

The Devil's River News

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EIGHTEENTH WEEK

Texas Educator Is Lions' Guest Speaker Tuesday

Speaking at the Lions Club luncheon meeting Tuesday, Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, El Paso, and noted Texas educator, stressed the fact that the increasing pace of life today and a changing world are changing our ways of thinking, behavior and mode of living. These changes, he said, are breaking down the barriers between communities, states and nations, and are creating a need for greater understanding and tolerance in all men.

In illustrating his talk, the speaker told several lively anecdotes and quoted from Alice in Wonderland the following: "You have to run as fast as you can to keep up, and you have to run twice as fast to get ahead."

Dr. Wiggins was introduced by J. T. Ratliff, who also introduced E. D. Richey, a new member, to the club. In presenting Richey with the membership button, Ratliff said the button is worn as a symbol of service.

Eugene Shurley On All-District Basketball Team

Although eliminated from the district basketball tournament held at Eldorado Saturday, February 19, the Sonora Broncos scored a victory when Eugene Shurley was placed on the 1944 all-district team. Shurley's honor was well-deserved, as he has shown himself to be a versatile and consistent player, playing with equal skill when switched from one position to another on the team.

Others named on the all-district team are: Reed, Ozona; Whitehead, Mason; Thompson, Eldorado, and McWilliams, Ozona.

In their only try for district honors, the Sonora quintet was pitted against the Ozona team, which won the tournament. The final score was 18 to 40.

Dr. Cox Urges Careful Use Of Sedatives

Austin, Feb. 17.—Declaring that there seems to be a widespread belief that "sleeping pills" are harmless, and therefore can be used at will by those suffering from insomnia, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today that despite the fact that hypnotic drugs cannot be sold without a physician's prescription, there are many persons who manage to get a supply of them and use them on the slightest excuse, or in some cases for no reason at all. Those who take one of the barbiturates in this loose fashion are doing themselves a physical injustice, the Doctor stated and added, "What they need is not a self-prescribed 'harmless sleeping tablet', but a physician's advice."

"There are many people who harm their health by employing an unprescribed hypnotic to induce sleep," Dr. Cox said. "More often than not by various means they will over-stimulate themselves, relying upon the sleeping tablet to soothe their jaded nerves. Thus, a vicious circle is developed, and the habit-forming practice stealthily grows, with loss of vitality and maximum health being among the least of the penalties involved."

"Under certain conditions, the physician will prescribe one of the barbiturates for wakefulness or insomnia. However," he warned, "the prescribed use of such drugs for a special and temporary condition is one thing, and the indiscriminate use of such medication upon the slightest pretext is quite another."

Those persons who of their own accord are taking one of the hypnotics to induce sleep should realize that they are tampering criminally with one of nature's basic blessings and necessities, natural sleep, the Doctor stated. If addicted to these drugs, the family physician may be needed to lead the victim out of the need for them, but whether in need of professional aid or not, those indulging in this harmful habit should for their health's sake terminate it immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clough of Malden, Massachusetts, arrived last week for a visit with Mr. Clough's sister, Mrs. E. E. Sawyer. They will remain here for several weeks before returning to their home.

Mrs. Rutledge Sells Cafe After 19 Years Here

After nineteen years of operating a restaurant business in Sonora, Mrs. Birdie Rutledge has retired. Last week she sold the Rutledge Cafe to T. B. Booker.

Mrs. Rutledge and her husband, the late Hugh Rutledge, moved to Sonora from Ozona in 1925, and opened a restaurant in the old Mayfield building. When fire destroyed their location and fixtures, along with other buildings in that section of town, they bought new fixtures and reopened in the Hull building, now occupied by the News. About eight years ago, Mrs. Rutledge moved to the present location. She has carried on the business alone since Mr. Rutledge's death fourteen years ago.

Booker, who bought the Rutledge Cafe, is operating under the name of the Sonora Cafe. Formerly proprietor of a cafe business in San Angelo, Booker has been employed at the City Cafe, Sonora Tavern and Club Cafe since he and Mrs. Booker moved here in January, 1941.

Lt. Alan Saunders Decorated, Cited For Services

The citation given Lt. Alan W. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Saunders, when he received the Air Medal in January, was received here this week by the News in a release from the Air Transport Command Base, India, with which Lt. Saunders serves.

The award was made, says the citation, "for meritorious achievement by participating in more than twenty-five flights in heavily loaded transport planes through the combat zones of Upper Assam, Burma and Southwest China, where enemy interceptions and attack were probable and expected. These flights were frequently made on successive days, over high, rugged, mountainous terrain, subject to icing conditions, at altitudes seldom reached during average flying, through weather requiring periods of instrument flying, and over areas where adequate navigational aids were not provided. Undaunted by the hazards faced regularly and continuously, he performed his duties in such a manner that the highest credit is reflected upon himself and the military forces of the United States."

The India-China Wing of the Air Transport Command, with which Lt. Saunders has served for over ten months, was recently cited by President Roosevelt for "exceptionally outstanding performance" in delivery of vital war supplies to American and Chinese forces battling the Japanese in China.

Board Reclasses 32 Registrants

Thirty-two reclassifications were made by the local Selective Service Board in meetings last week and the first of this week. Four men were classified 1-A, and 16 who recently took pre-induction physicals were placed in 4-F. The others were classified 1-C, 2-A and 2-C.

These new reclassifications are as follows 1-A: Homer H. Hill, L. E. Holland, Arlan Carroll, Robert Lee Allison; 1-C: Dantes W. Reiley; 2-A: Guillermo Flores, H. W. Loftin, Jose D. Chico, Frank Potmesil; 2-C: Domingo Abelo, Selvestino Gonzales, Pedro Galindo, John W. Sykes; 4-F: S. H. Stokes, Miguel Gonzales, Rosalio Dominges, Manuel Lopez, William V. Sessom, Tomas Zapata, Manuel Baldez, Vivian Vasquez, Maguel Duran, Doroteo Castro, Lucio Quiroz, Segundino Ramez, Dolores Perez, Ford Allen and Antonio Luna.

Paper Salvage Drive Begun Here

An intensive wastepaper salvage campaign is being begun here this week, under the chairmanship of George D. Chalk, and the old Bakery Building has been designated as the storage center. This drive is being conducted in connection with a nationwide campaign, and the paper will be sent to San Angelo in Goodfellow Field trucks.

All sorts of wastepaper will be acceptable, and each kind should be bundled separately and left at the center, which will be open every day during the drive.

Lt. Col. Harold A. Gunn of

Candidates In County Judge Race

ASKS REELECTION



Alvis Johnson

Alvis Johnson Seeks Reelection As County Judge

Alvis Johnson, asking reelection for a twelfth term to the office of County Judge, stated, "I am running on my past record. If re-elected, I will continue to handle county affairs as efficiently and economically as I have in the past."

Johnson said that he believes more improvements have been made on Sutton County roads, such as caliche topping, grading and draining than on any other county roads in this area during the last several years. Improvements that have been made during his incumbency include the building of all county lateral roads, building of the Junction, Del Rio and San Angelo highways, filling, fencing and landscaping the Court House grounds.

Also, during the last eight years the county's bonded indebtedness has been reduced \$234,000 and the tax rate has been steadily reduced, until it reached an all-time low of 42 cents in 1943.

Entertainment Of TSGRA Directors Being Planned

Plans for the entertainment of directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and the association's Auxiliary to meet here March 5, were near completion this week.

Arrangements for a steak dinner, to be served by the Lions Club at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company at noon, will be made by B. M. Halbert, Jr., T. A. Bond and Bill Fields.

An informal reception for the Auxiliary will be given by local Auxiliary members at the Sonora Woman's Club house, prior to the organization's business meeting.

Billy Gross and his orchestra have been engaged to play for the dance at the wool house Saturday night. The public is invited to the dance, which is being given by local association members for the directors and other guests.

SONORAN'S BROTHER REPORTED MISSING AFTER RAID OVER FRANCE

Word was received last Saturday by Mrs. Lea Allison that her brother, Lt. Charles E. Berry, a bomber pilot in England, has been missing since February 4, when he participated in a mission over France. No further information has been received by his family.

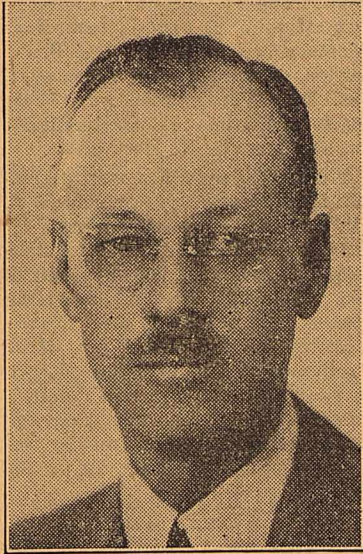
Lt. Berry entered the Air Corps in August, 1942, and received his commission in April of the following year. He was sent to overseas duty last November.

Another sister, Mrs. Horace Linthicum, lives near Mertzon; his wife lives in Norman, Oklahoma, and he is the son of Mrs. E. L. Brown of Brownwood.

Mrs. R. J. Moffett and small daughter, Mary Shurley, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Moffett's mother and brothers, Mrs. Velma L. Shurley and Eugene and Jerry Shurley. They will be here several weeks while Lt. Moffett is taking a special Army training course.

Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, has assured the salvage committee that when as much as one truckload has been turned in, he will send a truck from the field to transport it to the salvage depot in San Angelo.

ANNOUNCES



John Lee Nisbet

Nisbet Announces Candidacy For Judge's Office

John Lee Nisbet, Sonora business man since 1938 and active worker in civic activities, this week announced his candidacy for the office of Sutton County Judge.

Nisbet, who has served as justice of the peace since the resignation of George Barrow, has held offices in many civic improvement organizations. He is a past president of the Sonora Lions Club and an active Scouter, having served as Scoutmaster for two years. He is a past president of the Golf Club, being one of the charter members instrumental in organizing and obtaining a location for the club, and he has served as chairman of the OPA office here since its inauguration in 1942.

Nisbet has also been one of the most active boosters for an airport for Sonora, being a member of the Lions Club committee appointed to investigate possibilities of getting an airport here. He has also worked with county groups promoting the designation of essential highways for Sutton County.

"If the citizens of Sutton County place me in this office of public trust," Nisbet pledged, "It will be my sole object to further the interests of our county through civic improvement coupled with economy."

Sonoran's Kin Killed In Italy

Mrs. J. D. Lowrey received word Thursday that her nephew, Sgt. Finis Awalt Anderson, veteran of the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, was killed in action with the Infantry in Italy in the latter part of January. Sgt. Anderson, who enlisted in 1942 and had served overseas for about eighteen months, was also a cousin to A. W. Awalt.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. L. D. Anderson, the widow and a sister, Miss Ella Pay Anderson, all of Waskom, Texas.

Mrs. W. M. Allison of Marfa is the guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Surley.

Committee Plans Red Cross War Fund Drive

COUNTY QUOTA IS \$2,300

Alfred Schwiening, chairman of the 1944 Red Cross War Fund drive activities in Sutton County, said this week that plans for soliciting contributions during March, national Red Cross drive month, have been completed. Also, he stated that he is asking all committeemen who served in the 1943 campaign to assist him again this year.

"The increasing demands on the Red Cross, due to the needs of our men in the service, have increased the financial needs of the Red Cross. Our quota will be \$2,300 this year, an amount we must raise at once, as all of it is to be used for the many services the Red Cross provides for our servicemen," Schwiening said.

Plans for conducting the drive include personal solicitation, the mailing of letters asking for contributions (a copy of which appears elsewhere on this page of the News) and window displays.

Those who served on the War Fund Committee last year are W. H. Dameron, George E. Smith, E. D. Stringer, C. W. Taylor, H. V. Stokes, Dr. W. T. Hardy, Jack Mann and Mmes. Fred Simmons, George Wynn and Joel Shelton; also Raymond Virgen, Theodore Virgen, Adolph Flores, Victor Garcia, Elena Abila and Ysaura Sanchez. New members on the committee are J. T. Ratliff and Pete Ballard.

Schwiening and those on his committee are asking that contributions be turned in promptly and voluntarily to them after the beginning of the drive on March 1. Also, contributions may be made to Mrs. Maymie Brown at the First National Bank.

Services Held At Ranger For E. W. Maddox

Last rites were conducted Sunday afternoon in Ranger for E. W. Maddox, 64, who died suddenly Thursday night, February 17, at his home at Humble Station B Camp from a heart ailment. Services were conducted from the Ranger Church of Christ, with the Church of Christ pastors of Junction and Ranger officiating.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Sgt. Norval Maddox, who is stationed with the Air Corps in Lincoln, Neb.; three sisters, and two brothers.

BETTY TAYLOR CHOSEN REDBUD QUEEN OF TSCW

Miss Betty Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor, was chosen last week by her classmates at Texas State College for Women, Denton, to reign as queen of the annual Redbud Festival to be held on March 11. She will be attended by seven princesses, representing the seven campus dormitories.

Miss Taylor is a freshman student at TSCW, having graduated from Sonora High School last May.

44 Jurymen Called For District Court, March 21

4 CASES CONTINUED FROM FALL TERM

A venire of 44 Sutton County citizens has been called by the jury commission to serve on the Petit Jury when District Court opens here March 21, and 16 have been named for Grand Jury service.

Four cases, continued from the September term of court, are to be tried at the March session. Two of the cases are styled, Parjedez Ranjel Versus the State of Texas, charging the defendant with murder on two counts. This case was continued, as the jury reached no decision last September. The other two are styled Claud A. Cox Versus the State of Texas, on a charge of bigamy, and Erby Baldez Versus the State of Texas, on a charge of rape.

Those who have been called for Petit Jury service are: Jim Luckie, R. C. Vicars, D. D. Fisher, Jake Merck, W. L. Miers, M. E. Joy, Frank Smith, Vernon Marion, J. D. Cowser, Charles Hull, Robert Kelly, Earl Lomax, Beal Freeman, Bryan Hunt, J. O. Mills, L. E. Johnson, Jr., T. L. Harrison, J. T. Penick, Jack Wardlaw, Rip Ward, V. F. Hamilton, J. S. Glascock, W. D. Kring, E. T. Smith, Lynn Turney, Frank Bond, L. E. Swain and Jack Drennan.

Also Duke Wilson, L. E. Holland, Earl Adams, Stanley Mayfield, Fred Simmons, F. J. Wood, Perry Valiant, Henry Wyatt, Joe B. Ross, Glenn Reeves, A. C. Elliott, B. M. Halbert, Jr., Jim Wilson, J. F. Hamby and B. H. Cusenbary.

Those named for Grand Jury service are S. H. Allison, Oscar Appelt, Jr., A. W. Awalt, Sterling Baker, Joe Berger, E. M. DeBerry, Tom Bond, C. H. Carson, R. V. Cook, W. R. Cusenbary, C. G. Davis, Edgar Glascock, Harold Friess, Elmer Wilson, Miers Savell and Wesley Hill.

Blood Donor Committee Seeks More Applicants

An urgent appeal has been made for more blood donors by the committee in charge of taking applications for those who wish to make blood donations when the mobile unit of the Red Cross Donor Service is in Junction on Monday, April 3. Originally the unit was prepared to take 75 blood donations from Sutton County citizens, but announcement was made this week that they are now asking for 150.

Applications to date total 98, and the committee is hoping to have twice that number, so that they may be sure of having 150 when the group goes to Junction.

Those who wish to make the blood donations may fill out forms available at the Sonora Drug Co., J. W. Trainer & Son and the West Texas Utilities. In charge of taking applications are B. W. Lovelace and Mmes. A. W. Awalt, M. G. Shurley and W. C. Gilmore, who will also furnish complete information to prospective donors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Karnes were in San Angelo Saturday visiting with friends and relatives.

1944 Red Cross War Fund Quota - \$2,300

Dear Citizen:

\$2,300.00 is the quota for the citizens of Sutton County in the 1944 Red Cross War Fund drive, which opens March 1, and will continue through the month.

Our success in meeting this quota is vital to our nation, our soldiers and to humanity. The demands upon the Red Cross and its opportunities for service to suffering humanity are greater now than ever before. To meet the tremendously increased demands, the Red Cross' financial needs have likewise increased, and the quota we must send in now is necessarily larger than last year's. Nevertheless, we know that the American people appreciate the work of the Red Cross and always respond, generously and willingly, to its every call, deeming it a privilege to take part in such a noble work.

We feel confident that we can count on you to see one of the committee immediately and make your contribution.

There is greater joy in giving than in receiving. Enjoy the satisfaction of giving to the Red Cross!

The War Fund Committee, Alfred Schwiening, Chairman.

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

Mrs. Cusenbary Elected Music Club President

New officers were elected, and Mrs. E. D. Shurley gave a report for the nominating committee, when the Sonora Music Club met in the home of Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary Thursday, February 10. Mrs. S. M. Loeffler was co-hostess.

Officers elected are Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary, president; Mrs. O. G. Babcock, first vice-president; Miss Janie Rodgers, second vice-president; Mrs. A. E. Prugel, recording secretary and reporter; Mrs. F. O. Marvin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rip Ward, treasurer; Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh, parliamentarian, and Mrs. G. H. Hall, critic.

A Spanish program was given, and Mrs. Cusenbary presented a talk on "The Life and Works of Manuel de Falla", after which Jimmy Cusenbary played a piano solo, "The Cheer Leader", by Irene Rogers. A review of the opera, "Carmen" was given by Mrs. Ward, and Norris Loeffler played the piano solo, "A Spanish Fiesta", by John Thompson. The program was concluded with a medley of Spanish songs played by Miss Kavanaugh.

PAN-AMERICAN CLUB TO MEET TODAY

Miss Ann Palmer will be the study leader and will give a talk on Argentina when the Pan-American Study Club meets in the home of Mrs. O. L. Richardson this afternoon at four o'clock. All who are interested are invited to attend.

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PAT REILEY, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, February 25, 1944 The Devil's River News

Mrs. Boughton Reelected S. W. C. President

Mrs. I. B. Boughton was reelected president when the Sonora Woman's Club met Thursday, February 17. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Velma L. Shurley, vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, recording secretary; Mrs. Clay Puckett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Barrow, treasurer; Mrs. Joel Shelton, auditor and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, parliamentarian.

Mrs. J. F. Howell was in charge of the program at which time she gave a talk entitled "Club Women's Progress Through the Years" and Miss Marguerite Howell played a piano solo.

Attending the meeting were Mes. Lea Allison, C. A. Tyler, Charles Davis, E. E. Sawyer, Dan Cauthorn, Howell, Boughton, Cusenbary and Miss Howell.

Dameron Home Scene Of Dinner Party

An evening of bridge was enjoyed by guests and club members when Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dameron entertained with a dinner party in their home last Friday night.

High guest score for the ladies was held by Mrs. R. C. Vicars, and Dr. J. F. Howell won high for the men. High club went to Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Boughton, and Mrs. Libb Wallace received the bingo prize.

Present were Messrs. and Meses. Vicars, Wallace, G. H. Hall, P. J. Taylor, W. R. Cusenbary, A. E. Prugel, Frank Bond, Dr. and Mrs. Howell, Dr. and Mrs. Boughton, Mrs. B. H. Cusenbary and Miss Ann Palmer.

Jr. Music Club Presents Program

A musical program was given by the members of the Junior Music Club when they met in the home of Mrs. C. W. Taylor Saturday, February 19.

The program was opened with the group singing "America", accompanied by Peggy Ann Wilman at the piano, after which piano selections were played by Flora Dell Davis, Betty Jane Atchison, Wayne Ogden and Peggy Sue Reiley. A reading was given by Mrs. S. M. Loeffler.

After several games were played, refreshments were served to Blanche Lavon Taylor, Peggy Ann Wilman, Flora Dell Davis, Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Betty Jane Atchison, Beverly Smith, Betty Sue Allen, Peggy Sue Reiley, J. F. Howell, Jr., Billy Frank Decker, Norris Loeffler, Wayne Ogden and Tyree Hardy; also Meses. W. E. Caldwell, Loeffler, Ford Allen and Taylor.

Mrs. G. H. Davis Hostess To Idle Hour Club

Mrs. G. H. Davis was hostess when the Idle Hour Bridge Club met in her home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Ross held high score for the members, and Mrs. Charles Davis held second high. Mrs. Libb Wallace held high for guests. Mrs. H. C. Saunders, Jr. was a tea guest and was presented with a gift.

A salad course was served to the following: Meses Davis, W. H. Dameron, B. H. Cusenbary, Ross, G. H. Hall, Sterling Baker, C. A. Tyler, Wallace and Saunders.

Women Who Suffer from SIMPLE ANEMIA

Here's One Of The Best Home Ways
To Help Build Up Red Blood!

You girls who suffer from simple anemia or who lose so much during monthly periods that you feel tired, weak, "dragged out"—due to low blood iron—start today—try Lydia Pinkham's TABLETS—one of the greatest blood-iron tonics you can buy to help build up red blood to get more strength and energy in such cases.

Taken as directed—Pinkham's Tablets is one of the very best home ways to get precious iron into the blood. Just try them for 30 days—then see if you, too, don't remarkably benefit. Follow label directions. Worth trying!

Lydia Pinkham's TABLETS

Sawyer Home Scene Of Party Honoring Miss Elizabeth Elliott

Miss Elizabeth Elliott, March bride-elect, was honored Wednesday afternoon, February 16, in the home of Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, with a bridge party given by Meses. Sawyer, C. T. Jones, Jr., and Edwin Sawyer.

Room decorations were violets and gladioli. The tea table was laid with a white Madeira cloth and was centered with a reflected arrangement of gladioli. Mrs. L. W. Elliott presided at the tea service.

Miss Jo Ann Marion and Mrs. Sterling Baker won the high score prizes, and a gift was presented to the honoree.

WMU MEETS FOR BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday afternoon the WMU met for Bible Study at the Baptist Church. The program opened with Mrs. Fred Wright leading the group singing "Stand Up For Jesus", accompanied by Mrs. E. A. Bailey at the piano. Devotional was given by Mrs. Alfred Cooper, and a prayer was offered by Mrs. Wright. Closing prayer was given by Mrs. J. E. Eldridge.

Present other than those mentioned were Meses. J. W. Pepper, Sr., Lee Hart, Pearl Martin and G. G. Stephenson.

Mrs. A. R. Montgomery and children, James, Viola and Nancy, left Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Montgomery's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Terrell of Argyle.

Mrs. S. H. Allison and Mrs. Mack Cauthorn spent last Saturday in San Angelo.

Present other than those mentioned were Meses. Bryan Hunt, Dewitt Lancaster, L. E. Johnson, Jr., A. C. Elliott, Armour Earwood, I. B. Boughton, Ralph Trainer, J. H. Brasher, L. E. Johnson, Sr., Ella Wallace, John Hull, J. F. Howell, Rip Ward, Howard Kirby, W. H. Dameron, R. J. Moffett of Washington, D. C., Earl Duncan, Pat Cooper of Fort Stockton, Velma L. Shurley and Roy Clough of Malden, Mass.; Meses Libby Jo Wallace, Annie Duncan, Wilma Elliott and Peggy Gilmore.

Pan-American Club Meets Fri.

Miss Charlotte Kavanaugh gave a talk on Panama and Venezuela when the Pan-American Study Club met in the home of Mrs. I. B. Boughton on Friday afternoon, February 18.

After the study hour, refreshments were served to Meses. Joe Berger, Alvis Johnson, A. R. Montgomery, O. C. Ogden, J. T. Penick, C. C. Ball, O. L. Richardson, Dorothy Norris and Miss Estelle Penick of Madison, Georgia, Miss Kavanaugh and Georgia Sue Norris.

We are deeply grateful to our friends for their many acts of kindness and for the beautiful floral offerings made at the time of the death of our loved one. Their love and friendship will be remembered always.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Meckel
and family.

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Having recently sold my restaurant business, I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patronage during the 19 years I have been in business here.

Your friendship has made our relationship a never to be forgotten pleasure.

Mrs. Birdie Rutledge



New For Spring

Piece Goods
for your evening
formals, classic sports
frocks and street
dresses

Chambray—Spun Rayon
(PINK, WHITE, GREEN YELLOW)

Brocaded Taffeta

Shantung

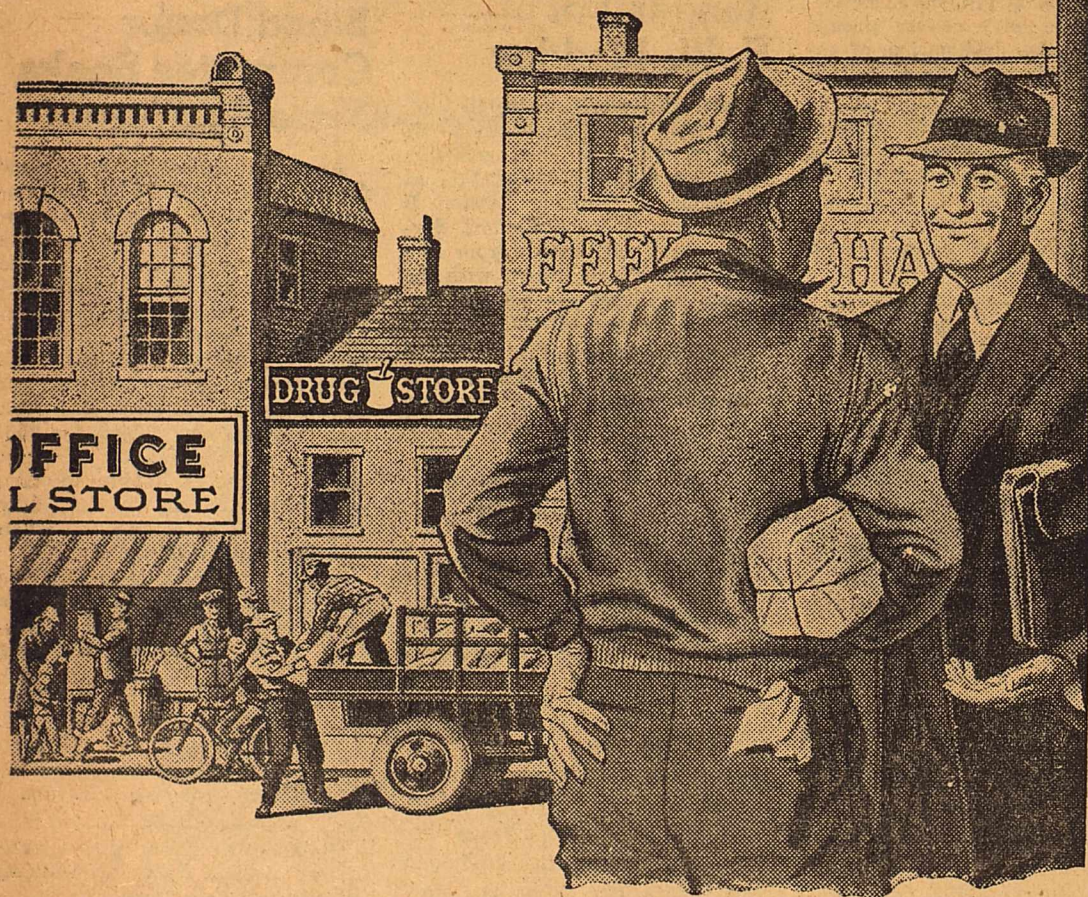
(RED, WHITE, BEIGE)

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The Ratliff Store



War has helped destroy a lot of America's old illusions. Gone are the ideas that all South Sea beauties look like Dorothy Lamour; that all Englishmen wear monocles and all Russians whiskers. Gone is the idea that free-enterprise is some vague theory for the guy in the big city to worry about.

Wherever you live... on Main Street, Park Avenue, or RFD No. 4... you are vitally concerned with the continuation of this American system.

The grocery, the millinery shop, the corner drug, the hardware store, the hamburger stand, the score of other businesses which make up your Main Street, the farm on RFD No. 4, the

ranch in the south end of the county... all of them, like your local electric service company, are products of business management under the system of private enterprise.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE—the right of every American to work when and where he wants, within reason; to enter any business or profession; to create, produce and benefit by his own success.

West Texas Utilities Company

from the ranch country

Son of a gun



With the opening of the Red Cross War Fund drive on March 1, Sutton County citizens will again be called upon to serve those men who are doing so much for all of us. Red Cross donations this year are to be used entirely for provisions of comfort, service and equipment for servicemen.

Our donations will mean extra rations for men in German prison camps, the means of processing precious, life-giving blood for wounded Americans, the provision of social service, recreation and entertainment for the sick and wounded of this war and the supplying of surgical dressings for our wounded. These are only a few of the many services performed by the Red Cross with the donations we make.

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William T. Darden, of the general crops division of the Commodity Credit Corporation, was in Sonora Wednesday conferring with officers of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company. With the wool buying program since the CCC took over the domestic clip, Darden was in Kerrville two years ago when the CCC purchase program was outlined to members of the wool industry.

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A notice from the Fort Stockton offices of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association urges all directors of the organization to be present at the meeting here Saturday, March 4, as several important matters with reference to wool promotion, the 1944 wool purchase program and the disposal of foreign and domestic stockpile wool will be discussed. Texas growers are deeply concerned over the disposal of present and future domestic wool stocks owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Son-of-a-gun having worn the subject of the weather thin, we will refrain from comment, except for this one little item: a local citizen claims that moss and lichens have sprouted in his house sometime during the past two weeks.

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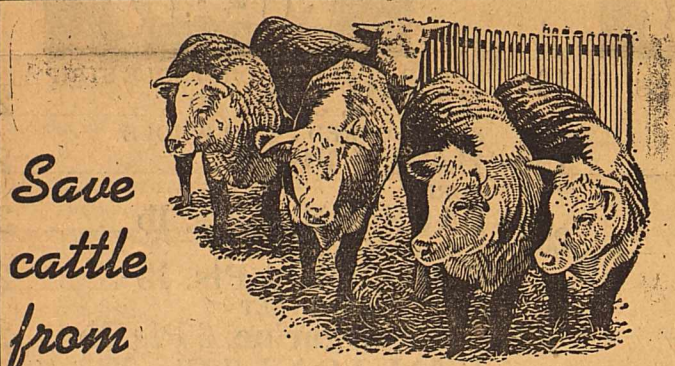
Horse fanciers over a wide-spread area of West Texas are eagerly awaiting the week-end matched race between C. C. McBurnett's Chant Thru and the little Sonora mare, Cotplay, who bested him last August.

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A sure sign of spring fever has cropped up during the last few weeks. Shrubbery is being set out and garden plots are being prepared for the first plantings. Now, after the first plants come up and get a good stand and are then killed by a hard March freeze, will know that spring is here.

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Seldom have we had the privilege of hearing a more interesting speaker than Dr. D. M. Wiggins, Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy president, who spoke here Tuesday at the Lions luncheon and at the Sonora High School. Listening to his views on what is happening to the world today and what our problems will be in the future, especially at the end of the war, we hoped that such men as he will have a big part in post-war planning. Especially interesting was the fact that he summed the four freedoms for which our men fight into the single word "tolerance".



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RANCHING NEWS & INTERESTS

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Judge Parker is figuring on starting a soap factory. He has already had several loads of bear grass hauled.

—49—

James Caruther returned from a visit to his wife's folks in Bell County Monday. He also made a trip through the eastern counties looking for cattle.

—49—

Ex-County Judge L. J. Dunagan was in Sonora several days this week visiting his sons, D. J. and George, shaking hands with his many friends and attending court. Mr. Dunagan is now comfortably located on a farm in Erath County.

—49—

The Sunbeam Society of the Baptist Church gave a very acceptable entertainment at the church Thursday night. The exercises were under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Stewart. Miss Lillie Davis presided at the organ.

—49—

J. C. Wall, sheriff of McCulloch County, was in Sonora this week. Mr. Wall is one of the most pleasant gentlemen it has been our pleasure to meet.

—49—

L. Y. Hancock, the handsome and agreeable banker and merchant of Ozona, was in Sonora yesterday. He took in the hop at the court house, and many a Sonora girl's heart was in a flutter.

—49—

William Dodds, one of the old time McKavett boys, was in Sonora this week shaking hands with his old friends.

—49—

Sol Mayer returned from attending the cattlemen's convention at San Antonio, Wednesday. He reports that socially the convention was very agreeable, but from a business standpoint there was not much to it.

—49—

Robinson Brothers, the accommodating proprietors of the Sonora and San Angelo stage and express line, in order to make a quick trip and give satisfaction, put on four horses to the stage and arrived in Sonora Saturday before sundown. The passengers were Hon. J. W. Timmins, district judge, D. D. Wallace, district attorney, W. A. Wright and J. W. Hill, lawyers of San Angelo.

—49—

A. J. Winkler sold his yearlings to Will Talbott of Schleicher County at eight dollars a head.

—49—

O. T. Word of Sonora bought from T. D. Word 700 dry sheep at \$1.75 a head.

—49—

L. N. Halbert sold to O. T. Word 1,200 head of muttons at \$1.75 for wethers and \$1.50 for dry ewes.

—49—

S. L. Wooten of South Llano recently sold his cattle at \$9 a head. He attended the Wentworth sale and while there bought 65 head of cattle at \$8.75 a head.

—49—

Al Henning, the cowman, was in Sonora this week.

—49—

George, Fred and Joe Trainer were up from Fort Terrett this week.

21 GO TODAY FOR PRE-INDUCTION PHYSICALS

Leaving Friday for Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, to take pre-induction physical examinations, is a group of 21 men. This group is a supplement to the 52 called for physicals on February 7.

Those to go Friday are Homer H. Hill, Raymundo Ramos, Hilario Zepeda, Jesus Zepeda, Nicanor Bermea, Rostein Pfiester, Telesforo Martinez, Gregorio Morales, Jack Lindsey, Oscar Galindo, Wilton Baggett, Max Almaguer, Ricardo Zepeda, Librado Guerra, Manuel Villarreal, Eugene Lewellen, Domingo Seniz, H. J. Long, Alfredo Bermea, Sabino Mendez and Leopoldo Guzman.

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FORMER SONORANS ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jacobs, former Sonorans now of Marfa, have announced the birth of a son in El Paso, Saturday, February 12. The baby, who weighed seven pounds and twelve ounces, has been named Robert Wesley. Grand parents are Carl Francis of San Antonio and W. R. Jacobs of Sedalia, Missouri.

Freddie Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fields, is reported to be recuperating nicely after undergoing minor surgery in San Angelo Tuesday.

LICENSE BUYERS MUST GIVE SPEEDOMETER READING

Leo E. Brown, sheriff and tax assessor-collector, announced this week that persons registering next month for 1944 license plates, will be required to give the speedometer readings on farm vehicles and trucks. This information is required for use by the U. S. Army and other Federal agencies.

H. V. Stokes was a business visitor in Pearsall last week.

Lost: Female brindled Boston bulldog. Reward for return to Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Jr. 2-25-1tc.

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11 A. M.	2:40 P. M.	5:35 P. M.

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GASOLINE—In states outside the east coast area A-10 coupons are good through March 21.
TIRE INSPECTION—For A coupons holders, deadline is March 31. For B and C coupons holders, deadline is February 28.
SUGAR—Stamp No. 30 in book four is good for five pounds through March 31. Stamp No. 40 in book four is good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.
FUEL OIL—Period 2 coupons are good through February 7 in all areas except the South. Period 3 coupons, now valid in the Middle West, East, Far West, and South, remain good through March 13 in the Middle West, East, and Far West, and through February 21 in the South. Periods 4 and 5 coupons, now valid in the South, remain good through September 30.
MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps V and W good through February 26.
PROCESSED FOODS—Green stamps G, H, and J in book four are good through February 20. Green stamps K, L, and M are good through March 20.

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Washington Letter

BY O. C. FISHER

BETTER SUPPORT FOR
PEANUT PRICES URGED

Peanut growers from Texas, the Carolinas, the Virginias, Georgia, Alabama and Florida were here for a hearing last weekend on the need for increasing the support price of this crop which the last three years has meant several millions of dollars to the Central West Texas district and has helped ease our livestock, dairy and poultry feed problems.

Howard Kingsbury of Santa Anna, a state committeeman, attended the hearings in behalf of the AAA. J. B. Hutson, head of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Marvin Jones, war food administrator, and other agricultural leaders participated in the hearing.

The growers and representatives of peanut-producing districts passed a resolution declaring:

1. For a support price of \$197.80 per ton in 1944, which would reflect true parity for peanuts, allowing for the actual increase in labor costs since the 1909-14 base period.

2. Opposition to the CCC program, which netted the CCC a profit of \$10,000,000 on the purchase and sale of peanuts in 1943, under practices "contrary to the intent of Congress."

3. That it is unfair to growers for the government, at the expense of the growers, to make that profit and then use that profit money to pay for consumer subsidies on peanut butter. If such a consumer subsidy is to be paid, why require the peanut grower to pay it out of his pocket?

4. For fair payment for stunted or shriveled peanuts which still are high in oil content; and for distribution of peanut bags to the farmers on the same basis as the allowance they get in selling the sacked peanuts.

In brief, the growers declared they were interested in: 1. Winning the war; 2. Increased production; 3. Adequate payment for their crop to reflect labor costs and make allowance for the soil-depleting nature of peanut production.

The former administrator of the CCC peanut program was telling me that drouth last year reduced the per acre yield in Texas to 385 pounds as compared with 480 pounds in 1942. Virginia had the best peanut yield last year, 1,175 pounds an acre. Georgia was next with 790 pounds.

All told, the nation's peanut crop last year was 21 percent of the 1932-41 average. Soybean production reached 380 percent.

FOREIGN MOHAIR

I have informed the Foreign Economic Administration and the U. S. Commercial Co. that Texas and other domestic mohair growers are opposed to the dumping of surplus foreign mohair on the American market, which right now is fairly stable.

These agencies, in a partnership with Great Britain, have purchased a quantity of mohair almost equaling our expected Texas spring clip, of which 3,000,000 pounds, nearly half, is being shipped to this country.

They explained that it was a case of buying this mohair from Turkey or letting the Germans buy it. Certainly no one wants it to fall into Nazi hands. I suggested that if they have to buy it and then must find some outlet for it, they might see if Russia or another of our United Nations could use it. The Russians several years ago bought a lot of our Angora goats.

Although these agencies say they

don't know right now when, where or how this mohair will be disposed of, both FEA and OA assured me that they expect to hold the prices of the foreign hair, if sold in this country to a par with our domestic prices. I requested that the domestic industry be consulted before there is any dumping of these imports on our market.

I'm against importing and stockpiling any commodity so long as our supplies and domestic production are perfectly adequate to fill all possible needs.

Nancy Bess and Mary Adele, small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Wilson, who were ill with influenza last week, are reported to be much better at this time.



From where I sit . . .

by Joe Marsh

Bob Newcomb was reading me a letter the other day—from his son in the Marines. Dick Newcomb's somewhere in the South Pacific, thousands of miles from home, yet he writes to ask:

"Tell me, Dad, do they still pitch horseshoes back of Ray's? Is Johnny keeping my tools in shape? Are the trout still biting in Seward's Creek?"

Makes you realize what the men over there are thinking about. Sure, they're fighting for Democracy and Freedom and a Better World Tomorrow.

But the things they dream of coming back to are the little simple pleasures that mean home to all of us—like a home-cooked meal, a glass of beer with friends, a game of horseshoes in the backyard.

From where I sit, one of our most sacred obligations here at home is to keep those little things exactly as they remember them—to keep intact the world they're fighting for.

Joe Marsh

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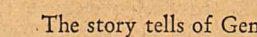
BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown

SOMETIME before the publication of "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep," by Ludwig Bemelmans, we asked the author what his novel was about. "Well," he said, "it's not written exactly to formula. The

hero is an eighty-year-old South American general subject to epileptic fits, and the heroine is an English woman of sixty-five who carries her coffin with her wherever she goes."

To say that "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" is not written to formula is putting it mildly. This latest Book-of-the-Month Club offering differs from the typical girl-meets-boy type of fiction as a black orchid from a dandelion. Those who read it for simple entertainment will find it often hilarious. And those who read it for its underlying satire and philosophic content will find much to ponder.

LUDWIG BEMELMANS



The story tells of General Leonidas Erosa, whose fortune comes from vast properties in South America that he has never bothered to look over, and who up until the time of the war lives in opulent luxury in Biarritz. He is finally made aware of the changing world when he discovers it is no longer possible for him to procure his favorite kind of paté de fois gras, which has always been sent him airmail from Czechoslovakia. When the General is told he must be satisfied with the inferior grade from Strasbourg, he realizes it is time for him to go.

So, with his most prized possessions, which include sixteen carpets, over a thousand cigars, and thirty-two cases of champagne, the General sets sail for New York. Among his vast entourage of servants and companions is Anselmo, the Indian, who cares for his three Great Danes, and who has a secret dream, never to be realized, of murdering his master. Then there is Miss Graves, the Englishwoman, whom the General has saved from drowning but who is still so obsessed with the subject of death that she will go nowhere without her coffin. And there is Monsieur Vitasse, the French chef, whose temper is unpredictable, but whose soufflé d'écrevisses is invariably superb. And there is also Madame Lopez, the Spanish beauty.

Enough of Mr. Bemelmans' story. After all, you may want to read it yourself, and what's the fun if you know everything beforehand?

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS by BOYCE HOUSE

When your columnist attended school, many of us went to the weekly meetings of the Philomathean Debating Society. A favorite subject was:

"If a squirrel is on one side of a tree and a hunter is on the other side and the hunter walks around the tree but the squirrel keeps going around, too, so that he keeps the tree between him and the hunter, has the hunter gone around the squirrel?"

Those who took the affirmative side contended, "Since the hunter went around the tree, he went around everything that was on the tree; the squirrel was on the tree; therefore, the hunter went around the squirrel."

The negative side asserted, "Since the squirrel always kept the tree between him and the hunter, then the squirrel must have always had his face toward the hunter and, therefore, the hunter never got behind the squirrel; and how can you go around anything unless you have been behind it and on both sides of it?"

The world is a comedy to those

that think; a tragedy to those that feel—Walpole.

Texas is a land of vast and vaulted skies; of free winds, tremendous plains, tumbled hills and sparkling streams; of rich fields, laughing children, honest toilers and noble wives and mothers.

Ours is the only State that won her own independence, took her place among the nations of the earth, maintaining her own navy, sending and receiving ambassadors and, after holding that proud position for ten years, entered the Union and added the brightest star of all to Old Glory—the one that grandly glitters for Texas.

Our is the only State with an Alamo and a San Jacinto. And her glorious traditions are being upheld and added to every day, wherever there is a son of Texas on duty—on land or sea or in the sky.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Karnes, arriving Thursday, are Mrs. Karnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Drake of Van Horn, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Sanders of San Angelo, and her nephew, Lt. Neal Sanders, Jr.

Miss Estelle Penick of Madison, Georgia, left Tuesday after a week's visit here in the home of her nephew, J. T. Penick. Before

returning to Georgia, she will visit relatives in Terrell.

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PLENTY FISH, OYSTERS & DRESSED CHICKENS

SUGAR

PURE CANE 10 LB. BAG

65c

5 LB. BAG 33c

NO. 2 CAN Soy Beans, No Pts. 2 Cans 19c

K. B. Peanut Butter, Qt. Jar 43c

PINK SALMON, 12 Pts. Can 27c

10 1/2 OZ. BAG VANILLA WAFERS, 14c

PRIMROSE - NO. 2 CAN CORN, 10 Pts. 15c

TUNA FISH, 5 Pts. Can 28c

FIG JAM, 2 lb Jar 4 Pts. 60c

K. B. Peanut Butter, Pint Jar 25c

N. B. C. - PREMIUM CRACKERS, 2 lb Box 34c

SEEDLESS RAISINS, 4 lb Bag 8 Pts. 57c

ARMOUR STAR Vienna Sausage, 2 Pts. Can 13c

Wesson Oil, Qt. Jar 10 Pts. 61c

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WOLF CHILI, 5 Pts. Can 39c

WATER SOFTENER & BLUING RAIN DROP, Box 23c

DEODORIZES VARNISH, Can 24c

GIANT BOX CORN FLAKES, 2 For 27c

NO. 2 CAN Grape Fruit Juice, 2 Cans 23c

LARGE CAN Potted Meat, 2 Pts. 9c

Apple Juice, 1/2 Gal. Jug 49c

BABO, 2 Cans 25c

PREMIUM Mother's Oats, Box 32c

COFFEE

MARYLAND CLUB LB. BAG

34c

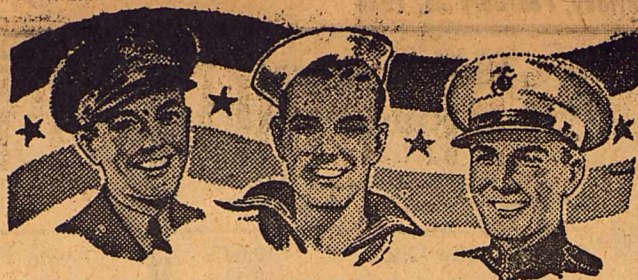
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PIGGLY WIGGLY

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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.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Locklin received the following from Lt. J. K. Shurley, stationed overseas with the Air Corps:

"Thanks ever so much for your Christmas letter. It came in the midst of a dreary spell, and it cheered me up a lot. It really is a swell thing for the folks at home to do for soldiers away from home.

"This country over here is all right to travel through, but it would be a terrible place to live. Give me West Texas any time.

"Thanks again for the Christmas and New Year's greeting."

B. M. Halbert, Sr., received the following letter from Sgt. L. D. Martinez, who is stationed overseas with the Army:

"Received your nice letter recently and was very glad to get it. Here's hoping that this letter finds you as well as always.

"Glad to hear that all of you had a nice Christmas and that you have been getting some good rains. I know how good the rains must be for the country.

"Must close now, as it is about time to 'hit the hay'."

Clyde Henderson, Jr., stationed in San Diego, California with the Navy writes the following:

"I hope this finds everyone well and in good spirits.

"I have just about finished Boot Camp now. For some time now we have been having lectures, seeing pictures and everything that will help us to get ready for the future. Along with our training, we have had a little rifle range practice and some experience with the big guns.

"The other day we went out in some whale boats and certainly had a lot of fun. The boat can hold quite a few men in case of an emergency, but we just had 14 aboard. Twelve of the men did the rowing and one the steering, while the other one helped shove off and tie at the docks. We rowed about two hours and went about five miles. It was a lot of fun.

"We were required to swim about 75 yards before we can go on recruit leave, and most of the boys in my class passed in the first week; however there are some that are still trying.

"To me washing clothes every night is a lot of fun. At about 8 o'clock the entire company turns in and cleans the barracks and everything around the place, that



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affords a lot of fun also.

"There are several boys from Texas in our company, but J. A. Nisbet and I are the only ones from Sonora.

"Our company has been on K. P. for the past 48 hours. So far, K. P. time is the only time we have a chance to wear our whites. Our other uniforms are undressed blues and leggings.

"As we don't have to have too heavy a guard here, we don't have to stand guard too often and that is fine.

"This is about all for now. I hope I will be able to spend a few days at home before long."

Mrs. H. V. Stokes received the following letter from Lt. Hattie Taylor, who is stationed in England with the Army Nurses Corps:

"How are you these days? I have thought of you often, even though I haven't written. I wish I could write as I want to, but I will have to fill in my stories when we have a chance for a long talk again. I've had many interesting experiences already and am only getting started.

"England is a very beautiful country. There were still May flowers here when I first came, and I wish you could have been here to see them. We have taken several hikes which combined training and pleasure. Too bad I'm not smart enough to write just how pretty some of those paths were. The farms and pastures are very small in comparison to ours, and each has a low fence or hedge or both around it. Everything is very clean in spite of the coal dust.

"I have been to London once and am going to meet my brother, Jimmie, there again next week. We plan to see a show or two and do some more sight-seeing. I have seen St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, etc. already. London is full of interesting places, such as those I have mentioned, but otherwise I can't say much for the place. I guess I am naturally partial to the U. S. Most of the bombed areas have been cleared in London, but many walls are still standing, and

ROLL OF HONOR



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a few of the windows in nearby buildings have been replaced. The biggest problem is trying to get around in the blackouts.

"The money system was hard to learn. The coins are about like carrying a pocketful of rocks, and the pound notes are about the size of a peso bill.

"I am living in a hut with six other girls now—two are from New York, one from Iowa, one from Michigan, one from New Mexico and the other is from Louisiana. All of them are a lot of fun. I was main fire builder at first but have taught the others how to build fires now. I hadn't had much experience using coal, but I did know how to build a fire.

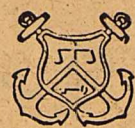
"You may think you have seen some real fogs, but these here are terrible. Just picture a fog and a blackout combined. We were five hours trying to get home from a dance (35 miles away) one night.

"I am on night duty at the present but will finish up this week. I like to work nights, except I have to get up for two hours of lecture and drill nearly every day. You should see me trying to get my pigeon toes headed in the right direction during close order drill. A fine soldier I'm making.

"There are not many things we can buy, due to rationing. Silver articles are not rationed but are very expensive, due to luxury taxes, etc. I bought a couple of antique silver bowls last week and hope I can get them home. There are no inexpensive souvenirs like we have in the States. There are many things we took for granted at home that are just not to be found here. Just be glad you live in the good old U. S. A. for more reasons than one.

"American girls are so scarce here that even an old sister like I am really gets around. Nothing like being called for in the latest model jeep or half-ton truck. When one of the officers' clubs gives a dance they send after us in a big G. I. truck. No comfort, but we do have fun. When we get in a place where the boys have not

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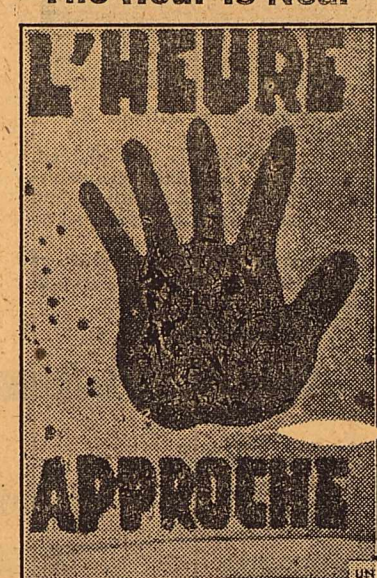
2 COAST GUARD

with a blanket for an ironing board.

"Must stop this 'gab' and get my reports written. I have been trying to get this letter written for two hours between trips out on the ward. I wish you were here to talk with me tonight, as letters are very poor substitutes.

"Give my regards to my friends in the old home town."

"The Hour is Near"



THIS POSTER, a copy of which has been smuggled out of Belgium and sent to the U. S., is pasted on walls throughout occupied Belgium by patriots. Translated from the French it reads: "The Hour is Near," meaning, of course, that the invasion of western Europe by the United Nations is imminent, and that Nazi war criminals had better remember that the day of retribution is near.

Home From The War

Seaman, 1/C L. D. Holmig, stationed with the Navy at Alameda, Calif., returned to duty Sunday after a visit of ten days here with relatives and friends. Mrs. Holmig, who came here with him, will remain here several weeks longer.

Pharmacist's Mate, 1/C W. O. Norris returned Tuesday to his station at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, after a two-day visit here with friends and relatives.

Daphne Jungk, stationed with the Army Nurse Corps at the Amarillo Army Air Field, was home on leave, visiting her mother, Mrs. Zola Jungk, from February 10 through February 13.

Visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. Alvis Johnson, is Pvt. R. W. Johnson who has recently been stationed at Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin. Pvt. Johnson will report to Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 1 for new assignment.

Business Property for Sale: Any part or all of Old Mercantile Building. Write F. B. Williams, Sierra Blanca, Texas, Bx. 224. 2-25-2tc

T. B. (Pop) Booker has bought and is now operating the Rutledge Cafe. He will appreciate your business. 2-25-2tc

E. A. WALL, NOW IN ENGLAND, IS PROMOTED

Edward A. Wall, serving with the Army in England, has recently been promoted to the rank of Private, first class, according to word received here last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wall.

Pfc. Wall, who entered the service in December, 1942, has been in overseas duty since last April, having served prior to that in both Africa and Sicily.

Air Corps Seeks Enlistment Of 17-Yr.-Olds Here

Corporal Robert M. Treadwell, representative of San Angelo Army Air Field Bombardier Aviation Cadet Examining Board, was in Sonora Wednesday in the interest of recruiting 17-year-olds for aircrew training. He praised the "fine cooperation" of the local high school officials in support of the drive to obtain enlistment in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Boys of seventeen, meeting the required qualifications, are enrolled in the Reserve but are not called until they reach their eighteenth birthdays. The advantages of such enlistment are pre-flight training from three and a half to five months at an accredited college or university, followed by instruction at airfields, either as pilot, navigator or bombardier. Cpl. Treadwell said.

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

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Mrs. J. M. Jones of College Station arrived Wednesday and will remain through today as a guest in the W. H. Dameron home.

Prelude to Graduation



No student at Texas Christian University graduates without falling down the Library steps, campus tradition says. "Some students fall down the steps several times," it is explained. "Some take the quick way down their first day as a freshman. Occasionally, one may even fall up the steps. Sometimes, just to keep the legend true, a sure-footed student must be gently pushed down the steps—just so no one will fail to graduate!" Or they fall down the steps for the benefit of the photographer, as does Miss Sara Mae Sandefer, Fort Worth senior, who is thus assured of receiving her B. S. in Commerce degree Feb. 27.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, February 26—
Mrs. O. L. Carpenter
Charles Lee Cusenbary
Sunday, February 27—
None
Monday, February 28—
Russell Ward Johnson
Tuesday, February 29—
None
Wednesday, March 1—
None
Thursday, March 2—
None
Friday, March 3—
J. S. Morgan
Sibe McKee
George Schwiening
Granville Barker
Mrs. Raymond Pipkin

Mrs. Leroy Whitworth returned Sunday night from Rocksprings and Kerrville where she had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Whitworth for the past two weeks.

Week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Allison at their Marfa ranch were John Lee Nisbet and F. J. Wood.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lovelace this week and attending services at the Church of Christ were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Miller, Roy Miller, Ross Huffstetler and Neill Huffstetler, all of Ozona.

FOR SALE: Jersey cow & 2 months-old calf C. W. West. 2tp218

Western Mattress Co. representative, J. R. Bilderback, here twice monthly. Leave name at News office. 2-25-6tp.

Back The ATTACK With BONDS

1944 Political Announcements

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The Devil's River News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

COUNTY:
For Sheriff, Assessor and Collector—
LEO E. BROWN
(Re-election)
For County Clerk—
HOWARD C. KIRBY
For County Judge—
JOHN LEE NIBET
ALVIS JOHNSON
(Reelection)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO JUAN ROBLES, Greetings:
YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 20th day of March 1944, before the Honorable District Court of Sutton County, at the Court House in Sonora, Texas, which said plaintiff's petition was filed in said Court on the 3rd day of February, 1944, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 956, wherein Manuela Hidalgo Robles is plaintiff, and Juan Robles is defendant, the style of the case being Manuela Hidalgo Robles versus Juan Robles, being suit for divorce and custody of minor children, the said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married July 4, 1926, and lived together as man and wife until 1939, when she separated from him because of unkind, cruel and harsh treatment, the plaintiff being beaten by defendant, and defendant being guilty of such excesses, cruel treatment and outrages against plaintiff of such nature as to render their further living together insupportable; that four children were born to them, a girl by the name of Enriquita Robles, 16 years old, a boy by the name of Pedro Robles, 13 years old, a boy by the name of Leonardo Robles, 8 years old, and a boy by the name of Bonifacio Robles, 5 years old, and plaintiff prays for the custody of said minor children under 16 years of age.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Sonora, Texas, this 3rd day of February.

(Signed) J. D. Lowrey
Clerk of the District Court,
Sutton County, Texas.

A true copy, I certify:

(Signed) Leo E. Brown
Sheriff, Sutton County, Texas.

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IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE RATIONING PROGRAM

THE INTRODUCTION OF TOKENS INTO THE RATIONING PROGRAM FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 27, 1944. MERCHANTS WILL RECEIVE TOKENS FROM BANKS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 17.

ALL COUPONS (OR STAMPS), REGARDLESS OF NUMBERS PRINTED ON THEM, WILL AUTOMATICALLY HAVE A POINT VALUE OF 10 POINTS AFTER FEBRUARY 27, 1944.

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