

Sutton County War Bond Quota: \$235,000

Amount Purchased and Pledged: \$304,723

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EIGHTH WEEK

Last Rites Held In Angelo For Sonoran's Father

Last rites were conducted in San Angelo Wednesday afternoon for Samuel DeLong, 69, father of Mrs. S. E. Adams of Sonora, who died in a San Angelo hospital at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Burial was in the Knickerbocker cemetery.

The native Kentuckian, who came to Christoval about 65 years ago, was the only son of the late Dave DeLong, who followed his brothers, Sam, William and Wash out West back in the Indian-fighting days. The DeLongs were originally from France, and during the Huguenot rebellion, when the members of their faith were offered the choice of persecution or emigration, the family chose America.

Mr. DeLong was born in Kentucky on May 17, 1875. He was a retired farmer. He and Mrs. DeLong had lived for several years in their home a mile south of Christoval on the Eldorado highway. The original Dave DeLong irrigated farm was three miles north of Christoval on the South Concho River, and included the R. M. Minton farm.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Maude DeLong; two sons, Mellick and Dave; one daughter, Mrs. Adams; a sister, Mrs. Mary Douglas of New Mexico, and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Cousins include J. H. DeLong of Christoval, Dave DeLong of Eldorado, Wash DeLong of Merton, and Will DeLong of Bosque County.

Pallbearers were Dewitt Holland, Raymond Millsap, Waldo Kennedy, Urban Welch, Elwin Balkum and Volney Roberts.

Churches To Have Xmas Programs

Both the Methodist and Baptist Churches are planning Christmas programs for the children of their Sunday Schools.

On Wednesday night, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock, a Christmas tree and program will be held at the Baptist Church. Each Sunday School class will present a number on the program, and the devotional will be offered by the Reverend J. E. Eldridge. Special Christmas music will be furnished by the High School Girls' Choral Club, under the direction of Mrs. Karl Moore.

The Methodists are not planning their annual program and tree, that is usually held in the church basement. But the Reverend F. L. Meadow has announced that each department of the Sunday School will hold its own program and tree. The dates for these separate programs have not yet been announced.

AAA CO. COMMITTEE ELECTION TO BE SAT.

Miss Dessie D. Parsons, local AAA administrative officer, issued reminder this week to all ranchmen in Sutton County that election of AAA County Committeemen will be held Saturday afternoon, December 16, at 2 o'clock in the County Courtroom. She has stressed the importance of this meeting and urged that all ranchmen who possibly can attend.

PARCEL POST MAILING INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

R. Dewitt Lancaster, Postmaster, announced this week for the special benefit of those mailing Christmas packages, that parcel post packages must be put in the mail by 12:30 o'clock, in the afternoon, if they are to leave on that day's mail. This is necessary, Lancaster said, due to the rush that occurs at that period of the day, when the mail from San Angelo is arriving and the mail to return to Angelo is being made up.

Mrs. J. A. Ward, Jr., and J. A. III, were in San Angelo last Saturday shopping.

Mrs. Hilton Turney and son, Billy Frank, were in San Angelo last week, where Billy Frank received a medical check-up.

Bond Sales Now Total \$304,723

\$3,700 BOUGHT BY SERVICEMEN

Sutton County's Bond sales this week reached an over-all total of \$304,723.75, this figure including the \$3,700 in bonds allotted to the county from purchases made by members of the Armed Forces on the basis of the county's population and the number of persons from here serving with the Armed Forces.

Of the total purchases \$100,031.25 were in Series E Bonds, and the rest in other denominations. Those purchased by service personnel and allocated to this county were also Series E.

War Finance Chairman George H. Neill, while commending the citizens on their generous purchases, which have put the county many thousands of dollars over the \$235,000 quota, still urged that those who have not purchased bonds or those who can afford to purchase more, do so before the end of the month. "When our servicemen, who are offering everything they have, including their lives, to our war effort, and are buying bonds too, there is not enough that we can do to match their efforts in our own way. The fact that they are buying bonds makes it imperative that each of us here at home buy to the very limit of his ability."

Also included in the E bonds purchased to date were those purchased on December 7, in commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day, these totaling \$6,731.25.

Sonora Quintets Lose 13-17, 10-22 To Rocksprings

The Sonora High School basketball team both suffered defeat last Thursday night, when they met the two Rocksprings quintets at Rocksprings. The first string lost a close 13 to 17 game, and the second team lost 10 to 22.

Scoring by the members of the first string was well-distributed and the playing was consistently good, the game being lost on personal fouls. The Sonora quint made 11 personal fouls, which gave their opponents five free shots at the goal. The Rocksprings team made only 4 personal fouls.

First stringers in Thursday's game were Cleveland Nance, Dickie Street, Alain Boughton, Raymond Johnson, George D. Chalk, Jr., and Frankie Bond.

Men who played in the second string game were Donald Ray Behrens, Jackie Sharp, Charles Cusenbary, Clayton Hamilton, Frankie Bond; also substitutes, Jimmy Cusenbary, Sonny Shurley, Jimmy Lightfoot, Billy Wright Taylor and Billy Joe Nance.

The Sonora team has no more games scheduled until January 5 and 6, at which time they will go to Eldorado to participate in that school's invitation tournament. The seven other high school teams which will enter the tournament are from Fort Stockton, Junction, Eldorado, Mason, Rocksprings, Menard and Ozona.

The Broncos will also attend an invitation tournament, to be held on January 25 and 26, in Ozona. The same teams will participate there.

No date or meeting place has yet been set for the district meet, but it will probably be held this season, as in the past, during the first part of February.

1944 AAA PRACTICES MUST BE COMPLETED DEC. 31

All range and farm conservation practices carried out on ranches and farms in Sutton County under the 1944 AAA program must be completed by December 31, instead of by December 1, as was incorrectly stated in the News last week.

The reports on these practices must be completed and turned in to the local Triple-A office by January 15, 1945, if payment is to be received by those who carried out the practices.

H. P. Allison of San Angelo was in Sonora on business and visiting his son, Lea Allison, on Tuesday.

Schools' Holidays Begin Dec. 20

TO CONTINUE THROUGH JAN. 1

The Sonora Schools will recess for the Christmas holidays next Wednesday afternoon, December 20, at 2:45 o'clock, and will not take up again until Tuesday, January 2, according to announcement made in assembly Wednesday morning by N. B. Miller, principal.

Also, during the assembly, several entertainment numbers were presented. The senior class gave a short skit, advertising their class play, which is to be presented next Tuesday night, December 19.

Members of the Girls' Choral Club, under the direction of Mrs. Karl Moore, sang two numbers, "White Christmas" and "Old King Cole", and boys of the junior class gave a girls' fashion show under the direction of Miss Nellie Ruth Folley, class sponsor.

Three Dances Planned For Xmas Holidays

Three benefit dances are being planned for the Christmas holidays by local women's organizations. Music will be furnished by Harrison's Texans and Billy Gross and his orchestra, out-of-town bands, and by Johnny Martin and the Melody Boys, a local band.

The Sonora Woman's Club will sponsor dances on the nights of Friday, December 22, and Saturday, December 30, to raise funds for their public library project. Harrison's Texans will play for the first dance, and Johnny Martin and the Melody Boys will play for the one on December 30.

The War Service Club, composed of the wives of servicemen, will give their dance on Christmas night, with Billy Gross and his orchestra furnishing the music. The funds raised will be used for a war benefit to be designated later.

All three dances will be held in the Sonora Cool and Mohair Co. warehouse, and admission to each will be \$2.00.

DECEMBER DRAFT CALLS RECEIVED BY BOARD

Miss Melba Kleitcher, clerk of the local Selective Service Board, has this week received the December calls for inductees and registrants to take physical examinations in December. On December 26, thirteen registrants will be sent to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, for induction into the armed forces, and on December 27, seven will be sent to the pre-induction physicals.

As yet, the names of those who will be sent have not been announced.

Sanitation Group Meets In Austin

AUSTIN, Dec. 14.—The third annual State Sanitation Institute will meet in Austin, Texas, December 14, 15, and 16 with health officials from state and county agencies participating in the program. V. M. Elders, Chief Technical Supervisor of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, State Health Department, will be in charge of the first day's meeting.

In the afternoon of December 14, Dr. Lewis C. Robbins, Director, San Antonio City Health Department, will discuss the responsibility of the director of the sanitarian program. C. H. Billings and Dr. T. E. Dodd will discuss proposed public health legislation which is to be presented at the next session of the Legislature.

Saturday morning Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, will address the assembly on the responsibilities of the sanitarian in public health work.

These annual meetings are considered to be of great importance in the advancement of public health since they bring together public health officials and sanitation experts from every section of the State for a discussion of state-wide as well as local problems and the formulation of plans and

Lions Told Airfield Site Here Approved

George D. Chalk, member of the club's airport committee, told members of the Sonora Lions Club at their luncheon meeting Tuesday, that one of the two sites under consideration for an airport here had been approved by a Civil Aeronautics Authority official last week. The officer said that the allotment already made by the Federal government for an airport in Sutton County, to be built in the immediate postwar period, is \$141,000, provided the land can be obtained and that the county or State will match that amount. The officer also said that specifications for an airfield suitable for the approved plot of land will be sent here in the near future.

Chalk said that he has been advised that the once proposed landing strips to be built along new existing highways, have been abandoned altogether. Cities, such as Sonora, however, which need airfields and are on already existing air routes, will be given grants from the government when they can obtain suitable land sites.

Also speaking on the program was Mrs. Alice Paine Paul, Girl Scout training advisor, who stressed the need of a separate building here for the Girl Scout organization. She also told something of Girl Scout plans here for the immediate future.

E. J. White, who is soon to take over as Scout Master of the Boy Scouts, called for volunteers from the club and from the citizenry at large, for assistants to work with him. H. V. Stokes suggested that volunteers serve in rotation.

Guests at the luncheon were members of the Sutton County Girl Scout Council, who were introduced by Mrs. Ben Mittel, president of the Council. They were Mrs. M. O. Britt, E. D. Shurley, Rip Ward, F. J. Wood and Joe Brown Ross.

A Few Used, No. III Passenger Tires Unrationed

Because of their poor quality and spotty distribution, the few used, grade 3, passenger car tires still in the hands of tire dealers were removed from rationing on December 1, B. W. Lovelace, chairman of the Sutton County War Price and Rationing Board, has announced.

Most of these tires, Lovelace explained, were the residue of the 6,800,000 used tires purchased from motorists by the Defense Supplies Corporation two years ago.

Used truck tires will continue under rationing, with the supply still critically short, Lovelace said. All tires, both new and used, are under price control.

In removing tires from rationing, the definition of Grade I tires was changed to include factory seconds and tires made of reclaimed rubber. Both of these types, as well as new and undamaged synthetic rubber tires, will continue to be rationed, and may be purchased only upon presentation of a valid tire rationing certificate.

CHORAL CLUB TO SING AT METHODIST SERVICE SUNDAY

The High School Girls' Choral Club, directed by their teacher, Mrs. Karl Moore, will present a program of special Christmas music next Sunday afternoon at vesper services at the Methodist Church at 5:30 o'clock. The public is extended an invitation to attend this service.

Mrs. Mora Clark of Dallas is here this week visiting her mother, Mrs. J. L. Davis, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wallace.

methods of procedure of benefit to the public health program as a whole. All sanitation problems that have arisen through the year are presented for discussion and possible solution by the local sanitarians where such problems exist. Dr. Cox has announced that he expects at least 200 sanitarians and other health officials to be present.

Board Reclasses 80 Registrants

5 PLACED IN CLASS 1-A

Of the 80 Sutton County registrants reclassified by the local Selective Service Board on Thursday, December 7, 68 were placed in class 4-A, which denotes that they are over 38 years of age and probably will not be reclassified again. The remaining 12 reclassifications were divided as follows: five in 1-A, two in 4-F, and five in 1-C.

Those reclassified and their new classifications are:

1-A: Mauricio G. Paredes, Artie M. Adams, Edwin S. Mayer Jr., Eugene Shurley and Warren D. Reddock.

1-C: Guillermo R. Romero, Louie T. Andrews, James A. Martin, Jesus Y. Sanchez and Delmer Lee Slope.

4-F: Jose G. Garza and Bicente Bautista.

4-A: Rodrigo Santos, Earl W. Merck, Theodore T. Cahill, Primitivo Gonzales, Visente Y. Sauseda, J. W. Duckett, Elmer T. Smith, William H. Guest, Alfred Sessom, Laurence Grimland, George E. Smith, Roy Christie, Leonard Gibbs, Charlie Hull, Nicolas Lira, Jack Mann, Felix Villarreal, Lewis Matthews, Harry B. Kiser, William B. Johnson, Jess D. Maxey, Lloyd McMullen, Carmie Wyatt, William Mittel, Willie H. Barker, Rafael Gomez, Leonard Bingham, Alton Cobern, Dennis Duke, Alfred Brown, Pablo Dominguez, W. H. Karnes, Ruby E. West, Eduardo G. Guajardo, Leonard Caldwell, Marion Lawless, Jr., Francisco Reyna, Bob Wilson, James Loyd, Vernon Griffin, Santiago Lopez, Antonio Barrera, John McKee, Rito Munoz, Earl Lomax, Claude Prater, Jesus Favilla, Domingo Saenis, Jose Flores, Dorsey Archer, Lewis Spraggins, Sabino Mendez, Leopoldo Guzman, Domingo Salinas, Francisco Perez, Odus Horton, George D. Chalk, Alfonso Ybarra, Meredith E. Joy, William A. Carroll, Juan Martinez, Marcos Perez, Amador Castillo, Wesley Granger, Lott Turner, Bonifacio Ortega, Juan Rosales and Glenn Reeves.

Texas' October Farm Income Was 179 Millions

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Income from agriculture in Texas during October was \$179,000,000, Dr. E. A. Buechel of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

Income was some 11 per cent higher than in October a year ago, the economist said. For the first ten months of the year, income has been more than \$913,000,000, whereas for the corresponding period a year ago it was \$890,000,000.

Cotton was responsible for most of the gain in cash income, since the price per bale was higher than it was last year, and the value of lint also was greater.

Income from livestock is expected to maintain a slight margin of gain. Exclusive of federal subsidy payments, farm cash income for the current calendar year will be approximately \$1.2 billion, Dr. Buechel reports.

NEW PORK-CURING BULLETIN AVAILABLE

Berry Duff, Sutton County agent, this week announced that he has received a new bulletin from the A. & M. College Extension Service on curing pork, country-style, and that those who desire them may obtain them by calling at his office in the Court House.

Duff said that some good methods are illustrated in the bulletin and that they should be especially valuable during this season.

CAPT. GENTZLER GETS ME-109 OVER GERMANY

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY IN ALSACE, Dec. 13.—Two Mustang pilots, Capt. Victor J. Gentzler of Rapid City, S. D., and Sonora, Texas, and 2nd Lt. Frederick L. Horanic, Erie, Pa., were jumped by 20 ME-109's south of Gernersheim in Germany today.

Not only did they get back safe-

Geronimo Munoz Reported Killed In Germany

Two Sonora families received word this week that relatives in the Armed Forces overseas, formerly reported missing in action, have now been listed as killed.

Pvt. Geronimo Munoz, previously reported missing in action in France since November 13, has now been reported killed. He has been in service with an infantry division since November, 1943. Pvt. Munoz, a native of Laredo, had made his home here for several years and had worked on the ranches of Dee Word and Miss Nettie Word. His wife, Juanita A. Munoz, lives here.

Pfc. Jesse Luxton, brother of Charles Luxton of Sonora, was also reported killed in action after having previously been reported missing. He was serving with General George S. Patton's Third Army in Germany, and had been reported missing since November 19. His home was in Uvalde, and his wife and small son are living there.

Senior Play To Be Presented Tuesday, Dec. 19

Final practices are being held this week by the senior class, which will present its annual class play next Tuesday night, December 19, in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. The three-act comedy, entitled "A Mind of Her Own", is being coached by the class sponsor, Miss Anne Palmer.

The cast of characters and students who will portray each are as follows:

Jim Bartlett, in the construction business, H. C. Kiser, Jr.; Delia Bartlett, his wife, Edith Eldridge; Bunny, their daughter, Betty Gene Rankhorn; Tommie, their son, Jimmie Cook; Nettie, another daughter, Gene Cliff Johnson; Lizzie, the maid, Polly Allen; Jessica Atwood, Bunny's guest, Lila D. Chalk; Delphine Lindley, another guest of Bunny's, Margaret Smith; Steve Henderson, Bunny's admirer, Tommie Smith; Hugh Randall, another admirer, Sidney Awalt; Carroll Russell, a girl next door, Jerry Morrow; Miss Flora Fenwick, a naturalist, Mary Lou Neuberger, and Mrs. Phelps, a contractor's wife, Frances Jo Lancaster.

Admission prices will be 30 cents for children and 60 cents for adults.

7 Oil Leases Made Recently

The number of oil leases made in the county in the past two weeks total only 7. These were as follows:

J. D. Lowrey, 197.92 acres, to W. H. Wortham; Meta F. Ruck, 12,487 acres, to E. M. Whalenmaier; Nettie Word, 809.6 acres, to A. W. Billingsley; Dee Word, 603.6 acres, to Billingsley; Mrs. Luella O'Leary, 1,927.1 acres, to Billingsley; Clarendon Mower, 480 acres, to Charles J. Wohlford, and Robert Kelley, 480 acres, to Wohlford.

"T" GAS APPLICATIONS FOR 1st QUARTER OF 1945 BEING MAILED

Mrs. Leroy Whitworth, chief clerk of the local Office of Price Administration, announced this week that new applications are being mailed to all holders of "T" mileage ration certificates, and that these must be properly filled out and returned by December 20.

Application forms turned in after that date will cause delay in the applicants receiving their new rations for the first quarter of 1945. The "T" allotments for this quarter will be mailed out in the order that the forms are returned to the OPA here.

John Lee Nisbet of San Angelo was here on business Monday.

ly but they shot down one German plane each and probably destroyed another.

"We were scared—and we don't mind who knows it," Gentzler said.

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Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER
TEXAS BOND DAY
IN NEW YORK

I was in New York on Pearl Harbor Day, having gone there to take part in the Town Meeting of the A. H. New York must be about the busiest place in the U. S. in the holiday scramble.

But Texas was getting a lot of attention that day. In the heart of Manhattan, at Fifth Avenue and 48th streets, was the stage for a special "Texas Day" bond drive program. Seven Texas oil companies which have offices in New York, added to a number of individuals, purchased \$6,350,000 in war bonds. It was a signal salute to Texas, which has contributed such great amounts of manpower and material to the war effort.

The setting for the ceremonies was impressive. A giant 14-inch gun from the great battleship Texas had been placed there on a vacant spot at the street corner. Rear Admiral Kelly told the largest gathering of its kind that has been held in New York that "anyone can buy a bond and be a member of the great Army and Navy team, devoted to ending this war."

TOWN HALL PROGRAM

The Town Hall auditorium, located just off of Times Square, was filled to overflowing, as 1,500 people came to hear another of their weekly debates on public issues. The radio program, was sponsored by Readers Digest, and was broadcast over the 160 stations of the Blue Network.

The question was: "Should Government Guarantee Job Equalities to All Races?" The four who took part were: Congressman C. M. LaFollette of Indiana; Miss Lillian Smith, author; Ray Tucker, newspaper columnist, and myself. Mr. Tucker and I were opposed by the other two. It lasted an hour, during the last half of which questions were asked each of us by people in the audience.

After it was over, I was pleased to find that quite a number of Texans were on hand. Many of them came around to make their presence known to me. It is always fine to meet Texans, anywhere, especially when you are a good way from home.

A part of my initial statement at the opening of the program, was as follows: "Let me first point out that because I am on the negative side of this question tonight does not mean that I am not in favor of equality of opportunity and equal pay for equal work performed, to all Americans, regardless of race or color."

"But I am emphatically opposed to trying to do that by passing a Federal law (F. E. P. C.) and creating another bureau, as is proposed by Congressman LaFollette."

"The proposal would simply mean that a bureau in Washington would send out over America hundreds and hundreds of agents to say to the farmer and to the storekeeper on Main Street:

"You must hire this man; you must fire that man; you must promote the other, because he belongs to a minority race."

"Have we come to the time in America when jobs are to be filled on a basis of race? Is this a proposal for the benefit of the lazy and disgruntled? Doesn't efficiency count for anything any more?"

"I like our system -- a system that enables the poorest boy in the poorest family, if he will work and has the ability and the initiative, to lift himself to the very top."

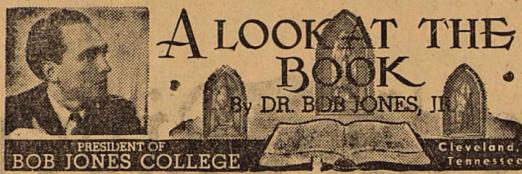
"But that is not all. It would start a beautiful racket. It would mean any applicant for a job, after being refused, could claim discrimination. He could then engage himself a 'shyster' lawyer. A complaint would be filed against the storekeeper. Then the harassed storekeeper or farmer would gladly settle out of court for fifty or a hundred dollars, and save himself further expense and trouble."

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A little child once said to his teacher when told that it was 92,000,000 miles from his house to the sun, "Do you mean that far from the roof or the basement?" Poor, little child! His house looked tall to him, but when you consider the millions of miles from the earth to the sun the height of the house is insignificant. Indeed, the height of the highest mountain is insignificant in comparison to those miles of space. When we compare the brief span of our own lives with the great eternity of God, we find we are pretty small pebbles on a pretty big beach. God's Word reminds us that we are to be clothed "with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble (1 Peter 5:5). Quite plainly this means that the man who is proud finds God in opposition to him. God resists the proud man, but He gives grace to the humble. What is grace? It is spirituality. There is no such thing as a spiritual, proud man. A spiri-

tual Christian is always a humble Christian. The great men of God have been humble in their personal lives, and with humble hearts they have walked before God, as conscious of His blessings as of their own unworthiness.
One good way to secure humility

is by looking deep down inside your heart and seeing all the ugliness there. Sometimes a scientific expedition goes out aboard a ship to gather specimens of unusual marine life. Nets are let down thousands of feet under the surface and when they are pulled up they contain strange creatures, awful looking things some of them—limy and bloated creatures of the deep. When the Holy Spirit turns the searchlight of God's Word upon the human heart you find it full of ugliness for "the heart is deceitfully wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9). How can we be proud knowing that in fact we are full of ugliness and desperate—our flesh dwelleth no good thing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allison were in San Angelo last week-end to be with Mr. Allison's father, George S. Allison, who is in a San Angelo hospital and who underwent an operation the first of this week.

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NO. 1 QUALITY CARROTS, 2 Bunches 15c	FRESH OYSTERS, Pint 90c
BELL PEPPER, lb 14c	Dressed Hens, lb 40c
CELERY, Stalk 20c	LIVE HENS, lb 22c
POTATOES, 2 lb 17c	GOOSE LIVER CHEESE, lb 35c
WHITE OR YELLOW SQUASH, 2 lb 25c	BIRDSEYE GREEN PEAS, Box 30c
DELICIOUS - WINESAPS APPLES, 2 lb 25c	SHRIMP, lb 50c
TEXAS ORANGES, 2 lb 15c	FRESH FISH FILLETS, lb 50c
PINK OR WHITE GRAPE FRUIT, 2 lb 15c	

SPUDS NO. 1 GRADE IDAHO MESH BAG 53c - **Yams** 2 LB. 15c

LADY PEGGY Mince Meat, Jar 31c	SEEDLESS Raisins, 4 lb Cello Bag 59c
LIBBYS' Pumpkin, No. 2 1/2 Jar 23c	46 OZ. CAN Grape Fruit Juice, 27c
APRICOT PRESERVES, 2 lb Jar 58c	PINEAPPLE PRESERVES, 2 lb Jar 58c
NO. 1 YELLOW Pop Corn, lb Cello Bag 23c	MASTERPIECE - NO. 2 1/2 CAN APRICOTS, 60 Pts. 36c
CHOPPED - NO. 2 1/2 CAN Peaches & Pears, 80 Pts. 30c	PIDO, 2 Box 21c

FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 25 LB. BAG \$1.39 50 LB. BAG \$2.75

CALUMET Baking Powder, lb Can 18c	ROYAL - 1 LB. CAN Baking Powder, 2 Cans 21c
WHITE SYRUP, 1/2 Gal. Jar 42c	CORN SUGAR, 2 Boxes 25c
BAKER'S Baking Chocolate, 1/2 lb 22c	SHELLED PECANS, lb 99c
FRESH DATES, 1/2 lb Box 38c	WHITE RAISINS, lb Box 20c
PEACOCK RICE, 2 lb Box 24c	OLD STYLE - 7 1/2 OZ. JAR PIMENTOS, 25c

Corn Meal AUNT JEMIMA 5 LB. BAG 32c K. R. 5 LB. BAG 29c

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CAGE BRAND Coconut Extract, 15c	WOODBURY SOAP, 3 Bars 25c

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Air Line Co. To Favor Veterans For Employees

Veterans will be given preference for jobs at Continental Air Lines both now and in the years immediately following the end of the war, Robert F. Six, president of Continental and himself a veteran of World War II, said Tuesday in outlining his company's program for the returning veteran.

In releasing details of this program Mr. Six made the following

statement:

"During my two years of active service in the Army Air Force I heard one question asked time and time again by men of every rank. 'Will I have a job when the war is over?'"

"Now why do thousands and thousands of servicemen fear that when the war ends they will be pounding the streets in a hopeless search for jobs? In my opinion, this is one of the reasons: To date, only a handful of American businessmen have taken a clear-cut stand in public print regarding the policies their companies will follow

in providing jobs for servicemen.

"Because this matter of jobs for the returning veteran is one which affects morale both here and overseas it is my sincere belief that as the president of an airline it is my duty to state as clearly as I can exactly what will be the policy of Continental Air Lines in offering jobs to veterans of World War II.

"First, here is the policy which will be followed in the case of the veteran who has never before worked for Continental but who wants to take a job with us after he has received his discharge: The veteran can apply at any station on our route and fill out an application blank with the aid of the station manager or district traffic manager. This blank will be forwarded to our personnel office in Denver via airmail.

If the veteran is qualified for any job then open (and because of the expansion program planned by Continental there will be jobs open frequently) the personnel office will notify the station manager or district traffic manager to issue the veteran a free pass which will entitle him to fly to Denver for a personal interview.

Should a veteran and a non-veteran apply for the same job and be equally qualified the veteran

will be given preference.

"Second, in brief form here is the policy to be followed by Continental in providing jobs for former employees who return as veterans of World War II: Every former permanent employee of Continental Air Lines will be offered the same job which he left—or its equivalent in seniority, statue, and pay.

Should the former employee for physical or psychological reasons be unable to resume his old duties it will be the policy of Continental Air Lines to make every effort to provide him with a job which he is capable of filling.

The former employee who has acquired new skills or knowledge during his service in the Armed Forces will be placed in a better job as soon as there is an opening.

"This procedure will be followed in re-hiring the Continental veteran: Within 40 days after receiving his discharge the veteran should report to one of Continental's stations—any station on our route—and indicate that he wants to return to work for us.

The station manager immediately will issue him a free airline pass, which will entitle him to fly to Denver to contact our personnel office.

Happy Birthday

- Saturday, December 16—Vada Jean Sessom, Bernice McKee
- Sunday, December 17—None
- Monday, December 18—Barbara Bowers
- Tuesday, December 19—G. E. Ellis
- Wednesday, December 20—Evelue Moore, Mrs. Fannie Joy, Mrs. Francis Wood
- Thursday, December 21—John Bunnell
- Friday, December 22—Lea Roy Aldwell, Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr., Frank Leslie Moore

Elliott P.-T. A. To Present Christmas Show

Members of the Elliott School Parent-Teachers Association will present a Christmas program in the school auditorium next Tuesday night, December 19, and a Mexican supper will be served before and after the program.

Theme of the entertainment will pantomime the song, "White Christmas". A large globe, covered with snow, will revolve slowly during the song, and then with the singing of "When the Lights Go On Again", lights will gradually illumine the globe.

Also on the program will be several Spanish folk dances.

The program will be shown free, and charges for the supper will be 50 cents per plate.

U. T. REGENTS ACCEPT \$7,200 STUDY GRANT

A grant of \$7,200 was accepted by the University of Texas Board of Regents in their recent meeting from the National Livestock and Meat Board of Chicago, for the continuation of study at the Medical Branch in Galveston. Dr. A. E. Hansen is in charge of the study, which deals with fat metabolism as regards the unsaturated fatty acids, in relationship to human metabolism.

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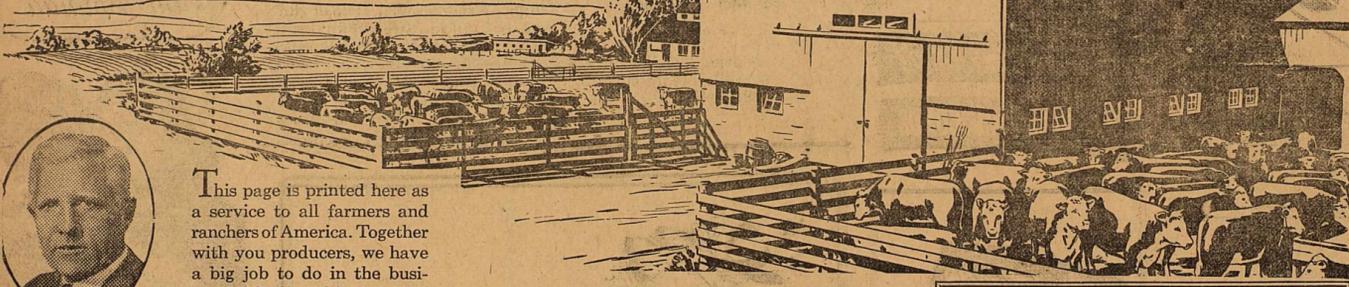
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John Holmes, President Swift & Company

This page is printed here as a service to all farmers and ranchers of America. Together with you producers, we have a big job to do in the business of feeding this nation of ours well.

A short time ago I was talking about improved methods with a farmer. He said, "The way I look at it is this—what helps agriculture helps all of us."

That is it in a nutshell. What helps agriculture does help all of us—producer, meat packer and processor, retailer and consumer. So the purpose of this page is to tell in a few words and many pictures about all manner of things that do help agriculture. We hope that by searching out news items, telling of new trends, big or little, reviewing findings of agricultural experiment stations, by recounting the experiences of successful individuals, and in many other ways, we can render a worthwhile service to all who produce our nation's food.

The Editor will be F. M. Simpson, who is already well known to many of you as Manager of our Agri-

cultural Research Department. He will welcome your suggestions and original ideas. Mr. Simpson is the Editor—but it is your page. Please help us make it a useful one.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

John Holmes
President, Swift & Company



"Sorry if I disappoint some home folks this Christmas. But I've got a date with the Service men and women. I mustn't be too little or too late!"

CANVAS COATS FOR SHEEP PAY OFF

Range lambs grazing in mountains and valleys, fashionably dressed in ducky little white duck coats sounds more like a pipe dream than a practical possibility for sheep growers. However, in an experiment at the University of Wyoming, coats of 15-ounce canvas were tailored to fit half of a flock of 684 range sheep. The fleeces were carefully compared at shearing time and the "coats" proved their worth in a big way—more clean wool per fleece; 6.8 per cent less shrinkage; 13.5 per cent less dirt content; and the staple was a full half-inch longer than on the sheep that wore no coats.

This adds up to extra wool profit no matter how you look at it. In addition, the coats protect the sheep from cold weather, wet, sand, dirt, burrs, stickers, and reduce death losses and feed consumption. Wool from the coat-wearing sheep compared favorably with the best white Australian wool.

For further information, write R. H. Bugas, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

Nutrition Is Our Business—and Yours!



"Right eating adds life to your years, and years to your life."

These six Americans are united in the job of seeing that 132,000,000 fellow Americans get enough of the right kinds of food to eat. The rancher, farmer, meat packer, retailer, housewife and scientist, each has a part in the preparation and distribution of meats and other foods.

Feeders of livestock know that diet has a lot to do with the health of their animals. It is the

same with human beings. There is a great deal of research being conducted at the present time in our universities to find out more about the relationship between diet and human health, and Swift & Company gives many grants to aid this kind of research.

Not so many years ago a lot of people said meat was hard to digest; that children should never be given pork, etc. Nutritionists have proved that pork is one of the most digestible of all meats, rich in Vitamin B. These and many other basic truths about meats and other foods have been established by the work of nutritionists. You can readily see why such discoveries help the sale of meat and of livestock. That is why we say—"Nutrition is our business—and yours."

Does lots of wool on the face and legs of a sheep and a wrinkled skin help to make a more valuable fleece? No, says the U. S. D. A. Sheep with wool over their eyes produce fleeces of lighter weight and less value than open-faced sheep.



Martha Logan's BEEF POT ROAST
roast, accompanied by onions and carrots. Roll the beef well

A beef chuck, rump or round, provides the

in flour, then brown in hot fat in a heavy kettle. Add water, cover tightly and cook slowly for two hours, or until tender. Add peeled potatoes, onions and carrots, and cook for one hour.

Ex-Farm Boy Knocks 'Em Dead

BUY MORE WAR BONDS—HOLD WHAT YOU HAVE!



Maybe you've heard the epic story of "Zeke" Givan. "Zeke" was a farm boy from Dearborn County, Indiana—until he enlisted in the Marines. His first big show was at Kwajalein. The Japs started to rush him, and "Zeke" started to shoot. When the shooting stopped, those present were "Zeke," one red-hot Browning Automatic Rifle, and 35 dead Japs. "Zeke" says modestly, "I did nothing except my duty." Later he was wounded at Saipan. We'll say that like many thousands of other farm boys, in and out of the Service, he is doing his duty extra special well.

Swift & Company, CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

If you want additional information, write the Animal Husbandry Department, South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

(The views expressed in this article are those of the author.)

Announcements
From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Program—
Men's Bible Class 9:45
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:50
Evening Service changed from 7:30 to Vesper Service at 5:30
Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 3:00
Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday evening at the church.

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Evening Service 7:30
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30
W. M. U., each Wednesday 3:00
Sunbeams, Monday 3:15
Ra's, Ga's, Monday 4:15

ST. ANN'S CHURCH

Sunday Masses: 8:00 and 10:00
Weekday Mass: 7:30

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Mrs. Shurley Is Program Leader For WSCS

"Christian Homes in Methodism at Christmas Time" was the theme of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service program, when they met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. G. H. Davis.

The devotional, offered by Mrs. E. D. Shurley, was based on the subject, "The Christmas Story". Also on the program were Meses. O. L. Richardson, W. R. Cusenbary, O. G. Babcock and A. E. Prugel.

During the business session, which followed the program, the resignations of Mrs. Shurley, as recording secretary, and of Mrs. Dan Cauthorn, as secretary of youth work, were accepted.

Mrs. Shurley was then elected to fill the position resigned by Mrs. Cauthorn, and Mrs. Annie Sharp was elected recording secretary.

The members present voted to send a Christmas gift to their charge at the Methodist Home in Waco, to send \$10.00 to the home and to send \$5.00 to the Rescue Home in San Antonio.

Others present, besides those already mentioned, were Meses. J. D. Lowrey, E. E. Sawyer, F. L. Meadow and J. F. Howell and Mrs. Tisdale of Eldorado.

Mrs. Lyles Is Hostess To FWBC

Members and guests of the Firemen's Wives Bridge Club were entertained by Mrs. Lenoy Lyles at her home Wednesday night, December 6. A Christmas motif was used in the decorations, and a salad plate and coffee were served. High score was held by Mrs. A. H. Adkins and low by Mrs. B. Jackson for the members, with Mrs. L. E. Holland holding high for the guests. Mrs. Sibe McKee won the traveling prize.

Playing were Meses. G. G. Bennett, Hubert Fields, Katie Brasher, Ford Allen, Adkins, Lee Patrick, Jackson, Hilton Turney, C. W. Taylor, Beamon Speed, Holland and McKee.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE Clubs • Parties • Features

JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 15, 1944 The Devil's River News

Woman's Club Members Hear Book Review

Mrs. W. L. Ardis of San Angelo reviewed "A Great Rushing of Wings", at the December meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club last Thursday. Mrs. Ardis was introduced to the club by Mrs. G. H. Hall. Mrs. Karl Moore played two accordion solos, and Mrs. I. B. Boughton, president, conducted the business session. Mrs. Boughton announced that the club would sponsor a Christmas dance on December 27 for the benefit of the library. Harrison's Texans will furnish the music, and the following committee will be in charge: Meses. Lea Allison, W. M. Penick, Dorothy Norris, Thomas Espy, Dan Cauthorn and W. R. Cusenbary.

Mmes. Thomas Espy and E. F. Vander Stucken were the hostesses and were assisted by Meses. Carnie Wyatt and Cusenbary.

Mrs. Berry Duff was introduced as a new member of the club, and the presidents of each club present were also introduced. About 50 guests were present including members of the Music Club, Parent-Teachers Association and the Art Club.

Miss Jo Ann Marion and Mrs. W. M. Barnes and children, Anne, Bill and Dick, spent last week-end and the first part of this week in San Angelo, the guests of Mrs. Barnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will P. Drake, at the Cactus Hotel.

Football Team Feted At Banquet By Pep Squad On December 8

Members of the Bronco football team were honored by the girls of the pep squad with the annual football banquet in the basement of the Methodist Church Friday night, December 8.

Decorations for the banquet were carried out in the colors of the rainbow, and the speakers' table was centered with a bowl of flowers of the chosen colors, flanked by miniature rainbows. Candles of pastel shades in silver holders were used on the other tables, and favors were cornucopias filled with candles. Place cards and programs in pastel shades marked the places of the guests. One entire wall of the rooms was decorated with a large rainbow fashioned from crepe paper and ending in a pot of gold.

The Reverend F. L. Meadow gave the invocation, and toastmaster was Gilbert Teagarden, who welcomed the guests, with Raymond Johnson responding. Musical numbers were given by the Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Karl Moore, who sang, "Say A Prayer", "Together", and "Roses of Piccadilly". Tommy Bond played "Silent Night" on the piano.

John Allen Ward, III, gave the toast to the mothers, and Edith Eldridge and Betty Faye Glasscock gave the toasts to the sponsors, Miss Nellie Ruth Folley and Mrs. Keith James. The speaker for the evening was the Reverend J. E. Eldridge.

The toast to the coach, H. L. Ezell, was given by Tommie Smith, and Coach Ezell then presented the awards to members of the team.

Members of the team honored were Raymond Johnson, captain; Sidney Awalt, Duane Prater and Tommie Smith, co-captains; H. C. Kiser, manager; and Alain Boughton, John Ward, Norbert McIntyre, Billie Wright Taylor, Donald Ray Behrens, Dickie Street, Billy Bricker, Frankie Bond, Jerry Shurley, Clayton Hamilton Cleveland Nance, Tommy Bond, Frank Moore, Jackie Sharp, Basil Halbert, III, Charles Cusenbary and Jimmie Cusenbary.

The members of the pep squad

who were hostesses were Kathleen Schwiening, Margaret Smith, Edith Eldridge, Betty Faye Glasscock, Billie Jo Barker, Raymie McClelland, Charlene Hull, Ethel Mae Alley, Mattie Lee Dorham, Jewell McGhee, Pauline Allen, Jerry Morrow, Betty Rankhorn, Frances Jo Lancaster, Frances Drennan, Jan Sanders, Mary Lou Neuberger, Kathryn Ross, Sydonia Nichols, Gene Cliff Johnson, Jane Baker, Carolyn Johnson, Ada Ruth Martin, Helen Martin, Tina Ann Taylor, Jackie Green, Karleen Moore, Jayne Ruth Walton and Wilma Pearl.

Serving girls were Maxine Chalk, Jane Neill, Joyce Johnson, Mary Jim Caldwell, Betty Lee, Nina Smith and Betty Spoon.

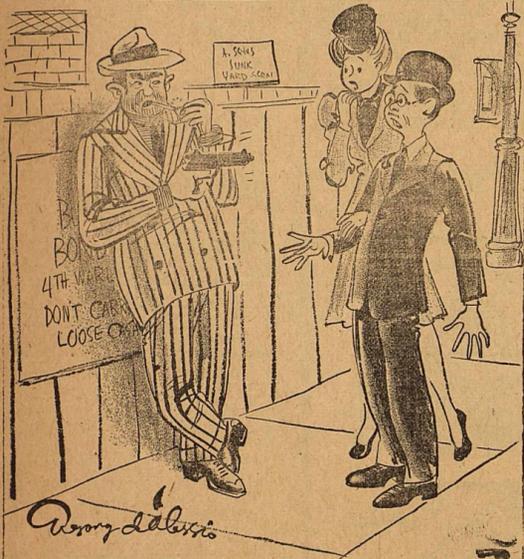
The banquet was prepared by the mothers under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Eldridge, and guests other than those mentioned were the high school faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, and Meses. Ezell, Meadow, B. H. Cusenbary, Bryan Hunt, Frank Bond, E. D. Stringer, Ralph Trank; also W. H. Dameron and George H. Neill.

After the banquet, a program dance in the school gymnasium concluded the evening's entertainment. Black and red, the school colors, were used in the decorations, and the grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt.

Put in your orders for Christmas turkeys and hens early. E. F. Vander Stucken Co., Inc. 1tc.

THESE WOMEN!

By d' Alessio



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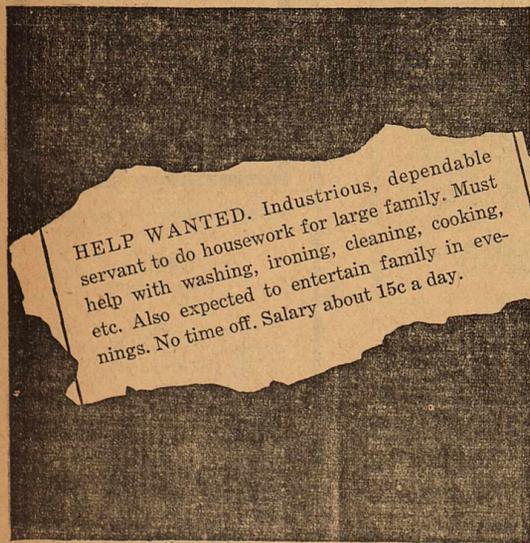
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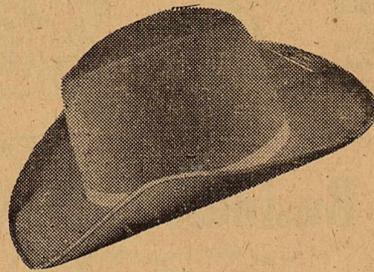


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When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature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

"The Devil's River News:

"To all my friends, to all my buddies in uniform, wherever they are, I am requesting this short letter to be printed. I sincerely hope that I might hear from you. Just a short note will help.

"I'm somewhere in Germany on the front lines. These German homes, which we are now occupying, give us protection from the snow and rain and cold. Believe me, that is a lot better than living in fox holes and pup tents. On our way here we had the opportunity to use our tents, dig fox holes and eat 'K' rations. It wasn't so bad. You can get used to anything, if you have to. I regret that I cannot write about any of our operations, our direct location, etc. on the front. Strict regulations and censorship prohibits this, as it is obvious to understand.

"Prior to coming to Germany, I was stationed in England. I had the opportunity of visiting London while there. I venture to say that I saw and talked to (tried to talk to) nearly every nationality of our allied countries. I met them at dances, in allied canteens, in the American Red Cross buildings, in the theaters and on the street. London is an old city with all its historic places of interest. Some of the most outstanding places I visited on my tour of London were Buckingham Palace, home of the King and Queen in time of war, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Scotland Yard, London Bridge and many other places. Everything is completely blacked out at night in England. I ran over more than one person while walking down the streets at night.

"Their 'pubs', (bars or saloons) were quite fascinating. Believe me their beer certainly does not taste like the good old Pearl or Grand Prize. I can vouch for that.

"After disembarking from England we landed in France. Our journey through France was miserably cold and wet from the rain.

I almost froze riding in a jeep with two first aid men from the medics. We witnessed many a village, town and city that had been almost completely demolished as a result of earlier activity.

"Leaving France we entered Belgium. Having trouble with our vehicle, we were forced to drop out of the convoy in one Belgian city. We found the people to be quite friendly. They brought us beer and cognac in exchange for gum, candy and cigarettes, and soap we had with our 'K' rations. We had difficulty trying to converse with them, but it was fun anyway. They are quite like us in dress, appearance, etc. We talked to some very beautiful girls. I only wished that I could have spent more time there. Apparently their money doesn't have much value to the American G. I. They are more interested in our confectionary such as gum, candy (chocolate bars), soap and cigarettes in exchange for liquor and the like.

"Well, it is getting late, so I must close. We have no electric lights, and the gas lanterns and candles don't give any too much light for writing. I would appreciate very much if you would send me a few copies of the Devil's River News. The only paper we get over here is the 'Star and Stripes', printed exclusively for the armed forces overseas. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain always - J. C. Norris".

The Sutton County Chapter of the American Red Cross received the following letter from S/Sgt. Earl Taylor, written from Holland:

"Dear Folks:

"When we were about a day out of New York, our first sergeant

ROLL OF HONOR



produced a bunch of Red Cross kits which he distributed to each man of the squadron. Mine had your organization written in ink on the Red Cross patch at the top of the bag, so I supposed that it had been made and filled in Sonora. It occurred to me that you would appreciate knowing that the men really put these kits to good use in the days and weeks after. So, I'm writing you my thanks for the bag and the many useful things that were inside. That was back in early June, and we have traveled quite a lot since then. We started by landing in England, then France, Belgium and now in Holland.

"I have never been in Sonora, but I have heard about it quite often. My home is in Barnsdale, Oklahoma, but my wife is from Abilene, Texas. She is a thorough Texan, too, and thinks there is no place like Texas. Well, I'll have to say that is true, complimentary or otherwise. As you know, this is beautiful country here, but the almost steady rain gets very monotonous. I don't know about Sonora, but around Abilene rain is no great worry.

"The army celebrated Thanksgiving today, in a military way, and served the usual turkey. We worked, as usual, but the dinner was good. Meals at their best in the army though, turkey or no, are but empty ceremonies compared to the family meals at home. I would sure like to sit down to a good meal cooked by Eloise, my wife. She really knows how it is done. On the whole, though, we have had surprisingly good food since getting to Europe. I'm sure that the boys who are really up at the front can't say that, though. They are often given only 'C' or 'K' rations which are designed only to keep soul and body together and not for any degree of enjoyment.

"The Christmas packages are just now beginning to trickle in. Many of the men have received two or three, but none of mine have come yet. I'm anxious to get some of them, because I am pretty hungry for candy, and I know there is some in almost every one of them. We get a little along at the squadron PX, but it doesn't last

very long. I always did like candy so well.

"No doubt you have received many other letters like this, but at any rate I thank you again for the supplies. The Red Cross Club-mobles here on the continent are doing a wonderful job too, in serving coffee and doughnuts. All the workers both here and in the States deserve a big hand."

Pvt. Roy Sewell, writes from New Guinea.

"I received your letter of the 26th. of October some days ago, and have not answered it as I should. I always look forward to your letters as I like to receive mail from outside the immediate family. It is so good of you to take the time to write to me.

"I promised Joe Oberkamp one day, just jokingly, that I would send him a Jap ear. I did it in fun, but sometimes fun turns into a business you know. I will be happy, when I can write what I want to, but now we all have to watch our P's and Q's. Our censorship is a rather important piece of operation.

"I have not received your Christmas box yet, however it will catch me someday. That was very nice of you to do that. I am sorry I can't do the same for you, but you understand this New Guinea dirt doesn't make a good present, and that is all we have. I am not sending any souvenirs home, as all I care to have is a faint recollection of all this entire mix-up. I feel sorry for those poor draft-dodgers when these two or three million men get home from overseas.

"According to our organization set-up now, 18 months overseas is the time set for rotation. I am already looking forward to that date. After the ninth of next month, I will have 11 months more to stay. I am keeping four fingers crossed. It looks like every prayer that you can say in your spare time for me will be beneficial in the months to come.

"I have done a lot of sight-seeing in the past seven months. Some things I have never expected to see and it looks like I might see the Philippines, if I am real lucky

In The Service

without the envelopes.

"Don't worry about me. Trust God to see me through the danger I must face. You have no idea how this experience has changed me. I won't be the same person when I come back. I will be a better one.

"It won't be long 'till Christmas. I was hoping this would all be over by then, but it doesn't look like it will now. Send my regards to all of the children for Christmas. I can not get cards here. May God bless you all on that day, and every other.

"Believe it or not, this a sheet of German writing paper, so you know we are getting pretty close when we use their paper to write on. They have good equipment, but not as good as ours, and I am proud to say I am in the best army in the world.

"Tell everyone in Sonora 'hello' for me, and that living in a fox hole gets plenty rough at times, and when I say rough I mean rougher than anything I have ever been through in all my life before. It keeps us busy just dipping the water out of them. How I pray for the day when Peace will come.

"I will have to stop now, hoping to get a long letter from you soon."

CORRECTION

Last week, in printing a letter from Lt. O. L. Richardson on the Soldiers' Page, an error was made in one sentence. The sentence, which read incorrectly, "It is the best thing that I could have hoped to get, and since there are only three officers in a battalion that are with 81 men, we are the envy of all of the rest", should have read, "It is the best thing that I could have hoped to get, and since there are only three officers in a battalion that are with 81 men, we are the envy of all of the rest".

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Here's a good Texas story brought back from China by Capt. Bob Erisman of Ennis, who recently returned after fighting the Japs for 13 months with Chinese troops. It was told on a USO-Camp Show tour by Comedian Joe E. Brown.

"When Joe put on his show in China," Captain Erisman explains, "We had lost all track of news from the States. Right off the bat, Joe told us that only 44 states were left in the union. That had us worried, for we wondered what really had happened back home."

Here's the way the comedian explained loss of four states:

"Yep, there are just 44 states left in the union. Oklahoma and Arkansas have moved to California, California has gone to the dogs, and Texas has gone to war!"

The part about Texas going to war certainly is true, anyway. So many Texans are fighting in China that they threaten to upset China's ideas of geography.

"The Texas boys have been teaching English to the little Chinese children," Captain Erisman explained. "If you stop a Chinese lad and ask him to name the capital of the United States, the odds are ten to one that he'll say, 'Austin, Texas!'"

Texans are fighting on other fronts, too. Capt. Gerald Montgomery of Littlefield, Texas, exploded three Nazi jet planes last week, but barely escaped with his life from the scrap. So many American planes were in the fight that he almost collided with a fellow-flyer in a cloud bank.

In the same fight, Capt. Bill Anderson, whose parents live near Calvert, got two jet planes, as did Lt. Carl Payne of San Antonio.

Mrs. Louise Walker Tomkinson of near San Saba has received the Purple Heart medal won by her husband, Lt. Bob Tomkinson. He is recuperating from his wounds in a British hospital.

Pfc. Hilbert Mielke of New Braunfels has won the French Croix de Guerre with gold star for his combat work with a field artillery unit.

And a Flatonia boy, Coast Guardsman Oscar Hull, has finally

MRS. GILMORE RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA VISIT

Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, who has for the past several weeks been visiting her husband, CSF Gilmore, at Fort Chicago, Calif. and her son-in-law and daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. L. M. Roueche, Jr., at Victorville, Calif., returned Thursday.

returned after spending 14 months aboard an LST in the South Pacific. His job was one of the most dangerous of the war, landing Army and Marine units on beaches under fire. Fine going, Hull;

Vernon Rosky of Chriesman, Burleson County, will have an unusual story to tell his grandchildren some day. Rosky was shot down over Germany and spent a long time in a Nazi prison camp. Then the Allies bombed the town, the Germans fled in panic, and Rosky quickly escaped. He made his way to Switzerland, then France, then Belgium. Cold, hungry and homesick, he hadn't seen a piece of English literature in months when he ran across a copy of Outdoor Life. The first article he read was an article by Joe Small who now lives in Austin but who was born in Rosky's home town of 120 population.

Yes, it's a small world . . . and these Texans do get around!

GOVT. PROFESSOR'S ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN MAGAZINE

An article by Dr. Pablo Max Ynsfran, professor of government at the University of Texas, appears in the first issue of "Accion Interamericana," published in Austin to further the Good Neighbor policy. Dr. Ynsfran writes of the bases for inter-American unity, stressing unselfishness and brotherhood. Also in the first issue is a picture

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B. M. Halbert, Sr., sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt last week:

"Dear Mr. President: We have just had 8 days rest. On and between the 'Roosevelt Thanksgiving, Nov. 23' and the 'Pilgrims' Thanksgiving, Nov. 30', some schools and banks observed one, and some the other, and a few closed for both. Too much time lost in these war days! Now, we would suggest that you combine Christmas and New Years, as we are very short of turkeys and whiskey. We must have Christmas and Santa Claus on account of the children. But cut out the New Year and call it January 1, 1945. Ask everybody to work to help win this war, while you are shuffling the cards to deal for the fourth time, from a 432 deck."

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

On Tuesday Lea Allison delivered to H. N. Pollard a carload of mixed calves, which brought 11 cents and 12 cents.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

Interesting sidelight on the labor situation from a Del Rio ranchman: "I used to tell my men to peel out early next morning and get to work, but now I go out and kiss them to wake them up."

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

We are told that Sam Allison has bought some 14-cent heifers.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

Tom Bond and Bill and John Fields started moving stock about ten days ago from their ranches here to the 70-section Kennedy ranch, which Bond has leased in Pecos County.

Tom made the original lease, after selling his Sutton County ranch, then sub-leased 36 sections to the Fields brothers. All of the livestock from Tom's ranch here will be moved to the Fort Stockton country by January 1.

—(1/2*?!&lb*1/2)—

Mr. Jackson, flying instructor at Ozona, and Hillary Phillips of Ozona were in Sonora Wednesday, at which time Jackson said he is interested in getting a flying class from Sonora. The only catch is that Sonorans wishing to take the lessons would have to go to Ozona for the classes, as Sonora has no airfield. More, it seems that in spite of many years of effort on the part of public-spirited citizens, Sonora hasn't even any definite plans for building an airfield.

Now is the time, however, for us to make plans for a field. The Civil Aeronautics Authority has made an appropriation for Sonora to build a field after the war, provided that amount can be matched by the county or State. A site has been approved here by the C. A. A., and specifications for a field, suitable for the site, have already been drawn up. What are we waiting for?

The Devil's River News

43 Years Ago

Santa Claus could not hold all the presents and good things in his arms, so he hired E. F. Vander Stucken Co.'s store, and employed their clerks and the Sonora String band for Saturday night, and invited the big and little children to call, look and select what they wanted. A second invitation was not wanted. The entire town attended the opening, and the papas and mammas have not heard anything else since.

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Married at the Decker Hotel in Sonora, on Thursday, December 12, 1901, James T. Brown to Miss Mary Barrows, Justice of the Peace D. B. Woodruff officiating. The bride is a sister to Mrs. Necio Smith, and the groom is a handsome and popular employee of the Smith well drilling company. The happy couple left for their home in Edwards County. The News extends best wishes.

—43—

David Adams, county tax assessor of Sutton County, died near Rocksprings, Edwards County, on Sunday, December 8, 1901, in his 64th year.

George S. Allison phoned Sheriff Miles Bozarth, of Edwards County for particulars of the accident, and Sheriff Bozarth reported the following: Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Warren had been on a visit to Quince Adams who ranches 30 miles below Rocksprings on East Frong of the Nueces, in "Bull Head" country. Mr. Adams accompanied his wife and Mrs. Warren, his sister, to Rocksprings Friday, and the ladies continued their journey to their homes on the North Llano. Mr. Adams hired a team and wagon to take himself and some supplies to his son's ranch. They left Rocksprings Saturday morning with W. R. Bobbett and a Mexican driving and Mr. Adams reclining in the bed of the wagon, as has been his custom for the past few years. Arriving at the first water about 15 miles from Rocksprings, they stopped for dinner. The bridles were taken from the horses, but they were left hitched to the wagon. The horses taking fright, ran away. The pole was broken and, the country being exceedingly rough, Mr. Adams was thrown out of the wagon, his head striking a rock fracturing his skull and being otherwise seriously injured. His right side was partially paralyzed. The team ran about 300 yards before Mr. Adams was thrown out. He was carried to the Shipman ranch house nearby and lived from 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon until about 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

He was one of the pioneers of Sonora as well as of the country and was elected to the office of County Tax Assessor at the last general election. The News sympathizes with the widow and family in their affliction.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and family returned from a visit to Menardville Saturday and left for

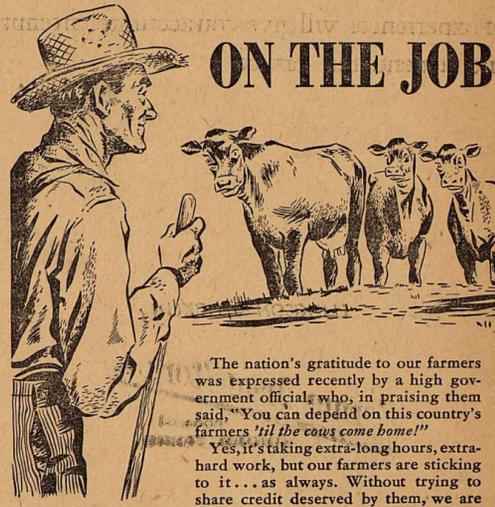
Devil's River Sunday to gather up their horses.

—43—

Wilbur McCoy of Burnett County was in Sonora last week. Mr. McCoy will look after Mr. Baugh's ranch while Mr. Baugh is at Sanderson.

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But it is a "believe-it-or-not" that the great gusher was drilled by a man who went to Beaumont not primarily in search of oil but of sulphur.

Pattillo Higgins, who was the first man to insist there was oil under Spindletop and who induced Captain Anthony F. Lucas to drill there, told your columnist a few years ago that sulphur was Lucas' chief interest. Higgins made a similar statement in a booklet he issued the latter part of 1901--(some months after the well came in):

"Capt A. F. Lucas of Washington, D. C., learned that I intended developing a sulphur mine and wrote to ask if there was any chance for him to get in the business with me. I told him there was if he could find some capital to go in with us. He replied that he could obtain capital.

"I wrote him that I had located great oil fields in this section of the country. The oil proposition did not strike very favorably with Capt. Lucas, as he was seeking only sulphur.

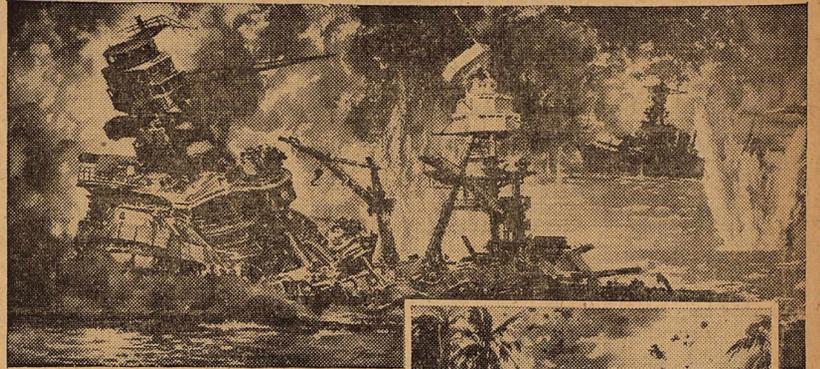
"He came to Beaumont, and I took him out to the field and showed him the hill and told him that I believed that oil, gas and sulphur existed there in large quantities. He decided at once to go in with me."

Capt. Lucas for nine years was superintendent of the McIlhenney Company's salt mines at Avery Island, according to E. A. McIlhenney president of the company, as quoted in the Spindletop edition of the Beaumont Enterprise three years ago, and Lucas left the company "for the purpose of drilling for sulphur at Beaumont."

But fate rewarded Lucas, not with sulphur he sought, but with the greatest oil well that the world had ever seen.

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