



# The Devil's River News



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TWENTY-FIRST WEEK

## Suspects In Thorp Case Are Released

Search for the unidentified man, who struck down Mrs. Rose Thorp in her home Monday night, March 6, was continued by local officers this week. Two suspects, lodged in the County jail, were released when reports from the State laboratory showed that their fingerprints did not correspond with those taken from a door facing at Mrs. Thorp's home or with those from the handle of the wrench with which the attacker struck Mrs. Thorp.

Several persons have been questioned in connection with the case, but none have been able to throw light on the identity of the attacker.

The wrench, a 14-inch Stilson type, was placed on display at the office of Sheriff Leo E. Brown, but no one has been able to identify it. Use of other clues have also failed so far to identify the assailant who, Mrs. Thorp told Brown, was a white man.

## March Bond Sales Lagging

An urgent appeal to bond buyers was made this week by George H. Neill, county War Finance Committee chairman, to buy bonds, as the sales during March totaled only \$2,812 Wednesday afternoon.

The March quota for Sutton County is \$10,700, which leaves the county \$7,888 short of its goal at present. Neill stated that Sutton County always tops its monthly goals, as well as the War Loan quotas, and he urged that bond buyers come in at once and make their purchases.

## Services Held Tuesday For James B. Mercer

Funeral services were conducted in Eldorado Tuesday afternoon for James B. Mercer, 62, father of Mrs. L. D. Holmig of Sonora. Conducting the services were the Rev. J. L. Ratliff and the Rev. J. M. Hays, pastor of the Eldorado Baptist Church. The services were held from the church, and burial was in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Mr. Mercer, a native of Travis County who moved to Eldorado in 1925, died Sunday night at the residence in Eldorado.

Survivors include the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Hollmig, Mrs. W. H. Porter of Fort Worth, Mrs. B. A. Whitten of Eldorado; three brothers, H. D. Mercer of Eldorado, T. R. Mercer of Portland, Ore., and O. B. Mercer of San Antonio; six sisters, Mrs. B. B. Smith of San Antonio, Mrs. S. J. Boothe of Eldorado, Mrs. O. B. Burnett of George West, Mrs. Leo Casey of Kentucky, Mrs. L. L. Harris of Eldorado, and Mrs. L. Harvey of San Antonio.

## Sonoran's Sister Buried Wednesday

Last rites were conducted for Mrs. Avery Graves, 55, sister of Mrs. John Jackson, Sonora, from the Big Lake Methodist Church, Wednesday afternoon, and burial was in the Big Lake Cemetery. Mrs. Avery, a resident of Big Lake for the past seventeen years, died Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tom Brown.

Survivors include her daughter; her mother, Mrs. Brown O'Stanley, Odessa; four brothers, H. H. Mannan, Petersburg, Tex.; M. L. Mannan, Big Lake; J. H. Mannan, St. Louis, Mo.; J. N. Harris, Calif.; and her sister.

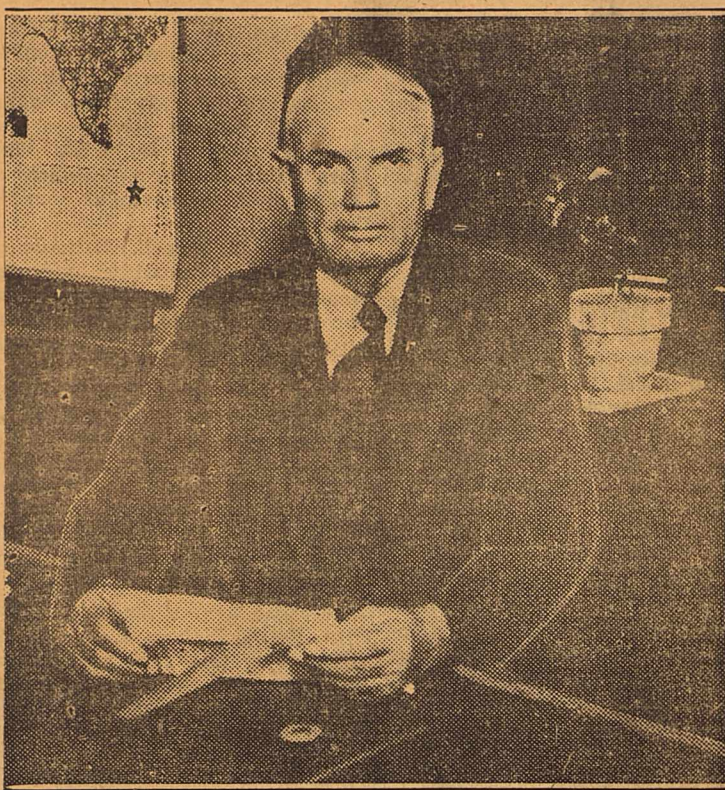
Massie Funeral Home, San Angelo, was in charge of arrangements.

## "T" RATION RENEWALS

Officials of the local OPA office announced this week that all holders of "T" gasoline rations, should renew the coupons by April 10. Those who fail to renew their "T" rations at this time, will have them canceled by the Office of Defense Transportation, and they may be renewed only through application to the local USDA War Board.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Meadow returned Wednesday from Temple where Mrs. Meadow had been under medical treatment for the past week. While gone Mrs. Meadow also visited with her daughter, Mrs. V. S. Davis, of New Braunfels.

## Seeks Reelection As County Clerk



JOHN D. LOWREY

## Lowrey Seeks Reelection To Clerk's Office

John D. Lowrey, who has served Sutton County continuously as County Clerk for the past 37 years, announced his candidacy for reelection last Monday.

First elected to the office in 1907, he served in the clerk's office before that under County Clerk Sam Stokes. He sought election to the office on the resignation of Stokes, and has been known all over this area of West Texas since then as a capable official who keeps himself well informed on county and district affairs.

One of the oldest county officers in this section, in point of service, Clerk Lowrey's only platform is his past record of long, efficient and conscientious service to the citizens of Sutton County.

## 14 Track Men Training For District Meet

Fourteen Sonora High School tracksters are undergoing intensive training, under Coach C. C. Ball, for the district Interscholastic League Meet that is to be held in Junction on March 31. The five towns in the district are Sonora, Junction, Eldorado, Ozona and Menard.

Of the fourteen track events on the program, the Broncos are concentrating mainly on eleven of them — the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 dash, 880 dash, the mile race, shot put, discus throw and pole vault.

Sonora boys training for the meet are Sidney Awalt, Frankie Bond, Alain Boughton, George D. Chalk, Jr., H. C. Kiser, Jim Martin, Norbert McIntyre, Frank Leslie Moore, Don Nicholas, Eugene Shurley, Jerry Shurley, Billy Wright Taylor, John Allen Ward and Jimmy Cusenbary.

## NEW OPA CLERK

Mrs. Leroy Whitworth assumed duties this week as clerk and typist at the local OPA office. She is taking the place of Mrs. J. B. Shanks who is on leave of absence.

## Red Cross Quota Topped With \$2,528 Donations

Sutton County's Red Cross War Fund quota of \$2,300 was topped Tuesday afternoon, when \$2,528 in contributions was reported by the treasurer, Mrs. Maysie Brown. This sum does not represent the total contributions, however, as donations are still being made.

Mrs. Brown said, that although the quota has been passed, those who have not contributed may still do so. The national quota is still to be reached, and those counties that over subscribe their quotas will help raise the national quota.

Alfred Schwenning, chairman of the War Fund committee, this week expressed his appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the citizens in making their donations voluntarily and promptly. He also commended the work of his committee in contacting so many citizens and for their assistance to him.

## DAVID RAMIREZ, WITH CAVALRY TROOP IN PACIFIC, NOW STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt. David Ramirez, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Ramirez, Sonora, has been promoted to staff sergeant and is now serving with the Sixth Army as a platoon sergeant in a cavalry troop, according to a news release from General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area.

The sergeant, a boot maker at home, said he came over to fight and was pretty tired of training. He is now in a camp in New Guinea.

"This place is much better than we thought it would be, and we're happy to be closer to action than we were," he told a reporter. "The chow here is fair, and we have a better camp than we had in Australia."

There are movies every night under the stars, swimming in the South Pacific, and baseball every evening for recreation. Ramirez plays left field with a softball team.

Attending the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth this week were Mr. and Mrs. Libb Wallace, Miss Libby Jo Wallace and Gene Wallace.

## Berry N. Duff Assumes County Agent Duties

Assuming duties here last week as county agent was Berry N. Duff, who comes here from Garden City, Glasscock County, where he served as county agent four years.

Duff is a graduate of the University of Wyoming, having also attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Upon graduation he taught vocational agriculture at the Moorcroft High School, Wyoming, and later at Fabens High School. He has also served as county agent for Hudspeth County.

Accompanying him here are Mrs. Duff and their two children, Geraldine, 2, and Berry Noel, Jr., 5. The Duffs have bought the residence formerly owned by Clay Atchison, who resigned the county agent's position here to go to Tom Green County.

## Martinez Released On \$500 Bail

Juan Martinez was released under \$500 bail this week and is awaiting action of the grand jury, after standing examining trial for the shooting last Thursday night of Santos Cervantez.

The shooting, which occurred shortly after midnight in the Martinez home in Sinaloa, resulted from an argument over an old grudge, Martinez said.

Martinez admitted the shooting to peace officers Thursday night. The weapon used was a .45 caliber Colt automatic. Cervantez' wound was not serious, the bullet entering the left heel and coming out at the instep, with no bones being broken.

## Malcolm Smith Believed Missing, Not Killed

A letter received from Mrs. George A. Smith of Olney, former Sonoran, indicates that the story carried in the News on February 18, which stated that Sgt. Malcolm Smith had been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster posthumously, was in error. Mrs. Smith states that no word has been received of her son since he was reported missing in the South Pacific Area last November 14, 1943, although the News story was based on an official press release from Army Headquarters in the South Pacific.

It is believed that Sgt. Smith's citation, given when the medal was awarded, should have read that the medal was given "in absentia", rather than "posthumously".

Sgt. Smith was a former Sonora school student, his father serving as district highway engineer here several years.

## J. B. LOGAN GRADUATES FROM DENTAL COLLEGE

Joseph Benjamin Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan of Sonora, was graduated from the Baylor University College of Dentistry Tuesday night in commencement exercises at the First Baptist Church, Dallas. The degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery was conferred upon him.

Eight states and one Central American country were represented in the classes of 36 graduates of the College of Dentistry and 57 seniors of Baylor University School of Nursing graduated at the exercises under the university's accelerated wartime teaching program.

## Last Call Being Made For Blood Donors

A last call is being made this week for blood donors to meet the Red Cross Mobile Donor Unit when it makes the proposed trip to Junction on April 3-4. At least 75 more applicants are needed, and their names must be in by Saturday.

One hundred and two applicants have been accepted to date, but as the minimum number the unit will accept has been raised to 150, at least 75 more applicants will be needed to find enough to qualify to make the blood donations and to supply alternates.

Arrangements have been made for transportation to Junction, and the trip will be made in one day.

The following requirements should be read carefully by prospective blood donors:

AGE: 21 through 59. 18 to 21 may be accepted with written permission of parent or legal guardian (or if married, permission of mate), whose signature must have a witness. Permit should be written in ink.

FREQUENCY: Not sooner than eight weeks from last donation, and only five times in any calendar year.

WEIGHT: None accepted under 110 pounds.

MEDICAL HISTORY: Donors are not accepted three days before, during and three days following menstrual period.

Nine months must elapse after any type of termination of pregnancy, and naturally not during same.

Two weeks should elapse after recovery from any cold. Donor will not be accepted if he has a continuous cough, cold or sneezing.

In case of serious illness or surgery, at least six months should elapse and your doctor consulted.

Absolutely two weeks must elapse following tooth extraction.

Donor will not be accepted if he has had jaundice within the last six months, or if he has been exposed to it within the last six months.

Donors are not accepted who have had diabetes or tuberculosis.

Donors are not accepted who have had malaria in the last fifteen years, or any recurrence during that time.

Donors who have hay fever are not accepted for one month before, during, and one month after expectation season. Donors are not accepted during treatment and for one month following completion of shots.

Other allergic conditions, such as hives or similar skin manifestations, are treated likewise. Any history of severe allergy is not accepted.

Donors who have boils, infected ears, skin infections, or wounds will not be accepted until one month after complete healing.

Donors will not be accepted who have sinusitis of recent origin or acute flare up. They will not be rejected if history of remote attacks.

Donors will be rejected if eruption of poison ivy is active. They will be accepted two weeks after eruption has healed. If donor has had poison ivy shots, he will not be accepted for two weeks from date of last shot.

Donors who have been vaccinated (small pox) will not be accepted for two weeks from last scab, or four weeks from date of vaccination on those that take.

In case of all other vaccinations and immunizing injections, donors will not be accepted for two weeks after last injection.

## U. Of T. Spring Enrollment Shows Big Decrease

Substantial decrease in student enrollment for the spring semester at the University of Texas was noted when only 5,921 paid fees as compared to the 6,793 students registered for the winter semester, the Bursar's office reports.

The decline was attributed mainly to revision of the deferment program for students in critical occupational fields and to the calling up of students enlisted in military reserves.

While pre-Pearl Harbor enrollment totaled more than 10,000 students for a single semester, attendance for the current semester is less than half that number, though new student registration -- freshmen and transfers from other colleges -- totaled 915 -- an all-time high for mid-year classes.

## Lions Told Of Operation Of Social Security

### BERRY DUFF MADE NEW MEMBER

Interesting statistical data on the scope and the work of the Social Security program was given by Elliott W. Adams of the San Angelo Social Security office, when he spoke before the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday.

The eight-year old program, inaugurated in January, 1937, he said, now handles seventy-four million accounts, and in one month last year \$12,198,000 was paid out in monthly payments to beneficiaries of the program. A reserve of \$5,000,000,000 has been set up through payments made by participants in the program, and this fund is used entirely for payment of benefits, no part of it being used for the executive work of carrying out the program.

Adams emphasized particularly that the program was set up for the wage earners, and those who feel that it is not being handled properly should notify their district office. He also said that it is wise for the individual to check up on his Social Security account annually to be sure that he has received credit for all his reductions.

In the discussion that followed Adams' talk, the club went on record as favoring extension of the program to include business owners, as well as wage earners. Under the present set-up, only the employee is eligible to receive the benefits of the program.

Berry N. Duff, new County Agent, was installed as a new member by W. E. Caldwell. Duff expressed his pleasure in becoming a member, saying that he was familiar with the record of accomplishment of the club.

## Draft Board Reclasses 36

Latest reclassifications of Sutton County registrants, made by the local Selective Service Board in meetings on Monday and Tuesday, include the following:

1-A: Sid Lakey, Ruben Gomez, Agapito Alonzo, Besinte Bautista, Juan Hernandez, Placidio Bautista, William Chancy, Franklin Berry, Julio Samaniego, Garland Arnaud and Jesus Favila (H).

1-C: Wilson R. Owens, Carl Morgan, Jesus Ramos, Arlon Carroll, Jesus Hernandez, Carl Holland, James Lee, Billie J. Haines.

2-A: Leopoldo Guzman, Connie Crumley, Salvador Ybarra, Telesforo Gonzales, Francisco Perez.

2-C: Walter Stout, Porfirio Gomez, Evaristo Avila, Carl Harris, Elmer Escobedo.

4-F: Homer Matthews, Rito Munoz, Juan Medina, Andrew Baggett, Rostein Pfister, Gregario Morales, Domingo Saenz.

NOURISHMENT: Donor should not come to center hungry.

Up to four hours before appointment a regular meal may be eaten.

From four hours before, up to one hour prior to appointment time, the following foods should be avoided: Fats, cream, eggs, meat, soups, oils, grease, mayonnaise and cheese.

Some of the foods that should be eaten are: Fruits and their juices, bread, crackers, dry toast; all raw vegetables or vegetables boiled in plain water; jam, jelly and honey; cereals with skimmed milk; black coffee, or tea with sugar.

## Happy Birthday

Saturday, March 18—

Mrs. A. R. Montgomery

Sunday, March 19—

Betsy Ross

B. M. Halbert, III

Viola Montgomery

Monday, March 20—

Leon Morris

Tuesday, March 21—

Kathleen Schwenning

George Barrow

Arthur Carroll

Wednesday, March 22—

Mrs. A. J. Faught

Frank Turney

Katherine Caldwell

Collier Shurley

Thursday, March 23—

Mrs. Rena Trainer

Mrs. Roy Valliant

Mrs. Preston Prater

O. L. Richardson

Friday, March 24—

Mrs. Hub Hale

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Halbert attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show this week.

## Leatherneck Spearhead Goes Forward



U. S. Marine Corps Photo

U. S. Marines on New Britain Island go places—roadways to their destination will be built later. Here they pick and fight their way from the beach to the airfield on Cape Gloucester. The invasion was staged during the tropical rainy season, which didn't improve traveling conditions.

## Announcements From The Churches



### METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Program—  
Men's Bible Class 9:30  
Sunday School 9:45  
Morning Worship 10:50  
Youth Fellowship 7:15  
Evening Worship 8:00  
Womans Society of Christian Service meets each Wednesday Afternoon 3:00  
Men's Brotherhood Social every second Thursday afternoon at the church.  
Cordial welcome to all.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Evening Services, second Sunday, each month 7:30

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00  
Morning Service 11:00  
Evening Service 7:45  
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:45  
W. M. U. each Wednesday 3:00  
Ra's, Ga's and Sunbeams second and fourth Sunday afternoon 4:30



## A LOOK AT THE BOOK

By DR. BOB JONES, JR.  
PRESIDENT OF BOB JONES COLLEGE  
Cleveland, Tennessee

To understand the Bible properly one needs some knowledge of the geography of Bible Lands. Without it some verses can mean little to the reader. For example, in Deuteronomy, the thirty-third chapter, Moses in blessing the tribes of Israel says of Asher, "Let him dip his foot in oil. Thy shoes shall be iron and brass" (Deuteronomy 33:25). The significance of this prophetic blessing is realized when we know something of the territory which Asher received when the tribes of Israel came into possession of the promised land. Asher's territory combined fertile land near the base of Mt. Lebanon and rocky hills along the coastline. The fertile country was rich in olive groves and they trampled barefoot upon the olives in the vats to press out the oil. In the rocky hills they needed shoes re-enforced with iron and brass. Ordinary leather shoes would not last long against the sharp stones of the rocky mountain passes. So thus knowing the topog-

raphy of the land which Asher came to possess we understand the meaning of the words of Moses' prophetic blessing upon Asher.

But there is a spiritual significance from which God's children may encourage their own hearts in these words, "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass." It is this—God provides abundantly for that which we must meet. He knows when we shall have to walk rough mountain trails along the road of life. He will not send us there unshod. He will prepare us in advance to endure the sorrow. God knows the temptation which lies in wait. He will "not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape" (I Corinthians 10:13). The last clause of the verse we should take with the first, "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."

band room of the High School gymnasium Friday, March 10.

Attending were Helen Martin, Kathryn Ross, Joyce Johnson, Joan Featherston, Billy Jo Barker, Dorothy Gardner, Billy Jo Nance, Frances Jane Drennan, Jimmy Cusenbary, David Shurley, Jerry Shurley, Tommy Bond, James Theodore Hunt and Nolan Gibbs.



## READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown



KONRAD HEIDEN

Then, as now, Hitler appreciated the power of publicity. Although Heiden always wrote denunciations of him, Hitler paid him homage because he was a reporter. On several occasions, in fact, he refused to start a meeting until the representative of the Frankfurter Zeitung arrived. That is how Konrad Heiden got the reputation of being "the man who kept Hitler waiting."

Heiden is also credited with being the originator of the term "Nazi." At first, Hitler's party called themselves "Nasos"—the normal abbreviation of "National Socialism." As a term of derision, Heiden referred to them as "Nazis." In the Bavarian villages, Nazi (a corruption of Ignatius) is slang for bumpkin or simpleton. Soon "Nazi" was used so widely the party adopted it officially.

Hunted by the Gestapo, Heiden was forced underground, and in 1933, he escaped to the Saar, where he edited a paper campaigning against the return of the Saar to Germany. After the fight was lost, he fled to Paris. When war broke out he was interned in a French concentration camp. As the Germans approached, the prisoners were evacuated, and he made his way south across France on foot. After incredible adventures, he reached Lisbon and eventually America. His three years here have been devoted to the writing of "Der Fuehrer."

When the fabulously successful theatrical producer and actor was a little boy, relates Ward Morehouse in his biography, "George M. Cohan," his dislike for school was only equalled by his aversion for violin lessons. Many years later when George and his father were dining at a fine hotel, they were both impressed by a violin solo rendered during their meal. "Say, dad," spoke up George, "perhaps if I had given more attention to my violin lessons I might be playing here." "Yes, George," replied his father, "you might—but you wouldn't be eating here."

## Congratulations

Lt. and Mrs. John F. Ball, El Paso, are the parents of a son, weighing six pounds, born in an El Paso hospital Monday, March 6. Mrs. Ball is the former Miss Jamie Gardner of Sonora, and Lt. Ball is now serving with the Army in Ireland. Maternal grandmother of the child is Mrs. Clyde Gardner of Sonora.

## Max D. Murray Honored With Birthday Party

Max Darrell Murray was honored on his twelfth birthday with a party given by his aunt, Miss Jennie Murray, assisted by his grandmother, Mrs. B. C. McGilvary, Sunday afternoon, March 12.

The guests enjoyed a show at the local theater and later refreshments were served at Miss Murray's home. Games were played at the City Park.

Present were John Stanley Hamby, Jimmy Morrow, J. F. Howell, Jr., Bill Decker, Patsy Moore, Martha Lou Ory, Norris Loeffler, Warren Childress, Bobby Joe Granger and Pat Jungk.

## Marriage Of Serena Trainer, Lt. McGuire Told

Mrs. Rena Trainer this week announced the marriage of her daughter, the former Lt. Serena Trainer, to Lt. William T. McGuire, Jr., U. S. A. Air Corps, Camp Stewart, Georgia, on August 11, 1943, in New York City. Lt. McGuire is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. McGuire, Sr., of Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. McGuire arrived recently in New York City from England, where she had served with the U. S. Nurse Corps since last September. She was joined this week by her mother and her sister, Mrs. J. B. Shanks, and they are expected to return here in the next two or three weeks.

## MRS. ALLEN HOSTESS TO JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB

Mrs. Ford Allen was hostess when the Junior Music Club met in the basement of the Methodist Church, March 4.

The meeting was opened with the group singing "America" followed by piano selections played by Norris Loeffler, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Flora Dell Davis and Peggy Ann Wilman.

Songs were sung by the group, after which refreshments were served to the members.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson and family were in Big Lake Tuesday and Wednesday, where they attended funeral services for Mrs. Jackson's sister, Mrs. Avery Graves, who died Monday.

## Deluxe Optical Service

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## See Dr. Fred R. Baker

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Clubs • Parties • Features

PAT REILEY, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, March 17, 1944

The Devil's River News

## Mrs. Sawyer Hostess To Music Club

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer was hostess, with Mrs. C. T. Jones, Jr., and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer as co-hostesses, when the Sonora Music Club met at the Sawyer home Thursday night, March 9.

The meeting opened with the group singing "America", after which the club collect was read.

"Texas Music" was the subject discussed by the members. Mrs. Keith James gave a talk on "History of Texas Music"; Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh discussed "Cowboy Songs and the State Song", and played at the piano several cowboy songs that originated in Texas. "A Sketch of the Life of David Guion" was given by Miss Janie Rogers.

Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, president, presided at the business session, during which Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary and Mrs. I. B. Boughton were elected delegates to represent the club at the state convention to be held in Houston on April 10-11. Mrs. Sterling Baker was elected alternate delegate.

## Pan-American Club Meets With Mrs. R. Trainer

Miss Ura Mae Haggard was the study leader and gave a talk on "The Highland Countries and Peru" when the Pan-American Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Ralph Trainer last Friday afternoon.

Afterwards Mrs. Trainer exhibited a fan brought from Australia and given to her by her brother, Delma Smith, recently returned from Navy service in Australia. The fan was made of wood of a tree grown in Australia and is laced together with rose velvet ribbon.

chocolate were served to Mmes. I. B. Boughton, O. L. Richardson, O. G. Babcock, W. L. Davis, O. C. Ogden, J. T. Penick, Dorothy Norris and Georgia Sue Norris and Miss Haggard.

Refreshments of cake and hot

## PAN-AM. CLUB TO MEET

Mrs. W. L. Davis will be the study leader and will give a talk on "Paraguay and Uruguay" when the Pan-American Study Club meets this afternoon in the home are interested are urged to attend. of Mrs. I. B. Boughton. All who interested are urged to attend.

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## Legion Auxiliary Plans April Meet

In a meeting of the Legion Auxiliary at the Masonic Hall Monday night, the members voted to hold an open meeting in April, which is Child Welfare Month, and to have a program on "Child Welfare". This meeting will be held at the time of their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. J. F. Howell, chairman of the Welfare Committee, reported that the Legion Auxiliary, at the cost of \$2,364.484, supported 493,999 veteran children in the year 1943.

The members attending the meeting brought gifts that are to be sent to a Treasure Chest, for distribution to service men in hospitals for Easter.

On display at the meeting was a special citation given to the members in recognition of their membership drive.

Present were Mmes. J. C. Stephen, Ralph Trainer, J. F. Howell, I. B. Boughton, Vernon Hamilton, Finis Hamby, Gene Lightfoot and O. L. Richardson.

## Mrs. C. W. Taylor Hostess To A. & M. Mothers

Mrs. C. W. Taylor was hostess when the A. & M. Mothers' Club met in her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. I. B. Boughton, president, presided at the meeting, at which time the club voted to send books to college hospitals, and Mrs. Boughton appointed a nominating committee.

Mrs. O. C. Ogden was introduced as a new member of the club, after which a salad course was served to Mmes. Boughton, O. L. Richardson, O. L. Carpenter, A. E. Prugel, E. E. Sawyer, J. V. Alley, Ogden and the hostess.

## Mrs. Eldridge Study Leader At WMU Wednesday

Mrs. J. E. Eldridge was the study leader when the WMU met at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon for Bible study.

The meeting opened with a prayer, given by Mrs. G. G. Stephenson. Mrs. Eldridge gave the devotional and a discussion of the lesson for the day. The hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him," was sung by the group, and a discussion of the days' lesson was given by the different members. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Fred Wright.

Those present were Mmes. L. H. McGhee, Alfred Cooper, Pearl Martin, Eldridge, Wright and Stephenson.

## Mrs. Bunnell Hostess To Forty-Two Club

Mrs. John Bunnell was hostess to the Forty-Two Club Thursday afternoon, March 9. Potted plants were used in decorating the playing room, and refreshments were served to the guests.

High score was won by Mrs. Robert Rees, and others attending were Mmes. O. G. Babcock, C. E. Stites, Ervin Wilman, O. L. Carpenter, C. C. Ball, Ed Glascock, J. P. Reiley, Harvey Morris, Elmo Johnson and Seth Lancaster.

## John S. Hamby Honored With Theater Party

A theater party was given by Mrs. J. F. Hamby Tuesday afternoon honoring her son, John Stanley, on his tenth birthday.

Guests enjoying refreshments of punch, sandwiches, candy and cake after the show were Anne Karnes, Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Mary Elaine Stringer, Diana Wood, Darlene Barrow, Carnie Sue Wyatt, Inez Chalk, Nancy Neill, Janie Kiser, Sandra Thomas, Geraldine Morrow and Jan Caffey; also Jack Ratliff, Tyree Hardy, Lee Roy Valliant, Billie Bryan Savell, J. F. Howell, Jr., Jimmy Morrow, Frank Adkins, Billy Frank Decker, Norris Loeffler, Ernest Carroll Stephen and Max Darrell Murray.

Assisting Mrs. Hamby were Mmes. Clyde Gardner, John Hull, Sam Karnes, Stella Stanley, Violet Morrow and Carnie Wyatt.

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from the ranch country

## Son of a gun



R. A. Halbert received \$800 for Gertrude Anxiety II, 18-month-old Polled heifer, at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. The heifer, who topped the head of her class in the Polled show, went to Thomas C. Wylly, Tennessee, Ga.

Halbert also paid \$450 for a bull.

—(\*&\$½lb ?\*½&—

When Berry Duff was introduced at the Lions Club as filling Clay Atchison's shoes as county agent here, he replied that would be hard to do, figuratively and literally speaking.

—(\*&\$½lb ?\*½&—

B. M. Halbert, Sr., long known as the "dean" of Texas sheepmen, is retiring from the ranching business after 46 years on the same ranch. He has sold his ranch to his children and divided up the livestock. B. M. Halbert, Jr., already owned one-half interest in the livestock, and the other half was given to his daughters, Mrs. L. P. Bloodworth of Sonora and Ruidosa, N. M., and Mrs. W. B. Whitehead of Del Rio, who will carry on the ranch business under the name of the Idadell Ranch Company.

Halbert, a leader in the development of the sheep and goat industry and in popularizing the meat of both, decided to go into the ranching business while working as cashier in the First National Bank of Sonora. He said that he saw then the possibilities offered by that industry.

Although retiring from the business that he loves, Halbert can look back with pleasure on the progress of the industry, no small part of which was due to his efforts.

—(\*&\$½lb ?\*½&—

A friend of E. D. Stringer and Bill Barnes says that he doesn't believe they are going to do well on the civilian patrol. Said friend's reasoning on this subject is sound, and we know he will be glad to tell anyone about it who is interested.

—(\*&\$½lb ?\*½&—

Having coffee with a friend Thursday morning, we noticed that he was in a very hilarious state. Finally we asked the reason, to which he giddily replied, "Oh, I mailed my income tax return last night."

—(½\* ?!&lb ½&—

When we start writing Son-of-a-gun (and incidentally, with much hair-pulling, gnashing of teeth and brow-beating) we think back enviously of a boy we knew at the University of Texas.

A plain, country boy from the brush country, he had the greatest gift we've ever seen for turning out copy. He wrote a column every day for the University's daily paper -- and it was always choice reading matter. And in between times he managed to make good grades, take part in all sorts of student activities, and even write short stories.

Envy is sinful -- but after all, we are only human.

Mrs. Mack Cauthorn, who underwent an operation in a San Antonio hospital Monday, is reported to be doing nicely at this time.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kring last week were their nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kring of Fort Worth.

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## From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

You hear a lot of talk about morale these days... but have you found many people who knew exactly what "morale" was?

Well, I was thumbing through my scrap book the other day, and I came on this verse I'd like to pass on to you...

It's the lift you get from a friendly smile...

A brand new hat in a jaunty style...

A letter from home that the postman brings...

Morale is a lot of little things.

Isn't it so? Morale is just a lot of little things. A flower in your button hole, a word of greeting,

an occasional refreshing glass of beer with friends.

From where I sit, if we take care to preserve these little friendly things that boost morale, we'll be doing a lot to help our country in its time of crisis.

And we'll boost morale among our soldiers at the front, too. Because it's these "important little things" that they look forward to returning to.

Joe Marsh

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# The Devil's River News

RANCHING NEWS & INTERESTS

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Sonora, Texas

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## 49 Years Ago

Mrs. B. M. Halbert is visiting her relatives at the Barksdale ranch this week.

—49—

There will be a dance in Hagerlund Brothers' new building tonight. Come early. The dance will break at 12 o'clock.

—49—

J. R. Hamilton, the well-known mutton buyer of Mexico, Mo., was in Sonora Sunday. Mr. Hamilton has purchased 4,000 head of muttons west of the Pecos, which he is driving to Kerrville for shipment.

—49—

Nelson Morris says he shipped an average of 3,000 cattle a month for eight months to France last year, and that he is exceedingly sorry to see the outlet has been cut off.

—49—

Bird & Mertz sold 1,600 steers, four-year-olds and up, to Winfield Scott, for \$36,000, or \$22.50 per head. These cattle will be fed at Brownwood and other stations.

—49—

Blanco County is overrun with cattle buyers. They are paying \$6.50 for yearling steers, and the same price for stock cattle.

—49—

John Camp of this city sold last week, 300 aged steers to J. M. Chittim at \$19 per head. These cattle were located in Wilson County.

—49—

J. E. Slocum bought in San Saba, Mason and Burnet Counties last week, 800 three- and four-year-old steers at sixteen and twenty dollars per head.

—49—

J. L. Davis bought from Henry Barksdale 31 head of stock cattle at eight dollars per head.

—49—

R. F. Halbert sold to O. T. Word of Sonora, 1,200 head of muttons at \$1.90 for wethers and \$1.90 for ewes.

—49—

Our old friend, C. T. (Short) Turney, bought about 600 head of steers in Del Rio from different parties, paying seven, ten, thirteen and sixteen dollars for them. These cattle are for Mayer & Sons of Sonora. Mr. Turney will be here next month where he will try to buy the yearlings of this county.

—49—

Keyes Fawcett, the handsome young Val Verde cattleman, was in Sonora Friday trading.

## APRIL 1 IS DEADLINE ON LICENSE REGISTRATION

Sheriff Leo E. Brown reported this week that only 74 vehicles have been registered for 1944 licenses in Sutton County to date, although there are over eight hundred to register. As April 1 is the deadline on registration, leaving only two weeks in which to register, Brown urged that all vehicle owners register them at once. Registering now will prevent congestion and waiting during the last few days.

—49—

Mr. and Mrs. Al Collins returned from a trip through Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico and are staying with Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wall, at their ranch.

—49—

S. E. Couch of Crockett County sold 2,000 muttons to G. S. Long at \$2 per head.

—49—

On Wednesday, March 13, sheep were worth in Chicago; poor to choice grades \$2.75 to \$4.60; with fancy at \$4.65 to \$4.75 a hundred pounds.

—49—

Ab Rose sold 200 cattle to C. T. Turney for \$10, \$13 and \$16.

—49—

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|          |            |             |
|----------|------------|-------------|
| SONORA   | Uvalde     | SAN ANTONIO |
| 11 A. M. | 2:40 P. M. | 5:35 P. M.  |

### Return Trip

|             |         |         |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| SAN ANTONIO | Uvalde  | SONORA  |
| 2 P. M.     | 5 P. M. | 9 P. M. |

Connections At Uvalde For  
Eagle Pass — Crystal City — Del Rio  
Laredo — Carrizo Springs

Mrs. Pat Lee and Miss Annie Lee were visitors in the home of Mrs. Lee's sister, Mrs. Tom Thorp, last week-end.

Mrs. Clyde Hill, who has been in a San Angelo hospital for several weeks, was well enough to come home this week.

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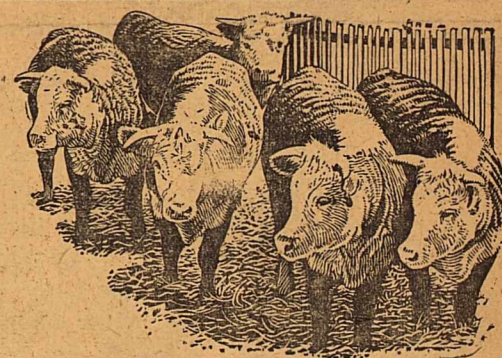
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### Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

#### VAST ROAD-BUILDING PROGRAM BEING PLANNED

Although there has been only routine activity in Congress the last two weeks, many of the committees have been very busy. Of course, most of the real work of the Congress is done by committees. During these two weeks I have been attending the hearings of the Roads Committee, of which I am a member, on the important post-war road construction program involving probable expenditures of three billions of dollars in federal funds alone.

For the last 25 years the federal government has provided funds to match state funds for various federal-aid highway projects. The present bill proposes some changes from the old system.

Heretofore the matching has been on a 50-50 basis. This measure, as introduced, would place federal aid on a 75-25 basis, with the larger share being borne by Uncle Sam. Moreover, the basis of apportionment to the various states would be: one-half on population, one-fourth on area, and one-fourth on post-war road mileage.

#### AID WARRANTED FOR FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

The distribution of federal funds would be allotted one-half on federal-aid highways, and one-half to urban areas and for secondary and feeder roads. Within the states, much control of the funds would be left to the state governments, which would assign funds to urban areas or to feeder roads on the proportion that the population of the urban areas bears to that of the rural areas of the state.

It seems important to me that a reasonable allocation of these funds should be available for rural

and farm-to-market roads. Rural people are helping to pay the bill, and most of their travel is on country roads. Much latitude properly should be given local commissioners courts as to where and in what amounts such funds for rural roads should be expended.

#### RED CROSS TO FILM BOTH SIDES' PRISONER CAMPS

Another example of the Red Cross program which helps both the soldiers and their relatives back home, is announcement that the Red Cross, under a reciprocal agreement with Germany, will take motion pictures of prisoner of war camps both in Germany and in this country. The films will be shown in both countries.

#### TEXAS COMMUNITY PROPERTY TAX INVOLVED IN TAX

Now that most people are paying income taxes or at least filing income tax returns, more interest is being taken in the community property laws of several states, one of which is Texas.

By virtue of the Revenue Act of 1942, revenue officials sought to make the entire community property of a decedent subject to the federal estate tax. Thus, where a man and wife own property together and one dies, the entire estate of both is taxed rather than the mere one-half of the person who dies.

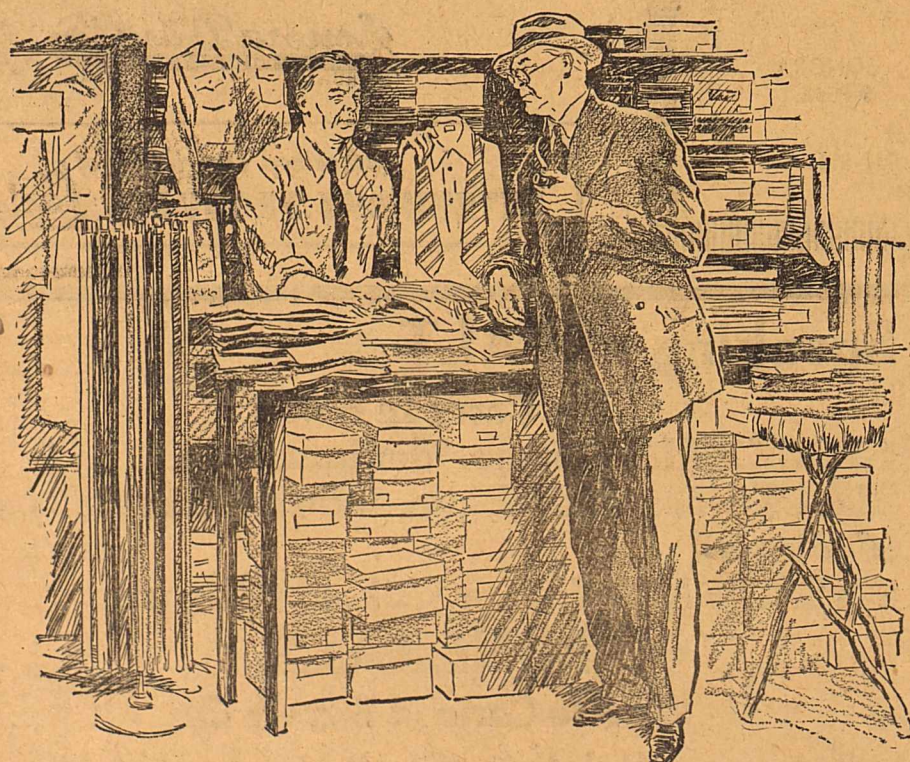
The Louisiana Supreme Court held this double-taxation invalid under the 5th Amendment, and the case was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court for final decision. The court here dismissed the appeal on technical grounds and the ultimate decision, which will be important to Texans, too, remains problematical.

FOR SALE: A limited number of bred-to-lay Barred Plymouth Rock setting eggs, 15 for \$1.50. W. E. Caldwell 4tp 2-25.

Person who has our Johnson's Electric floor waxer please return.

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### THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Sorry Judge, my shipment of suspenders still hasn't come in. Some articles are mighty scarce these days. I don't get anywhere near as much as I could sell."

"With the war going on, Frank, we've got to expect those things. It's true of luxuries just as it is of necessities. Take whiskey, for example. There's a real shortage in that. It's to be expected when you realize there hasn't been a drop of it distilled in this country since way back in October, 1942.

"The only thing distillers have been making during that time is war-alcohol for the Government. So, I wasn't surprised a bit to read how bootlegging and black markets have sprung up around the country as a result of the dwindling supply. Our 13 years of prohibition proved that if folks can't get legal whiskey, they'll get illicit whiskey. Sure hope the shortage doesn't last too long. I'd hate to see this country turned over to the bootleggers again."

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I GIVE  
YOU  
TEXAS  
by  
BOYCE  
HOUSE

Can you recall those distant days when, as you walked home in the gloaming, you knew what families were going to have steak for supper by the pounding of a plate in the kitchen?

"We honestly think that when a man or a woman has the nerve to enter politics for personal or other reasons, they should be given most respectful hearings and help them through their task, which at times is most unpleasant," comments Editor Robert L. Baldrige in the Clifton Record. "Some have to handle the political business of life and some enjoy it, and others would not participate in such for any amount of money."

Speaking of Mark Twain, as we were recently:

The great writer had little formal schooling -- which was the reason perhaps that his naturally robust and vigorous style of writing had the luxuriance of a forest in its native state and not the trimmed exactitude of a garden hedge. Punctuation bothered him, so he prefaced one article with four lines of periods, six lines of commas and three or four miscellaneous lines of semi-colons, colons, hyphens, exclamation points and question marks, then followed with the declaration that authorities differed so much on punctuation that he was giving the reader a liberal supply of the different marks and he could put them in to suit himself.

Of course, Twain's most famous saying was the one about the weather -- "Everybody talks about it but nobody does anything about it."

Another was when it was reported that he had died and he notified the newspapers, "The report of my death is greatly exaggerated."

He also made the observation that more people died in bed than anywhere else, so he had made up his mind that he was never going to sleep in bed again.

The sight of a Model T chugging down the street of a little town the other day brought back memories of the days when that was the customary method of transportation for millions -- and there came to mind a few of the countless jokes that were made up about Henry's product.

The one, for example, about the man who requested on his deathbed that his Ford be buried with him "because it never got in a hole that it couldn't get out of."

And then there were two negroes who were shooting craps and one said, "Ford dem dice." The other

asked, "What do you mean -- Ford dese dice?" The first one replied, "Shake, rattle and roll."

Then there was one about a man who wrote Mr. Ford a letter: "Dear sir, I read in the newspapers that recently your factory made a car in the record time of exactly four minutes." The manufacturer replied that the news item was correct. The man wrote back, "I got that car!"

Folks joked and laughed -- but they purchased Model T's by the millions.

Jottings: Editors haven't quit having birthdays -- E. S. Shoaf of the Wood County Democrat recently passed his 51st milestone. His column, "Tween You and Me", is often quoted by other newspapers.

In Granbury, this observer saw the gray-head of Ashley Crockett, as the grandson of David Crockett was busy -- despite his more than 80 years -- setting type by hand

in the office of the Hood County Tablet.

Arthur Biard of San Antonio has a favorite saying, "Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain -- and most fools do."

Headlee's service station in Denton has two negro attendants who have the same name: James W. Williams. To tell them apart, one is called "No. 1" and the other "No. 2".

Seeing oranges piled high in grocery store windows is a sight that brings to mind boyhood days when an orange in a stocking on Christmas morning was a real event. Nothing could more graphically show what improved marketing, improved transportation -- in short, private enterprise has accomplished, than this marvelous change in the span of forty years.

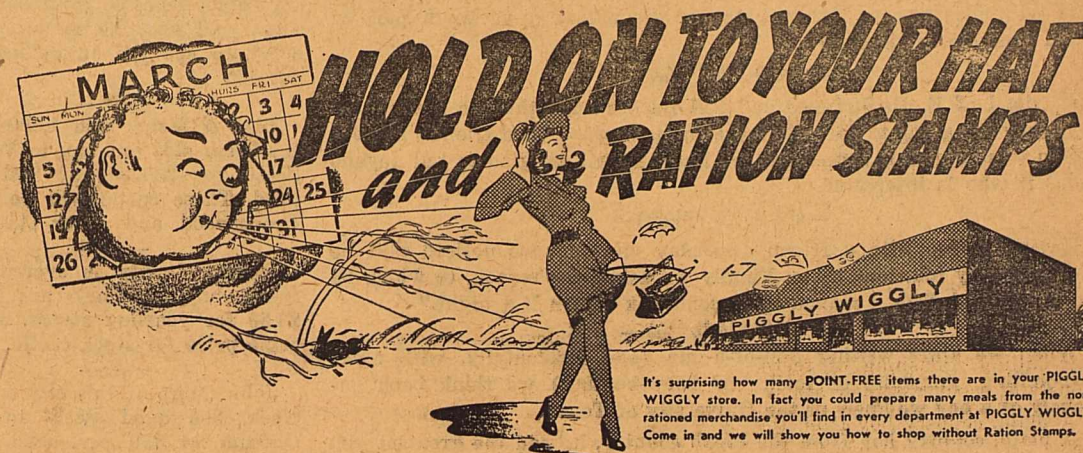
Cash paid for good, clean rags at the News office.

### CAPT. TIPTON AWARDED DFC

Mrs. Edward Tipton received word last week that Capt. Tipton, stationed with a bomber squadron in England, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. This is the fifth award received by Capt. Tipton since he began his overseas duties, having previously been awarded the Air Medal and three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the medal.

### KATHA LEA KEENE RECEIVES B. S. DEGREE AT UNIVERSITY

Receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Primary Education at the University of Texas, Austin, in February was Miss Katha Lea Keene, daughter of Mrs. Stella Keene. Mrs. Keene is visiting her daughter in Austin this week, and they will return here next week.



Fri. Mar. 17 & Sat. Mar. 18

Strawberries TO ARRIVE BOX 29c Peas ENGLISH 2 LB. 35c

| VEGETABLES                  |     | MEATS                            |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| GREEN ONIONS,               |     | PHILADELPHIA                     |     |
| CARROTS, 2 Bunches          | 13c | CREAM CHEESE, 3 Pts.             | 12c |
| TEXAS                       |     | OLD ENGLISH                      |     |
| ORANGES, 2 lb               | 15c | Cheese Spread, 4 Pts. Jar        | 22c |
| RED BALL                    |     | ARMOURS' STAR -- ALL MEAT        |     |
| LEMONS, Doz.                | 12c | WIENERS, 5 Pts. lb               | 32c |
| CELERY, Stalk               | 19c | ARMOURS' STAR -- ALL MEAT        |     |
| COLORADO                    |     | BOLOGNA, 6 Pts lb                | 29c |
| SPUDS, 10 lb                | 35c | SUGAR CURED                      |     |
| WINESAPS                    |     | Bacon Squares, 1 Pts. lb         | 22c |
| APPLES, 2 lb                | 23c | PARKAY                           |     |
| CABBAGE, 2 lb               | 5c  | Oleomargarine, 6 Pts. lb         | 25c |
| TO ARRIVE -- NEW CROP       |     | CORN FED BABY BEEF               |     |
| TEXAS SQUASH, CUKES & BEANS |     | ROAST, 7 Pts. lb                 | 32c |
|                             |     | PORK                             |     |
|                             |     | ROAST 3 Pts. lb                  | 30c |
|                             |     | FISH, OYSTERS, SHRIMP & CHICKENS |     |

SPRY 3 LB. JAR 15 POINTS 73c CRISCO 3 LB. JAR 15 POINTS 73c

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| 4 OZ. CAN                 |     | MUSHROOM               |     |
| Mushrooms, No Pts.        | 44c | SOUP, 4 Pts. Can       | 20c |
| 10 INDIVIDUAL BOXES       |     | GRAPE NUTS, Box        | 15c |
| POST TENS,                | 25c | DRIED -- WITH SEED     |     |
| EXTRA LARGE -- NO POINTS  |     | APRICOTS, lb           | 45c |
| Prunes, 2 lb Cello Bag    | 44c | Mince Meat, 14 Oz. Jar | 25c |
| RIPE                      |     | DEL MONTE              |     |
| OLIVES, Large Jar         | 30c | Peas & Carrots, 2 Pts. | 20c |
| N. B. C.                  |     | NABISCO                |     |
| Shredded Wheat, Box       | 14c | CRACKERS, 2 lb Box     | 34c |
| SOLID PACK -- NO. 300 CAN |     |                        |     |
| TOMATOES, 4 Pts.          | 16c |                        |     |

FLOUR PRINT BAG 50 LB. \$2.50 25 LB. BAG \$1.30

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| BUY NOW                   |     | CERTO, Large Bottle        | 25c |
| SUR JELL, 2 Boxes         | 25c | BLACKKEYED                 |     |
| KERR MASON                |     | PEAS, 2 lb Bag             | 22c |
| Pint Jars, Doz.           | 69c | PEAR                       |     |
| BRIGHT & EARLY            |     | NECTAR, No Pts.            | 12c |
| COFFEE, lb                | 26c | K. B.                      |     |
| K. B.                     |     | Peanut Butter, Pint        | 25c |
| Peanut Butter, Qt. Bottle | 45c |                            |     |

COFFEE MAXWELL HOUSE 1 LB. JAR 33c 1 LB. PKG. 30c

DUTCH CLEANSER, 2 Boxes 15c MORTONS SALT, 2 Boxes 15c

PIGGLY WIGGLY

LOMAX and TRAINER

# From Our Men

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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.

Mrs. C. C. Stroud received the following letter, recently from her brother-in-law, George Stroud, Lt. (j. g.) of the Navy. Although he is not known here, we have used his letter because of its interest to those who have men in the tropics.

"For the real news where I am, I guess the major part is that we are soon to have another base. We have been there before but only for a short time. We passed through last March. After leaving Panama it was the third stop we made. It is a civilized place in a way and probably will be better in that way. On the other hand, the chow is not quite as good, getting less fresh food there than we do here. We expect to get worked to death but that helps morale. Honestly, I'd rather be at sea than sitting in port, and most of the boys are happier that way too.

"We will kind of hate to leave, as we have made some good friends here. But it will be something new, and that will help relieve the monotony.

"I guess I should tell you about the trip I mentioned in my last V-Mail letter. One Commander, one Lt. Commander and seven senior grade Lieutenants and one Army Captain came aboard our ship one day and we headed out on our trip. They are all shore based, so they really did enjoy the sun and the fresh salt air (things that we have come to take for granted. Being land lubbers, though, they gave us a great deal of enjoyment in explaining various things that are ordinary to a seafaring sailor. They all out-ranked me, but we got along fine and I enjoyed their company. In fact, this very evening I am going ashore to have dinner with three of them.

"It was a short trip, and we pulled into a very nice harbor late in the evening. It is a harbor

seldom used by the Navy, so the water had not been polluted with oil, garbage, etc. As we arrived, the moon was coming up over the mountains in the background. Later in the evening we fished and swam in the cool water. Our party had been invited down to dinner by one of the French plantation owners there. He hadn't expected so many of us, so half of us went that night and half to dinner the next day. That night they had fresh lobster as the main course. I also went to dinner next day.

The natives were the most intelligent we have run across. They could speak better English than the Frenchman. From them we got a couple of water-melons (and were they good!) and some bananas and the usual collection of shells. They had no handiwork to offer, other than some small carved beads which are peculiar to this island.

"The dinner we had at the plantation was really great. We arrived at the Frenchman's house about 10:30. There was a nice lawn and shrubs surrounding the house, which was situated on a high bluff overlooking the sea. It really had a nice view. The Frenchman's wife was a beauty. Their ages must have been 35 and 30 respectively. His name was Henri David, pronounced 'Daavid'.

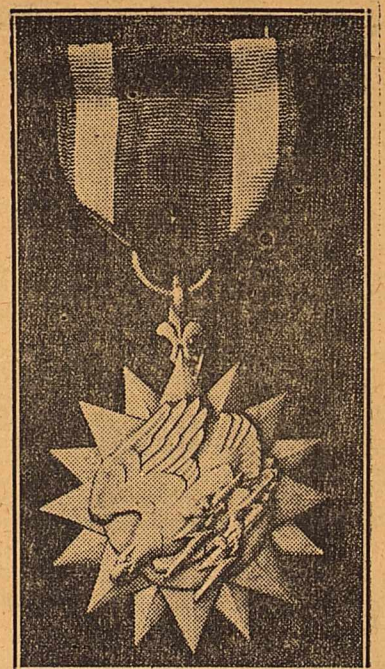
"Dinner started at 11:30 at a perfectly laid table. First course was some kind of fresh water shrimp on the shell. It was the first time I had eaten anything like that, and I had to forget about the eyes and claws of the things as I broke them open and ate them.

They were delicious, and Henri kept insisting that we have more. Finger bowls, with a blossom of Bougainvillea, were next. Four different kinds of wine were served with the dinner. The next dish was heart of palm tree salad. It looked like cold slaw, except for the color, and was even better to eat. Real home-made French bread and fresh home-made butter were plentiful, and I stuffed on them. Next was the main dish, barbecued duck. They had enormous olives barbecued with it and plenty of gravy. I can still taste it. Then came the water cress which I ate for the first time and liked it. Dessert was not so much for us but was a delicacy for them -- canned peaches. All in all, dinner took nearly three hours, and we ate plenty.

"On leaving, we stopped about ten miles farther up the channel to pick up another French plantation owner and his wife and two children. The madame was sick, and we were taking her to the hospital. We rigged a tent on the deck, put out a cot and they were happy.

"The Lt. Com. on the trip was a doctor. He was an eye, ear and nose specialist from Dallas. He took his physical exam to get in the Navy in Dallas at the same time that I did, and I remembered him. I may have told you at the time of the eye doctor who couldn't see the chart but knew them backwards and forwards due to his speciality."

Pvt. Harold R. Briscoe writes the following letter from Panama:



Released by U. S. War Department Bureau of Public Relations  
**AIR MEDAL**—This decoration may be awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army or Navy of the United States subsequent to September 8, 1939, distinguishes himself by meritorious achievement in an aerial flight. Pendant from a ribbon striped with blue and gold is a fleur-de-lis which surmounts a compass rose. In relief on the rose is a swooping American Eagle with lightning bolts clutched in his talons.

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here was a baker on the other side before he entered the service. He really knows his business.

"I had just finished mixing bread dough before I started this letter. I like my baker's job and it isn't very hard. If I was back in Sonora though, I think I would even be willing to go out to the ranch and see if I could pull up a little of that bitterweed.

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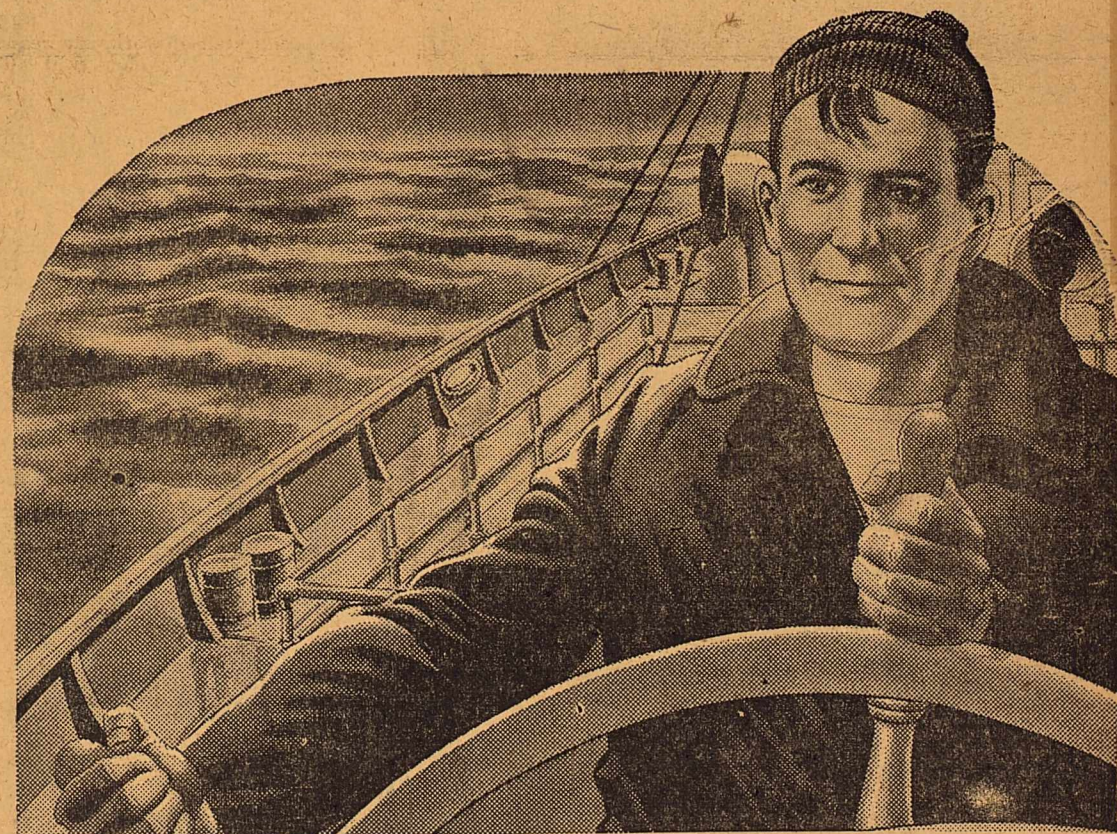
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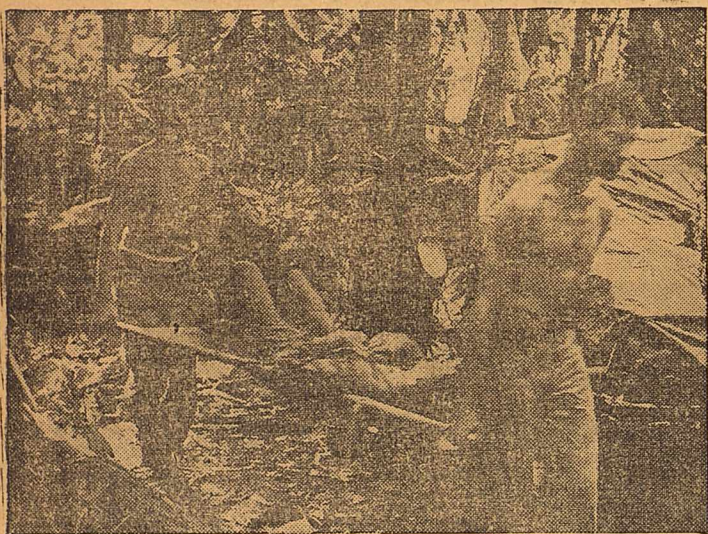
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### Marines Now Seeking More 17-Year-Olds

The opening of Marine Corps ranks to an unusually large number of South Texas young men 17 years old was announced by Major D. M. Taft, officer in charge of the district headquarters office in San Antonio. "This office has been notified that it will be required to sign up a large number of 17-year-old reservists during March. The exact figure can not be revealed, of course, but it can be said that any young man who has not reached his 18th birthday, who desires to join the Marines, now has the opportunity to do so voluntarily and will be given every consideration."

The Major stressed the fact that only young men 17 years of age can be accepted for voluntary enlistment in the Marine Corps. Once he has reached his 18th birthday, he must pass through Selective Service and be assigned to the service where he is needed most at the moment if his wishes can not be conveniently granted. "This program of voluntary enlistment makes it possible for a boy who must soon register for the draft to exercise his privilege to choose the Marines and have some voice in the type of work he is to do in that service," the Major explained.

To qualify as a volunteer, the young man must have passed his 17th birthday but can not have reached his 18th, or draft age. He must be prepared to present his birth certificate and notarized evidence of parents' consent. He may, on enlistment, choose to depart at once for a Marine Corps training center or he may, if he expresses the wish, be placed on the inactive list and wait for the call to start training.

### WAC Recruiters To Arrive Here Saturday

Lt. Martine M. Armentor, in charge of the San Antonio Sub-Station Recruiting Office at 214 Broadway, announced today that word has been received authorizing the enlistment of women for the Women's Army Corps by branch, job, and station.

"The job selection," Lt. Armentor continued, "means that an applicant with previous training in a special kind of work, can request a job that uses her skill. The branch and station selection gives an applicant for the WAC the opportunity to request assignment to the Army Ground Forces, Service Forces, or Air Forces, at the Army Post within the section of the country where she now lives."

Lt. Armentor will be in Sonora with Sgt. Dollie Tucker on Saturday, March 18, at which time further information about all these wonderful new opportunities in the Women's Army Corps may be obtained at the Post Office where a WAC representative will be stationed throughout the day.



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### Dr. Cox Says Rabies Prevalent In Winter Months

Austin, Texas, March 16—Contrary to popular belief, rabies is more prevalent in winter than in the so-called days of summer.

In a statement released this week by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, it was disclosed that in February the State Laboratory examined 316 animal brains for the presence of rabies, over thirty-seven percent of which tested positive.

"If all stray dogs were destroyed, and all pets vaccinated for rabies, it would go far toward stamping out this justly feared fatal disease," Dr. Cox said.

The doctor stressed that all dogs suspected of rabies be confined ten days for observation to see if the disease develops. If a dog sickens and dies during the observation period, the head should be packed in ice and sent to the State Health Department for examination. Freezing the brain, or killing the dog prematurely, or in such a manner as to injure the brain may make correct laboratory findings uncertain, if not impossible.

Dr. Cox declared that after a dog is confined ten days and then killed, there is still ample time for a victim of his bite to be treated for rabies prevention, but he cautioned that if the disease is found to be present in the dog, the victim should begin treatment without further delay.

### Science May Increase Texas Post-War Jobs

Plastics, synthetic rubber, ceramics, quick-frozen foods, chemical products and other new products yet to come from the scientist's laboratory -- future industries to be developed in Texas using natural resources -- may furnish jobs for returning soldiers of Texas.

In a recent day-long conference held here by the University of Texas' Industrial and Commercial Research Council, representatives of railroads and utility companies listened to reports of University investigators on the untapped resources of Texas, and post-war employment possibilities.

Such a meeting to be held once a month was requested by the visiting representatives to keep them informed on the latest developments, while they in turn promised to place results of their fact-finding briefs at the disposal of the Council, open to all interested persons.

Four University research bureaus -- engineering, economic geology, business and industrial chemistry -- comprise the council and together afford business and industry what is probably the most extensive fact-finding service on Texas resources in existence.

The council, headed by W. R. Woolrich, engineering dean, is projecting a series of these conferences with representatives of various phases of Texas commerce and industry, with a view to developing small industries and jobs to solve expected post-war employment problems.

### State Officer Urges Typhoid Spread Control

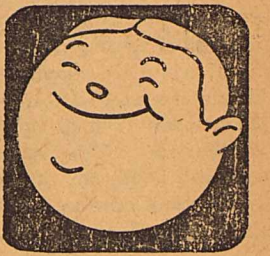
Austin, Texas, March 15—With the approach of spring and summer, an increase in the incidence of typhoid fever may be expected, but under war-time conditions it can very easily become a major health menace, as was pointed out in a statement released by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Nearly all cases of typhoid in Texas can be traced to a supply of contaminated water or food," Dr. Cox said. "Some cases, of course, occur by direct contact with patients or their excreta, usually when sanitary conditions surrounding the patient are bad."

Dr. Cox said that individual water supplies which are poorly located and wells improperly enclosed may receive surface drainage and pollution; therefore, springs and wells should be protected adequately. Sanitary pit privies or septic tanks also help protect wells and springs from pollution. There is real danger in the seepage from poorly constructed or dilapidated privies. Fly screens and covered toilet seats help in warm weather to keep flies from breeding in toilets and carrying infection to food.

Carriers or walking cases never should be food handlers. A carrier, the doctor said, is a person who harbors typhoid germs in his body, though having no symptoms of the disease. Typhoid fever is one of the many infections that can be carried by raw milk. Pasteurized milk therefore should be used, since pasteurization kills disease organisms if they are present in the raw milk.

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