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## JAP SURRENDER SETS— A NATION WILD WITH JOY

### SAVES THE LIVES OF CHINESE CHILDREN



T/SGT. REX L. HAMNER

(Special to Reporter)  
A FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE BASE IN CHINA — T/Sgt. Rex L. Hamner of Waco, Texas, liaison pilot in a tough little liaison squadron in Maj. General Chennault's 14th Air Force, recently acted as a mercy messenger when five Chinese children were seriously injured. The five "shahetsa," or children found a 37 mm. shell in the hills near Sgt. Hamner's airstrip. The kids as curious as American children, tapped the shell with a rock and it exploded. American personnel notified Sgt. Hamner and he took off to bring back a doctor. The only medic was located at a place with a very rough field. Fighting the terrain and a high cross wind that made landing difficult, Sgt. Hamner landed and picked up the American doctor. Then the Sergeant flew the doctor back to his base. There the doctor saved the lives of three of the five children.

Sgt. Hamner was commended in a personal letter signed by two colonels and three generals, one of them was Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault, commanding general of the 14th Air Force.

Sgt. Hamner holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for combat missions flown as a liaison pilot in the China theater.

Sgt. Hamner's wife and son, Gary Rex, live at 604 North 11th Street, Waco, Texas. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roger Hamner, live at Stanton, Texas. He was graduated from the Stanton High School, and resided at Stanton until he enlisted in the Army in December, 1941.

Here From Hobbs, N. M.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Foreman and children of Hobbs, N. M., were week-end guests of friends and relatives at Stanton and Lenora. Mr. Foreman is owner of The Anti-Ware Supply at Hobbs, and considering the labor shortage and "hard-to-get" merchandise, he has no complaint of the business he is doing. Dave ordered the Reporter to make him a weekly visit for the next 52 weeks.

Visitors From Midland  
Mrs. C. M. Edwards and little son Jimmie, of Midland, were the week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Edwards, parents of C. M. Edwards. C. M. Edwards is Acting First Sergeant. He turned down a lieutenant's rating for rotation home and no sooner did he turn it down than the rotation was called off. Corp. Leston Edwards in England has highest point score of any man in his company and is due an honorable discharge.

### Bedlam Breaks Loose

COMMUNITY PROGRAM TO  
HELD V-J DAY ON COURT  
HOUSE LAWN 8:00 P. M.

A wave of hysteria struck Stanton Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock following the news flash that President Truman had announced the surrender of Japan. The siren on top of the city hall went into action with a shrill scream lasting several minutes, followed by the ringing of the bell on the Methodist church lawn, honking of automobile horns, and screaming children.

Flags based in front of business concerns floated as symbols of victory was here, and all in all, hilarious joy ran rampant among a citizenship that had gone through three and a half years of war.

Wednesday the entire business district closed for the day, including the post office, bank, government agencies, and the rural route carriers took the day off. Churches observed the day with prayer.

When President Truman declares by proclamation V-J Day, Stanton will celebrate the occasion with a program for a community gathering on the court house lawn at 8 p. m. on that day.

The program is as follows:  
National Anthem.  
America.  
Prayer  
Lt. Eugene Marshall—Address  
Judge Charles L. Klapproth of Midland—Address.

Song—America the Beautiful  
Benediction.  
Relatives of all service men are requested to sit in one group as also, requested of the members of the American Legion.

### GASOLINE NOW ON THE LOOSE

Washington — OPA Wednesday announced immediate termination of the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves. Price Administrator Chester Bowles said meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires will stay on the ration list "until military cutbacks and increased production brings civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demand."

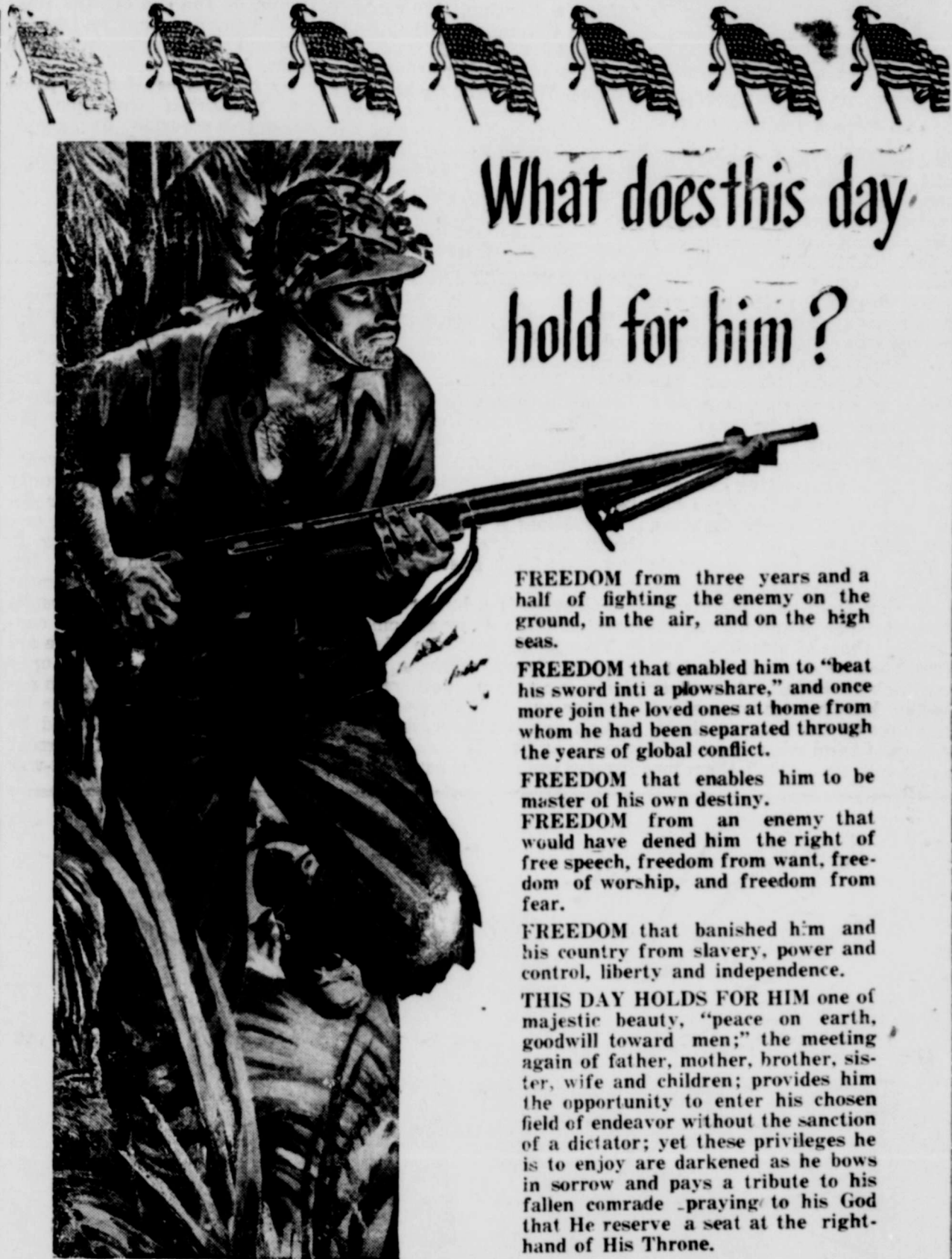
"Nobody is any happier than we in OPA," Bowles said, "that as far as gasoline is concerned, the day is finally here when we can drive our car wherever we please, when we please and as much as we please."

Pecos Visitors  
Mrs. A. Z. Hart and children, Dana Mae and Bill, of Pecos, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stroud.

Thank God for Victory!

### THE WEATHER

WARM, with  
WINDS IN-  
CREASING  
MODER-  
ATELY. Watch  
for dry weather  
after you've used  
your good cooking fat!



### What does this day hold for him?

FREEDOM from three years and a half of fighting the enemy on the ground, in the air, and on the high seas.

FREEDOM that enabled him to "beat his sword into a plowshare," and once more join the loved ones at home from whom he had been separated through the years of global conflict.

FREEDOM that enables him to be master of his own destiny.

FREEDOM from an enemy that would have denied him the right of free speech, freedom from want, freedom of worship, and freedom from fear.

FREEDOM that banished him and his country from slavery, power and control, liberty and independence.

THIS DAY HOLDS FOR HIM one of majestic beauty, "peace on earth, goodwill toward men;" the meeting again of father, mother, brother, sister, wife and children; provides him the opportunity to enter his chosen field of endeavor without the sanction of a dictator; yet these privileges he is to enjoy are darkened as he bows in sorrow and pays a tribute to his fallen comrade—praying to his God that He reserve a seat at the right-hand of His Throne.

AND TODAY the whole world prays to God that this day be held in reverence for the soldiers of the Infantry, the Marine Corps, the Merchant Marine, the Coast Guard, the Air Corps, and the Navy, for the sacrifices they have made to bring about this day of Peace and Independence to the Allied Nations.

### GEN. DOUGLAS A. MacARTHUR TO RULE THE JAPANESE



President Truman announced the unconditional surrender of the Japanese at 6:00 P. M., Central War Time, Tuesday. In part President Truman's statement follows:

"I have received this afternoon a message from the Japanese government in reply to the message forwarded to that government by the Secretary of State on August 11.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan. In this reply there is no qualification.

"Arrangements are now being made for the formal signing of surrender terms at the earliest possible moment.

"General Douglas MacArthur has been appointed the Supreme Allied Commander to receive the Japanese surrender.

"Great Britain, Russia and China will be represented by high-ranking officers.

"Meantime, the Allied armed forces have been ordered to suspend offensive action.

"The proclamation of V-J Day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender terms by Japan."

The White House made public the Japanese government's message, the text of which was delivered by the Swiss charge d'affaires, follows:

"Communication of the Japanese government of August 14, 1945, addressed to the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China:

"With reference to the Japanese government's note of August 10 regarding their acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam declaration and the reply of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China sent by American Secretary of State Byrnes under the date of August 11, the Japanese government have the honor to communicate to the governments of the four powers as follows.

"1. His Majesty the Emperor has issued an imperial rescript regarding Japan's acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam declaration.

"2. His Majesty the Emperor is prepared to authorize and insure the signature by his government and the imperial general headquarters of necessary terms for carrying out the provisions of the Potsdam declaration. His majesty is also prepared to issue his commands to all the military, naval, and air authorities of Japan and all the forces under their control wherever located to cease active operations to surrender arms, and to issue such orders as may be required by the supreme commander of the Allied forces for the execution of the above mentioned terms."

### FIRST NAVY VESSEL KNOCKED OUT FROM UNDER HIM, NOW ON HIS SECOND

Max Graham S1/c, who is now serving on his second Navy ship, the first being shot out from under him, writes his grandmother, Mrs. T. E. Graham, "If I lose this one, I'm afraid the third might be the charm. But if I don't I will be out there fighting like hell to keep the enemy from sinking us.

Mrs. Graham has five sons in the armed services.

### Vacationing in New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Wed Martin of Haskell, left Sunday for a vacation trip to New Mexico pleasure resorts.

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**Bible Thoughts**

**OBEEDIENCE**

The writer of the book of Hebrews said of Christ, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became an author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:8-9). This statement clearly points out the necessity of obedience. If it were necessary for Christ (speaking of him as a man) to "learn obedience," should it be thought that his followers can please God without obedience? No. For he is the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him. This is equivalent to stating that Christ does not offer eternal salvation to any who will not obey him—only the obedient will receive it.

This explains why Paul said to the Romans, "God be thanked that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you; being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17-18). This points out the fact that men are not made free from sin until they obey the teaching of Christ. But when they surrender their lives in obedience to that form of doctrine they are then (not before) made free from sin.

Have you obeyed the requirements of the gospel? You are commanded to believe on Christ (1 Jno. 3:23), repent of your sins (Acts 17:31) and be buried with the Lord in baptism (Rom. 6:3-4, Acts 10:48). Have you obeyed these commandments? Remember, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14). If you will obey these commands, you will become a Christian, and by living the Christian life faithfully, you will at least receive a reward in heaven. May God help you to become "obedient to the faith."  
—By H. Norman Gipson.

Address questions and comments to Box 376, Stanton, Texas. Attend the services of the Church of Christ—you're welcome.

ANGUST WAR BOND  
QUOTA \$10,600

W. Y. Houston, Chairman of the Martin County War Finance Committee has been informed by Nathan Adams, state chairman, that Martin county's August war bond quota is \$10,600.

Mr. Adams said: "We realize that many of your key people are taking a well deserved rest after the strenuous Seventh War Loan, but I felt that you would like to have an assigned August quota and know that you will do your best to attain it."

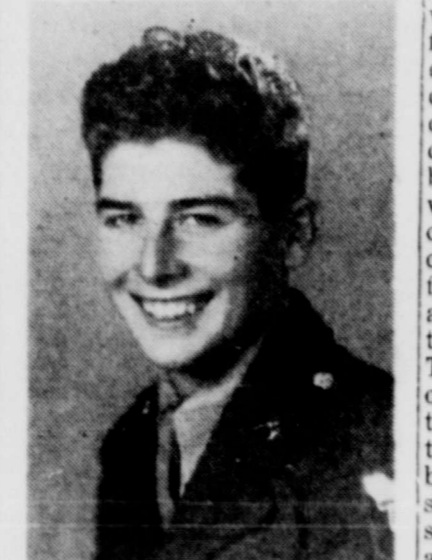
PFC. T. W. BLANKENSHIP  
FIGHTS IT OUT AT CLOSE  
QUARTERS WITH GERMAN

Pf. T. W. Blankenship writes the following letter to his wife, who resides in Arkansas:  
"I left on the boat from Boston Harbor on the 12th of May, and it took us 13 days to cross

**WOMEN '38 to '57**  
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the ocean. We passed Ireland then landed as Glasgow. Took a train through Scotland to a replacement depot in England. We were in five different camps in England, going through one inspection after another. Then we got our orders and left England the 7th of July, hit the Nor-



PFC. T. W. BLANKENSHIP  
... missed a hit by hair

mandy Beachhead on the 9th with full field packs, and I do mean full. We waded ashore, walked all that night, and the places I saw and the rumbles I heard, didn't seem so good to me.

We stopped for the next two days to be assigned to our division and tour job. We then walked to our outfits. I was to be in Company L as a rifleman. The Company was at that time on a shore leave due to the fact it had lost most of its men in the last battle. Even then our artillery was behind us shooting over our heads. The stories the guys told us, sleeping in muddy foxholes, just didn't appeal to me.

The next day we were told the krauts were 500 yards across a clearing from us. We stayed there three days and nights, expecting them to attack at any time. Then we received the order to attack at dawn. It's a queer feeling, knowing we were about to jump over the top, run directly toward them when they could see us but we couldn't them un-

til we jumped into their fox-holes with them. The krauts have the advantage until we get in the foxholes with them, then it's a 50-50 proposition.

I remember one day six of us were on patrol, supposed to slip up to a town to see what was there. We didn't find anything so we burst into a cellar. There was an old lady waving a white flag. She told me there were seven German soldiers down at the corner with one cannon. We decided to sneak up behind them, capture them and send word back the town was clear. But we walked into a trap. It wasn't a cannon they had, it was two machine guns and three rifles. The first shot was meant for me but a guy walked in front of me in time to get it in the stomach. Two of our boys were killed, and one hit in the arm when he tried to run, but he escaped. That left three of us to fight it out. I got behind a doorstep. We couldn't see the Germans but they could see us. All we could do was shoot at the window where they were located. We fought about thirty minutes. Then just as we ran out of ammunition some of our tanks came into town. The guy that escaped with the wounded arm got back to our Division and sent the tanks after us.

Recreation for the evening consisted of the proper rearing of children (done literally), discussing the atomic bomb, and in relation, tearing each person's reputation into atoms; also, determined the end of the war; who's baby had what, and whose husband was caught drunk last night.

As this leaves for the press and the last of the apple pie leaves this reporter's lips, a good time was reported by all.  
Contributed by more than one of the Generation.

**PFC. DENTON HINES  
TRAINING FOR JAPS**

Pfc. Denton Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hines, now of Midland, returned from ETO July 1, 1945. He left La Havre, France on the ship Wakefield, landing at Boston six and one-half days later. After a 30-day furlough he returned to Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, to be trained in Japanese tactics.

Pfc. Hines is a veteran of two battle campaigns, serving with the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Following is a humorous account of his last day at home:

True to the tradition of their English forefathers, the Standefer generation gathered for another one of their weekly reunions today. This week (for a change at Mrs. M. L. Koonce's.. Present were all the usual blanks

except for Miss Earlene Walker, R. N., from San Angelo, who is suffering from a sprained ankle and indigestion. Also, honored was Brother Pfc. Denton Hines, who has been in E.T.O., and due to circumstances beyond his control, has missed 36 family reunions.

The delicious dinner of courses, too numerous to mention, was served buffet style in the beautifully decorated dining room with a background of pea green. A clever effect was had by serving true to the color scheme, black-eyed peas and boiled okra. Enjoyed even more than the wonderful dinner was the ice cold water. (Explanation: the night before).

As this leaves for the press and the last of the apple pie leaves this reporter's lips, a good time was reported by all.  
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**A JUST APPEAL  
FOR HELP**

This is an undisguised appeal for help from the people of one small Texas town and surrounding territory to the people of all other similar Texas towns and communities. And to make it short as possible, here is the story:

For over seventy-five years the people of Cherokee county have tried to develop their deposits of high-grade iron ore. Shortly before Pearl Harbor, in spite of opposition of the big steel interests, a new attempt was launched which later resulted in the approval of the construction of a blast furnace and chemical plant at Rusk, county seat of Cherokee county. In approving the project as a war industry, Donald Nelson said he was doing so because of its great possibilities in the post-war

period. The plant was about four-fifths completed when work was halted Friday, July 13, pending investigation of the post-war need.

There is not space to go into that except to say that this need was already established and to add that Governor Coke Stevenson immediately came to Rusk to check into the matter and wired his protests to the War Production Board and the Defense Plant Corporation in Washington. Henry Love, State Commander of the American Legion did the same. Every Texas Representative in congress has pledged his support as have both Texas Senators. They are all interested because the development of the natural resources of Texas is not a local matter.

The plant will use vast amounts of scrub oak and gum which are crowding out the great pine forests of East Texas. The Texas Forest Service and the U. S. Forest Service have both brought this fact before the Washington authorities. The preservation of the natural resources of Texas is also a local matter.

The plant will benefit every community in Texas because it will preserve Texas pine forests and thus help to keep down the price of lumber. It will offer local competition to the big steel interests of the North and the East. It will provide labor for many war veterans. And it will do any Texan good to see a Texas under-dog win a hard fight.

And so the people of Rusk and Cherokee county are asking the readers of The Stanton Reporter to flood the War Production Board and the Defense Plant Corporation, and Senator Tom Connally and Senator W. Lee O'Daniel with letters to let them know how they feel about this Texas industry. It must be done right away because next week may be too late.

The editor of the Rusk Cherokeean, Cherokee County, is a weekly newspaper, is asking your editor to publish this appeal with the promise that he will send him another story later telling how Rusk won or lost its fight.

**A "HOOKED" EDITOR  
ON "BEAUCOUP BULL"**

The editor is "hooked." He comes across many words he hasn't any idea as to their meaning and some he can't even find in his Webster. Here a word came flaring into the office the other day in the form of a heading to a tabloid newspaper issued for the members of the 279th Station Hospital, located at Verdun, France. T. E. Bentley slid the paper under our nose bearing the heading, "Beaucoup Bull." Slung together, "Beaucoup" isn't found in our Webster, but separated, Webster says "Beau" 'x x x aman who takes great care to conform to dress x x x a man who escorts, or pays attention to a lady; an escort; a lover.' "Coup," a strike, or blow; hence a sudden stroke; a single roll of the wheel of roulette; the art of striking an enemy in warfare with the hand, or a close quar-

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A. J. CHESTER, Vice President

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August 20  
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**JIMMY WAKELY**  
**SONG OF THE RANGE**  
with DENNIS MOORE  
LEE "LASSIE" WHITE

SUNDAY-MONDAY  
August 19-20

**CLAUBETTE COLBERT**  
**FRED MACMURRAY**  
*Practically Yours*  
MITCHELL LEISEN

**Texas Theatre**

ters, as with a short stick, in such a manner as by custom counts as an act of bravery." This was a custom among the North American Indians.  
The copy of Beaucoup Bull, was the inaugural edition, Vol. 1, No. 1, published at Verdun, (continued to page three)

**Uncle Sam Pins Orchids  
On Local Women For  
Saving Used Fats!**

Things have really been happening to fat-salvage-collection figures since town and farm women got busy on the job! Latest official government records show that their fat savings have left the excellent record of city women way behind.  
But it isn't a drop too much. This year, we face a shortage of 1 billion, 500 million pounds of fats in domestic supplies. Tons more of war and home-front supplies made from fats are needed! Farm folks get more meat these days than most city people—so it's up to them to save the fats. Skim stews, soups, gravies. Scrape pans. Melt down meat trimmings. It all helps you fill the fat-salvage can, and you get up to 4¢ and 2 red points a pound. If you have any difficulty, call your Home Demonstration or County Agent. Approved by WFA and OPA. Paid for by Industry.

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY  
August 21-22

**FROM THE BRIGHT LIGHTS  
OF NEW YORK**

**TO THE ROMANTIC  
MOONLIGHT OF THE WEST!**

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TRIGGER**  
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A REPUBLIC PICTURE

THURSDAY - FRIDAY  
August 23-24

**MARIA MONTEZ SUSANNA FOSTER  
JACK OAKIE TURHAN BEY**

**BOWERY to BROADWAY**  
LOUISE ALLBRITTON FRANK McHUGH  
ANN BLYTH DONALD COOK  
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RICHARD LANE ROSEMARY DuCAMP  
and DONALD O'CONNOR PEGGY RYAN  
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE 104

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Lenorah, Texas


**A HOOKED EDITOR—**  
(continued from page one)  
France, in the interest of the 279th Station Hospital and at the masthead of the paper appeared the name of M/Sgt. E. C. Bentley, editor-in-chief. The editor is none other than Coats Bentley, an employe of the Reporter office at the time of his enlistment in the service at the early outset of the war, and who gained the aristocratic handle of M/Sgt., after joining up with the hospital corps and landed across seas following several months' training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bentley of Stanton.

The "Bull" part of the head to M/Sgt. Bentley's paper, we are most intimately acquainted with its meaning as we have been connected with an industry most of our lives, that manufactures great gobs of it, but Beau-coup stumps us. We suppose it's a name Sgt. Bentley picked up among the flow of conversation indulged in the Apache underworld of France. As Webster says he might be quite a "beau" in the eyes of the French "beau-ties," and the "Bull" title . . . there's no use going into detail describing a word that is on the tongue of most every individual.  
M/Sgt. E. C. Bentley and his older brother M/Sgt. John J. Bentley, entered hte army service together, and have been together all this time. They are members of the 279th Station Hospital, serving in England, France, and according to a cablegram to Mrs. John J. Bentley, living in San Antonio, received from her husband Tuesday, the brothers have landed in Berlin.

**AMMENDMENT TO DRAW LIGHT VOTE**  
A minority of qualified Texas voters may accept or reject four constitutional amendments to be submitted in a special election August 25.  
The state now has a voting strength in excess of 1,500,000 but constitutional amendments submitted in special elections traditionally attract relatively

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**FOR SALE** gas cook stove, bath heater, another heater, two radio stands, and bedstead. See B. R. Sanders in South Stanton.  
**FOUND** bunch of keys, owner can have same by calling at the Reporter office and paying for this classified.

**Butane Systems**  
  
The War Production Board has not authorized the installation of Butane Systems, but we have a plan that assures you of a plant as soon as restrictions are lifted.  
We would be glad to discuss this plan with you.  
On this Day of Victory let us pray he did not die in vain. We must have Peace—we shall have Peace! THANK GOD!  
**Clements-Jones**  
HARDWARE & APPLIANCE  
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few voters.  
Even in a general election they do not draw much attention. Three amendments submitted coincidentally with last year's election were passed upon by an average of 420,000 voters.

Voter interest in the coming special election may be stimulated, by submission in some counties on the question whether commissioner's courts may reallocate local tax rates within the maximum of 80 cents per \$100 valuation.  
The proposed amendments, in order of appearance on the ballot:  
Permit members of the armed forces, its component parts and members of the U. S. Maritime Service and U. S. Merchant Marine to vote without payment of the poll tax, if otherwise qualified, during time of war or for one year after the close of the calendar year in which the war ends or for those who were serving the forces for 18 months prior to an election.  
Pay members of the Legislature \$3,650 a year, or \$10 a day continuously for their terms of office. They are now paid only when the Legislature is in session.

Relative to this amendment we quote a former member of the Texas Legislature:  
"I served in the Legislature when the per diem was \$5 per day and later when it was raised to \$10. The claim that the more you pay the better qualified men will serve is not borne out by the record. Ithin k the record of our Texas House and Senate fails to bears this out and that the ablest men who have composed our two houses will be found on the rolls of those who served when the salary was smallest and when good men thought less of money and more of their obligations to government. Under our form of government legislators are selected at the polls by the voters and statesmanship and ability are not always the deciding factor in their selection. In my judgment this amendment should be defeated as a waste of public funds at a time when the strictest economy should be used in state expenditures. If for no other reason it should be defeated by the people as a rebuke to the membership who, in the face of a Constitutional demand has refused from session to redistrict the state."  
Create a nine-judge elective Supreme Court. The court now has three elective judges and six appointive judges of the Commission of Appeals who do the work of judges. The amendment also would require concurrence of five instead of two judges for a decision of the court.  
Place an absolute annual ceiling of \$35,000,000 a year for state spending on all forms of public welfare; raise from \$15 to \$20 the maximum state grant, subject to federal matching, for monthly old age assistance; raise from 14 to 16 years the maximum age of children eligible for assistance under hte destitute

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child program and tighten somewhat the resident requirement for children.  
**Return to Dallas Home**  
Mrs. J. W. Moore and son, Jimmie Moore, left Tuesday afternoon for their home in Dallas


They accompanied Earl Powell as far as Fort Worth. Jimmie Moore has been spending the summer with his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelly, and Mrs. Moore, their daughter, came up from Dallas and spent two weeks with them.


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**V-J DAY PROGRAM WAS DECIDED ON AT LIONS MEETING**

**CAPT. PAT N. HOWARD A GUEST OF CLUB. TALKS OF HIS EXPERIENCES ON MISSIONS OVER GERMANY**

The first official announcement from Washington that the war with Japan has ceased, the citizens are to go to their respective churches for prayer. The stores are to close for half a day and all flags placed in front of business houses.

Then on the day President Truman proclaims V-J Day, the stores are to close and a public gathering be held on the court house lawn addressed by a good speaker.

To arrange this latter program, a committee composed of Martin Gibson, chairman; O. B. Bryan, Ben Carpenter, and Judge B. F. White, was appointed by President Bridges.

Lion Judge White informed the club that the commissioners' court had appointed Martin Gibson, as Service Officer, with offices in the courthouse. He will be in his office three days each week, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, to help returning soldiers with filling out their papers and other such business as may come up to help the soldier.

Capt. Pat N. Howard, a dyed-in-the-wool Martin County boy, who flew his missions over Germany as a pilot of an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress. One of his exciting experiences he related was the time he came into port "on a wing and a prayer." Over a German target flak put out of commission two of his engines, and after six hours of hazzard riding through the air at a slow pace and losing altitude he manage to make a crash landing on an English Spitfire field with no injury to a member of his crew. Those early flying campaigns were hazardous one. Flak was heavy, and Germans could shoot through thick clouds almost as accurate as they could on a clear day.

Capt. Howard was the target of many questions propounded by members of the club and answered them with as much ease as a high school boy would recite his ABCs.

He wears the distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Mrs. James Jones favored the club with accordion numbers which were heartily received by Lion members. She was also the piano accompanist for the songs sung by the club.

**INSTALLING HELPY-SELFY LAUNDRY**

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Roquemore and children of Sweetwater, have arrived to make Stanton their home. They are installing equipment in the old laundry building in the Guitard block, for a Helpy-Selfy Laundry. Mrs. Roquemore is on the job overseeing the work while Mr. Roquemore is in Da'hart, disposing of some property.

Haste is being made on all work in order to open the laundry for custom washing as soon as possible.

**Here From Sioux City**

Major and Mrs. Bob Hoover and son, are here from Sioux City Nebraska, visiting in the home of Mrs. Hoover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Eidson. Maj. Hoover is an instructor at the Sioux City airfield.

It's Victory Day—joy reigns supreme over the land.

garage and dealer for some well known automobile manufacturer.

Sgt. Casey entered the service March 7, 1941. Attended service school at Sanita, Calif. At the time he enlisted he was employed by the Gulf Pipe Line Co., Midland. As a private he had basic training (AA) Gunner anti-aircraft. Following his first year's training Sgt. Casey was made a Technical Sergeant as light truck driver, and the second year in the service he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant of Motor Transport NCO. Here he was in charge of a Battery Motor Pool, supervised the work of three mechanics, making all mechanical repairs on half tracks, jeeps 2 1/2 ton trucks. Inspected all incoming and outgoing work. Made regular vehicle and motor inspections on all vehicles in motor pool.

Attime of his honorable discharge August 10, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, separation center, Sgt. Casey was a member of the 468th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion. He is 6 feet 1-inch tall and weighs 193 pounds.

S/Sgt. Casey was in the battle campaigns of Rhineland, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, and Central Europe. His decorations are EAME campaign medal with 5 Bronze Stars, American Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal. He was in the service 3 years 4 months and 2 days, and in foreign service 1 year, 1 month and

2 days. Sgt. Casey sent home numerous war trophies, many of them of great value.

When the search was on in Germany for loot and arms, Sgt. Casey thought he had lifted the lid to a fortune in paper money, but it was found it was no account.

**1ST LIEUT WILSON LANDS IN HONOLULU**



**1ST. LT. ROY C. WILSON . . . lands in Honolulu**

First Lieut. Roy C. Wilson, a B-29 pilot, has arrived at Honolulu, after flying his B-29 across.

He writes the following letter

to his father, W. H. Wilson:  
Aug. 7, 1945  
Dear Dad and Nell

Well, after a long last I'm going to put my two cents worth in this little fracas.

I guess you surmised as much when I shipped my things home. The trip over was really swell. I have a darn sweet ship, purred like a kitten all the way. In fact that's In fact, we call it "Pussy Punches," and we are going to have a cowboy riding a wildcat painted on the side.

Went into Honolulu yesterday and went swimming at Waikiki Beach. It was certainly a thrill, but the beach is full of coral formations which is very rough on tender feet. The beach itself is much smaller than I had visualized, and though it is lovely, yet like most resorts, it's somewhat overrated.

I am getting a good tan and beginning to lose some weight, so in a few weeks I should be in tiptop shape now that I can't indulge in my vices.

The boys are trying to get some sleep and are beeping about the light, so I'll drop a note from my next stop.

**Capt. Pat N. Howard Here**

Captain and Mrs. Pat N. Howard and son are here from Columbus, Ohio, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Howard of Tarzan, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rayford of Stanton. Capt. Howard is an instructor at the Columbus air field.

**Returns to California Home**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Epley and children have returned to their home at Five Points, California, after several days here visiting friends and relatives. On their return home the Epleys took the northern route, expecting to devote a week to the trip.

**Home to Des Moines, On Visit**

Lt. and Mrs. Whitney Richards, rooming at the J. E. Kellys left Wednesday afternoon for their home at Des Moines, Iowa,

called by the illness of ard's father. Lt. Rich his missions in the theater of war, and to the States he was sent land Air Field for instruction. Completing course he was assigned Big Spring air field as instructor of French flying

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**S/SGT. KENNETH W. CASEY . . . a 113 pointer**

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