

From The Editor's Window

Recent reports are to the effect that the Office of Price Administration has decided to allow home canners necessary sugar to take care of fruits and vegetables without ration coupon penalties.

Arrangements have been made for an extra 200,000 tons of sugar to be shipped in from Cuba. The report stated that the procedure for getting the sugar for canning purposes will be substantially the same as it was last year, when home canners applied to their local ration boards for amounts needed and the ration board reviewed each application on its own merits.

It is said that Mayor La Guardia of New York will remain in his present position for a while longer. He has asked for an important Army commission and stirred up considerable criticism in Congress by doing so. One factor against Mr. La Guardia is his age. He is 60 years old.

He has assured those in authority that he is a good sport and will always be available if and when needed.

The President has signed a bill providing for increase in salaries of postal employees. The increase to be effective until June 30, 1945.

An average increase of \$25 per month for postal employees in field service is provided and all others are raised accordingly with none over an increase of \$300 per year.

The OPA has increased the May and June prices on white potatoes and dry onions. The increase on white potatoes will be 20 cents per 100 pounds and 20 cents per 50 pounds on the onions.

The OPA claims the action is necessary in order to spread out shipments during the late season and to discourage growers from selling off the crops before May.

It is said that wholesalers and jobbers will be permitted to pass the extra costs on to consumer.

The small boy had just started to school, and after a week he said: "Mummy, the teacher asked me all about you and daddy, and if I had any brothers and sisters."

"I am glad to see her taking so much interest," replied mother. "What did you tell her?"

"I said I was an only child."

"And what did she say to that?"

"Oh, she just said, 'Thank heaven.'"

Tom: "Do you act toward your wife as you did before you married her?"

Dick: "Exactly. I remember just how I used to act when I first fell in love with her. I used to lean over the fence in front of her house and gaze at her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in. And I act the same way now."

From Austin comes the recent news that a tax reduction for property owners of a \$1,600,000 is a reality.

The State property tax for the support of Confederate Veterans pension fund has been reduced from seven to two cents per \$100 valuation.

Governor Stevenson signed the bill which was known as Senate Bill 24 and was sponsored by Karl Lovelady of Meridian.

Prince De Eourbon, born into the royal house of Austria, has joined the American forces and is now in training at Fort McClellan Alabama. He escaped from Europe to this country in 1941. He is a brother of ex-Empress Zita of Austria and is a relative, by marriage, to the King of Italy.

The Prince is said to have drawn KP duty soon after arriving in camp and is a good sport about it. "It is the same in every army in every war. Somebody has to do the dirty work," he is reported to have said.

Spinal meningitis is said to be on the increase in the United States. The disease was formerly highly

Commercial Vehicles Under Price Control

Used commercial vehicles will be brought under price control for the first time on Monday, April 26, the Shackelford County War Price and Rationing Board was advised today by the Office of Price Administration.

The OPA described this move as sharply reducing abnormal prices being charged by some sellers.

Covered by the new regulation, known as Maximum Price Regulation No. 341, (Used Commercial Motor Vehicles), are complete trucks, tractors, full trailers, semi-trailers, ambulances, hearses, omnibuses, carryall suburbans, delivery sedans, utility sedans, coupes fitted with pickup boxes, cab pickups, as well as cassis and bodies for all of the foregoing.

The regulation applies to all sales whether made by a dealer or a private owner or at an auction, thus preventing "schemes" such as the sale of trucks by an "individual" in reality "fronting" for a speculator.

The sharpest price reductions will be felt in late model vehicles, where OPA studies showed that prices in some cases advanced beyond the value of the machine when new. The survey revealed that more than 70 percent of all reported sales of 1941 models of used commercial vehicles during August and September, 1942, exceeded the delivered prices of the vehicles when new. On 1940 models, sales have been consistently at more than 90 percent of original cost, and recently 1939 and 1938 models have been selling at similar inflated levels.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the church Thursday, April 15, at 3:00 o'clock. The topic for discussion concerned the room in the hearts of men for the personality of Jesus Christ. Mrs. O. B. Shirley presented the program and the following participated: Mrs. A. B. Hutchison, Mrs. Enna Lovelady and Mrs. Wayne Dunson.

Mrs. W. P. Yarborough had recently returned from the Central Texas conference for the women workers which met at Fort Worth. Mrs. Yarborough's report of the meeting was of great importance to those present. We wish to thank Mrs. Yarborough and other members who are taking such an interest in the program of this Society.

Business in Putnam Post Office Above Receipts for 1942

Business in the Putnam post office increased in both money orders and stamp business over 1942. The money order business for the first quarter this year was \$7,377.63 as compared with \$7,230.69, an increase of about 2.7 per cent over 1942.

Sale of stamps for the first quarter of 1943 has been \$532.70 as compared with \$504.06, an increase of about 5.6 per cent over the sales of 1942.

\$27,014,554 BONDS BOUGHT BY TEXANS DURING MARCH 1943

Frank Scofield, war bond administrator for Texas, releases series E War Bond sales of \$27,014,554.25 for the month of March against a quota of \$24,500,000.00 for Texas. This represents an increase of 10.2 per cent over the quota despite the impact of Income Tax payments.

March sales rank with December 1942 and January 1943 among the top three months in E War Bond sales history. The people of Texas are responding to the appeal "it takes both, taxes and bonds to win this war."

Mrs. E. H. Gilmore was visiting in Baird Thursday evening and Friday night, returning home Saturday.

fatal but has been found largely curable of recent years by use of sulphur drugs.

The Public Health Service reports a total of 3,774 cases in 1942 and 5,826 up to April 3 of this year.

United Nation's Food Conference Shut Out Newspaper Reporters

Barring the press is an editorial in the Abilene Morning News of April 14. Quote: "The newspapers of the United States are proud to bear a portion of the burden of making the current war bond drive a success. Its no more than their duty and so far as we know no newspaper is ducking any part of its obligation to keep the people informed about the need of raising 13 billion dollars to carry on the day to day expense of the war."

But a great many newspaper people are puzzled, some are disgusted and dismayed by a Presidential order which bars reporters from all contact with delegates to the first United Nations conference to be held in Virginia starting soon and lasting two weeks. The original order barred them absolutely from all contact with the delegates, but was later softened to permit them to attend the opening and closing sessions. Reporters must stay away from the delegates hotel at all other times, make no attempt to find out what's going on.

The conference has to do with distribution of food after the war, when it will be up to the United Nations to keep most of the world from starving until new crops can be put in, harvested and distributed. It is difficult to imagine any military information becoming public property in a case of this kind, even with reporters sitting in on all sessions and a microphone at every elbow.

BIGGEST QUESTION CONFRONTING AMERICAN PEOPLE IS INDICATED SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN FUTURE

The biggest question confronting the American people is the indicated shortage of food stuff in this country within the next two or three years unless the people wake up to the situation. Failing to solve this question may lose us the war; it is certain to lose us the peace, as short-sightedness among our leaders have gotten us in the condition we are in. The mistakes, the short-sightedness, the selfishness which have produced our present plight and which can turn that plight into disaster, are to be blamed on the apathy of all Americans, on Republicans, Democrats, Conservatives and Liberals. Those who saw what was coming deserve blame, because they lacked courage to say what they knew or because they failed to make others understand them. No government agency or political party is principally responsible. The New Deal has blundered badly, but the Republicans

But President Roosevelt says nay, and his say-so sticks unless modified later. Thus newspapers are the fair haired heroes of the bond drive, but suffer from a bad case of B.O. at the food conference. Patron saints on one hand, patriarchs on the other.

Because a few newspapers have treated him shabbily, the President apparently distrusts all newspapers. The American press as a whole is not responsible for the shady tactics of a few, any more than a statesman is responsible for the shady dealings of politicians. The press has a duty to perform, one of the four freedoms, and that is to keep their readers informed of what's being done in the name of their government. The people have a right to know what the food conference contemplates doing. But they'll never find out if the order banning reporters is kept in full force and effect."

Editor's comment: If this conference is held it will be the people's business and the people have a right to know what is going on and this order banning news reporters from even contacting delegates at the hotel, smacks very much of dictatorship, but since the United States Supreme Court has been rebuilt along political lines, there is not much doubt as to how they would hold. This order is like many other orders being issued, it has never been authorized by any act of Congress.

while they were in office showed very little long range wisdom, and showed no great enlightenment in the present situation. Regardless of whether we realize it or not we are faced with a shortage of food within the near future unless there is more produced. We can't do it by playing politics. We can do it only by using common horse sense and courage. Our political leaders and administration and opposition, will be inclined to use neither unless they feel that the public is aware of the essential facts, and the public will tolerate no boomeranging or political sidestepping of the issues involved. Voters and plain citizens must use every means at their disposal, letters, telegrams, outspoken words, pressure to make known their feelings that there is an emergency above politics, an emergency where courage and results are the only things that count.

SUPREME COURT HOLDS WAGNER LABOR LAW COVERS INTERSTATE LABOR ONLY INFANT DIES

Judge William H. Atwell, United States District Judge in Dallas, has been upheld in his ruling on the Wagner Labor Law. The case in question was tried last June before Federal District Judge William H. Atwell, who ruled that elevator operators, janitors, porters, bringing the suit were not covered by the labor laws. William Lipscomb attorney for the building company, said the Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans affirmed the lower court, which said that "clearly Congress intended the coverage of the act to stop somewhere, and the line bounding coverage must be drawn somewhere." The Supreme Court, by denying a petition for a writ of certiorari, upheld the lower court.

Under this ruling by the United States Supreme Court, the wage and hour acts applies only to employees of firms engaged in interstate commerce. The building employees claimed they were covered because some of the building tenants were engaged in interstate commerce.

Mrs. Thomas E. Morrison and Mrs. A. J. Hurst were shopping in Baird Monday afternoon.

Bond Rally Called At Baird Saturday Afternoon, April 24

A meeting in the basement of the Baptist church was held by Baird citizens Thursday night for organization of a drive to raise Callahan county's bond quota of \$187,000 allotted to this county. County chairman, M. H. Perkins, war bond committee: E. H. Free, and county chairman, War Fund committee and Bob Norrell, local chairman War Finance committee. A rally has been called for Saturday afternoon, April 24.

The Baird district extends north to the Shackelford county line and south to Coleman county line, and to the Clyde city limits west and the Putnam city limits east; it was cut into four sections, divided east and west by the Texas & Pacific railroad and north and south by the Albany-Baird and Coleman highway.

The meeting appointed the following publicity committee: Howard Farmer, Felix Mitchell, Miss Eliza Gilliland, Rev. A. A. Davis, Rev. W. B. Hicks, and Olaf G. South, superintendent of the Baird schools.

We're in this war and it must be won and every citizen should buy all the bonds they are financially able to purchase, as it takes money to build ships, make guns and ammunition and without these things we can't win a war. Attend his meeting at Baird and buy all the bonds you can.

2374 Poll Tax Receipts Issued In Callahan County

A representative of the News was in the tax collector's office Monday morning and while there, Mrs. Briscoe gave the News a copy of the poll tax payments over the county by precincts, which are as follows:

Box	Poll Receipts	Exemp.
Baird.....	542	5
Bell Plain.....	30	
Cottonwood.....	90	
Clyde.....	347	3
Cross Plains.....	395	
Admiral.....	48	2
Putnam.....	239	1
Erath.....	25	
Eula.....	120	2
Caddo Peak.....	13	1
Dudley.....	48	
Atwell.....	43	
Lanham.....	21	1
Dresssey.....	71	
Oplin.....	161	
Rowden.....	88	2
Denton.....	76	2
Hart.....	17	1

2374 20 This is a fall-off from 1941, since 2758 paid poll taxes in 1941 as compared with 2374 in 1942. There are 384 less poll tax receipts issued in 1942 than there were last year. However, it is not unusual in off years for fewer people to qualify for voting since there are few elections on off years, but at times the most important elections are on what we call off-years.

J. A. PURCELL FOUND DEAD IN CISCO MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 12

John A. Purcell, age 69, a former resident of Putnam, was found dead Monday morning in a vacant house near his home, 1208 West 5th street, Cisco. Will Brown, justice of the peace at Cisco went to the scene and after a hearing, announced that his death was caused from chloroform self-administered.

Mr. Purcell was born in Alabama May 28, 1874, and moved from there to Texas several years ago and had lived in several places, including Putnam and Cisco where he died. He had been in bad health for several years, and left a note telling where the body could be found.

Funeral was held from the Thomas Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon and burial was in Oakwood cemetery following the funeral services.

Dock Tren has been confined to his room the past week from injuries received several years ago. Dr. Clark was called in to see him Monday afternoon and he is reported to be recovering.

Letter From Reader

Cisco, Texas April 15, 1943.

Editor Putnam News: In your issue of April 8, 1943, you give the most prominent part of your front page together with your personal endorsement to the most blatant plutocratic propaganda.

The article that you print castigates beaucrats, but has nary a word to say about plutocrats. I'll take the beaucrats a thousand fold ahead of the plutocrats. We do have the ballot box as a weapon against the beaucrats, but no weapon against the plutocrats.

The beaucrats will be alright if we can just keep the plutocrats from becoming the beaucrats.

God speed the day when we shall have the great socialized hydroelectric system. I have never heard of any electric rabbits being slaughtered. No private property has been confiscated. It has all been paid for out of the public treasury.

Just to give you an idea of the difference in service from the Electric rabbits, and the socialized system mentioned, I visited a nephew at Alcoa, Tennessee in 1941 and observed this socialized system in embryo. My nephew used about the same amount of electricity that I do, and his monthly bill was \$1.85, whereas, my bill was \$6.50 for the same service.

The people of Alcoa had a minimum of 50 cents per month, which covered the cost of eight kilowatt hours. The next hundred cost \$1.50, and after that 75 cents per hundred kilowatt hours. Just think now, three quarters of a cent per kilowatt hour for the second hundred. Our own Mayor Mitcham here at Cisco, has been crowing about getting our rate cut down to 4 cents per kilowatt hour for the second hundred where people were not using it for cooking. And 2 1/2 cents per kilowatt hour where it was used for cooking. Marvelous feat, and it was, with the Electric rabbits in charge.

Brother Yeager, I do not know what is to become of the masses of this good old U. S. A. if they do not come alive and do a little thinking. When England's Plutocratic Money system was foisted up us through the eloquence of Alexander Hamilton and the lack of experience of our Congressmen in 1791, there was committed the unpardonable sin against the masses. Our National debt that year was 75 million, and it has been growing by leaps and bounds every year since. The last announcement heard was that it is now over 200 billions.

Our own Dear Franklin D. said in his first inaugural address, "There must be a more equitable distribution of the National Income." I am only a "voice in the wilderness," but I say Amen to that statement.

Yours very truly, W. I. GHORMLEY.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The public debt to the close of business Saturday was \$125,400,000,000, an increase of four billion dollars last week. Debt limit raised to 210 billion.

JAMES W. CLARK GRADUATES FROM AVIATION SCHOOL

Pfc. James W. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark of Palo Pinto, Texas, having just recently moved there from Putnam has graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics, Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the many schools in the Armed Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the technicians who maintain our bombers and fighter aircraft in perfect combat condition. He now is eligible to become crew chief of a bomber and to win a rating as corporal or sergeant.

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Air Force Technical Training Command and learned to fight the Axis with other implements besides the too's of his trade. Men trained by this Command are versed in the art of self protection and offense as well as aircraft maintenance.

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Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, and any kind of entertainments where admission fee or other monetary consideration is charged, will be charged for at regular advertising rates.

PICKED UP

Why officials do not tip the newspapers off on matters they want published, without so much more than can possibly be printed, is beyond our understanding, for anything that has the lid clamped on it is much more interesting to the public, as well as to newspaper folks, if you are sort of cautioned to soft pedal the story. Take for instance, the reports sent to all newspapers in the nation when the President prepares to make a trip, and they are given the sh-h-h-h, don't tell a soul about the President's journey. Then all we can do is wonder where in thunder he is running off to now and if he isn't going to make one trip too many some day. But he seems to be pretty well guarded on these jaunts and no doubt will always come back.

Exciting news has crowded the daily papers this week almost equal to the Pearl Harbor story back in December of 1941. The facts about the Tokyo raid, or rather the fate of our men who were captured in Japan, all but curdles the blood in every American citizen. That should inspire all to buy bonds, raise Victory gardens, turn all the stamp books back to Uncle Sam to feed the soldiers, and anything else that would help to put these yellow rats out of the world. It is the greatest outrage ever committed against humanity and should make us put our all into winning the war. (And don't you think Bud we are not going to win). Let's don't let our boys down. They are paying the full price of Liberty.

L. L. BLACKBURN
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
 BAIRD, TEXAS

BILL TO INCREASE APPORTIONMENT GOES TO COMMITTEE

The Texas Senate passed a bill Monday raising the per capita apportionment to the public schools from \$22.50 to \$25 after Senator Pat Bullock of Snyder had asserted in a speech before the Senate it was almost impossible to keep teachers in Texas, because of higher wages in other industries.

The House passed a bill last week increasing the per capita from \$22.50 to \$27.50. It was argued that the purchasing power of the teachers had been cut by at least 25 per cent in the rising cost of living. Senator Aikin of Paris said in speaking for the bill, many teachers receive \$800 for one year's work. Senator Cotton of Palestine asserted in speaking against the bill to raise either the per capita outlay or salaries.

This means the per capita will be raised some place around \$25 per capita as the two bills will go to the free conference committee where they will likely compromise on around \$25.00.

Mrs. S. M. Eubank, Mrs. E. G. Scott and Mrs. J. S. Yeager were shopping in Cisco Thursday afternoon.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

To Jo Ella Howlett defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 42nd Court of Callahan County at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of May, A. D. 1943, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 29th day of August, A. D. 1941, in this cause, numbered 10,164 on the docket of said court and styled John Howlett, Plaintiff, vs. Jo Ella Howlett, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff is asking for a divorce from defendant on the grounds of desertion, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this 15th day of April, A. D. 1943.

Attest:
 RAYMOND YOUNG, Clerk,
 42nd District Court, Callahan County, Texas. 4tc.

UNION DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET WITH MRS. FRANK MOORE APRIL 13

The Union home demonstration club met for an all day meeting in the home of Mrs. Frank Moore, April 13.

Our county home demonstration agent, Miss Marjorie Brown, gave out some good food and feed guides and the Texas standards of how many hogs, cows and chickens and beeves each family should have and the amount of feed and pasturage for each animal required. Other demonstrations how to change your common dining room, chair bottoms for different rooms and to replace worn bottoms with different patterns to brighten the dining room, removable for washing and weaving a new bottom cushioning in cane bottom chairs with wool tying cord or binders twine or small cotton rope.

Members present were: Mesdames Maggie Dyer, W. L. Clinton, Wesley Wagley, Carl Gunn, Burette Ramsay, Gene Green. Visitors Mrs. Boughman and Miss Marie Moore.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Burette Ramsay, Wednesday, May 12. It will be an all day community meeting. Each one in the community that has a pressure cooker should come and have their cookers tested. This testing may save your spring and summer canning from spoiling, because your register may not be correct.

Mrs. T. L. Hamlin was shopping in Baird Monday morning.

CHANGE AGE LIMITS FOR BEACH PATROL

The Coast Guard Induction Station at Abilene, Texas, states that the age limits on the Mounted Beach Patrol has been changed to 25 and 38 years of age. The old age limit was 18 to 38 years.

Much interest has been shown in this new branch of Coast Guard service, and many applications have been received. There are, however, a number of vacancies left, according to Chief Pharmacist's Mate Seaton.

Information may be secured from the Coast Guard Induction Station, Room 203, Post Office Bldg., Abilene, Texas or from the Navy recruiting party that visits in this vicinity.

RAWSON'S TIN SHOP Cisco, Texas

We have in stock one Meyers Electric Pump; they are becoming scarce and hard to get. Pump on display in front window. Come in and let us show you. Also have one used Thor Washing Machine. Priced to sell.

FOR HAY FEVER

Dr. La Mond's prescription for Catarrh, Asthma, Hay Fever and Head Colds will positively refund your dollar if not satisfied with results after using one entire box according to directions.

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 CISCO, TEXAS

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PUTNAM, — TEXAS

WYLIE BURIAL ASSOCIATION

W. O. Wylie Jr., Sec.-Treas.

LAND TO RENT

Will rent three acres, to be planted in Soy Beans or vegetables.

MRS. ROSA GREEN
 Putnam, Texas.

FOR SALE

Burkett Pecans, Lombard Popular, Red Bud, roses and all other kinds of shrubs.

J. H. BURKETT
 Clyde, Texas.

FLORESFEED STORE

BAIRD, TEXAS

WE HAVE JUST OPENED UP A FEED STORE IN BAIRD—

FULL LINE OF FIELD SEED

Seed bought from reliable seed dealers, We have in stock Maize, Feterita, Millet and Seed Corn, and a number of other Field Seed. See us before buying.

City Pharmacy

BAIRD, TEXAS

We are proud of our reputation for dependability in filling prescriptions, which we consider the most important part of our work.

Don't forget we have a full line of Cards, Birthday, Get-well, Sympathy and many others.

Also a nice stock of Poultry and Livestock Remedies.

We have just received a shipment of Globe Poultry Medicines, including "Kome Glo" to be used as a tonic, Poultry spray for chicken colds, mineral tablets to be used in the water.

WATCH FOR OUR ONE CENT SALE

Dunn's Produce Co.

Cisco, Texas

BUY YOUR BABY CHICKS FROM DUNN'S AND YOU WILL BE SURE TO GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR

Don't forget the place—Dunn's, the people who are making the Produce Market in this territory.

Buy your chickens from us and feed them Purina and watch them grow. Full line of Purina Feed at all times.

BABY CHICKS

High Quality Chicks at Low Prices.

AAA grade, unsexed, \$9 per 100, pullets \$16.50. AAAA grade \$12, pullets \$20. Leghorn Cockrells \$3, Minorca Cockerels \$5. Special prices on surplus chicks.

Hatches each Monday and Thursday. Custom Hatching.

Star Hatchery

Baird, Texas

**A father is fighting...
 So his boy may tinker
 with
 Electricity**



Over 160 of our men (and one woman) are in the U. S. armed forces. Last week one of these men, a good electrician who had been with the company for many years and who is a veteran of World War I, came home on leave. (He's a volunteer in the Navy.)

With him when he dropped around to say "hello" and talk shop with the fellows was his 13-year-old son... wearing his Boy Scout uniform.

All the guys were darn glad to see him and know he has a swell Navy rating as an electrical technician. Naturally they asked a lot of questions and learned that Uncle Sam's Navy thinks mighty high of its men who come from America's electrical companies where they got their training and experience. They learned, too, that electric power is behind most of the Navy's great punch...

building ships, guns, bombs, torpedoes and the like with which to win the victory.

Finally someone asked: "Well, Don, have you decided—just what are YOU fighting for?" He answered right off, pointing to his son.

"Me—I'm fighting for this kid. He's a Boy Scout, see, and it teaches 'em to be independent and self-reliant. Well, dictators and bureaucrats don't like that—they want regimentation. So I'm fighting so he—and millions like him—will be free.

"Too, the kid's kinda like me. He has a knack for tinkering with electricity... likes it, see. Well, the kid may not be another Edison. But I want him to have the same opportunities that Edison had—and a lot of other guys who helped make this country great.

"I want him to be free to tinker all he likes. And if anything comes of it, if his tinkering creates something useful to the world, like Edison's tinkering, I want him to share in the profits."

Out of this freedom of individual opportunity grew America's great industries that today are pouring out the weapons of war... as in peacetime they pour out the comforts and conveniences of everyday home life to give us the highest of all standards of living.

This freedom is worth fighting for. Free men and women, working out their own destinies with their own hands and minds... building, inventing, improving... taking the risks and enjoying the rewards. And bettering the world as they better themselves!

West Texas Utilities Company

INVEST IN AMERICA—Buy War Bonds and Stamps

MORAN AND COMMUNITY

My Column

MRS. C. C. CADY

Listen children and you shall hear, how you can help your parents win this war. Maybe you've read that there will be no Easter Egg rolling on the White House Lawn this year.

The Department of Agriculture has reminded us that every egg wasted in Easter Egg hunts and games means a loss of food to the armed forces and the allies as well as to the civilians in the United States.

Youngsters you can also help by joining the "clean plate club;" you don't have to pay dues or sign pledges to join the "clean plate club" just check on yourself as you leave the table after each meal to make sure your eyes haven't been bigger than your stomach.

If you are in high school and have your war work organized through a victory corps you can do something right away about getting Congress to realize how important this work is.

Our school is to be congratulated on the bonds and stamps it has bought this April drive. This is everyone's war, every day and none of us, large or small, can afford to baby ourselves until it is won.

Moran housewives have saved a large amount of waste fat and would like for some person with authority to pick it up. An appeal was made for grease with which to aid the manufacture of ammunition and since it has been saved, the ladies would like to get it into the proper place to do some good.

If you like surprises and good talks, come out to the luncheon meeting next Wednesday. We will have a military man as speaker and this is a guarantee there will be an interesting program. Don't fail to hear him.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Moran Baptist church met at the church Monday, April 19, for the monthly missionary program, under the leadership of Mrs. Garland Shelton, program chairman. The theme of the afternoon was "The Christian, an Individual Witness in Today's World." Mrs. Paul Harper gave the devotional and other parts followed, given by Meses. W. R. Jackson, Carroll Louder, T. S. Kirkpatrick, Ida Leftwich, Yates Clayton, Garland Shelton, A. L. Martin, and Mrs. John Aleander.

Buy your stamp pads at the Leader office.

MORAN STUDY CLUB

Mrs. Fred Wylie was hostess to the Moran Study Club in the home of Mrs. C. B. Snyder, April 20. Thirteen members answered roll call. The club voted to give books containing the study of Pan-American countries, to local school library.

Mrs. Wise, defense chairman, sold \$375.00 in bonds and \$21.30 in stamps to members present. Federation counsellor brought items from General Federation News; she also gave the prayer for the month. A special program on Federation was led by Mrs. Glen Cottle. The club collect was given in unison.

History of our club, Mrs. Barbara Townsend who asked each member to give a highlight of the club since they had become a member; Mrs. Townsend also paid a lovely tribute to the deceased members of the club.

A.—Do you know? Contest on T. F. W. C. and G. F. W. C. was prepared and conducted by Mrs. Basham.

Mrs. Barbara Townsend gave a glowing report of the 1st District convention to which she was a delegate. Moran Study Club scored high in the Defense bond sale the past year, having reached over the \$10,000 mark. The Federation song (tune to America), with Mrs. E. A. Elliott leader and Mrs. Forrester, accompanist, concluded the program.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Glen Cottle, outgoing president, for her efficient leadership the past year.

An unusual installation service prepared by Mrs. Cottle, carried out the Army theme with the incoming president, Mrs. Wise as commander-in-chief. Each officer was commissioned according to her rank. Hand-tinted miniature flags bearing the symbol of their duty was presented by Mrs. J. M. Townsend, acting as installing officer. Others installed were: Mrs. Fred Wylie, vice president; Mrs. Glen Cottle, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Basham, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Pearl Roach, parliamentarian; Mrs. E. A. Elliott, press reporter; Mrs. H. R. Roberts, librarian; and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, critic.

The pledge was given to the flag, also the membership pledged their cooperation to the new officers taking over the work for the ensuing year. The club adjourned to meet second Tuesday in September.

C. A. Waters who volunteered last week, took examinations at Abilene and passed all requirements. He was assigned to a new branch of the service, the Mounted Beach Patrol. Cy has been reared on a horse and is a fine rider and could be a second Paul Revere.

Mrs. Mary Weber spent the weekend in Albany as a guest of La Delle Marchbanks. She returned

TEXAS DEFENSE GUARD

Saturday afternoon Company C led a colorful parade through the streets of Moran. This parade was in behalf of the patriotic rally for selling War Bonds. Following the Defense Guards were the school children in the school buses. The highlight of the Defense Guard parade was the manual of arms under the command of Lieutenant Booth. The Guards were formed into one platoon under Capt. McCargo.

May we, of the Defense Guard call to the attention of the public: Be patriotic to the flag. Saturday afternoon during the parade only two civilians and one soldier saluted the flag. When the flag is passing in review the men should remove their hats. Ladies are to place their hands over their hearts. Its a grand old flag, so salute the flag when it is in your presence. The Defense Guard was very disappointed to all the lack of response of the public to this patriotic duty.

In the regular meeting of the Defense Guard Tuesday night, the Guards marched to the football field. Then at 10 o'clock the Guards assembled in the study hall of the high school to listen to the President's address.—TDG Reporter.

SEASON'S FIRST RODEO HELD SATURDAY

The rodeo got off to a good start last Saturday evening. About twenty riders took part in it. Three little girls rode in the rodeo. They all three own their horses and saddles. The little girls are Margie Lou Morris, age four, her sister, Vera Mae, age eight, and Anna Belle Waters, age eight. These little girls are making soldiers on the range and riding for victory. Bobbie Hamilton and John Williams Jr. were the boys that rode. They are really riders and ropers. B. A. Elliott, Ray Elliott and C. A. Waters furnished the calves.

The rodeo association must buy calves in the future as it is too much to ask any one to loan a calf valued at \$50 to the rodeo. The rodeo lasted until 10:30 p. m. and the bank didn't close until the rodeo ended. Watch for announcement as to when we will have another rodeo later on.

SHOWER HONORS MRS. BREWSTER

Mrs. B. B. Brewster, a long time resident of the Deep Creek community, was honored with a pre-nuptial shower at the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon. For the program hour Mrs. Laura T. Wild gave a reading and Mrs. Garland Shelton gave two piano solos, The World is Waiting for the Sunrise, and Indian Love Call.

Mrs. J. M. Townsend gave a toast to the honoree, The Good Neighbor, using love and friendship as her theme, after which the good neighbor was showered with many lovely gifts.

Those present were: Mesdames I. E. Durham, Laura T. Wild, Yates Clayton, Floyd Pool, C. M. Clinton, Olin Elliott, David Parrish, Albert Morris, Arnold Mc-Lemore, Geo. L. McCargo, V. M. Thames, Belle Huskey, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, C. C. Cady, Buck Bar-tee, Ed Brewster and Wanda, R. M. Harris, E. E. Harris, W. A. Mow, Lloyd Morris, Wilbur Mitchell, Hubert A. Brewster, Bob Glen Brewster, Lane Edmiston, C. C. Fleming, Chilan, Wash., Bud Brooks, A. A. Palmer, Ida Leftwich, Mumpford Townsend, H. J. Locke, Garland Shelton, Jim Parrish, Carroll Louder, and Misses Mary Weber, Thelma Dell Mow and Oma Dale Shelton.

NOTICE!

The Moran Luncheon club will have a prominent speaker next Wednesday and an invitation is extended the public to attend the luncheon and hear this military man in his address.

Mrs. A. J. Hurst returned from Beaumont Friday where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Buchannan for the past several weeks.

E. H. Gilmore returned to Putnam Friday night from Houston where he had gone to work Monday, but became ill and returned home, where he is recuperating.

Mrs. Earl Rutherford and Mrs. G. W. Jeter left for Houston Saturday morning where they expect to visit for several days before returning to Putnam.

The goal of the Second War Loan drive is 13 billion dollars. That is just about one fifth of the estimated increase of the Public Debt for the fiscal year of 1943.

AWARDED MEDAL POSTHUMOUSLY



W. F. Pennington of Abilene has been notified by Adjutant General J. A. Ulio that his gallant son, the late Lieut. Billy Pennington, has been posthumously awarded the air medal.

Lieutenant Pennington distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight, the father was advised. Time and place for the presentation of the medal will be announced later, and the medal is to be presented to the father, the statement said.

Lieutenant Pennington is a former Moran high school boy and spent most of his life here. He was killed in an aerial crash somewhere in the area of Western Europe on October 11, 1942.

Thirteen billion dollars—the sum the Treasury must raise in the Second War Loan drive, is only one sixth of the estimated cost of the war for the fiscal year of 1943.

DRIVING AT HIGH SPEED INCREASES COST OF DRIVING

The high cost of motor vehicle speed has been calculated by the Utah State Highway Department of engineering o show the relative cost of faster driving per 1000 miles.

When speed increases from 35 to 45 miles per hour the extra cost per thousand miles is \$5.53, time saved is 6.4 hours, an extra cost per hour is 86 cents.

Jumping your speed from 35 to 55 miles per hour runs the 1000 miles per hour cost up \$13.10; saves 10.4 hours at the extra cost of \$1.26 for each hour saved. Driving 1000 miles at 65 an hour instead of 35 increases the cost \$24.52; hours saved 13.2 hours at an extra cost of \$1.86 for each hour saved.

The monetary value of time saved as compared with increased operating cost is a matter for individual calculation, but analysis gives you some idea of the effect of speed on your pocket book.

TEXAS WHEAT CROP ESTIMATED AT 66% OF THE 1942 CROP

The Department of Agriculture estimated the Texas wheat crop for 1943 at only 31,419,000 bushels as of April 1, was 19 per cent above the 1932-41 average and 34 per cent below the 1942 crop of 47,438,000 bushels. The April 1 forecast of production did not reflect changes occurring since that date as a result of rain or insect infestation.

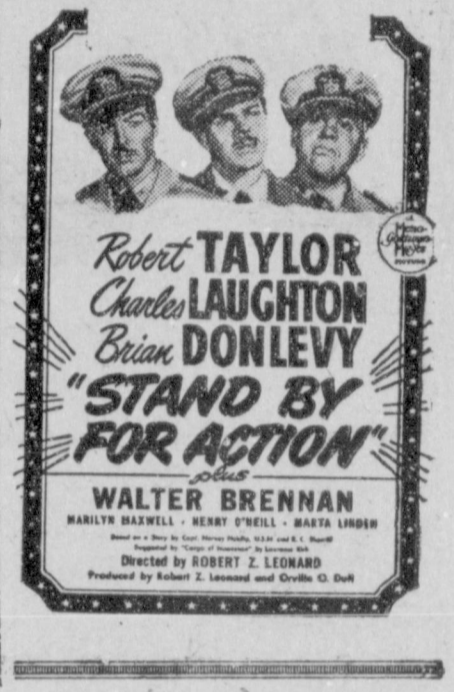
The department also estimated the potato crop as being only 75 per cent of normal, slightly above last year and the ten year average. The condition of rye and pastures were slightly below an average and the peach crop appeared much below an average.

L. M. JOHNSON SELLS LEASE TO C. W. SNOWDEN FORT WORTH-DALLAS

L. M. Johnson sells lease about five miles north of Putnam. The 80-acre lease with all equipment, including three producing wells, was sold a few days ago to C. W. Snowden of Dallas. Mr. Snowden purchased the Yarbrough farm north of the lease a short time ago. These deals were consummated through A. R. Day of Fort Worth, former district clerk of Callahan county. Mr. Day is to be field manager for the Snowden interests in the Putnam territory.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Tatom and Mr. and Mrs. Mabrey Tatom and family attended the Workers' Conference of the Baptist church at Atwell Tuesday.

John Allen Pruet is home on a furlough from the training camp to spend a few days visiting with his parents.

Miss La Juan Gunn left Thursday morning for Stillwater, Oklahoma for a few days visit.

Mrs. Marvin Eubank, Mrs. E. G. Scott and Mrs. John Cook attended the quarterly meeting of the 17th District of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union at Abilene Friday. They report a good attendance and a most enjoyable time.

Miss Dorothy Jobe visited with her mother, Mrs. Earl Jobe several days the past week and left here for Springfield, Missouri, where she has a position with the Western Union.

DEMONSTRATION CLUBS ELECT DELEGATES TO COLEMAN MEETING 5-11

County home demonstration clubs at a meeting Saturday elected delegates to the Texas Home Demonstration club meeting to be held in Coleman May 11. Mrs. Mallie Johnson, Mrs. Carl Gunn of Union and Mrs. N. H. Stephenson of Eula were elected as delegates. Alternates are: Mrs. Elby Comiel, Enterprise, Mrs. Charlie Davis, Putnam and Mrs. Barr of Cross Plains.

Mrs. A. L. Barnes of Eula presided at the delegates meeting to elect delegates.

Mrs. J. S. Jackson presented goals of the recreation committee at a home demonstration council meeting in the Baird Methodist church. Mrs. J. O. Barker of Enterprise presided.

Council members attending were: Mrs. Frank Monroe, Clyde, Mrs. I.

H. Hall, Cross Plains, Mrs. Delbert Corning, and Mrs. W. A. Young, Enterprise, Mrs. A. L. Barnes and Mrs. N. H. Stephenson, Eula, Mrs. Joel Griffin, Midway, Mrs. Buleu Poindexter and Mrs. Wallace Johnson, Oplin, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman and Mrs. Earl Rutherford, Putnam, Mrs. Dolph Hodges, Tecumseh, Mrs. Wesley Wagley and Mrs. Maggie Dyer, Union, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Johnson, Enterprise.

Mrs. T. A. Butler left Monday afternoon for Sweetwater to visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Overton and stay over for Easter.

Mrs. Earl Jobe and Mrs. Iola Hicks were visiting and shopping in Baird Monday morning.

Miss Eva Moore, city secretary of the city of Putnam, had business in Cisco Monday afternoon.

MRS. ARCHIE NICHOLS PRESENTS PAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM AT BAIRD

Highlights of a Pan-American program presented by the Spanish classes of Baird high school was the crowning of the American Queen, Ranelle Miller, and the Mexican Queen, Bentura Martinez. The program was presented in the high school auditorium under the direction of Mrs. Archie Nichols.

Foster Henderson was king for the coronation. Irma Lois Young, princess for the festivities, assisted the queens. Train bearers for the American queen were Roger Corn and Mickey Lou Shockey. The Mexican queen's attendants were Conchito Martinez and Carolyn Nichols.

Princesses and princes represented each of the 21 Latin American Republics in the queens court.

Dwight West was master of ceremonies for the ceremony honoring the court.

MISS NILA JONES PUTNAM'S NEW ASSISTANT P. MASTER

Miss La Juan Gunn who has been assistant postmaster for about one year, resigned last Thursday and Miss Nila Jones was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Jones came to Putnam about a year ago and established a small Help-Ur-Selfy laundry soon after coming here, and has operated it ever since until she accepted a place as assistant postmaster. Mrs. W. C. Lane, a sister of Miss Jones, will operate the laundry for the present. Miss Jones established the laundry, knowing that several had failed before, but she opened up here and has been running for more than a year with a nice business. If she does as well in the post office as she has with the laundry, no one will have any complaint.

Mrs. M. A. Lunsford and children left for Odessa Saturday to join her husband, M. A. Lunsford, who is employed by the Texas Highway Department in the maintenance department. Mr. Lunsford had worked for the county here for several years before going to Odessa.

Mrs. J. H. Cunningham of Jal, New Mexico, is here visiting her son, Garland, who has been ill for several weeks from having a serious operation performed.

Mrs. Raymond Clark of Palo Pinto was visiting among friends and relatives in Putnam Monday afternoon and looking after business. Mr. and Mrs. Clark just moved from here to Palo Pinto a short time ago.

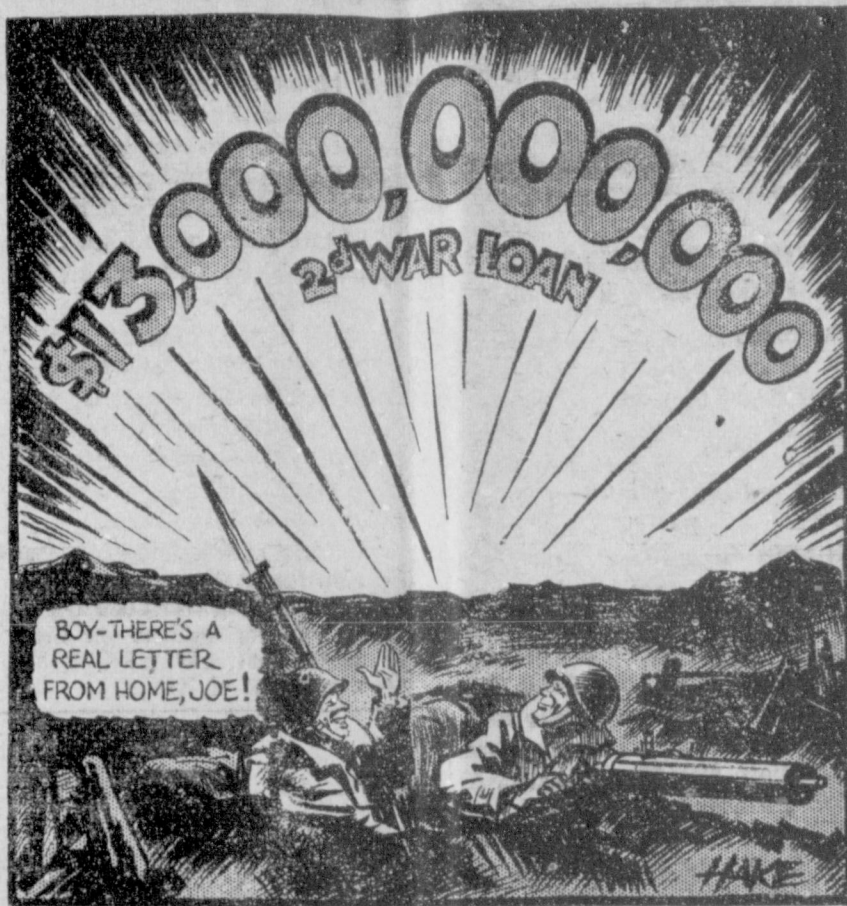
Joe Clark, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark, spent the week-end visiting friends in Putnam.

W. A. Strickland who purchased the Bud Lincecum place north of Putnam is moving on the place. Mrs. Strickland and the children are here now and Mr. Strickland expects to join them here as soon as he can dispose of his business in Munday. He is a barber and one time worked in a barber shop in Putnam four or five years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Norred of Mineral Wells, visited in the home of Mrs. Norred's parents over the week-end.

Adrian Sills of Arizona spent several days visiting with his sister, Mrs. Jack Ramsay the past week.

Mrs. Earnest Yeager and daughter, Hortense, visited in Abilene Thursday.



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