The Devils River Webs

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FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR

"I will surrender when every

one of our bullets has been fired

and every one of our bayonets is

Those words of a Texan fight-

ing man will go down in history along with "Remember the

Alamo!" and "Remember Goliad!"

They were spoken by Capt. R. A.

Kerley of Houston, in answer to a German demand that he surrender,

after his battalion had been cut

The invitation to surrender was

made by a natty Nazi who advanc-

ed under a flag of truce, after the

embattled Texas unit had fought

for five and a half days against

Germans who had completely sur-

rounded their position. Just to

make sure that he was understood,

Captain Kerley answered "Go to

Hell!" when the German officer

pointed out that odds against the

Americans were hopeless. A few

hours later other Allied columns

broke through and rescued the be-

making new reputations as scrap-

pers, several Lone Star soldiers

will speak soon to their home-.

folks. Definite arrangements have

now been made for a program of

interviews with Texas service men

to be broadcast direct from the

fighting fronts. The feature, plan-

ned by the United War Chest of

Texas, will be carried by all three

Texas radio chains from 9:30 to

10:00 p. m., Monday, August 28.

It will consist almost entirely of

"reports to Texas" by Texas men.

friend in France or England, be

sure and listen, for he may one of

the lucky boys chosen to appear

Pfc. Irvin "Slim" Sladek, Fay-

etteville veteran of many a rodeo

bronc busting contest, is now a veteran Jap buster as well.

In the fighting on Bougainville,

he fed shells into a mortar so fast

that they made a bucking bronco

look like slow motion, according

to reports from the front. "Slim"

is regarded as one of the fastest

mortar feeders in the South Pacific.

In his pre-army days, he took

part in more than 30 Texas rodeos.

on the program.

If you have 'a husband, son or

From France, where Texans are

leaguered Texan's battalion.

off and surrounded in France.

sticking in . German belly "

Sonora, Texas, Friday, August 25, 1944

buttons by D. L. Locklin and Berry

Duff at the Lions Club luncheon

various phases of Lionism.

"Lionism is Non-Sectarian"; Stokes

talked on "Lionism Relative to the Individual", and Cusenbary en-

larged on the "Scope of the Works

Entertainment on the program

consisted of two accordian solos

by David Shurley, and E. D.

Stringer, chairman of the Scrap

Paper Salvage Drive, reported on

plans made for conducting the-

W. E. Caldwell was in charge of

the program for the day, and J.

T. Ratliff, chairman of the Mem-

bership Committee, introduced the

Capt. E. B. Tipton, Jr., and Collier

Sonoran's Kin

Reported Missing

Myrtle", graduated from the first

bormbardier-navigator class at the

San Angelo Army Air Field last

January. He had been across short-

ly over a month, and had been in

active overseas service exactly one

month and three days when re-

Lt. McGara and the former Miss

Norma Lovelace were married this

summer. She is continuing with

her duties at the Shannon School

of Nursing, San Angelo, where

Over Germany

Guests at the luncheon were

of Lionism".

new members.

no other details.

ported missing.

she is a cadet nurse.

DRIVERS URGED

TO RENEW LICENSES

BEFORE EXPIRATION DATE

Shurley.

drive.

FORTY-FOURTH WEEK

Schools To Open Sept. 4, With **Complete** Faculty

LT. GOV. SMITH TO ADDRESS ASSEMBLY

When school opens here Monday, September4, all teachers' positions will be filled with the exception of that of public school music in the Elliott School, according to E. D. Stringer, superintendent. Ten new names, however, have been added to the faculty this year, including those of N. B. Miller, high school principal and mathematics teacher, H. L. Ezell, principal of the elementary school and mathematics teacher, and C. H. Robertson, Elliott School principal and mathematics teacher.

The usual opening program will be held Monday morning, 9 o'clock, in the High School

Auditorium, with Lt. Governor John Lee Smith of Austin addressing the student body. Also featured on the program, which is open to the public, will be several musical selections.

Registration, which will be held in the home rooms of each class, will take place immediately after the assembly.

Members of the faculty to teach this year, as anounced by Stringer, are as follows:

High School: Miller, principal; Miss Annie Duncan, history and librarian; Miss Anne Palmer, English; Mrs. Keith James, business and physical education; Miss Kathryn Kennedy, science; Miss Nellie Ruth Folley, homemaking, and Miss Ray Leonard, Spanish.

Elementary School: Ezell, principal; Miss Ura Mae Haggard, eighth grade and social studies; Miss Evelyn Folley, seventh grade and English; Miss Leonard, Spanish; Miss Beth Lynch, fifth grade; Mrs. E. D. Stringer, fourth grade; Miss Christine Boone, third grade; Miss Emma Hamilton, second grade; Mrs. Ruth Bourn, first grade, and Mrs. M. O. Britt, librarian.

Elliott School: Robertson, principal; Miss Margaret Barton, Eng. lish: Miss Freddie Mae Cox, homemaking; Miss Nita Thomerson, seventh grade; Mrs. Harold Evans, h grade; Mrs. C. H. Robertson,

grade; Miss Frances Prorent book cover, he must prove to bandt, fourth grade; Miss Ruby Nell Haggard, third grade; Miss Thora Roach, second grade; Mrs. Gene Lightfoot, first grade, Mrs. Dayton Cain, first grade, and Mrs. Lena F. Cousins, pre-primer.

> Miller comes here from Austin and has several.

14 Oil Leases TEXAN'S SHARE Made During in the July, August

the county, with fourteen leases being made by individuals and companies since July 1. The rates at which the leases were made were 25 cents and 50 cents per acre, with a \$1.00 bonus.

Leases made during July and August include the following: E. Vander Stucken to A. M. Hagan; J. A. Ward, Jr., to Stanolind Oil and Gas Co.; Ben Meckel to J. W. Goddard; Ollie T. Murr to Jake Harmon; J. A. Sykes to Shell Oil Co.; Mrs. Christena Mittel to Goddard; G. H. Davis to W. H. Wortham; Mrs. J. T. Evans to C. Griffin; Mrs. Nettie Steen to W. F. Meador; James I. Boston to Wortham; Doek Joy to Ramsey Randolph; E. D. Reiley to Bruce McKague; Clarendon Mower to McKague, and J. P. Reiley to Mc-Kague.

7 Registrants

Eighteen registrants were reclassified by the local Draft Board in meetings held last Thursday and Friday. Of the 18, seven were classified 1-A.

The registrants and their new classifications are as follows:

1-A: Lewin Skains, Paublo Perez, Ramon Fuentes, Delmer L. Slone, James W. Taylor, Jesus Esquibel and Lazaro Perez.

1-C: Dock Simmons, Oscar Gal-

Garza and Anacleto Gomez.

berto Martinez and Emelio Gandar.

Dr. Cox Cites **Preventive Work** Of State Dept.

Austin, August 24-Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, in outlining the duties of the Texas State Department of Health, said in a statment today thata public health measures are preventive

"In an effort to prevent disease," Dr. Cox said, "the State Health Department carries on an educational program informing the public as to how they may secure protection by vaccination against munization against diphtheria; by investigating sources of disease utbreaks; by quarantining and nspection of water supplies and by advocating the production and use of safe milk to prevent the occurence of milk-borne diseases." Dr. Cox said that in spite of all preventive measures, people will become ill and accidents will happen. The cure of sickness and the repair of accidents fall within the scope of the duties of the private practitioner of medicine and surgery. "Of course," he said, "the general practitioner of medicine is also engaged in prevention of disease when he advises mothers to have their children protected against diphtheria and smallpox or to have the family as a whole immunized against typhoid fever." The general practitioner and State Health Department alike advocate that it is better to remain healthy than it is to recover from an illness, but the State Health Department is engaged in the control and prevention of disease as it affects the general population of a comunity or state.

Lions Take In **4 New Members**

Oil leasing continues actively in

Classified 1-A

1-Ah: Nicolas Lira.

indo and Aubrey W. Stubblefield. 2-C: George T. Rode:

2-Ch: Rafael Castanda, Eusebio 4-F: Epatacio Lombrano, Gil-

and not curative.

4-H Clubbers On Camp At **McKavett Ranch** Four new members were installed and presented with membership

WORK AND PLAY ACTIVITIES ON PROGRAM

Tuesday. The new members, E. T. A full two-day program, both Smith, Linn Turney, Russell Davis educational and recreational, was and S. M. Kerbow, were also inplanned for the fourteen 4-H Club structed in the aims and ideals of Boys who left here Thursday morn-Lionism by W. E. Caldwell, H. V. Stokes, F. L. Meadow and W. R. ing for a camp on the Leslie Jones Ranch at Fort McKavett. Accom-Cusenbary in short talks on the panying the group on the camp, which will last through Saturday Caldwell explained the subject, noon, were Tom Bond, B. H. Cus-"Lionism As a Non-Political Or-ganization"; Meadow spoke on

Duff. Special study activities and lec-

"The Control of Wild Life" by Henry Pleuneke of the San Angelo office of the U. S. Wildlife and

Other activities will include rifle practice, baseball, fishing, swimming, games and care of the camp grounds.

Friday night awards will be presented to the boys who excell in the different divisions of study at a campfire ceremony.

4-H Club boys from here who are attending the camp are Billy Joe Nance, Richard Morrison, Cleveland Nance, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Frankie Bond, Jimmy Cusenbary, Bobby Prater, Derrell Alley, George Hamilton, Artie Joy, Jr., Tommy Bond, James Theodore Hunt, Fred Adkins and Nolan

Paper Salvage **Drive To Start On September 4**

Further plans for conducting the Scrap Paper Drive, which is to open locally on September 4, when school starts, were under way this week according to drive chairman, E. D. Stringer, and General Salvage Chairman, George D. Chalk.

The old Bakery Building on Main Street will continue to be the selvage headquarters, and it is requested that no paper be turned in there unless it is securely tied in bundles with heavy twine or baling wire. Also, no paper is to be turned in until final plans are announced by the chairman of the drive.

Especially important at this time is the collection of cardboard and of cardboard boxes. Instructions for handling them will also be an-

1945 County **Budget Approved**

When the County Commissioners' Court met for hearing on the County Budget, prepared by Judge Alvis Johnson, on Monday, the major change was in the total taxrate, which was raised from 42 cents to 45 cents.

The 1945 Budget, which was accepted by the Commissioners, is as follows:

Jury Fund: \$990.00; Tax Rate,

Road & Bond Fund: \$23,540.00; Tax Rate, .12. General Fund: \$12,983.00; Tax

Rate, .25.

Sutton County Special Road Re-funding Bond 'Series (1939): \$716.68; Tax Rate, .01.

Sutton County Road Refunding Bond Series B: \$764.82; Tax Rate,

Sutton County Road Refunding Bond Series C: \$1,690.25; Tax Rate, .02.

Park Fund: \$1,910.00; Tax Rate, 03.

Applications For "A" Gas Books To Be Mailed

Applications for renewal of "A" gasoline coupons will be mailed,' beginning next week, to present holders of the "A" books, according to announcement made this week by Mrs. C. C. Stroud, cheif clerk of the Rationing Board here. All present "A" coupons expire on September 21, and to receive new coupons, the holders must fill out the application blanks and return them to the local board. For those who are not mailed the applications, a small supply will be available at local gasoline stations and garages.

Coupons in the new "A" books will be worth four gallons instead of three, the value of the present coupons. Six of these four-gallon coupons will be validated every three months, providing 24 gallons of gasoline in each validity period.

All applications for renewals must be accompanied by the back cover of the current "A" book. If an applicant for new "A" rations has thrown away or lost this curthe board (1) that he has a car which is entitled to an "A" ration; (2) that the car is currently registered and in use; and (3) that a new "A" basic ration has not been issued for it and that no applica tion for a renewal is pending at

Word was received last Sunday by Mr and Mrs. B. W. Lovelace Gibbs. that their son-in-law, Lt. Donald R. McGara, was missing in action over Germany on August 7. The message from the War Department, received by his wife, stated Lt. McGara, bombardier-naviga-tor on the Liberator "Fertile

enbary and County Agent Berry

tures on the camp program include a talk on "Range Grasses and Weeds" by V. L. Cory of the Ranch Experiment Station here; the collecting of weeds and grasses by the 4-H Club boys, and a talk on

Game Department.

Texans who think their tasks in the home-front war program are heavy should pay tribute to Sgt. Joe B. Chastain of Waco.

Sergeant Chastain, after heroic fighting, was captured by the Japs wasn't through fighting. With two companions, he escaped from the camp and headed toward Russia, hoping to make his way back to the United States and his old army unit, to fight again.

The three heroic youngsters were captured. Last week came news that they had been executed by the Japs.

If Texans on the home-front will attack their jobs with the determination and the will to win shown by Sergeant Chastain, there is little danger that any war bond or National War Fund campaign will ever fail. When one thinks of the courage and sacrifice of our fighting men abroad, he realizes that the pity is not that we are called upon to do so much, but that we are able to do so little!

NEW THEATER TO OPEN ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1

Announcement was made this week by G. H. Hall, proprietor of La Vista Theater, that he will soon open a new moving picture theater in the Latin-American section of Sonora on about September 1.

The new theater will be situated in the old theater building in the Latin-American section which owned by Miguel Sanchez and Marcus Perez. New equipment has been purchased by Hall for the theater and the building is being renovated both inside and outside.

Hall said that Latin-American pictures will be shown on Sunday and Monday nights, but the pictures shown at all other times will be American-made.

Mrs. P. J. Taylor, who has been in a San Angelo hospital, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lightfoot and daughter, Marjory Ann, were the week-end guests of Mis. E. E Sawyer. (

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bye and Misses Margaret Sears and Marjory Sears of Abilene spent the week-end here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Espy.

Francis Wood and J. H. Trainer were in San Antonio one day last week on business.

Mrs. A. R. Montgomery and children, James, Viola and Nancy, left Monday for a visit with re-, latives in Walters, Oklahoma and Argyle, Texas. Accompanying them were T/Sgt. and Mrs. Owen Hungerford of Laredo.

Mrs. C. C. Stroud is spending several days in Junction with relatives.

Mrs. Jeff Haynie of Abilene was here last week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward, Jr. Mrs. Ward eturned to Abilene with Mrs. Haynie.

drivers licenses expire during August and September, reminder has been issued by County Tax Collector Leo E. Brown that ap-Fications for license renewals must e made before the expiration date stamped on the license. Those who allow their liecenses to expire will be required by the State Department to take drivers examinations before obtaining a new license.

Those whose licenses expire may call at the tax collector's office fcr application blanks and will receive free assistance in filling them out. To receive a renewal, the applicant must present his old license.

WAR SERVICE CLUB TO HAVE DANCE

Members of the War Scrvice Club have announced that they will sponsor a dance on Monday night, September 4, and music will be furnished by Harrison's Texans of San Angelo. Admission has been set at \$2, and tentative plans are being made to have the dance at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse.

Mrs. Ralph Trainer, Sanford Trainer and James Trainer spent Tuesday in San Angelo.

Ex-Students To Celebrate With Barbecue, Election Of Officers Sunday

The Ex-Students Association of Sonora will celebrate their Seventh Annual meeting here with a bar-Fred Simmons. becue supper on the Court House lawn Sunday night, 6 o'clock, ac-W. Hutcherson and Jack Neill. cording to announcement made this week by R. A. Halbert, president of the association. Out-of-town Ban Odom. ex-students have been mailed invitations to attend the annual affair.

Besides the barbecue, a musical program, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Rip Ward, will be presented, and the election of new officers will be held.

The following committees have been announced to make arrangements for the affair:

200 Star Specific March Stores

Meat: R. A. Halbert and Edwin Sawyer.

nounced later.

JAMES D. TRAINER HOME WITH HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM USMC

James D. Trainer, who has been in service with the Marine Corps for. almost two years, returned home last week-end with an honor able medical discharge. He and Mrs. Trainer, the former Miss Peggy Gilmore, will make their home here. He had received his boot training at San Diego, Calif., and had been stationed at Mare Island, and Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

NEILLS ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neill returncd last week-end from Cuero, where they had gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. Neill's aunt, Mrs. M. R. Starbcard, 84, native of that section of Texas, who died Saturday, August 12. Services were held in Cuero on the following Sunday. Mrs. Starboard had visited the Neills in Sonora, the last time during December, 1941.

Mrs. Boyd Caffey returned Thursday from Nugent where she had been visiting relatives.

Salad: 'Mmes. Bryan Hunt, M.

R. A. Halbert and R. C. Vicars.

George D. Chalk, G. H. Davis and

George E. Smith.

Arrangements: H. V. Stokes,

Cakes: Mmes. R. A. Halbert,

Cliff Johnson, Johnny Hamby, J.

C. Stephen and Mack Cauthorn.

Barbecue: W. L. Davis, B. M. Halbert, Jr., Alfred Cooper and Beans: Mmes. O. G. Babcock, B.

that Stamp 40 is still good for five pounds of canning sugar. It expires M. Stokes, Lloyd Earwood and on February 28, 1945.

> Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roueche over the week. end were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell of Hobbs, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mobley of Houston, Mrs. I. D. Van Dyke and children, Betty and Larry, of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Schwiening were in Sierra Blanca last week, the guests of Mrs. Schwiening's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Storm.

another board. Mrs. Stroud urged all "A" coupon holders to watch the mail for

15 ARMY TRUCKS RELEASED FOR CIVILIAN PURCHASE HERE

not be lost or destroyed.

trucks for civilian use have been son. released by the Treasury Procurement Office, according to Miss Dessie Parsons, lccal AAA administrative officer.

The certifications are released to the County AAA Committee, which in turn releases them to local automobile dealers. Prospective buyers of the trucks must contact both the dealer and the County Committee to receive a certification.

Fifteen Army trucks have been allocated for purchase in Sutton County at present, but it is expected that more will be released in the future.

SUGAR STAMP NO. 33 VALID AFTER SEPT. 1

Validation of a new sugar stamp, No. 33, in War Ration Book 4, was announced this week by the local OPA office. This stamp will be good for buying five pounds of sugar after September 1.

Like other sugar stamps now being used, Stamp No. 33 will be valid indefinitely. Stamps now good for five pounds each are Nos. 30, 31 and 32.

Attention was called to the fact

It was incorrectly stated in the News last week that members of the County Democratic Committee had voted not to hold the general election in November. The article should have stated that no second primary election, which would have been held on Saturday, August 26, is to be held here. The News offers its sincere apologies to its readers

for this error.

experience, as has Ezell, who comes here from Fort Worth. Robertson comes from Miles, where he served as principal of the high school the application so that they will last year. Other newcomers are the Misses Folley from Mart, Miss Kennedy from Fort Worth, Miss Leonard who taught at Jordantown, Miss Lynch from Rotan, Miss

Roach who taught in the Nolan Certificates to purchase Army .- County schools, and Mrs. Robert-

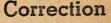
LT. THORP REPORTS FOR REASSIGNMENT

First Lt. Tommy B. Thorp, who arrived home on thirty-day leave in July after almost two years overseas with the Air Corps, reported last week in New Jersey for reassignment. Although Lt. Thorp expected to be sent back overseas, his parents, Mr. and/ Mrs. Tom Thorp, have not learned what his new assignment is. While on leave he visited here with his parents, in Ozona with his aunt, Mrs. Pat Lee, and in Dallas with his sister, Miss Addie Thorp.

ALDWELL NISBET PROMOTED

Aldwell Nisbet, who is serving with the Navy overseas, has recently been promoted from the rank of Seaman Second Class to Quartermasted Third Class. He has been in service with the Navy since last February.

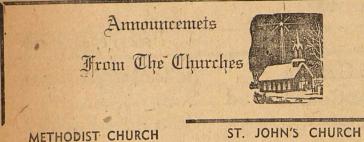
Lt. and Mrs. Clayton Bray spent the week-end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hull. Lt. Bray has just been discharged from the McCloskey General Hospital at Temple. They stopped here enroute to his new post at Camp Blanding, Fla.



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Tomatoes: Mmes. J. D. Lowrey, Jane Hamilton, E. F. Vander Stucken and Josie McDonald. Iced Tea: Mmes. Alvis Johnson/ and Fred Simmons. Serving: Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Sr.,

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Evening Services, second Sunday,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Mid-week Service and Choir re-

W. M. U. each Wednesday ____4:00

Ra's, Ga's and Sunbeams second

and fourth Sunday afternoon _4:30

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 10:00

Weekday Mass: 8:00

Former Sonorans

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell honor-

ed Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lightfoot

and daughter, Marjorie Ann, of Sweetwater with a lawn party

Sunday evening. Iced watermelon

Guests included Messrs. and

Mesdames Edwin Sawyer and

daughter, Sarah Lynn, C. T. Jones,

and children, Alice Claire and C. T. III, R. D. Trainer, Wiley Train-

er, Robert Moffett and daughter,

Mary Shurley, L. W. Elliott; also

Mesdames A. F. Moffet and son,

A. F. III, George Trainer, Raymond

Pipkin, Velma Shurley; and James

Trainer and Jerry Shurley.

Party Honors

was served.

10:00

11:00

8:45

each month

Sunday School

Morning Service

Evening .Service _____

hersal, Wednesday

Sunday Program-9:30 Men's Bible Class 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 Morning Worship Youth Fellowship 7:15 8:00 Evening Worship Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday

3:00 Afternoon . Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday afternoon at the church

Cordial welcome to all.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, August 26-Mrs. P. J. Taylor Mrs. Violet Morrow Ernest Carroll Stephen Sunday, August 27-Melvin Glasscock Mrs. Tom Davis Mrs. John Cauthorn John Allen Ward Monday, August 28-Mrs. L. W. Elliott Mrs. Bert McIntire Tuesday, August 29-F. J. Wood Wednesday, August 30-Mrs. G. W. Archer Thursday, August 31-Mrs. Ben Cusenbary Mrs. Dave Locklin Mrs. George D. Chalk George D. Chalk, Jr. Friday, September 1 Mrs. B. R. Cauthorn

Mrs. Joe Hull



State Bar Association. We unanimously commend him to you.

SMITH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Dinner Honors Wesley Sawyer

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. Edwin Sawyer and Mrs. C. T. Jones, Jr., honored Sgt. Wesley Sawyer, who is home on furlough, with an informal dinner Thursday evening at the Sawyer home.

Guests included Messrs. and Mesdames L. M. Roueche, Jr., Rip Ward, Edwin Sawyer, L. E. Johnson, Jr., A. C. Elliott; also Mes-dames A. F. Moffett, James D. Trainer, J. H. Brasher; Misses Jo Ann Marion, Wynona Hutcherson, Jamie Trainer, Katha Lea Keene, and Sgt. Web Elliott, S. H. Stokes and Albert Ward.

Baptist W. M. U. **Elects Officers**

The W. M. U. of the Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon for Bible study and a business meeting. The song, "Faith of Our Fathers", opened the meeting. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. G. G. Stephenson. Mrs. Alfred Cooper gave the devotional which was Hebrews, eleventh chapter. Mrs. J. E. Eldridge led the Bible study, Acts, tenth through nineteenth chapter. Mrs. Hi Eastland led the closing prayer.

At the business meeting oficers for the new year were elected.

Attending were Mesdames Cooper,' Pearl Martin, Eastland, J. W. Pepper, Joe Lancaster, Eldridge

Fields Home Is Scene of Party

and Stephenson.

Mrs. Hubert Fields entertained with a bridge party on the lawn of her home Tuesday evening. Punch and cookies were served.

Mrs. L. E. Holland won high and the slam prize, and Mrs. W. M. Trainer won low and the cut prize.

Guests included Mesdames T. K. Neville, James A. Nunley, Cliff Trainer, W. M. Trainer, A. H. Adkins, Holland, Pat Lyles, George Bennett, Lee Patrick, Ernest Mc-Clelland, E. T. Smith, Beamon Speed, A. W. Awalt, C. W. Taylor, H. V. Morris and S. M. Kerbow.

FOR SALE: Half Percheron work team from the original O. T. Word stock; one 4-year old, one 5-year old; broken to saddle, plow or wagon. Luella O'Leary. 1tcs



JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

MRS. M. S. DAVIS

Mrs. M. S. Davis Celebrates 88th Birthday, Sat.

Mrs. M. S. Davis, one of the oldest pioneers of Sutton County celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday at the residence of her son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wallace.

Out of town guests included J. R. Davis, Lt. David Davis, who is stationed at Waco, Mrs. W. T. Covington of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy West and children, Barbara Ann and Charles of Eldórado, Lt. Phillip Pring, who is stationed at Marfa, Lavelle Meckel

of Eldorado and Mrs. Mora C. Clark of Ft. Worth, who has been visiting here the past month. Among other guests were Mrs. Luella O'Leary, Miss Edith Mc-Ilwain, Mrs. Frankie Gibson and

Mrs. Harold Saunders.

Mrs. Preston Prater and Mrs. M. M. Stokes honored Mrs. Dewitt Lancaster with a gift shower Wednesday afternoon in the Stokes home. The house was decorated with

THE WORAN'S PARE Clubs . Partics . Features

Mrs. D. Lancaster

Honored With

Gift Shower

Sonora, Texas, Friday, August 25, 1944

pot plants and ivy, and favors carried out the color scheme of pink and blue. Bridge provided entertainment for the afternoon. Mrs. John Hull won high score, and Mrs. W. M. Penick received the cut prize. A salad plate was served.

Gifts were received from Mes-Gifts were received from mes-dames Rose Thorp, Howard Kirby, Seth Lancaster, Bill Nelson, Rus-sell Davis, C. T. Jones, Jr., Edwin Sawyer, Rip Ward, E. E. Sawyer, W. M. Penick, Dorothy Norris, Jóe Hull, Ernest McClelland, R. A. Halbert, Henry Decker, Pat Cooper of Ft. Stockton, Ona Beams of Dallas, J. K. Lancaster, James Wilson, G. G. Stephenson, D. L. Slone, A. W. Awalt, Dave Locklin, John Hull, Teresa Friend; also Misses Elizabeth Caldwell of Austin, Margaret Burns. of Galveston and Freddie Cox of Junction.

Miss Freddie Cox of Junction spent several days here visiting Mrs. John Hull.

Mrs. Pat Cooper of Ft. Stockton is visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones, Sr. Mrs. Ona Beams of Dallas and Miss Margaret Burns of Galveston are also visiting in the Jones home.

Mrs. J. L. Cook, Mrs. J. C. Stephen and son, Ernest Carroll, returned this week from California. where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Troy White for the past few weeks.

Mrs. I. F. Howell Entertains Club Mrs. J. F. Howell was hostess

tor the Idle Hour Bridge Club Thursday afternoon at her home. Dahlias decorated the room. Re-

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freshments of frosted drinks and cookies were served. Mrs. Joe Brown Ross won high

club, Mrs. C. G. Davis second high and Mrs. Harriett Pittman high guest.

Members present were Mesdames Ross, Davis, Sterling Baker, E. C. Mayfield.

Guests included Mesdames Pittman, Susie Blanton, E. D. Stringer and Berry Duff.

McClelland Home Scene Of Party

Mrs. Ernest McClelland entertained members of the War Service Club with a lawn party Thursday evening.

Cokes were served during the games, and watermelon was served later.

Mrs. Tom Neville won high score, and Mrs. Harold West Evans held low score.

Present were Mesdames Neville, Evans, Francis Archer, C. C. Stroud, Jimmy Nunley, Carl Ca-hill, John Trainer, Hubert Fields, L. E. Holland, Carl Barho, Leroy Whitworth, Jack Whitley, Tex Farr and Dayton Cain.

HELP WANTED MALE & FEMALE ESTABLISHED ROUTE AVAILABLE

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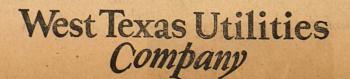


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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

Lt. Harrell T. (Wampus) Espy, who is in France, writes:

"It has been quite awhile since I have written, but we have been on the go lately, and occupying a place takes time as well as a hell of a lot of digging. We took St. Lo and are now pushing on, and I hope we don't stop until we reach Berlin.

"Pardon, I must stop and hear 'Grand Ole Opera'. Just wait, I'll be back. Oh, boy It was really good, and we enjoyed it a lot. Things like that go a long way now

"Back to St. Lo. It was at one time a very beautiful place, sitting in the floor of a valley surrounded by very pretty hill, and as I said. at one time it must have been truly beautiful. I didn't see a house left intact. Yes, it makes good reading, but I wish a lot of people could see what it took to take St. Lo. There would be no strikes or slackers then.

"Just must close for the present, because I have to relieve a man while he goes to look for us a new home.

"I have time to scratch a few more lines and enclose both letters in one. Have been on the move, and time to write is scarce at times-but don't ever worry, because I will always write when I can find very much time. Moving heavy artillery is no easy job, and by the time we get dug in we are pretty pooped out. Everyone digs for himself, and it isn't necessary to make anyone dig anymore as was when on maneuvers. It only takes one visit by the bombers to convince the boys that it should be done in order to save one's skin. Too bad some had to learn the hard way, but war is exactly as Sherman put it.

"Speaking of the bombers, I may as well try to put on paper what some of the characteristics of a Jerry bomber are.

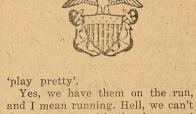


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'play pretty'.

First, around 11:30 at almost dark, a lone plane (or Bed Check Charlie) comes over, and you can usually set your watch by it. Well, Charlie circles around for an hour or so, then come the real boys themselves. They drop, say a dozen flares, which light up the country for miles around. From my personal observation, I don't think they have a definite target in mind, but just drop their flares anywhere behind the lines and on anything or any object that either reflects light from the flare or something they can see; well, then, all hell breaks loose. Nobody can describe the sound of the motors over your head, and low too, or the ack-ack or the strafing, and last but not least the unholy screech of a bomb on the way down. It is the most lonely and horrifying sound that I ever hope to hear. Scared? Hell yes. Everyone is. I tremble with fear and don't hestitate to admit it. By the way, when I say tremble I mean tremble; shiver in other words, break out in a cold sweat and pray like nobody's business, and aloud at times. Everyone prays and are very glad they are able to do so. Very few people know the true and horrible, clammy meaning of fear. It isn't at all a good feeling. But after every raid we always seem to find something to laugh about, and everyone feels fine. Nine times out of ten it just feels good to be able to crawl out of the hole, look at what is left and tell Jerry to go to hell. After dark Jerry has been having the whole sky to his own, but lately our night fighters have begun to

patrol, and Jerry has lost his little



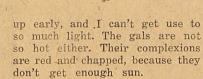
and I mean running. Hell, we can't even keep up with the front and move quite a bit too. I don't think we will slow down, and hope not, until we hit Berlin. We have the gleam of Paris in our eye now, and I hope by the time you receive this we are there. Paris, boy, what a party. We have two. quarts saved from Cherbourg, which was a present by the 1st Army, and we pop the corks at Paris only. Yes, the war will end soon. We all know that. It is only a matter of time and stubborn minds. Yes, Adolph is delaying victory, but what a price you are paying my friend! Tremendous, and you can't manufacture human bodies the same as machines, pistols or hand grenades. His boys that come to our side of the line say they are lost and everyone of them knows it, but they must have the word from higher up. Truly very weak minds. They come in all smiles and very damn glad to be a prisoner of war. Their eyes pop at the sight of our masses of war machinery --- men, vehicles, tanks, equipment,' arms and, last and by hell of a long shot not least, our mobile kitchen that can cook anytime, anywhere, and serve a hot meal three times a day.

"Unbelievable', they say. 'Why this is the first hot meal we have had in five or six weeks'. Yes, it is too. They get what? Guess? Bread and water and a little extra-but little -- and also what they take from the French.

"I must stop, or I will write all night. I get started and it is hard to stop, but maybe you get some idea about a few things. Tell everyone 'hello' for me."

F/O Roger Clendenen, nephew of Mrs. Lewis Roueche, writes

from England: "Guess you are surprised to hear from yours truly, but I will al-



"I thought that I would be back home by this time, but I guess I will be over a while longer. I'm ready to come back just anytime. We can't get any laundry or dry cleaning done, so I wash my own clothes. We just sit around and play cards and sometimes we go for a walk to get a little exercise. I just got back from about a fivemile jog. Will be getting the middle age spread if I don't do something. Is Gilbert still there with you? I haven't had any mail yet so I don't know what's going cn back home now."

S/Sgt. Herbert Speece writes. from Randolph Field the following: 'You don't have any priority on the hot weather. We have been having a great sufficiency of the same. I have been swimming most

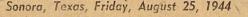
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every day as a sort of antidote. "The job for our outfit has taken new shape again. We are going to be working on a new testing program, uniform examinations for all fields, and it is really going to be a job to make up fifteen or twenty tentative tests for every phase of navigation courses. We have some material gathered through the past year or so, but this is much more extensive and ambitious than anything heretofore undertaken in this direction by our department.

"I had arranged for a cross-country flight throughout western U. S. starting today, but all personal cross-countries have been stopped for the present, I didn't get to go."

S/Sgt. Rex Merriman writes from England the following:

"Well, here I am again believe it or not. I'm sorry I haven't written sooner, but there are reasons. I have received a number of



In The Service

Pvt. Gerald "Bitsy" Huling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Huling, former Sonorans, writes from France.

"I received your letter and as always was very glad to hear from you. There is not much I can tell you about France. We are in a quiet section of the country, and have been ever since I landed. I can't believe there's a war on, except once in a great while something happens to remind me.

"I like the French much better than the English. The English look on us as a necessary evil; the French as great liberators. They keep us well supplied with apple cider. The Germans took everything else to drink.

"Must close now.' 'By and be careful." * * *

Chief Petty Officer W. C. Gilmore, who is stationed at Camp Stoneman, California, writes.

"A few minutes ago I was sort of cleaning house, getting ready for another move. This time a rather short one of about ten miles. The move is from Camp Stoneman to the Naval Magazine (which was what blew up) at Port Chicago. Some barracks have been completed for us there so either tomorro night or Friday we are moving down and will remain until our job of estimating the damage of Port Chicago is completed. Don't think I'll like it as well down there as living here because most of the personnel at Port Chicago is neeroes

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"I went up to Pittsburg a couple of miles from here, Monday night, and played bridge for the evening. One of the chiefs here found out that a group of local citizens (all men) had been meeting every Monday night. He had been invited and was to bring along a partner. It turned out to be a very pleasant hours and we are planing on going back next week. We can still come over from Port Chicago as it is only eight miles away from. Pittsburg, and this chief has his ear.

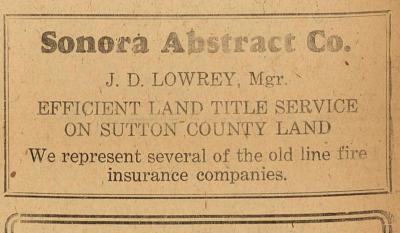
Incidentally, he has also asked me to make a trip with him home some week-end. He lives down somewhere between here and Los Angeles. It seems he goes down every (other week-end.

'I got the latest 'Devil' in today's mail and got a big kick out of the cast in the outdoor performance to be given by the war widows. Too bad I couldn't be there to help the property man-Guess I'd better sign off now."

Sgt. and Mrs. L. M. Roueche, Jr., spent Wednesday in San Antonio.

Lt. Harold Saunders, Jr., arrived home Sunday for a visit, with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders, Sr.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert Moffatt and daughter, Mary Shurley, left to-day for Washington, D. C., after a we his visit here with Mrs. Mof-fatt's mother, Mrs. Velma Shurley.





ways get around to it sooner or later. Seems to be mostly later. though. Don't know what I'm going to write after I get started. This field that I'm on now is a secret field and we can't get off the post or write very much."

"You have, no doubt, heard by this time that I am in England and doing nothing. When I first got over here we went all over the country, and I have seen all of it that I want to. I stayed in London a couple of days, and the buzz bombs kept the place from being very lively. Now they are coming over more regularly so I don't think I want to go back there. They were coming over about every 15 minutes when I was there. Feople don't seem to pay much attention to them anyhow. I didn't because they seldom ever hit very close to where I was.

"I visited Liverpool and Manchester and had a pretty nice time. It just doesn't appeal to me though, because the sun never shines, and it is always wet and kinda cold. It never gets dark until about 11:30 and the sun comes

letters from you and gee, I don't know how many others I have had from other people. I haven't answered any of those yet. I don't think I will ever get caught up on my letter writing. I did get my shaving kit and boy, it is the thing. I wouldn't take anything for it.

"So the car is in good shape. Well that's good, just keep it that way because I'm just itching to drive it again. You should see my so called car now. It is a bicycle. I get around pretty good on it. It sure beats walking anyway. All of my buddies have bicycles, so we have a little fun riding them.

"So it's pretty hot in Texas. Well I'll tell you, you can just can the good old Texas heat and send it over here. I know I would like it.

"So Tommy is home. I guess you will all be glad to see him. He can tell you a lot of things. I'd sure like to see him again. You can tell him I said 'hello'. "Well I've run out of bull. I hope to write more often. Tell everyone

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House Joint **Resolution**, No. 8

popsing amendment to Section 1 of Article 3 of the Constitution f the State of Texas, by adding nereto Section 51-e and 51-f; Section 51-e providing that cities and towns in this State shall have the power and authorivy to provide a system of retirement and disability pensions for its employees, provided, however, that no pension system shall be set up in any city until it has been approved at an election by qualified voters entitled to vote at an election on the question of the issuance of tax supported bonds; Section 51-f providing that the Legislature shall have authority to provide a system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employees of cities and towns to operate Statewide or by districts under such plan or program as the Legislature shall direct and shall provide that participation therein by cities and towns be volture shall never make an appropriation to pay any of the cost of any system authorized by this Section; providing for an election on the question of the adoption or rejection of such an amendment and making an appropriation therefor; providing for the proclamation and publication therefor and prescribing the form of ballot.

tary; provided that the Legislature shall never make an appro-priation to pay any of the cost of any system authorized by this Section.'

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitu-tional Amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State in November, 1944, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon, "For the Constitutional Amendment providing that the cities and towns in this State shall have the power and authority to provide a system of pensions for their appointive officers and employees," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment providing that all cities and towns in this State shall have the power and authority to provide a system of pensions for their appointive officers and employees." All ballots at such election shall also have printed thereon, "For the Constitutional Amendment giving authority to the Legislature to provide for a system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employees of the cities and towns" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment giving authority to the Legislature to provide for a system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and employees of cities and towns." Each voter shall scratch out two (2) of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the two (2) expressing his vote on the proposed Amendments.

Sonora, Texas, Friday, August 25, 1944

any county as herein provided, such re-allocations and changes shall remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) years from the date of the election at which same shall be approved, unless the same shall have been changed by a maj-ority vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of such nty, voting on the proposition, after submission by the Commissoners Court at a general or special election for that purpose; providing that this section shall not be construed as a limitation on powers delegated to counties, cities or towns by any other section or sections of this Constitution; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed Constitutional Amendment; making certain provisions for said election and ballots thereof and the method thereof; directing the issuance of proclamation therefor; prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State of Texas; and making an approproa-tion to defray the expenses of said election. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended that the same will hereafter read as follows:

"Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five (35) cents on the one hundred dollars valuation: and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five (25) cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen (15) cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen (15) cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollars valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the Amendment September 25, 1883; and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, waterworks and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five (25) cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; provided, however, that the Commissioners Court in any county may re-allocate the foregoing county taxes by changing the rates provided for any of the foregoing purposes by either increasing or decreasing the same, but in no event shall the total of said foregoing county taxes exceed eighty (80) cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, in any one year; provided further, that before the said Commissioners Court may make such re-allocations and changes in said county taxes that the same shall be submitted to the qualified property tax paying voters of such county at a general or special election, and shall be approved by a majcrity of the qualified property tax paying voters, voting in such election; and, provided further, that if and when such re-allocations and changes in the aforesaid county taxes have been approved by the qualified property tax paying voters of any county, as herein provided, such re-allocations and changes shall remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) years from the date of the election at which the same shall be approved, unless the same again shall have been changed by a majority vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of such county, voting on the proposition, after submission by the Commissioners Court. at a general or special election for that purpose; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifteen (15) cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subjects to taxation in such county. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or lacol laws. This section hall not be construed as a limitation of powers delegated to counties, cities or towns by any other section or sections of this Constitution." Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a general election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the seventh day of November, 1944, at which election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following words: "For the Amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution a majority vote of the qualified of the State of Texas, so as to provide that the Commissioners Court in any county may re-allocate the county tax levies authorized in said section by changing the rates provided for any of the purposes authorized in said section by either increasing or decreasing the same, but in no event shall the total of such taxes exceed eighty (80) cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for any

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Section 1. That Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto Sections 51-e and 51-f, which shall read as follows:

"Section 51-e. Each incorporated city and town in this State shall have the power and authority to provide a system of retirement and disability pensions for its appointive officers and employees who have become disabled as a, direct and proximate result of the performance of their duties, or have passed their sixty-fifth birthday, or have been employed by such city or town for more than twenty-five (25) years and have passed their sixtieth birthday, when and if, but only when and if, such system has been approved at an election by the qualified voters of such city or town entitled to vote on the question of issuance of tax supported bonds; provided that no city or town shall contribute more than the equivalent of seven and one half (7½) per centum of salaries and wages of the officers and employees entitled to participate in its pension system, and that said officers and employees shall contribute a like amount; and this Amendment shall not reduce the authority nor duty of any city or town otherwise existing.

"Section 51-f. The Legislature of this State shall have the authority to provide for a system of retirement and disability pensions for appointive officers and emaloyees of cities and towns to operhe Statewide or by districts under uch a plan and program as the egislature shall direct and shall provide that participation therein

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

House Joint Resolution, No. 18

proposing an Amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by changing said Section 9 so as to provide that the Commissioners Court in any county may re-allocate the county tax levies authorized in said section by changing the rates provided for any of the purposes authorized in said section by either increasing or decreasing the same, but in no event shall the total of such taxes exceed eighty (80) cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year; providing that before such Commissioners Court may make such re-allocations and changes in such levies that the same shall be submitted to the qualified property tax paying voters of such county at a general or special election and shall be approved by a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters, voting in such election; providing that if and when such re-allocations and changes in such county tax levies have been approved by the qualiby cities and towns shall be volun- fied property tax paying voters of

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Matt Doorly, our local carpenter, has been showing us architect's drawings of the kind of post-war houses that we're going to live in. Some of them look like squared-off dominoes; some are streamlined like they were going to fly. And they're all filled with fancy things like airconditioning and what-not.

"Sure change our home life!" Matt says importantly.

"Shucks," says Dan Mason, "it isn't the shape of a house, or the gadgets in it, that make up your home life."

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tution."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and shall have the same pub-

"It's the little things," says Dan. "Like a well-worn chair before the fire-and a good book -and a friendly glass of beer after a hard day's work. Little things, that are a part of living."

From where I sit, Dan's absolutely right. And I think the men who dream of home from overseas agree-that it's the small, familiar pleasures, that add up to home.

Joe Marsh

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"What is it then?" says Matt.