

Somewhere In Africa, November 24, 1942. Dear Mr. Holford: I have at last reached my final destination, the "Dark Continent"...

Your friend, A. T. McFADDEN JR. Dear Auburn T.: Your letter was appreciated very much. So far you are the only one who has written the editor from the "Dark Continent"...

Guess you have noticed where Uncle Sam has put us old men over 35 in the same category with the other "cut-backs" I've had a sneaking notion all the time that we fellows who, after climbing one flight of stairs, huff and puff like the Tin Can leaving out from Hico...

The old town has changed a lot. I've said this so much that the statement seems kinda trite, but I mean it changes up almost overnight. Gradually the personnel of the stores and offices has changed...

By the way, the service report that we all hope and pray for, the one that reminds me of what I'm saying, if you don't figure we're giving you a square deal, World War I recruiting officers I wasn't lying about my age. But I was old enough to remember when the boys came home after that struggle...

Workers Not Eligible For Social Security While Re-Employed

Waco, Dec. 8.—Retired workers receiving benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program do not receive credit for wages in employment covered by the law if they decided to go back to work, said J. Gordon James, manager of the Social Security Board field office.

Mother! Your Xmas Cooking Job Is A Snap — Just Look

Camp Bowie, Tex., Dec. 9.—If mother has a difficult time planning and arranging a menu for eight people for Christmas dinner, here's an idea of what an Army cook has to face. For every 100 men to be fed at Camp Bowie, the following rations will have to be used: 100 pounds of turkey, 16 pounds of sugar, 15 pounds of bread, 25 pounds of potatoes, 100 lemons, one bushel of sweet potatoes, 10 pounds of hard candy, 15 cans of corn, 25 pounds of mixed nuts, 35 pounds of cauliflower, 16 pounds of fresh cranberries—and that's not all.

Next Community Program to Be Held in January

The community program committee met this week and voted not to have their regular program until January. This committee will cooperate with the schools and the Chamber of Commerce in their activities. Mayor Jim Barrow said, "We are not quitting, but just helping these other organizations this month."

First Hico Girl to Join WAAC

Mattie Ellen Greer, 21 in August, who has been employed in defense work at Camp Bowie Exchange, Brownwood, and in Fort Worth, was in Hico last week end fixing up her birth certificate preparing to take the final examinations for entrance into the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps at Dallas Tuesday. Daughter of G. W. Greer, Hico Route 6, Miss Greer attended school at Olin. She said she tried to get in the service this summer, but hadn't had enough birthdays.

Supplemental Gas Ration Books to Be Mailed When Ready

Books for supplemental gasoline allowances will be mailed direct as soon as ready to those in this end of the county whose applications have been approved, according to information submitted this week by J. N. Russell, a member of the local committee, who had been in conference with Jess Brown, chairman of the county rationing board.

School to Sponsor "White Christmas" Tree and Program

In order to help our children realize the true spirit of Christmas, the Hico Public Schools are sponsoring a White Christmas Tree and program on Friday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 p. m. Each child is asked to share his toys, clothing, food, money—whatever he likes—with those less privileged. The gifts should be wrapped in white, and at the proper time in the program will be laid at the foot of a white Christmas tree.

Mother's Team

William Carroll Akin, F. C. 3-c, has written his parents that he is O. K. He has changed his address to a Sub Division Office, in care of the postmaster at San Francisco.

ON THE NEWS FRONT

U. S. Office of Education Seeks Students to Help Nation's Farmers

A nation-wide program under the direction of the United States Office of Education has been sponsored to take upon high school students to take farm jobs on week-ends, during vacation periods and in the summer time. It has been estimated that there are between 500,000 and 1,000,000 students available to carry on the extra work of the nation's farmers who have been hard pressed to fill the ever-growing demand for more food; and also to replace former farm help that has entered the armed forces of Uncle Sam.

Backs Up Marines

Striding through the sands of Guadalcanal, one of the first U. S. soldiers to land on the strategic island takes his equipment to new quarters. How many doughboys are fighting in the Solomons alongside the marines who made the first landings is a military secret.

Holiday Deaths May Be Averted by Safety Practices

Austin, Dec. 9.—Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, suggests that plans for the coming holiday season include careful consideration of fire prevention. "We must not allow destructive fires to burn our homes, or to cause injury or death to our families," Hall said. "This can be avoided by being careful in planning our decorations for Christmas. The decorations more commonly used are highly combustible, and therefore create additional fire hazards during the holiday season."

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Camp Chaffee, Ark.—Pvt. Luther F. Hall, who joined the U. S. Army on Nov. 9, 1942 at Hamilton, Tex., has arrived at Camp Chaffee where he is assigned to the 14th Armored Division. Pvt. Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hall of Hico. In civilian life Pvt. Hall was employed as a farmer by his father. The Fourteenth, which was activated November 15, is commanded by Major General Vernon E. Prichard and is one of the newest of the hard-hitting armored divisions to be organized by the Army. Camp Chaffee is near Fort Smith, Arkansas.

JUDGE CROSS IMPROVING

Attendants at the Hillcrest Memorial Hospital in Waco report the condition of Judge R. B. Cross who has been there several days as the result of a major operation, as much improved. The attending physician stated Thursday morning that he felt much better about Judge Cross' condition and that he expected him to gradually regain health.—Gatesville Messenger.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

[Friends and relatives of service men will confer a favor upon the management and readers by turning in articles for publication in this regular column. All matter used must be bona fide, and come within the rulings of censorship.—Ed.]

Skilled Tradesmen Needed For Jobs In Panama, Hawaii

Skilled tradesmen take the lead in two new civil service programs opened this week to recruit men for federal employment in Panama and Hawaii, according to Paul H. Figg, director, Tenth Civil Service Region, who pointed out that wages for journeyman positions in both places range from \$1.28 to \$1.73 an hour. "Upon its first anniversary, 'Remember Pearl Harbor' by joining the men who keep the ships at sea," Mr. Figg urged.

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Austin, Dec. 8.—Commencing today on the control of communicable diseases, Dr. G. W. Cox, state health officer, said that whooping cough is one of the hardest of so-called children's diseases to control. This is because it is a highly contagious disease which begins as an ordinary cough and is often not recognized until the child has exposed other neighborhood children. Whooping cough is contagious during the week or ten days preceding the easily recognizable symptom known as the "whoop." Even when the disease has been recognized, often a physician is not called and children are allowed to play with others when they are known to be sick.

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BUY BONDS TO BOMB BUNS



Salem

By Mrs. W. C. Rogers

[Mr. Editor: The Salem kiddos still believe in Santa Claus. You haven't said anything in the paper about Santa Claus letters so far, but they believe in sending them early. But if you don't intend to print any, you are to explain the shortage of printer's ink or devil, one. No news available in these parts.—Mrs. Rogers.]

Dear Santa Claus: I have tried to be a good little girl. I am three years old. I want you to bring me a doll, a picture book, a set of dishes, some oranges, bananas, apples, candy, and nuts. Santa, don't forget the other little girls and boys. I could do without. Love to you, Santa.—Shirley Jean Noland.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a knife, a pistol and scabbard, a little tractor, some fruit, nuts, and candy. Don't forget my little baby sister. She wants a rubber doll. Bobby, my other sister, wants a knife and a doll. We have all been very good. Your little friend, Billie Ray Laney.

Dear Santa: I want a doll in a suit case, a bicycle, and blackboard. My little brother wants a gun, a wagon and a knife. And we want some candy, apples, bananas, oranges and nuts. I am a good little girl and I like Christmas very much. Your friend, Alma Gean Koonsman.

Dear Santa: Bring me a knife and scabbard, a pistol, and some apples and candy. I am a good little boy. From Olen Poindexter.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a basketball for Christmas. I think my little sister wants a doll. Please bring me a knife, an apple, oranges, bananas, and nuts. I have been a good little boy. Don't forget my sister. Yours truly, James Weidon Noland.

Dear Santa: I have tried to be a good little boy, so please bring me a knife, a tractor, an airgun, a dump truck, and some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget Larry, my little nephew at Da. Leave him a little rubber car. Norman Savage.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a knife, a tractor, some fruit, and candy. My little brother wants a knife. Doris a doll and a ball. Your little friend, Stacey Bright.

Dear Santa: I want a wagon and a pig, and please bring me a knife and an airplane, an apple, and oranges, bananas, nuts, candy, and a bat and ball. Your friend, Dean Laney.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a red wagon, an airgun, a 22 rifle and scabbard, a pocket knife, and some fruit, and a bat. Don't forget the other little boys and girls around here. Yours truly, R. D. Koonsman.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a gun and scabbard, a knife, marbles, apples, oranges, bananas, nuts and candy. I am a good little boy. Love, C. J. Lambert.

Dear Santa: Will you bring me a gun and scabbard, a knife, bicycle with lights, and a horn, and a 22 rifle, and a red wagon. Please bring me some nuts, candy, apples, oranges, and an airplane, and marbles, too. Yours truly, Richard Poindexter.

THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

STEP ON THE GAS.

The other day I heard a man say that he still had the same unflinching faith in the permanent success of this country that he had years and years ago. It is well for us to have faith in these dark times. . . well to have faith in the scheduled coming up of the morning sun, mid-day, twilight, darkness and then sunrise again. Things go around in cycles. Recession, depression, and then prosperity again!

Today we are living in a "mental panic" and a "material depression" and without going into the reasons why I'll make this declaration:

Times will always be hard for those who sit around and wait for times to grow better. Times will always be good for those who have and use initiative and industry. While those who "wait" are waiting, wise and wide-awake men will "step on the gas" and get going.

Barns in southern Wisconsin are much like barns the world over, but, due to the efforts of Frank Englebretson, some of them are barns of beauty.

Englebretson is a painter with an original turn of mind. Instead of painting barns with the red paint he covers them with pictures. For 25 years he has been doing this and now, his door miles around form an art gallery. Some of you are cover 4,000 square feet of wall all done in oil wither and his ering to outdo his landscapes, subjects are highway scenes, mountain view-painting barns the He started having "art in his usual wanted to decorate them soul" bees instead and that he with.

There are so many good books coming up these days that I'm reading four at once—but I would not advise you to take up "The Habit" But, when Cecil Brown's "Suez to Singapore" came along I dropped everything to start it.

Brown was on the "Repulse" when it went down and he is the man who was banished from the radio in Malaya.

His story begins in the Middle East and moves, with the tragic last voyage of the "Repulse" into the dirge for Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

Next is "Hostages," a novel of Czechoslovakia under Nazi rule. It's by Stefan Hehlm.

Then, "The Prodigal Woman" by Nancy Hale in which you may not like any of the characters but, despite that, you will find it an entertaining story of Boston and New York in the late twenties and early thirties.

Last, but not least, "They Were Expendable" by W. L. White. You should read this and insist that all your friends read it. Any American, safe at home, can never compromise with his conscience again when he reads what these men of the "P. T. Squadron" did in Manila and in the Philippines.

Today (when this was written) is Thanksgiving and despite everything that is going on at home and abroad the old world still says, "Let's be thankful!" Not even the rationing of commodities, separation of families and the most ruthless war in the history of our being has made us forget to be thankful. Thanksgiving is and will always be eternally right. Cicero said, "While I would fain have some tincture of all the virtues, there is no quality I would rather have than Gratitude, for it is not only the greatest virtue, but the mother of all the others."

CHRISTMAS, 1942

The very first Christmas card ordered from one of the large department stores in Dallas was a fine thing. The woman who ordered it knew exactly what she wanted as she looked through the small sample book. There it was—against a midnight blue background stood a slender staff and flying atop it was the American flag.

This year Old Nick proudly gives way to Old Glory.

That is America's way!

Local support of public schools in Texas is derived primarily from an ad valorem tax on general property.

BOYS' LIFE

There is a tremendous need for a clean, wholesome and educational, yet entertaining boy's publication. That's why, for 30 years, the Boy Scouts of America has published BOYS' LIFE. It's the magazine you will be glad to give your son . . . or a friend's son.



Only \$2.00 a year . . . \$4.50 for 3 years. Send your order to: BOYS' LIFE, Box 2 Park Ave., New York Or to your newspaper office or local agent.

As Darlan Reviewed French Fleet



M. Jean Francois Darlan (foreground) in French fleet, was made aboard one of the capital ships based at sea fleet to come in on the side of the United Nations. Darlan frequently came over to sea differently, and when the Germans stormed that appealed to the base the French fleet was blown up by its own men. But things, including three battleships, were in the harbor at great Ft 60 of these were believed lost.

Amidextrous Cadet to Fly for Uncle Sam



Aviation Cadet Michael D. Benarick shows his ability at operating two machines at the same time while blindfolded to clerks at a cadet center finance office. Cadet Benarick, 25, who is from Cementon, Pa., is now taking his pre-flight training at the San Antonio aviation cadet center to become a combat aircrew pilot. In civilian life he set a record for adding and calculating machine speed.

Service Men Help Rescue Fire Victims



Soldiers and sailors aid firemen remove victims of the disastrous fire at Coconut Grove night club, in Boston—the nation's worst fire since the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago, in 1903. The fire was caused by a 16-year-old bus boy who lit a match so he could see to replace a ceiling light bulb. The match started an artificial palm tree burning, and the flames spread rapidly. About 500 people lost their lives in the blaze, and scores were seriously burned.



EVEN OLD SANTA COULDN'T Hang A Ton of Coal ON A CHRISTMAS TREE!

But we can do the next best thing —We can sell it to you for your coal house or basement.

Christmas is a fine time to give a relative or friend a ton of coal. It will bring comfort and cheer into a home, and no present will be more appreciated.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. Phone 143 HICO, TEXAS

FOODS for Fighting Trim



CANTEEN COOKIES The boy in an army camp welcomes nothing more than letters and boxes from home. While Uncle Sam provides him with plenty of nourishing foods, he certainly would like to receive in your next box a batch of these

- Canteen Cookies 1/4 cup margarine 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon grated orange rind 2 tablespoons orange juice 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed or 3/4 cup corn syrup 1/4 cup sugar 2 eggs, unbeaten 2 cups sifted flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon soda 1/2 cup nuts, chopped 1 seven- or eight-ounce bar semi-sweet or bitter-sweet chocolate cut in pieces Blend margarine, salt, rind, and juice. Add brown sugar gradually and cream well. Add eggs, singly, beating well after each addition. Sift flour with baking powder and soda. Add to creamed mixture and mix thoroughly. Add nuts and chocolate and blend. Drop from tablespoon on margarine-coated baking sheets. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 3 1/2 dozen. Other favorite recipes are found in a full-color, 32-page cookbook "Foods for Fighting Trim." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tennessee.

Texas' W. J. McDonald Observatory, with 82-inch reflection, is one of the largest in the United States.

Christmas "DECORATION" of Beauty. Now, when you are busy shopping, working and partying, is the time to treat yourself to a lovely Victory Permanent. Look trim for work-a-days; with a flick of the comb be glamorously smart for holiday merry-making. DOT'S BEAUTY SHOP

EAT DOWN TOWN— Help Your Country SAVE GAS AND RUBBER! The time spent in traveling to and from your home for meals may well be devoted to war or business efforts and in addition useless wear is placed upon your tires at a time when our government is pleading for rubber conservation. We therefore ask you to consider these facts and try eating downtown today at— The Buckhorn Cafe L. P. Blair — HICO — Phone 16

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Value of the Church to the Social Order.

Lesson for December 13: Matthew 5: 13-16; Mark 12:13-17; 1 Peter 2:13-17.

Golden Text: Matthew 5:13, 14.

An old man reminded that he was careful to live near the churches he opposed, said he once lived in a section without churches, and was then reminded that he had come away from that section. Many critics are really trusting to the security given a community by the Church. Consider the value of the Church to the whole of the social order.

Like salt, the Church preserves the good things worth saving among men. And as the great source of light, the Church has conserved and applied spiritual truth in all the affairs of life.

The Separation of Church and State does not deny to the former a right influence upon the latter, both in forming good character in men and preaching ideals of truth and justice. The rights the State insures to men should lead them to give their hearty support. Certainly Christians should be good citizens.

In the apostles' time it was sound policy to give no offense to established government but, first, Christians should be loyal to government because in its origin and authority it is from God.

The whole program of a Christian is set forth in the last verse of the lesson. The Value of the Church to the Social Order will be realized as Christians regard the rights of all, love their brethren, fear God, and honor the king—be loyal to their own government, whatever its form.

WUNNE BEBE UP: This item might be headed "right side up" Mrs. B. A. Freed of Moline, Ill., learned to pilot a plane by accident. Waiting in the cabin of their plane while her husband cranked it, she accidentally started it and took off into the air. After one unsuccessful try, she landed unhurt with, apparently, only slight damage to the plane.

What this country needs right now is a day club for night workers.

OPA TIRE INSPECTION REGULATIONS. TIRE INSPECTION is now compulsory on every registered vehicle in the country. Between December 1, 1942 and January 31, 1943, every passenger-car and motor-cycle owner in the United States must have his tires inspected by an authorized OPA Inspector at an Official Inspection Station, to approve the continued operation of his vehicle. You must keep your Tire Inspection Record in your car at all times. The Inspector must sign your tire Record at every subsequent inspection (depending on what Gasoline Ration Card you hold) to approve the continued operation of your car; to permit you another gasoline ration book when your present one expires; to make it possible for you to be considered eligible for other tires or recaps at some future time. We can be a lot of help to you car owners, if given a chance to work with you on your tire inspection records. There is only ONE way of doing business, and that is the right way. Be fair with your Government, yourself, and last — but not least — with the men who check your tires. There is plenty of responsibility at this time, and your patience with us will be appreciated. Records on your tire inspection sheet will be exactly as we see it and will not add to, or take from, anything that is supposed to be done correctly. A FEW RADIOS JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS! Magnolia Service Station D. R. PROFFITT

Personals.

Mrs. Raymond Armstrong of Stephenville visited here Tuesday with her father, W. M. Cheney.

H. L. McKenzie was home last week end from Camp Hood for a visit with homefolks.

Mrs. G. C. Keeney Sr. and Mrs. G. C. Keeney Jr. were business visitors in Waco Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harris of Manor visited here the first of the week with his sister, Mrs. L. L. Hudson, and Mr. Hudson.

Mrs. Roy Massingill spent last week end at Gainesville with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Painter.

Miss Margaret Reilhan returned home Sunday from Stamford where she has been visiting several months with relatives.

Miss Opal Connally of Coleman is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Henry Reid, and family on the Hooker Ranch.

Mrs. L. L. Hudson received word that her brother, Dr. W. G. Harris, a practicing physician at Plano, Texas, for over forty years, had passed away last Friday.

Herbert Wolfe, accompanied by Sidney Wieser of Hamilton and Mans Maloney of Fort Worth, spent the first of the week in Mason County hunting deer.

Mrs. S. O. Shaffer left Monday for Long Beach, California, where she plans to visit several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Gray, and family.

Mrs. W. H. Brown left Wednesday for Fort Worth where she will visit several days with her sons, Albert and G. R., and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McClure have announced the arrival of a little son, Raymond Boyd, who was born in the Meridian Hospital Wednesday night. Mrs. McClure is the former Miss Christine Fewell.

Mrs. J. H. Ellington left Thursday for Fort Worth where she will visit her daughter, Ruby Lee, for several days. Ruby Lee is employed at the Consolidated Aircraft Plant near Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. M. Hellums of Del Rio came in last Sunday for a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Persons. Mr. Hellums is attending officer candidate school at Fort Knox, Ky.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bodiford were Mrs. D. D. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Addie Alexander and children of Breckenridge. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bodiford are sisters.

Mrs. George Goughly and Mrs. Sidney Wieser of Hamilton visited here Sunday with relatives and friends. Mrs. Carter Brockenbrough returned to Hico Sunday with them after spending several days visiting in Hamilton with her sister, Mrs. Wieser.

Mrs. O. G. Collins was called to Fort Worth Monday afternoon to be with her mother, Mrs. Betty Adams, who suffered a stroke of paralysis earlier in the day. Mrs. Adams is confined in All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth and friends received word Wednesday from Mrs. Collins stating that her mother was slightly improved.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler. 45-tfc

★ Getting high time you are having those CHRISTMAS PHOTOS MADE.

We have some extra nice Gift Frames, look them over.



The Woman's Study

HICO, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ogle were in Waco on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weeks and son Jack of Duffau and Mrs. J. H. McNeill of Waco took dinner Sunday with their father, J. J. Smith. Mr. Smith reported Monday that he was suffering from the after-effects of a genuine old-fashioned "hog-killing" dinner.

Roy Massingill left last week for Killeen, where he will be employed in a canteen at Camp Hood. He had been home for the past four weeks recuperating from illness after having worked several months at the Bluebonnet Ordnance Plant at McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Autrey, who have been making their home on the late J. T. Persons place for the past year, have recently purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Herrington in the south part of town. They plan to make a few improvements before moving in on January 1.

Mrs. T. J. Christopher visited here the first of the week with her sister, Miss Thoma Rodgers, and brother, J. P. Rodgers, and family. She was returning to her home in Kansas City after visiting her son, Rodgers Christopher, who is an instructor at the Coleman Flying Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Geary Cheek went to Austin Wednesday and returned to Hico accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cheek. They will visit here several days with Geary, who is on furlough from Navy service until next week, and with other relatives and friends.

Seventy-eight students of John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville made the mid-semester honor roll for the Fall Trimester, according to an announcement by T. V. Crouse, College Registrar. To be eligible for this honor, a student must make 80 or more on each course carried. Among those students attaining this rank was Louise Blair of Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welborn and family from Fort Worth were down last week for a visit with friends and relatives here and at Cranfill's Gap. Margie, who remained in Louisiana for a short time after her parents moved to Fort Worth, has now joined them. The twins, Owen and Odell, entered school at Baylor University Monday morning.

Mrs. Irvin Poff, nee Miss Zella Williams, returned to Hico this week to make an extended visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Poff have been making their home in Stephenville where he was employed in the offices of the Soil Conservation Service until recently he volunteered his services in the Army Air Corps and this week reported in Dallas for further orders.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porter received a telegram last Sunday advising that a 7-pound baby girl had been born to their daughter, Mrs. Clinton Ritchey, at St. Joseph Hospital, Houston, at 5:43 a. m. Dec. 5. The little lady has been named Margas Shannon Ritchey, and she and her mother are both reported doing fine. Mr. Ritchey, who was injured in a plane crash early last week, also is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Minnie Sikas has written the News Review from 4507 Gaston Ave., Dallas, to give her new address and to tell home folks that she is much improved and enjoying her new home a lot more than living at Hamilton. "It seems as if I was moved for treatment up to Paradise," she says, and adds that everyone is very nice to her. She sends best regards to her old friends in Hico, about whom she reads in the paper each week.

Walter Ramey, who had volunteered for service in the Navy and was to have taken his physical examination this week, became ill last week and was taken to Gorman Hospital. Mrs. G. C. Keeney, who visited him there Sunday, reported upon her return that Walter was suffering with typhoid fever and had to remain in the hospital. She went back to Gorman Wednesday and brought Walter back to Hico, where he is now recuperating at her home.


When we received a letter last week postmarked from Hyde Park, New York, we thought at first that the President was writing us from his home address for a change. But upon opening the envelope we found the letter was from one of his neighbors, Mrs. Linnie Runyon, who is currently making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Bircher, the former Miss Gerlie Lee Oxford. The former Hicoans were sending a renewal to their subscription.

SORE THROAT - TONSILLITIS!
Your doctor would recommend a good Mop and Anesthesia-Mop will give instant relief from pain. Does not blister or injure throat membranes. Applicators furnished with each bottle. Corner Drug Store. (Adv.—28-151c)

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barrow of Fort Worth spent last week here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Autrey and other relatives. Ernest, who was waiting for the government to decide what was going to be done about providing salesmen with gasoline for their travels, took time off from his activities in the lumber business to do a little hunting and fishing, and look over the old haunts he frequented while growing up as a kid in Hico, and later starting shortly after the turn of the century in the retail end of the game. From that start he became interested in other phases of the industry, and has made it his career. Even under present circumstances, which have created shortages in materials, he remains optimistic and is looking forward to better conditions in his line during the coming year. He represents several of the larger mills and companies of the country, and upon a visit to the office impressed the editor as an authority in his life's work. The only thing we have been wondering about is whether he made good on a challenge he issued while in the office: knowing Will Autrey, we'd be willing to wager that his guest came out on the losing end of that contest.

RECENT MARRIAGE OF COUPLE ANNOUNCED
Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clifton of Carlton have announced the marriage of their daughter, Myrl, to Mr. William (Bill) Clarke Nix of Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nix of Millerville, on Saturday evening, Dec. 5th, at 7:30. The wedding ceremony was solemnized at the home of Elder Thomas Spears, Church of Christ minister. The bride wore heaven blue with navy accessories. Those attending the ceremony were the bridegroom's brother, Travis Nix, and wife, and close friends were Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Winniford, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kelly, Mrs. S. R. Seale, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Spears, parents of the minister. Mr. and Mrs. Nix are at home at 2122 Idaho Ave., Dallas. CONTRIBUTED.

LIBERTY LIMERICKS



A conductor named Mr. Kincaid,
Said—"Now that our country needs aid,
Let's all get aboard,
Buy Bonds, and not board—
So our loved ones may live unafraid!"

War Savings Bonds
and Stamps are just the ticket to help "smash" the Nazis and Japan. Buy yours today!

U. S. Treasury Dept.

Church News

Baptist Church

The Christmas program will be presented Wednesday night, December 23. There will be the regular Christmas songs, etc., with this difference, that all the children in the Sunday school who do not have Bibles will receive a Bible for Christmas. "A Bible Christmas for Christ." It is urged that parents and children report to the Sunday school teachers about the number of Bibles needed.

The regular program on Wednesday night, with the exception of Christmas song practice at 6:30 for all Juniors. The Wednesday evening prayer meetings are still in the study of the 3:16's of the New Testament. Bring your Bibles to prayer meeting.

The next two Sunday morning messages will be on the Messianic Prophecy from the Old Testament. If you have not contributed to the "Lottie Moon" offering, you may still do so.

Training Union for all ages meets at 7:15.
RALPH E. PERKINS, Pastor.

Methodist Church

Beginning Sunday at 11 a. m. the children of the Methodist church will be in charge of the music and singing each second Sunday morning during the year. The pastor will preach a special sermon for the children. Parents are urged to make their plans for the children to come and stay through both the Sunday school and the morning preaching services. "The Power of Little Things" will be the subject of the sermon Sunday morning.

Sunday school begins at 10 a. m. More of our people should be in the Sunday school. Are you one of them? Start Sunday.

Youth fellowship meeting at 7:15. Evening worship at 7:45. "The Holiness of Life and the Life of Holiness" is the pastor's chosen subject for the evening hour. You will enjoy the services of the church each Sunday. Get the habit and keep the habit of regular attendance. You owe it to yourself, your community, your nation, and to God to be a regular worshipper in some church. The Methodist church extends you a hearty welcome.
FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

Pentecostal Church

Prayer meeting and Bible study will be held every Wednesday night at 7:45.

Sunday school on Sunday morning at 10:30 and the evening worship at 7:45. Hear the old-time gospel and singing. Everyone invited.

Victory Prayer Meeting
Prayer meeting will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock for the duration at the Pentecostal Church. The prayers at these meetings will be especially for the safety and return of our husbands, sons and other relatives and friends and victory for our nation.
DOLLY LINTCH, Pastor.

ROYAL SERVICE PROGRAM DAY FOR W. M. U. MONDAY
Monday is Royal Service program at the church. All circles will come in for this general meeting. Time, 3:00 p. m. The final plans for the Christmas program will be made at this time. Circle No. 1 had eight present, and studied a Mission Book. Circle No. 2 had eight present, had Bible study, and are going to distribute Christmas baskets. Circle No. 3 had two present, and one visitor. All ladies of the church are urged to be present Monday afternoon.
REPORTER.

Funeral Services Held Sunday for Miss Nannie Spencer

Funeral services for Miss Nannie Spencer, long time resident of Hamilton County, were held Sunday at the family home east of Hico. Rev. Ralph E. Perkins had charge of the services, assisted by A. A. Fewell. Interment was made in the Fairy cemetery.

Miss Spencer was born in McLennan County in 1874, later moving with her parents to this county where she made her home with her mother and brother. Her parents and two brothers preceded her in death. She is survived by two brothers, F. J. in Fort Worth,

and T. C. of Hico, with whom she made her home.

Miss Spencer was converted and united with the Baptist Church at the age of 18, and according to her friends was active as a teacher and Christian worker until her health failed about a year ago. An oft-repeated statement about the departed was, "She was faithful in time of need and was loved by all who knew her."

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"SOMEWHERE I'LL FIND YOU"
CLARK GABLE
LANA TURNER
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"HOMBY CLIPPER"
WILLIAM GARGAN
IRENE HERVEY
THURS. & FRI. (NEXT WEEK)—
"MOONLITE"
JEAN GABIN
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WITH THE COLORS
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pany, someone in uniform to eat with us, so I phoned H. M. Everett Jr. who runs the bus station and always has a covey of soldiers around waiting for a bus. While I held the phone he talked to one fellow who had already had supper, then found two who had not. Anyway all three of them came down and the fellow who had had his meal was big Clifford Malone who used to live at Hico. While the other two fellows (I don't remember their names) were mopping up on the grub Malone and I had a big talk about how he often came to Stephenville with Hugh McCullough and his gang and contested some of you boys on the golf course. He mentioned a lot of you fellows who receive this letter. He is married and stationed at Camp Wolters.

Vernon Jenkins, sent to Blackland Flying Field, Waco, shortly after induction into the Army recently, has been transferred to the medical corps, according to information provided by his father, K. R. Jenkins, last week. Pete is not unacquainted to Army life, as he served a three-year hitch as he years back, when he was attached to the Signal Corps.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Leroy, gets his mail in care of the postmaster at New York, and they naturally do not hear from him very often. He has been in Ireland, but his present location is unknown.

Robert Ross, sailor son of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Ross, who is stationed on the S. S. Phoenix, wrote his parents a V-mail letter which was received last week. Robert, who says he gets the Hico paper regularly and really enjoys it, did not of course divulge the present location of his ship. He said he had just received a birthday card from Mrs. J. A. Hughes, who baked a cake for him the day he left for service which he still remembers gratefully. Robert added that he hasn't seen a person from Hico since the war started. He thought he saw George Hardy the other day, but it turned out that it wasn't George at all.

"I've got a new address now," writes Pvt. Leonard M. Lively from Med. Tech. School at Ft. Harrison, Ind. "It was too hot at the old place anyhow," he continued, "and at this place we don't need a pass for anything. I'm going to school at night. I will be in school one month and then in the hospital one month. I've been in the Army 3 weeks, been in 3 camps and rode over 3,000 miles. I've spent nearly a week on trains. I received your paper at St. Pete. Thanks a lot. How is everything at Hico? Is Linch still selling hot dogs? I paid 20c for one that wasn't near as good as his. Does Grady Barrow still have his coffee regularly? Tell John & John I haven't

got a G. I. haircut yet." Leonard says he is in a nice place now, and likes the officers a lot, although there are lots of Yankees around and he wouldn't give a good Texas whoop for all the hills in the country he's been through.

John L. Wilson has written to friends here from Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. that he is now stationed there. He has requested a change in his News Review address so that he may keep up with the home town. Mrs. Wilson has remained here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McClatchey, Route 2, having come back here with John L. from Camp Hood, where he was working before induction into the service. She plans to leave this week end for Little Rock to join her husband. She will be accompanied on the automobile trip by her father, who expects to visit with a brother before returning home by train.

Mrs. J. W. Clements has finally followed the dictates of her conscience, and has started a Service Men's Column in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune. If she'd talked with us first, we could have told her that two years of experience has proved that keeping up with the boys is no small job. But she didn't, and now that she's backed her ears and gone into the undertaking wholeheartedly we predict that she is involved for the duration, at least. Mrs. Clements (Stet—she didn't change her maiden name when she married, and is a sister of the noted war correspondent, Owen Clements, currently covering news for daily papers in the Southwest Pacific) assembled a very interesting column last week as her first effort. We wish her well in her project, as we need plenty of help in keeping up with the men from this part of the country.

Lt. S. E. Blair Jr., native son who hopped around the heavens from his dad's Blair Field in Hico way back before and during the depression, learned a lot about flying when flying was considered in some quarters a lot of foolishness. Junior used to stow away on planes and get in the way generally about the airport until the civilian instructors took pity on him, or perhaps practiced self-defense, and took him along as ballast on frequent flights during which he learned a lot about what made the flying machines stay in the air.

Later Junior got himself a job with General Motors Acceptance Corporation and was a promising young business man until the war clouds began brewing. Then he shook civilian clothes, entered training as a cadet in the air force without so much as a murmur to his instructors that he knew what flying was all about, for he didn't want them to have to knock the bootlegged learning out of his head before teaching him to fly the way the Army flies.

To make a long story short, the Hico lad won his wings and served as an instructor out on the West Coast before being selected as one of the group sent to Stewart Field at West Point, N. Y., to instruct cadets at the United States Military Academy who want to go into the Air Corps.

Before reporting for duty at West Point on Aug. 15, young Blair came by home, gathered up his parents and sister, Louie, and departed on a mysterious mission to East Texas which turned out to be his wedding to Miss Vivian Hammack of Willsboro. After the wedding the couple departed for their new home at West Point, and all we had heard from them since that time was an occasional hint from his mother that they were doing all right; inquiry from his dad has brought about as much information as one would get from questioning the Sphinx, for everyone knows how tight-lipped Jake is. Promises from the subject that he would drop us a line now and then have not been carried out, perhaps because of the innate modesty of the chap. We've been sending him the paper for about two years in lieu of buying him a certain scarce commodity which the editor was unable to deliver at

STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK



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Velvet is in the limelight! It makes the perfect dress for fall daytime and evening parties. This New York creation of lush, lustrous black velvet has striking contrast in blue lace leaves forming a wide yoke. Lace points also edge the modified peg-top pockets in a skirt softly full, yet modishly narrow in silhouette.

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By LYTLE HULL
A Few Bad Eggs

A very few bad eggs make the whole omelet smell; and a few badly handled labor organizations can create an aroma—where labor unions are concerned—in the nostrils of a large portion of the general public. This is a most unfair state of mind; just as unfair as the popular assumption some few years ago, that all bankers and business men were crooks because a small minority of them managed to gouge the public; or that all politicians will rob a blind man just because a limited number of them resemble a corkscrew.

It is an actual fact that many fair-minded American citizens long for a union member as a sort of hard-boiled foreigner who brandishes monkey-wrenches and spends his spare time slugging innocent non-union laborers. For the edification of any such—who may read this column—let it be said that the union laborer is exactly the same sort of human being as any other laborer or any other American in any other profession. He joins a union for one or more logical reasons, none of which are discussed herein. His membership—usually—helps him and his family in many ways, and there are few enlightened Americans today who would do away with the labor unions even if they were able to do so.

There are labor unions, however, which have degenerated into tyrannies comparable to those against which the Free Nations are fighting today; unions which have been kidnaped by bosses of distinctly undesirable character, unions in which a member is liable to say that he is some soldier in Hitler's armies; unions which kick out or otherwise maltreat, members who dare demand the popular election of officers—for which elections the union's own constitution provides—or

who dare to ask for an accounting of the moneys which they themselves had paid into the union treasury through initiation and membership fees. Now everyone knows that this sort of tyranny won't last long in freedom-loving America, just as the gangster barons of prohibition days didn't last long. But why should it be permitted to continue at all? Why should upstanding, honest American workers be brutalized for any length of time by a few reprehensible characters who have gangsterized a part—even though a very small part—of the labor unions?

In the December issue of that justly popular magazine, the Reader's Digest, Mr. William Hard has pointed out some of the faults in present-day unionism and has suggested some constructive and common-sense remedies. He puts it up to the states themselves—rather than to the federal authorities—to destroy the evil cores which do so much harm to the cause of organized labor. It is a most enlightening article and should be read by everyone who would like a short diagnosis of this all-important matter. By coincidence probably, this same issue contains an article—by a one-time "white collar" worker—which might help to educate those who believe that a union man is a "thing apart" and usually has horns. This "white collar" worker was once an automobile salesman, and when the war "folded" that job he took up hard labor. His description of the fine code of loyalty and generosity which most of the men who work with their hands adhere to, will be very edifying to those who have been prejudiced against all labor by the relatively few outrages which have been committed in its name.

the proper time after having lost a bet to him on the outcome of the English bombing after the fall of France. Last week, however, we snooped around a little and found an article in Air News, the picture magazine of aviation, carrying a photograph of our friendly enemy, along with an account of the training being given at the world's best military school. He was shown beside a training plane, along with a cadet getting traffic reminder from his instructor before take-off. Upon close inspection, he appeared to be the same old Junior of Blair Field fame, with the tables turned, giving instructions instead of receiving them.

Solomon Elbert Jr. may get by with that on the field, but we'll bet another year's subscription that when he gets home he goes back into the guise of listener, without doing too much talking. What about it, Viv? Mayb you're not suffering from writer's cramp as your husband seems to be.

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Nazis Always Being Bossed by Corporals



Members of the German armistice commission in French Morocco, captured by American forces who landed there during the North African operations, are shown being marched off for internment by an American corporal. Taking orders from a corporal is nothing new for them. That was Der Fuehrer's rank in the German army.

First Prize



Lieut. Col. Harold Bauer wins a contest staged for the U. S. marines at Henderson field, Guadalcanal. The captured flag was presented by Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, Lt. commanding general of the marine air forces in the Solomons. The prize was for the first flier to down three enemy planes.

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