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Harmony News

MRS. JESSE LANE
 Mrs. Jesse Lane, Mrs. M. Davis returned from Comanche, Pvt. Lev Davis accompanied them home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Love Pillion and Mrs. E. W. McMurtrey and friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. B. and Lance Furlow have returned from a visit at Alton.

Mrs. D. Randle of Lamesa and Mrs. M. J. Jones of Puntkin Center.

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Writes From Germany

(Ed. Note — The following letter is from Pfc. J. V. Burdett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Burdett of O'Donnell, until V-E Day J. V. was fighting in Germany.)

April 6th, 1945
 Germany

Dear Folks, Received several letters today. They come in bunches about once a week but from now on we probably won't get mail that often. Since I last wrote I have been thru France, Belgium, Holland and part of Germany. Belgium is the most beautiful country I've seen and the people were glad to see us, and they really hate the Germans. The Nazis are indifferent towards us, but they seem to have been living pretty well. The policy now followed by the Allies is when a town is taken we move in and have good beds to sleep on, etc. Of course the roofs may be torn off part of the rooms, but we manage for a good place to sleep which is something. The food is o. k. For instance tonight we had cheese, potatoes, beef, butter, green beans, bread and all the hot chocolate we wanted to drink. Of course we do not have that much all the time but we do have plenty. Also there are worlds of German food which taste "wee" — they say. Ha. The weather is pretty good here — not cold but a little damp. I don't worry much because worry won't win the war, but I was a wee bit lonely.



PFC J. V. BURDETT

I am in an army hospital somewhere in the Philippines and am really being treated swell. The boys from the north and I are fighting the civil war over again. I'm the only rebel and layed up at that but will hold my own against the best odds.

Sure will be glad to get back to civilization. Ah, but to see a small bit of freedom. Have to give this army credit over here, they are doing a grand job. Some of the boys have been over here 26 to 40 months and haven't had a chance to get home as yet.

Would like to be back going to church with you as we did in those peaceful days gone by. When I get back I want over miss church again. Will be on 30 day leave as soon as I get out of the hospital. Please tell the Senior class I'd give anything to be there to graduate with them this year. Tell all the kids hello. It seems like years since I was there among them. Tell Zelma I'd like to hear from her when I get back to the states and find out where Eryv is. Yours truly, Alfred.

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Local News

A. K. Williams is spending the week fishing on the Big Bend.

Mrs. Johnnie Ellis and sister, Miss Thelma Wright of Amarillo are with their mother who is ill in her home at Pottsville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garner and Jimmy have returned to Bremerton Washington where John is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Robinson spent the first part of the week at their ranch in Gaines Co.

Mrs. Lee Garner and daughter, Miss Margaret visited at Denton Monday with Miss Avallene Garner who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cabool visited in Levelland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bradley spent Tuesday in Hobbs with Mrs. Mack C. Bradley and Billy Guy.

Mrs. W. C. Reavis and Mrs. Lois Coston were Lamesa visitors Saturday.

Mrs. W. M. McCarty and baby visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Walker of Artesia last week. Also going to the vicinity of Artesia were Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hawkins who visited his brother at Dexter who has recently returned after two years overseas.

Cpl. Olan Johnson of Pampa Army Air Field is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

Marvin Brewer, a Seabee, who has been overseas for 27 months and 17 days has been visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. E. C. Pace visited in Lamesa Saturday.

Mrs. R. T. Peek is visiting her mother at Big Springs.

Pvt. Gene Veach of Levelland has recently returned home to spend a 62 day furlough with his parents. He was a prisoner of Germans for four months. He is a brother of Troy and Oscar Veach of O'Donnell.

W. T. Jackson has received word of his son, Odie M. Jackson, somewhere in Germany, undergoing an operation for appendicitis. He was reported as doing well.

Mrs. A. S. Westbrook of Lubbock is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pace this week.

B. L. Davis is at Stovel Wells this week taking a series of Mineral baths.

Cpl. Harold Levie, a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clemare and stationed at Wichita Falls spent the week end visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Underwood of Lamesa, and formerly of O'Donnell, received word last Friday from the War Department that their son, M. D. Jr. was wounded in Germany. M. D. went to school here.

Harry Clemare is in San Antonio for a weeks rest.

D. G. Tidwell of Haskell is visiting his son, Mr. and Mrs. John Tidwell.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clem Huckleby of Post visited Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wimberly Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baucum and family of Anson visited the Waldo McLaurin and John Etter families Sunday.

Waldo McLaurin was taken to the Baylor hospital Tuesday for treatment.

Mrs. W. T. Huff is in a hospital in Dallas.

Pvt. T. M. Ward arrived Monday for a furlough with his mother after a tour of duty overseas.

S-Sgt. Harold T. Line, who has been stationed in England as a gunner on a B-17 bomber, is expected to arrive here this week end for a visit with his brother, Harvey and his sister, Aline.

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School Closes Next Week

Starting Sunday night with the closing of school will begin. Services have been arranged to be held in the high school auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Sunday, May 13th. Dr. John Cobb, dean of Wayland College at Plainview will deliver the address. The choir for all graduation exercises will be conducted by C. H. Mansel.

Commencement exercises will be held in the auditorium Friday night May 12th at 8:30 p. m. As we go to press plans are not completed. However the general order of the exercises will be music by local talent, valedictory and salutatory addresses by Bobby Jane Teeter and Loretta Davis, the presentation of awards by Supt. Johnson. Graduating seniors will have completed most of their academic work including exams this week. However the closing week will be well filled with rehearsals and plan-making for these final exercises. Billy Schooler is president of the class and Loretta Davis has been secretary for both the Junior and Senior years of this class. The following are members of the graduating class:

Sara Dean Archer, Bud Ballew, Doris Barton, Juanita S. Eingham, Zelma H. Boothe, Edward Brownlow, Loretta Davis, Bobby Gantt, Verdis Kiburn, Doyle Lane, Olan McKenzie, Pauline McMillian, Calie McMillian, Christine Parker, Raymond Pearce, Gene Pearson, Billy Schooler, Maxine Simpson, Jim Smith, Eva Fay Story, Bobby Jane Teeter, Delores Thompson, C. L. Tomlinson, Jr., Hazel Walker, Eobye Webb, Rue Nell Card, Hine McMillan and Carl Barton.

TO HOLD THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT TAHOKA ON SUNDAY FOR COUNTY

It is respectfully requested that the citizenship of Lynn County meet at the city park in Tahoka Sunday afternoon May 13th at 3 o'clock for a prayer and thanksgiving service. A program of patriotic songs, prayer and speaking has been arranged and it is hoped that all citizens of Lynn Co. will come and join in this service.

Tom Garrard, County Judge.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. J. C. Swinney was honored with a bridal shower last Wednesday given by Mrs. Eryv Boothe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Payne and Mrs. F. E. Schooler. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are also visiting here. We extend congratulations.

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Town Observed V-E Day Tuesday

The end of five bloody years of bitter warfare came to a close Monday with the official announcement Tuesday by President Truman. The majority of the businesses in O'Donnell closed all day Tuesday or a portion of the day and all the flags were out. Services were conducted at several of the churches Tuesday night. Following is an incomplete, (very incomplete) list of servicemen now stationed in Europe from this area. Please assist us by advising us of names omitted so they may appear next week. Also we would like a list of those heroes from O'Donnell who gave the Supreme Sacrifice in Europe. We know a few but not all. Please help us to honor those soldiers!

Pfc. Melvin Thompson, Sgt. John S. Stephens, Pfc. Jackie Shoulders, Pfc. Robert Line, Cpl. Robert G. Ledbetter, Sgt. O. O. Ellis, Pvt. Raymond K. Curtis, Sgt. C. C. Ellis, M-Sgt. James W. Gates, S-Sgt. Curtis M. Finley, S-Sgt. J. John D. McMillan, Lt. L. E. Robinson, Cpl. Clarence D. Gilbreath, Fred A. Northcutt, Pfc. Noah T. Singleton, Cpl. Charlie Sheppard, Pvt. Morris P. McLaurin, T-5th R. C. Webb, Cpl. Pat Gary, S-Sgt. Jesse L. Bolch, Cpl. Stewart L. Schooler, Jr., Pvt. H. L. Maxwell, Cpl. E. L. Taylor, Pvt. Delbert D. Mires, Cpl. Melvin E. Moore, Cpl. John H. Stokes, Pfc. Walter L. Ledbetter, Cpl. Harold T. Gibson, Pfc. William D. Stubbelfield, Jimmy Carroll, S-Sgt. Lloyd C. Shook, Sgt. E. P. Mansell, Sgt. Billie M. Clayton, James G. Clayton Pfc. Tommy Reed, Lt. Harold T. Burnett, Billy Joe Burnett, Durner Burnett, R. O. Burdett, Sgt. Alvin Clemage, Pfc. Wesley Doyle, Messersch, J. C. Harris, J. V. Burdett, Warren Smith, Helen D. Bolch and Lt. J. D. Stewart.

RAYMOND KOCUREK

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church for Raymond Kocurek, age 26 and five months who died suddenly at a Lamesa doctor's office Thursday afternoon. The Rev. Henry Leibel of Berry Flat delivered the funeral sermon and was assisted by Rev. Edwards of Redwine. Burial was in the O'Donnell cemetery.

Raymond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. John Kocurek of Jourdanon. He was born Dec. 4th, 1918 in Runnels County at Rowen. He is survived by his wife and two small children, John Raymond and Carol, as well as his parents, four brothers, Frank, Albert and Robert and one other and three sisters. Three of his brothers are serving with the armed forces. Raymond was held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends as was testified by the beautiful floral offering. He was one of the best and most respected citizens of Berry Flat. His friends in O'Donnell were numerous. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the loved ones. Following were pallbearers: W. W. Staggs, Oscar Teichik, C. Mensch, Geo. Ledbetter, Harlan Williams and Ben Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barnes are the proud parents of a fine daughter weighing 7 pounds 14 oz. born Monday morning at Lamesa. Mrs. Barnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Daniels of O'Donnell.

G. W. Burdett, Jr. and Miss Lovena Watson were married at Plains on April 29 by the County Judge. G. W. recently received an honorable disability discharge.

We definitely smell rain; we feel it in our bones. A goodly quantity of sky jute has been ordered with delivery on or about May 14th. The signs are right for that day. Get out the tubs.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Brewer spent last Tuesday at Tahoka with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Anderson, the occasion being Mr. Brewer's 75th birthday. He was born in Oklahoma in Indian territory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Andy Edwards and daughter visited at Austin and Waco last week end.

Robert Lee Carlyle of the Navy is visiting home folks at Harmony this week.

Dewey Harris and family, William Lee Harris and Dale Anderson of Lubbock, A. A. Hanes of Pride and Douglass Cathey enjoyed a fish ing trip to Buchanan Dam last week

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REX

Theatre

Evening Show

Box office closes 9:30
OPENS 7:15; STARTS 7:30

Matinee 2:00—Starts 2:15

Sat. Nite only May 12th
Richard Travis - Eleanor
Parker in

The Last Ride

Also Selected Shorts

Sun. - Mon. May 13 - 14
Dennis Morgan - Dane
Clark in

God Is My Co-Pilot

Also Fox News - Comedy

Tuesday, May 15th
Ronald Woods - H. B.
Warner in

Enemy of Women

Also Selected Shorts

Wed. - Thurs. May 16 - 17
Gary Cooper - Ingrid
Bergman in

For Whom The Bell Tolls

Also Paramount News

Fri. - Sat. - Sat. Mat.

May 18 - 19th
Charles Starrett in
THE RETURN OF THE
FRANGO KID
Also Zorro's Whip No. 9
Cartoon

RABBITS HELP THE MEAT SHORTAGE

Demands for food brought about by the war, and shortages of beef, pork, mutton and poultry for civilian consumption has resulted in an increase in the production of domestic rabbits of from 200 to 300 per cent. The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior has announced Rabbit meat is quickly produced — only 90 days are required from the time the doe is mated until the young rabbits are ready for the table. Since the civilian shortage of red meat will be noticed mostly between the present time and late summer rabbits now ready for breeding will produce summer meat. The householder with a small back yard can keep 2 or four does and a buck of the medium weight or heavier breeds and have all the rabbit meat that an average family will use. Any surplus can be sold to neighbors. Rabbit hutches can be constructed of scrap lumber, used poultry wire, crates, and similar inexpensive materials. Clean table scraps, garden waste, lawn clippings and palatable weeds can supplement their regular rations. Those interested in rabbits may secure information by contacting Pete Beal or Naymond Everett.

Wells News

Mrs. Homer Simpson, reporter

Mr. Elmer Lagrone's brother and wife from Richmond, Calif. spent last week with Mr and Mrs. Lagrone.

BONDS — LOANS

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GLASS, BURGLARY

The young people of Wells served supper at the Wells lunch Saturday night to the following from Wayland college: Misses Vivian McLeRoy, Ona Thomlison, Roberta Sullivan, Elwynne Packwood, Betty Cypert, and Wanda Jean Tyler and Messrs. James Pindley, Neise Wright, and Onie Reed and wife. These young preachers and the mission talks which were made by the young ladies at Saturday's nite and Sunday's services were greatly enjoyed as well as the songs. They spent the night in the homes of our community and returned to college Sunday afternoon.

Miss Reba Jean Cook is doing nicely after her illness of last week.

The Wells Grammer school program will be held Thursday, May 10th and the high school program will be presented May 11th. You are invited.

The daughter from Lubbock visited Bro. and Mrs. Pool Sunday.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: International Combine, 60, good condition, rebuilt, Troy Burdett, 10 miles east of O'Donnell, Tex.

FOR SALE: 41 FORD Super deluxe good motor and tires. Wo 14 take trade in. Mr. Hill 1106 1-2 S. Third, Lamesa.

SEE OUR GRADE THREE Tires Today. Good condition. No certificate required. No repair job too big or too small. Brock & Hancock

FOR SALE: 320 ACRES OF THE finest land in Lynn County. Plenty of good water. On high line. Located one mile north and four miles east of O'Donnell. See J. D. Kyle, owner, 37p.

FOR SALE: Macha Storm-proof COTTON SEED. Price \$2.00 per bushel. Live 3 miles north and 4 1-2 miles west of New Home. J. H. Sweat, Wilson, Rt. 1 76c

FOR SALE — Farm lands, ranches, business properties. Farms of all sizes in Lynn, Lubbock, Forde, Martin and Terry & Calmes counties.

Good ranches, in Texas and New Mexico. Large and small. Three good small ranches in Borden County.

Business of different kinds in different towns. Residence property in O'Donnell, Lamesa and Lubbock.

If you want to buy, sell or trade on anything see me and if I do not have what you want where you want it, I will get it for you.

J. D. Fairley, O'Donnell, Texas

O'Donnell Index-Press

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Entered as second class matter at the post office in O'Donnell, Texas, under Act of March 3, 1879.

Mrs. Joe Waldrop recently returned from East Texas where she visited her family.

Miss Ellen Galloway of Three Lakes spent Saturday night with Miss Anita Brazier.

Mrs. W. A. Simpson and son

Howard Simpson spent the week end with Mr and Mrs. Bill Simpson and sons of Morton.

Mrs. L. J. Barrett, daughter, Elizabeth Barrett and Grandson, Ronnie C. White spent Saturday night in the home of Mr and Mrs. Lee

Norwood of Lamesa.

Miss Elizabeth Barrett will remain at home until she has further orders from the Army Nurses Corps

TURN In your waste papers



They raised
the Flag again
on Corregidor...

Let's raise the money in the MIGHTY SEVENTH

OUR FLAG flies once again over Corregidor. The cost was great in blood and pain, but our fighting men did not turn back. And on Iwo Jima, four thousand men—more and more—died to take the long step forward to Victory. Twenty thousand others suffered wounds. Yes, we're on the way to Tokyo!

At home, your contribution to Victory is measured in dollars. The Seventh

War Loan is the biggest in America's history because seven billion dollars must be raised from individuals alone. That means you must buy more and bigger War Bonds.

This is really two great loans in one; for this time last year you had been called upon twice to subscribe in War Loans. As our fighting men raise Old Glory all over the world—let's raise the money back home!



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American Prisoners say:

"WE WANT TO GET BACK AT THE JAPS!"



MATCH THEIR SPIRIT in the MIGHTY

7TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

YES, despite their long months and years of privation and suffering, those gallant men, just released from filthy Jap Prison Camps, still have their good old fighting spirit. They're itching to get back into the fight and give the Nips a taste of their own medicine.

Let's show them that we're not quitting either! Let's match their spirit with our dollars! Let's make this MIGHTY 7th War Loan the mightiest of them all!

But to come even close to matching their sacrifices, everyone here at home must buy War Bonds until it hurts. Buy double or triple the extra War Bonds you've bought in any previous drive. Remember, this is really two drives in one. In the same period last year, you were asked to subscribe to two War Loans.

So let's go, Americans. Our hard-fighting Soldiers, Sailors and Marines are giving their ALL. The least we can do is to lend our dollars.



EVERYBODY-BUY MORE and BIGGER WAR BONDS

First National Bank

O'Donnell

Better Planes Is Aim of Navy

Development Goes on Even In Midst of War; Jet Is Being Stressed.

NEW YORK. — Constant development of the navy's aviation even in the midst of war, with jet-propelled fighters, torpedo bombers and sea planes going into large-scale production this year, was described here by Rear Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, as reported by the New York Herald-Tribune.

New and replacement aircraft for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, will cost \$3,000,000,000, the admiral told 1,000 members and guests of the Wings club, which embraces aviation executives and combat officers at its second annual dinner.

Of primary importance, the admiral said, were the steadily improving fighters, with Grumman Hellcats and Vought Corsairs now being used as strafers, dive bombers and rocket launchers, capable of carrying bombloads up to 2,000 pounds. Essex-class carriers, he added, "are now bearing an increased complement of these versatile fighter-bombers, thus increasing the air group's ability to destroy enemy aircraft without sacrifice of its overall bomb-carrying capacity."

Four Dive-Bombers Developing.

"Jet-propelled conceptions of vastly improved power and performance will be in mass production by the end of the year," Admiral Ramsey said.

Four experimental dive-bombers are under development by different companies. A new model torpedo plane with increased speed is already in production, with additional experimental craft under way. A new navy land-type patrol plane is "approaching maturity." The Curtiss Seahawk, a new seaplane for cruisers and battleships, recently began large-scale output.

The new models will spearhead a naval air force which has already downed more than 10,000 Japanese planes in three years, with an air combat advantage of more than five to one, the admiral said. He added the navy had now launched a carrier fleet numbering "nearly 100 units with an operating capacity of literally thousands of airplanes."

Recalls Days on the Langley.

In reminiscence vein, Admiral Ramsey recalled his service from 1926 to 1928 as navigator of the pioneer carrier, the Langley. In test flight operations those days off southern California, he noted, "we frequently encountered Japanese Marus that always seemed to have engine, steering or navigational difficulties that put them on converging courses with us and brought them to positions from which they could closely observe us."

He praised British-American cooperation in the war, and recalled that during the Coral sea sweeps, he had the British carrier Victorious under his command in a South Pacific task force. The ships worked so closely that on occasion they exchanged aircraft squadrons.

The Victorious had a highly obstructed flight deck, in contrast to the Saratoga's 900-foot stretch. The first British torpedo pilot to land on the Saratoga announced jubilantly that it was like "landing on your state of Texas."

Wounded Marine Gets in Licks in an Unusual Way

WITH THE MARINES. — Just because Pfc. Joseph J. Yunker of Hoboken, N. J., was wounded before he could fire a shot, he wasn't out of the battle. But he did get in his licks in a rather unusual way, the Leatherneck reports.

Yunker had been treated for his injury and was lying in a tent ward when the Japs attacked. He spotted a sniper in a tree getting ready to open up against the hospital.

Ignoring painful wounds he had received that morning, Yunker raised himself up and got a rifle that another patient had left in the tent. Resting the rifle across his pillow, he aimed, squeezed one off, and topped the sniper.

Americans to Observe Eclipse of Sun July 9

WASHINGTON. — Americans will see their first total eclipse of the sun in 13 years on July 9, the United States naval observatory revealed recently.

The direct course of the eclipse will start near Boise, Idaho, and pass across Butte, Mont. From there it will swing across Canada, Greenland, through the Scandinavian peninsula, across Russia near Moscow and end up in Russian Turkistan.

The eclipse will appear partial throughout the United States except within the narrow path of totality.

Government Takes Action To Bar Bond Speculation

WASHINGTON. — The treasury announced that maturity dates on the Seventh war loan bonds will be withheld until the last minute to prevent speculation trading by corporations and insurance companies.

Maturities on the E bonds—those purchased by ordinary individuals—will be the same 10 years at the same interest rates as heretofore.

The next drive starts May 14. Preliminary efforts have been started.

Reveals Secrets That Gain Victory

Featherweight Bazooka Has Rifle Accuracy.

WASHINGTON. — Some of the scientific secrets lying behind American victory were recently revealed. For instance:

A new featherweight bazooka, 42 per cent lighter than the original model and with a new sight that gives it almost rifle accuracy, has been developed by General Electric and war department engineers.

It substitutes aluminum for steel and weighs only 10½ pounds. It is the seventh basic design, each a better weapon, since the bazooka was first unveiled to blast the Germans out of Tunisia.

The accuracy of the new folding sight has led to the creation of a new infantryman's marksmanship medal, for "bazooka sharpshooter." It also has an impulse generator rather than dry cell batteries for firing the rocket.

The army "duck" — an amphibious truck—can inflate or deflate any or all of its six big tires while in motion either on land or water, a war department approved release said.

The device, operating through a ball-bearing antifriction bearing on each wheel, permits adjustment of the treads to fit the need, changing from water to sand to rock or clay.

It enables the driver to reinflate a leaking tire and helps keep a tire inflated, despite a bullet tear, until the duck reaches a safe place.

A contributing factor in the tremendous speed of the P-80, the new jet-propelled fighter plane, fastest ship in the air today, is the ultra-smoothness of all its external surfaces.

This, Du Pont engineers say, is due to a new Du Pont pyroxylin lacquer, which is buffed and rubbed to a polished glass smoothness.

Almost Perfect Strategy Until Marines Took Over

GUAM. — The Jap strategy on Guam worked perfectly and according to plan, with only one exception, according to the way the Japs explained it to the natives, says the Leatherneck.

"We have," boasted a Jap officer, "new strategy to defeat Americans now. First, we let American planes bomb Guam. Then we let American marines land on Guam. Then we back up and draw them in trap. Then no more marines."

This plan worked without a hitch until the marines were drawn into the trap. Then came the exception. When the smoke cleared away, there were no more Japs.

Patience Proves Virtue In Case of This Marine

WITH THE MARINES. — Patience is a virtue whose reward can be your life. That was proved by Corp. Jack Gomez of San Francisco, Calif. A hidden Jap trying to destroy the marine started heaving grenades at him.

Gomez found cover and lay low while four grenades exploded near him. Before making the fifth throw, the Jap peeked out of his hiding place to see what the situation was, says "The Leatherneck."

This was the moment for which Gomez had been waiting. As the Jap peeked, the marine squeezed one off, nailing his man.

Man Is Seized for Theft Of His Own Automobile

ST. LOUIS, MO. — Joseph C. Ansell drove his car home, happy, but sleepy at 3 a. m. His car had just been returned by police headquarters after it was stolen two days before.

He was thinking how nice it would be to be back in his warm bed when a police car crowded him to the curb.

Ansell was "arrested" for driving a stolen car and taken to a district station. He got home just in time to shave after his statements were corroborated by radio from police headquarters.

Texas G.I.s Claim German Town for Lone Star State

BAAL, GERMANY. — A sign at the edge of this war-torn German town says: "Entering Baal, annexed by Texas, Feb. 24, 1945."

"When we came in, it was pretty hot here and we fought darned hard for it, so we just decided we might as well keep the place," said Sgt. Harry W. Pate, a skinny, freckle-faced redhead from Port Isabel, Texas.

Pvt. Harold Lane, another Texan, said, "We annexed it but I don't think it will be very welcome back home, for this town is sure one great big mess. But we fought for it, so we are going to claim it."

Jap Cabinet Orders Schools Shut for Year

TOKYO. — The Japanese cabinet ordered all schools, colleges and universities closed for one year and announced that the students would be mobilized for war and food production, air raid defense and "other urgent undertakings that are immediately and directly concerned with the prosecution of the war."

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Women We Need

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"When Pete was five years old he was killed by a car driven across the sidewalk."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"MY WIFE is so darned cheerful," writes a man from Butte, Mont., "that you can't help loving her!"

It seems to me that no sweeter or more sincere tribute was ever paid a woman. There was a soundness and fineness about this man's letter that struck a heartening note in these days of broken homes and easy divorces.

"We've had 14 years of joys and sorrows," his letter goes on, "and when the smoke blows over, just one person is carrying on, sensibly and quietly and bravely, and that's Molly. When we were married I was making \$200 a month, and three years later, with a second baby coming, I was laid up with muscular rheumatism for almost a year. Molly carried on, had her baby, worked, borrowed, managed somehow—and always was cheerful!"

"Financially we got straightened out again, paid bills, began to buy a home, and our third child, our first boy, was born. Those were good years. But when Pete was five years old, he was killed by a car driven straight across the sidewalk and into the garden where he was playing with his sisters. Molly carried on. Our third girl was born a few months later.

"Then came the war, and the importing firm for which I worked went to the wall; no job, no savings, and my mother, widowed and an invalid, came to live with us. We rented our house, moved into town, shortened sail everywhere. This was before the big defense plants and the big salaries got started.

"Never Failed Us Once."

"The joy and hope Molly put into our lives then will never be forgotten by me. She never failed us once. Her life had been shattered; motherhood had brought her anguish, I had contributed months of sickness, helplessness, unemployment. But wherever she was, the little girls were laughing, and she was laughing with them; hospitality wasn't ended, nor good home meals, home fires, home talk. Her affectionate appreciation of my mother's help—for mother, with mending and watching the children, did all she could, made my mother love her like a true daughter.

"This is my tribute to the most gallant wife any man ever had. We have no money troubles now, and we have three lovely little girls to go on into better times with us. But whatever is ahead, I can never be afraid while this woman is beside me."

Could a letter be pleasanter reading? I don't know how. But about one thing you are wrong, Walter. This is not mere "cheerfulness." Cheerfulness is a more or less natural quality; it can come from perfect health, from youthful optimism and high spirits, even from shallowness and selfishness.

What Molly has is something much finer than that. She has the rare fineness of a soul and mind tried and purified by fire. To be comforting, hopeful, with a sick husband and dependent babies is not mere "cheerfulness." It is true

'BEYOND CALL OF DUTY'

We seldom read about the wives and mothers who are quietly doing their part without fanfare, in good times and bad, in happiness and in sorrow. The selfish, the unfaithful, the undutiful wives get in the news, but the great majority, who are doing all that can be expected of them, seldom get a line of commendation.

Then there are some women whose courage, energy and unalterable cheerfulness is so extraordinary, that they seem almost to be superhuman. They are daily giving the best that is in them—and far more than anyone has a right to demand.

Such a wife is described in this article—one who carried on in poverty and sorrow with a buoyant heart. On the other hand, she was not changed by a touch of prosperity—she did not ask for luxuries to compensate for her endurance of difficulties.

sanctity. Cheerfulness will not carry a woman over the dark abyss that opens before her feet when an only son is torn from her by the cruel carelessness of an irresponsible driver. Cheerfulness does not face illness, weariness, doubt, anxiety and change with a head held high and colors flying.

"Others Come First."

With Molly, fundamentally, and first of all, comes thought for others. She will not let them see that she is hurt. Nobody must feel any worse because Molly is stricken. Selfish grief will not bring little Pete back; and if the others see her serene and busy, interested in their welfare, their interests, just as she always was, it will go far to make life seem good to them again.

We are going to need many women like this in the years immediately ahead of us. Women will look at the conditions of their lives and say to themselves: "This is just what I have said I couldn't bear—and here it is." Women will find the men who come back from war are almost strangers; women must care for a crippled husband or son, a blind husband or son, all the rest of their lives. Women who have been financially independent, will find now that they must go back to the status of housekeeper, or else sacrifice marriage itself. Women must meet every mental and psychopathic problem in those they love; depression, despair, distaste for work of any kind, cynicism as regards the future, bitter disillusionment.

Brace your soul for this postwar ordeal. It won't last; things do adjust themselves; conditions that seem insufferable have a way of smoothing out. Normal home life is a great tonic for bruised nerves and spirits, and even the blind—once the first shock is over, are not necessarily unhappy people.

One woman like Molly in every home would solve the world's problem in the approaching days of reconstruction. Be that woman in your household.

Blocking Hand-Knit Garments.

To "block" a new or newly-washed hand-knit garment, here is an easy method. Sprinkle two heavy bath towels slightly and spread the garment between them, pulling to desired measurements and pinning to shape. (Before washing it is handy to lay garment on paper or cloth and draw outline to use in re-shaping.) Cover with a board or other firm, flat surface. Weight this down and leave until the garment is dry. A light steam-pressing, without washing, also gives a finished look.

The Bronze Bell

By SARAH FERGUSON
McClure Newspaper Syndicate.
WNU Features.

THE day was sunless. Everywhere, in all the cities and hamlets, bells had been removed from all the churches in Belgium. In the city square of Antwerp, the people were gathered, saddened, tense. The children, close-lipped, faces drawn and serious, spoke in whispers if at all. They were strewing flowers and leaves over the bronze bells which the Germans had demanded from the populace.

No one paid any attention to ten-year-old Anton B-yden. Anton was not very bright.

Long ago, the Germans had looted homes — stores and shops were robbed—brass, iron and bronze were confiscated and now they had called for a thousand more tons of bronze.

"But we have no more to give," the officer was informed.

"You have the church bells," he snapped. "Give us those."

Within the hour the enemy would come. The bells were already stacked in the square. Never again would they call the people to prayer at eventide.

Little Anton turned away, pulling his wagon behind him, his wooden shoes clumping on the cobbles. His wind-blown hair lay in thick blond curls on his forehead, his blue denim blouse open at the neck, his pants long, shabby but clean. He was the son of Pierre B-yden who had been killed by a German officer's car shortly after the occupation. Ever since, Anton's



"Anton," she whispered.

mother had taken in washing to earn a living. Before her marriage she had lived at the rectory, a true and trusted servant. Among her many customers was Mme. Phillippe, wife of the rector.

Mme. Phillippe helped Anton lift the large basket into his wagon. She raised the lid for him to peer inside, then carefully closed it again, holding him by the arm. "Anton," she whispered, determined to impress him with the importance of what she was about to say. "Here is a precious treasure. Tell your mother to hide it until the war is over."

The boy started off, subconscious aware of Mme. Phillippe's warning. At the end of the road he stopped. Always about this time the Angelus bell rang. He paused to pray—prayer and the bell went together. He clasped his hands and bowed his head. And then he thought of Hans Mueller, the thirteen-year-old German bully.

A cold fear possessed him. His legs grew weak and his mouth went dry as he waited for the bell to ring. He had stood longer than usual when he spied the young Nazi running at top speed.

With intense fury Anton remembered. Something within him cautioned him to guard "this precious treasure" with his life. Instinctively he knew the boy would run off with it. With a shriek of rage he threw himself on his tormentor and knocked Hans down, trampling him with his wooden clogs.

A strange new light shone in Anton's eyes. They were dark-blue pools now. He felt like a great soldier who had suddenly overcome a whole army by himself.

In the square the precious bells were already being loaded on trucks and vehicles of every size and kind. Anton trudged on, his head high, pretending not to see what was taking place in his beloved city. But the next day he had almost forgotten again as he went to his customary place to pray. A queer contraction of the throat attacked him as he waited—waited for the bell to ring. The Germans had removed the Angelus—and God. God and the Angelus were one in Anton's feeble mind.

A pall lay over the city. People went about their business half-heartedly, with pale anxious faces. Their hope was gone. Then suddenly, unexpectedly, the Allies arrived. . . .

But there was no sounding of the glad tidings in Belgium, as there had been in France. Then miraculously, out of nowhere, a bell was heard to ring—in soft uneven strokes.

Little Anton smiled to himself. Then he began to laugh hysterically—he laughed and laughed. . . . His wan face grew softly serious, and a beautiful smile parted his lips. His beloved Angelus would ring again. . . . The hated Nazis hadn't been able to destroy his Angelus. He and the rector's wife had outwitted them. He thought of the "bronze treasure" he had taken back to the rectory in a hamper, one mornning.

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CHAPTER I

Within the firm walls of flesh that held him prisoner the foal kicked out angrily. He did not want to be born. The violent constrictions of the walls of his house, which came unexpectedly, disturbed his long peaceful growth and put him in a fury, and he unfolded himself and kicked again and again.

He wanted no change. Here was quiet darkness—nothing to prick and tantalize his eyes. Here was security—no possible harm could reach him. Here was food without effort or even knowledge on his part. Here was the softest floating bed to buffer him against shock. Here was warmth that never fluctuated. Here was—in some dim way he felt it—love and protection from his mother's heart. He would not be born.

Twice before he had foiled the labor pains, and his dam had resigned herself and had continued to carry him. (She was the handsome sorrel mare called Flicka, belonging to young Ken McLaughlin of the Goose Bar ranch.) She had stood patiently, not moving much, up in the stable pasture just beyond the corral. And it had become the habit of everyone at the ranch, Rob and Nell McLaughlin, and their two boys Howard and Ken, and Gus and Tim, the hired hands, to walk out to see her every day, to note how patiently she stood, getting larger and larger, her bright and lively nature changed to somber brooding. If anyone went near her headquarters she kicked at them.

Visitors to the ranch went out to inspect her too. One said to Nell McLaughlin, "That's the hugest mare I ever saw."

"She's not so huge," said Nell. "It's just that she's carrying a colt that should have been born in the spring, and here it is, nearly time for the boys to go back to Laramie to school, and still she hasn't foaled."

They all agreed that now and then such things happened to mares and everyone could tell of a case. There was much curiosity as to what the colt would be like. He surely ought to be a good one, big and strong and well developed.

The laboring mare lay down on the ground. The foal, impose his will as he might, was helpless. The violent surges continued, coming at regular intervals, and he was being turned this way and that as if by intelligent hands, until he took the position of a diver, front hoofs stretched out and his little mouth resting on them. Then he felt pain for the first time and would have struggled and kicked if he could have, but he was held in a vise and could not move. Pressure was strong against him on all sides. There was the sensation of movement through a passage and suddenly a jar as he slid out to the world.

For a moment he was sheltered from the air and the light by the envelope of membrane in which he was enclosed; then the mare gained her feet and whirled around and her teeth and tongue stripped him of the membrane and he began to breathe.

From that moment on all that he knew was pain, for the breathing hurt his lungs, and, opening his eyes, they were stabbed by blinding flashes of light. Terror came when his ear drums were hammered upon by crashes of thunder, and he was reacted by giving little choking bleats and trying to sit up. Icy rain sluiced upon him. The hard ground upon which he lay was running with water.

His mother licked and licked him. This warmed him and brought the blood to the surface of his body. He yearned to be closer to her and struggled to rise but had not yet the strength.

There was no mercy for him in the skies. It was the collision of several storms that had ridden up from the lowlands to this high peak of the Wyoming Rocky Mountain Divide. Clusters of purple thunderheads struggled mightily, hurling themselves against each other with detonations that shook the ground. Wide bands of intolerable light stabbed from zenith to earth.

But there was mercy for the colt closer by, and he knew it. His feeble struggles to rise became stronger. His mother's licking tongue encouraged him. The yearning to reach the warmth and shelter of her body grew to a passion—he must, must get to her.

And so, long before the storm was over, the foal had found his feet. The heat, hot and swollen, was in his mouth. He was safely anchored; and because of the danger and pain so lately experienced, his awareness was sharpened. Warmth and milk were more than food—they were an ecstasy.

Ken McLaughlin was hunting his mare.

near the corrals where Flicka should have been and could hardly believe that it was empty, for more than once a day all through this last month since he had stopped riding her he had been out to see whether she had foaled, and she had never been far from her feed box. This afternoon she had been near the spill of fresh water that ran out of the corral trough, but now there was no sign of her.

This meant, Ken knew, that her time had come, and his heart beat a little faster. She had hidden herself away, as all animals will if they are free, to give birth to her foal with no one to witness her labor and pain and victory.

As the boy hesitated there, his eyes scanning the pine woods that edged the pasture, his wits were at work. If he had been Flicka and had wanted to hide, where would he have gone? And immediately he turned to the woods. Those woods, sparse and free of underbrush, covered the rocky shoulder of the stable pasture where it sloped away, north, to the little stream called Deercreek which bounded it. The hill was so precipitous in places



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that it formed low cliffs overhanging with twisted pines. At the base of them were caverns. Ken and Howard knew every foot of these terraced cliffs. They had been there on foot and on horseback. Flicka and Highboy—their saddle horses—knew them too, and had become accustomed to the steep paths down which they must slide on their haunches with the boys clinging to their backs like monkeys; or the scramble up, during which the boys kept from sliding off backwards only by tangling their fists in the horses' manes.

Flicka might be on any one of those narrow shelves or pockets, or hidden in one of the little dells at the base of a cliff. She knew them all.

Ken darted toward the woods. It had just begun to rain. The boy cast a careless glance at the sky, refused to accept the warning of what he saw there, telling himself that it would be just a shower from which the trees would shelter him, and began his search.

Occasionally he stopped and called her, "Flicka! Flicka!" and then stood listening in that peculiar state of tension which everyone feels when they call and are not answered.

The daylight on those September evenings held until after eight o'clock, but this evening there was a murky gloom, and under some of the trees there were already pockets of darkness into which Ken stared for minutes before being sure that no living thing was there.

The rain pattered like shot on the ground, and presently Ken heard the long familiar roll of drums in the sky. Suddenly a wind was roaring. The mass of dark clouds sank toward the earth, then opened and poured out torrents of rain. Lightning blazed and thunder crashed.

The boy, crossing an open dell, caught the full brunt of it and dove under a projecting, shelf-like rock, which had left a shallow cave beneath. A small cottontail was sitting primly there for shelter. As Ken shot in, the cottontail shot out, and the boy, panting, drew up his knees and clasped them and sat looking at the spectacle of the storm with an expression of exaltation on his thin eager face.

Such torrents of water were coming down that presently the earth was covered. Running streams tore between the trees and shot off the

cliff-tops. A good-sized rivulet swept under Ken's sheltering rock, and in a moment he was immersed and drenched. He rolled out from under and stood choking and laughing, shaking the water out of his eyes. Then, since he could be no wetter, he decided to ignore the storm and continue his search for Flicka.

Either the wind was getting colder or the rain was turning to hail or snow, for his wet jersey was like ice against his skin as he trotted in and out of the paths and trees. Often in September there were snowstorms on the top of the Divide, and it seemed to him one was coming now. Up here in the high altitude one day it was snowing and the next like summer.

Ken came upon Flicka in a little dell at the foot of a cliff, cut by the narrowest thread of a path. She stood under an over-hanging tree, but even that could do little to protect her against the rain. When he saw the foal beside her, he stood staring. There had never been a white foal born on the Goose Bar Ranch before. He could hardly believe it. There came a dry fullness in his throat. Flicka—Flicka's foal—her first! And not only off color, but white! A throwback! It was a shock to him.

He called her name quietly. She turned her head and he went to her.

She looked anxiously at the foal. Ken stood staring down at it in the gathering darkness. White and narrow and with head beaten down by the pouring rain, tilted toward its mother—it looked as though it might fall over any minute.

Flicka gave a little grunting whinny. Ken could understand her talk, and he knew she was cold and miserable and worried about the foal. They should both of them be in the barn, and Flicka should have a good pail of hot mash. He wondered if the foal could follow her up that thread of a path, and coaxed the mare to try the ascent.

She would not move. Ken put his belt around her neck and led her up. The little one, coming after her with wavering steps, struggled but could not follow. Flicka, turning, saw it halted here. She balked. Ken slipped the belt off her neck and she backed down to the foal and licked it.

Somehow the foal must be got up the path. Ken wondered if he could drag or carry it. Often he and Howard, wrestling with the little foals as they trained them (part of the work of their summer vacations) would clasp their arms around them, lift them off the ground. One little fellow Howard had carried all around with its long legs trailing. But this was an unusually big colt—Ken was doubtful.

With his hand on Flicka's neck he sidled toward the foal, speaking soothingly. "There, there, little fellow—wouldn't hurt you—don't be frightened—it's all right, Flicka—wouldn't hurt your baby—you know I wouldn't—"

The mare was excited and anxious and the foal, as Ken's hand touched its neck, squealed and tried to struggle away. Ken put both arms around the wet slippery body and held tight, but lifting was a different matter. Still talking to Flicka, who was nickered nervously, Ken exerted all his strength. Suddenly he had a little kicking fighting demon in his arms and the foal bared its four baby teeth and bit his arm.

Ken dropped it. Flicka whirled close and stood protectively over it. Ken, scolding under his breath and holding his forearm that the foal's teeth had pinched, realized that he must get help.

He leaped up the pathway. Gus and Tim, immediately after the supper dishes had been washed up, had taken the pick-up and driven over to the Saturday night dance in Summervale's barn at Tie Siding. Ken's mother and father had gone in to town to dine with Colonel Harris. There was no one but himself and Howard on the ranch, and the responsibility was his own because Flicka was his mare. Besides—this little foal—this particular foal—at the thought of all that depended on him, Ken's feet flew faster, and his eyes, made keen and knowing by his life on the ranch, gazed at the sky and the clouds, gauging the storm.

The wind was changing, veering around to the east, and, yes—what he had suspected was happening. Every raindrop now had a body to it, a little core of slush—it was changing to snow. It beat on his face and nearly blinded him. The wind changed its tune, it rose to a howl, whipping the branches of the pine trees.

But Ken was not cold. The excitement in him made him hot and swift. He reached the corrals, ran down through the gorge to the house, and burst into the warm kitchen where Howard, who was interested in increasing the size of his muscles, was reading in a droning voice from a "Hercules" pamphlet.

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The HOME TOWN REPORTER

In Washington

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Appraising President Truman

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WHILE it is much too early to make a fair and accurate appraisal as to the quality of leadership of the former Missouri farm boy, or to forecast how, or to measure up to the tremendous responsibilities he has assumed and with which he will be faced in the future, you may be assured that the country is in safe hands.



Walter Shead

Pres. Harry S. Truman is in no sense a political accident. His nomination to the vice presidency at Chicago was made with a full knowledge of the possibility of his succession to the presidency, and he was chosen for the job by President Roosevelt himself.

He will carry out the Roosevelt policies and the Roosevelt program faithfully on both the foreign and domestic fronts. He will not attempt to imitate President Roosevelt and the chances are, he will not venture into "new fields" nor stray far from the road mapped out by his predecessor. Rather he will consolidate those policies and bring to fruition the gains made in progressive government and Liberal legislation which has been placed on the statute books during the last 12 years of the Roosevelt administration.

President Truman is a liberal Democrat and supported almost without exception the so-called New Deal legislation in the senate, but he has remained friendly with, and has retained the respect and esteem of both conservative Democrats and Republicans in that body. Toward congress, he will ask cooperation and help rather than dictate to them. He has a reputation for delegating responsibility and for selecting the proper man upon whom to delegate that authority.

In his first message to the congress he said: "Only with your help can I hope to complete one of the greatest tasks ever assigned a public servant." In that message he also served notice that "the forward-looking people of America may be assured there will be no relaxation in our efforts to improve the lot of the common people."

Different Than Roosevelt.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born to wealth and position and he gained the ridicule and even contempt of many of his blue-blooded associates by becoming early in life the champion of the common man, the underdog. In contrast, President Truman comes from the great middle class from the mid-West. He is a poor man... lives on his salary.

While President Roosevelt, even early in his political career often bucked the party organization, President Truman had climbed the political ladder through the medium of the party organization. He is regarded as a party man. Roosevelt never was.

Because of these two circumstances, his championship of the little man and his frequent disregard of party, Roosevelt became a peoples' president and was elected and reelected by the votes of the liberal and independent votes of the people regardless of party lines. Only time can tell whether President Truman, coming from the ranks of the little people, will become their champion, or whether he will bow so close to party lines that he might alienate votes from other groups.

A Humble Man.

Harry S. Truman is a humble man. He is God-fearing and he one knows better than himself his capabilities, and this is good. Ofttimes the responsibilities of the office of president itself brings out unknown qualities of leadership and statesmanship in a man elected to that office. This has been true of other presidents.

His first press conference made a profound impression on the more than 300 newspaper correspondents and radio columnists gathered in his office. He stood behind his desk, the same desk behind which President Roosevelt sat and received newsmen, and faced a veritable barrage of questions. He answered them all frankly, decisively, definitely and without hesitation. He showed appreciation, a sense of humor, and exhibited a great fund of knowledge of what is going on in this government and in the governments of the world.

If definite appraisal could be made on the basis of that first press conference and upon his reassuring message to the congress, one could say very definitely that President Truman will measure up to all the nation wishes of him... that we have a meritorious man in the White House in these perilous times behind whom every man and woman in our country can rally and close ranks for the successful culmination of our fight for world freedom, international peace and national security. It is no more than fair we give him that support.

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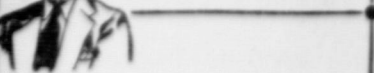
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past years for the express purpose of regulating rates and services of interstate carriers can be relied upon to do this in the public interest, and that carriers complying with the orders of these agencies should be immune from application of the antitrust laws to the practices involved.

Bills before the last Congress dealt only with conference ratemaking. This ratemaking system has been developed over a period of many years with the full knowledge and implied approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has and on occasion exercises the same veto power over rates proposed by conferences as over those initiated by individual companies. Subsequent to the hearings on these bills, however, the Department of Justice brought the civil action now pending against the Western railroads. This action covers not only conference ratemaking but also agreements as to train schedules and many other service features, and it is evident that to clarify the situation with respect to these other important operating practices new legislation is needed applicable to them as well as to conference ratemaking.

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J. W. Roach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roach. He was born August 7, 1920 at Tempe, Okla. Mr. Roach attended Wayland College at Plainview. He plans to teach in denominational colleges. Mr. Roach's favorites are: Teacher: S. F. Johnson; subject: Psychology; color: Blue; Song: "My Buddy"; Movie Act: John Hodiak; movie actress: Joan Mirenada; girl friend: Joan; Pooy friend: all of them; hobby: photography; nickname: Bill. Mr. Roach has one sister who is teaching at Twitty. He has three brothers: one in California, one in the navy reserve and one at Famp.

Meet A Senior

Doyle Lane is the son of Mr and Mrs. Jesse Lane. He was born March 2, 1925 at O'Donnell. He will graduate with 16 credits and plans to go to college. Doyle's favorites are: Teacher: Johnson; subject: Spanish; color: blue; movie actor: John Garfield; movie actress: Betty Grable; girl friend: Peggy Sue Cummings; boy friend: any of them; hobby: anything; Doyle has one sister in high school and one brother in Harmony.

Carl Barton is the son of Mr and Mrs. L. W. Barton. He was born July 6th, 1925 at Rochester. Carl has attended the Rochester and O'Donnell schools. He will graduate with 16 credits and plans to go to the University of Texas to study medicine.

Carl's favorites are: teacher: Mr. Johnson; subject: Typing; color: blue; slang: By Golly; movie actress: Lana Turner; girl friend: Gladys Holloway; boy friend: Troy Gauntt; hobby: fishing. Carl has one sister in high school and one brother in the navy overseas and one brother at home.

This 'N That

Who was that we saw Edward Brownlow with Friday nite?? Why, Billie Frank!

Gene P. Was quite unhappy because Pillie Ruth couldn't go with him Friday nite.

Corky is quite happy! We wonder if it is because Joe is home from fishing.

Mary Beth sure goes for Kenneths - it seems. First it was Kenneth Schooler, then Kenneth Vestal, and now Kenneth Caswell. We have always heard "Third time a charm."

Sonny and Wanda Bell are seen together a lot and we think they are a cute couple.

Betty Jane was married to Marston Synder Saturday nite.

Seems Clyce Lee has a crush on Carroll Jones just because they sit together in 3rd period study hall.

Eva John sure seems to see a lot of "Red" lately? Could it be because he may leave soon??

Harmony News

MRS. JESSE LANE (Delayed from Last Week)

Mrs. E. A. Gleghorn returned home Saturday from a ten day visit with relatives at Seminole.

A Sunshine shower was given by Mrs. C. Gillette honoring Mrs. Homer Herburger. Several ladies attended. Mrs. Wardberger received a number of lovely gifts.

Mrs. Bertie Parker spent last week at Brownfield with her brother, Alvie Boales and family.

Mrs. Jesse Lane had a very enjoyable trip thru Carlsbad Caverns with the Senior Class. Thank You, Seniors for your hospitality.

Ena, Weldon Street is expected home very soon for a visit with his parents. Mr and Mrs. B. B. Street and his wife who lives in Lubbock.

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