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ELEVENTH WEEK

T. C. U. Students Pick 10 Best News Stories

FALL OF ITALY RANKED FIRST

Fort Worth, Jan. 6.—Eight of the 10 best news stories of 1943 developed outside of the United States, but all were directly or indirectly related to the war. That is the opinion of students in the department of journalism at Texas Christian University, asked by Prof. J. Willard Ridings, department head, to pick the 10 best stories of '43.

The fall of Italy was ranked as the No. 1 story of the year. It was placed among the first 10 by every student in the department, the only story to be unanimously chosen.

"Sudden death to one of the Axis members, who, after all, never got any farther than the balcony!" was a typical comment. "One down, two to go," another wisecracked.

Twenty-six stories were nominated for final consideration, and from these the 10 best were named by the journalism students, each one supporting his selections by pertinent comment.

2-Four-Power Conference. The four Mr. Bigs of the war plan for peace. Plans are formed at devastating diplomatic dinners which will wreck eventual devastation upon the Axis.

3-John L. Lewis and Coal Miners. Trouble and confusion on the home front. The thermometer of public opinion — on both sides — registers the high interest rating of this news.

4-Bombing of Berlin. Allied theme song becomes "Night and day, you are the one!" Certain Nazi bigwigs said it couldn't be done, forgetting that England and the United States specialize in the impossible.

5-Capture of North Africa. American, British and French forces get together for the first important Allied victory. Hitler's African ambitions die along with the Africa Korps.

6-U. S. Race Riots. Black, brown and white men are caught in an undertow of prejudice and misunderstanding. Detroit, Beaumont and Los Angeles share the shame of the spotlight.

7-Russian Summer-Fall Successes. The Russians give Hitler's men the bum's rush. The most consistent headline-holder in the war news.

8-Invasion of Sicily. American boys help to drive the first blow into the "soft under-belly" of Europe.

9-General Patton Case. General Patton struck a shell-shocked soldier. A shocked American public opinion stuck General Patton. Maybe the pot called the kettle black.

10-Jap Slaying of Captured Doolittle. Mrs. Tojo makes sure that the U. S. will "Remember Pearl Harbor."

Stories ranked as the second 10-best of the year included: Casablanca Conference, Errol Flynn Trial, Gasoline Rationing, Rickenbacker and Companions, De Marigny Trial, Congressional Revolt Against New Deal, Visit of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Bombing of Rumanian Oil Fields, Discovery of Penicillin and the Battle of Tarawa.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, January 8—None
Sunday, January, 9—Lois Ann Mann, Sallie Wardlaw, Oscar Lee Carpenter
Monday, January, 10—W. D. Kring, Peggy Sue Barker, Aldwell Nisbet
Tuesday, January 11—None
Wednesday, January 12—Davy Dean Locklin, Billy Jean Cobern
Thursday, January 13—Mrs. Gertrude Reming
Friday, January 14—Ford Allen, Mrs. Jim Perry

Billy Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scott, is receiving treatment in a San Angelo hospital this week for pneumonia. Billy was taken to the hospital Monday, and while very ill, he is reported to be some better.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Noelke and Mrs. Clay Puckett were in San Angelo on Friday, December 31, attending the marriage of Mr. Ellen Myer and Maj. R. M. Zirkle.

Leo E. Brown Seeks Reelection

Leo E. Brown announced this week as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector, subject to the Democratic primaries of July 1944. Brown has served one term in office and will continue to perform the duties of the office to the best of his ability if re-elected.

He is asking reelection on the basis of having fulfilled his campaign pledge of being "the man who will stay on the job". If elected, it will be his aim to cooperate with the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County as he has in the past. When announcing, he stated that he felt a public office carries a responsibility which he has endeavored to fulfill and which he will continue to fulfill.

Last Rites Held At Cuero For Sonoran's Mother

Last rites were conducted for Mrs. W. F. Harris, mother of Mrs. George H. Neill of Sonora, in Cuero on Tuesday, December 28, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Cuero. Mrs. Harris died on Monday, following an illness of many months.

A native Texan, the former Miss Matilda Hunter was born on May 7, 1871, in Yorktown, Dewitt County. When a small child, she moved with her family to Cuero where she had made her home since. In 1896, she was married to the late W. F. Harris.

Survivors, beside Mrs. Neill, include two other daughters, Mrs. Fielding Breeden and Miss Bertha Harris of Cuero; a son, W. S. Harris of Cuero; three sisters, Mrs. Lilly Gullet of Austin, Mrs. J. Van Hoogenhuyze of Dallas and Mrs. M. M. Wolf of Richmond; and six grandchildren.

WOMEN'S CLUBS TO COLLECT CLOTHING FOR REHABILITATION IN EUROPE

The collection of old clothing to be used in rehabilitation work in the liberated countries of Europe was begun in Sonora this week, and will last through January 15, according to Mrs. Lloyd Earwood, salvage chairman of the Sonora Woman's Club.

The drive is being conducted by the Woman's Club, assisted by the American Legion Auxiliary, the War Service Club and the Sonora Music Club.

All types of clothing for men, women and children are needed, and clothing donated should be taken to J. W. Trainer & Son store, where it will be dry cleaned. Also acceptable are garments from which buttons, snaps and zippers have been removed; however, those with the fasteners intact are preferred.

Rags are also needed for cleaning machinery, guns and other war equipment and will be accepted during the drive.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Ratliff and family, who went to Shreveport, La., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Ratliff's mother, Mrs. Carolyn Oroark, have been detained there because of the illness of their young son, Bill.

A BOMBER FOR SONORA

How would "Sonora, Texas" look on the nose of a bomber or fighter plane sent out against the Japanese or Germans?

That is entirely within the range of possibility, according to Miss Ethel Foster, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, who wrote the Sonora Woman's Club that, by sending in the serial numbers of bonds purchased here between October 15 and January 17, the club will be privileged to name a bomber or fighter.

Sutton Countians who have purchased bonds may call Mrs. R. E. Duncan, giving her the serial numbers and amount of the bonds they have purchased, to be credited to the Woman's Club. For purchases totaling \$300,000, the club will be allowed to name a heavy bomber; for a total of \$175,000 they may name a medium bomber, and for \$75,000 in purchases they may name a fighter plane.

All persons who have bought bonds in the county between October 15 and January 17 may credit the club with their purchases, simply by giving the serial numbers to Mrs. Duncan. The privilege is not restricted to club members alone.

Rites Held For Glasscock Baby

Funeral services were conducted for William Marcus Glasscock, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Glasscock, from the graveside Tuesday afternoon in the Sonora Cemetery, the Reverend J. E. Eldridge, Baptist pastor, officiating. The child died Monday night in a San Angelo hospital and was brought to Sonora Tuesday afternoon.

Survivors, other than the parents, include a sister, Anna Rose, three, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stuart, Abilene, and Mrs. W. E. Glascock, Sonora.

SAVELL LEA SHARP IS NOW MAJOR

Savell Lea Sharp, son of Mrs. Harry Sharp, has recently been promoted to the rank of major. He is a former band and business administration teacher of the Sonora High School and is at present serving with the Army Air Forces in the South Pacific.

12 REGISTRANTS RECLASSIFIED; 3 PLACED IN 1-A

Latest reclassifications made by the Sutton County Draft Board in meetings last week and this week include twelve registrants.

Those in 1-A are Baldemar G. Chavez, Benito C. Leija, and Jesus C. Hernandez; 2-A, Seth Lancaster and James T. Jackson; 2-B, James W. Taylor, Ernest C. Stevens and Richard Saunders; 2-C, John N. Merck; 3-C, Esteban Armesto and Juan Mendez; 4-F, James T. Barton.

Miss Martha Jo Moore, who had been here over the holidays visiting her parents, left last week-end to visit relatives in Austin before returning to classes at Hockaday School, Dallas.

Miss Gerri Nance of Comstock, was here visiting Miss Betty Faye Glasscock and her aunt, Mrs. Henry Wyatt, over the holidays.

Veteran Of Guadalcanal Is Lions' Speaker

SAW OTHER SONORA MEN OVERSEAS

"I could tell a good deal, I guess, but the best way to find out about it is to get in the fight. Almost anyone can," said Seabee Lawrence Nichols, speaking before the Sonora Lions Club Tuesday of his experiences while serving on Guadalcanal. Nichols is home on a thirty-day leave, after serving overseas since September 6, 1942.

While on Guadalcanal, Nichols said that 221 air raids were made by the Japs, but that their camp was hit only once. "It's really not so serious as it sounds—except for the Japs," he said. He said that the greatest discomfort was caused by the myriad mosquitoes, by hours spent in muddy foxholes, and by a peculiar skin eruption that the Marines on "Guadal" called "foxhole rash". Many treatments for this disease were tried, most of them worse than the rash itself. "Finally we found that just plain soap and water got the best results," Nichols laughed.

When asked what sort of work the Seabees were doing there, he stated that they were instructed not to describe their work, but that it included "everything from watch repairing on up".

Many of the men in the camp raised gardens to supplement the limited varieties of food that could be sent to them, Nichols related. Also, they were able to get some foods from the friendly natives.

He was particularly impressed by the natives who were very religious and many of whom could read and write English. Quite a few of them had attended schools and colleges in Australia and returned to teach their people. These people raised vegetable gardens, cattle, hogs, chickens and some citrus fruits.

While serving overseas, Nichols met with his brother, Cpl. John Nichols of the Marines, Seabee W. C. Gilmore, and Ernest Kiser, who is also with the Seabees. An interesting thing occurred while he and John were together, was the sinking offshore of a Japanese submarine by American planes. They were standing on the beach at the time and had a perfect view of the action.

Nichols, in closing, reiterated, "The best way to know about it all is to get in there and see it."

Also on the program Tuesday, was the presentation of keys of office to the past president, John Lee Nisbet; president, D. L. Locklin; treasurer, O. C. Ogden, and secretary, Boyd Lovelace. Presentations were made by W. E. Caldwell.

H. V. Stokes made an announcement concerning the opening of the Infantile Paralysis drive; George H. Neill announced the opening of the Fourth War Loan, and E. D. Stringer, school superintendent, spoke of the work of the schools in the past, their plans for the future, and the obstacles they must overcome.

A visitor at the Sonora Farm Loan Association office here this week was J. A. Handy, land appraiser of the Farm Credit Administration.

Polio Fund Drive Opens Here; Chalk Heads Activities

George D. Chalk, again appointed by State chairman W. B. Clayton of Houston to head the Sutton County committee raising contributions for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced that the campaign for contributions will be conducted locally from this week through January 14.

"It will require small contributions, but many of them," Chalk said, in announcing the opening of the drive. Contributions may be made to Chalk or other members of the committee, and cards will be mailed to every adult in the county, reminding them of the drive and its purposes.

No plans have yet been made for the celebration of the President's birthday on January 31, an event which heretofore has climaxed the campaign.

Communities are allowed to retain one half of the amount contributed, using it for appropriate causes. The part kept out of the last year's contributions, was used to buy equipment needed to care for any polio cases that might occur here and to pay for the training of three local women in the Kenney method of treating the disease. Those who took the Kenney course were Meses J. B. Shanks, Tom Bond and Boyd Lovelace.

Lt. W. M. Elliott Again Decorated

First Lieutenant William M. Elliott, holder of the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross, has again been decorated. A news release received here this week from the headquarters of Lt. General George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific, states that Lt. Elliott has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster, which is equivalent to a second Air Medal.

The lieutenant, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elliott, was cited for "meritorious achievement" in 25 operational flights over enemy territory, which brought his missions to a total of 100. His parents had a letter from him recently, in which he stated that he had completed his hundredth mission. They were unaware, however, that he had received the Oak Leaf Cluster, until the news release came through.

18 MEN TO REPORT AT INDUCTION CENTER

Eighteen Sutton County men, recently classified 1-A, will leave for the Induction Center, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, on January 10, for examination.

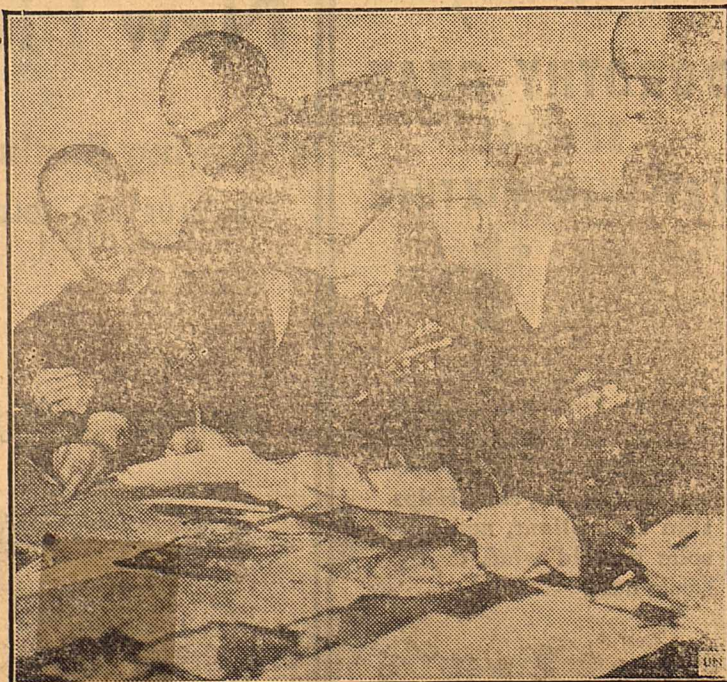
Those in this group are John A. Nisbet, B. D. Roberts, Selestino Gandar, Guillermo Romero, Hubert R. Fields, Saragosa Sanchez, Clyde Henderson, Jr., Oscar Galindo, James C. Berry, Luciano Ganzaes, Jose Santos, Alfred Karnes Sessoms, Aubrey Wilton Stubblefield, Richard Crosthwait, Herman Wood, Preston Norwood, Ernest Clayton Stevens and Carley B. Barker.

That Way, Soldier!



A PEASANT WOMAN pauses by the roadside, her bundle of firewood balanced on her head, to point the way for French soldiers completing the liberation of Corsica. Under Axis occupation for three years, Corsica was one of the first occupied territories to taste freedom, when French troops landed on her shores in September, 1943.

Plan Air Blows at Nazis



AIR CHIEF MARSHAL HARRIS (center) and his staff at R.A.F. Bomber Command study maps and photos of enemy targets before planning an attack. Much careful work goes into organizing the armadas of giant British bombers which have launched thousands of tons of bombs on Hamburg and Berlin.

\$227,000 Is County's Fourth War Loan Quota

\$88,000 GOAL SET FOR E BOND SALES

Announcing the \$227,000 Fourth War Loan Sutton County quota, which is \$40,000 less than the Third War Loan quota raised here in September, County War Finance Chairman George H. Neill stated, "Although the drive comes at a bad time for some of us, we must each do more than we have ever done before—more, perhaps, than we feel able to do."

Neill said that while the County quota is less than that of September, the sales of series E bonds must be larger, thus individuals will need to buy more than before. "Of Sutton County's \$227,000 goal, a quota of \$88,000 is set for the sale of E bonds. Every citizen must increase his purchases, buy an extra bond, to cover our quota," he stated.

Neill's statement was in line with that made by State Chairman Nathan Adams, who pointed out that while the State quota for the Fourth War Loan is \$395,000,000, or \$125,000,000 less than the September quota of \$520,000,000, more E bonds are to be sold this time. He said, "While on the surface, it may appear that success in the Fourth War Loan drive will require less work, it actually will require more, because the Fourth War Loan goal for sales of E bonds in Texas is \$130,000,000, whereas only one hundred fifteen millions of dollars in these bonds were sold during the Third War Loan."

Neill, in speaking of plans for conducting the drive locally, said that he will call a meeting of the War Finance Committee next week. At that time, detailed plans for contacting the public and carrying out an intensive campaign will be made.

Sonoran's Kin Reported Missing

Mrs. A. B. Smithwick learned this week that her nephew, Tech. Sgt. Delbert Edmiston of Eldorado, is missing in action after a flight over Germany. This information was received from the War Department by his wife, the former Miss Imogene Miller of Mertzon, on Monday morning.

Sgt. Edmiston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmiston of Eldorado and a graduate of the Eldorado schools, entered the service in September, 1942, and for the past four months has been a gunner on a flying Fortress stationed in England.

Texas' Traffic Accidents Near Pre-War Rate

Austin, Jan. 5.—The Texas Safety Association warned today that despite the tightening-up of gasoline rationing, traffic accidents "will soon be dangerously approaching the pre-war frequency rate."

C. J. Rutland, chairman of the Association's traffic committee, pointed to Department of Public Safety figures, showing that for the first 11 months of 1943 there were 1,038 traffic fatalities in the state, only 160 below the total for the same months of 1942.

"The alarming thing about it is that despite a good start in the first half of 1943, accidents have been steadily climbing until we find that traffic fatalities in October and November of this year totaled 229 as compared with 173 in corresponding months in 1942," Rutland said.

For the first six months of the year, according to figures compiled by Captain J. O. Musick of the Department of Public Safety, there were only 539 fatalities compared to 689 to the same date in 1943. Since then, however, deaths on Texas streets and highways have to 689 to the same date in 1942, mark, wiping out the progress made.

Rutland called for cooperation of all agencies concerned with traffic safety to bring the trend back downward in 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Slone of San Antonio are the guests here this week of Mrs. Slone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Stephenson, and Mr. Slone's mother, Mrs. S. E. Adams.

Tom Thorp is in a San Angelo hospital this week receiving treatment.

Announcements From The Churches



METHODIST CHURCH

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

The Rev. H. E. Moreland
Evening Services, second Sunday each month 8:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
Morning Service 11:00
Evening Preaching 8:30
Training Union 7:30
Mid-week Service and Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 8:30
Brotherhood, first and third Tuesday 8:30
W. M. U. each Wednesday 3:00

Whooping Cough Danger Cited By Dr. Cox

Austin, Texas, Jan. 6—In speaking of the control of communicable diseases, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today that whooping cough is one of the hardest to control. This is because it is highly contagious and begins as an ordinary cough. It is catching during the week or ten days before it can be recognized by the "whoop". Even then a physician is not called, and often children are allowed to play with others when they are known to be sick.

In children under the age of three years, and especially babies, whooping cough is dangerous and often fatal. Frequent spells of coughing and vomiting weaken a child to such an extent that the disease becomes dangerous. The majority of deaths are due to pneumonia, which is the most frequent and dangerous complication.

Because this complication is so dangerous, it is advisable to have a doctor as soon as the child becomes sick.

Dr. Cox further advises, "Do everything you can to protect children from whooping cough. Often prevention and control of whooping cough, especially among infants and small children, may be accomplished through use of approved vaccine and convalescent serum," Dr. Cox said. "Keep them away from playmates who have colds, especially when whooping cough is prevalent. Teach children not to put objects in their mouths that have been handled by others and to wash their hands before meals. In spite of all precaution, if your child seems to be developing whooping cough, call your doctor at once. He can do much to relieve the patients' distress if treatment is begun early and will advise the parents about diet, rest, exercise, and fresh air for the patient."

Buy War Stamps and Lick The Other Side!!!

Congratulations

A son, named William Ernest, Jr., was born on December 27, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McClelland. The child's father is serving with the Seabees in the South Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Hull are the parents of a son born in a San Angelo hospital on December 30. The baby has been named Arthur Allen.

SERVICE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. V. J. GENTZLER

The War Service Club held their weekly meeting in the home of Mrs. Victor Gentzler, Thursday night, December 30. Members enjoying the social hour included Mmes Dayton Cain, C. A. Cahill, Jack Whitley, Carol Barho and Lee Roy Whitworth.

Mrs. Eldridge Directs WMU

Mrs. J. E. Eldridge led the W. M. U. in Bible Study at the weekly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The program opened with the group singing "My Saviour's Love", after which Mrs. Eldridge directed the study which concluded the fifth week of the year's mission study in the book, "A Tour of the Bible".

Closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Eldridge.

The W. M. U. has asked that all members try to be present at the next meeting, which will be a Royal Service Program.

WOMAN'S CLUB NETS \$150 ON 3 HOLIDAY DANCES

One hundred and fifty dollars profit was realized by the Sonora Woman's Club on the three dances they sponsored here during the Christmas holidays. The three dances were given on December 25, 30 and 31.

Billy Gross and his orchestra played for the Christmas night dance, Harrison's Texans for the next, and Johnny Martin and his Melody Boys for the New Year's Eve dance.

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PAT REILEY, Editor

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Featherston Talks On "Freedom" At P-TA Meeting

Ben Featherston, Elementary School principal, presented the program and Mrs. Rip Ward, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, at the meeting of the P-T. A. Tuesday afternoon.

Featherston, speaking on "Freedom From Want-Our Economic Problem", stressed the importance of post-war planning for maintenance of high living standards, here and abroad. He also discussed the necessity for providing employment for servicemen after the war and the importance of teaching our youth economy and thrift.

Mrs. E. D. Stringer, read a letter from the district president, Mrs. J. C. Stuart, in which thrift in the war effort was encouraged. The meeting closed with the group singing "Church in the Wildwood" and repeating the P-T. A. prayer.

RED CROSS KNITTERS COMPLETE QUOTA SEVEN WEEKS AHEAD SCHEDULE

The last Red Cross knitting quota, including sweaters and mufflers, was completed seven weeks ahead of schedule, and has been shipped to National Red Cross headquarters for distribution to servicemen. Mrs. Alvis Johnson, Red Cross production chairman, expressed praise and appreciation for the work done by the volunteer knitters, who completed the quota so quickly.

Another knitting quota is expected to arrive within the next three weeks, but no information has been received concerning the branch of service for which the garments are to be made. The articles just completed were sent to the Army.

The chapter, also, has received material to make 144 kit bags for the Navy. In connection with this, Mrs. Johnson said that as there is only one machine in the sewing room now, those making the bags will have to take them home.

The previous quota of kit bags, which was completed some time ago, will be shipped as soon as supplies to fill them are received. The chapter has received requisition sheets for the supplies, which are expected soon.

Miss Sammie Allison will leave Sunday to return to Stephens College, Mo., where she is a high anied as far as San Antonio by her school student. She will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Allison, with whom she spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Olene Casbeer And A. H. Floyd Wed In Lampasas, December 29

Miss Olene Casbeer of Lampasas and Arthur H. Floyd of Brady were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. K. May of Lampasas at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 29. The Reverend J. E. Fuller of the First Methodist Church read the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore an aquamarine crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. For traveling she wore a suit of black and white wool.

Mrs. Floyd, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Casbeer of Lampasas, has many friends

in Sonora, having visited here frequently with her sister, Mrs. H. V. Stokes. She is a graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and has studied at the University of Texas, Sul Ross at Alpine and the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Mr. Floyd, a graduate of Howard Payne College and the University of Texas, has been employed in the Brady schools for a number of years. He is now serving as principal of the Brady Junior High School and also holds ranching interests in Concho County.



A LOOK AT THE BOOK

By DR. BOB JONES, JR.

PRESIDENT OF
BOB JONES COLLEGE

Cleveland,
Tennessee

The character of our Lord Jesus Christ is nowhere more perfectly demonstrated than on the cross. He who died for sinners did not even in suffering on Calvary forget His own. He made provision for His mother and His friend, and what a tender provision it was. He had nothing on earth to give them. He died without property or possession. Though He made all things, He had no lands to leave. Though He, in creation, had hidden the gold in the hills, He died without money. Even His robe had been taken from Him and the soldiers were casting lots for it in the shadows of the cross. He had nothing of material value to leave to His mother and not even a keepsake to bequeath to His friend, so He gave them to each other—to

the heart-broken mother, a son, upon whom the affection of a mother's heart could be lavished; to John, a mother, whose heart was capable of all devotion a mother possesses.

His divine compassion showed itself in His prayer for those who crucified Him. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). His enemies His tormentors, His persecutors, came within embrace of His divine compassion in the prayer.

Was there ever anguish like His anguish? Yet was there ever one who died thus? His diety was so apparent as He died that the centurion responsible for the crucifixion was compelled to cry out, "Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39).

AMERICAN HOUSEWIVES WASTE enough food to feed AN ARMY OF 10 MILLION

-by buying too many perishables
at one time

-by overcooking
or burning

-by not using
left-overs

-by not using all edible parts of food—
tops of greens, heels of bread, etc.

-by forgetting food stored in
the back of the refrigerator

These are some of the ways 15% of all food
bought by the average family is wasted

waste now means want later

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Group Skirts — 98c

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HEAVY WESTERN PANTS	\$1.98	BLANKETS (single cotton Pinto)	\$1.39
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We are not a believer in the hush-hush attitude toward the mistakes of the administration, unsatisfactory internal affairs and the conduct of the war effort, (or anything else that an American wants to make a good democratic squawk about) just because there's a war going on. A loud yell, backed up by a sound idea, is a healthy sign that what our men are fighting for really exists.

It's a different story, however, when self-seekers raise a howl for higher wages--fellows who are already making more than they ever did before. Then one wonders if there aren't some people in America who have never given a thought to the ideals good men are dying for; or worse still, they think but are too selfish to care.

Daily papers have written much on the statement, attributed to General George C. Marshall, that labor strikes have acted as fuel for Nazi propaganda machines; also on the retort of Labor leaders, one of whom said that labor is winning the war. Labor is winning the war, but at such a high price that living costs have soared beyond vision. Even if it doesn't actually feed the Goebbels line of "blah", neither does it improve our servicemen's morale.

Whenever we read of a labor strike, we think of the men fighting in the far corners of the globe and how little they care for self, how bewildered they must at times feel, what doubts they have when they read of such strikes. Why shouldn't they stop and wonder whether or not they are being played for suckers? Why, if they risk everything to pull chestnuts out of the fire, should we here at home get to eat them all? Our oft repeated "take the profit out of war" is beginning to sound a little hollow.

Nearly everyone we talk to feels the same way about strikers, but few of us do more than grouse about it and say, "Those guys ought to be shot, or locked up, or sumpin'"--and usually that's as far as it goes.

"Wire your Congressman" is a phrase that is spoken more in ridicule and derision than in seriousness, but why should it be? Our representatives in the government, elected by us supposedly to see that the interests and desires of the people are served, are not psychic. Whatever the issue, be it strikes, soldier vote question, subsidies, or what have you--a conscientious citizen should speak out for what he thinks right.

One voice, you say, is weak. But the roar of thousands of voices is made up of just individual voices.

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Just to prove that no rule will fit all situations, and that a regulation that will apply in one locality may not be practical in another, we cite preliminary announcements of a regulation sent out by the Office of Defense Transportation, concerning wartime restrictions on ambulance service. This new order prohibits an ambulance from making trips in excess of a 100-mile radius, or in excess of 200 miles for a round trip. In other words, without a special ODT permit from the San Angelo office, the ambulance service here would be prohibited from carrying a Sonora patient to a doctor in Abilene, as Abilene is over 100 miles from Sonora.

A patient, who had been under the care of an Abilene doctor and who was taken suddenly and violently ill on Sunday night, when the Angelo ODT office is closed, would be in a bad way before permission could be had to get him to Abilene. Of course the trip could be made in relays, the Sonora service taking him as far as Angelo and an Angelo service taking him the remainder of the way. But this alternative would deprive the home service of part of the business that would ordinarily belong to it.

Obviously overlooked was the fact that one must go a long way in this part of the world to get any place.

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Jack Neill, in speaking of the January-February bond drive at the Lions luncheon Tuesday, stressed the real work and cooperation that success will require. Interesting and impressive was the fact that, he ignored the word "duty" in urging the purchase of bonds--and substituted the word "privilege". His thought was that when the finest men in the world are fighting for our common cause, it is indeed a privilege to provide them with the ammunition.

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W. I. Marschall Made District Extension Agent

TOM GREEN COUNTY
AGENT 15 YEARS

College Station, Jan. 1--W. I. Marschall, for nearly 15 years county agricultural agent of Tom Green County, on January 1, became district agent of Extension Service district 6, comprising 32 southwest Texas counties, which includes Sutton County. He will have supervision over the work of 24 county and assistant county agricultural agents.

Marschall succeeds James D. Prewit who filled the position for six years prior to his selection by the College Board of Directors on December 13, as acting director of A. and M. College Extension Service. Prewit made announcement.

The new district agent is a West Texan by birth, environment and preference. As the subject of a feature story in the October 23 number of the Saturday Evening Post, the author, Neil M. Clark, defined him "a bureaucrat you can call Billy--the typical county agricultural agent, the most useful and least conspicuous official on the farm front". And his economic value was neatly summarized as "next to the farmer, he's the man most likely to keep us eating".

Biographically, Marschall arrived with the Mauve Decade, but two years after his birth in November, 1890, in Kendall County, his parents moved to Llano County. He grew up in Llano and Mason Counties, attended the Llano schools through the tenth grade and entered A. and M. College in 1909. He was graduated with the degree of B. S. in agriculture with the class of 1912. While an undergraduate, he played end on the Aggies' football team.

College days behind, he was employed by the Flowerdale Farms of Dallas and took the farms' cattle and hog herds on a tour of four state fairs. But West Texas called, and he returned to Llano in the spring of 1913, and for the succeeding five years conducted his own livestock business. In the spring of 1918, he put off chaps and high boots for Uncle Sam's uniform, and served overseas for 14 months with the Ninth Veterinary Corps.

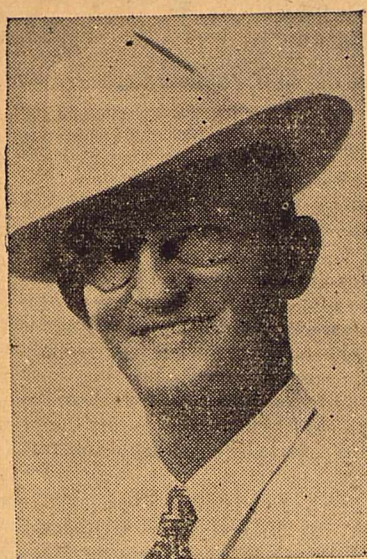
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W. I. MARSCHALL

After demobilization, he joined the Texas Extension Service, serving as assistant county agricultural agent in Llano County from January until July, 1921, then as Mason County agricultural agent until March, 1929. Since then he has hung his hat in the county agent's office in the basement of the Tom Green County Court House at San Angelo.

Marschall brings to his new assignment a broad practical experience in soil conservation, boys' 4-H Club work, and in many other lines of constructive agricultural effort. In Mason County, he organized the Wolf Club as a means of controlling predatory animals.

During his more than 14 years service in Tom Green County, Marschall has run terraces or contour lines on more than 100,000 acres of land. He supervised the production of five carloads of champion 4-H Club lambs, three grand champion lambs at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show, one grand champion carload of lambs at the Dallas Centennial and two grand champion carloads at the San Angelo Livestock show.

He inaugurated the famous beef cattle work in Mason County, showing the first champion carload of beef calves from that county. Furthermore, he trained seven state winning livestock, grain, and poultry judging teams in Mason and Tom Green Counties.

As extra-curricular work, Marschall assisted in organizing the first San Angelo spring fat stock show, and also gave his aid and experience in organizing the West Texas Stock Yards Company of San Angelo, and the West Texas Packing Company.

Modestly, Marschall disclaims credit for the achievements associated with his years of service. "None of these things could have been possible," he explains, "had it not been for the wonderful co-operation given me at all times, by the people in the counties where I have served as county agent."

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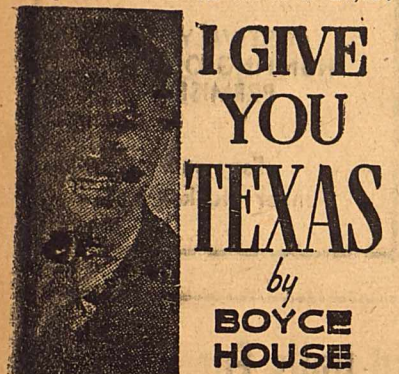
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Town And Farm In Wartime

PLENTY OF ANTI-FREEZE
The nation's motorists are being
oversold on anti-freeze and told
of shortages that do not exist,
according to the War Production
Board. Production of alcohol anti-
freeze for this winter is 50 per-
cent more than last, WPB said,
and asked motorists to watch their
own needs and not overload. Al-
cohol, from which anti-freeze is
made, is a critical war material.

**TIRE, TUBE SUPPLY STILL
LOW**
Tire and tube quotas for Jan-
uary reflect the continuing short-
age. The quota of 276,629 new
truck tires is 13,890 less than the
December figure, and the quota of
230,400 new truck tubes is 27,787



Official Austin is about to be-
stir itself with reference to seeing
that Texas citizens serving in the
armed forces get to vote.

This interest is a matter of
special gratification to your col-
umnist because, away back in the
summer of 1942, as a candidate
for Lieutenant Governor, I insist-
ed that something should be done
to permit our Texas soldiers and
sailors to vote. No other candidate
for any State office showed the
slightest concern on the subject,
so far as I read or heard -- in
fact, about the only Austin reac-
tion was the comment of a news-
paperman (a personal friend of
mine, too) that "Boyce House
tries to make an issue of soldier
voting."

Well, it's nice to be vindicated,
even if you have to wait 18 months.

The fact that a Texas citizen
puts on a uniform to fight for his
country in time of war should not
bar him from voting. The man
who is fighting for your rights
and mine surely has as much right
to vote as you and I do. The man
who is offering his blood and his
life to preserve our government
certainly is entitled to a voice in
running that government.

Over in Leonard recently, I met
School Supt. W. D. George, a re-
markably practical and energetic
man. He runs the school system
and that would be enough to keep
almost anybody busy—but the
morning this observer was in
Leonard, Supt. George had lost
some workers, so he got up early
and built eight fires in the school
buildings and then he got behind
the steering wheel and drove one
of the school buses on its round.

And how do you suppose he
spent last summer? He went up
to one of the big war plants and
got a job of hard work—he didn't
tell anybody around him that he
was a school superintendent either;
he just pitched in and did his part
of the good, hard, physical labor.

As long as we have men in this
country who lay aside dignity when
there is a necessary job to do and
do it, the future of America is
safe. Supt. George is typical of
the school teachers of Texas who
love their work and are sticking
to it because it needs to be done—
we must train the next generation
of citizens. Thousands of school
teachers have turned down the
chance for jobs with shorter hours
and easier work and more pay,
because they want to see to it that
the liberties won by the bravery
of our soldiers on the battlefield
are placed in the keeping of train-
ed hands and cultivated minds,
and so will be preserved.

under the December figure. Sim-
ilarly, a lessening in demand, which
usually occurs during the colder
months, accounts for lower Janu-
ary quotas for farm tractors and
farm implement tires and tubes.
The January tube quota is 23,000,
lower by 9,200; the tire quota is
27,600, lower by 4,600.

TO GET MORE CHILDREN'S WEAR

To insure sufficient production
of infants' and children's wear,
the industry has been included by
the War Manpower Commission in
its list of essential activities. Also,
WPB has ordered approximately
18 million yards of cotton fabrics
set aside for the manufacture of
certain specified items of infants'
and children's clothing. Worsteds
and cotton yarn will be allocated
for manufacture of knitted outer
wear and infants' ribbed long hose,
half socks and anklets. Such goods
will not arrive on retail counters
until February or March.

RATION TOKENS FOR RETAILERS

Retailers selling rationed foods
should file their applications for
ration tokens by Saturday, Janu-
ary 8, to be sure of having a sup-
ply when the token plan starts
February 27, OPA says. The ap-
plication form is being distributed
to retailers by trade associations
and also is available at local rat-
ioning boards.

GAS RATION FOR SERVICE- MEN

To aid servicemen in recuper-
ating from illness or wounds re-
ceived while on active duty, OPA
has announced that they may be

EDITORIALS AND FEATURES

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Sonora, Texas, Friday, January 7, 1944

The Devil's River News

49 Years Ago

Boxing gloves will be a demand
as sparring matches will be a fea-
ture of this winter's amusements
in Sonora.

When we wrote up the Christmas
dance, we thought Sonora had out-
done itself, but the New Year's Eve
and New Year's Night dances
fully equaled that event. The next
monthly hop will be given in So-
nora on Friday night, February
22, Washington's birthday anniver-
sary.

J. E. Mills, the Schleicher
County sheepman, reports that
Charles Schreiner of Kerrville sold
his fall clip of wool at 7 1-8 cents.
Mr. Mills says he took 6 bags of
wool to San Angelo right after
shearing and sold it the same
day he arrived at 7 1-8 cents a
pound.

Al Haley and John Stokes re-
turned last week from a trip to
St. Louis, where they had been
with a bunch of cattle.

A. W. Mills, the Sutton County
sheepman, is willing to pay for
what range he uses and thinks it
is the only way a man can success-
fully run sheep year in and year
out. He favors a reduction of the
lease rental to two cents an acre.

issued special gasoline rations for
use in traveling to and from their
homes or other places of conval-
escence. This special ration will be
issued upon presentation of leave
papers to a local rationing board
and a letter from the attending
medical officer, certifying that
transportation by automobile, rather
than by other means, will materi-
ally assist in the recovery of the
servicemen's health.

ITEMS NO LONGER RATIONED

Pressure cookers and feed grind-
ers and crushers have been remov-
ed from rationing. Because the
supply of pressure cookers will
not meet all uses, the approval of
the War Food Administration is
necessary for purchases of pres-
sure cookers for other than food
preservation use. Application
should be made to the director,
Office of Materials, War Food
Administration, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie
returned from San Angelo this
week.

The Sonora Sunbeam Society
gave a very interesting evening's
entertainment at the church, New
Year's Night. There was a large
attendance.

Callahan & Taylor sold to
Maguill Hernandez one lot on the
McKavett road for \$75.

Bud Hurst was in from his
work near Comstock to spend the
New Years with his folks.

J. M. Fleming of San Saba spent
the holidays in Sonora with his
daughter, Mrs. W. F. Luckie and
Miss Eva Fleming

Born at San Angelo on December
27, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner,
a girl.

George P. Lanier, the steam well
driller, returned this week from a
business trip to Marathon. He com-
menced work on the Newell well
on the hill at the north of Sonora.

From October 15 through Dec-
ember 20, of last year, 12,000 Mexi-
can cattle were imported through
the port of Eagle Pass.

At Boston last week 30,000 lbs.
of Texas wool sold at 10 1/2 cents
per pound.

John M. Campbell of Val Verde
County was here part of the holi-
day week and reported that he
had recently purchased of John F.

Fritzpatrick of McMullen County,
his entire flock of 2,100 head of
sheep. Mr. Campbell is stocking
his ranch with cattle and has pur-
chased lately several bunches of
steers at seven dollars for ones and
ten dollars for twos.

At Philadelphia last week,
35,000 pound of Texas wool sold
at 10 to 11 cents per pound.

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APRICOTS, No Pts. 1b		47c	PICKLES, 24 Oz. Bottle	39c
EMPSON'S - WHOLE			PRIMROSE	
Green Beans, No Pts. Can		19c	CORN, No. 2 Can 13 Pts.	16c
K. B. 1 LB. JAR			GRAPE JAM, 2 lb Jar	49c
Grape Jelly, 4 Pts.		20c	ROYAL - ALL FLAVORS	
HEARTS' DELIGHT - 47 OZ. CAN			PUDDING, 2 Boxes	15c
TOMATO JUICE, 6 Pts.		27c		

Spuds IDAHO NO. 1'S 10 LBS. 39c Onions NEW CROP MEXICO WHITE 2 LBS. 15c

CHARMIN			REGULAR		
TISSUE, 4 Roll Carton		21c	KOTEX, 2 Boxes		43c
CARNATION			CARNATION		
MILK, 2 Large Cans		21c	MILK, 5 Small Cans		23c
C. W.			P. G.		
SOAP, 2 Giant Bars		9c	SOAP, 2 Giant Bars		9c
OLD DUTCH			SUNBRITE		
CLEANSER, 2 Can		17c	CLEANSER, 2 Cans		13c
EXTRACT			FRESH COUNTRY		
HONEY, 1/2 Gal. Pail		\$1.10	EGGS, Doz.		43c

FLOUR LIGHT CRUST 25 LB. BAG \$1.33 10 LB. BAG 62c

CLABBER GIRL			SPICED		
Baking Powder, 25 Oz. Can		22c	CAKE MIX, Large Box		27c

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GRAPE FRUIT, 2 For		9c	HAMS, Whole 4 Pts. 1b		34c
TEXAS			STAR		
ORANGES, Doz.		25c	BACON, Piece 3 Pts. 1b		32c
SUNKIST			GOAT MEAT, No Pts. 1b		25c
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CAPROTS, 2 Bunches		15c	Olomargarine, 6 Pts. 1b		25c
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ENGLISH PEAS, 3 1b		25c	Chili Con Carne, 4 Pts. 1b		29c
GREEN BEANS, 2 1b		35c	BEEF		
KILN DRIED			ROAST, 7 Pts. 1b		32c
YAMS, 2 1b		19c	CALF		
			TONGUE, 3 Pts. 1b		18c

PIGGLY WIGGLY
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READING & WRITING BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown

THE battlefield was an incongruous thing. Always there
was some ridiculous impingement of normalcy on a field of battle.
There on that day it was the Arabs. They were herding their camels,



ERNE PYLE

just as usual. Some of them continued to
plow their fields. Children walked along,
driving their little sack-laden burros, as
tanks and guns clanked past them. The
sky was filled with planes and smoke burst
from screaming shells.

Now that the North African campaign
is over, a number of excellent books are
coming out to give us an all-over picture
of this dramatic period in the war's history.
One of the best is "Here Is Your
War" by Ernie Pyle, from which the
above is quoted. Ernie Pyle is an A-1 cor-
respondent, and he writes with an eye for
detail, a sense of humor, and an under-
standing heart.

Among the many dramatic stories is the one about the crippled
Fortress that came in on two engines at sunset, after all the airfield
had given up hope for her. "All of us stood tense," writes Ernie Pyle,
"hardly remembering anyone else was there. With all our nerves we
seemed to pull the plane toward us. I suspect a photograph would have
shown us all leaning slightly to the left.
Not one of us thought the plane would
ever make the field, but on it came—so
slowly that it was cruel to watch."

Ernie Pyle landed first in Oran, and
there he was witness to the American sol-
diers' really amazing gift of fraterniza-
tion. They got along even if they didn't
know a word of French or Arabic. "A
really comic sight was one of our boys
standing on the street with an English-French dictionary in his hand,
talking to a girl and looking up each word as he spoke it."

Among the most welcome visitors in North Africa, says Mr. Pyle,
were the four stage and screen stars—Carole Landis, Mitzi Mayfair,
Kay Francis and Martha Raye—who arrived under the auspices of the
USO. He is full of praise for the bravery and fortitude of these girls.
"They had heard bombs fall, and they knew about army stew. They
averaged four hours' sleep a night. . . .
To say they were appreciated is putting
it mildly." Incidentally, Carole Landis
has just completed the story of the tour
she made with her three companions.
Titled, "Four Jills in a Jeep," it will ap-
pear first in the Saturday Evening Post,
and later as a book.



The Book-of-the-Month Club selection
for February will be "Der Fuehrer," by Konrad Heiden. "Der Fuehrer,"
which traces the life of the world's number one Nazi and the history of
National Socialism from their origins, is reported to be a lengthy and
authoritative work that has all the fascination of a novel.

From Our Men

The Devil's River News

When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

Major John W. Stark of San Angelo, who has many friends here, writes his brother A. B. Stark of Coleman, the following from England:

"Again, thanks for the nice long letter. Please excuse the typing, but this is the first time I have typed in a long time and probably will be the longest letter that I have written in a long time.

"Did I tell you how our ration system (KX) works? At present a rolling canteen comes every week or so, and we do our purchasing. We can have seven packs of cigarettes or twenty-one cigars, two bars of candy (usually English candy and plain), one pack of gum, two razor blades, one small pack of English cookies, one bar of soap, two packs of matches and a few other things. Some things are not rationed, like shoe polish and lighter fluid; however, they are out of the things you need at times. However, thus far, I consider the service adequate.

"The blackout in England is really a blackout. Walking home one night from a nearby town, I got lost for a few minutes, even with a flashlight (here, here, I shouldn't say flashlight, as we call them torches over here). Driving down these narrow, curving English roads, on the left side, in a blackout, is a new sensation, too. However, you soon grow accustomed to it.

Saturday night we went by G.I. transportation to a Red Cross dance. The Red Cross had a very nice place—very Americanized. The chief hostess was an American, but the other hostesses were English and the girls were English. It was quite pleasant. I got my first cocoa in over a month and a small piece of cream puff. I talked, read and danced the last two numbers with an American Army nurse.

"Today a piano came in, and we had some music by two of our officers. I can see that it will be a real source of pleasure at times. We are getting quite a set up. Our mattresses are made of straw, and there are straw pillows to go with them; however, nearly all of

the officers have a bedroll with them and can use that instead, if they wish. I like the straw o. k. We have been given sheets recently, so that helped a lot. Not everyone is set up nearly as nice as we are. Some of our enlisted men have a rather comfortable set up and all are so quartered that they are not suffering, but they have their inconveniences, such as having to walk half a mile to get a bath. However, all of us are lucky, and most of us realize that we won't always be so nicely settled—wars just are not fought under comfortable conditions, ordinarily.

"Late in the afternoon we manage to get in a few games of volley ball, and the past few days the general has played with us—and a good player he is, too.

"I have run across a few friends from Texas thus far and hope to see more of them later.

"Tell Brice (son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stark), howdy, and to really keep plugging. When you get across, the need for all the training you can get is impressed on you. Everyone is usually glad to learn anything he has a chance to, realizing more than ever now that that knowledge might make the difference between winning and losing, or living or dying. Many things that the Army teaches, and the reason for teaching, is not clear back in the States, but becomes evident here. Discipline is such a big thing—control of large groups of men, that a successful Army must have, is a thing that many Americans have yet to learn. To be called a soldier, regardless of the grade or rank, is the highest compliment that can be paid a man in the Army—and that is the biggest hope for myself and Brice."

A letter from Major Stark to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J.

ROLL OF HONOR



208 ARMY



39 NAVY



12 MARINES

Stark of San Angelo, states;

"All's well here; and I hope you both are feeling fine, and that you are having weather a bit more desirable now.

"Today I received a letter of commendation, signed by a Colonel, who was on the ship I was on, for a job done while on the ship. It was also signed by our General. The job was only a routine one, but it took lots of work, and I appreciated the acknowledgement of my work.

"We are getting plenty to eat over here, but of course the diet is simple and isn't as tasty as it would be at home. In fact, we are eating better prepared food than other troops, because we have a good kitchen crew.

"Things move along o. k. We learn more and more of the English terms and customs every day. I can use the English money fairly well now.

"Did I tell you I live in an old castle? It is as you would picture one; big, old, dark inside, some beautiful old woodwork and the surroundings are beautiful, with the flowers and trees well kept. Many of the families on the estates have lived here all of their lives, and their ancestors have lived here before them. And, of course, in every large estate in England, there is the beautiful church. Wish I could tell you more, but I can't.

"Write often, as your letters mean much."

Vernon Turner Cook, Rd. M. 3-c, writes the following from the Southwest Pacific:

"How is everyone at home making out lately? As for myself, I am doing fine.

"Christmas is certainly slipping up fast this year for some reason. This will make the second Christmas I have had to spend over here.

Sonora, Texas, Friday, January 7, 1944

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In The Service

ALAN SAUNDERS GETS PROMOTION AND AIR MEDAL

Alan W. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Saunders who is serving with the Air Transport Command in the Middle East, has recently been promoted from the rank of Flight Officer to Second Lieutenant. Also he has just received the Air Medal.

Lt. Saunders has been with the Air Corps since May 1941, and he received his wings in October 1942. Before leaving for overseas duty, in March 1943, he served as an instructor at the Army Air Base, Homestead, Florida.

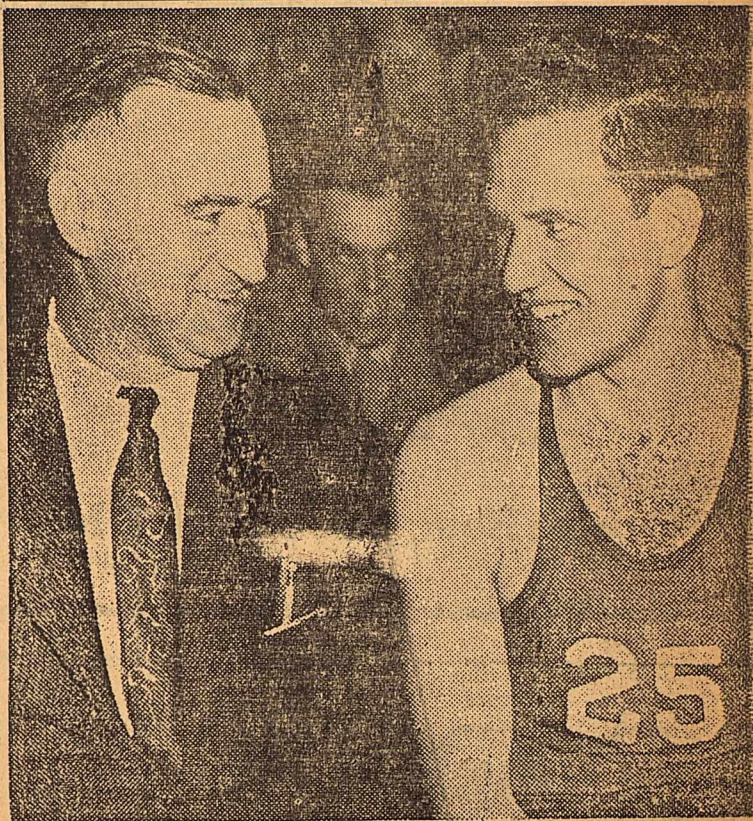


2 COAST GUARD

Sgt. Rex Merriman, until recently stationed at Ardmore, Okla., has been moved to Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, Mich.

Back The ATTACK With BONDS

T. C. U. Coach and Captain



Coach Hub McQuillan of the Texas Christian Horned Frogs talks over with Capt. Zeke Chronister of the 1944 basketball team. Coach McQuillan has a squad of 16 men, nine of whom are Navy V-12 trainees. Capt. Chronister is the only letterman and only member of last year's TCU squad.



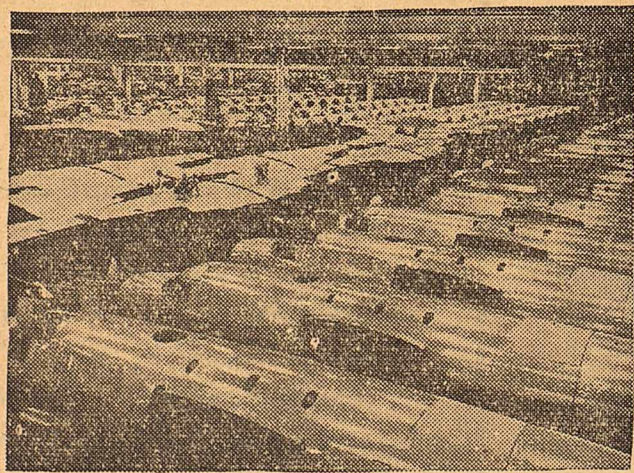
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REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK
—Published in accordance With Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes—
Report as of December 31, 1943, of

SONORA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
SONORA, TEXAS

—which is affiliated with FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Sonora, Texas.
Charter No. 5466 Reserve District No. 11

Kind of Business:

CONSTRUCTION OF BANK BUILDING

Manner in which above-named organization is affiliated with national bank, degree of control:

Stock held by First Loan Company, Trustee for stockholders of First Loan Company, an affiliate of the First National Bank, Sonora, Texas.

Financial relations with bank:

Stock of affiliated bank owned None
Loans to affiliated bank None
Borrowings from affiliated bank None
Stock of affiliate registered in name of bank or known to be owned by bank directly or indirectly None
Other obligations to, or known to be held by, affiliated bank—Bonds \$2,000.00

Other information necessary to disclose fully relations with bank: None

I, Geo. H. Neill, active vice-president and treasurer of Sonora Construction Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. H. NEILL.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1944.
(SEAL) E. K. FOLLEY, Notary Public.

CHARTER NO. 5466

RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

SONORA, TEXAS

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1943.
Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts (including \$13,688.66 overdrafts)	\$ 563,946.64
2. United States Govt. obligations, direct and guaranteed	536,000.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	445,533.26
5. Corporate stocks, (incl. \$6,000.00 stock of Fed. Res. Bank)	6,001.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	295,908.37
7. Bank premises owned \$12,500.00, furn. & fix. \$1,500.00	14,000.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	2,000.00
11. Other assets	16,445.37
12. Total Assets	\$1,879,835.64

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, corps.	1,326,423.96
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, corps.	24,970.47
15. Deposits of United States Govt. (incl. postal savings)	211,964.00
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	72,928.93
17. Deposits of banks	331.69
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	6,132.30
19. Total Deposits	\$1,642,751.85
24. Total Liabilities	\$1,642,751.85

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	30,083.79
28. Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock) ..	7,000.00
29. Total Capital Accounts	237,083.79
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$1,879,835.64

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Govt. obligations	465,000.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	21,000.00
(c) Total	486,000.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets	234,933.98
(d) Total	234,933.98

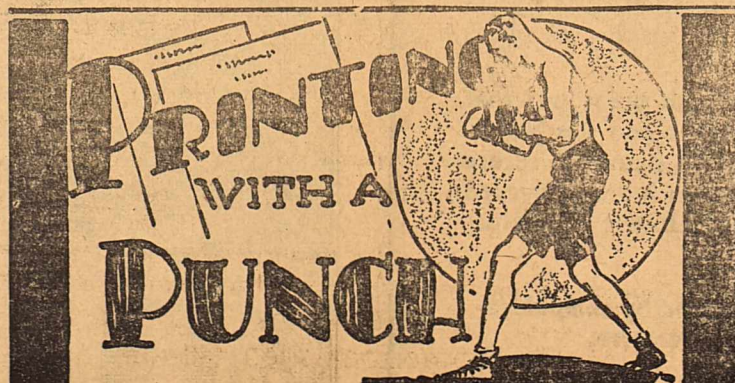
STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SUTTON, ss:

I, Geo. H. Neill, Active Vice President & Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. H. NEILL, Active Vice President & Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: E. F. Vander Stucken, S. H. Allison, E. E. Sawyer, Directors.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1944.
(SEAL) E. K. Folley, Notary Public.



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