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NINETEENTH WEEK

Washington Letter BY O. C. FISHER

TWO WEEKS AT YALTA
I talked with a man today who arrived at Yalta two days ahead of President Roosevelt. It's interesting to get a first-hand report on a big event like that.

The Yalta Palace was one of the few buildings in that area that was left standing by the retreating Germans. The building, however, was stripped of all pictures, furnishings, metal and furniture. Two weeks before the Big Three met, the Russians began refurbishing and redecorating the place. Food was plentiful and vodka flowed freely.

The President and his party lived in the Palace, while Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stalin lived in quarters a few miles away in opposite directions. A special elevator had been installed for President Roosevelt to use in going to and from his quarters. His room was arranged in great style and was made most comfortable.

"Russian guards were everywhere", my informant, a Texan from Houston, said. "When the President arrived he looked tired and worn", he continued, "but when he left two weeks later he looked refreshed and seemed to be feeling fine".

This Texan, a former professor who speaks Russian fluently and who acted as an interpreter on occasions, was appalled at the scorched earth left by the Nazis in their retreat.

"We flew low over Sevastopol", he recalled. "There is not one building left intact. Where over 200,000 people had lived only ten or fifteen thousand are there now. And they live mostly in cellars." He said all livestock were driven away or killed and hardly a farm house is intact.

"The Russian sentiment seems to be strongly for getting into the Japanese war as soon as Hitler is whipped," he said. The Russian officers are greatly enthused over prospects for an early Allied victory over Germany.

RANKIN VS. HOOK
I almost got caught in the cross-fire last week when, on the floor of the House, fiery John Rankin of Mississippi used his fists on Frank Hook of Michigan.

This happened when Hook snarled at Rankin and accused him of being a "... dirty liar". I happened to be sitting between where the two were standing when Hook made his charge, and was the nearest eye-witness.

It seems too bad that such things should happen on the floor of Congress when we are all interested in only one fight -- the defeat of our enemies in Europe and in the Southwest Pacific.

However, in Congress there are all sorts of people. There are a limited few who will violate the rules of the House and use insulting language calculated to provoke a fight. They take great pride in the publicity they get from such encounters.

Frank Hook is a new Member. He boasted to the House that he owed his election to the help of the CIO and the PAC in an industrial district in Michigan. Before coming to Congress he was a regional director for the FEPC. He probably won't last long. They come and go like that.

Boyd Caffey, who recently completed work with a government project at Hanford, Washington, is now employed by another government plant at Seagraves.

R. C. War Fund Donations Are Already Begun

Contributions to the Red Cross War Fund Drive have been coming in since the first part of the week, according to Chairman Alfred Schwiening, who met with his committee Wednesday night, although the drive did not open officially until Thursday, March 1.

At the meeting, Schwiening passed out lists of citizens to be contacted by the various members of the committee, and letters have been mailed, he said, to remind citizens that the drive is now open and of the purposes for which the Red Cross money will be used.

During the meeting, Mrs. Maymie Brown, chapter treasurer, presented a financial report for the past year.

Schwiening has asked that all who can make donations to the War Fund do not wait to be solicited by one of the committee, but that they take their donations to the First National Bank, contact one of the committee members, or mail their donations to one of the committee members. Those on the committee are Mrs. Fred Simmons, Mrs. George Wynn, George E. Smith, E. D. Stringer, C. W. Taylor, H. V. Stokes, Dr. W. T. Hardy, J. T. Ratliff, Jack Mann, Pete Ballard, D. L. Locklin, B. W. Lovelace, W. H. Dameron, R. C. Vicars and Barney Lee. Also Theodore Virgen, Trinidad Ramirez, Antonio Garcia, Raymond Virgen, Miguel Sanchez, Jesus Lopez, Antonio Chavez, Helen Avila and Mrs. Joe Sanchez.

Loy Gulley, Former Sonoran, Is Decorated

HAWTHORNE, Nev.—Pfc. Loy Gulley, Jr., USMC, has been awarded the Silver Star medal at the Naval Training center, Great Lakes, Ill., in recognition of his action in fighting his way, single-handed, through an ambush of 11 well-armed Japanese when serving on Tinian Island.

Private Gulley is the son of Mrs. Nora Gulley, former Sonoran, who is now manager of the Loubert Hotel, Hawthorne.

The Japs, well concealed in heavy undergrowth, attacked the marine scout with sabers, rifles and grenades. Too close to them to fire his rifle, Gulley used the butt end as a club to force his way through the enemy.

Although seriously wounded with a rifle shot in the stomach, and a saber cut under his left arm, he got away to deliver the message he was carrying and summoned a patrol to destroy the Japs.

With the medal, he received a citation, signed by Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, USMC, commanding general of the fleet marine force, Pacific, in the name of the president of the United States, praising his "intrepidity under fire and his coolness and quick thinking in a dangerous situation."

SGT. NELSON STUBBLEFIELD'S UNIT COMMENDED FOR SERVICE IN FRANCE

Two unit commendations from officers in the Air Corps have been given the Service Group in France with which Sgt. Nelson Stubblefield, son of S. A. Stubblefield, serves.

One of the two commendations, that made by the commanding officer of an advanced Air Depot headquarters, stated, "I am happy to add my commendation to that in basic communication, which indicates that the 1074th Signal Company has been performing its mission in keeping with the highest standards which are desired of all units of this Command in maintaining the superior record which has thus far been made. I have no doubt that this unit will continue to function in the same efficient manner it has in the past, and will continue to merit favorable comment in its operations throughout the balance of the campaign."

Jan Vander Stucken, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken, who was quite ill at home the first part of this week, is now reported to be greatly improved.

Circumstances Of Sgt. Brasher's Death Learned

The circumstances under which Staff Sergeant Joseph H. Brasher, Jr., gunner on a Liberator, lost his life in action over Ceram on January 1, were learned this week by his mother, Mrs. J. H. Brasher, Sr., in a letter written to her by Sgt. Brasher's squadron leader.

The letter, written by Captain William W. Short, Jr., stated that the plane was returning from a mission over the Ceram area and ran into bad weather. The pilot of the ship failed to see a mountain until it was too late to avoid it, and the plane crashed into the mountain. Reports from other plane crews that returned safely state that the plane exploded immediately, and later a flight over the area revealed that only small pieces of the plane were left.

The captain also wrote, "My squadron joins me in sympathy, for we miss Joseph very much. His devotion to duty and his willingness to serve his country in time of need reflects credit upon himself, his relatives, and his country. Staff Sergeant Brasher was truly a soldier in every respect and was admired by all officers and enlisted men of this organization. In your moments of bereavement, my entire squadron joins me in extending heartfelt sympathy."

Board Reclasses 14 Registrants

Fourteen registrants were reclassified last week-end and the first part of this week by the local Draft Board, and sixteen men, whose classifications were reviewed were continued in their present classifications.

Those who were reclassified and their new classes are as follows: 1-A: O. V. Mullins, Leonel M. Samaniego, Billy J. Schultz, Miguel R. Chavez and Benjamin C. Livingston; 2-A: Felton T. Jones and Howard B. Wauson; 2-C: Santiago G. Gomez, Serapio T. Cardenas and Izazaro P. Perez; 4-F: Harvey O'Bryant, Hilario Zepeda, Raymundo A. Gonzales and Felipe Rodriguez.

Men continued in their present classifications are the following: 2-A: Prajediez Abila, Luis Abila, Juan H. Mendez, Julian Valdez, Seth Lancaster, Gomer Minnick and Lester Archer; 2-B: Alfred Mat Thiers, Richard Lamar Crosthwait, Edwin J. Holmig; 2-C: V. J. Glasscock, Jesus Quiroz, Charles E. Luxton, Carl F. Harris, Harold Friess and Batts Friend.

Guests of Mrs. Boyd Caffey this week are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris of Hanford, Washington.

Former Sonoran's Son Among Group Freed In Philippine Islands

SGT. JOE SMITH KEEPS DIARY IN PRISON

The following story, written by Clark Lee of the International News Service, tells of the life of Sgt. Joe Stanley Smith, son of G. W. Smith, former Sonoran now of Carlsbad N. M., who was taken a prisoner by the Japanese after the fall of Bataan at Bilbid Prison, Manila.

Sgt. Joe Smith was one of the last men I'd seen just before leaving the Philippines three years ago. I met him when I made a special trip to Bataan to say goodbye to friends, who, in the early days of the war, were widely publicized as typical young Americans opposing the Japs with antiquated weapons and a handful of supplies.

Entering Bilbid prison with the 37th Infantry troops, I met Joe again—he was one of the 1,350 American prisoners and civilian internees.

From a big oblong biscuit tin, he was eating a quadruple-sized portion of rice and soy beans, chased down by mango leaf tea. But he dropped the spoon and rushed over to give me a big Spanish-style "abrazo" and shouted, "Hey, I've been looking for you for a long time."

Joe weighs 130 now—after the biggest meal he's had in three years. Compared with the 160 he saw SGT. JOE S. SMITH, p. 4

30 Businesses Placed On Honor Roll

PLEDGE TO COOPERATE WITH WMC ORDER

S. R. Hull, chairman of the local Community Mobilization Committee, which was formed on February 6, when a group of local business men met with H. W. Wester from the area U. S. Employment Service office, said this week that the names of 30 business houses had been placed on the Honor Roll of those who have pledged to do all in their power to help alleviate the manpower shortage in essential industries.

Hull, with the assistance of the Boy Scouts, distributed pledges to local business men. The pledges state, in brief, that the business man would not employ persons needed by essential industries, and that he would assist in channeling manpower, as he was able, into essential industries. The pledges were signed and returned to Hull.

Those business houses which have returned the signed pledges are The Texas Co., City Motor Co., J. H. Hale Station, Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co., Park Inn Cafe, Roueche Brothers, Sonora Grocery, Sonora Cafe, Sonora Electric Co., Piggly Wiggly, The Ratliff Store, Club Cafe, Sonora Drug Co., Corner Drug Store, Wm. Cameron Lumber Co., Lyles and Rape Texaco Station and W. T. Seale.

Also Labenske Style Shop, City Variety Store, Home Hardware and Furniture Co., R. L. Hallum, San Angelo Telephone Co., Elliott-Taylor Motor Co., First National Bank, Hamilton Grocery, West Texas Utilities, La Vista Theater, H. V. Stokes Feed Co., Devil's River News and the Sonora Motor Co.

LT. O. L. RICHARDSON REPORTED WOUNDED

Lt. O. L. Richardson, Jr., was "seriously wounded in action in France on February 15", according to word received Wednesday from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Richardson, Sr. Lt. Richardson, who arrived in France on December 6, was attached to General Patch's Seventh Army.

No details of his wounds were given, but the telegram from the War Department stated that further information will be given later.

Miss Erma Lee Eldridge, who has for the past several months been employed here by the Ratliff Insurance Agency, has accepted a Civil Service position at the Lubbock Army Air Field.

weighed when his battery of anti-aircraft gunners from New Mexico's Two Hundredth National Guard unit got the first shot at Jap planes in the Clark Field raid a few hours after Pearl Harbor.

(The only Sergeant Joe S. Smith listed on a roster of the 200th Coast Artillery is Sergeant Joe Smith, 510 1/2 West Fox, Carlsbad, who was in Headquarters Battery "F". He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith.

Approximately a hundred men of the unit have been rescued, 49 liberated here at Bilbid and the remainder at Cabanatuan. The other survivors are in prison camps in Japan, Formosa and Manchuria. (The list of rescued has never been released by the War Department).

Joe Smith's experiences as a prisoner were typical of those of other Americans—except that he survived.

In the late days on Bataan, his battery was thrown into the front as an infantry troop, and they made desperate attempts to hold the line along the east coast before the Japs finally overran their positions the night of the surrender.

He lived through the Bataan "March of Death" and then was taken to Clark Field to work on the airstrips. Afterwards he was sent to Cabanatuan where he was stricken with dysentery and finally sent to Bilbid, a hospital for ill prisoners of war.

Rites Held For W. E. Wallace On Thursday

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Methodist Church for William E. Wallace, who died Tuesday night suddenly. The Reverend F. L. Meadow, pastor of the Methodist Church, conducted the services, and burial was in the Sonora Cemetery.

Mr. Wallace, who was born in Troy, Texas, on October 3, 1894, moved to Sonora in 1917, after completing a year's course at the Sweeney Automotive School in Kansas City, Kansas. When he came to Sonora, he went to work for the Sonora Motor Company and was employed by that company for 26 years, until poor health made it impossible for him to continue there. Mr. Wallace had been a member of the Baptist Church since 1917.

In 1918, Mr. Wallace entered World War I with the Air Service, and trained at Camp Bowie and at Kelly Field. He was discharged on February 8, 1919.

Survivors include the widow, who is the former Miss Ruth Davis; and two uncles, T. B. Wallace of Arlington and O. W. Wallace of Hazel Green, Alabama.

Joe B. Ross Elected Leader Of Cub Scouts

DR. W. T. HARDY NAMED ASSISTANT

Joe Brown Ross was elected Cub Scout leader and Dr. W. T. Hardy was named assistant leader when local Scouters met Monday afternoon for a Cub Scouting school of instruction at the high school with Jack Hodges, executive officer of the Concho Valley Council, and J. B. Morris, field executive. Den mothers chosen at the meeting were Mmes. Artie Joy, Joe Brown Ross, O. L. Carpenter and Gomer Minnick.

Hodges spoke to the group on "The History of Cub Scouting", and he and Morris together illustrated the proper way to conduct a Cub Scout meeting. They also made suggestions on activity work which can be introduced into the Cub Scout meetings.

Hodges and Morris brought with them a display of books and bulletins that may be obtained by the den mothers and leaders to help them in conducting Cub meetings.

Monday night local Scouts, den mothers and parents met with Hodges and Morris in the High School Auditorium, at which time a moving picture, "Cubs in the Home", was shown.

Those attending the meeting Monday night were Mmes. O. L. Carpenter, Joy, F. J. Wood, Ross, Tom Guest, Bailey, Jack Mackey, George E. Smith and Harold Schwiening; also Dr. Hardy, Ross, Berry Duff and E. D. Stringer.

AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORS ESSAY CONTEST IN SCHOOLS

The local American Legion Post is sponsoring an essay contest in the local high school, the subject of which is "The Proposed Compulsory Military Training Program". The papers will be used as a part of the students' school work, but the Legion, in grading the papers, will choose those that present the best ideas, rather than those written in the best composition forms.

Miss Anne Palmer, high school English teacher, is in charge of the contest in the schools.

Prizes offered for the three winning essays are a \$25 War Bond for first prize, \$10 in War Savings Stamps for second place, and \$5 in stamps for third place.

3 TAKE NAVY EXAM

Three Sonora High School students, Sidney Awalt, Duane Prater and Tommy Smith, went to San Angelo Saturday to take the radar examination offered 17-year-olds by the Navy. If the boys pass this examination, they will be allowed to complete their high school work, before being called into active service.

Lions Hear Dr. Tsu Speak On China

SAYS WRITERS PRESENT ONE-SIDED PICTURE

An attempt to give a true overall picture of China, its people, industries, climate, history and politics was made by Dr. Tsu Ting Ling, who spoke before the Lions Club luncheon meeting Tuesday noon. Dr. Tsu, who holds a bachelor of science degree from Cornell University, has been at the Ranch Experiment Station here for several days, during a tour of the United States, where he had been sent by the Chinese government to study animal husbandry.

To give a clearer picture of China, Dr. Tsu, superimposed a map of China over a map of the United States. By this he showed the similarity of the climates of the two countries, comparative locations of their major cities, and the distribution of their industries. He stressed particularly the fact that the great majority of writers about China, both American and Chinese, have given very one-sided, distorted pictures of the country. This, he said, is due to incomplete information on the part of the American writers, and to partisanship on the part of the Chinese writers.

Dr. Tsu described the poverty and backwardness of many parts of China, giving statistics to compare it with the standards of living in the United States, and also explained what China is trying to do for its people. In speaking of the future of China, he mentioned the growing Communist movement there, which holds great appeal for the underprivileged masses.

During the business session, which followed Dr. Tsu's talk, President G. H. Hall appointed H. V. Stokes, J. D. Lowrey and D. L. Locklin to serve as program committeemen for March.

Guests of the club Tuesday were Frank Woodie of Stanton and T. E. Glascock.

H. V. Stokes announced that members of the Sonora club were invited to attend the Junction Lions Club meeting Tuesday night, at which time the Junction club was to receive its charter from the National organization.

SCHOOL CENSUS MUST BE COMPLETED IN MARCH

E. D. Stringer, school superintendent, announced this week that the school census, which is being compiled by the Parent-Teachers Associations of the three schools here, must be completed during March. Stringer also asked that everyone in the county assist in making the material available to the census takers, as the more children included on the roll, the greater will be the county's per capita allotment.

To be included on the roll are all children between the ages of six and eighteen years, inclusive. Those whose sixth birthday comes on or before September 1, 1945, and those whose eighteenth birthday comes after September 1, whether married or single, are to be included on the roll. Stringer has asked especially for the help of ranchmen in getting the names of all Mexican children on their ranches on the census. By contacting Stringer they can get the necessary forms to fill out for such children.

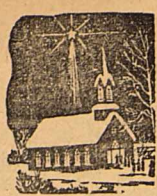
LEGION TO CONDUCT SERVICE OFFICERS' SCHOOL HERE ON MARCH 9

To better serve the increasing number of veterans of World War II, who are returning home with discharges, the local American Legion Post will hold a Service Officers' School here on March 9, so that service officers in this area may receive instructions on how to help returning veterans. Representatives from several American Legion posts in this area are expected to attend this school, and all representatives of local service organizations have also been invited to attend.

To conduct the school is Sidney Lowrey of Austin, who is attached to the State Department of Service Officers.



Announcements From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
Morning Service 11:00
Evening Service 7:30
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30
W. M. U., each Wednesday 8:00
Sunbeams, Monday 3:15
Ra's, Ga's, Monday 4:15

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Weekday Mass: 7:30

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Care Of Personal Health Is Duty Of Civilians

AUSTIN, March 1—With the tremendous drain on the medical profession in response to the needs of the armed forces, there exists now a greater necessity than ever before for maintaining good health and avoiding any risks which might result in needless calls on the time and services of civilian doctors.

Daily more and more doctors and nurses are going into the armed services or into full-time employment into industries, so that industrial and defense plants may be kept at peak production. This situation, of course, develops a problem for civilian doctors, and the solution of this problem will be to some extent in the hands of the general public, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Without imposing on the family doctor's time for needless calls and attention, there is a real necessity for every individual to seek regular medical advice on living habits and for thorough physical check-ups, and it is important to have

any illnesses treated properly," Dr. Cox said, "because if disregarded they may cause more serious trouble with resultant necessity for medical attention. The point I want to emphasize is that no one should thoughtlessly consume a doctor's valuable time by insisting on his making a home call when an office visit or telephoned suggestions might suffice."

Dr. Cox stated that lack of medical service has not as yet reached an acute state in most cities, but said that in some rural sections there is already as much greater shortage than is absolutely safe. It follows that everyone, both for his own and his country's sake, should live sensibly to the end that maximum health should be maintained and avoidable home medical service be eliminated.

Dr. Cox suggested the following rules for maintaining good health: eat nutritious foods; obtain sufficient rest and sleep at night; avoid debilitating and exhausting activities; keep the use of stimulants within sensible bounds; exercise daily; and avoid worry to the greatest extent possible.

Western Mattress Co. representative, T. C. Bilderback, here twice monthly. Leave name at News Office. (S)



Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Prugel announce the birth of a daughter on Sunday, February 25, in San Angelo. The baby weighed seven pounds, twelve and one-half ounces, and has been named Nancy Ann. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. J. E. Tisdale of Eldorado, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Prugel of Eden.

WSC Given Party By 2 Hostesses

Mrs. Carl Cahill and Mrs. Carl Barho entertained members of the War Service Club with a bridge party at the Sonora Woman's Club building Saturday night, February 24. High score was held by Mrs. Jimmie Nunley, high cut by Mrs. L. E. Holland, and Mrs. V. J. Gentzler won the traveling prize.

A sandwich plate and coffee were served to Mmes. Francis Archer, Dayton Cain, Harold Evans, Tex Farr, Hubert Fields, Henry Greenhill, W. E. McClelland, A. F. Moffitt, Jr., Tom Neville, J. B. Shanks, D. L. Slone, C. L. Trainer and Leroy Whitworth.

ANN SHARON ROSS GIVEN BIRTHDAY PARTY, FEB. 15

Mrs. C. H. Carson entertained her granddaughter, Ann Sharon Ross, with a party in honor of her fourth birthday Thursday, February 15, at her home. A red and white color scheme was used, and birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Gifts were received from Patsy Ann and Georgia Gale Rode, Dixie Ann Queen, Charlotte Maddox, Sue Kinser, Janice Sykes, June Rose Lyles, Mary Jack Puckett, Larry and Cathryn Kiser.

Mrs. Carson was assisted by Mrs. T. C. Murray.

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JEAN SAUNDERS, Editor

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Sunday School Classes Honored By Teachers

Mrs. E. D. Shurley and Mrs. Rip Ward entertained with a George Washington party in the basement of the Baptist Church on Friday, February 23, honoring members of their Sunday School Classes. Mrs. Shurley is the teacher of the Young People's Class of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Ward teaches the class of the same age in the Baptist Church. A red, white and blue color scheme was used in the decorations, and sandwiches, cookies and punch were served from the table which was centered with an arrangement of flowers in the chosen colors.

Attending the party were Ada Ruth Martin, Sydonia Nichols, Alain Boughton, Sidney Awalt, Jan Sanders, Geraldine Morrow, Mary Lou Neuerburg, Cynthia Milton, Jimmy Cusenbary, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Billy Wright Taylor, Kathleen Schwiene, David Shurley, Kathryn Ross, Helen Martin, Frances Jane Drennan, Frances Jo Lancaster, John Allen Ward, Betty Faye Glascock, Karlene Moore, Betty Jean Rankhorn, Charlene Hull, Edith Eldridge, Janie Ruth Walton, Alma Jackson and Marguerite Howell.

Gene Wallace, freshman student at Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine, spent last week-end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Libb Wallace.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Awalt this week are Mrs. Awalt's aunt, Mrs. Vern Wilkerson, and her son, Clarence Wilkerson, who has recently returned from the Pacific where he served with the Navy.

H. W. Busby Is Honored On Birthday Feb. 21

Honoring Horace W. Busby on his birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lovelace entertained at their home Wednesday night, February 21. Mr. Busby, whose home is in Fort Worth, last week conducted a revival at the Church of Christ here.

Cake and coffee were served to Messrs. and Mmes. Earl Lomax, Barney Lee, John Eaton, B. R. Cauthorn, A. J. Lambert, J. B. Nelson; Misses Annie Duncan and Jennie Murray; Mmes. Vida Friess, Charlie Reddock, E. C. Starling, G. E. Smith and B. D. Roberts of Talpa; J. G. Hufstetler of Lubbock; and Robert and Darlene Lovelace, Nancy and Dan Eaton, Lois Lou Lomax and Jo Ann Nelson.

MRS. ALLEN HOSTESS TO FWBC WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Members and guests of the Firemen's Wives Bridge Club were entertained by Mrs. Ford Allen at her home Wednesday night, February 21. High score for the members was held by Mrs. Lee Patrick, for the guests by Mrs. T. K. Neville, and Mrs. Gomer Minnick held low score. Cut flowers decorated the playing room and a sandwich plate and coffee were served.

Also playing were Mmes. Mat Adams, Pat Lyles, Beamon Speed, C. W. Taylor, L. E. Holland, O. C. Ogden, J. B. Shanks and Sibe McKee.

Mrs. Gordon Talley of Austin is the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cauthorn.

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Mrs. Ratliff Is President-Elect Of Woman's Club

Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary and Mrs. I. B. Boughton were hostesses for the annual meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club on Friday, February 16. The club voted to give a set of reference books to the Mexican P-T A library, also any duplicate classics that they had in the library.

The officers for the coming year, who will be installed at the meeting to be held in May, were elected as follows: president, Mrs. J. T. Ratliff; vice-president, Mrs. Dan Cauthorn; recording secretary, Mrs. Edwin Sawyer; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lea Allison; treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Penick; parliamentarian, Mrs. Carmie Wyatt, and auditor, Mrs. Earl Duncan.

Coffee, sandwiches and cookies were served to members present.

WMU HAS BIBLE STUDY AND BUSINESS MEETING

Members of the W. M. U. met at the Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon for Bible study and a business session. The opening song, "Oh, Happy Day", was followed by a prayer led by Mrs. Fern McGhee. The members voted to hold the Annie Armstrong Offering Week of Prayer from Monday to Friday, March 5 to 9.

The topic of study was "Forgiveness", with Mrs. J. E. Eldridge as the leader. Assisting her on the program were Mmes. D. L. Slone, J. W. Pepper, J. K. Lancaster, R. P. Odom, McGhee, G. G. Stephenson and Alfred Cooper.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Stephenson.

Also attending the meeting were Mmes. Jack Drennan, R. G. Nance and Arch Crosby.

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According to the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine of Uvalde, the mid-winter activity of the screw-worm fly this winter was approximately 40 percent of normal, but there was an indication that the infestation increased in the western part of the over-wintering area.

The recent extremely warm weather has stimulated activity of the fly along the western escarpment. The fly is about normally active now, unless very extensive cold or a cold period develops. It is advisable to get all wool operations on ranch animals completed as early as feasible north and west of Uvalde. A warm March will develop a serious screw-worm condition.

—(1/2*?1&1b*1/2)—

The Sonora Wool and Mohair Company is this week shipping 100,000 pounds of 12-month wool to Julius Forstmann & Co., of Passaic, New Jersey.

—(1/2*?1&1b*1/2)—

After 30-odd years breeding registered Angora goats, Tom Davis should be in the expert class, and evidently that's what the man in Ocala, Florida, who bought 250 nannies and 6 billies from him last fall, thinks. Ever since Tom sold the goats, the man has been writing for advice in caring for the goats, and this week he wrote to ask Tom when to shear.

—(1/2*?1&1b*1/2)—

Directors of the Lions Club met last Tuesday to complete plans and appoint committees for their June Livestock Show. No definite date will be set for the show, however, until the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Ass'n., which will meet here in June at the same time, sets its meeting date.

—(1/2*?1&1b*1/2)—

G. E. Ellis has called to the attention of Sutton County fishermen that the new fishing law, signed by Governor Stevenson this week, has lifted special county restrictions on the catching of fresh water fish, but has in no way changed the laws governing the type of gear and tackle that may be used, or other regulations previously in effect.

—(1/2*?1&1b*1/2)—

Dr. Tsu Ting Ling, Chinese citizen who spoke at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday, good-humoredly pointed one difference between this land of plenty and his own country. When some of the boys at the "rowdy table" began throwing balls of bread at each other, he said, "Take better aim, and throw it across the world to my countrymen."

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36 Years Ago

Blakeney - Rountree
Married at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Allison, on Sunday, February 14, 1909, Miss Grace Blakeney of Bonham, Texas, to W. Payne Rountree of Sonora, Rev. C. T. Davis of the Methodist Church officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by but a few of the many friends of the contracting parties, no cards having been issued and no intimation of the happy union having leaked out.

The bride is a most pleasant and accomplished young lady, who during her visit to her brother, Joe Ben Blakeney, has made many friends and has assisted graciously with her talents in social and church affairs.

The groom is so well known to the Sonora public as a successful stockman, and at present is head dry goods man with the Sonora Mercantile Co., and son of Judge and Mrs. J. O. Rountree, that all the News can say is that he has taken another successful step in his life. The News wishes Mr. and Mrs. W. Payne Rountree health, happiness and prosperity.

—36—

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bryson and children were up from the ranch a few days this week, the guests of the Commercial.

—36—

Mrs. W. B. Hays and son who have been visiting Mrs. Hays' parents in Eldorado the past week returned Tuesday. The baby had the mumps. Now watch Will single foot -- he hasn't had them.

—36—

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills and son, Quince, were in Sonora this week, Mrs. Mills and Quince having just returned from San Antonio, where they have been living for several months.

Deck Simmons was in from his ranch 8 miles northwest of Sonora Thursday, and reports the bringing in of a new well at his headquarters ranch. John Hurst, the well-driller, went 327 feet to get it, and under test, it has been held steady at 15 gallons per minute.

—36—

R. W. Davis is home from a business visit to San Angelo, where he received some freight and express packages. By express a "Rhode Island Red" rooster. This chicken was a prize winner at Corsicana and is of the same popular strain as is raised by R. A. Williamson of Crockett County.

MEXICAN GIRLS TO ORGANIZE SCOUT TROOP

Plans for assisting in the organization of Girl Scouts for the Mexican children in the L. W. Elliott School were discussed when members of the Sutton County Girl Scout Council met Wednesday night, February 21. A committee, composed of F. L. Meadow, E. D. Stringer and Mrs. Ben Mittel, was appointed to work with Miss Sweetie Beauregard, who is the faculty member at the Elliott school working with the Mexican students to organize their activities.

At the meeting, it was also planned that a series of meetings be held to train leaders for the Scout work.

Those present Wednesday night

NANNETTE STOKES SEVERELY BITTEN BY DOG

Nannette Stokes, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Stokes, was bitten in several places about the face by a dog last Saturday while visiting relatives in Lampasas. It was necessary to take six stitches to close the wounds.

Stokes returned home Sunday, but Mrs. Stokes, Nannette, and their other daughter, Sue Ann, remained in Lampasas.

Mrs. Hubert Fields, who has been visiting her husband in California, where he is receiving treatment for a bronchial disorder in a Navy hospital, returned home last week.

were Mmes. Mittel, M. O. Britt and Joe Brown Ross; also Stringer, Meadow, and Berry Duff.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, March 3—
Sibe McKee
George S. Schwiening
Granville Barker
Mrs. Raymond Pipkin
Sunday, March 4—
Turney Friess
Mrs. Fred Simmons
Monday, March 5—
Mrs. Herbert McKee
Mrs. V. J. Gentzler
G. H. Davis
Tuesday, March 6—
None
Wednesday, March 7—
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When Sgt. Walter E. Fletcher of Taylor went overseas, he said goodbye to his wife, Pfc. Della Fletcher of the WAC, in Washington. That was 16 months ago.

Meanwhile, Sergeant Fletcher went through the African, Sicilian, Italian and Northern France campaigns.

A few days back, the sergeant was walking along a Parisian boulevard, taking in the sights of the French capital, when he saw a pretty WAC approaching.

You're right! It was his wife, Private Fletcher!

The sergeant's wife, whose parents live in Granger, Texas, is

now aerial photo librarian for the engineer corps in Paris.

Thousands of Texans and particularly former students of the University of Texas will recall genial, well-liked Jim Lanham, the former University instructor of business administration. And they will be glad to know that he is now on duty with the 10th AAF in Burma, where he has recently been promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Mrs. Lanham received the good news last week at her home in Dallas.

Parachutists are often superstitious about their 13th jump. But Corp. Burton Meador of Waco passed that hurdle quickly and without injury, when he made the leap—from a third-story window in Belgium, and without a chute.

The Texan was on the third floor of a house in a Belgian town when it suddenly caught fire. Gasoline spilled inside made it a veritable inferno. With no other means of exit, the Texas paratrooper dived out a window, landing unhurt in a deep snow drift.

And Texans continue to win decorations for bravery wherever

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Col. Roy Ward Completes Course At Bryan

AAF INSTRUCTOR'S SCHOOL (INSTRUMENT PILOT), BRYAN, Tex., Feb. 28—Ten Texans, seven of whom have been decorated for combat action overseas, graduated this week in Class 45-3 from the AAF Training Command's original all-weather, full-panel instrument pilot instructor's school and are now qualified to teach AAF officers and cadets to fly through anything Jupiter Pluvius can dish out.

The pilots returned from combat are: Capt. Thomas R. Smith, Tyler; Capt. Charles E. Crain, Jr., San Antonio; Capt. David Sam and 1st Lt. Eldon A. Ericson, Dallas; 1st Lt. Leo Paul Heine, Galveston and Houston; 1st Lt. Elmo John Hensek, Kenney; and 2nd Lt. David Justin Anderson, Jr., Baird. Lt. Col. Roy Ward of Sonora, Capt. Jim Scott Travis of Ralls and Capt. Edward E. Silk of Wichita Falls have been on duty in the U. S. before reporting to Bryan Field.

Colonel Ward, who still operates a ranch near Sonora and San Angelo, is now stationed at Fort Worth Army Air Field. Before reporting to Bryan Field, he was Commanding Officer of Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, where he directed the training of Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) before the small number of casualties in the AAF caused the women's auxiliary flying program to be abolished last December.

they are fighting:

S/Sgt. Frank Bordovsky of La Grange has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry displayed while fighting in Italy.

Lt. Don Radtke of Elgin now wears an Oak Leaf Cluster on his Air Medal for attacks on German targets.

The Bronze Medal has been given to Sgt. Raymond Kudelka of Ross, Texas, who was cited for achievement while serving in a medical detachment in Italy.

T/Sgt. Eustace Cox (and don't let that name fool you) wears the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster, along with the Silver Star, after being twice wounded in Europe. The Purnela, Texas, boy has fought in Africa, Italy and France with the famed 36th (Texas) division.

Leaders of the United War Chest of Texas will meet soon in Austin, to make plans for the coming year. At the session, officers will be chosen for the vital 1945 program.

Despite good news from the battle-fronts, war chest leaders are determined that no American service man will suffer from lack of home-front support as long as he remains in uniform. This means that greater public support than ever will be needed in the 1945 National War Fund campaign, which serves our fighting men, our allies and war refugees through 22 war-relief agencies. The drive will not open until fall, but it is well for Texans everywhere to remember that in the meantime all-out support is going to our boys overseas.

RUPTURE

SHIELD EXPERT HERE

H. M. SHEVNAN, widely known expert of Chicago, will personally be at St. Angelus Hotel, San Angelo, Wednesday, only March 7, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

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"At Cabanatuan I weighed 94 pounds and the Japs placed me in the 'Zero Ward', from which few came out alive. But I said to myself, 'Hell, I'm not going to die', and finally I began to get a little better.

"Then they sent me to Bilbid."

"Until I got sick, the Japs worked us, beat us, and starved us month after month, but somehow, we hung on even though sometimes we were just on the edge of death. All those months I got only two 25-word messages from home, but knew the Americans were coming back some day—if we were just able to live long enough."

"Some of us didn't quite make it."

On Jan. 4, Joe started a lottery with friends in the enlisted men's ward on the date of American entry. Joe himself won this "come on, Yanks" bet with a guess of Feb. 6, missing by two days.

He also kept a diary. Some of the entries:

"Jack Hare (another 200th soldier) left for Japan Dec. 13."

"Dec. 12—It is rumored that Germany fell at noon today."

"Dec. 25—A very enjoyable Christmas. Good food and plenty

GUESTS IN KARNES HOME

Guests in the W. H. Karnes home last week-end were Mrs. Karnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Drake of San Angelo, and her brother, Sgt. Richard Drake, who recently returned from two years in the Pacific with the Marine Corps.

of smokes (they opened packages sent the previous Christmas to men who subsequently died). I will say once again I hope this is my last Christmas as a prisoner of war."

"Dec. 26—Rumors of Germany's fall were untrue."

"A prison ship on which draftees left for Japan was sunk by bombing planes."

Then followed page after page of partial list of Americans who lost their lives in the sinking.

Joe's commanding officer, Col. Memory H. Cain, N. M., joined the conversation and furnished the figures given above. Cain said officer-prisoners of the Japs were also treated badly.

"We were forced to pull bull-carts with straps over our shoulders," he said. "Field officers were required to clean Jap privates' latrines."

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UNITES HELD SATURDAY FOR MRS. BENINA GARZA

Last rites were conducted Saturday afternoon from Saint Ann's Church by the Reverend Carol Meyer for Mrs. Benina Garza, 79, who died Friday. Mrs. Garza, who was a native of Coahuila, Mexico, had lived in Sonora for many years and was the widow of the late Antonio Garza.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Paula Gonzales and Mrs. Juanita Chavez; four sons, Pilar, Gomencindo, Cleto and Eusebio; and six grandsons, four of whom are serving with the Armed Forces on the European continent, one who is in the Aleutian Islands, and one who is stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas.

SONORAN GETS AGENCY FOR PRE-FABRICATED HOUSES IN 14 COUNTIES

Agency for the sale of pre-fabricated homes, manufactured by a Dallas firm, has been obtained by F. J. Wood, Sonora business man. Wood's territory will include the following 14 counties, Reagan, Sterling, Irion, Runnels, Coke, Tom Green, Concho, Menard, Pecos, Kimble, Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett and Terrell.

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There have been many books about the despoilers and the conquerors of South America. Here is one, off this beaten track, which tells the story of four men to whom this continent owes much—"South America Called Them" by Victor Wolfgang von Hagen. The four men were the scientists, La Condamine, Von Humboldt, Charles Darwin and Richard Spruce, and their explorations, spread over a century and a half, unlocked the riches of this land.



VON HAGEN

The scientific discoveries of these four make this an important book for anyone with a bent for natural history and the biological sciences. But don't make the mistake of classifying it as a textbook, for within its pages are packed enough drama and adventure for a dozen novels.

You'll read here, for instance, of Alexander Von Humboldt's attempt to scale the mighty snow-capped Mount Chimborazo. He was halted within three thousand feet of the top when his blinded, bleeding and exhausted men met with a deep chasm they had no way of spanning. You'll read, too, of Madame Godin and her horror-driven journey down the Amazon to meet her husband; of young Darwin's visit to the desolate, cinderstrewn Galapagos Islands whose fabulous reptiles provided him with the stimulus to unravel the processes of evolution.

And with this author, who is himself an explorer and ethnologist, you can travel to some pretty wonderful places—to eighteenth-century Quito, remote and aristocratic behind its wall of giant mountains; to the wild Amazon jungle with its unknown richness of plant and animal life; and to the nitrate deserts of Chile and Peru.

The Book-of-the-Month Club selection for April will be "The Ballad and the Source" by the English author, Rosamond Lehmann. The novel tells the story of a woman with a mysterious past, as seen through the eyes of a ten-year-old girl.



If you really want to get the flavor of a community, read the personals in the back of the country newspaper, advises Elizabeth Coatsworth in her book about Maine back country, "Country Neighborhood." One of the most cryptic ads she's seen appeared under the name of a local grocer, in this last summer of labor shortage. "Wanted," it read, "two boys the size of men to do the work of a pair of horses."

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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.

Pvt. Sam Odom writes from the Philippines:

"Well, at last I am on solid ground again. I really like this a lot better than where I was. There is a lot more shade here, and it is a lot cooler. We have to use two blankets at night, believe me. The towns are really nice. There are quite a few two-story buildings, and from the looks of the outside, they look mighty clean. Most of them are made out of bamboo with grass roof. The school houses have glass windows and are built out of wood, and some of them are even built out of concrete. The towns have paved roads through them, but the roads between the towns are gravel. There are bridges over most of the streams, and they still drive on the left side of the road.

"The people are very friendly, and the kids come around all the time. They look like they should be about six or seven, and some of them are 13 or 14. They even come around and beg for laundry to

wash. I had a chance to trade a pair of pants for a 100 pesos, Jap invasion money.

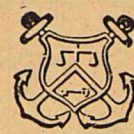
"Right now I am living in my pup tent and eating C and K rations. They are alright too. I never did think they would be any good, but they are.

"Well, I guess I will close now."

Sgt. Francis W. Stubblefield writes from the Canal Zone:

"I am about to decide you are too busy to write. Maybe it is jamming time. If it is, I can imagine how busy you are. I wish that I could be there to help you. I don't think there is anything as cute as little lambs.

"I hope the weather is not too cold. You know it was just like walking out of January into July for me. I think the warm weather



ROLL OF HONOR

In The Service

Home From The War

Leaving last Saturday, after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Sr., was Lt. Commander E. F. Vander Stucken, Jr., who is attached to the legal department of the Navy in Washington, D. C. His wife and two children, Emily Frances and Emil III, who accompanied him here, will remain in Sonora several weeks longer.

Visiting his wife and son this week is Tex Farr, S 2/c, who is stationed at Fort Huachuca, Calif., with the Navy. Mrs. Farr and their two children are making their home here for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Morris.

Vernon Morris, S 2/c, left Thursday for his station at Camp Parks, Calif., after a week's visit here with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Morris.

might find a small one that is in good shape. I have the best little radio you can get, but one tube is bad, so I wrote home for a set of them. If I can get them I won't need a new one. As it is, I have no music, no nothing.

"Well, there is not anything new, so I will close by saying 'hello' to everyone."

Lt. and Mrs. Eugene Neuerburg, who had been visiting Lt. Neuerburg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Neuerburg, left the middle of last week for Liberal, Kansas, where Lt. Neuerburg is an instructor in the Air Corps.

"I was glad to know that Wilton is taking an instructor's course, and that he likes Pensacola. Maybe he will get a break on his school-in."

"I saw Harold in town Saturday afternoon late. He told me he had talked to his mother over the phone, and tried to let her know that he had seen me, but the censor would not let him.

"My furlough fixed me up pretty good. I think I can make it alright down here till time for reassignment comes around. I don't know when that will be but maybe before the year is out. You can't tell, it depends on how the war turns out.

"Tell me all the news, and as soon as you hear from Nelson, let me know how he is."

T/Sgt. Rex Merriman writes from France:

"I just received about six or seven letters from you, and all of them were written in January, so I guess your mail is coming in alright now. I know that the war slows up the mail, but I am getting it. I hope you are getting mine, because they all have pictures in them.

"Well, I am, back again, and I hope you have heard from me by now. I realize my mail is slow, but that is only to be expected. Don't worry, because I am doing fine. I will take care of myself, no matter how rough it is.

"I received all of the packages and, believe me, I really enjoyed them. I never will be able to thank you for all of the things, so I won't attempt to try in writing. I will just say 'thanks a million'.

"You know I have been over here for a long time now, and I sure miss the dear old States. A fellow thinks of a million things he wants to do. You can be working and all the time your thoughts are of home. I don't think the people know what it is like over here. Everyone wants to forget it, and I don't blame them.

"You asked me if there were anything I needed; well, if you can find me a small radio, I will thank you. I know they are hard to get, yes, even almost impossible. There is that chance that you

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After he got through working on his canvas... he had as nice a picture of us enjoying ourselves as you could ask for... complete to the last little detail... from Molly Burtle's dimples to the foam on Ed Carey's glass of beer.

"I'm calling it a portrait of America," Dan's cousin says.

Joe Marsh

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LAST CHANCE TO RECAP

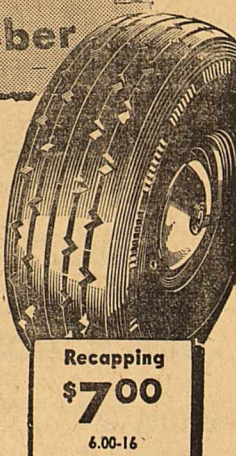
with Grade "A" Rubber

Grade "A" Production Halted. W.P.B. has stopped the production of Grade "A" rubber for recapping for several months. None of this material can be made for recapping passenger tires during that period.

New Tire Quotas cut. With military demands increasing, passenger tire production quotas have been cut and more reductions are expected.

GET GRADE "A" RUBBER While it Lasts!

We have a limited quantity. If your tires are smooth—better hurry down and get thick, new reads today. Skilled workmen in our shop use the tested B. F. Goodrich Factory Method—for longer tire life—greater safety.



Recapping \$7.00

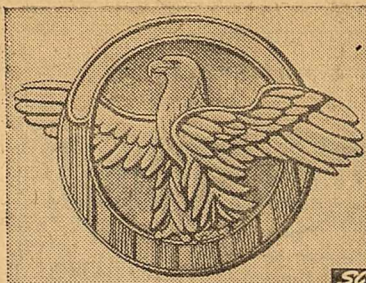
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NO CERTIFICATE NEEDED TO RECAP

Lyles & Rape
TEXACO SERVICE STATION

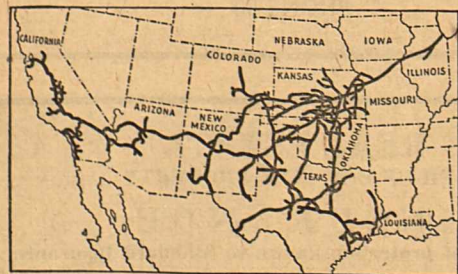
B.F. Goodrich Tires

This Means He's A Veteran



When you see this gold-plated lapel button—the dexter eagle within a circle, wings extending beyond the circle's edge—remember, the Disabled American Veterans points out, that the wearer is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, and maybe disabled. To familiarize the public with the discharge button that plea has been issued by the DAV, chartered by Congress and recognized by government as one of the organizations to which veterans can apply for free information in filing claims. Vivian D. Corby, National DAV Adjutant, in announcing the program, said: "When you see that gold-plated plastic discharge button it means the wearer has seen service in World War II. He may even be disabled as a result of his service and deserves every consideration possible."

Along the "Route to Tokyo"



13,093 miles of track serving the Southwest Santa Fe, as the map above shows, is an important lap on the "Route to Tokyo."

That's why, during the past several months, travelers have seen armies of "Men at Work" all along our lines.

Capacity of our yards has been increased.

Curves have been ironed out so trains may get around them faster.

New Diesel "head ends" are pulling bigger loads up mountain grades.

Ingenious Centralized Traffic Control Systems have been installed at important points so the same rails can carry 50 per cent more traffic.

A new Santa Fe bridge is now being built across the Colorado River.

We have enlarged our capacity to meet the increasing loads of war. There will be no slackening of our job until the war is completely won.



SANTA FE SYSTEM LINES

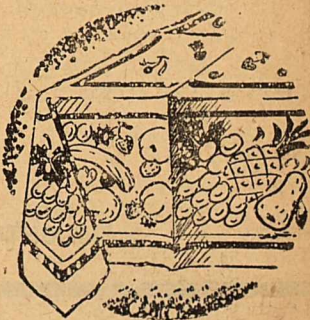
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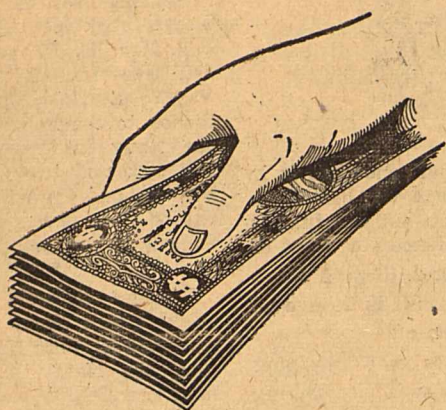
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Mrs. Belle Steen left on Monday for Greenville, Ala., after receiving word that her mother is seriously ill in a hospital there.

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SLEEPING SICKNESS VACCINE

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"We Strive to Please"

If Your Tires Need Recapping— have it done NOW!

Bring your tires to Lyles and Rape
TEXACO SERVICE STATION

We still have a supply of the best "A" recapping rubber, but HURRY, as the supply is limited. The Government has prohibited the manufacture of Grade "A" recapping for several months. This may be your last chance for some time to get a recapping job done with best quality materials. REMEMBER, tires will be scarce this year. Most drivers will have to depend on recapping to keep their cars rolling.

If your tires are worn smooth, have them recapped now while there is a supply of top quality recapping rubber. Drive into your service station for a thorough inspection.

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PRESTON PRATER

No Closed Season on Fish in County

Governor Stevenson has signed a bill Tuesday which repealed all special county laws with reference to fresh water fish and also raised the bag limit to 15 on bass and 25 on catfish and crappie.

Previous laws, however, governing the types of fishing gear and tackle that may be used, are still in effect.

ALSO, licenses must still be held by those fishing for fresh water fish. No change has been made in the license law.

FOR THE BEST IN FISHING GEAR, SELECT FROM OUR
COMPLETE NEW SHIPMENT

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You can't be with him . . . but you can help to keep your Red Cross always at his side. To help make sure that he gets the medical and morale-building helps he needs . . . give all you can to the 1945 RED CROSS WAR FUND.

More than 8,000,000 prisoner-of-war parcels have been shipped for distribution to American prisoners and civilian internees in enemy countries. To these and to thousands of other war victims, the Red Cross brings food, medicine and clothing. Never has the need of so many been so great . . . give more in '45 to keep the Red Cross always at their side.



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