the best part of a year—precious time when time is all-important—in preparing airmen

for combat duty. It has materially reduced training casualties.

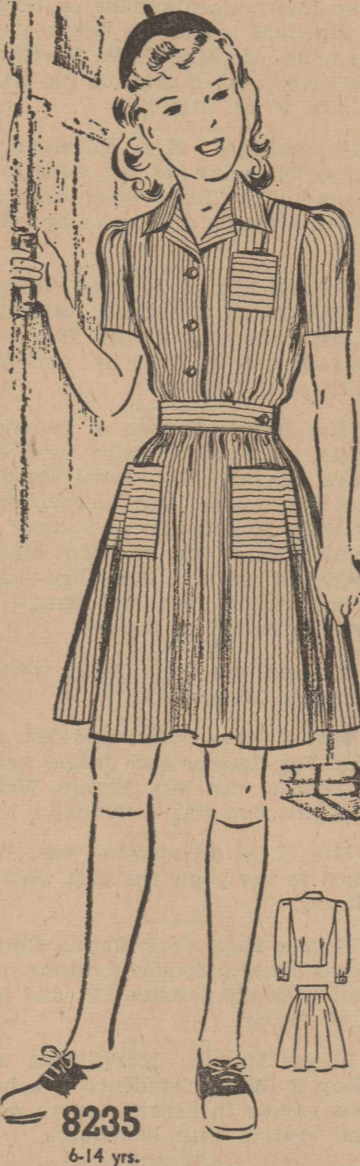
Not all of these boys, of course, become pilots. One of the important benefits of this training is the fact that this "screens" the boys into the particular job in air or ground crew for which they are best qualified. Furthermore, it gives them the essential psychological conditioning that their own job, whatever it may be, is all-important.

Naturally, an important part of the program is a carefully worked out course of training to promote physical fitness, to make the youth of America strong, hardened and ready for the tasks that lie ahead.

Members of the Air Training Corps of America will also receive basic training in the manual of arms and military drill, and will be schooled in the highest ideals of discipline and patriotism.

ATCA's Role in the War Effort. In undertaking to set up pre-flight squadrons in the nation's high schools, the Air Training Corps of America is co-ordinating its work with that of other organizations interested in the progress of aviation. The Civil Aeronautics administration, working with and through educators who have a thorough grounding in aviation and aviation problems, have done a splendid job of preparing practical, easily understood textbooks in the various phases of pre-flight training.

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Suddenly the man had a bright idea. Triumphantly he led her to the railway station and, standing beside the door of a railway carriage as though seeing her off, kissed her fondly.

After the couple had repeated the experiment at four or five different platforms, a sympathetic porter strolled up and whispered to the young man:

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Rice?

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NOT as a steady diet. You've done pretty well on rice, but can you keep on doing it? What about Midway and the Coral Sea? Ever hear of Doolittle? MacArthur? Chennault?

What about the Solomon Islands? You can't get around it—those U. S. boys are better, man for man. And they're not sun-worshippers, either—just plain free men, well-fed and fighting mad. Sure it takes a lot of food to keep them going, but we've got what you haven't got, Hirohito . . . an army of free women fighting the home front because they know the need to fight! Not with guns. Not everyone can make shells or build airplanes. It takes an American woman just half of a split second to see where she fits in; the empty shelves at the grocery were enough of a hint for her. 50% more home-canning is our goal, and it's just like making bombs for Tokyo. No one in America will ever live on rice. We'll have fruits and fruit juices, vegetables and meats—home-canned for a few cents a jar.

Can you beat it, Mr. Hirohito? A war won—by women?

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PALO DURO 4-H GIRLS MEET IN ELLISON HOME

Beauty aids were discussed last Wednesday at a meeting of the Palo Duro 4-H club, with Miss Mabel Martin in charge in the home of Billie Ann Ellison.

Refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Billie Ann Ellison, Billie Joyce Baskins, Joyce and Joan Garoutte, Mrs. T. F. Baskins, Mrs. Steiner and Mrs. Ellison.

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PENDLETONS ENTERTAIN SCHOOL TEACHERS FRIDAY

Miss Bonnie Pendleton and Royal Pendleton were host and hostess Friday evening in their home to a group of school teachers, celebrating the beginning of the new school year.

An informal evening was spent in singing and frying hamburgers. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cleavinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston, Mrs. Nelle Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pearson, Mrs. Adeline Bird, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. Velma P. Howard, Mrs. Boswell, Miss Joyce Thomas and Miss Mabel Martin.

ENDEAVOR SOCIAL ENJOYED FRIDAY NIGHT AT CHURCH

The Endeavor social in the basement of the Christian church last Friday night was well attended with twenty-five young people present. The entertainment for the evening consisted of a song feast, games, and refreshments. Everyone reported a good time. The Endeavor plans to make this a monthly affair.

New officers were elected at the regular service Sunday night. Oleta Gilley is the new president; Lovita Cowdrey, vice-president; Dickie Buckles, secretary-treasurer; Lenora Alexander, reporter; Peggy Morse, chairman program committee; Neil Jackson, chairman Lookout committee; June McDaniel, social committee. These new officers are to meet with the pastor at the parsonage, Friday directly after school to make plans for the next six months.

PERSONALS

The Leslie Parker home is being re-roofed this week.

Word was received this past week from Bigpine, California that T. W. Coffee and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Stipe, formerly of Stratford, are moving to San Pedro, California.

New improvements made on homes in Stratford include a new roof on the home of Mrs. J. M. Hoeffliger and a new coat of paint on the house of Mrs. H. M. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donelson returned Thursday of last week from Colorado City, Texas, where they attended a family reunion of her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Utley returned to San Diego, California Saturday of last week after a visit here with his father, J. T. Utley Sr., and Mrs. Utley, near Gruver.

Miss Dickie Henson of Seminole, Texas, who was a visitor with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arval Fleming, past two weeks was accompanied by them to Amarillo and joined by another sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed and children, then they visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reed in Seminole, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor were in Amarillo, Monday.

Mrs. Coletus Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Parsons and Jackie visited in Dumas with Mrs. Bryant Waters and Mrs. Bud Hager, Sunday.

Mrs. C. M. Henderson was confined to her home the past week by illness.

Eugene Farris from Corpus Christi, Texas arrived Monday morning for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Farris.

Misses Marcie McWilliams and Mary E. Brown, students of a business college in Amarillo, were weekend visitors with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billington returned last week from San Diego, California and stated that Mrs. Orland Lasley and Mrs. Hudson were employed and were clerks in a store there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor were business visitors in Amarillo, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wherry of Brownfield are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donelson.

Mrs. Eva Ullom and Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wakefield and family were in Amarillo, Saturday on business.

Mrs. Bennie Brower and Mrs. Caldwell motored to Dalhart, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. W. Morehead of Amarillo spent the weekend here with relatives.

Miss Marijo Brown of Spearman visited over the weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Blake were in Dalhart, Saturday evening.

Miss Hazel Harris is on a vacation in Denver, and other Colorado points.

Miss Alice McAdams arrived Sunday from St. Louis, Missouri, and she and her mother, spent Monday in Dalhart with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster and son.

Mrs. Jim Brown's mother spent the weekend with her.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Kelp were visitors in Dumas last Sunday afternoon.

Remodeling work is being done on the W. H. Cowdrey residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tatum of Lubbock were here on business last week and visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien.

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Our fighting men are doing their share. Here at home the least we can do is put 10% of our income in War Bonds for our share in America.

THE SERVICE FLAG

(By William Hershell)

Dear little flag in the window there, Hung with a tear and a woman's prayer; Child of Old Glory, born with a star— Oh, what a wonderful flag you are!

Blue is your star in its field of white, Dipped in the red that was born of fight; Born of the blood that our forebears shed To raise your mother, the Flag, o'erhead.

And now you've come, in this frenzied day, To speak from a window—to speak and say: "I am the voice of a soldier-son Gone to be gone till the victory's won."

"I am the flag of the Service, sir; The flag of his mother—I speak for her Who stands by my window and waits and fears,

"I am the flag of the of the wives who wait But hides from the others her unwept tears. For the safe return of a martial mate, A mate gone forth where the war god thrives To save from sacrifice other men's wives.

"I am the flag of the sweethearts true; The often unthought-of the sisters, too. I am the flag of a mother's son And won't come home till the victory's won!"

Dear little flag in the window there, Hung with a tear and a woman's prayer; Child of Old Glory, born with a star— Oh, what a wonderful flag you are!

L. P. HUNTER VISITS DAUGHTER IN CALIFORNIA

Judge L. P. Hunter left last week for San Diego, California, to visit his daughter, Caroline Hunter, who is a nurse in the government hospital there. Miss Hunter is expecting to be called for overseas duty at any time.

STRATFORD 4-H CLUB GIRLS MET SEPTEMBER 5TH

A lesson on grooming was given members of the Stratford 4-H girls club at the regular meeting held Saturday, September 5th, in the court house.

Miss Mabel Martin gave the lesson, including instruction on how to care for hands, hair, clothes and shoes. Games were played.

Those present were: LaNelle Naugle, Marjorie Grimes, Alice Lowe, Darlene Palmer, Patricia Ann Naugle, Patsy Chambers, Patricia Ramon, Opal Lowe, Ula Faye Lowe, Mary Lee Luther, Marjorie Boney, Marlene Brown, Dale McWilliams, Amelia Ramon, Alana Davis and a visitor, Ray Grimes.

Mrs. W. O. Cook received word Sunday that her father, Frank M. Graves, formerly of Montague county, died at his home in Wheeler, Texas Sunday. Mrs. Cook could not attend the funeral.

Miss Mildred Matteson of Dumas spent the weekend with Mrs. Joe Doby. Saturday evening they attended a dinner at the Amarillo Hotel honoring Miss Ila Hasting of LeFlore, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Kelp spent Sunday afternoon in Dumas.

Joe Terry Jackson of Lubbock, spent last week with his cousin, Neil Jackson. Miss Mildred Pendleton, Stanley Ullom and Neil Jackson took Joe to Amarillo where he took the bus to his home.

Mrs. Leta Boswell and Mrs. O. H. Ingham were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

W. G. O'Brien was in South Plains Monday and Tuesday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price were in Amarillo, Wednesday. T. J. Noland who had been visiting his sons in Tulsa and Clarendon, Texas, returned with them.

Mrs. M. H. Harrison, Mrs. Roy Allen and Mrs. Earl Shirk were in Dalhart, Monday.

Art and Bill Ross, Fred and Howard Bell motored to Dalhart, Sunday.

Church of Christ

A. C. Huff, Minister.
Bible Study 10 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m.; Communion 11:45 a. m.
Young Peoples meeting 7:50 p. m.
Preaching 8:30 p. m.
Song drill every Wednesday night.

Christian Church

L. B. Chaffin, Minister
Bible school 10:00 a. m., J. R. Pendleton, Supt. Morning worship 11 a. m. Junior Endeavor 7:30 p. m., Mrs. C. R. Bomer, sponsor; Intermediate Endeavor 7:45 p. m., Mrs. S. J. Caldwell, sponsor; Senior Endeavor 7:45 p. m. Evening worship 8:30 p. m. Choir practice Wednesday 8:30 p. m.

Methodist Church

J. B. Thompson, Pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m.; Evening worship 8:30 p. m.
Revival date — Week beginning October 11. The guest speaker, Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas.

Baptist Church

(Fern A. Miller, Pastor)
Sunday school 10:00 a. m., L. P. Hunter, superintendent. Morning worship 11:00.
Training Union 7:15 p. m., D. R. Wilson, director. Evening worship 8:00.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening 8:00.

WANT ADS

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Notice—Please pay all bills due the Star to Mrs. Ross at the Star office and avoid confusion.

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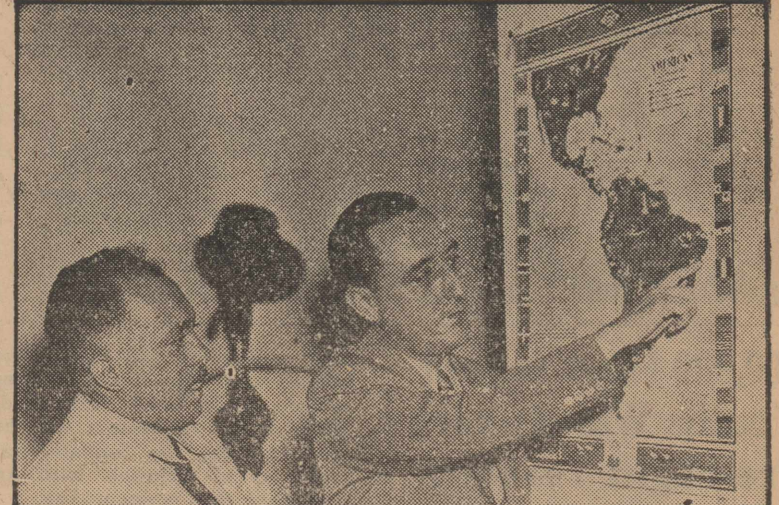
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"The future of civilization is a vague and tremendous and oratorical phrase. Interpreted and broken down, it means the freedom of yourself and myself, whether we shall be allowed to live in a decent fashion, enjoying liberty and prosperity and human dignity, involving the future of the very house we live in, the happiness and well-being of our children, the opportunities of young people and all the comfort and security of the old. It affects how we shall worship God, and how and whether we can live in decency with our neighbors. We can help, all of us, by fighting, by working, by keeping our courage high. We can help too, enormously, by lending to

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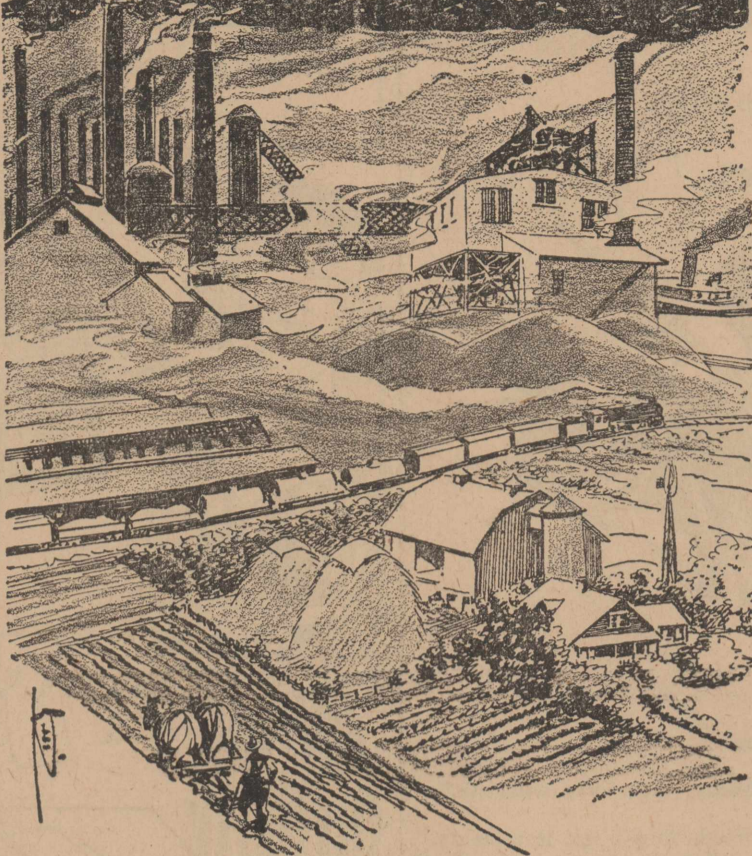
STATE UNIVERSITY WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 21ST

Freshman week at the University of Texas, Austin, begins September 16th with registration scheduled to begin September 21 for the university's 59th annual long session.

A program geared to train army and navy personnel and war workers has been inaugurated by the university, operating on a 12-month-a-year schedule to turn out graduates in 32 months.

A politician needs to be a good swimmer in order to duck the main issues. Exchange.

America at Work



*I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear,
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The mason singing his as he makes ready for work or leaves off work,
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singing on the steamboat deck,
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the hatter singing as
he stands,
The wood-cutter's song, the ploughboy on his way in the morning,
or at noon intermission or at sundown,
The delicious singing of the mother, or of the young wife at work,
or of the girl sewing or washing.*

SO SANG WALT WHITMAN. He sang of America and of a tradition of honest toil that is as American as the Star Spangled Banner. He called his song "I Hear America Singing," because in this country the workers are in every walk of life, even among the richest. No idle rich can win American respect. It is to the industrious, in whatever position, that America pays traditional honor.

No caste system hinders American youth from the pursuit of burning ambition to fight his way to the top; no aristocracy clutters the pages of American history; no dictator's iron heel drags labor to the level of slavery.

To Americans, labor is all-important, all-inclusive. All income groups take pride in the knowledge that their work, their job of earning a living is what makes democracy click—is the solid backbone of a great republic.

As the nation once more pays tribute to this great force which is labor, the words of Walt Whitman's poem, written over eighty years ago, sound what could well be a theme-song of "the American way"—

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KEEP DOCTORS HEALTHY

It was recently pointed out by the chairman of the War Manpower Board, Paul V. McNutt, that unreasonable demands on physicians' time must be avoided.

The necessity for this is apparent. Thousands of doctors have entered military service. By the end of this year, 20,000 additional physicians will be needed to serve our men in uniform. That need must be met, and it will be met. And one inevitable result will be a sharp decline in the number of doctors available to serve civilians.

This does not mean that anyone will have to go without necessary medical attention. It does mean that all must help, so far as they can, to see that doctors are able to use their working time to the fullest advantage. To quote Mr. McNutt, on the doctors' part "it will mean long hours and hard work—sacrifices which will multiply the deep debt that every community owes to its physicians. There will be a real need to exercise every possible means for minimizing unnecessary medical services."

In other words, you are asked to forego for the duration the "luxury" of wasting your doctor's time and energies. That is a real and necessary contribution to the war effort, and to the protection of civilian health as well.

TOKIO BOMBER



Fighters on two fronts compare notes. Lt. Thomas C. Griffin, navigator of one of the bombers that raided Tokyo, and Walter C. Hasselhorn, company president, in a special work of a woman war worker at Cook Electric Company, Chicago war production plant. Lt. Griffin is the youngest recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross.

New Mexico Ranch Play Ground for Boy Scouts

The biggest boys' camp in the world, Philmont, covers 127,000 acres of New Mexico mountain wilderness near Cimarron, N. Mexico. Income from a 16-story office building in Tulsa, Oklahoma, pays the bills.

Camp and office building together represent about five million dollars, but virtually any Boy Scout in the country can vacation at Philmont for \$1.50 a week—\$2.25 if he doesn't want to bring his own grub.

"It's a boy's heaven," says R. B. Dawson, ranch camping director.

Philmont was a gift to the Boy Scouts of America from Waite Phillips, Iowa-born Tulsa oil millionaire. He endowed the gift with his Tulsa office building, the Philtower.

Because of the war and transportation difficulties, Philmont will have only about 2,000 to 2,500 Scout guests in its first year of operation. But after the war, says Dawson, 10,000 Boy Scouts will range each summer over Philmont's 198 square miles of hills, woods and timberline lakes without getting in each other's way.

For his buck and a half per week, a Scout gets a bed and all the prospecting and exploring he can stand.

The boys must come in organized groups of at least eight boys each with an adult leader, and each Scout must be old enough, around 15, to be responsible and not likely to get lost or hurt.

Checked in at his base camp—Philmont, the original site, is one of the

seven bases—the Scout gets instructions in first aid, wood lore, general scout work and horsemanship. Camp activities include at least one overnight trip a week, often a pack on horses. Western horses are one of the boys' biggest thrills, Dawson explains, for 75 percent of the youngsters never straddled a horse before coming to Philmont.

Announcing his gift to the Boy Scouts, Phillips said: "It is my belief that the romance, history and traditions of the country in which this ranch is located will contribute much toward perpetuating American ideals and patriotism among boys from all parts of America, and it is with these thoughts that I felt impelled to furnish an endowment so that all Boy Scouts, and their adult leaders, now numbering approximately a million and a half, would have an equal opportunity to participate."

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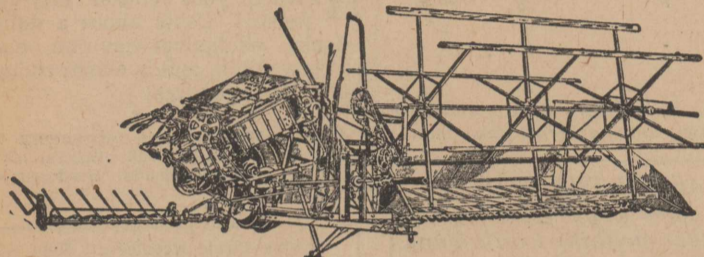
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GHOST PLANE

By ARTHUR STRINGER

W.N.U. SERVICE

THE STORY SO FAR: To keep Norland Airways in business Alan Slade agrees to fly a so-called scientist named Frayne and his partner, Karnell, to the Anawotto river in search of the trumpeter swan. With the proceeds Slade's partner, Cruger, buys a Lockheed plane, which is stolen. When he returns from the Anawotto Slade starts out to recover the plane. In this he is being helped by an eskimo named Umanak and by his old prospector friends, Zeke and Minty. Acting on a hunch Slade has gone to Frayne's camp and has discovered that the missing plane is hidden there. Slim Tumstead, a flyer who has lost his license for drinking and is little more than an outlaw, has been flying it for Frayne. But when Slade attempts to examine the plane's cargo he is knocked unconscious by Karnell. Tumstead saves him from being killed by Karnell, only to abandon him later on a deserted island because he "knows too much." Tumstead has just taken off again, after leaving Slade with only a knife, a pound of German army chocolate, a can of "bully" beef and what looks like an empty tin.

Now continue with the story.



"If they want to do it Injin style," said Minty, "it's okay with me."

"I don't like the look o' this," Zeke finally asserted.

"Chances are he's scoutin' round on foot," maintained Minty as he clambered ashore. But Zeke, who remained to assess the cabin's contents, shook a dubious head.

"There's grub and extra gas in there," he reported when he rejoined his companion. "There's even blankets and fly nets and one o' them new-fangled air mattresses."

"Then you'll see him headin' back here pronto," Minty persisted.

But at the end of an hour's wait the azure of his optimism was shadowed by a cloud or two.

"Something's happened to that boy," averred Zeke as his old eyes once more swept the silent rock ridges.

"Then it's up to us to roost here and keep an eye on his plane," was Minty's suggestion.

"I don't like the idee o' that ship anchored close in here where any outsider could climb aboard," said Zeke. "Where she ought to be is out in the middle o' that lake with a quarter-mile o' water between her and shore."

"How'd you git her there?" asked Minty, as he studied the plane. "I always had a hankerin' for knowin' how to handle one o' them contraptions. And right now that hankerin' is stronger'n ever."

But Zeke had his own ideas about the matter.

"I could float her out and anchor her there with a couple o' rock-slabs tied to her moorin'-lines," he explained. "Then she'd be where no one could sneak up on her."

"And how'd you git back?" demanded Minty.

"I'd blow up that air mattress of Lindy's and paddle ashore. And when our bush hawk shows back he can sail out to her in the same way."

"S'posin' he don't show back?"

"Then it's up to us," said Zeke, "to find out what's keepin' him away from a ship he'd never desert of his own free will."

But the shifting of the Snow-Ball to its new berth was no easy matter. And even with the plane safely anchored in mid-lake Zeke's troubles were not over. The inflated air mattress, from the first, proved a precarious craft. When halfway to shore, in fact, Zeke lost his balance and went overboard, with Minty's anxious eyes watching his struggles as he floundered about and finally resumed his perch on the little raft of rubber.

Minty, standing guard on his rock point, knew what would be needed, and needed at once. He dropped his rifle and lost no time in gathering wood and starting a fire. The flames were roaring by the time the wet and bedraggled Zeke crawled up the shore slope. His teeth were chattering and his language was blasphemous.

"Quit cussin'," admonished Minty, "and git out o' them clothes before they chill you to the bone."

Zeke's shirt was dry by the time he was ready to drink his tea. And his ill temper had departed by the time the dignity of clothing was restored to his sinewy old body.

"We can't squat round these embers no longer," he announced. "What we've got 'o do is slouch out them white-skinned Comanches who're musclin' in on our domain."

"Lead me to 'em," said Minty as he shouldered his pack and took up his rifle.

But Zeke, at the moment, was busy mounting a near-by ridge. He stood scanning the blue-misted slopes between him and the lowering sun. He squinted long and closely at the wooded crest across a wide valley studded with glacial hardheads. And as he looked he saw a puff of smoke bloom for a moment against the hill-top spruce gloom at the same time a bullet whined over his head.

His reaction to that was automatic.

He dropped to the far side of the ridge, where he lay shouting for Minty to get under cover. But Minty disregarded that advice. He stood with his rifle at half-arm, studying the wooded crest across the valley. But the whine of a second bullet sent him ducking behind the shelter of a hardhead.

"They want fightin', eh?" he cried as he leveled his rifle along the stone

top. "Well, they'll git it a-plenty."

But, after a two-man council of war, they realized that closing in on the enemy was not so simple as it might seem.

"If they want to do it Injin style," said Minty, "it's okay with me. There's no reason why two can't play at that game."

"But dodgin' round rock corners ain't goin' to find Alan," Zeke protested. "And our first job is to git trace o' that boy."

If they declined to retreat, however, they made their advance a more circuitous one. When night-fall came they quartered off at an angle, advancing craftily from rock shadow to rock shadow, their old eyes searching every ridge slope and hollow. But they encountered no sign of life. When weariness overtook them one would sleep for two hours while the other kept watch.

"I don't like this lull in things," observed Zeke as he blinked about the silent ridges. "Makes me suspicious then swan-hunters might be puttin' something over on us."

"Let 'em try it," barked Minty after a look into his cartridge chamber.

Zeke's weathered old face remained troubled.

"But while we're pirootin' through these empty pine woods and indulgin' our personal appetite for lead-singin' they might be back-trackin' to Alan's Snow-Ball Baby. And I don't want 'o see anything happen to that boy's ship."

"It won't," averred Minty, "while I've still got a trigger to pull."

"Then my vote," said Zeke, "goes to gittin' back to that plane and standin' watch there until Alan shows up."

Minty adjusted his blanket roll and tightened his belt.

"I reckon you're right for once," he conceded.

Seated on the barren shore of his sub-arctic island, Alan Slade knew a recurring pang of despair much sharper than any pain in his abused body.

His first task, he told himself, was to take in the circle of his world, the only world that remained to him. His steps grew steeper as he mounted the shore slope and worked his way up to one of the bolder ridge crests.

From that vantage point he carefully studied his island.

That island, he found, was not so large as it had first seemed. So far as he could see it was empty of animal life. And this seemed confirmed as he explored its irregular shoreline. Along the rockier shore to the east, where he had hoped to stumble on driftwood, he found nothing beyond a tangle of bleached boles and branches, the best of them little thicker than a caribou-prong. They were useful only as a reserve of firewood.

The thought of a fire reminded him that one of his first needs was a shelter of some kind. He knew the north too well to nurse much fear of marauding animals. More than wandering bear or wolf, his enemies there would be the voracious arctic mosquito and the black-fly that left a burning ring of poison about its bite.

Under one of the higher crests he found a rock-jut with an over-hanging lip that made a shallow cave. The floor of that cave, he saw, he could bed with dried moss and sedge grass. The face of it he could close in with loose rocks and a matrix of scrub-timber branches from the near-by slopes. It would not only protect him from wind and rain but with a smudge fire going in its entrance it would be a defense against mosquitoes and black-flies. It would, for the time being, be his home.

To it he carried his beef-tin and his chocolate, his sheath knife and his precious little can of fishhooks, together with every carefully salvaged foot of the equally precious cord that had been cut from his wrists and ankles. For on those strands of cord, he remembered, might yet hang his hope of deliverance. With the evening coolness deepening around him he felt the need of a fire. He regretted not having an ax.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Kathleen Norris Says:

Buying Victory Bonds Is Self-Protection

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You do a sensible, even a selfish thing when you buy Victory Bonds; you do a smart thing in a businesslike way. It is self-protection, nothing nobler than that.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

THE probability is that you and your husband have invested a certain amount of dollars in Victory Bonds and Victory Stamps. And you probably feel a little thrill of pride and patriotism with every dollar so invested.

But the real truth is that there is no reason here for complacency. You do a sensible, even a selfish thing when you buy Victory Bonds; you do a smart thing in a businesslike way. For if there is to be an America tomorrow, your bonds and stamps will be the most valuable things in it, and if there isn't—an impossible hypothesis, which I put in merely for illustration—nothing that you have hoarded or saved, money, property, stocks, will be worth what is classically known as a tinker's dam.

More than that. If we of America rise to this situation, not with a sense of being generous and reckless and wholehearted, but because we appreciate the facts of the case, this country will be spared inflation. Our financial authorities could create that inflation now, very simply. They have the power to float billions of new bills amongst us; we wouldn't full realize, seeing these new bills, that every one of them meant that what you and I have in the bank was worth that much less.

It Is Self-Protection.

So buying bonds is self-protection, nothing nobler than that. If we don't, we lose what we have. If we do, we keep what we have and add to it valuable investments that in ten years will be redeemed at interest.

You'd get the general idea fast enough if someone went to your bank and drew out one-third of your money. A thief who did it would be punished to the full extent of the law. But this wouldn't be a thief; this would be a person with perfect rights, who might remind you, as he went away with your good money, that in another three months he meant to come and get another third.

If your comment on this is, "That's outrageous!" the real answer is simpler still, "That's war." We are in a desperate battle now against forces that may gain power over all the world, or that may be curbed and controlled for 100 years. Curbed and controlled until the horrors of militarism and invasion die away into the sunrise of a saner day. We can't stop now. We can't go back to the comfortable day when one hundred dollars in the bank was one hundred dollars, and nobody could take it away.

Ten Per Cent Is Too Little.

The only thing we can do to save what we have is to invest in America. They are talking now of "10 per cent" investing. That seems to me too little. My own suggestion would be that every family give one-third of its income to the government for safekeeping until the day of peace. Wages are high now; salaries have ballooned upward, and every man who wants a job—and quite a few who don't—is at work.

Hearts are opened to deeds of courage and to the facing of changes; many of us who have never seen any good in war itself are nevertheless determined to find good in the enlarged opportunities of sharing and brotherliness that war-time emotions bring with them. We are all knitting, cooking, writing letters to camps, gathering up

AFTER THE WAR

You have heard it said many times that anything worth doing is worth doing well. Why, then, should we not give our best to the war effort? For surely there are no higher aims than ours should be today. Unless we demonstrate our faith in those aims by doing our best to realize them we must not be surprised if others doubt their value. After the war is over will we be able to say with pride, "This is the democracy I helped preserve"? Or will we have to listen while a conquering enemy tells us that democracy could not have been worth while if those who enjoyed its benefits did not think enough of it to fight for it? We cannot all fight with guns. But we can fight with dollars—and fight now!

tinfoil and rubber, active in many ways we didn't think necessary or possible a few years ago.

What we women have to get through our heads is that no service to the family compares to the service that is investment in Victory Bonds. It is small use to get into uniform, keep office hours, collect packs of cards and packs of cigarettes for the boys, and at the same time to say dreamily, "I did buy two dollars' worth of stamps from Marion and I meant to buy more, but I forgot."

Would Prevent Inflation.

Victory Bonds ought to come next to rent and grocery bills. If the government could count on one-third of the national income in the next two years, we wouldn't have to have inflation. We would be the only country that ever came through a war without it.

But while women are under the delusion that buying Victory Bonds is a pretty and loyal gesture, done partly to please dear Louise Baker, who sits at a little table selling them in that hot department store five mornings a week, the government's vigorous determination to spare us inflation is jeopardized. Our fate is in our own hands now; it is for us to decide it.

One woman I know finds herself today with an income of something like \$350 a month. Up to this time it has hovered irregularly around \$140. She is putting \$100 a month into Victory Bonds. Three of her four children work, and she insists that one-third of what they earn shall be invested that way.

She does her own work; the family table is the same plain old table; the girls put aprons over their office clothes and do the bedrooms and the dishes; the small boy sweeps porches and runs errands just as he did before the aggregate monthly family income was approximately \$700.

I said something, praising the spirit of this woman, but she laughed it off.

Excellent Opportunity.

"Wonderful?" Milly Carter echoed scornfully. "There's nothing wonderful about it. It's a chance to fix this family up for life. In ten years these girls will be married, and each one will have a good sound investment that will mean a home for all of them. I never dared hope for such an opportunity. America is still the land that gives the working people the best break," Milly concluded, her eyes on the flag that flies cheerfully above the shabby Carter home. "I'm taking advantage of it as my ancestors did, that's all."

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for September 13

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JOSEPH SOLD INTO SLAVERY

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 37:23-36. GOLDEN TEXT—Love envieth not.—I Corinthians 13:4, R.V.

Does it pay to trust God? Is He really concerned about the affairs of men? Does He know the trials and the heartaches of His children? These are the crying questions of today, and they find their answer in God's dealings with men of the past. The story of Joseph has many interesting and instructive phases, but perhaps the most important just now is the truth of our lesson, "The Lord saith . . . them that honor me I will honor."

We first find Joseph as he learns that

I. Jealousy Bears Bitter Fruit (vv. 23-30).

Joseph was his father's favorite and was shown that favoritism in many ways, but it was perhaps most fully expressed in the coat of many colors. This was a luxurious long robe with sleeves, indicating that he was a gentleman and not to do ordinary work of one who wore the sleeveless, knee-length tunic. His brothers deeply resented this evidence of the father's favor.

The dreams which Joseph rather innocently yet perhaps unwisely told to his brothers and his honest report of their wicked behavior fanned the flame of jealousy into a consuming fire which threatened his life. But God, through Joseph's brother Judah and through the opportunity they had to make money out of selling him into slavery, kept him for His own purposes.

May we not learn that the darkest hour may be the time of God's deep interest and directing power. The only way strong men can be developed is by suffering hardness and trial. "God wants iron saints, and since there is no way of imparting iron to the moral nature than by letting His people suffer, He lets them suffer (Heb. 12:11)" (Meyer).

Parents should also learn here the dangers of favoritism among children. It is one of the most destructive of evil influences that can enter a home. It hurts the child who is favored, alienates the other children, and it destroys confidence in parents and respect for their authority. Let's have none of it!

II. Deceit Attempts to Conceal Sin (vv. 31-35).

One of the tragic things about sin is that a wicked act does not stand alone but leads into another sin to cover the first. In the case of Joseph's brethren, their sin against him was covered by deceit. They lied to the father and maintained that lie for years, even though they saw that their aged father was brokenhearted. How callous sin makes the heart of a man!

Yet the very fact that they lied to cover their sin indicates that they were ashamed to admit that they had fallen so low. James Strahan well says: "Evil never dares to be sincere. It always borrows the colors and wears the garb of innocence. It has a whole lifetime of hard labor in keeping up appearances. Hypocrisy is the tribute which all bad men have to pay to the ideal of goodness."

III. God Overrules Evil for Good (v. 36).

It was God's plan that Joseph should come to his greatest usefulness in his place of authority in Egypt, so He directed the sale of the young slave into the home of Potiphar, a leading officer of Pharaoh.

The story of Joseph's life in Potiphar's house is one of unusual interest. Faithfulness to duty, loyalty to God and truth led to shifting experiences of imprisonment and of favor, but ultimately he came out into the place of leadership in the government of Egypt. In this place God marvelously blessed and used him.

Since the matter of the relation of men to government is so much before us these days, it will be well to note that Scripture holds a very exalted view of the public servant. Paul says we are to "be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). The Bible clearly teaches that every governmental agency and every public servant, from the policeman on the beat to the President in the White House, is only permitted to exercise authority over his fellowmen because God has ordained that there should be such government. Clear it is that every right-thinking official of state and nation should be humble, teachable, discreet, and wise in the exercise of his power, and God-fearing in the discharge of his responsibility.

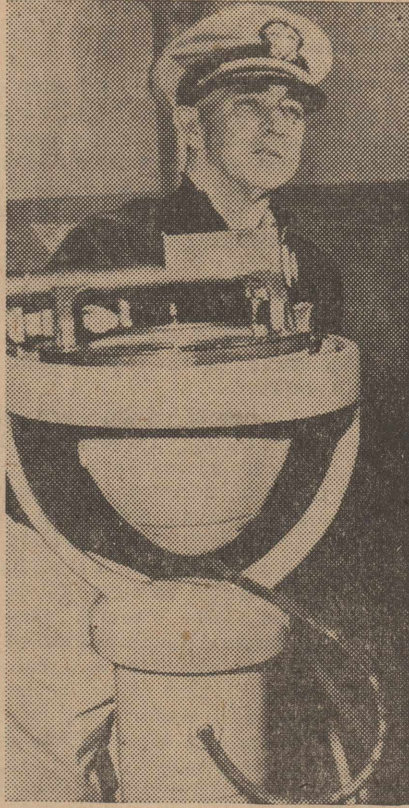
Our lesson provides unusual opportunity for the teaching of proper family relationships, the right attitude toward government, as well as the blessed assurance and confidence which we may have who have intrusted our lives into the hands of God.

'The Better 'Ole'



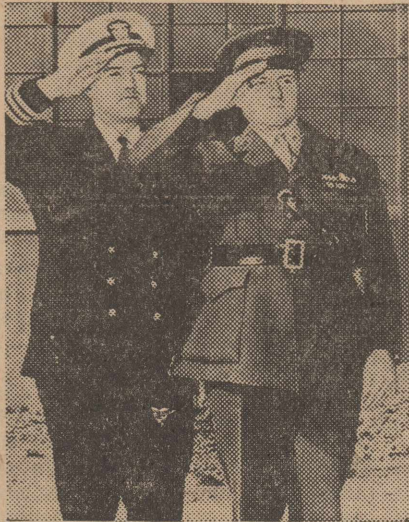
A war correspondent who is covering the scrap in North Africa sits at his "desk" in a slit trench in the desert battling out his "piece." There is no city editor to bawl him out, no clatter of teletypes, and life would be just grand if it weren't for the shells, dive bombers and strafing planes, not to mention the heat in the daytime, the cold at night and the continuous water famine.

Eyes on Solomons



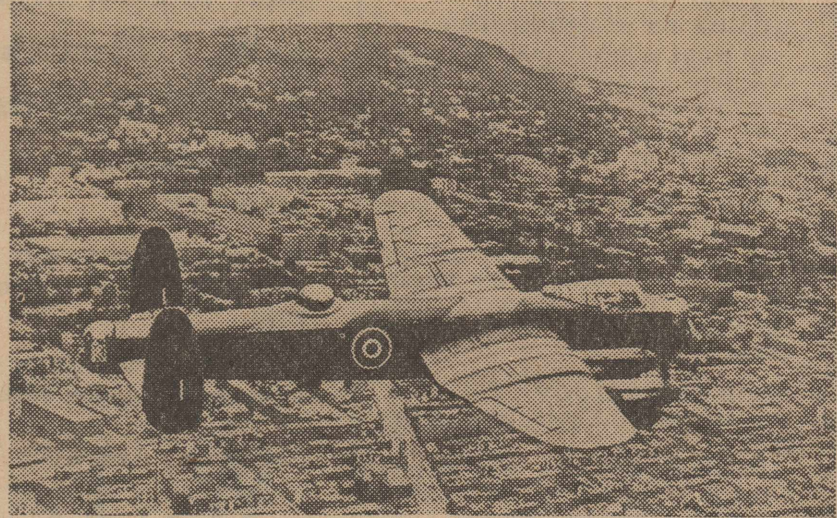
This soundphoto, approved by the U. S. navy, shows Rear Admiral R. K. Turner, who commanded the U. S. transport forces during the offensive in the Solomons, aboard his flagship during an early phase of the successful operations.

On Job in Alaska



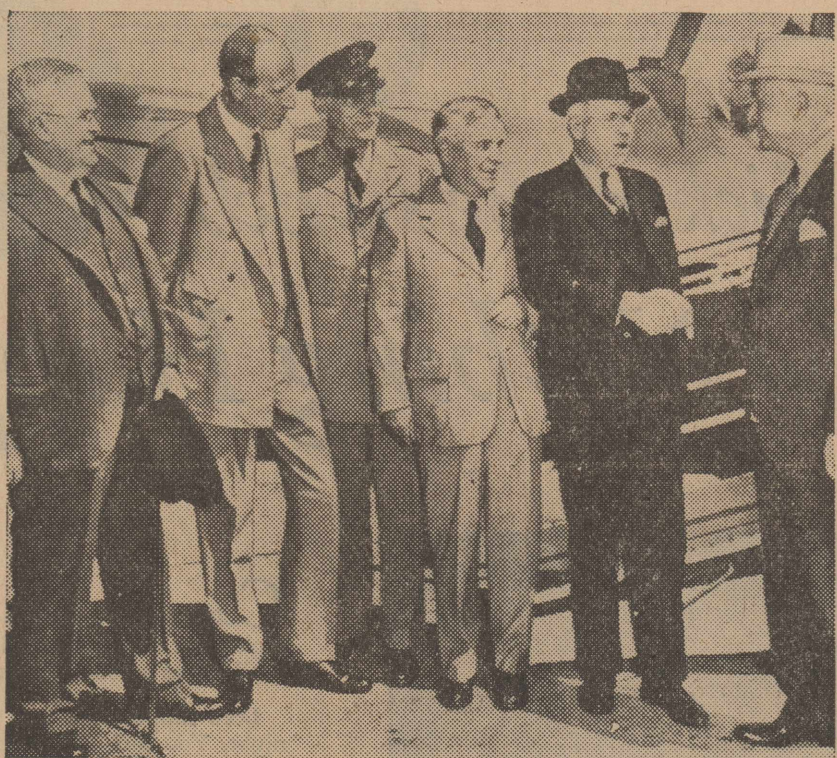
Saluting here are Commander A. J. Isbell, USN, commanding officer of the naval air station at Sitka, Alaska, and Maj. B. M. Coffenberg, U. S. marine corps, who commands the marine corps at Sitka. Navy and leathernecks work side by side.

To Be Produced on Canadian Assembly Lines



An excellent view of the Lancaster, first of England's mighty four-engined bombers, as it arrives at Dorval airport in Montreal, Canada. It will be demonstrated and then produced on Canada's assembly lines. This bomber can carry eight tons of bombs, has a top speed of 300 miles per hour and a range of 3,000 miles. It has ten machine guns.

New Zealand's Prime Minister in U. S.



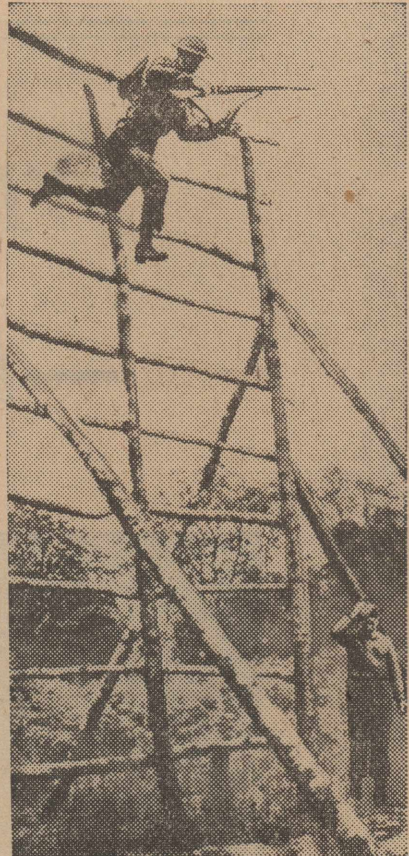
Secretary of State Cordell Hull greets Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand, upon the latter's arrival in Washington, where he conferred with war officials in the capital. A little later Fraser sat down at a White House table for a stag dinner and a Pacific war strategy session with President Roosevelt and a group of officials representing the United Nations. Fraser warmly praised U. S. fighting men in the Southwest Pacific. Picture shows, from left to right: Ralph W. Close, minister from South Africa; Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the U. S.; Brig. Gen. Patrick Hurley, former secretary of war; Walter Nash, minister to the U. S. from New Zealand; Peter Fraser and Cordell Hull.

Hopes His Bells Toll Hitler's Death



This hard-working gentleman is Carl Stoermer who makes most of the bells for the vessels built in Canada's shipyards. He is German-born, a naturalized Canadian, and he brought with him to Canada a trade known to only a few. In the above photo Carl is working on a ship's nameplate. Before he dies Stoermer would like to hear his bells toll Hitler's death-knell.

U. S. High Jump



A United States Ranger, probably one of the Dieppe raiders, takes off from a 20-foot barrier during a session on the obstacle course where U. S. Rangers trained with British Commandos, somewhere in Britain.

'Must Crush Japs'



A crushing defeat for the Japanese militarists is our only assurance of peace in the Pacific, according to Joseph C. Grew, former American ambassador to Japan, shown upon his arrival from his post in Tokyo.

GRASSROOTS
by
WRIGHT A. PATTERSON
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SPIRIT OF U. S. YOUTH ON BATTLE FRONTS

SAW A RECENT LETTER from a soldier boy with whom I became acquainted while his outfit was stationed in the town in which I live. That letter could not, and did not say where his outfit is now stationed, but from other sources I know where it is, and it is not a pretty or a hospitable spot. It is not in a battle zone but it is on a bleak, desolate shore that civilization has touched but slightly. Aside from such army outfits as may be stationed there, the place or section has but few people and but a limited number of crude dwellings. In fact, under normal conditions the place where that outfit is stationed would be considered by most of us as a small bit of hell, with the fires out.

But that letter did not voice the slightest intimation of a complaint. Being there was but a part of the job this soldier and his buddies had undertaken to do. Being there was but another step in the high adventure he was seeking. What each day might bring was all a part of that adventure and he and his buddies were taking it as it came.

That young soldier typifies the men of our armed forces. They are out to do a job and accept whatever their lot may be without a murmur of discontent. That is true of those on the hot sands of the Sahara, in the steaming jungles of the tropical South seas, among the mountains and rice paddies of China, on the steppes of Russia, on the islands of the north Pacific and the Atlantic, and in the training camps of the homeland and in Europe.

They are enjoying each day's experience, wherever it may be or whatever it may bring to them. We do not need to grieve for the men of our armed forces so much as for ourselves because of our separation from those we love. The ones to really feel sorry for are those of military age and physical ability who do not go. They will have a lifetime throughout which to feel alone.

NON-DEFENSE SPENDING AND PER CAPITA INCOME

In 1935 the per capita income—the income for each man, woman and child in America—was \$465. For a family of five it meant an average of \$2,325.

In 1941, our per capita income had increased to \$622, or \$3,110 for a family of five.

In 1935 the federal government's non-defense expenditures amounted to \$6,252,000,000. In 1941, the federal government's non-defense expenditures were \$6,593,000,000, an increase of \$341,000,000 in the cost of civil operations of the government.

Our heaviest item of expense has been relief of one form or another, and it would seem that as individual incomes go up, as more people have jobs, the cost of civil expenditures of the government should go down. The figures do not show it the way the heavily taxed people of the nation have reason to expect. It might be well to find out how each candidate for either the house or senate stands on the subject of economies in the civil operations of the national government.

STUDENTS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO 'ALL-OUT' WAR

IN AN "ALL-OUT" WAR, such as we are now engaged in, each must contribute all that his physical ability will permit. That includes the youth of America, for the protection of whose future this war is being waged. They will reap the greatest benefits of victory. In a number of states, students from the high schools aided materially in harvesting the summer crops. In California, they picked the summer citrus fruits and vegetables. In other states they helped in the grain harvesting.

The California raisin grape growers asked for the return of the Japs from internment camps to pick the grape crop in September, to which request the army returned an emphatic "no." By delaying the opening of the high schools and junior colleges for a month, the students could pick the grapes of California, and by a suspension of such schools for two to three weeks at the proper periods, students in other states could help with the corn and late fruit harvests.

To win the war, to save America's crops needed in winning the war, is more important than two or three weeks of schooling that can be made up through the winter. That can be the high school students' contribution in our "all-out" war.

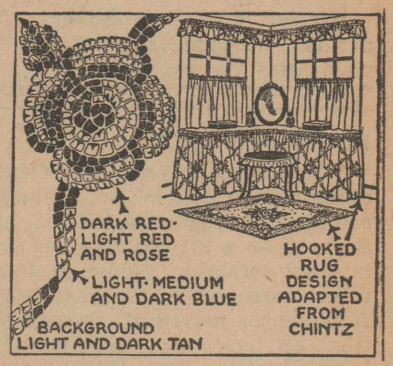
THE PRESIDENT ASKS for the enactment of 40-mile speed limit laws by the states. It is a sad commentary on some Americans who will not heed a real national need without a law to force them to do so.

JAPAN REFUSED TO CONFORM to the 5-5-3 naval ratio as prescribed by treaty, which she signed. Now American air bombers and American submarines are rapidly whittling her navy down to treaty size, and less.

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GRAVES' SON IMPROVING

Billy Dixon Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Graves, is slowly improving following an operation week before last which resulted in a severe case of blood poisoning. He was unconscious for nearly a week following the operation and is being fed through his veins.

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IN AND AROUND STRATFORD

Ceiling Prices—

The "farm bloc" in Congress, says an accusing portion of the nation's press, is keeping ceiling prices from farm products. The "farm bloc" is helping to confuse our war efforts by refusing legislation designed to maintain a stable economic system in hazardous times, great any editorialists, government men and economists say.

The "farm bloc" is doing no such thing. Before smearing the farmers, consider these things:

Costs of production for the farmer have risen. There are no ceiling prices on many of the things he must buy. Many farmers have been left in debt by previous lean years. The farmer is working longer hours, under greater pressure and sometimes at a lower daily wage than the lowest paid of factory workers.

What the farmer desires is a square deal and an equal chance. Is the farmer asking too much if he simply believes he should receive as much for his work and talents as some machinist in a factory?

If a price ceiling is fixed for all his products, the farmer wants a price ceiling on everything else, including wages and salaries. He also wants the machinery of any such regulations geared to fit the thousand and one local variations which affect prices and costs and living conditions for the farmer. It will be a mountainous task, and it will require the brains of the smartest experts to make a smooth-running government bureau out of the work of the nation's farms. But American farmers are patient people.

And most of them think there probably is no need for ceilings. On most products parity is 110 per cent. A regulation stopping prices at such a parity would probably be accepted as fair. That is all the farmers want. The assurance of fairness and efficiency. Until they are assured of it, they will fight price ceilings through the "farm bloc" in Congress, through pressure groups, through every known way of making themselves heard. And they would not be American citizens if they failed to fight for these things.

News, Good and Bad—

Some of the best, most moving literature of our era is coming from anonymous reporters on the battlefronts and anonymous re-write men in newspaper offices. Both victory and defeat, set-backs and withdrawals, are couched in language that causes our pulses to beat a little faster. . . . "Northwest of Stalingrad the Red army apparently was holding against violent Nazi onslaughts, but the fate of Stalingrad grew more critical hourly" "British Imperials have hurled back Marshal Erwin Rommel's first attempt to crash through to the Nile Valley in the new battle for Egypt, and United States tank crews are helping to hold the front line while American fliers battle Rommel's dive bombers and pound incessantly at his ground forces."

Perhaps the main virtue of these stories is the fact that they say what there is to say, and then quit. There are few speakers, few writers and few people in ordinary circumstances who do that. A story was told the other day of a Negro preacher, who, in explaining his preaching method, said: "Fust, I tells 'em what I'm gonna say. Then I tells 'em. Then, after that, I tells 'em what I've told 'em." If you can keep your audience awake while that process is going on, it is well and good. But frequently there is a withdrawal of interest about the middle of telling 'em.

Calvin Coolidge may not have been an intellectual giant among our presidents. But he rode to fame because he sense enough to say what he had to say, and quit.

ADMIRAL URGES USE OF V-MAIL TO OVERSEAS MEN

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, has issued an appeal to families of service personnel to use the new, fast V-mail system for correspondence from the mainland to forces afloat and afield.

Speed, privacy and economy are assured users of this service. It was urged that service users of V-mail request their correspondents to take advantage of this fast system. V-Mail now goes to personnel on duty in Australia—and in intermediate island bases.

Annual Meeting Held At City Hall For Stockholders

What farmers and ranchmen can do to help in the winning of the war was one of the topics discussed at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Stratford National Farm Loan Association, Stratford, September 5, at the City Hall building.

Association President Sam E. Wohlford emphasized that this is a time when all of the members of the association need (1) to produce, (2) to conserve, (3) to reduce their indebtedness.

The land bank system which served so well during the depression by staying with borrowers is now urging that all borrowers use today's income to put all obligations into current position and to build reserves. A plan has been provided to create a reserve to meet future installments, these reserve accumulations bearing the same rate of interest as the loan. This is a real help to the family that is trying to pay its home and business out of debt and the nation's leaders have asked that all contribute to the nation's strength by cutting down debts now.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the land bank system was featured at the meeting and among the charter members of the Stratford Association present at the meeting were: Sam E. Wohlford, Charles E. Harris, W. A. Ross and J. R. Pendleton.

Land bank loans, designed to provide mortgages based on normal agricultural value of land so that the debt can be retired by small, semi-annual payments out of farm income run from twenty to thirty-four years in many cases. Members say that experience has proved this fits the farm and ranch business much better than the old-type loans which usually ran from 3 to 5 years. Veteran members said that the association has benefitted many families and the whole community as well.

Figures showed that more than 30,000 families in Texas has repaid their loans in full on their farm and ranch homes and businesses.

During the past year many new loans were made to families seeking to protect their homes and businesses against the uncertain future through long-term low-rate amortized loans on the basis of normal agricultural rather than temporary sales trends.

W. A. Ross and J. N. Bridwell were elected as directors to serve for the coming three years. Other directors are: Sam E. Wohlford, J. R. Pendleton and Charles E. Harris.

OBITUARY

Mary Ellen Mourning was born near Troy, Lincoln county, Missouri, November 17, 1884, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Bonar in Stratford, Texas, Sept. 1, 1942, making the span of her earthly life 57 years, 9 months and 15 days.

She was married to William H. Bowen, February 26, 1889, and to this union 9 children were born, three of whom, with her husband, have preceded her in death.

The family came from Missouri in 1904 to Hooker, Oklahoma, where they lived nine years. After a move to Louisiana, where they lived only a short time, they came to Sherman county, Texas, in 1914, where Mr. and Mrs. Bowen spent the remaining years of their lives.

About twenty years ago Mrs. Bowen was happily converted to Christ and made a glowing profession of that faith. The scriptures used at her funeral service were selected by her sister, Mrs. William V. Burgess of Supply, Okla., and grew out of a recent conversation between them.

Mrs. Bowen is survived by four daughters and two sons; Mrs. C. W. Highley, Woodward, Okla.; Mrs. Sarah E. Lee, Lubbock, Texas; Mrs. C. R. Bonar and Mrs. George Skillin of Stratford; Thomas W. Bowen, of Dumas and John H. Bowen of Wichita, Kansas. The sole survivor of her immediate family is her sister, Mrs. William Burgess of Supply.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Thompson at the home of Mrs. Bonar and interment was made in the Stratford cemetery by the Wilson Funeral Home.

DETAILS OF METEOR SOUGHT BY ASTRONOMERS

An effort is being made by Texas Observers, an organization of amateur astronomers at Fort Worth, Texas, to locate a meteor that fell in the Oklahoma Panhandle, Friday, August 7.

Definite information from those who saw the meteor or heard an explosion or rumbling caused by it is being sought. Address of the organization is Texas Observers, 1010 Morningside Drive, Fort Worth, Texas.

GOOD PSYCHOLOGY

Mother—Why did you let him kiss you?

Daughter—Well, he was so nice about it. He asked me very politely.

Mother—The idea! Haven't I always tried to teach you to say no?

Daughter—That's what I did say. He asked me if I'd be very angry if he kissed me.

775 MILLION DOLLARS SET AS SEPT. BOND QUOTA

Official, nation-wide goal for war bond sales during the month of September is \$775,000,000.

This is the quota set by the Treasury Department, and although it is lower than that of recent months, plans are underfoot to continue raising monthly quotas until a goal of a billion dollars a month is being reached by January. War bond sales thus far have aggregated over six billion dollars in eight months.

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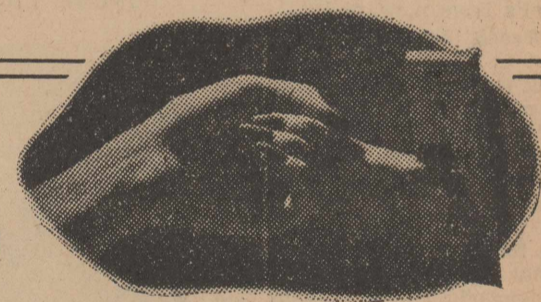
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