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## WITH THE COLORS

### IF WE WERE IN ENGLAND, BOYS, WE'D LOOK UP THIS PRETTY NURSE FROM HICO

Naomi J. Jones, 2nd Lt., Army Nurse Corps, on duty in England for the past few months, got a break last week when she was detailed with a plane load of injured men to fly back to the States. As quick as the plane landed in New York and she could excuse herself, she arranged for plane transportation and came to Texas for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones, at Hamilton. She departed for Dallas Sunday, being carried to Stephenville by her parents and her brother, Myrlin, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ardis Jones, of Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tudor of Hico. She had also visited here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks.

Naomi, who is a 1938 graduate of Hico High School, finished her nurse's training at Harris Memorial Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth shortly before entering the service. She says she likes her work fine, and has had many interesting experiences.

Not long ago she was allowed the use of a plane for the evacuation unit with which she had been serving, and took a trip to another part of England for a visit with her brother, Pvt. Ardis A. Jones, who is with a transportation unit. They have another brother, Melvin, who is with the Merchant Marine. He was last stationed in Florida, but has been moving around considerably.

Lieutenant Jones really deserves a better story on her interesting work, but her pop-call on the editor's family Sunday to arrange for the old home paper to be sent to her in England was so short that she left us breathless. Or maybe it was her chic appearance and her charming manner that made us forget to ask any questions, but she did show several sovereigns, and before departing had us gather up all the old copies of the News Review we could find, so she could read about her old home in between plane hops.

### TIT, TUT, TOMMIE—HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOU MAIL FROM HICO?

"Mail-Hungry 36th Sends Most of Its Letters Home to Texas, but Wants More in Return" was the headline on a front-page article last Sunday from Italy, written by Wick Fowler, staff correspondent. We just knew we were going to find something about a local lad in the article, and sure enough we did, but he got all mixed up and forgot to say he was from the right place.

S/Sgt. Thomas A. Hoffman was among the mail clerks referred to in the article, and the writer was technically right when he said that Tommy used to work in Dallas and that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marcum, now live at Bellville. But we'll bet Tommie also mentioned Hico somewhere along the line, and that Wick Fowler got his notes mixed up.

Anyhow we are expecting word from Sergeant Hoffman soon, for he is on record as a capable and loyal reporter. Since he says the boys over there enjoy getting mail, he ought to realize that we folks over here like to hear from the lads on the front line. And he can send greetings to a lot of people at one time through the Hico paper, which he still thinks enough of to keep it coming to him.

What say, Tommie?

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Winston Bullard and baby, Jo Ann, of San Francisco, Calif., left Wednesday after a few days' visit here with his mother, Mrs. Ella Bullard. They went from here to Denton, where they will visit Mrs. Bullard's mother, Mrs. Ruth Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordan received a letter this week from their son, Royal Jordan, S 2/c, who gets his mail in care of the postmaster at San Francisco, saying that he had reached land, and that the weather was warm and very damp. He added that he had eaten quite a few coconuts.

That submarine O. W. Hefner Jr. helped build and fit out will really float and run. His dad has had a letter from him saying he saw Raymond and that they were together for 4 hours somewhere in the Pacific. The brothers are both Yeomen, O. W. first-class and Raymond second-class.

Mrs. Jerry (Pittman) Smith has responded to a plea for the correct address on the paper she sends to her brother, Sgt. Robert A. Pittman, with Weapons Company of the U. S. Marines out of San Francisco. She added a note that Bob was in combat in the attack on Eniwetok, but said he escaped without any injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crist heard from both their sons this week, who are in England. Pvt. Duane Crist wrote that they were only 50 miles apart and hoped to have a visit with each other soon. Pvt. Harrold Crist was writing his letter on Easter, and said he was sitting in some beautiful green grass and was wondering if the homelinks were having

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## Over 1500 Farms Step Up Production With REA Assistance

The Erath County Electric Cooperative Association, Stephenville, has completed five years of supplying electric service to farmers and other rural consumers in this area on May 6, according to Manager G. A. Tunnell.

Since the Cooperative's lines were first energized in 1939, it has brought electricity at cost to 1501 consumers who are now able to use power to help increase production of food for the war. Farms served by the Cooperative have increased from 987 to 1215 during the past year.

War Production Board regulations since January, 1943, have authorized the connection to rural power lines of nearby farms able to use electrical equipment in livestock, dairy and poultry production. Farms connected to the Cooperative's lines under WPB regulations use water pumps for livestock, chick brooders, and other electrical labor-saving and food-production devices.

Mr. Tunnell said that C. A. Ward of Dublin had made an outstanding record with a 70 per cent increase in production over last year. This increase was made possible by the use of electricity. However, Mr. Ward is only one of many on the Cooperative's lines who have made substantial increases in the past year.

Mr. Tunnell reported that the Cooperative is meeting its obligations on its construction loans, after putting adequate funds in a reserve for maintenance of its facilities. REA has advanced the Cooperative \$632,015.00 on its construction allotments as of March 31, 1944. Principal and interest repaid by the Cooperative on its construction loans amounted to \$65,122.00, which is considerably more than the 25-year amortization schedule demanded. In addition, the Cooperative has invested \$40,000.00 in War Bonds, notes, and material as a reserve for emergency and for later maintenance.

## High School Canning Instruction Center Will Open May 22

Opening of the High School Canning Instruction Center has been definitely set for Monday, May 22. It has been announced by E. C. Bramlett, Agriculture teacher, who is in charge of this project.

"The contribution that home-canned food makes to the war effort should not be minimized," Mr. Bramlett said, "and to make the best use of complete canning budget should be outlined well in advance of the canning season."

Last season, many citizens with little canning experience made the mistake of loading their pantry shelves with a great many cans of a few items, and have since discovered that they are overstocked with these foods and understocked with many foods that would help to give variety to the family meal.

"Even though a complete canning program calls for variety," stated the local instructor of Vocational Agriculture, "there are a few vegetables that should come first in every canner's plan. After provisions have been made to can adequate supplies of tomatoes, snap beans, and corn, other vegetables such as beets, greens, peas, carrots etc. should be included in the canning plan."

Mrs. Slaughter will be in charge of the canning.

## Pineapple Canning Information From Home Demonstrator

Water bath method of canning is best for pineapple as well as for other fruits and tomatoes, according to Miss Thelma Keese, Hamilton County Home Demonstration Agent. "These foods are overcooked," Miss Keese said, "when processed at higher temperatures in a pressure canner, but vegetables and meats cannot be processed safely in a water bath."

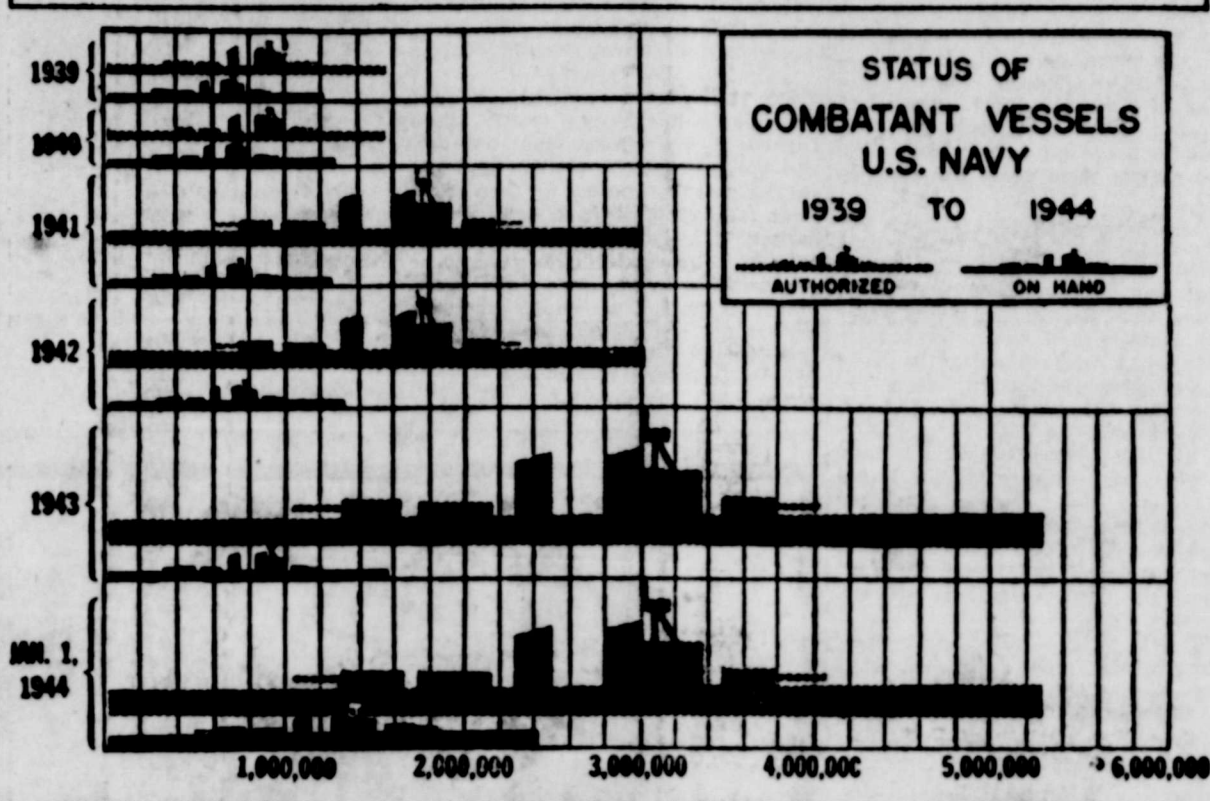
Complete instructions on how to use a water bath were enclosed in the news release from Miss Keese, but the article is too lengthy to reproduce here. A copy may be obtained from the demonstrator's office at Hamilton, or through Miss De Alva Hammons, home economics teacher at Hico High School.

## WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by L. L. Hudson, local observer:

| Date                                                | Max. | Min. | Prec. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| May 3                                               | 80   | 54   | 0.00  |
| May 4                                               | 68   | 50   | 0.23  |
| May 5                                               | 75   | 41   | 0.00  |
| May 6                                               | 78   | 46   | 0.00  |
| May 7                                               | 83   | 53   | 0.00  |
| May 8                                               | 81   | 63   | 0.25  |
| May 9                                               | 83   | 55   | 0.00  |
| Total precipitation so far this year, 13.13 inches. |      |      |       |

## U. S. Naval Strength From 1939 to Date



WASHINGTON.—The above chart prepared from figures in the report of Adm. Ernest J. King, commander in chief, U. S. navy, to the late Navy Secretary Frank Knox, shows the proportion of our warships authorized since 1939 and those on hand as of January 1, 1944. In short, of the 5,300,000 tons ordered, 2,600,000 tons have been delivered. The completion of this gigantic program will give the U. S. the heaviest fleet in history.

## Hico Superintendent On Leave of Absence Talks to Students

Captain Harry T. Pinson, superintendent on leave of absence while serving in the Army, received a hearty welcome from the Hico High School students Thursday afternoon in assembly when he spoke to them about "Education in the Army" and explained the use of some of the weapons he demonstrated.

He told of the importance of various high school subjects in the Army and displayed a report card of the record of a service man. He enumerated the fears which drive a man out of combat, and pointed out some of the things which drive him into it. Then Captain Pinson explained several weapons: a hand grenade, projectile for a bazooka, gas mask, tank-penetrating shell, etc. He closed his speech by giving small shells to two boys and answering the questions of the audience.

Captain Pinson was home on leave before being sent to Fort Ord, California. He and five other men from the tank destroyer center at Camp Hood were selected for special duty as convoy officers.

## FLOWERS EVANGELISTIC PARTY



REV. R. L. FLOWERS



MRS. R. L. FLOWERS

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Flowers of Denton will begin a revival meeting at the Methodist church in Hico on June 4.

This party of experienced evangelists will arrive on the 31st of May and will hold meetings with various organizations and leaders of the church for four days in preparation for a one-week intensive program. The first four days will be for workers only.

The full week of June 4-11 will be devoted to public services for the entire community.

## Plan Orderly Disposal of U. S. Surplus War Property

### CIVILIANS TO GET GOODS SERVICES NO LONGER NEED

### Seek to Protect Business in Distribution.

One of the big problems confronting the nation centers in the disposal of surplus war goods without disrupting the normal production and distribution system, and already the government under the active leadership of Surplus War Property Administrator William L. Clayton has moved to assure an orderly marketing of such material.

Even though government sales of surplus goods have not entered into important stages, monthly disposals already approximate \$12,000,000. And with war contracts being constantly terminated, the question of moving surplus materials out of the plants to make way for other war work or reconversion to civilian production has come to the fore.

Besides disposing of surplus goods in such a way as not to impair the position of producers and distributors, and of clearing the decks for other output, Clayton also has been charged with the all important task of realizing a maximum return on the material for the government. To accomplish this, Clayton's Surplus War Property Administration has formulated broad policies to cover certain disposal programs,

with officials encouraged to arrange sales within the limits prescribed.

In drawing up a plan for the disposal of surplus war goods, the SWPA's first concrete approach to the problem concerned the sale of material left over from the termination of cancelled war contracts.

Under the first step in this program, materials of any type may be sold at the best price obtainable if left over from a contract where the claim against the government for settlement of the cancellation is below \$10,000. Small quantities of materials not exceeding \$1,000 at any one location also may be disposed of at the best prices, providing that the officer in charge of the agency cancelling the contract makes a test of the market as a basis for the sale.

Raw materials may be sold at the going market price in commercial lots where there is an established market. In cases of usable property which cannot be disposed of in excess of 75 per cent of the cost or the market price, sales may be arranged at the highest bid available, providing the buyer agrees to use it for manufacture, maintenance or repair, and not resell it at a profit.

To officials of the agencies cancelling contracts will fall the responsibility for determining what material which cannot be used in any manufacturing operation is to be sold as scrap, providing the property does not exceed \$50,000, in which case the transaction will be subject to review. Where the going price cannot be obtained for certain types of scrap, bids will be asked.

In all cases where the government's contracting officials cannot sell the surplus goods on reasonable terms, the goods will be turned over to one of five disposal agencies designated by the SWPA.

chinery, etc.; the War Food administration; food; the treasury, consumers goods; the maritime commission, ships and related equipment; and the war department, munitions.

Experts to Advise. All told, surplus goods will be divided into 12 classifications, it was reported, with expert business men in each category appointed to advise Clayton on the manner of distributing the goods.

Each agency, however, will be asked to formulate its own policy on selling the surplus goods, either by auction, negotiation or advertised sales. Clayton's appointment to supervise the disposal of surplus war goods and create a coordinated program for such distribution, followed upon the report that the army had arranged for the sale of many items, ranging from miscellaneous rubber material to tools.

Although the problem of surplus goods really will become acute after the war ends and the greater part of the army is demobilized, it already has reached formidable proportions because of the need for the maximum amount of equipment at all times and the changing requirements of war making some of the equipment superfluous.

Clayton's appointment to head the SWPA put a trained business man into a ticklish job. Close friend of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones who is a financial power in the South, Clayton was an outstanding cotton broker before entering government service in 1940 in the office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. During World War I, Clayton served as a member of the committee on cotton distribution.

As head of a brokerage firm which bought 14 per cent of all the cotton produced in the world, Clayton first gained prominence for his fight with the New York Cotton exchange over the latter's purchase of the staple for New York delivery at prices reflecting higher rail costs, which he deemed excessive.

## Hamilton Woman Makes Announcement For County Treasurer

To the Voters of Hamilton Co.: In this issue of the News Review, you will find my announcement for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic Primary. I solicit your vote and support because I feel that I am qualified for the place and believe that I can serve the people of Hamilton County in an acceptable way in this office.

For the benefit of those who might not know me, I will say I am the widow of the late B. F. Williams and have lived in this county and the city of Hamilton since 1896. I was first employed in the law offices of Mr. A. R. Eldson after taking a course in business training. I worked for Mr. Eldson until I married.

My husband, who was well known here, was in the gin business prior to his death. I operated a business of my own for nine years and for the past six years have been employed at Geo. B. Scott's Dry Goods Store. So I feel that I am thoroughly qualified for the place I seek.

I shall make an effort to see each voter personally before the campaign ends and I earnestly ask a serious consideration of my claims. I invite you to ask anyone who knows me as to my character and qualifications and I assure you that I will appreciate any help you may give me.

Yours Sincerely,  
MRS. B. F. (CORDA) WILLIAMS.

## Governor Calls For Greater Effort In Collection of Fats

Austin, Texas, May 10.—Texas has raised by 34 per cent of attaining its quota of salvaging household fats, Governor Coke Stevenson was advised this week by the War Production Board. "A greater effort in this direction must be made," the communication stated.

"A large source of our supply of fats was cut off with the Japanese occupation of the Philippines and Dutch East Indies which stopped imports from the Far East. This has presented a crucial problem in the manufacturing of explosives for the Allied Nations, and the public will have to salvage almost two billion pounds of grease annually to make up for the deficit in that amount caused by the Japanese conquests," the WPB statement continued.

"In behalf of this vital problem I urge every Texas housewife to save at least one tablespoon of fat daily. I urge every butcher to accept the fats and to see that they reach the nearest rendering," Governor Stevenson said. "In every community there should be a local salvage chairman to answer any questions regarding this collection. In the event there is none, your county judge or mayor can give you the necessary information," he continued.

## CHANGE IN KATY AGENTS

C. S. McNeely, MKT agent at Hico for the past two years and more, last Saturday assumed his new duties as agent for the Katy at Dublin, which is also served by two other railroads, the Wichita Falls & Southern, and the Santa Fe. G. R. Thurman, formerly depot ticket agent at Waco, is serving at Hico as relief agent for the present. Earl B. Moore, former agent at Dublin, was transferred to Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeely moved to their new home at Dublin this week. They will be missed here, as they had made many friends during their altogether-too-short local residence, and had taken an active part in civic and social affairs. The best wishes of their hosts of friends will follow them.

## STATE SENATOR VISITS

State Senator Karl L. Lovelady of Meridian was in Hico Thursday for a short while. While here he said he had accepted a recent invitation which he considered an honor in which the people of his district would be interested. Senator Lovelady was invited by Dr. T. D. Brooks, head of the School of Education at Texas A. & M. College, to bring a talk before the statewide meeting of school administrators on the meaning of school laws of the state.

The three-day meeting is to be held at College Station on May 27, 28, and 29, and Senator Lovelady's talk is scheduled for the last day.

## SINGING AT CARLTON

Next Sunday, May 14, at 2 o'clock the Carlton Singing Class meets for its regular singing at the Carlton Baptist Church.

The Roberson Girls' Quartette of Stephenville will be on the program, according to J. W. Jordan, and many other good singers are expected. It is hoped that a good crowd will be on hand. The general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

A Success Motto:  
"Never forget a Customer . . . and never let him forget you."

## Precinct Convention Reflects Only Slight Interest In Politics

If attendance at the precinct Democratic convention in Hico last Saturday may be taken as an indication of interest in politics, local voters aren't especially worried about anything. A handful met at City Hall at the appointed time, selected delegates to the county convention, and passed over other business including resolutions and instructions.

The Hamilton Herald-News reported that Tuesday's county convention instructed delegates to the State Convention at Austin, slated for May 23, for Roosevelt by a majority of three to one. Other resolutions endorsed the policies of the Administration in the prosecution of the war, and endorsed San Rayburn as a candidate for the vice-presidency.

Named as delegates to the State convention, where Hamilton county will have 11 votes, were: H. W. (Bill) Allen, Miss Winnie Hampton, G. C. McAnelly, Coy Perry, Rev. J. D. West, and Mrs. Geo. Golightly. Hamilton: Frank Falls and Roland Holford, Hico: J. B. Curry, Carlton: W. G. Kennedy, Olin, and Emmett Morris, Gentry's Mill.

Republicans were to hold their conventions in the precinct and in the county on corresponding dates, but no report on same has been submitted to the News Review.

## Recruits From Hico Sought by Hamilton Civil Air Patrol

A Civil Air Patrol unit is being organized at Hamilton for the purpose of teaching the elementary principles of aeronautics without expense to young men and women of the county. A. G. Thompson, local pilot, has been named flight leader and the unit has been affiliated with the Waco squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

Classes will be taught in navigation, meteorology, airplane construction, and design, military courtesy and discipline, radio and Morse code. Civil Air Patrol regulations and kindred subjects.

"We are interested in giving the people of this county who are interested in flying, a chance to get off some of the necessary work required before they can become pilots," Mr. Thompson said, "and the instruction we give will be recognized by the Army."

There are two units, senior and junior, the first open to those 18 and over, the other to young people from 15 to 17. Any who are interested are asked to contact Virgil Santy, warrant officer, Hamilton, Texas, or A. G. Thompson, flight leader, Hamilton.

Mr. Thompson said Thursday: "I hope we can get a large number of recruits from Hico and we will be glad to extend to them every facility at our command as well as every courtesy."

## Everett's Tailor Shop Has Been Bought by S. O. Eider of Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett this week reported the sale of their tailor shop to S. O. Eider of Dallas, who assumed management of the shop Thursday. Mr. Eider has had 20 years' experience in the dry cleaning business, having been employed at Big Spring, Lubbock, and in West Texas oil towns for about 11 years before going to Dallas in 1935, where he has been connected with the Elder Dry Cleaners since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Eider and two daughters, Imogene, 12, and Genelle, 11, and their niece, Mrs. J. W. Blakely, moved to Hico this week and are making their home at present in the Pete Johnson residence on the hill. Mrs. Blakely will be associated with them in the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett are not leaving Hico but expect to devote the next few weeks to a much-needed rest, before making their future plans. They have operated the tailoring business here for the past six and a half years.

## Boy Scouts Invite Public to Court of Honor On May 18

The Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held on the night of May 18, at the City Hall Auditorium. All of the public are invited to attend.

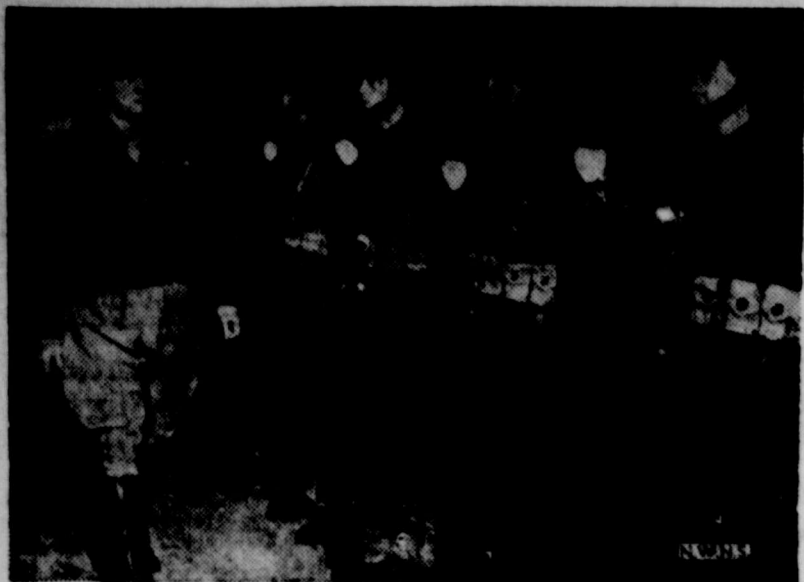
All troops of the county are to be here.

R. B. JACKSON, Scoutmaster.

Manufacturers of ice cream are permitted to make more and richer cream during May and June in anticipation of a heavier-than-usual production of milk during that period.



## Patton in Britain for Invasion Job



Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., who commanded the U. S. Seventh army in the Sicilian campaign, is shown inspecting U. S. troops in Britain shortly after his arrival in this theater for duty. General Patton, who is acknowledged as one of the finest of the Allied field generals, will probably have an important part in the invasion of western Europe.

## The Mirror

Published by Students of Hico High School

Editor ..... Carolyn Holford

### REPORTERS:

Senior ..... Elva Jo Rainwater Sophomore ..... Paul Wolfe  
Junior ..... Patsy Pinson Freshman ..... Frances Angell

### SENIOR CLASS WILL

I, Mary Nell Ellington, do bequeath my ability in Latin to Virginia Coston.

I, Carolyn Holford, do bequeath my job as editor to Patsy Pinson. I, Shirley Ince, do bequeath my ability to work on radios to Donald Hefner.

I, Dixie Littleton, do bequeath my ability to run to Marie Nix.

I, Billy McKenzie, do bequeath my ability to get along with girls to Harold L. Norrod and Bobby McClarty.

I, Louise Noland, do bequeath my ability to act to Mildred Reilhan.

I, Anita Oakley, do bequeath my ability to be quiet to Ada Lee Grimes and Don Griffiths.

I, La Verne Phillips, do bequeath my ability to work in the telephone office to LuDell Miller.

I, Inez Shipman, do bequeath my ability to sew to Windall Seago and Clovis Grant.

I, Margie Lee Simons, do bequeath my neatness to James Ray Bobo.

I, Wyvonne Slaughter, do bequeath my ability to flirt to Mary Nell Jones.

I, Jimmie Ruth Thompson, do bequeath my ability to answer telephone calls in the office to Mary Jane Barrow.

I, Billy Jean Williamson, do bequeath my ability to write letters, talk and still sit on the front seat in English class to Marguerite Lewis and Dalphine Howerton.

I, Mary Ona Whitson, do bequeath my dark hair and eyes to Lorene Hyles.

I, Elva Jo Rainwater, do bequeath my ability to type to Elvena Gliesecke.

### SENIORS ENJOY TRIP TO WACO

Last Monday morning the Seniors decided to go to Waco on their trip because of financial difficulties which prevented a trip to San Antonio. Tuesday morning the drug store was filled with Senior girls and their teachers waiting for the 8 o'clock bus. All were able to go but four—two boys and two girls.

On the trip, they saw many interesting things, including the Browning Room, Judge Baylor's Collection, the Texas Collection, and the Model Theater, all at Baylor University. Tuesday night, they went skating and later went to the show, "Up In Arms." They spent the night at the Raleigh Hotel.

Wednesday afternoon about six o'clock they arrived home, having had such a good time in Waco that they hated to leave.

### HICO HIGH BAND GOES TO DUBLIN RODEO

Sunday, April 30, the Hico High School Band with some Fredell boys and girls to help, started out for the Dublin Rodeo in the rain. When they arrived at Dublin, it was still raining and the parade was put off.

After lunch, in spite of the rain, the band got together on the streets and played several numbers before going out to the Rodeo grounds.

### ASSEMBLY

Students of the Hico Public Schools were entertained Thursday afternoon by the sixth grade.

The program was announced by Pat Duzan. A skit, "We the People" was the first number, consisting of six boys and six girls representing American Ideals. They were Flannery Ballard as "American Farmer", Bobby Ratliff as "American Industry", Barbara Rodgers as "Spirit of Education", Joan Brooks as "Cultural Side", Juanita Herring as "Religious Freedom", Billy Alexander as "American Home", Fred and Mary Jane Thomas as "American Children", and Gordon Gregory as "Uncle Sam". Also in the cast were Betty

was presented by Mary Jane Thrash.

The program was concluded with a hilarious rendition of "Sam's Letter" by Fred Ray Noland.

After a few announcements by Bro. Thrash, assembly was dismissed.

### SENIORS ENTERTAINED WITH PARTY

The Seniors were entertained at a party sponsored by the Hico Review Club Friday night. The gymnasium was decorated in the form of a ship, with Rev. Thrash as the captain. As each couple arrived, they walked up a gang plank, which was placed at the side entrance of the gym. After the Seniors and their guests went to their tables, Captain Thrash welcomed them.

A race was run to see who could get the name, age, weight, address, etc. of each person there. The four who got the most names had to sing. After that, each group at a table made up a fish story, and one person from each table had to tell it.

Another race was run to see who could think of the most words with "ship" in them. The group that won got a stick of candy. Mrs. Woodward played the piano while the Seniors and their dates sang old songs before going back to their tables and eating "chow."

Among the guests were two ex-students of Hico High School, Aviation Cadet Sam Abel who is now serving his country in the Naval Air Corps, and George Stringer who is awaiting his call to the service. Everyone was happy to see these two, and hopes they enjoyed the party as much as the Seniors did.

Thanks to the ladies and Rev. Thrash for a most enjoyable evening.

This was the last meeting of the Review Club until next Fall.

### WHO SAID?

Who said Billy Jean had stopped working at the show? She was still working Sunday night.

Who said the Bookkeeping class wasn't going to have another practice set to work up?

Who said Billy McKenzie didn't go on the Senior trip because he was the only boy? Wonder what could have been more important in Meridian than in Waco.

Who said the Seniors weren't going to have a cakewalk Saturday?

Who said Miss Hammons didn't have someone to lead the March at

the party Friday night? It seems like Windall is getting better.

Who said Patsy couldn't write good news? If you believe this, get out your last week's paper and read the Mirror.

Who said the Seniors had enough money to go to San Antonio?

Who said Paul Kenneth didn't like eggs? Oh, well, he likes the people who sell them, anyway.

Thought of the week: There are gains for all our losses.

### Poem of the week:

"Your eyes' blue depths are lifted,  
With love and friendship strived—  
And happily, lost in dreaming.  
I cannot speak a word!"

Scandal of the Week: Billy Keeney spent the night with the Holfords to get away from the rats.

Do you know anything about your insurance policy with the United States Government or do you realize that the Government is carrying such a policy for you and your family? Well, it is. As a wage earner, it is being paid for at the rate of 1 per cent on each dollar you receive in wages. Your employer is paying an equal amount for you. For details concerning this life insurance policy call on your nearest Social Security board office.

## Coxey Bobs Up Again



Ninety-year-old "General" Jacob S. Coxey makes a speech from the Capitol steps in Washington, where, 50 years ago to the day, police dispersed his 450-man "army" and jailed him for trespass. "I come as a one-man army now," General Coxey said, a little sadly.

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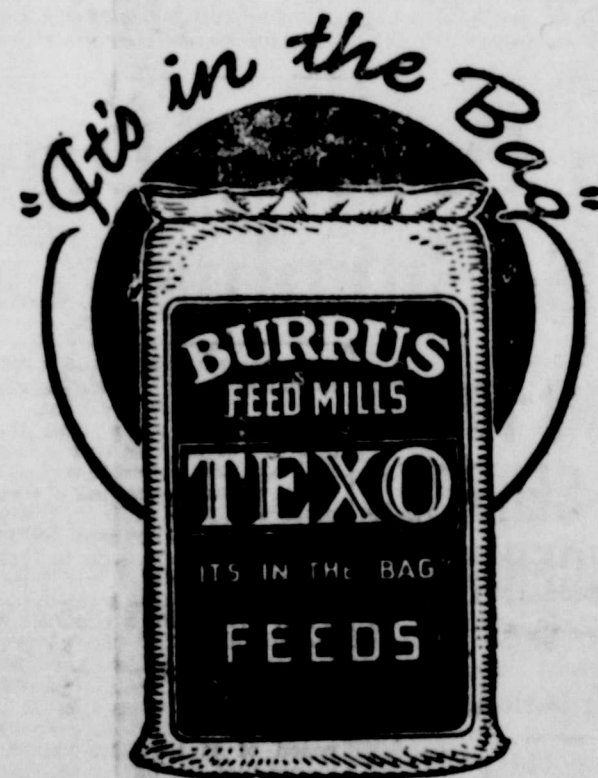
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Of course, shopping for the homemaker isn't easy in these days of high prices and scarcities—bargains, she knows, are few and far between. But there's one bargain she has reason to appreciate and that is her Lone Star Gas Service. It is ready to serve her when she needs heat for cooking, water heating, house heating or refrigeration at a cost less than at beginning of the war.

Lone Star rates were reduced in a period of rising prices. The service is now one of the few items of household expense which costs less today than at beginning of the war.

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# Flood Drives Wichita Citizens From Homes



Flood waters from Little Arkansas river drove thousands of families from their homes in Wichita, Kan. This scene on East Douglas avenue, 13 blocks from the downtown business area, shows hundreds of cars stranded in deep water, and blocking the path of a fire truck en route to a fire. Firemen are laying hose from the truck.

## IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Miss Syble Pylant, who works in Dallas, spent Tuesday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and children spent the past Sunday in Bluff Dale with her mother, Mrs. Long.

Mr. Bill Dawson of San Angelo is visiting his sister, Mrs. McAden, and his brother, Allen Dawson.

Mrs. Della Phillips and her mother, Mrs. Squires, returned last Thursday from Crystal City, where they had visited for three weeks.

Mrs. J. L. Spencer of Hico is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Tidwell.

Bascom Mitchell Jr., who is in John Tarleton College at Stephenville, spent the week end here.

Pvt. G. W. Wilson and wife of Fort Worth spent the past week end here.

Mrs. J. R. Frank received word this week that her husband, Staff Sergeant Frank, was in a hospital with a broken leg. She and her baby are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owens. He is in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Frennie Spencer of Glen Rose spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Tidwell.

Miss Norma Jean Cavanessa of Waco spent the week end here.

Mrs. Greenwade got a letter Saturday from her son, Carlthal, that he had landed safely in England and was O. K. He left from New York, where he had been stationed for some time.

Mrs. Jim Luckie of near Hico visited Mrs. T. M. Tidwell Friday. She also visited her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Luckie, and children.

Mrs. Vella Harris of Fort Worth spent the week end here.

Mr. Kent Appleby of Clifton spent Saturday with her grandmother, Mrs. Harris.

Miss Peggy June Tidwell spent the week end in Dallas.

Mrs. W. D. Spencer and her brother-in-law of Breckenridge spent the week end here with relatives and friends.

The former Miss Foy Davis of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis.

Mrs. Moore of Glen Rose is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. Wilma Basham and her sister, Miss Faye Hensley, were in Stephenville Friday.

Mrs. C. P. Hall of Overton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clardy.

Mrs. Bessie Bandy visited Mrs. T. M. Tidwell Friday. She lives in the Chalk Mountain community.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and children of Valley Mills spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Allen and family. They were accompanied by their father.

Mrs. Bosarth, who has been visiting Mrs. Homer Goddin, returned to her home in Llano Sunday.

been for five weeks. Her daughters, Mrs. Eva Crump and Miss Mae Chaffin, brought her home. They were accompanied by a girl friend.

Willie Davenport of Paris spent the week end with Lamoine Fuller.

Mrs. W. R. Newsom and Mrs. Horace Whitley and son were in Hico Monday.

Mr. Quince Fouts left Sunday for San Diego, California, to visit his son before he leaves for overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pylant of Dallas visited his parents over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noel and son of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Goddin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Appleby of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Appleby of Waco, Mr. Roy Harris, Automotive Advisor with the Army Ground Forces of Camp Polk, La., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris and Mrs. Billy Echols of Fort Worth, Mrs. Roy Harris and daughter, Mrs. Bookie Mixon of Houston, spent Sunday with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. A. L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Conley and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell also spent the day. All had a fine time.

Friday night some girls and boys were in a car on the north side of town. Wilma Ray Burns closed the car door and a piece of glass flew out and struck Susie Freeman on the leg, above the knee, which sure did bleed. She was taken to the doctor and the leg was soon bound up. She is getting along nicely. She will be in bed from it for a few days. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

A large crowd was out Sunday morning to hear Rev. Williamson preach. All are well pleased with him, seems to be a fine preacher. Rev. Cundiff dismissed services at the Baptist church Sunday night. A large crowd was there. Everyone sure likes the new preacher and his wife. We as church members should stay by him and help him all we can in every way we can, for he cannot run the church by himself. All the members must help, and then we will have a live church.

James Cooper, who worked in Fort Worth, is visiting his parents in Spring Creek community. He will go in the Navy this week.

Mrs. Ralph Bradley received a telephone message Tuesday of last week that his father had died at Stephenville, with burial Thursday.

day, Mr. T. M. Tidwell, Mrs. Stacy Tidwell and Mrs. Jerry Phillips attended the funeral. Perhaps there were others, but I failed to get the names. A large floral offering from friends here was sent to the funeral. Mr. Bradley has the sympathy of his friends.

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Curtis Wright, and little son, Curtis Glenn. They remained until after lodge meeting Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burney were also in our midst Saturday night. Mr. Burney came out to attend lodge, while Mrs. Burney visited with friends.

Mrs. Brittle Little visited from Saturday until Sunday in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Dickerson, in the Percilville community.

The social committee of the First Baptist Church request me to announce that there will be a Mother's Day program at the Fairy gymnasium Sunday night, May 14th, at 8:45 p. m. given by the First Baptist Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvis Simpson and children of Fort Worth were in Fairy a while Saturday afternoon greeting old friends. Mrs. Simpson is the former Wynell Blacklock.

E. M. Hoover came near having serious damage to his truck and contents last week when he was hauling a load of oats covered by a tarpaulin to Fort Worth. He stopped on the outskirts of town to put in a phone call, and as he alighted from his truck he thought he smelled the odor of burning rags. He looked and saw nothing, and went across the street to put in the call. He heard the fire alarm as usual in towns, but thought nothing of it and when he returned to his truck he found the fire trucks gathered around his truck. A bystander who had discovered the blaze had turned in the alarm. The tarpaulin was destroyed and the truck bed was damaged some by the fire. It was supposed someone carelessly threw a cigarette stub which landed on the tarpaulin, as Mr. Hoover doesn't smoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sellheimer of Fort Worth and Miss Peggy Ruth Allison of Waco were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison Sr. and Texie Dell. E. C. Sellheimer is the former Miss Tommie Jo Allison.

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## LIFE SPAN

The expression "the first hundred years are the hardest" is getting closer and closer to being an actuality, according to life insurance statisticians. The life span, it seems, is approaching the century mark by leaps and bounds and, if it continues at the present rate, by the year 2044 practically everybody will live to be 100.

The statistics show that where the average life span was 49 years in 1900 (the average taking into consideration babies that die at birth), the normal length of life today is about 85 years.

This information may be cheering to those who want to have an extra 20 years added to their lives, but the statistics are most important as a yardstick for measuring the accomplishments of medicine, of science and of accident prevention work.

They show, beyond question, that great strides have been made in these fields since the beginning of the century and should be inspiring to those who are endeavoring to provide us with still better health and safety in the future.

## MIRACLE HOMES

There has been so much talk about the "Miracle Home" of the future, that a lot of us are beginning to wonder if it would be impractical, immediately after the war, to consider building an ordinary home when one that runs by push buttons and can be built for a song may be just around the corner.

But a recent survey of the building trade indicates that the miracle home, like the miracle automobile of the future, will be a matter of gradual development — each year's model will be a slight improvement on the previous one.

Furthermore, the improvements that do come along will be ones that can be added to old homes as well as to new.

Among the things which we can look for soon after the war—which might not be considered of the miracle variety—are larger windows and wider use of glass for better lighting, more built-in storage space, better designed kitchens, built-in furniture and improved landscaping. That is as much as the building trade is ready to promise now.

## THESE ARE OUR JEWELS

The approach of the war's third Mother's Day brings back to us a legend we first read in a dog-eared history book during our school days. Intervening years have somewhat dimmed its details for us, but not its meaning.

Many centuries ago, when the citizens of Rome were called upon to lend their wealth and precious gems to the support of their warring government, the mother of the Gracchus family—a family that was to become great in Roman history—called her strapping sons to her side and gave them into the service of their country with the words, "These are my jewels."

It is a coincidence of war and history that American boys are fighting now in the same land where the mother of the Gracchus spoke for all mothers of soldiers. For the mothers of America have also given their "jewels"—stalwart young fighting men—gems with the strength of granite.

But what about Mother herself? Does she not have her own gemlike qualities? Is she not, to every mother's son of us, as constant as diamonds, as matchless as perfect pearls? For many years, from her sons and daughters, she has been receiving Mother's Day cards that praise her enduring virtues, but certainly this year such sentiments speak of love grown even deeper through another year of war, and thus another year of separation from her own. We think of the millions of American Mothers who

go determinedly about their self-assigned jobs of making happy homes, and pretending that John's room and Mary's room are not empty for the duration. It seems to us that every delicate flowered Mother's Day greeting card, with its tribute to Mother's steadfast love, says in effect, what all of us believe—that Mother is also a jewel, set in a 22 karat heart.—Ex.

## THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

### MOTHER'S DAY:

The potential power of the present American Army is Mother. The rock upon which all humanity stands is Mother.

Life may lend us many different things—flowers, sunsets, rainbows, and stars in lots of many thousands, but life will never lend us a Mother. Life gives us a mother to keep for so many years and then, when she no longer is here, we are able to keep the memory of her forever and always. Regardless of how much trouble would come to you today, remember how patiently your mother would untangle the threads—think of the fine way that she would play her part.

Can you remember when you started out to school the first day? Who sent you off with a smile and assurance that everything would be all right?

Who did without new clothes so that you might make a good appearance at the school party? There is only one answer to most any question that you could ask yourself—that answer is Mother!

Mothers opinions of things may not be exactly up to date, but you can rest assured that her way is the sure way.

Mothers have always been—will always be—the big guiding star that lights the way for all the world.

It is only through a Mother's love that we are able to see clearly the light of an endless day.

### WELL, WHAT IS IT?

The front door swung open and Mrs. Flibberty rushed into the room after a shopping trip. Her husband, who in this brief respite had dropped off to sleep in the big chair in the living room, awoke with a start. He was picking up his paper, his pipe and glasses which had fallen to the floor when she rushed into the room with a big book under her arm.

"Dear," she blubbered, "I had the most peculiar experience—nothing like it has ever happened to me before—I mean nothing like it has in a long time, if ever—I stopped in at the Lonesome Ladies' Lending Library and I'd just picked up a book when the manager—he's so nice—came up and took the book out of my hand, and what do you think he said? Well, you positively wouldn't believe it—he said he didn't think I'd like such a book—it wasn't very nice—and he said it was loathsome and vile—I mean he meant that it was almost as bad as they say it actually is out in Hollywood—really that's what he said, dear—imagine, and he's such a nice man—so quiet and so refined, and he said that no woman like myself could afford to have such a book in her home—even though she had only borrowed it from a lending library—you know how most people talk, and he said besides that it was very nasty and vile, dirty and nasty, and—"

"O. K." interrupted her husband who had suffered long enough as he reached out and took the book out of her hands and looked at it. "That's not the one I was talking about, dear. The one I was talking about was vile and—and—"

The door slammed against the door-step as the husband rushed out into the hall.

SEASONS:

I like to think of life in seasonal terms.

Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn!

Winter, as a time for resting, silent working and quiet trust.

Spring, the unquestionable time that gives evidence of new life, new opportunity.

Summer, the period of recreation without which we grow old in body and mind.

Autumn, the season of awards for work well done.

And now—that Spring is here again, we should take a fresh, new hold on life; our hearts should be freed of doubt (no matter how hard to do so).

Spring makes our hopes spring anew and with it courage, strength and braver resolves than ever before.

With some people, Spring brings only the thought of new clothes, but this is not true of all people—

There are some left who still look upward and, looking, see beyond the blue sky.

EXPECTANCY:

The life of the inventor is a great inspiration, for the inventor is always dreaming of the things he expects to do and, always under the spell of expecting the unexpected.

Expecting the unexpected is the thing that encourages so many people to keep on keeping on.

Too Late to Classify—

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## A Mother's Prayer on Mother's Day



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## Carries on for Knox



James V. Forrestal, undersecretary of the navy, leaves the home of Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox after calling to pay his respects on learning that Knox had passed away. Forrestal is now acting secretary of the navy.

## Wee Bits of JESTURE

[Opinions expressed in this weekly feature are the writers', and not necessarily those of the News Review.—ED.]

Well, folks, it looks like the editor's press got hung last week and ran through nearly every "doodad" of jesture I had. Little does he care how many years of "research" it took for me to get all those doodad-doodles "corralled." But he's a jolly good fellow, as the British put it, and if he can put up with me and that blooming press too, he must be a close second to Job.

Now, folks, we all know that war is a serious business, so serious, in fact, that even the most meagre description of its horrors would be by far out of place in this column. We do not have to seek trouble. But we must try to seek the brighter sides of life. No weapon has been, or will ever be invented that has more power than hope. Despondency breeds Defeatism and needless to say, our old Uncle Sammie hates that stuff worse than the dickens.

Take the Battle of Britain, for example. After the Dunkerque evacuation they found themselves short on weapons but long on courage. Yet with the latter, they held the Nazis at bay with one hand and used the other to tickle Uncle Sam in the ribs until they got him awake. Now when Sam gets fully aroused he can register more kicks than a "Jitter Bug" with the St. Vitus Dance. He quickly summoned some of his key industrialists and spoke to them straight from the shoulder.

"Bovs," said he, "the nan we have had has been fine, but it's time for work now. We've got a job to do—we did it before, and we can do it again!"

They took the hint and throughout our great nation the battle cry was on. The so-called "fuss-cats" that Hitler prophesied would break down in the middle, broke instead, all records in war production.

Well, maybe we Americans are one great family of "fuss-cats" even so, we be unto the stout foreign rulers who would stick their prying noses into our "family affairs."

—By PRINTIS A. NEWMAN.

## HOUSE & HOME

By MARY E. DAGUE

It's a very good idea to rotate the crops in the home garden. Put the sweet corn where you had peas last year and shuffle the crops generally. By doing this certain insects and plant diseases can be just naturally avoided.

In planting the garden, plan to have the rows run north and south in order to get maximum sunlight. Of course, if the garden is so big that you cultivate weekly with a horse and there's no turn-around on the north and south sides, you'll have to let the rows run east and west. In this case be careful about planting a tall crop beside a low one, because the tall vegetables will shade the small ones part of the day.

Garden tools aren't being made in abundance this year, although spades, spading forks, rakes and hoes are available. The number of rakes being made has been cut sharply so if you need a new rake you'd better invest at the first opportunity.

Old tools that can be repaired should be fixed up and made "to do." An old broomstick will make a new handle for the rake. Maybe not as long as you think you'd like it, but it will "do." The hoe can be sharpened to work as well as a new one.

Old, elaborate and expensive tools aren't necessary for cultivating a small garden—or even a large one. For the small garden, a spade or spading fork, a hoe, a steel rake and a line with two stakes for laying out the rows are about the only things needed in the soil. Take out the spade and the earth flaps back around the roots. Any plant that has a fibrous root can be set out this way.

A wheel cultivator is a big help in taking care of the garden. With its various attachments, you can keep the weeds down and the ground loose.

A garden trowel is handy when it comes to transplanting, but you can use the hoe. Some gardeners use a spade to good advantage by putting it straight into the ground, forcing the earth forward and putting the plant just back of the spade in the gap formed in the soil. Take out the spade and the earth flaps back around the roots. Any plant that has a fibrous root can be set out this way.

If, toward the end of the planting, you find that you are running short of seed, use any that you may have left over from last year. Most vegetable seeds are good for two or three years but it's a good idea to sow a little more of the old seed. If the plants do come up too thick you can thin them out.

Thinning is one of the most important steps in gardening. No good gardener allows his crops to become crowded. As soon as the young vegetables encroach on each other they must be thinned out.

For our armed forces, 25 to 35 million pounds of pork and 40 percent of the major cuts of beef are currently sent aside each week.

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## Above the HULLABALOO

by LYTLE HULL

### The Italian 'Failure'

Before the Allies drove the enemy out of North Africa and took Sicily and southern Italy, shipment of war material through the Mediterranean was fraught with such dangers from enemy submarines, warships and land-based planes, that traffic had to be routed all the way around the Cape of Good Hope at the southern tip of Africa. This entailed such vast distances as to make a British naval attack-in-force upon the Japanese positions in Burma or in the East Indies, next to impossible.

When the Italian campaign—so often now-a-days called a "failure"—caused the surrender of the Italian fleet and opened the Mediterranean to Allied traffic, it made it possible for the British to concentrate large naval forces in the Bay of Bengal with which to whittle at the Japanese positions in Burma, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies. The attack of a few days ago on the western tip of Sumatra would appear to be the opening of such a campaign.

Most of the supplies for Japan's forces in Burma go by ship around Singapore, through the Straits of Malacca and north along the coast of the Malay Peninsula to Rangoon in southern Burma. If the Allies can retake Singapore and the island of Sumatra—or, at least, blockade the Straits of Malacca—this traffic will be stopped and the Japanese forces in northern and western Burma will be hopelessly stranded.

It is the present position of the Japanese in north Burma which is holding up the construction of a road from India to a junction with the old Burma Road and on into China; and it would seem obvious that the struggle being waged around Imphal and Kohima—so much in the news today—is to

make possible the construction of this road by the Allies—or prevent its construction by the enemy. The situation in China today is not very cheerful, and if our Far Eastern ally should be driven to fight—it might mean that we could never drive our enemies out of China and so be able to attack Japan from the mainland. It isn't a situation which can be permitted to lie dormant pending the termination of the German phase of this war. China has been fighting against frightful odds for too long a time. It is not getting any stronger, it can't fight with bare hands, and the present state of inflation there is helping to break the camel's back.

If the fighting admiral—Lord Louis Mountbatten—is getting the ships, men and weapons which he requires, we will probably begin to "go places" in this theatre of warfare before it is too late. The British navy has doubtless had some tough obstacles to overcome to place itself in a position where it can really force an issue in the Bay of Bengal; but it is the same old powerful British navy, and when it does get its teeth into something it seldom lets go.

All this has been made possible by the Allies present position in and around the Mediterranean; so what particular advantage would there be in driving the Germans—at great sacrifice—all the way to the mountains, and we would simply shorten the German lines, lengthen our own, and release a number of their divisions to operate elsewhere. It seems to this rocking-chair military analyst that the criticism of the Italian campaign may be a bit premature.

## WITH THE COLORS

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an Easter egg hunt. He said he could almost taste the eggs right then.

### MEN OVERSEAS MAY ORDER GIFTS AGAIN

American service men overseas may again order Christmas gifts this year for their friends and relatives in the United States, the Office of War Information reports.

The men may make their selections from catalogues at army exchanges or navy ship services and list them on order blanks. The orders are then sent to the United States to be filled and mailed in time for Christmas.

WPB recently announced that it will approve manufacturers' requests that are certified by the army exchange service or navy ship service stores for additional allocations of material or containers necessary for these orders.

### SAM ABEL WON'T TALK. EITHER, SO WE'LL JUST PULL OUT HIS RECORD

Sam Abel, aviation cadet in the U. S. Naval Reserve, who recently finished his course in the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Athens, Ga., came in last week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. A. Abel, and family.

A 1941 graduate of Hico High School, Sam completed a two-months course at Baylor University in February after being returned to the States from more than two years of service in the Pacific as Aviation Machinist's Mate, having a second-class rating at that time. He saw considerable service in landing operations with men and supplies on various islands the U. S. has taken from the Japs, and promised the editor he would come by and give out a story on as much as he is allowed to tell. But apparently Moco doesn't trust us, or perhaps is too modest, so we just have to rely on meagre official reports in our files to know what he's been doing.

To say the least, his trim, tall figure and smiling countenance, with the inevitable grin and dry wit give no hint to a casual interviewer of the hard fighting and hot spots he's been through. He is said to have made quite an impression as a senior girl's escort at the graduates' party given by the Hico Review Club at the gym Friday night.

At Athens Ga., his latest station, Sam received three months of intensive physical toughening and instruction in advanced ground school subjects. He is to report back to Dallas soon for assignment to a Naval air station to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

### LOCAL MAN IN TROOPS UNDERGOING TOUGH TRAINING PREPARING FOR INVASION

Special To The News Review:

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS, — While live artillery shells blast all around them, tough, seasoned United States troops daily charge Northern Ireland's steep mountains, routing the "enemy" from his hiding places in a training program aimed at preparing the Yanks for invasion day.

These men who will storm Hitler's strong westwall are learning all the angles of warfare which were discovered while fighting the Germans in Africa and Italy. They are learning under the closest simulation of real battle conditions

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## Hamilton-Coryell Soil Conservation District News

(The following news release is from the Soil Conservation Service assisting Hamilton-Coryell Soil Conservation District. The Board of Supervisors of this organization is composed of M. Blankenship, C. M. Tinkle, Jack Stribling, Glenn Riley and Virgil Lockhart.)

1. Commer has the distinction of introducing the use of "Kudzu" in Hamilton county as a soil improving and erosion control plant. He planted the Kudzu crowns on approximately one acre of sandy loam soil on his farm in the Olin community. This trial planting to check adaptability in this area is worth watching and a report of its progress will be made from time to time.

Kudzu is recognized as a valuable temporary pasture plant, a good crop for soil improvement, in a crop rotation and an excellent plant for erosion control. It is a rapid-growing, long-lived, perennial vine plant having a large tap root and exceedingly long stems that look like grape leaves. The planting stock or crowns were shipped here from Georgia.

The Kudzu crowns were planted in holes dug on 12-foot centers. Each hole was carefully fertilized with 4-12-4 fertilizer in the bottom. The soil was firmly packed around each crown which was planted above the fertilizer so that the buds of the plant were level with the ground. The plants were then watered to insure good survival.

Mr. Commer expects to use the Kudzu for temporary pasture—and as a source of planting stock—as the plants grow, the runners take root readily at the nodes that are in contact with the soil and new planting stock can be harvested. The plant can be used for gully control when pastured only occasionally.

Under the supervision of the technicians of the Soil Conservation Service, Mr. Commer has a complete soil and water conservation program under way on this Olin farm. He has constructed terraces on 100 acres of land and has planted peas, vetch and hubam clover for soil improving crops. Mr. Commer is clearing brush from his pasture and plans to construct a stock tank for additional water supply.

Farm plans in Hamilton county approved by the district supervisors on April 26 were as follows: J. K. Byrd, 204 acres; C. A. Russell, 183 acres; Weldon Pierce, 250 acres; D. C. Beck, 1219 acres; L. O. Verckler, 334 acres; Make Johnson, 89 acres; and Vernon Jenkins, 195 acres in the Hico area. J. B. Curry, 1354 acres in the Carlton community; E. W. Newsom, 150 acres in the Blue Ridge community, and D. F. Sheldon, 156 acres near Star.

The District Supervisors have planted Weeping Love Grass, Blue Panicum and Perennial Sudan on a trial planting basis. A report on the progress of this work will be made at a later date.

A farm planning meeting was held in the Vocational Agriculture room at Hico May 5, with fourteen farmers present.

The discussion included a well planned terrace system, crop rotations that will help conserve the soil and at the same time increase crop yields. Pasture development and management that will yield the greatest profit over a period of several years was discussed with great interest.



# Personals.

Mrs. Roline Forgy of Fort Worth spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. J. R. McMillan.

Mrs. A. J. Jordan returned home today afternoon after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Sevier, at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Proffitt and daughter, Melba Jean, of Carlton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Burden.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Poston and children, Don and Carol, of Dallas, spent the week end in the home of their aunt, Mrs. A. J. Jordan.

Dean Spaulding fell from a stool at a local cafe Tuesday and fractured his left arm. He is wearing in a sling, but says it is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rierison and daughter, Sonja Ann, of Dallas, spent the week here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. As.

Mrs. Walter Williamson returned home Wednesday from Monday after a three weeks' visit with her son, Sgt. L. E. Williamson, and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Pittman and children, Gloria Marie and Marcia, of Bangs spent Thursday and Friday here with Mr. and Mrs. W. Burden and other relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Forrester of Midland spent the week end with her twin sister, Mrs. John Howerton. This was their first meeting in nine years.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McCarty were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark and daughter, Jane Ann, and Mrs. Frank Hobbs and children, John and Sissy, all of Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bobo and son, Roy, visited Monday in Fort Worth with their daughter and sister, Miss Mildred Bobo, and with their relatives. Mildred returned home with them and remained through Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Hardin and grandson, James Lee Moses, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lucian Hardin and son, Jimmie, all of Fort Worth, were in Wednesday for a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rodgers and daughter, Ruby.

Mrs. Winfrey Griffiths and children of Freeport and Mrs. Grady Brown and baby of Houston came last Saturday for an extended stay here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown. Other week-end guests in the Brown home were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown and baby of Fort Worth.

Week-end guests of J. J. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and daughter, Billie, of Temple and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Russell Smith, who recently arrived from Australia for a visit with them. Their son, Russell Smith, AMM 1/c, returned several weeks ago to the states after several years of overseas service and is now attending an advanced training school at Fort Christi, Texas.

ROSS SHOP, Jeweler, 45-tfc

Mrs. E. F. Porter left Thursday for Houston where she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. Clinton Ritchey, and little granddaughter, Margas Shannon.

Mrs. Bill Rusk of Fort Worth is spending several days here this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bowles, and with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rusk.

Mrs. Junius Morrill of Canton, Miss., has written that she will arrive this week end for a visit here with her sister, Mrs. H. V. Hodges and children, Julia Ann and Alan, and with her father, Dr. C. M. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. New, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie New, and Mrs. Zula Autrey were in Morgan Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral of J. A. (Red) McGeehee, who was killed instantly in an accident Monday.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graves were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. W. J. White and daughter, De Valca, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spaulding, B. T. and Kenneth Carr, all of Hico, who enjoyed spending the day in the country.

Billy Keeney came by the News Review office Thursday afternoon to display a 19-pound cat he and Windall Soago had helped L. A. Wheeler catch at Buchanan Dam Wednesday night. Billy said the 35-pound cat got away.

W. G. Trout of Fort Worth, special representative of the Burrus Feed Mills, was in Hico Monday conferring with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Keeney about plans for their anniversary celebration early next month.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Massengale were their daughter, Mrs. L. W. Roberson, and two daughters, Bobby and Delores, of Seymour, and their son and wife, Pvt. and Mrs. Lewis E. Massengale, of Camp Fannin.

A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hellums Monday, May 8, in a Del Rio hospital. Mrs. Hellums is the former Mildred Persons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Persons of Hico. Her sister, Miss Ann Persons of San Antonio, spent the week end in Del Rio with the Hellums family.

Mrs. O. L. Roberts, who has been seriously ill at her home here for the past several weeks, is reported to be improving. Her husband, "Brushy Bill," told a news reporter this week that he knew you couldn't find kinder neighbors and friends anywhere than in Hico, and he wanted to express his thanks in this manner.

Mrs. Mattie Norton and granddaughter, Miss Ima Bowden, who have been making their home in Brownwood for the past two years where Ima was employed at Camp Bowie, spent the week end in Hico in the homes of Mrs. Norton's brothers, E. H. Sr., T. A. and Lusk Pandals. They left Thursday for Tulsa, Okla., where Ima has accepted a position with the Stanolind Oil Co. in that city.

Miss Mettie Rodgers of Waco spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers. She was accompanied to Waco by Miss Thoma Rodgers for a visit through Monday.

E. H. Sparkman of Waco spent the week end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe and their daughter, Mrs. Sidney Wieser of Hamilton, accompanied Mr. Sparkman to Waco that afternoon, returning home that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thelbert Duncan left Sunday morning for their home in Atlanta, Ga., after a few days' visit here with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Guyton, and sister, Mrs. J. P. Rodgers and family, and brother, Joe Guyton, who came up from Camp Hood for the week end.

Miss Billie Jenkins, who is employed at the Marfa Air Base at Marfa, is spending the week here with her mother, Mrs. Lora Jenkins, and other relatives. Rev. Bob Jenkins and family of Friona plan to join the family here this week end for a visit.

Mrs. A. C. Odell Jr. arrived Tuesday from her home in San Diego, Calif., for a visit here with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Odell Sr. A. C. plans to come by plane to Fort Worth the latter part of the week and join them here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Vereckler returned home last Friday from Dallas where they had been to attend funeral services for their brother-in-law, Ban A. Bywaters, Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bywaters died at the St. Paul Hospital in Dallas following a stroke suffered a week before.

Ira Scudder came in Wednesday and moved his wife and daughters, Linda and Claudia Jane, to Graford where they will make their home. Mrs. Scudder and children have been here several weeks visiting their mother, Mrs. J. R. McMillan. They were living in Bowie before moving to Graford.

In sending a News Review subscription to her mother, Mrs. Fanny McQuinn at Sabinal, Texas, Mrs. Mattie L. Fox added in her letter from State Orphans Home at Corsicana: "This is to be a Mother's Day gift for her. She was born and raised in and around Hico, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Latham. Thanks for putting out such a nice paper. I enjoy it each week, as it is like getting a long letter from home. I have quite a few relatives and friends in good old Hico."

A letter has been received from Jewell Faulk, Box 648, Fontana, Calif., enclosing his umpteenth renewal subscription payment for the old home paper. Along with his check he added: "I have been away so long, I would probably be a stranger to most of the folks there, but I still enjoy the News Review, especially the goings and comings of the old-timers that I have known all my life. So keep up the good work and keep the news coming to Sunny California for another year." The loyal ex-Hicoan signs off as "A faithful reader," which he certainly is, as can be proved by our subscription records of the present management.

## Church News

### Methodist Church

"A Good Home" will be the sermon subject on Mother's Day at the Methodist church. There will be some special features for the day, but the idea has been expanded to place emphasis on the family as a whole. These are times to strengthen the family ties. If there is to be a better world we must build better home life where our sons and daughters may find security and be given the right philosophies of life. "Joy in Religion" will be the subject of the evening sermon.

We have had a good District Conference with a good report and a good delegation from our church in attendance. The pastor, Mrs. Annie Waggoner, Mrs. Morse Ross, Tyron King, and J. W. Parsons represented our church. Let us face the second half of the year with enthusiasm and make these next six months fruitful ones.

FLOYD W. THRASH, Pastor.

In renewing their News Review subscription from Texon, Texas, Mrs. Bess Warren said: "Vernon and I are getting along fine, and learning to buck the winds and wide open spaces. Bryant Lively drove up at midnight with our things and we had to get out of bed to help unload. He said, 'My God, Bess, how did you ever find this place?' Vernon had to take his lunch and go to Crockett county to work today. I asked what he was intending to do and he said he was going along to supervise a job the other boys didn't know how to do, but I found out later that the job happened to be building an iron cattle guard. Best regards to all our friends in Hico."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wren and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Leach, accompanied by their guests, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Burden and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rierison of Dallas, enjoyed a two-day fishing outing the first of the week on the A. O. Allen place.

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## THE HOUSE OF HAZARDS



## CHAPTER IX

Cherry Pycroft, member of the Waafs, hurries to London to the apartment of her friend, Denise, who had married the man she loved. On arriving she learns that Denise no longer loves Simon, and that she is leaving that night to avoid meeting him on his return from a trip to America. Cherry admits she has been in love with Simon. Denise asks her to stay and greet her husband with the bad news. Simon arrives but Cherry withholds the news. Learning that the train to Bristol had crashed—the train that Denise took—Simon and Cherry drive there, identify Denise's charred suitcase, and assume a badly burned body is hers. Months later Simon and Cherry are married, but Cherry's happiness is spoiled at finding Denise's engagement ring in a drawer . . . proving to Cherry that Denise is still alive. Cherry finally shows Simon the ring and tells him all the facts. He is very bitter about it and they separate. Cherry gets ready to have dinner with John Harrap, who has promised to help her.

John Harrap took one swift look at her when they met, and said, "Are you the same girl I met at the Hampdens?"

"This is me in my Sunday best."

"I see. I begin to recognize you now."

It was fun. She was Cherry Pycroft, A.C.W.2, out for an evening. Cherry Lindon really, but no one down on the station ever remembered the "Lindon."

This evening she was determined to enjoy herself and for once she was successful. When they returned to the airdrome he stopped the car some distance from the main gate. "It was a wonderful evening," she said a trifle wistfully. "Thank you, John, for taking me."

His face in the pale moonlight seemed unhappy despite the swift smile he gave her. "Thank you for coming. And I've told you—you're not to fret. We'll do this again the next time you're free. See you in a day or two."

He drove away and she followed. The girls were chatting in the front room as she pushed open the door of their billet. She slipped quietly upstairs. A moment later Valerie joined her. "I thought I heard you come in just now. I've been waiting for you. Simon's been here, Cherry."

Cherry swung round from the dressing table. Her heart dropped. "Oh, Valerie! Darling, when did he come? What did he say?"

"I didn't see him. I've been over to Aunt Alice's. Blake was the only one who was here. I gathered he called and asked for you. Blake said he seemed awfully sick when she told him you'd gone off duty. He left word that he particularly wanted to see you, as tomorrow he's leaving London."

Cherry felt her heart turn over. "Oh, Valerie, I wouldn't have had this happen for anything. Where is Blake? I must find out just what he said."

Blake was downstairs drinking tea. She looked around with interest as Cherry burst into the room. "Hello, Pycroft," said Blake. "You've had a visitor."

"So Valerie's just told me," Cherry was keeping herself in hand with difficulty. She wanted to clutch Blake by the shoulders, to ask her fifty questions all at once. "How did he look, Blake? Do you—do you think after all he still loves me?" As if Blake could answer that! Simon didn't wear his mustache on his sleeve, and she mustn't either.

She said coolly, "What time did he come, Blake?"

"Around half-past six. Just in time to take you out to dinner."

"Oh, why wasn't I here? Cherry asked herself impatiently. Why, when every other night of the week she was either here in her billet, or somewhere else near at hand, had he chosen to call this evening just when she was off duty? Doubtless he had worked it all out, fortnight by fortnight, and realized that this evening she'd be free. He hadn't bargained on her dining with another man. If only he had written saying he was coming! If only he had wired!

"Did he ask where I was?" Blake chuckled. "Not so many words. He asked what time you'd gone out and if I had any idea when you'd be likely to come back."

"What did you say?"

"My dear, don't worry. I was most discreet."

Cherry flushed. There were times when she hated Blake. "I'm not worrying. I just wanted to know, that's all."

"As it happens I told him nothing. I didn't know till Grigg told me after he'd gone that you were off on the razzle. Have a good time."

"Yes, thanks, Blake, Valerie said Simon left a message."

"So he did. I was forgetting. I say, Griggs, any more tea in the pot?"

"Plenty. Want some, Pycroft?"

"No, thank you. What was the message, Blake?"

Blake was more interested in her tea. "That's terribly strong. Griggs, isn't there any more hot water?"



Cherry went straight to Miss Mitchell, her section officer.

Darn Blake, thought Cherry angrily. Was she purposely keeping her on the rack? There was a glint in Blake's dark eyes. Rather as if she were thoroughly enjoying herself. "Blake, what was the message?" asked Cherry desperately.

"Oh, yes," said Blake deliberately. "He asked me to tell you that he was sorry he couldn't see you and that he was leaving London tomorrow afternoon."

Valerie had already told her that. There were no further details. Simon hadn't said just what time of the afternoon he was leaving, nor where he was going. But the afternoon . . . at least that meant he would be in London in the morning. She might get in touch with him. Or better still, try to see him.

She couldn't sleep, turning over and over in her mind the best, the wisest thing to do. Surely Simon must have had a change of heart! Or maybe there would be just a curt little note telling her where he was going.

At last she dropped into a fitful sleep, dozing off and on until morning. Valerie was already awake.

Cherry sat bolt upright and reached for her dressing gown. "If a girl wants special leave what does she do to get it, Valerie?"

"Asks her corporal first, and then sees her superior officer. Why?"

"I'm going to ask for a few hours off this morning to see Simon."

Valerie looked at her doubtfully. "You'll have to produce a very good reason."

"I'm afraid I really haven't one. But I'm going to try all the same."

"It's a pity you couldn't go sick," said Valerie. "If you could see the M.O. and get him to suggest you're not fit for duty . . . but of course he might bung you into the sick bay. That wouldn't be much help."

Cherry began to scramble into her clothes. "I'll get this honestly or not at all."

Cherry went straight to Miss Mitchell, her section officer.

"You wanted to see me about something in particular?" Miss Mitchell asked.

"Yes, ma'am. I wanted to know if it would be possible for me to have just a few hours off today?"

"For what reason?"

"I want to see my husband."

"Is he being sent abroad?" In that case you should have asked earlier. You'd probably get compassionate leave without much difficulty."

"No, it's not that. He—he's not actually in one of the fighting services. He's attached to the War Office. He's being sent away unexpectedly."

"For long?"

"I—I don't know." Now Cherry plunged on, desperately, truthfully, telling her officer as briefly as possible that things had gone wrong between her husband and herself, that she was utterly wretched because of it, that he had called to see her last evening but she hadn't been on the station. He had left word that this afternoon he was leaving London . . . "I'd be so grateful if I could have just a few hours off."

These words were spoken right from the heart. Miss Mitchell heard the pleading in them. She hesitated. They were very strict about special leave in the service, especially with the women personnel. If every Waaf who quarreled with her husband asked for leave, why, half the girls would be off the airdrome! But there was something particularly appealing about this girl waiting so anxiously, so breathlessly.

"Is there someone who can deputize for you if I let you go?"

"Oh, yes. Oh, ma'am, I'd be so grateful."

"Very well, Lindon. You can go this once, but he back again at six."

Valerie was waiting for her outside. "You've got it?"

"Until six this evening."

"Cherry, that's grand. There's a train to town at nine-thirty. There's not one before, unfortunately. Still,

that gives you time to have some breakfast."

"Don't be silly. I don't want any breakfast."

"Maybe not, but you're going to have some."

To please Valerie she went into the kitchen where she swallowed her tea quickly and said no to the sausages. Before long she was pushing back her chair. "I'm going, Valerie. I've got to polish my buttons."

They shone like gold by the time she finished. She put her button stick away, ran a comb through her hair and put on her cap. As she left the house, the rest of the watch were strolling back from breakfast. She had hoped to get away without seeing them.

Blake stared at her. "Where on earth do you think you're off to? Don't you know we're on duty at eleven? Or have you perhaps heard that the war is over?"

Lane, her face lighting up, asked, "Cherry, you're not . . . ? Oh, why didn't you tell us sooner?"

Valerie said swiftly, "Don't be an idiot, Lane! Cherry's only got a few hours off to go and see her husband."

Cherry with a wave to them all sped down the asphalt roadway and out through the main gate. A passing car picked her up and gave her a lift to the train. She wasn't at all certain of finding Simon. He might not be at his club. Maybe she should have telephoned. But suppose she reached him by phone and he stalled her off? Suppose he'd changed his mind again last evening about wanting to see her?

She wished the train would go more quickly. But it was a Sunday; no nice fast expresses this morning. From the London station she took a cab to Simon's club, sitting forward on the edge of her seat all the way. Soon, very soon, now . . .

It was a tall, imposing looking building. One room was set aside for women. Here she waited while a page called Mr. Lindon.

She felt almost sick with anxiety. Any moment now he would be walking toward her. Should she run to meet him? No, not here! She would have to say coolly, "Hello, Simon." Oh, God, let it be all right. Let everything that is separating us be cleared away. Then she heard him speak.

"Why, Cherry?"

"Simon!"

"What are you doing here?"

"I—I wanted to see you. I was so sorry I missed you last evening. Blake said you were leaving London this afternoon."

"I am. I'm going to Scotland. Actually my time's been advanced a little and I find I'm catching the one o'clock."

"Are you going for long?"

"I don't quite know. Official business is always a little hush-hush, you know."

"Yes, I understand."

He asked her if she'd like something, some coffee perhaps.

"No, thank you, Simon. I—I'm not disturbing you, am I? Not keeping you from anything important?"

Absurd to say that to one's own husband. But all wasn't well between them. Simon was a stranger, cold, polite. Oh, if he felt like this toward her why had he come down to see her last evening? She said desperately, "When I heard you'd come to see me, Simon, I hoped—I hoped . . . the words choked her. Her throat felt dry and parched. She plunged on. . . I hoped perhaps everything would be all right again, that perhaps something had happened to make you feel differently about me."

"I've always felt the same about you, Cherry. I told you that the last time we met. Actually, I have found out something. That was why I came down to see you last evening."

"Oh, Simon, what is it? Tell me quickly. . . Simon, what is it?" she begged as he didn't immediately answer.

(To Be Continued.)

## Japs Learning to Kow-Tow to Americans



Utterly convinced as to who is boss, this loin-cloth-clad Jap bows ceremoniously to four Americans after being captured in the fighting in the Admiralty Islands. Yes, the Japs are learning. Taking the bow are, left to right, Col. Earl Thompson, of Lake James, Ind.; Maj. Richard Wright, of Alice, Texas; Brig. Gen. Chase, dismounted, of Providence, R. I.; and Lieut. Col. M. E. Webb, of El Paso, Texas.

## Sedition Trial Judge



New picture of Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher, who is presiding over America's big wartime mass sedition trial in Washington. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to undermine morale of the nation's armed forces.

## Six-Inch Sermon

† REV. ROBERT H. HARPER †

Paul Crosses Into Europe.  
Lesson for May 7: Acts 15:36, 16:40;  
Epistle to the Philippians.

Golden Text: Philippians 3:7-14.  
After disagreeing with Barnabas, Paul chose Silas to accompany him on his second missionary journey. "Confirming the churches" in Syria and Cilicia and reaching Derbe and Lystra, Paul made a convert he was to call his "son in the gospel." Timothy's mother being Jewish, Paul circumcised him.

The "spirit suffered them not" to go into Bithynia. Paul and Silas went on to Troas on the Aegean Sea. There the vision of a man of Macedonia led Paul to cross into Europe. At this point in the narrative of Acts the word, "we," indicates that Luke, the author, had joined Paul. Nearly 500 years before, 2,000,000 Persians had crossed the Hellespont but had not conquered the Greeks. Paul began a different and vaster conquest than Xerxes had dreamed.

The name of Philippi suggests another name, Lydia, convert of the riverside who took the disciples into her home. The stay in Philippi was marred by the incident of the damsel, the trouble her owners roused, the beating and jailing of Paul and Silas. After they had been delivered from their stocks by the midnight earthquake, the terrified jailer was converted. The magistrates were alarmed when they learned they had beaten and imprisoned Roman citizens and they released Paul and Silas and besought them to leave the city. After visiting the home of Lydia, the disciples departed for Thessalonica.

Limited space does not permit extended comment on the Epistle to the Philippians, included in the lesson text. Written from Rome, it declares Paul's love for the Philippians, his own purpose to know Christ, and includes an exhortation, and a concluding testimony.

## KEEP ON

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WITH WAR BONDS



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- Wash porcelain finish with warm, mild soapy water. Don't use gritty cleaners or abrasives and be sure range is cool. Wipe up spilled milk or fruit juices promptly to avoid staining finish.
- Don't use sharp instruments to clean surface units. Spilled food will burn away.
- Don't slam oven doors and don't let the children sit on them.

Your range is probably the most important single piece of equipment in your home. Don't neglect it. Keep it in top-notch condition for the duration.

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You'll find the desired gift right here. Although our stock does not include some of the luxury items you've been accustomed to in the past, we are sure to have something that will delight

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DON'T FORGET

## Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 14

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# WANT-ADS

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FOR RENT: 3-room house on Stephenville Highway. Mrs. W. F. Gandy. 50-tfc.

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FOR SALE: 153-acre farm, 1 house, good improvements, net wire fence, 3 mi. northeast Hico, on Hwy 220. Mrs. C. C. Waddill, Rt. 4. 51-3p.

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FOR SALE: Registered Duroc Jersey pigs. McEvers & Sanders.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News Review is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the offices under which their names are listed for the nomination at the Democratic Primaries:

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For District Judge: R. B. CROSS (Re-Election)

For District Attorney: H. WILLIAM ALLEN (Re-Election)

For Sheriff: HOUSTON WHITE (Re-Election)

For District Clerk: C. E. EDMISTON (Re-Election)

For County Tax Assessor-Collector: O. R. WILLIAMS (Re-Election)

For County Clerk: IRA MOORE (Re-Election)

For County Judge: W. J. HARRIS (Re-Election)

For County Treasurer: MRS. H. A. TIDWELL (Re-Election) MRS. B. F. WILLIAMS

For Commissioner, Precinct 3— R. W. HANCOCK (Re-Election)

### Erath County

For County Clerk: ELMO WHITE (Re-Election)

(Political Advertising)

### For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE: Car radio and cabinet Victrola, both in good condition. Reasonably priced. Earl McCarty, Route 6, Hico. 51-1p.

1941 PLYMOUTH 2-door sedan for sale. See C. D. Richbourg. 50-1p.

1934 Model Dodge for sale, good tires — two new recaps. Bill McGlothlin. 48-tfc.

POTTERY—Just received another load Milk Jars, Crocks, Churns, Chicken Pounts, Flower Pots, etc. N. A. Leeth & Son. 43-tfc.

FOR SALE: Watson Mebane first-year cotton seed, \$2.00 per bushel. Geo. Powledge, Hico. 50-2tc.

WOOD BOXES & LUMBER — We may have something you need — look it over. Also second-hand Screen Wire. N. A. Leeth & Son. 43-tfc.

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LOST, somewhere between Hico and Fair, tail-gate to pick-up. Painted red with "Dodge" stamped on it. Barrow Furniture Co. 50-tfc.

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PHONE 47

### Clairette

By —  
Mrs. H. Alexander

Rev. Hogg filled his regular appointment here Sunday, with good attendance for both Sunday school and church.

Mrs. J. G. Gollightly and Mrs. Ray Stipe attended an H. D. District meeting at Eastland Tuesday.

Mr. Artie Thompson, who is ill in a hospital at Fort Worth, is reported to be improving some.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander Jr. and little son, Lynn Paul, who have been in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander Sr. for the past few weeks, left Tuesday for South Texas, where Mr. Alexander will secure work.

J. L. Williams and Winnie Ona Polk of Hico were married April 28th. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

Russell Mayfield and Buck Hubbard left Wednesday for the U. S. Navy.

Constable C. G. Alexander and wife of Waco were guests in the homes of Mr. R. M. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McChrystal Sunday.

Mrs. Ira Williams, Sunday school teacher of the young people, entertained the young folks at the gym Monday night in honor of Russell Mayfield and Buck Hubbard, who are leaving for the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Alexander of Wharton, Texas, spent Monday night here with Mr. R. M. Alexander. They had attended the funeral of Mrs. Alexander's father, Fred E. Starley, at Bluff Dale. Mrs. Alexander was formerly Miss Olive Starley of Olin. We regret very much to learn of Mr. Starley's death, which occurred Sunday night in the Stephenville Hospital after an accident. He fell from the top of a house which he was working on, Saturday about noon.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth attended a funeral at Stephenville Sunday afternoon.

Dinner guests of Elizabeth Ann Alexander Sunday were Charline Sherrard, Buck Hubbard, and Russell Mayfield.

Pvt. Condon V. Salmon of Camp Hood came up Sunday and spent the day. His wife and children moved back here from Lubbock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gollightly of O'Donnell and Mrs. Eva Dunn of Houston were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Martin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson of Ranger and Mrs. Pearl Harris of Cisco were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Mr. Short McFadden of Sastland was here Saturday for the cemetery working, and meeting relatives and old acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stewart of Colorado City were here over the week end visiting relatives.

Sgt. Leslie Patterson, who has been spending a furlough here with his wife and baby and other relatives, left Friday for Camp Haan, California, where he is stationed.

Sgt. Robert Partain of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Partain and little daughter of Stephenville visited relatives here Sunday.

We were sorry to learn that Mr. G. S. Johnson had the misfortune of getting his leg broken Friday when his horse slipped on the wet ground and fell with him at his ranch south of here.

Mr. Hubert Tidwell of Big Spring visited here Saturday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mackey, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stipe and children were guests Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Johnson.

Mrs. Sam Wolfe and Mrs. Rennie Salmon visited in the home of Mr. T. M. Lee Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Sherrard and children of Fort Worth spent the week end here visiting.

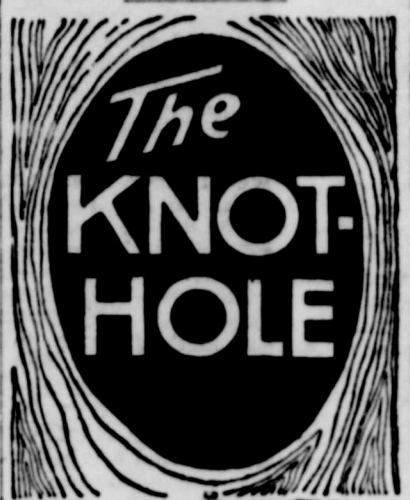
Mrs. Alton Partain and baby of Fort Worth spent last week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stipe and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mackey and son were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cranfill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wolfe were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Wolfe Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edwards were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Mattie Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Green of Dallas spent the week end here with Mrs. Green's mother, Mrs. Nora Dowdy.



Jack Kearns owns a 500-acre dairy farm in Michigan . . . Dud De Groot, new coach of the Washington Redskins, is an ornithologist, holds A. B. and M. A. degrees, membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternities and a Rhodes scholarship nomination from California . . . Jockey George King, one of the leading riders of the Midwest, has been killed in action in New Guinea . . . Of the 61 regulars on the Nashville Southern association club in Larry Gilbert's five-year managerial rule, 47 have advanced into higher leagues.

Because no male students tried out for the Kalamazoo tennis team this spring, Coach A. B. Stowe organized a women's team . . . George Piggas, former Yankee pitcher and now an American league umpire, is proprietor of a tung tree grove in Florida . . . Kiki Cuyler, manager of the Atlanta Crackers this year, maintains that Max Carey, his one-time Pirate teammate, was the greatest of all base stealers.

A champion greyhound can leap from 12 to 20 feet and keep pace with a horse for a quarter of a mile . . . Stanford and Santa Clara will remain out of football next fall . . . Ed Levy, getting his second trial with the Yankees, wears a steel corset, having injured his back sliding a few years ago . . .

## DEAD ANIMALS

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Hamilton, Texas

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| AVACADO—Large, firm | 2 for 35c        |
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| NEW POTATOES        | 3 lbs. 25c       |
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# Produce Is Vital At This Time!

It may be possible that some people do not realize the importance of producing all the POULTRY, EGGS and CREAM possible. But with various foods rationed as they are, these things are very essential in the largest quantities possible. The demands for foods were never greater in this country — to feed our large army of men in the various services in camps and on battle fronts . . . to help feed our allies . . . and to feed our civilians.

### PRODUCE QUALITY EGGS

There is too much loss in food and in money not to produce quality eggs. The weather is getting hot and lots of eggs are showing heat. Be sure to gather them regularly, keep them in a cool place, and market them as often as possible.

### WE BUY FRESH EGGS ONLY

If they will do for you to eat, we'll buy them for the Service Men!

To process these products and get them to the proper places is a part of our work, and we want to buy all you have to sell, at highest market prices. We do not want to fall down on our job of delivering when called on.

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THURS. & FRI. (NEXT WEEK)—  
"STANDING ROOM ONLY"  
PAULETTE GODDARD  
FRED MACMURRAY

### WITH THE COLORS

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and are being keyed to a high pitch of fighting perfection. These hardened Yanks are growing more and more impatient for the day when the "enemy" will be the hated Nazis instead of friendly GIs.

A typical company spends a typical day of training by choosing a mountain; establishing the "enemy" in advantageous spots; then as realistically as practicable, by routing and completely annihilating him.

To one watching the show from an observation post, the area looks like a casino. And the hill on the right might easily be Hill 609 of Tunisian fame, so well entrenched are the enemy positions. The doughboys are moving up, crawling to the lower fringe of the shell-bursts, protecting themselves as best they can. But there is little cover, only scattered shell holes. They lay in muddy peat bogs, inching their way forward between bursts of enemy fire.

Machine guns rake their approach; trench mortars, hidden mines, small arms fire; all are a prelude to the eventual sweaty, hand-to-hand fighting.

The noise rises to a deafening crescendo. Exhaustion is telling on these men with backs and legs aching from the long, tortuous climb. But this infantry company is in dead earnest; it moves up steadily under the nerve-racking strain of the barrage, determined to reach the top.

Then, through the protective blanket of a heavy smoke screen, the company dashes up the last few yards, ignoring the bursting grenades. With bayonets clashing and men cursing, they make the final assault, and emerge victorious.

Another day of rough training is over for this typical company. But with each day of such training every man in the unit is gaining confidence in himself, his equipment and his leaders.

Among those who participate in the exercise is PFC. SHERMAN NYSTEL, ROUTE 3, HICO, TEX.

### REPORTS IN RHYME FROM SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND

Somewhere in England  
February 21, 1944  
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanders  
Route 6, Hico, Texas

Dearest Mother and Dad:  
How about a little chat tonight? I am ready, even if there isn't much to tell. Hope this finds you both feeling fine and in good health. For myself, I am feeling fine.

I can't tell when I started. Or how, or when from where. The only thing I'm certain of—I'm sure as hell not there. I can't tell how I traveled. By foot, or cars, or train; Or if I sailed the ocean blue. Or took a transport plane. I can't say when we landed. Set foot upon the sod. For if I mentioned where or when, I'd face a firing squad. I cannot mention weather—That also is taboo. I cannot say it rained or snowed. We had a heavy dew. I can't say what I'm doing now. Or name the spot I'm at. I don't dare mention one damn thing. And that's the end of that. The next time I'm writing home, I'm sure it will be safer. To just address an envelope. And insert a piece of paper.

How's that for a report. The little poem I came across is as true as can be. You can ask me as many questions as you like, but don't be surprised if you don't receive an answer.

Sure hate to hear about all the bad weather there. Hope it is pretty now and that Dad can get some work done. I wish I could be there to help.

Well, what do you want from over here for a birthday present? Maybe you would rather check out the money and get something you like. If you do, get something nice. Nothing else, so will close. Be good and careful.

Love to both.

EWELL.

### ENGAGEMENT OF MISS MARGARET TOWNSEND TO PFC. COOK IS ANNOUNCED

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Margaret Townsend to Pfc. George W. Cook was announced at a buffet shower held Friday night at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Townsend, 1305 Avenue E. Brownwood.

The marriage was to be solemnized on May 6 at Fort Benning, Ga., where Pfc. Cook is stationed. Miss Townsend is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend, 509 Sixth Ave. and is a graduate of the local high school. She will be accompanied to Georgia by her father.

Pfc. Cook is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cook of Hico—Brownwood Banner, May 4, 1944.

Norma Burden writes from Dallas to change the address on her brother's paper to J. W. Burden, S 2/c, on a ship operating out of San Francisco, Calif. "We had a letter from him today," she added, "saying that he is in New Caledonia, said he didn't know where that was but supposed it was on the map."

### LOCAL BOY FINALLY TELLS ABOUT HIS MTO RIBBON AND ITS 3 BRONZE STARS

Care of Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.  
April 14, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Shipman  
Route 2, Hico, Texas

Dear Folks:

Just a few lines to let you know I am just fine and hope you all are the same.

I got a letter from Lawrence the other day and he sort of gave me an eating-out—you know, pulled his rank on me—for not letting you in on a few things that I didn't think you would care to know. But here goes.

The ribbon he told you I had is a Mediterranean Theatre ribbon. Everyone serving over here gets one, and for every major battle we get a bronze star. I now have three.

Lawrence said I ought to have it put in the home-town paper, but I don't know why, as I can't see anything so important about that as they are something all the boys get. But at that, we really earn them, so I guess if you want Mr. Holford to print this it's O. K. by me. I really should write him a letter to let him know how much I enjoy the paper, but will have to leave that until later.

With love to all, your son and brother.

DEWARD.

In the above letter written home to his family, Pfc. Deward Shipman also enclosed a clipping from the Stars and Stripes. Under a feature, "Pupnet Pests," appeared the following, written by Sgt. Howard Brock:

### THE DYING SOLDIER

Beside a battered Sherman tank one cold December day, Under the heavy clouds of war A dying soldier lay.

His buddy knelt beside him, And reverently bowed his head, As he listened to the last words The dying soldier said:

"Looks like the end—was quite a run, And though there is still woe and strife, I hope the little I've done Will make for some a better life."

"Tell Mother and Dad and Doris, After once they should weep no more. And that at last I've found a land Where there's no such word as war."

His lips continued to move, But the words just would not come, And then his buddy crossed himself.

For he knew his pal was done. And as the darkening shades of night Quietly enveloped the blue, One heart beat with resolution And the will to win for two.

Marie Lynch got word from her brother, W. R., that he had received his wings from the AAF Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla., was made a corporal, and was expecting to be transferred soon. Previously W. R. had completed a course of approximately 17 weeks and graduated in January from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler Field, Miss.

Their roads are very narrow and winding. They do not have square blocks. If you ask one of them how to get somewhere, he'll answer: "You go up this road to the forks, bear right—don't turn right—you come to a white house, but that isn't it. It's the next one. You simply can't miss it." But the trouble is, we always miss it.

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### WE KNEW WE COULD DEPEND ON BARE TO COME THROUGH TO START THE BALL ROLLING

Britain  
May 2, 1944

Dear Holfords:

A letter from Mary yesterday enclosed a clipping from your column, "Here in Hico," and believe me, I think that it is we service guys and gals who are letting you and our paper down. And if other papers can get first-hand letters to print from their boys and girls all over the world, I—for one—say that we can do the same. So here goes for a try at it, anyhow.

Way back yonder in the good ole days—gosh, it's been a long time, hasn't it—when Bob Ray, Grady, Albert, Red Odell, and the rest of us guys were pursuing golf balls, footballs and track shoes, none of us had ever been any further away from home than San Antonio, and Hico was only known to the people of Texas. But now from the barren border of Canada, the tropics of Panama, the hell of Guadalcanal, the deserts of North Africa, Sicily, and Egypt, the mountainous waves of the North Atlantic, and the quietness and death of the Pacific, New Caledonia, Pearl Harbor, New Guinea, Dutch Harbor, barren and bleak Alaska, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Iceland, Greenland and England, from the West Coast to the East Coast—yes, Holford, the boys who used to chase your golf balls and drop around after a football game to talk with you—have now covered most of the whole world, and Hico is known in every one of those places, as well as plenty of others.

We probably dreamed of visiting some of those places sometimes, but certainly not in the manner we have visited them—some with packs on their backs and a machine gun or rifle in their hands, some to open the hot breach of a cannon to shatter enemy ships, standing on the salt-washed decks of a destroyer watching an enemy ship go down—others in the sky with nothing between them and their seat but a parachute, eyes watching the sky for enemy planes—yes, we are Navy, Marines, Air Corps, Seabees, Engineers, Infantry, and WACs—fighting for the right to come back to Hico for the days we used to know and for the days to come when our sons and daughters can laugh and play in the only American way.

Some of us won't come back, but they will not be forgotten—their memory will be with us forever as a buddy who gave his life for our freedom and happiness. Just name me any town of similar size and population that can beat the record Hico has!

Here in England, where every day and night, our bombers and fighters roar their way to blast the Nazis, some never to come back, others limping back on two or three motors, their planes full of flak and out of formation, but they are coming back! And for what? Only the chance to go over the target again. Yes, it is really a wonderful sight to see and be in on, too.

The people over here are very nice, although very reserved. They take pride in the old, where we take pride in the new and modern. I went to church in a town here that was almost 200 years old, and they bury their dead right by the church. I saw one grave marked 1682. Their old castles are really beautiful.

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### NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE — CORPORAL LANE COMES TO LIFE IN KANSAS

Independence, Kansas  
May 7, 1944

Dear Holford:

No doubt this is a surprise to hear from me, because I haven't been reporting very often the past few months. However I feel it isn't necessary because things haven't changed much in the 18 months I have been here.

I've been in Kansas so long I might as well consider myself a Kansan now. I'm only kidding, though, because if I stayed here forty years I wouldn't claim to be a Kansan.

Since you send out the well-known Rain Bird when you need rain, how about sending something up here to stop the rain? It has rained so much the last month that I never go anywhere without my raincoat. Of course this is unusual weather here. It did the same thing all last spring, but it's still "unusual" for Kansas. Also while you're sending something to stop the rain, you might send a little warm weather with it. The temperature has been around 35 to 40 degrees every night the past week.

What's this talk about not knowing whether you're doing a good job on the paper or not? I herewith submit my whole-hearted approval. "With the Colors" to me is the most important part because it is the only way I have of keeping up with the rest of the fellows.

While I'm on the subject of fellows in the service, how about a report on Derrill Elkins, if possible. Since he went into service in 1940 he seems to have forgotten Hico or we have forgotten him. I traced him all over Texas, I think, but kinda lost trace of him the past few months.

Now to get down to what I really wrote the letter for. I would like a slight change in my address. The preceding portion of this letter was just to fill up the other four pages. As you will notice, when using this stationery you have to write five pages.

Since I've completed my mission of filling the five pages, I'll quit for now.

CPL. EUGENE P. LANE.

[Dear Eugene: That's the stuff we were talking about. "With the Colors" can't be any better than the lads and lassies make it, no matter how hard we work here at home. I'll admit you had me worried by not writing oftener, for you guys who go to a bit of trouble are a big help to us. I'm glad you had that trick stationery, as too many of the lads just send a brief note about their addresses, and then folks wonder why we can't keep up with them better. Like Derrill Elkins, for instance—glad you mentioned him—if I get around to it this week, I'll answer the letter his dad wrote from Dallas, and put the pressure on him to spill the dope. Rain Bird is doing a good job locally, but I had to put him on secret orders—the little devil sometimes doesn't know when to quit. But we have arranged for a good crop and garden year in Texas, so I hesitate to take a chance on mixing R. B. up by sending him into the Kansas theatre. Come again soon, Eugene—sho' nuff—you and all the others homefolks, too! In view of your cooperation I've already dedicated the use of my post-war jeep for your first three dates when you get home. And I ain't even gonna allow a resting place outside on the front office window to those birds who never help us by writing now and then.—ED.]

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### OWEN WELBORN HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO RADIO SCHOOL IN WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin  
May 5, 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Holford:

Here I am again. I have been sent to a radio school here at the University of Wisconsin. Our rooms are under a large football stadium. They have the best football field I have ever seen. It is really pretty.

In fact, this is really the prettiest and cleanest town I have ever seen. I would really like to live here.

I will be here for 19 weeks, so I am here for quite a while.

We really have some good rooms to stay in. There are six guys in this room. We are all from different states. But they are great guys. I am the only one out of my company at Farquhar, Idaho, to be sent to radio school. I wish Thomas Arbuckle from Hamilton could have been sent up here with me.

Odell will be sent here as soon as he gets back from his boot leave. So we can have liberties together, every week end. We will be together more than we have been in the last month or so.

Thanks for Walter's address. Well, I hope everything is okay in Hico. Tell everyone hello for me, will you?

As for me, I am great. Why, I've never seen so many pretty girls before.

Boy, have I got a big washing to do! So I have to get busy on that now.

Sincerely yours,

OWEN.

(Owen Lee Welborn, S 2/c)

Mrs. Mildred Rusk has written from Fort Worth to send a new address for her husband's paper. In care of the postmaster at New York. She added a note about Bill: "I've received mail from him regularly and he says he's fine but homesick. Also he doesn't know the value of his new money and is having a hard time spending it. Suppose you've guessed he's in England."

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A young man's fancy turns to thoughts of—

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If it is good to eat, we have it—

If we have it, it is good to eat!



# CORN VITAL IN RECORD U. S. WAR PRODUCTION

## GRAIN HELPS TO FIRE WEAPONS, SPUR WOUNDED

### Processing Industries Are Pressed for Supplies.

Corn plays so many roles in the theater of war that its failure to be "on stage" at the proper time and in the proper dress could be a major catastrophe, says the war food administration. Guns, planes, ammunition, medical supplies, clothing, food and many other items of material require corn products in their manufacture. If those products are not available, production for war is disrupted.

With refineries needing more corn immediately for processing into essential products for the key war industries, farmers in the surplus producing counties of the corn belt are being urged to make available any grain they have stored which is above the feed needs of their own and their neighbors' livestock. So urgent is industry's need for corn products that the army and the War Production board have joined with WFA in asking for the quick movement of corn from farm to refinery.

They point out that starch, syrup and dextrine from corn are used by almost every industry in the United States, and especially by plants making vital war material. So essential are they, that a 25 or 35 per cent drop in production could result from a lack of corn for processing, according to WPB estimates.

Requirements of these plants are only about one out of every 25 bush-

els grown on American farms last year, but the flow of corn from farm to factory has dropped to a dangerous low, says WFA. Minimum requirements of war industries total about two and a half million bushels a week.

**Starch Takes Lead.**  
First place in industrial use goes to starch made from corn, reports show. Foundries that cast and mold bronze, steel, aluminum and magnesium depend on it to help hold firm the molds of sand that form parts for ships, tanks, guns and planes. Most steel aluminum parts could not be made without the use of cornstarch and its products, according to WPB. Even the aluminum itself would be impossible without that starch, since it is the only known flotation agent capable of transmuting bauxite, the raw material, into alumina from which precious aluminum is made. Cornstarch is used in manufacturing dynamite and nitrocellulose. Soaked with nitroglycerine, cornstarch fires guns.

V-board containers, in which supplies can be floated ashore for invasion landings, require more than 100 million pounds of starch and dextrine a year for waterproofing and other manufacturing uses. Adhesives are needed for making all types of fiber board containers watertight and vermin-proof. They are a requisite for many airplane parts, including the special plywood veneer wings on new-type ships.

Textile plants, from which come tent and camouflage cloth, materials for uniforms, denim and duck, and fiber glass cloth for bomber brake linings, need cornstarch, too. Starch sizing increases the strength of materials. A starch treatment for surgical dressings adds to their effectiveness.

Butyl alcohol, derived from corn, is an important war material now in short supply. It flies in the fuel tanks of bombers and fighter planes, taking the form of "inhibitors" that discourage rust, stabilize the high-octane gasoline and prevent the formation of gummy substances. It also goes into the rubber which makes those gasoline tanks bullet-proof.

Butyl alcohol, converted into butyl acetate, appears in lacquer and protective coatings for aircraft

and aircraft parts, ammunition, guns and gun mounts. In the form of dibutyl phthalate it helps make smokeless powder, and plasticizers needed to manufacture many types of coatings. Photographic film also calls on butyl alcohol in its manufacture. Insect repellants a "must" in many battle areas, are another important development in the butyl field.

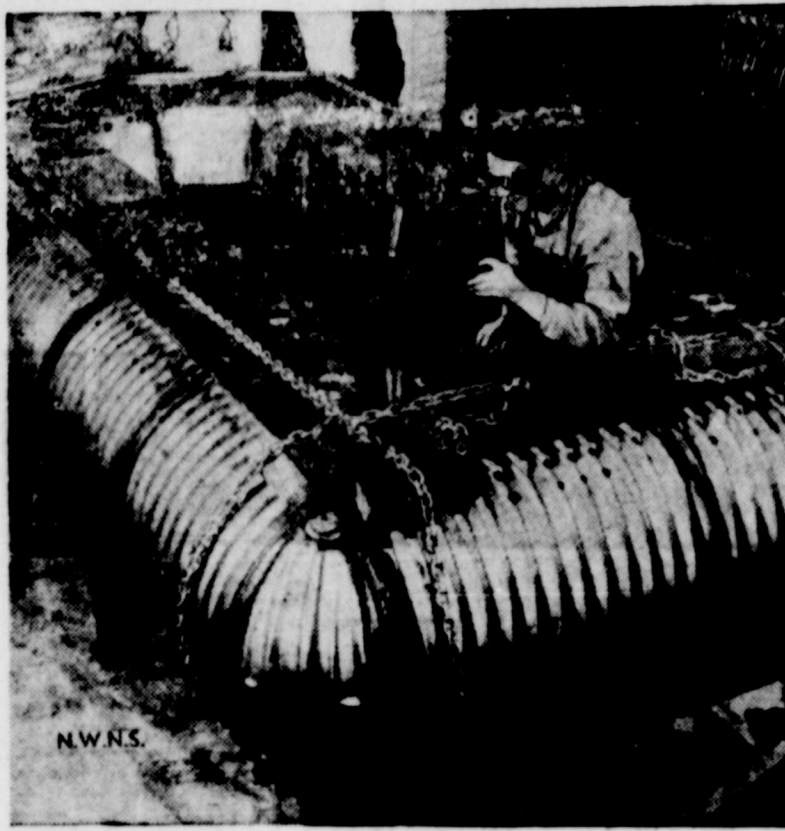
**Corn Saves Lives.**  
Field hospitals on every fighting front are depending on starch, sugar and syrup from corn to help keep them equipped with life-saving medical supplies. Use of corn products in the manufacture of penicillin, wonder drug that is performing miracles for the wounded, has quadrupled production. Sulfadiazine, aspirin, and other pharmaceuticals also employ corn derivatives.

Dextrose processed from corn is now being used by the army medical corps for special feeding of the wounded, and particularly after operations, as it can be injected directly into the blood stream. It acts as a stimulant, providing new energy, and is also valuable as a temperature regulator.

K-ration kits insure paratroopers and other fighters in the field sustaining food that may be conveniently carried. Corn syrup and dextrose from corn provide a part of the essential food elements. They also appear in jams and jellies that provide energy for fighters and war workers.

About 300 million bushels of corn are consumed annually by the corn processing industries, mostly for war uses. The War Food administration says that approximately 130 million bushels—some 11 million bushels a month—are indispensable to the processing of the starch, syrup and dextrine necessary to unbroken production of vital materials of war. A steady movement of corn from farm to refinery will be necessary from now until the new crop is harvested in the fall, according to the army, WPB and WFA. If the most pressing war needs are to be met. They point out that all foundry work, all textile production, all manufacturing of paper, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, and all production of adhesives are dependent upon corn products for essential processes.

## New Life Raft That Doesn't Sink



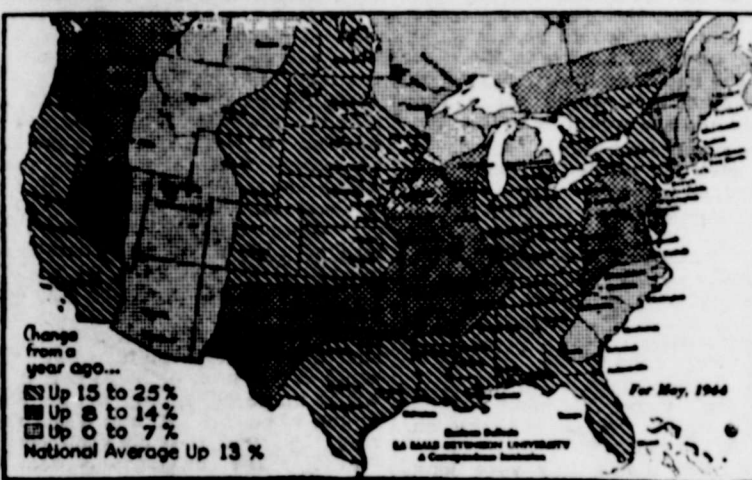
This new unsinkable life raft, made of 16-gauge cold rolled steel, is 16 feet 2 inches long with an 8 foot beam, and has a bow to aid sailing or rowing. No matter how the raft hits the water, it always floats topside up, for both sides are exactly alike. This welder is assembling completed sections of the new raft.

## Ward Seizure Aired in Court



Attorney General Francis Biddle, nearest door, with paper in hand, is shown at the court of Federal Judge Holly, where the momentous battle over seizure of the Montgomery Ward and company plant in Chicago has been raging. Biddle told the court that the President carried out his duty to order seizure of the plant, with ample constitutional and statutory authority for his action.

## Big Farm Production Drive Starts



By L. G. ELLIOTT  
President La Salle Extension University

"Doubtful," "Improbable" and "Impossible" are words that have been ruled out of the farmer's vocabulary as he faces— for the sixth consecutive year—a demand for greater yields from more acres. All the resources of remaining available manpower, better seeds and scientifically cultivated soil are mobilized to meet the threat of poor weather conditions, machinery shortage and diminished farm help.

The 1944 production goal is for a total output several per cent greater than the record breaking quantities of food that were produced in 1943. If that goal is reached, this year will be the sixth successive one in which farmers have produced more than they did in the preceding year. During that period the annual increase has varied from 3 to 12 per cent. Seldom in history has there been such a long period of steady advance without interruption.

Boys and girls on the farms, as organized in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, Ford's National Farm Youth foundation and similar groups have contributed much to that remarkable achievement. Considerably over 2,000,000 young people are actively working on individual farm projects in these organizations and each year have raised large quantities of produce and large numbers of livestock. In their Victory gardens last year they produced over 5,000,000 bushels of

vegetables; in poultry projects they had over 9,000,000 birds; in animal raising projects they cared for 100,000 dairy cattle and close to 1,000,000 head of meat livestock. These activities were in addition to their normal tasks of helping with the general work on the farms.

Plans for this year call for still greater achievement by the farm youth in carrying out the food-for-freedom program. At the same time, the young people, through their initiative on individual projects, are further training and equipping themselves for greater responsibilities. They will help make the future prospects for agriculture even more promising.

The outlook for all farm crops this year is quite favorable, although not quite so good as it was at this time in either of the last two years. It is above average, however, and even the handicap of wet, cold weather in some parts of the country which has delayed spring farming is rapidly being overcome by the use of the 2,000,000 tractors on farms. In some sections, moisture is a little below normal and added rainfall will be needed to make up the deficiency. Weather conditions as good as average during the growing season will assure good yields per acre and large total production of the greater number of acres that are being planted.

Farmers are giving even greater attention than usual to one of the major factors that have made crop production high in recent years—that of improved seeds. An example is the use of hybrid corn which was planted last year on over 90 per cent of the corn acreage in the leading corn producing states. As

a result, the total crop was equal to the bumper crop 23 years before, but it was produced on 6,500,000 fewer acres. Another example is the new disease and rust resistant varieties of wheat, such as Rival and Pilot, which on many farms have been out-producing even the famous Thatcher variety which was developed only a few years ago.

Other examples of improved strains are the new varieties of oats, barley, flax, rice, rye and grain sorghums. They not only resist smut and rusts better than the older varieties, but also are harmed less by insects and other crop hazards. Many of them stand up better in drought. More farmers are discovering each year that the use of the best possible seed, as well as improved methods of tilling and cultivating, increases their incomes. The additional cost is a very profitable investment.

Farmers are receiving larger incomes than ever before because they not only have more to sell, but also they are getting higher prices. The total amounts received each month are about 19 per cent higher than they were a year ago. This larger income is helping to keep up business in rural areas, where merchants are selling more goods. Business conditions in small towns and country districts are more prosperous than they have ever been.

## Downs 27 Nazi Planes



Capt. Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Okla., in the cockpit of his P-51 Mustang, after having shot down his 27th Nazi plane. He has now shot down his 27th Nazi plane.

## Watery Foxhole



Operating from a flooded foxhole on Bougainville Island, the machine gun crew guards a roadblock on the Piva trail.

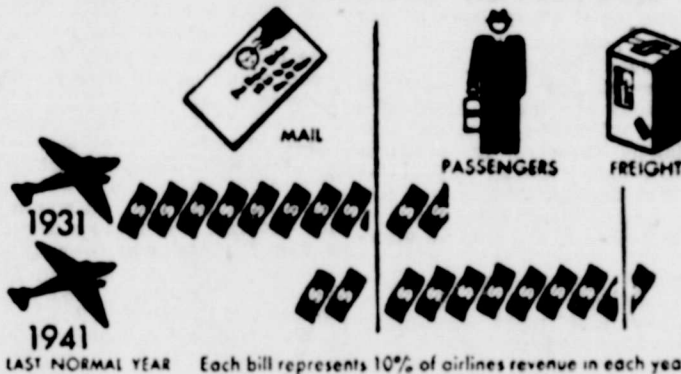
## May Help Cubs Out



Bats with his in them are collected by Charlie Grimm, who knows from past experience, both as manager and coach, what the Chicago team needs most.

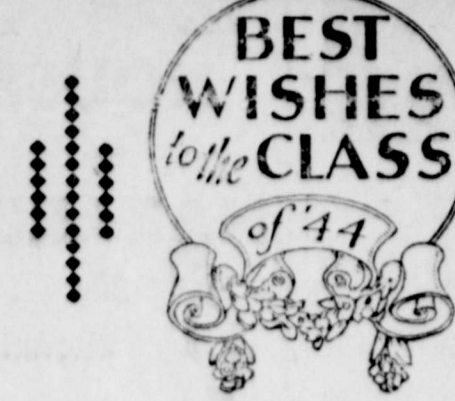
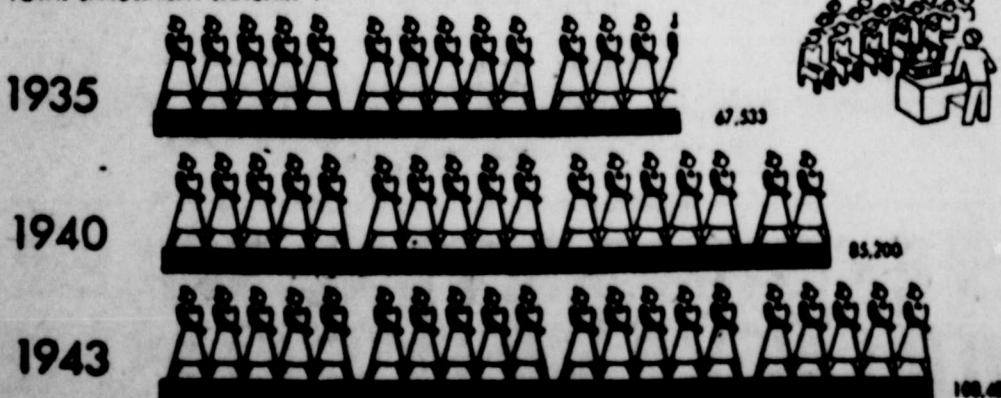
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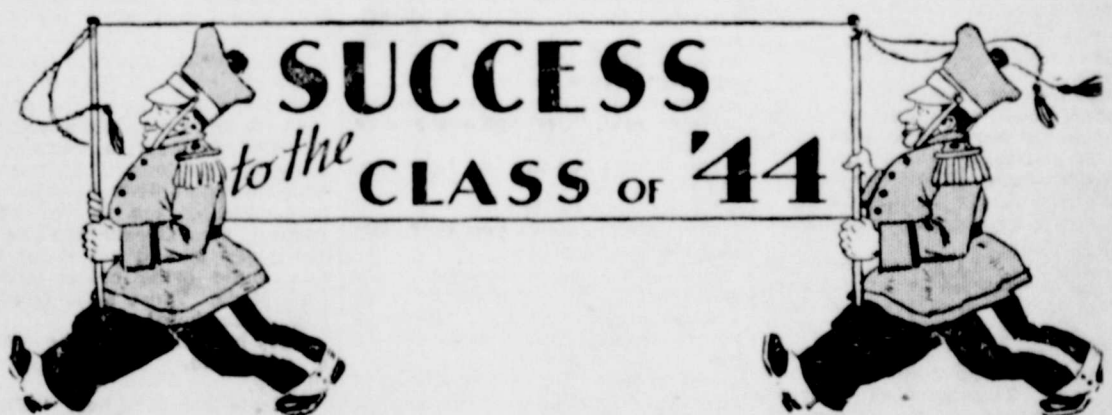
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# Wallace Ratliff

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By MARY E. DAGUE

WAR BONDS

By  
**MAC ARTHUR**

least how she would set about it. "If I can't, I don't see how you can."

She didn't answer. There was truth in this. But something might

A black and white comic panel. A woman with dark hair, wearing a crown and a checkered dress, is shown from the chest up. She has a joyful expression. A speech bubble above her head contains the text: "AW-W - YOU ARE SUCH A THOUGHTFUL HUSBAND, DARLING...". The background is filled with radiating lines, suggesting a bright or happy atmosphere.

SIX DOZEN??

I'M NOT THAT OLD OLD GOA

**THIS EXCIT**

It crossed Cherry's mind to say bitterly they could come to this one if they wanted now that she and

motorcycle, then a little sports car driven by a young army officer. Before long they were back at the airdrome, eager to catch some sleep before they went on duty.

"O.K.?"

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Hico, Texas, Friday, May 19, 1944.

### MEAT SUPPLY

We were glad to see that the office of Price Administration was willing to end meat rationing on all meats except beef when it was found that there was an ample supply of other meats to fill the needs of the civilian population.

During this war it is important whether civilians have to cut down slightly on meat consumption or whether they don't. It is such a small thing compared with the war itself that it is hardly worthy of comment.

But this action of the OPA does answer some of the critics who think that government agencies are engaged in manufacturing artificial sacrifices for the people in order to make them "feel" the war. If the government was creating shortages or inventing shortages as a means of building home-front morale, the last thing it would do would be to permit an increase in our supply of meat at this time.

It is amazing that we can ship enormous quantities of food abroad, feed our own armed forces the best food any soldier or sailor has ever had, and, in spite of a major manpower shortage, be able to supply civilians with all the food they can eat.

The fact that we can do this should give us an ever greater faith in the potentialities of our country and in the miracles of production which will be accomplished here when peace comes again.

### MORE WACS NEEDED

Probably the most disappointing of all enlistment campaigns has been carried on by the Women's Army Corps. The army has said it needs hundreds of thousands of additional women for non-combat service and that the number of fathers drafted can be considerably reduced if women join up, but it seems to be very difficult to get any sizable number of women to enlist.

The reason for this has never been clarified. Polls made among women show that the majority of the fairer sex favor the enlistment of women and a large number even favor the idea of drafting women, but voluntary enlistments still are far below minimum requirements.

Lowering the age limit to include girls just out of school—18 or over—is now being considered and may be the answer to the problem. Many a girl looking for her first job might be interested in the WAC whereas after she has been working in an office or factory for two years she will be more hesitant to change her way of life.

The chief trouble is that the demand for feminine assistance in offices, factories, restaurants, schools and every other place of employment is so great that a young woman doesn't know which way to turn. And somehow the Rosie the Riveter appeal seems so far to have a greater attraction than the uniform of the United States army.

## Today and Tomorrow

by DON ROBINSON

### WORDS . . . . . barrage

It is discouraging to contemplate the barrage of high-sounding but meaningless words which will soon jam the airways and crowd the daily newspapers as the presidential election of 1944 gets under way.

In connection with the primaries there was plenty of oratorical warming up, but that was nothing compared with the deluge which is to come and which will push everything but the most momentous war events into the background. In wartime it seems almost sacrilegious that the men who run or hope to run our country should spend months of their valuable time preparing and delivering campaign speeches—but it is extremely doubtful, unless the people show genuine resentment, that the candidates, whoever they are, will let a mere war interfere with the fanfare which has accompanied every election since the beginning of our democracy.

It is vitally important to all of us with the aims, the abilities, and the philosophies of the various candidates—and to that extent a certain amount of speech-making is essential—but if the ballyhoo could somehow be squeezed out of the coming campaign it would be a blessing to our nation and a decided contribution to the war program.

### REASON . . . . . plan

In a recent talk before a thousand publishers of daily newspapers, Eric Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, offered blueprints for the kind of an election which, it seems to me, we should aim to have this year. He said:

"We should make this a campaign of calm reason rather than blind prejudice, a campaign of high principle rather than hollow slogans. The stakes are too high, the decisions are too vital, to be endangered by smear-words and bitterness and unscrupulous vote-grabbing."

"Mind you, I am not asking for the surface unanimity all too familiar under the totalitarian dispensation. The last thing I would recommend is a namby-pamby, punch-pulling campaign that reveals nothing and decides nothing. Honest men must be forthright and unafraid in defending their convictions and principled opinions. But we can live up to the best tradition of American sports—the code of the baseball diamond—the football field. There must be no wounds or sores of class struggle left to fester after the election."

Mr. Johnston, who has himself been mentioned as a candidate for the presidency, may be over-optimistic in imagining that such an election as he outlines could be carried on in this country. Certainly the only way it is possible is if the people raise their voices now to make it clear to all politicians that this is the only kind of election they will tolerate in 1944.

### EVASION . . . . . politicians

The preliminaries to the 1944 campaign are not too promising of its being a clean-cut, above-the-board contest. For it is obvious that practically all leading candidates are jockeying for position, closely following the advice of their political henchmen, saying only those things which it is "safe" to say and refusing to reveal their stand on vital subjects until they consider it the appropriate time from the political viewpoint.

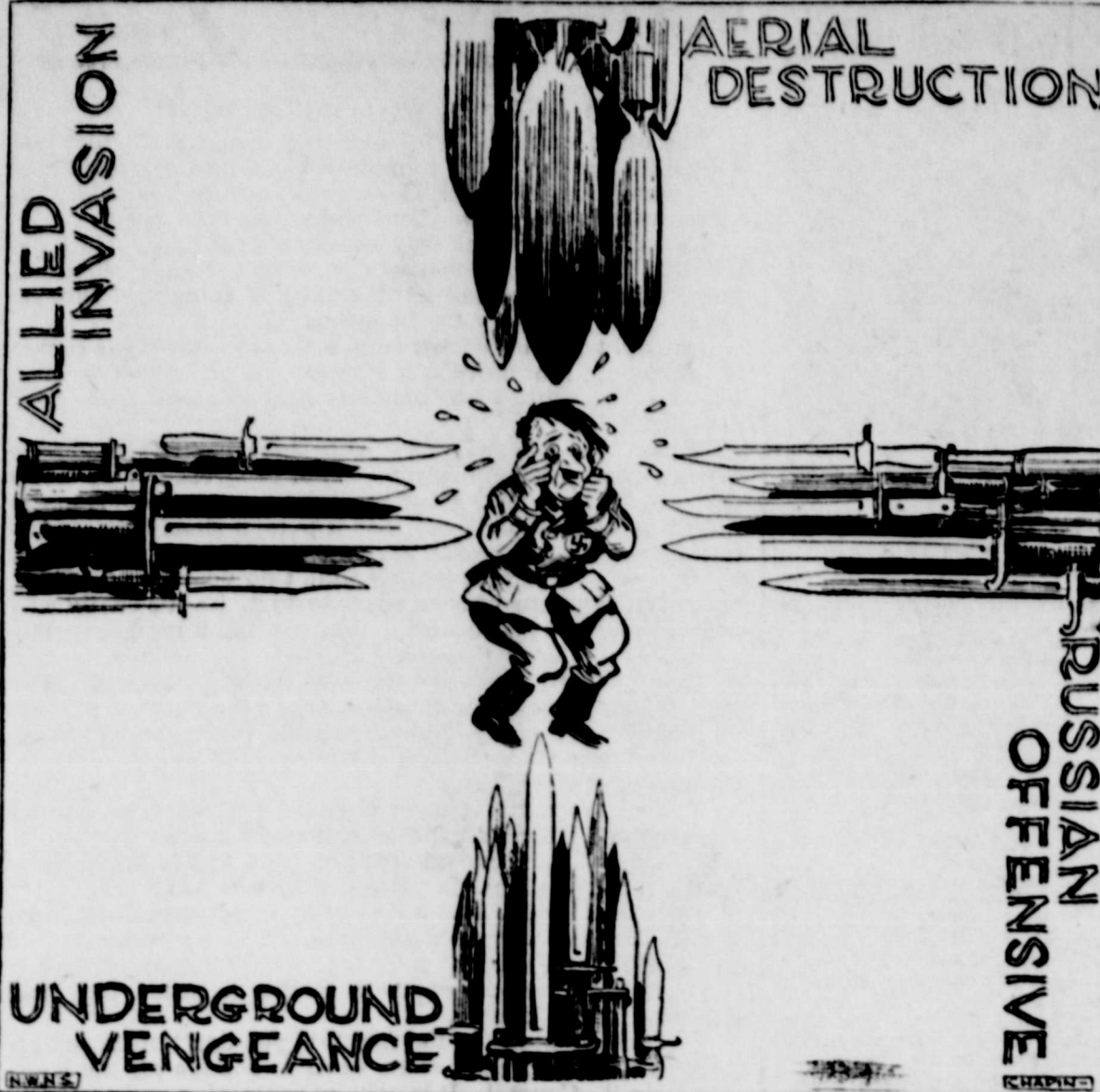
Thomas Dewey, the leading Republican candidate, has never repudiated his original statement that he would not run, although Republican leaders all over the country seem to take it for granted that he will. President Roosevelt has so far been unwilling to let the people know whether he will run for a fourth term; Wendell Willkie has apparently dropped out of the race but is rumored to have something "up his sleeve"; Eric Johnston has said he is not interested in being a presidential candidate, although many people close to him feel that he would be very much interested if he thought he had a fair chance.

So, as matters stand now, when it is time the people knew the opinions and convictions of all candidates, we are actually put in the dangerous position of not officially knowing who the candidates are.

If there is any chance that this campaign will be the kind Mr. Johnston proposes, it would seem that the first immediate step would be for all candidates who are going to run to lift their hats off the fence and throw them squarely into the middle of the ring.

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### Wee Bits of GESTURE

[Opinions expressed in this weekly feature are the writer's, and not necessarily those of the News Review.—ED.]

President Roosevelt while commenting on the Ward case said something about a lot of us folks "seeing things under the bed." The President may have something there, too, folks. In fact, I'm still pondering that one over. After all, our business doesn't compare very much in importance with the business that Uncle Sam's carrying on with a couple of fellows named Tojo and Hitler.

Of course most all of us are more or less devoted to our business—especially so if it's getting "in the red." Naturally, when we see something coming at it that looks as if it's not exactly in the cards, we jump right up and go to hollering, "Wolf! Wolf!"

And there's nothing wrong with being on the alert, either. But I'm telling you folks, this habit we are getting ourselves into of trying to stay in style by going around with the Constitution under one arm and the Bill of Rights under the other and a staff of tired-out looking lawyers trailing along in the rear, might get us into that "Nazi Red" that a lot of folks haven't got out of yet.

Old Tojo and Hitler may come over here arm in arm one of these days and catch us all bent over the Constitution looking through a microscope, and give us a lot of swift kicks right in the very seat of our pants.

I declare, it looks like the Constitution is getting harder to understand with each passing day. And I'm not positive now that I didn't "see something under the bed." After all, with all this unrationed criticism we're getting nowadays, it's a pretty doggone good place to hang out.

—By PRINTIS A. NEWMAN.

### THIS AND THAT

By JOE SMITH DYER

#### FROM MY DIARY:

Azay-le-Rideau, France — August 22nd, 1932. 10 p. m.

I have just placed my shoes outside the door of this room in this tiny hotel and now perhaps I should pray that, in the morning, they will be there. I do not forget that I am in France where things—small and large—vanish from right in front of you. This is a clean place and the dinner was good and the bed is soft and clean and—the bill in the morning will look as if I'd leased all the rooms. From out the window I see a dim light high up in the Pyrenees. It's a very peculiar thing, but one can seldom see the Pyrenees, even when one is in them. To see them well one would have to have the feet of a mule and the patience of the same animal. One can only take stabs at seeing these famous mountains. Yesterday I was in Gavarnie and it was cold. The people there were friendly, though, and their common French food was good. I left some laundry there and I'll pick it up—next summer, if I come this way.

I think, by that time, it will have been finished. The woman who took it made it very plain that if washed with soap it would be three or four francs extra. I told her to be extravagant and use soap. Clothes usually take on a much better appearance when soap has been used.

Last week I spent a few days in Perpignan which has one of the finest collieries in all Europe. There were the same friendly people there that I found in Cavarville. I took the narrow mountain train up to Andorra, the smallest and the oldest republic in the world. Andorra inhabitants are slow, dull, and none too friendly. They are all deeply religious and, with some of them, a smile is a sin. I stopped in Pau for lunch and came in contact with a group of American tourists from Cleveland. It was nice having some American companions even though it was a short meeting.

I stopped three days last week in Carcassonne and I know of nothing that is such a thrill as seeing that old city high up on those green, rolling hills of Languedoc. They are walled and turreted and the city looks as if it might be a mirage. I half expected to see a company of men in armor ride from out the tall portal and on down the winding road.

More than any place I have ever seen, Carcassonne brings the Middle Ages right back into life. Around Carcassonne the land is flat and it is constantly whipped and beaten by the "mistral," that cold, ceaseless Mediterranean wind.

I had some clothes mended in Carcassonne by a "stoppeur"—she did an excellent job and only charged me a small sum. I wanted a suit pressed and the chambermaid said "Repasse?" and I said, "No, I want the suit pressed" and I went through all the motions of pressing and she laughed and said, "Repasse is what you want" and so I learned something else.

"Repasse" is the same as press! Very soon I'll be off to Lourdes, that world-famous shrine where so many miracles have been performed.

And now . . . to bed, because tomorrow will be another busy day.

Greatness is usefulness; fame is something else.

WPA says many electrical and mechanical repair shops are not taking advantage of a WPA regulation to aid them in obtaining parts and materials for domestic appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, radio clocks, sewing machines, stoves, bicycles, lawn mowers, and plumbing.

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## Your BRAIN BUDGET

1—Which of these is not a dog: (a) Sealyham, (b) Cairn, (c) Maltese, (d) Doberman-Pinscher?

2—We connect Bing Crosby with what occupation: (a) baseball player, (b) singer, (c) flier, (d) jockey?

3—The Motion Picture Academy award was given to what actress this year: (a) Greer Garson, (b) Joan Blondell, (c) Ann Harding, (d) Jennifer Jones?

4—The word "ruble" should remind us of the money of what country: (a) Russia, (b) Spain, (c) Burma, (d) Iraq?

5—Who wrote "The Last of the Mohicans": (a) Washington Irving, (b) James F. Cooper, (c) Mark Twain, (d) Robert L. Stevenson?

### ANSWERS—

1. (c) Maltese, a cat.
2. (d) Jockey.
3. (d) Jennifer Jones.
4. (a) Russia.
5. (b) Cooper.