

## From The Editor's Window

An earthquake of severe intensity was felt in the region around Lake Erie during the past week.

The quake at the town of Erie in Pennsylvania was strong enough to knock a man from his chair. The tremor was also felt in Ontario across the lake in Canada, but no damage of consequence was reported.

It is said that similar shocks rocked this same region some nine years ago.

One of our largest potato growers has predicted a severe shortage of potatoes in the near future unless something is done immediately about the black markets prevailing all over the United States. He declared the past week that the shortage was first brought about by the fact that "OPA ceilings do not apply to growers, so they are selling to itinerant peddlers for 50 cents to \$1 per hundred weight over what legitimate dealers can pay and stay within the ceiling."

It is to be hoped that this serious problem is straightened out at once. Potatoes and beans constitute the basis of the average food consumption in most of the homes of the middle and poorer classes of the American people and without these two staples, together with the prevailing shortage of milk, the result would soon reach the stages of want and hunger.

Unconfirmed reports have been received in this county that Adolf Hitler has suffered a complete breakdown in health and is confined in seclusion at Berchtesgaden where he is slowly recuperating. These reports are being denied by those in high authority in Germany but it has been noted that Hitler has made no public appearances nor made any radio speeches since last November, so it is not improbable that there may be some truth to the reports.

"Billy Coalgate had nerve. He walked up to the mayor of the town and asked if they would clothe and shoe him."

"Well, did they?"  
"No, but they collared and cuffed him."

Accompanied by a driver, an American major in a motor vehicle was stopped by the sentry on guard at the cross-roads. "Who goes there?"  
"One American major, a one-ton truck of fertilizer and one buck private."

They were allowed to proceed, but at every cross-roads they went through the same formula. After a time the driver asked if they were likely to be stopped again.

"I guess so," replied the major. "Well, major," said the private, "the next time we are stopped would you mind giving me priority over the load of fertilizer?"

Former Gov. James E. Ferguson, who has been ill for several weeks at his home in Austin is reported much improved.

House sergeant-at-arms, Ernest J. Boyett, delivered a resolution expressing hope for his early recovery to Mr. Ferguson on Tuesday of last week.

The WPB reported the past week that the average rate of United States war expenditures reached a new high of \$253,400,000 a day during February.

The total expenditures for war purposes was \$6,081,000,000 in February.

In view of all this some people are continually asking for raises in salary. Only a few days ago John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, asked for a raise of \$2 per day for the miner. He declared that the demand for the raise is "modest and conservative and not exorbitant."

J. P. Morgan, well known banker and business man of New York, died the past week of a heart ailment. The multimillionaire became ill several days ago on a train enroute to Boca Grande, Florida,

## H. A. McWhorter Goes To His Final Reward Monday Morning 3-21

H. A. McWhorter, age 84, a pioneer citizen and a prominent rancher of Calahan county, died at 10 o'clock Monday morning at his ranch south of Baird. Mr. McWhorter had been in failing health several weeks and dropped dead while feeding his pet squirrels in the yard.

Mr. McWhorter was born in Hood near Granberry, November 18, 1859 and came to Calahan county in 1876 where he has resided for 67 years as a rancher. He was married to Rosa Lambert, daughter of the late Wyly Lambert, November 28, 1893 at her home at Crooked Creek.

Survivors are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Cutbirth, Cross Plains; Mrs. Colomal Dyer, Baird; Mrs. Delbert Sawyer, Lubbock; two sons, Alec McWhorter Jr., Oplin; and W. O. McWhorter who lives on the home ranch.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist church at Baird with Dr. J. T. Griswold, former pastor of Clyde, officiating, and the Rev. W. B. Hicks, Baird pastor, assisting. Burial followed in the Ross cemetery.

## HENRY MUNDT COMMISSIONED 2nd LIEUTENANT

Graduation exercises for the 25th Course of Engineer Officer Candidates, United States Army, Fort Belvoir, Virginia were held at 11:00 Wednesday morning at the Post Theater, at which time Henry Mundt, well known in the Putnam vicinity, received his diploma, being commissioned 2nd Lieutenant.

The introduction of the program was given by Brigadier General Roscoe C. Crawford. Diplomas were presented by Major General Francis B. Eilby, superintendent United States Military Academy of West Point. Major Joseph M. Plant, gave the administration of the oath of office.

Mrs. Mundt, the former Miss Willie Grace Pruet, and Miss Mildred Yeager, formerly of Putnam attended the exercises. The Mundts will be located in Richmond, Virginia for a short time before being stationed at St. Louis, Missouri.

## CECIL WILLIAMS GIVEN TWO YEARS PRISON SENTENCE

A Calahan county jury Tuesday found Cecil Williams guilty as charged of being an accomplice in the murder of deputy sheriff Wade Willis of Taylor county and gave him a two year sentence in the State prison. The case was tried in Baird in the 42nd district court of Judge Milburn S. Long on a change of venue from the 104th district court. District Attorney J. R. Black was assisted by Esco Walters, 104th district attorney. The jury deliberated four hours before bringing in a verdict.

Williams, in service at the time of the shooting last February 12, and since stationed at Fort Bliss, appeared in court in an Army uniform. He was accused of providing Rex Beard, convicted slayer of Willis, with the gun used in the county jail shooting.

Charges against Carl Lowery, jointly indicted with Williams, have been dismissed for lack of evidence to convict.

## BUD LINCECUM SELLS FARM NORTH OF TOWN TO SNYDER PARTIES

Bud Lincecum who purchased the Ira Roberson farm about two miles north of Putnam two or three years ago, was in town Wednesday morning and stated he had resold the farm for \$21 per acre to parties living at Munday, and they would move on the farm in a short time. He said he would have to give possession soon, but was undecided as to where he would go or just what he would do at present.

where he planned to spend a vacation.

A son and a daughter were with him at the time of his death. Another son and daughter also survive.

Mr. Morgan was 75 years old.

## The Callahan County USDA Recommends That Stubble Be Mulched

The Callahan County USDA War Board is recommending that peanut growers of the county follow the practice of stubble mulching to help keep the land from blowing and to increase yields of the much needed war crop. "Stubble mulching," says the War Board, "is the use of field residues or trash such as dead grass and weeds, feed stalks, pea vines and other litter to cover the ground."

Such practice will increase yields and prevent blowing. L. W. Mansfield reports that for several years he has followed the practice of keeping maize stalks and stubble on top of the ground. He keeps them there by plowing his maize land with sweeps instead of breaking plows or listers. He says that yields are increased without the use of extra labor or machinery. In fact he probably uses less power than he would if he broke or listed his land.

M. E. Herron of the Colan community in Jones county says he has followed the practice for years of trying to farm with the trash on top of the ground. He finds it keeps his sandy land from blowing.

W. O. Dawson, near Abilene, has changed to stubble mulch farming his entire farm this year. He operated his one-way plow to leave about three-fourths of all field trash on top of the ground. He is carrying on a special demonstration of the practice on an eight acre plot between a couple of terraces. He was able to leave almost all dead plant material on top of the ground by removing the wings from his John Deere lister and plowing with only the points. He plowed the middles and then went back and rooted out the maize stalks with the same plow. "I understand," Dawson stated, "that stubble mulching will increase the rate that water will soak into the ground from three to eight times. That means the litter should be kept on top throughout the year."

In order to keep as much litter as possible on top of the ground during the spring and summer, Dawson plans to kill any weeds that come before planting with sweeps,

plant behind solid sweeps set flat, cultivate the crop with sweeps. Mansfield, Herron and Dawson are cooperators of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District. Dawson is a supervisor of the district.

The War Board lists these advantages of stubble mulching:

1. Helps to prevent blowing and washing.
2. Saves labor and power.
3. Reduces evaporation.
4. Regulates soil temperatures.
5. Protects young tender plants from wind damage, cold, or sun.

In order to have dead plant material to use as a mulch on peanut land, the following procedure is suggested:

1. Strip crop. Harvest only the grain from strips leaving the stalks on the land. Let grass come in the strips after August 1.
2. Allow some grass to grow in the peanut row.
3. Plant peanuts in 42 inch rows and allow a strip of grass to grow in each middle.
4. Mix peas with the peanuts when you plant.

Fields should not be grazed or burned. Peanut land should not be plowed until after April 1 if it is well covered with dead plant material. Several Callahan county farms along Highway 38, west of Denton have shown that to be true this year. Early plowed fields have filled the road ditches with soil. Unplowed fields, covered with trash, have not blown.

Lots of the cover can be kept on top of the ground throughout the year by plowing with sweeps, busters with the wings removed or moldboard breaking plows with the moldboard removed.

Stubble mulching will lose much of its effectiveness where the side delivery rake is used. The War Board believes a cover crop of Abruzzi rye is highly desirable on such land.

If the peanut grower will strip crop, stubble mulch the feed strip, and plant early rye as a cover on the peanut strip, he will reduce his damage and increase his yields.

## School Election April 3--City Election Tuesday, Apr. 6

School election Saturday, April 3, with three trustees to be elected and the city election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, when there will be three aldermen elected and one to fill out the unexpired term of G. P. Gaskin, deceased. Both of these elections are very important as the management of schools and city affairs will be in the hands of the men that are elected at these elections for the next two years. People who are elected to fill these important offices should be wide-awake to the needs of the city and the school and have courage to advocate what is needed. The remark is very often heard on the streets and other places that so and so is a good man, but in selecting men to manage the affairs of any political body, it is not so much the question he is a good man, but is he active and does he have the courage to

fight for what he thinks is the best interests of the community. It takes action to put anything over. Many persons are put on different boards because they are good men and sometimes kept there, who never have an idea of their own to offer on any question coming up for a hearing. Cities and schools are built by placing men on different boards, who are alive and see what is needed and ready to fight for those things.

Putnam is handicapped in various ways now for the want of foresight by someone in the past. Putnam is handicapped by not having any rural mail routes going out over the country. The News is handicapped on account of no routes going out of Putnam, and the mail going to our subscribers doesn't reach them until Monday morning when it should reach them

## More Automobile Tires Available After April 1

In line with the promise to keep the nation's automobiles running, Mr. Jeffers, of the Office of Price Administration and the government has announced that additional tires will be available April 1 to certain lower mileage ration passenger cars.

The release of these new casings under rationing B and C card holders will be for replacement tires worn beyond the recappable stage. An order issued recently by OPA makes it possible a driver with a mileage of more than 240 miles monthly to get new grade No. 2 tires when he needs replacement. Previously only those with more than 560 miles could get new tires. Holders of A cards are eligible for used or recapped on proper certification.

In making these tires available, officials of OPA and the Office of Rubber Director Jeffers, emphasized the importance of continuing all phases of the rubber conservation program, particularly the necessity of driving under 35 miles per hour.

## COUNTY AGENT TO BE AT SCHOOL BUILDING WEDNESDAY EVENING

W. L. Meador, Callahan county agent and other speakers will be at the Putnam high school Wednesday evening at 8:30 p. m. and the following farm practices will be discussed:

Farming peanut land; improvement of range land; temporary pastures; soil and seed treatment; building and maintaining fire guards; cooperative purchasing of seed and strip cropping and its benefits.

This is a very important meeting and Putnam people are urged to attend and hear these subjects discussed. Mr. Meador is doing some good work in Callahan county and the more cooperation the people of the county give him, the better work he can do. This meeting is for everybody and all should turn out and listen to his discussion on these subjects.

## EVERY CASE OF ILLNESS SHOULD HAVE A DIAGNOSIS

If every case of suspected communicable disease could be promptly visited either by the family physician or the county health officer, thousands of susceptible persons would be protected from disabling illness, according to the State Health officer.

Every health officer knows that the danger of spread of infection increases when a nation is at war, men, material, and a large number of our civilian population move from one section of the country to another. The State Health Department is doing everything in its power to protect the health of the people of Texas. It is the patriotic duty of every man, woman, and child to do his share to maintain a high level of health. A healthy civilian population contributes greatly to the health of our armed forces.

## School Election April 3--City Election Tuesday, Apr. 6

Saturday and with rural routes going out of Putnam they would reach our subscribers the next day, and every other business man is in the same condition in getting mail out of Putnam.

Our school is handicapped in various ways, the first thing is the need of more funds, and second, we do not have a single consolidated school. No other place in the country that has a high school that doesn't have from one to a dozen consolidated schools. Someone is ready to say we don't need them, but if they are good for other communities and towns, they should be a good thing for Putnam. So the men selected at these elections are very important. In the above we are only trying to bring out the fact that selecting officers to manage the city and school affairs is not just another election.

## Water Getting Low Users Requested to Conserve the Supply

On account of the long drouth and the fact that the Texas & Pacific railroad run out so much of the stored water at the lake so that the railway property could be repaired, has created a shortage of water for the present, and water users are requested to conserve water as much as possible in order not to exhaust the supply until the spring rains come and fill the lake again. As soon as it rains and refills the lake, we will have sufficient water for the needs of the town. It would be expensive at this time to undertake to make change to some other place, and it is doubtful if we could get the material in the way of pipe and fittings to make the necessary connections that it would require. Remember, if we should exhaust the supply and could not make arrangements to pump from some other place, it would not only be very inconvenient, as everyone well remembers when we hauled from Cisco for several months. Besides, if the water system should be closed down, everyone that has any insurance will be without insurance until the water could be turned on again.

## "T" Ration Books Must Be Renewed By April 1

Owners of commercial vehicles are advised to avoid last minute rush for "T" gasoline ration books by mailing their renewal application to local War Price and Rationing Board immediately.

Present "Ts" expire March 31, and renewals can be handled easily by mail, OPA regional officials said in urging early filing of applications so that truck operators will not be without gasoline on April 1.

Each renewal application must be accompanied by the certificate of War necessity issued by the Office of Defense Transportation, and in cases where supplements to these certificates have been issued, the supplement also must be mailed with the application.

## TWENTY CALLAHAN COUNTY BOYS GO TO TRAINING CAMP

Twenty Callahan county selectees left Callahan county last week to enter training camp of the United States Army. They were inducted at Camp Wolters at Mineral Wells, Texas.

They were Luther Terrell Williams, Charlie W. Whitehorn, Norman G. Swafford, Herbert H. Mason, Robert C. Harden, Lesley M. Baggett, John W. Bowles, Virgel Lester Smedley, Eddie Graham, Alton C. Adams, Jay Mayes, Kenneth S. Lang, Pedro G. Lopez, with Luther Terrell Williams acting corporal, in charge of the group.

## C. M. SNOWDEN BUYS W. B. YARBROUGH FARM IN HART COMMUNITY

Real estate still in demand and changing hands at handsome prices. Jim and A. Yarbrough sold the old Yarbrough home place about seven miles north of Putnam the past week to C. M. Snowden of Fort Worth for \$32.50 per acre. Only one other tract of land selling for more than this, the Biggerstaff estate of three hundred and ten acres sold last week for around \$37.50. The Yarbrough deal was handled by A. R. Day of Fort Worth.

The News received a letter from J. A. Sharp of Breckenridge with check enclosed for \$1.50 for one year's subscription to the News. Mr. Sharp formerly lived in Putnam and was a member of the school board and also a member of the city council for several years. He was secretary of the school board for a number of years while he lived here. He and family moved to Breckenridge a little more than a year ago where he entered the cafe business. Thanks, Mr. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell and A. C. Moore were shopping in Baird Saturday afternoon.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE REFUSES TO RECOMMEND ALLRED APPOINTMENT**

The Senate Judiciary committee of the United States refuses to confirm the Allred appointment by voting nine to nine making a tie vote. This was on a motion to recommend that the Senate confirm the appointment of Allred. As far as the committee is concerned nomination is dead. Some member of the committee who voted in the negative could make a motion to reconsider and if one member voted with the affirmative it would take the nomination to the Senate floor where the entire body would have a chance to vote for or against the confirmation or the Senate might by vote take the matter from the committee and place it before the Senate, but neither proposition is likely. The lines are drawn to close.

There is too much politics at Washington. This nomination should not have been made since it was known beforehand it would precipitate a bitter fight from the charges that were made in the campaign, and continually bringing up things of this kind does not aid the all out for war, but indicates that it is all out for political purposes and not for the purpose of winning the war. It appears that the people back home have trounced congress until they are refusing to be made a rubber stamp any longer, but are asserting their constitutional rights.

**NEGRO MINSTREL BY H.D.C. AT EULA MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 2**

The Eula home demonstration club voted at the March meeting to present a negro minstrel on April 2, 1943, to be directed by Mrs. Weldon Edwards. Half of the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross War fund.

Mrs. John Kellner, one of the teachers in the Putnam high school, is in the Payne hospital at Eastland. She thinks she will be able to return to her home within a few days.



The public schools of West Texas are playing a stellar role in training workers for war industry under the supervision of the State Board for Vocational Education, War training Division. This group of trainees was pictured at Breckenridge war industry training school in the p. m. to midnight or swing shift of the machine shop class.

Pictured above is Mrs. Opal Jefferies, Breckenridge operating a power hack saw, lower left, Mrs. Cora Mitchell, Breckenridge on lathe and right, Mrs. Lina Sikes, Breckenridge on lathe.

**PUTNAM RED CROSS QUOTA TOPPED BY MORE THAN \$50.00**

Mrs. R. L. Clinton was in Putnam Tuesday afternoon and furnished the News with the following report on the work of the Red Cross. She stated our quota was \$350.00 and there has been \$403.82 raised for the Red Cross war fund. The Putnam community working with Zion Hill, Union and Hart have raised the above amount on the Red Cross drive. There are some who have not been contacted and perhaps others who will give more, if you can and will, see the chairman in your community or leave it at Cook's garage by March 31.

Mrs. Carl Gunn has returned from the Graham hospital, Cisco, where she had her tonsils removed and is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook visited in the Scranton community Sunday afternoon.

**LAWS SHOULD BE ENACTED IN A LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL WAY**

It appears that everyone agreed that the attorney general of Texas was clearly right in his opinion regarding the speed limit in Texas. As there is a statute in Texas making the speed limit 60 miles per hour and the legislature had authorized no one to suspend the law. Everyone is pretty well agreed that the speed limit of 35 miles reduces accidents and conserves rubber. Only question is that boards and bureaucrats are making laws and regulations governing the people without any authority and most people think if we are to have laws, it should be done in a legal way and not let men without any authority high-jack the rights of the people by orders that have no legal standing. Statistics show that accidents have been on the decrease ever since the speed was reduced and well and good so far and if the people want the speed limit reduced, they should demand of the members of the Legislature and of congress that they pass laws to that effect. Doing things in an illegal way is responsible for the conditions this country is in at the present time. We have a legal procedure in making laws and if we are to have laws, let's

have them made in a legal way. The writer does not think our constitution is outmoded and every cracked brain fanatic should not be turned loose on the people to make laws.

A. R. Day, a former district clerk of Callahan county, but moved to Fort Worth several years ago, was in Putnam Friday morning.

W. P. Everett of San Antonio visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Everett through the week-end.

Mrs. Neil Norred of Mineral Wells spent the week-end visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon.

Miss Katie Nichols of Baird was through Putnam Wednesday morning and while here she made the News office a short business call.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Morrison were in town Wednesday morning and while here Mrs. Morrison set her subscription dates a year ahead to the News. Thanks.

**WANT TO BUY**

House for wrecking or some used lumber.

**LOPER'S LAUNDRY**  
 Baird, Texas

**Noted Artist Paints War Poster**



Urging Americans to "Keep 'em Flying" through the purchase of more War Bonds, the above poster will soon make its appearance in several hundred thousand stores and display spots throughout the country. It was painted by Georges Schreiber, internationally known artist, whose pictures hang in the Metropolitan and Whitney Museums in New York and other museums in various cities.

**THE PRESIDENT THREATENS TO VETO FARM PARITY PRICES**

In the face of threats from President Roosevelt's veto the House passed Friday legislation to require that benefit checks be taken into consideration in farm cost since 1909 to 1914 in determining parity prices for farm labor.

The legislation amended the basic farm law by requiring that in determining parity, a price calculated to give farmers a fair return for their efforts, in labor cost since 1909 to 1914, must be considered. The 1909 to '14 era is the period now used in calculating parity, the principle being that a farmer's dollar should have the same relative purchasing power now that it had then. The buying power of the farmer was not on a parity with industrial labor then but the disparity now is greater than it has ever been. The average wages over the country according to reports from Washington, is \$2.85 per day as an average wage for industrial workers, about \$1.10 per hour, then when an average citizen goes in the market to purchase anything that is produced by industrial labor on this basis he must exchange about

three days for one to purchase a car or any other product produced by industry. The farmer should receive for his commodities a price so that he could exchange a day's labor for a day's labor to be able to purchase industrial goods

**METHODIST JUNIOR LEAGUE**

The Junior League met Sunday, March 14 at the Methodist church with a fair attendance.

We had a very good lesson, "My Enemies," and sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." We learned that everyone has enemies and the best way to change an enemy to a friend is by loving them; go back and see what mistake had been made that is causing the trouble. If it were what you or he did that caused the trouble. If you made the mistake, apologize and you will soon find this person your friend again.

We had three new members, Dalton, and Hubert Trobridge and Tots Young. Old members present were Sue Williams, Ida Mae White, June Manes, Royce White, Weldon Manes, Patsy Taylor. League adjourned by singing the league benediction.

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# MORAN AND COMMUNITY

## My Column

MRS. C. C. CADY

Our Red Cross War Fund drive is still going forward but the funds are not going forward as fast as they should. We can, and we must reach out and help our loved ones in the armed forces and there is no better way of doing this than to put your money into the Red Cross fund that goes all over the world to help the fighting men.

Maybe you think you have done your best, but just stop a moment and ask yourself the question, Have I really done my best? Couldn't I do without something to permit me to give a little more to the boys who are suffering on the battle front? It might be the means of saving the life of some of your own loved ones or friends, if you can spare just a little more than you have already given.

Indeed, all of Moran is proud of its record in buying war bonds and stamps, but that is saving your own money for future spending and security. Why not invest more in the health and life of your boy at the battle front. We must make this war fund drive such that we can truthfully say, when it is over on March 31, that we have done our very best.

Up to date (March 23) we have raised \$328.00, and have just one more week to go. Let's double our effort and raise that other \$172.00, to raise the quota which we set as our goal in the beginning of the drive. Let no small town or community the size of Moran report more per capita contribution than our own community, and we must raise this amount if we reach that goal. Come on, friends, it is your boy you are helping when you bring in your additional contribution. Leave money at the Moran National Bank or give it to any merchant in Moran and he will see that it is credited to your name in the War Fund.

**ATTENTION! MEMBERS OF 2ND PLATOON, COMPANY "C" TEXAS DEFENSE GUARD:**  
Subject: General Order No. 12:  
Be sure you are well familiar with your General Orders, of which you also know there are eleven. Then don't forget that we, of Second Platoon, have General Order No. 12, of BARBECUE, if you please, prepared by those good KP's of First Platoon! Just think, a General Order of Barbecue! Won't that be hard to take?—Roving Reporter.

## JUNE DRAKE AND VERNIE F. GARRISON WED MARCH 11

Miss June Drake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Drake, of Abilene, and granddaughter of Mrs. J. S. Dennis of Moran, was married to First Sgt. Vernie F. Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrison of Stillwater, Okla., at 8:20 on Thursday evening, March 11, in the home of the Baptist minister at Blackstone, Va.

Only attendants of the couple were Miss Darnell Morrow and Pvt. Walter E. Hendrickson, who were married the same evening.

The bride wore a soft blue wool tailored dress with British tan accessories. Miss Morrow wore a blue wool suit with pink accessories.

Mrs. Garrison was a junior at Hardin-Simmons university in Abilene at the time of her marriage. The bridegroom attended Oklahoma A. & M. college before entering the army.

Sergeant and Mrs. Garrison are living in Crewe, Va., near Camp Pickett, where he is stationed.

## FORMER RESIDENT RETURNS TO MORAN

Mrs. Mattie Coie who has been making her home in Dallas, has returned to Moran after many years absence from the community, and will again make her home here. She will be remembered by many old friends here where she formerly made her home.

She is the mother of Rev. W. H. Cole, of Cisco, superintendent of the Methodist churches of the Cisco district. She was a guest over the week-end of Mrs. Alice Cunningham and James. Mrs. Cole has rented the home of the late A. J. Wise and moved in last week to make her permanent home here.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The Moran school contributed the nice sum of \$45.00 to the Red Cross war fund drive. The school has helped in all the patriotic and civic duties they have been called upon to perform.

Mrs. William F. Perry, the former Miss Snider, returned Monday to her teaching duties after a wedding trip. Mrs. Floyd Pool substituted for Mrs. Perry while she was away. Miss Maurice King has been ill at her home in Wichita Falls and Mrs. Frank Raymond substituted for her in the fourth and fifth grades. All teachers are back on duty this week.

Miss Bonnie Wayne Brooks of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brooks over the week-end.

## 1st PLATOON NEWS FLASHES

On to Victory! On to Victory! That is the 1st Platoon Battle Cry. We've got the 2nd Platoon worried now, and why shouldn't they be worried. We're not only going to worry them, but we're going to beat them.

We were a little slow in getting started, but now we're going to march victoriously to a feast prepared by the 2nd Platoon. So men of the 1st Platoon come on out to the last two meetings in the contest and give them a real "kicking." They've been bragging how they're going to beat us. Well, let's brag by beating them.

So come on men, let's make it out these next two Tuesday nights, then eat a good barbecue by some good cooks of the 2nd Platoon (we hope). Boy my mouth is watering for some of that good barbecue. Boy, oh boy. Um—Um—Um—Veteran News Ace Reporter, 1st Platoon.

## ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Olin W. Elliott of Moran announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Oma Lea, to Lieut. George M. Sharpe, of the Midland Bombardier School.

Miss Elliott is a member of the public school faculty at Kermit. She graduated from the Texas State College for Women, at Denton in 1940.

Lieutenant Sharpe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sharpe of Chicago, Ill., and graduated with the class of '37, from the University of Chicago. He is a bombardier instructor at the Midland Army Flying school.

The wedding will take place on April 25, at 9 o'clock in the community church at Kermit.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

Mrs. Edd Collinsworth entertained her Sunday school class Saturday with a party at her home. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served to 12 guests.

Attending were Jimmie Edwards, Garlin Woods, Rose Marie Mashburn, Druella King, Patricia Smith, Jack Barte and Troy Lea Woods, members, and visitors were Don Louder, Elnora Eaton and Lou Ann Purves.

## HONORED WITH DINNER

Miss Geneva Anderson who is taking a Western Union course in San Angelo, was home for the week-end for a visit with her mother, Mrs. T. D. Anderson. She was honoree for a dinner Sunday when Misses Arlyne and Rheba Grace and Nettie Barte were dinner guests.

Miss Anderson is due a transfer within two weeks when she is to be assigned to a position. She returned to her work at San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

## METHODIST WSCS.

The ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the basement of the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 in their regular meeting.

The topic was the Struggle For World Order, presented by Mrs. D. L. Egger. Mrs. R. C. Black presided over the business session. Plans were discussed and made for the zone meeting to be held here Friday, March 26. This will be an all-day meeting. Mrs. Oscar Wise will bring the devotional for this meeting. Each lady is to bring a paper bag lunch. Drinks will be served by the Moran ladies.

Misses Ruby and Mazie Thrash have returned to their home in Oklahoma after an enjoyable two-weeks visit here in the home of their sister, Mrs. Jim Hagar.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. L. Perry returned to Moran Sunday after a ten days wedding trip. Mrs. Perry resumed her work in the Moran school Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cottle, Miss Maurice King and Mrs. Perry accompanied Mr. Perry to Fort Worth airport from where he was to return to his base at San Diego, Calif.



## With Our Men In U. S. Service

Mrs. B. B. Brewster has had a letter from her son, Sammie, in which he stated he has received mail which was on the way three months, but every word of it was new to him and he enjoyed all of it she said. He reports he is in the best of health and doing fine.

Mrs. Brewster reports her oldest son, Hubert, is also doing fine and is now swerving his 14th year in the navy.

Cpl. Jack Pinnell of Major Field, Greenville, is home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ola Pinnell, and will return to Greenville Thursday.

Mrs. Belle Huskey has received a message from the war department advising her son, Luke Huskey, has arrived safely in the foreign field.

Ray Elliott and Warlick Jones have been given discharges for farm work from Bryan Field and are expected home this week.

Mrs. John Gardner who recently moved from Moran to Lueders where they are living on an oil lease, writes that they have heard from their son, Charles J. Gardner, and he is stationed at Camp White, Oregon. Other Moran boys at Camp White, she reports, are Merlen Morris, Ernest Pinnell, James Smith, Billy Ray Morrison and Buster White.

Glen Pool who is stationed at Camp Wolters, spent the week-end here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Pool. He is awaiting his call in the aviation department.

## MORAN STUDY CLUB

A very impressive Texas Day program was rendered in the home of Mrs. Oscar Wise March 23, with fifteen members answering roll call on interesting facts about Texas.

During the business session, defense chairman sold one \$25.00 bond and \$19.10 in stamps.

Mrs. Barbara Townsend was elected delegate to First District convention at Mineral Wells April 6-7. Federation councillor, Mrs. Wise, brought from Texas Federation News, the prayer for the month, the thought for the month taken from Esther 4:14; Texas Federated clubs have four women in Legislature. Mrs. Wise concluded by reading a poem, "Dreams."

Program—Texas Under Six Flags.

Prologue—Mrs. Jack Taylor, who also read the poem, "Our Texas." France—Mrs. Emmagene Oylor. Violin solo—Marsellaissa—Mrs. R. E. Forrester.

Spain, followed by vocal solo, "Ombo," in Spanish—Mrs. Forrester.

Mexico—Mrs. B. A. Elliott. Vocal duet—"Juanita"—Mmes. Glen Cottle and Paul Harper, with Mrs. C. B. Snyder, accompanist at piano.

Texas—Mrs. Barbara Townsend. Chorus—"Will You Come to My Bower"—the club, Mrs. Snyder, accompanist.

Confederacy—Mrs. Basham. Duet—"Oh Susanna"—Mmes. B. A. Elliott and Oscar Wise.

U. S. A.—Mrs. J. M. Townsend. "Why the Stars?"—Mrs. Pearl Roach.

Pledge to the Flag—Led by Mrs. Fred Wylie.

Chorus—"Texas, My Texas," "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You," "Keep the Home Fires Burning"—the club.

Prayer—Mrs. J. M. Townsend. Mmes. Floyd C. Pool, R. C. Black, Garland Shelton and Oma Dale were guests for the afternoon.

F. N. Hassen has returned from a trip to the Dallas markets with a large supply of ready-to-wear and Easter dresses. He states he has purchased his full allotment of dresses for the summer months and now has a nice assortment of merchandise for Easter.

## "IT HAPPENED IN JUNE"

The senior class will present their annual play on April 1, at 8:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The play is a royalty play entitled, "It Happened in June," by Eugene G. Hafer.

Cast of characters: Betty Branson, pretty young owner of the Shady Grove store—Marie English.

Susie Crundel, Betty's best friend and nearest neighbor—La Delle Marchbanks.

Nell Crundel, Susie's sixteen-year-old sister—Betty Morris. Mollie Jessup, cook for the Bransons—Maurine McCollum.

Evalina Scraggs, homeliest girl in the village—Billie Williams.

Charles Atkins, a young visitor in Shady Grove, Randy Stewart, his best friend, who sells insurance—Bert Booth.

Jim Pritchett, a village character with nothing to do in particular—Harold Morris.

Jarvis Sneed, the meanest man in the county and president of the bank—Ray McCollum.

You've heard the old saying that in the Springtime a young man's fancy turns to love. It seems in this play that everyone, including the village character, Jim, who creates a comedy scene when he proposes to Mollie, does fall in love.

Randy Stewart takes time off from selling insurance and Charles Atkins forgets business to woo the village beauties.

For plenty of laughs, see "It Happened in June," April 1, at 8:30 p. m., in the high school auditorium. Admission 11c, 16c and 25c.

## BIRTHDAY CLUB

The Deep Creek Birthday club met March 18 with Mrs. Knowles with 12 members and three visitors present. During the business hour it was brought out that the club is giving most of its time to war work, specializing this month on the Red Cross War Fund drive.

Most every mother has one or more sons in the service and it is our boys we are thinking of now. The best we can do for them is little enough. The club turned in for the first week, \$36.50.

A party was given in Mrs. Knowles' home Saturday night when four tables of 42 players enjoyed the evening. We doubled our contribution, bringing the total to \$68.00 from the Birthday club, on March 20.

Refreshments were served and club members and their husbands departed with happy hearts that we could do our bit for the war effort.—Reporter.

Miss Arlyne Grace has returned from a three weeks visit with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Foster of Slaton.

Mrs. A. B. Steen, the former Minnie Bell Chism, returned to her home at Lorenza, near Lubbock, Tuesday after spending several days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chism.

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Mrs. H. A. Hull Jr. of Fort Worth spent last week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Collinsworth. She was accompanied home by her brother, E. C., who will remain there several weeks.

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**METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor, Wayne Dunson

Dear members of the Putnam Methodist Church:

I have been thinking that we all should be thankful for the progress our church is making both spiritually and materially. Already in this conference year eight have been added to our roll by profession of faith. This is something to be thankful for, especially in our present day. Attendance on the whole is gradually increasing. Even though the church has lost around 60 good members to defense areas, army, etc., those who remain are rallying in a heroic and Christian way. This constitutes the reason we can have eight conversions even though we are not in a revival meeting. May you know that all this is deeply appreciated and highly inspiring.

Now lasting plans are brought into existence and people come to know each other as they associate and talk with each other about their tasks and problems. It has always been my contention that a pastor and his members should be able to talk with each other. This is a pastor who wants to hear from you; so I am going to make an effort to do just that very thing. In the near future I am coming to talk with you personally about our church. We can sit out on the woodpile or down on the lot fence. If you are not attending services, then brace up and smile; because that will be one of the main topics of conversation.

Now please understand that I am not coming to talk in an advice-giving capacity. There are too many people far more capable than I. The reason is simply that we may reason together about Christ and the church. If I am even half a judge, both Christ and the church can stand a little reasoning about so that we may keep the church on this upward movement we have started on in such a fine way. I'll be seeing you.

Your pastor,  
**WAYNE DUNSON.**

**APPLICATION MUST BE MADE BEFORE AID CAN BE RECEIVED**

Many inquiries are being made concerning the allowance a family may be after a son has been taken in the Army. The soldier may apply as soon as he is in active duty. All enlisted men in the fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh grades may apply. Dependents may apply too, but it is better for the soldier to do it. His wife or child (also a divorced wife to whom alimony is payable), may receive this benefit with or without his consent. But class B dependents may receive it only if the soldier agrees.

No one will receive anything until he has made application and the allowance begins to accrue the month after the party applies in March, the allowance begins to accrue in April and is payable in May.

The amounts to be allowed a wife will be \$50, and with one child \$62.50, and with two children \$72.00; mother and father only \$47.00, wife and parents \$80.00. None of this will be allowed until you have made application and it has been allowed just the same as any other allowance. The applicant may make application, in order to get assistance; the soldier will have to pay \$22.00 per month and government will pay the balance of the \$50.00, or \$28.00, making the \$50.

**County Council Gets Refusal of Agent**

The Shackelford County home demonstration council met in the district court room Friday, March 5, with five clubs represented. Members of the chamber of commerce had asked the women to get together and request the commissioners court to re-insate the home demonstration program with an agent in the county.

The council, which represents the entire county, met and elected officers and prepared a petition to be presented to the court and appointed a committee of three members to meet with the court on the following Tuesday. This was done but the commissioners court refused to grant the plea of the council.

The council will not disband, but will meet at least every two months, or until such time as they can have an agent to direct the home demonstration work.—Reporter.

**COLLEGE TRAINING IS GIVEN BY HARDIN-SIMMONS FOR GOVERNMENT**

Abilene, Texas.—High school seniors who will be graduated before July 1 and recent graduates will have opportunity to qualify for participation in the Army-Navy College Training programs in tests April 2 at Hardin-Simmons University, given for the government.

Young men 17 years old but not 20 on July 1 are eligible for Navy tests, while those 17 to 21 years old, inclusive, may take the Army tests, Dr. W. R. White, HSU president, said. Applications will be mailed on request by Dean L. Q. Campbell of Hardin-Simmons, and must be filled out prior to entrance to the examination room.

Young men accepted by the Navy will be sent to college, on active duty, in uniform, at regular pay and under military discipline starting July 1. The Army will give basic training to those accepted and assign them to specialized training units as enlisted men on active duty.

The tests will start at 9 a. m., Friday, April 2.

**TEXAS CASH INCOME MORE THAN A BILLION DURING 1942**

Texas cash income for 1942, including income from crops and livestock marketing and also government benefit payments, reached a grand total of \$1,062,301,000, it is shown in the preliminary report covering 1942 cash income by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agriculture. The total cash farm income in Texas, \$1,062,301,000 represented \$1,002,055,000 from farm marketing and \$60,246,000 in government benefit payments. The total of \$1,002,055,000 in farm marketing in turn represented \$534,606,000 received from the marketing of crops and \$465,449,000 received from the marketing of livestock.

Total farm income from farm crops in Texas 1941, was \$769,745,000 of which \$63,647,000 is represented by government benefit payments, while in 1940 the total farm income was \$596,856,000 of which government benefit payments represented \$86,489,000.

Mrs. Ida Rogers left Thursday for Big Spring, where she will visit with relatives for several weeks before returning to Putnam.

**WPA Closes Program On Lake Project**

The WPA, originally set up to provide labor for thousands of unemployed men where work could be directed toward development of public enterprises for towns and communities, closed its program in Shackelford county this week several days ahead of scheduled signing-off date. Death of the WPA is set for March 29.

The largest contribution of the WPA to this county was in the city water project in which WPA labor was used to construct the dam at Lake McCarty and this was inaugurated on April 17, 1941. Exactly one year and 11 months later, the last day's work was done which completed the lake and left nothing more to be done there except a general cleanup job, which the city of Albany will complete soon.

While Shackelford county has had very few men eligible for WPA work since the lake project has been under construction, men were bought here from both Cisco and Breckenridge for nearly two years while the work was in progress on the new lake. Extra man hours put in has enabled workers to complete the job several days ahead of the time limit and also get in their full time limit allowed for WPA laborers. Only two men from this county had been employed during the past few months.—Shackelford County Leader.

**USDA War Board Acts to Curb Black Market**

Steps are being taken to curb black-market operations in meats and keep livestock and meats flowing through legitimate channels.

Under Food Distribution Order No. 26, effective midnight, March 31, 1943, every livestock dealer and agent who buys livestock for resale is required to obtain a permit in order to continue operations. The keeping of adequate records is required to comply with the order. You may obtain forms to cover your operations at the Shackelford county ACA office.—Shackelford County Leader.

Elbert Clemmer of the Scranton community was in Putnam Friday afternoon and while here visited the News office. Reported farmers in his community were needing rain before they could plant anything.

**CAR REGISTRATION**

1943 car tabs, which are to be attached to 1942 tags, must be on cars by April if they are to be used on the highways.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

The office will make every effort to accommodate late registrants by remaining open after the usual closing hour.

MRS. T. W. BRISCOE  
Tax Assessor-Collector.

**PRIVATE INDUSTRY UNABLE TO COMPETE WITH GOVERNMENT**

We hear people every day complaining of the workers going to the large cities where they can get higher wages. Well, would you not do the same? It is not a question of men and what they are doing, is a system that brought on this condition. We clip the following from the Pink Rag, a small weekly paper published in Topeka, Kansas. Quote: "Now let's go over to that union business that has occupied so much of the time of the legislature. Let's take a look at private wages and salaries in some localities under present conditions. If

you were working men and let's say making a dime profit on each dollar you paid out in wages, wouldn't you rather pay men a normal wage of \$30 to \$40 a week, or would you rather pay \$90 to \$135 a week?

When a country is in the midst of a desperate war, its very life threatened, its ancient ideals assailed by powerful enemies, that is not a time for wages to go up, nor for the cost of living to go up. That is the time to hold cost down.

President Roosevelt said himself, at the outbreak of the present trouble, that it should not be a time to make profits, to get rich. Yet men who were on a dole a year ago are being paid twice the wages that would have hired them.

When I spoke of the ordinary salary, I spoke of the ordinary man who is staying with his employer, sticking to his old job and trying to get through on the salary his boss can afford to pay.

Dave Foster of the Atwell community was in Putnam Saturday afternoon and in talking about the fruit crop, he said that the first freeze killed all that had bloomed out, but there was plenty left, but he had not examined it since the last freeze, but was afraid that it was killed.

Miss Claudia Allen of Abilene spent the week-end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hinkle were in Putnam Wednesday for the first time in several weeks.

Mrs. Roy Lee Williams spent the week-end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank.

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