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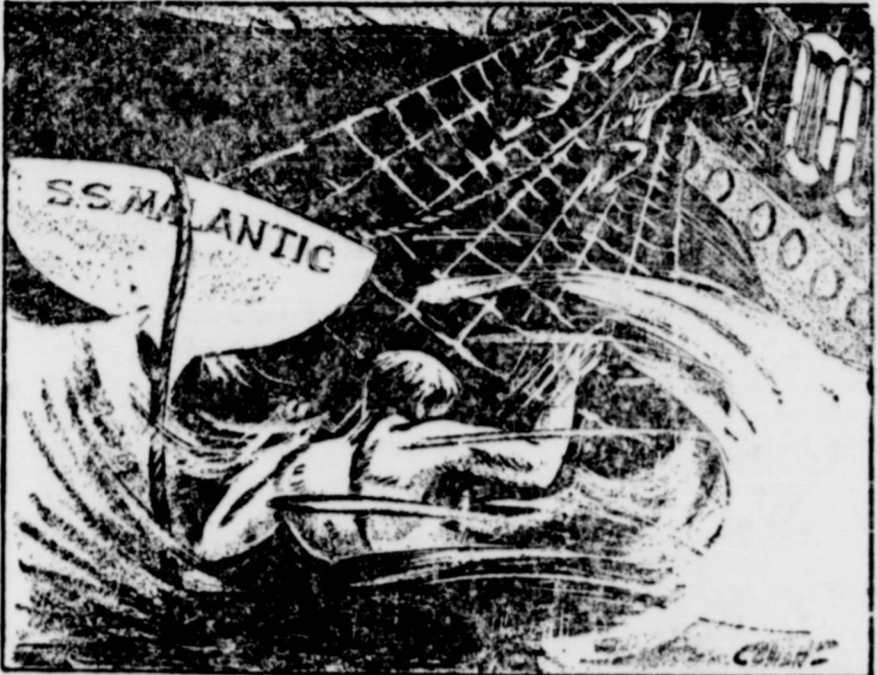
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## AMERICAN HEROES

by WOODY COWAN



A LIBERTY SHIP has been named for James G. Squires of Everett, Mass., second cook on the torpedoed S. S. Malantic, and a Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal awarded posthumously. Squires clung to a rope thrown to the life boat in which he, the ship's master and nine other crewmen floated on rough seas until the other ten were safe on a British rescue craft after the torpedoing. Then he lapsed into unconsciousness and was swept away. Investment in Victory Bonds to support living heroes is a testimonial, too, to such men.

U. S. Treasury Department

## Corp. George L. Williams Returns After Being Liberated From Japs

Now on a 70 day furlough around here," George said, Corp. George L. Williams was recently returned to the States from Manchuria where he had been a prisoner of the Japs. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Williams, George spent 42 months overseas and most of that time as a prisoner of war.

Corp. Williams entered the service Feb. 10, 1941, at San Antonio and was assigned straight to the Philippines. In the Coast Artillery, Philippines Department, he arrived in Manila April 27, 1941, and went on to Corregidor the same day.

"I was stationed there when the Japs attacked and was taken prisoner when the 'Rock' fell," George relates. "We were moved then to a prison camp at Cabatuan on Luzon where they kept us until Oct. 6, 1942.

"From there we were loaded on boats and taken finally to Hoten Camp, Mukden, Manchuria, where I remained until liberated."

Corp. Williams, not a large man himself, said that he didn't lose much weight but a lot of the fellows did. Quite a number of the Americans died during the long imprisonment and mistreatment at the hands of the Japanese.

"They fed us soybeans, maize, corn meal much, and a kind of corn bread bun. The maize was just plain old maize like we grow

around here," George said, laughing about it now.

"American parachute troops liberated our camp on Aug. 17, 1945," Corp. Williams continued, "and soon afterward our planes began dropping all kinds of supplies."

"We went to Diran, Manchuria, on the coast the last of the month where we caught a ship to Okinawa. From Okinawa I rode a plane to Manila, leaving there again by plane Oct. 24, and arrived at Hamilton Field, California, Oct. 26."

George then went to Letterman General Hospital at San Francisco and from there he was transferred to Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio where he received his furlough which started Nov. 9.

He has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. V. M. Hodges, in San Angelo, and Mrs. A. B. McGill at Rankin, and friends in and around Mertzton.

George wears the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon with one battle star, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two battle stars, Victory Ribbon, Philippine Defense Ribbon with one battle star, and Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

He hopes to get his discharge soon and plans to ranch for himself when he gets out of the service.

## MRS. DAVIS ENTERTAINS

Mrs. J. T. Davis entertained her bridge club Friday afternoon at her home. High score prize went to Mrs. Harry Hahn, high guest to Mrs. R. S. Williams and cut to Mrs. J. P. Crews.

Pie and coffee were served to Mes. Hahn, Reginald Atkinson, Aubrey De Long, club members, and the following guests: Mes. Williams, Crws, H. B. Mayse, Preston Dudley, C. W. Trainer, Mack Van Court, W. W. Adams, Bonnie Wilson, Trueman Lawdermilk, Hal Noelke, Oscar Estes, Lois Tankersley, and H. B. Kerbow.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Due to the weather conditions last Sunday night our special program of "Worship With Music," at the Methodist Church, was postponed until next Sunday night, December 9.

After the program our 1st Quarterly Conference will be held by Dist. Supt. Fred H. Hamner. All are welcome.

Mrs. Zepha Westbrook Ogle of Los Angeles and Mrs. M. B. Watson of Phoenix, Ariz., are visiting old friends in Mertzton and Sherwood.

## Portrait of Mrs. W. W. Carson Presented to Fort Concho Museum

Thursday evening of last week in San Angelo about 150 persons witnessed the unveiling of an oil portrait of Mrs. W. W. Carson, founder and president of the Fort Concho Museum, and heard a talk by J. Evetts Haley, Texas author and historian.

On behalf of the San Angelo Standard-Times, Minor Shutt presented to the Fort Concho Museum the portrait which is the work of S. Mirsky, noted New York artist.

Among other things Mr. Shutt, in presenting the portrait, said, "In the years to come this museum can be made into a great asset to this city, something that people from afar will visit as an education as well as an inspiration."

He declared Mrs. Carson "cannot be repaid for the fine work that she has done. We can only acknowledge it."

Acknowledging the gift of the portrait Mrs. Carson said, in part, "It is a rare honor, sufficient to promote vanity . . . the pleasure which people have derived from visiting the museum is sufficient compensation for any amount of effort."

Mrs. Carson is a woman of varied talents and while living in San Angelo manages her business of the Irion county Abstract Company in Mertzton with utmost efficiency, besides finding the time to devote to her family and her most interesting hobby, the Fort Concho Museum.

She also might be called a one-woman chamber of commerce for this whole section of the state as her actions speak as well as her words in getting things accomplished.

## Services For Infant Held Sunday

Funeral services for Betty Ann Bradford, one-day-old baby who died in a San Angelo hospital at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, were held at the graveside in the Mertzton Cemetery at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. R. L. Denton officiating.

Survivors include: the mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bradford, Sherwood; two brothers, Harold J. and Arnold Ray, both of Sherwood; three grandparents, Mrs. A. J. Jones of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bradford of Sherwood; four uncles and six aunts.

## LARGEST OCTOBER TAX COLLECTIONS ON RECORD

According to M. A. Goodall, deputy tax collector, the collections for state and county taxes were the best on record in Irion County for the month of October.

Total taxes collected in October were \$28,358.03 which is 70 per cent of the total tax assessments of \$41,513.78.

A saving of 3 per cent was effected by taxpayers in October on their state and county and Arden Common School District taxes.

Collections in November were naturally lighter and 2 per cent discount given during last month. Taxes paid during December can still be paid at a one per cent discount to the taxpayer.

## Barnhart News

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dunkin were in Georgetown last week end visiting their son, H. C., who is attending Southwestern University.

Mrs. Neita Rutledge and daughter Hootie and Punk of San Angelo spent Thanksgiving Day here in the Bode Owens home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Linthicum and Lad spent the holidays in Valley Mills the guests of Mrs. Linthicum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Hageman of San Angelo were business visitors here this week.

The Barnhart girls' volley ball and boys basketball teams met the Rankin teams in the Barnhart gym Tuesday night last week. The Barnhart girls were victorious, but the boys had a little hard luck. They will return the games next week.

Marvin Newman is on the sick list this week.

Among the lucky deer hunters around Barnhart were Clyde Perry, T. E. Strather, Ted Atkins and Gerald Porter.

Mrs. Nancy Croxdale spent the holidays in Fort Worth visiting her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graston spent Monday in San Angelo. They attended a birthday dinner honoring their daughter, Mrs. Jackie Johnson and son, Clint, and Mrs. Marie Barnett.

Miss Jewel Gideon visited friends and relatives in Fort Worth during the holidays.

Capt. Arlington Helbing is here visiting his father, Dr. A. Helbing.

L. W. Kirk is recovering from injuries received in a car accident in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens are busy this week "collecting lumber and carpenters" to build their new home on their ranch eight miles west of Barnhart.

## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. T. D. Taft

Funeral services for Mrs. T. D. Taft, 85, San Saba pioneer, who died in San Saba Wednesday last week, were held there on Thursday last week.

Mrs. Taft was the mother of E. M. Taft of Mertzton. Mr. Taft and daughter, Billie, attended the services in San Saba. They were accompanied there by S. R. Taft of San Angelo, formerly of Mertzton.

Survivors include Bill and Rufus Taft, Mrs. C. D. Carnes, and Mrs. W. L. Oldham, San Saba; E. M. Taft, Mertzton; S. R. Taft, San Angelo; Mrs. Will McWhorter, Dallas; Mrs. H. G. Potter, Athens; and Mrs. H. D. Miller of Odessa. Also surviving are 32 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

## ELECTION OF COUNTY AAA COMMITTEEMEN FOR 1946 TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The annual election of Irion County AAA Committeemen will be held Saturday, December 8th, in the county AAA office. The office will be open all day and election will be by ballot. This is a definite change from the previous method of holding election meetings, and is designed in order to give more producers a chance to vote. The polls will open at 8:00 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. The eligible member receiving the highest number of votes for a given position will be declared elected.

Producers are eligible to vote in this election if they are owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper on a farm on which AAA payments, either in the form of cash, or conservation services, have been or may be made under the 1945 AAA program. This also includes subsidy payments on either beef, lamb, or dairy production.

## FRANCIS JUNE HOLMES DIES IN CAR ACCIDENT

Miss Frances June Holmes, student at Sul Ross, Alpine, was killed in a car accident Monday.

Miss Holmes was killed when the car, in which she and three fellow students were riding, had a blowout and smashed into a tree. The accident occurred west of Alpine.

Funeral services for Miss Holmes were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church at Rankin with the Rev. R. L. Herring officiating. Burial was at Sheffield.

Miss Holmes is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes of Rankin. She was a niece of County Com. Tyson Gentry, Sherwood. Her grandfather, the late Dave Gentry, was a former county judge of Irion County.

Pallbearers were Milton Smith, S. H. Bean, Mickey McDonald, David Workman and Melvin Puckett of Rankin, and John Monroe of Sheffield.

## MERTZTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Our preaching days are the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month. Sunday school every Sunday. Trueman Lawdermilk is superintendent.

W. A. Knight, Pastor.

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## NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

My property is posted according to law. "Anyone" camping, hunting, wood-hauling, handling stock without permission, or in any way trespassing, will be prosecuted. Mrs. Fayette Tankersley Mertzton, Texas.

## Funeral Services for Mrs. Westbrook

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Westbrook, 92, who died at Los Angeles, Calif., late last week, were held at 2 o'clock at the Christian Church Monday afternoon with Marvin Carr officiating. Interment was in the Sherwood Cemetery.

Two daughters, Mrs. Zepha Westbrook Ogle of Los Angeles, and Mrs. M. B. Watson of Phoenix, Ariz., attended the funeral here. Mrs. Ogle was formerly county clerk at Sherwood before the county seat was moved to Mertzton.

Pallbearers were Guy Stinebaugh, J. H. McManus, J. E. Lackey, Bonnie Wilson, J. W. Hargrave, and J. I. Rawls.

## HELEN PLEDGE AND C. J. BLANKENSHIP MARRIED SATURDAY

Miss Helen Pledge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Pledge of Sherwood, and C. J. Blankenship were married in a double ring ceremony at six o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1st at the home of the Reverend Payne, pastor of the First Christian Church at Eldorado.

Helen is a senior in the Mertzton high school and will continue in school. Mr. Blankenship (Smokey) has lately received a discharge from the U. S. Navy after more than three years in the Pacific theatre of war. He attended school in San Antonio and is now employed on the Fred Ball ranch near Girvin.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

**Auto Industry Faces Tieup In CIO Demand for Pay Increase; Trace Nazi Moves for Conquest**

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 (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Lean and sober, Hermann Goering (left), Rudolph Hess (center) and Joachim Von Ribbentrop go on trial for war crimes at Nuernberg, Germany.

**STRIKE: Showdown**

The CIO's demands for a 30 per cent postwar wage increase to maintain high wartime "take-home" pay came to a showdown when 175,000 members of the United Automobile Workers struck against General Motors corporation, No. 1 producer in the industry.

With labor's biggest union locked against the nation's greatest operating company, observers looked for a long-drawn battle between the two participants, with federal conciliator John W. Gibson expecting a settlement by January 15 or probably before. Against G.M.'s huge resources, the UAW reported possession of a \$4,000,000 strike fund, with rumors that the union was preparing for a winter-long siege.

Though original UAW plans called for a walkout only at G.M. plants under a new strategy which would hit at one company at a time and permit free operation of their competitors, the reliance of all other manufacturers except Ford upon G.M. for parts threatened to cripple the whole industry when supplies ran out or new sources could not be found. Meantime, UAW held negotiations with Chrysler and Ford over the pay issue.

UAW's decision to strike at G.M. followed the collapse of bargaining between the two parties, during which the union turned down the company's offer for a 10 per cent raise predicated upon the possibility of price increases for new cars. Under new OPA regulations, costs of new G.M. vehicles will be about 2 per cent below prewar figures.

Countering the UAW's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase, G.M. declared that production workers are earning from \$1.12 to \$1.15 per hour, with the over-all plant average at \$1.18 per hour. If UAW demands were met, the union asserts, the production wage would be boosted to \$1.46 per hour, with an over-all average of \$1.53 per hour.

As the strike began, G.M. continued to pay its 73,500 office and administrative personnel.

**WAR CRIMES: Trace Nazi Rise**

Declaring that high Nazis' own written records would furnish sufficient evidence to condemn them, U. S. Prosecutor Robert H. Jackson developed the first count in the Allied case against the 20 surviving members of Hitler's hierarchy, charging that the party's seizure of control in Germany constituted the first step in its plan of world conquest.

Addressing the four-power U. S., British, Russian and French court, Jackson declared: "We will not ask you to convict these men on the testimony of their foes. There is no count in the indictment that cannot be proved by books and records. . . . These defendants had their share of the Teutonic passion for thoroughness in putting things on paper."

In tracing the evolution of the Nazi rise in Germany, the U. S. prosecution recalled the notorious blood purge of 1934 reportedly instigated by Reich Marshal Goering to crush opposition within the party; the elimination of all political groups and confinement of opponents in concentration camps; the gradual suppression of labor unions with the industrialists' connivance, and finally the control of business itself. The trial got underway as the Allied court turned down the defense

attorneys' protest against the validity of the proceedings. Asking that an impartial opinion concerning the legality of the court be solicited from authorities on international law, the Nazi counsel asserted that the U. S. had always insisted that in cases of international arbitration or jurisdiction, the bench be filled by neutrals or representatives of the interested countries.

Most aggressive of the defendants, Goering was gavelled down as the trial opened and he attempted to deny the authority of the court, asserting that he was responsible only to the German people.

**PEARL HARBOR: Star Witness**

One of the star witnesses at the early congressional hearings in the Pearl Harbor catastrophe, big bluff Adm. James O. Richardson, who commanded the U. S. navy up to February, 1941, revealed that the late President Roosevelt favored the anchorage of the Pacific fleet at Hawaii over his objections in the hope of restraining further Jap aggression.

"I stated that in my opinion the presence of the fleet in Hawaii might influence a civilian political government," Richardson said, "but that Japan had a military government which knew that the fleet was



Senator Barkley (left) greets Admiral Richardson at Pearl Harbor probe.

undermanned, unprepared for war, and had no . . . supply force . . . without which it could not undertake active operations . . ."

Listing his objections to stationing the fleet at Pearl Harbor, Richardson said there would be difficulty transporting supplies to the base; the site lacked security; operations were handicapped by problems of entry, berthing and departure of large ships; surface and air space was congested and restricted, and full demobilization could only be accomplished on the west coast.

Relating a conversation with Mr. Roosevelt, Richardson said that the President told him that though he doubted that the U. S. would enter the war if the Japanese attacked Thailand, the Dutch East Indies, Malaya or even the Philippines, he expected that sooner or later they would make a fatal mistake opening hostilities.

In October, 1941, Richardson said, Secretary of the Navy Knox summoned him to an important conference at which he outlined President Roosevelt's plan for a shipping blockade of the Japanese in case they reacted to the reopening of the Burma road supply line to China. According to Richardson, the operation called for posting a cordon of U. S. warships from Hawaii to the Philippines and thence from Samoa to the Dutch East Indies. Since the Japs took no belligerent action, however, the plan was dropped.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 9

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THE CHRISTIAN'S PLACE IN THE LIFE OF HIS NATION (Temperance Lesson)

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 5:13-16, 42-48; I Peter 2:13-17  
 GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 33:12.

Men make up nations. Human beings in a land like ours determine by their interests and attitudes the direction in which the entire social order moves. That in turn determines what kind of government we have.

Particularly important is the bearing which individual Christians can and should have on our national life. We have tended to draw back and fail to use the power and position which we have by God's grace.

Nowhere does that show more than in our failure (perhaps one should say shameful failure!) to bring Christian principles to bear upon the appalling liquor problem. This is temperance Sunday. Do not fail to stress that phase of Christian citizenship today.

How should Christians make their influence felt in the nation? By being what they ought to be and contributing to its life. Note these things in our lesson:

I. Salt (Matt. 5:13). We are the salt of the earth, and the pungent savor of Christ is to be evident in us as we touch life round about us—in the church, in the home, and in the nation.

True salt is antiseptic and purifying. It fights corruption wherever it is found. How effective the spiritually salty Christian and church should be against the corrupt political system, the liquor industry, vice and sin of all kinds. Have we lost our savor (v. 13)?

II. Light (Matt. 5:14-16). A light is intended to give illumination to all round about it. It always does unless someone hides it under a cover, and then it becomes not only useless but dangerous.

A life lit by faith in Christ will shine to the very ends of the earth, and, as a missionary once said, "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home."

We are the light of the world, but if we cover our light we deny the very essence of our natures. Here is no thought of proud or selfish display. Light does not shout about itself; it just shines.

Who will deny that there is need of some real spiritual light in some of the dark corners of our nation's life? Who is to shine in such places but you and me, fellow-believer?

Then, too, let us not forget that God has sent us out to light other lights. We can best serve our nation, and best meet the challenge of liquor by turning men to Christ.

That doesn't mean that we should neglect other "good works," but it is well to keep "first things first."

III. Love (Matt. 5:43-48). "Love your enemies" (v. 44); that is the standard which Christ has established for His followers. While the love one has for the brethren is without doubt a more intimate relationship than the love one may have for an enemy, we must not seek to minimize the real love we should have even for those who curse and revile us.

It is so easy for Christians to speak with derision that borders on hatred about "the devil's gang," and to lose all love for the crowd that hangs around the tavern and the gambling house. Let us hate their sin, but may God help us to show that we really love them.

Love will do more to reach the world for Christ, and more to direct our national life into right channels than any other influence we can bring to bear. Let us do all we can, but let us do it all in love.

IV. Loyalty (I Pet. 2:13-17). The loyalty of the Christian to right authority should be glad and free, not by necessity or by coercion.

The believer will see in all men the image of God and will honor them even though he may not be able to respect or approve their way of life. The dignity and position of the individual is always recognized by Christianity.

The brotherhood of true believers should call forth a peculiar love. We need to renew that brotherly affection between believers.

Fear of God, that is, the desire to do His blessed will, shows itself in the best kind of citizenship. Government would serve itself well if it encouraged every effort to win its citizens to Christ.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Salt may pit your cast aluminum ware. Never store salty foods in aluminum, and to prevent salt used in cooking from settling in the bottom of the utensil to do its harm, add salt only when the water boils or food has already been added.

Most woolen garments that become stained may be cleaned safely with soap and water.

Use gummed labels to show both titles of a phonograph record on each side.

Worn linoleum can be brought back to life by using a special paint made by several of the larger manufacturers.

Soaking clothes overnight is not desirable, as the long soaking has a tendency to let the dirt freed from clothes settle back into the fabric.

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Mary Ema Gober had charge of our assembly last week. She directed a one-act play, "Experience Necessary." Frances Teague played the part of Polly Pearson, Wilmuth McCarty was Dolly Dutton, Patsy Jones was Jane Jennings, and Jerry Jones was Marjorie Mason.

### SEVENTH GRADE

Our best citizen last week was Norma Raye Hensley. She has brown hair and eyes. Norma Raye likes fruit salad, and she prefers Lon McAlister and Judy arland as screen stars.

Louise Farrington is the best citizen this week. Louise also has brown hair. She lists fried chicken as her favorite food and Robert Walker as her favorite movie star.

### SPORTS

The girls volley ball team and the boys basketball team played the Barnhart basketball and vol-

ley ball teams in Barnhart Friday night. The girls played the first game and won the first half, but the Barnhart team came through in the second half with a 43 to 26 victory. The Mertzon basketball team was defeated 34 to 16. Both teams played very good games.

### BUZZIN' AROUND

Seen at the football game yelling for Sweetwater were Jo, Janette, Blue, Georgia, Leona, Elondie, Maxine, and Betty.

At the picnic Wednesday evening were Janette, Leona, Blue, Georgia, Peggy, Jo, Doris, Jean, Kathryn, Harvey, Johnnie, Fayette, and Bobby.

Eunice Nell Girvin and Vester Hughes, Jr. were home from Baylor University this past week-end.

Kathryn and Vester were dating Friday night.

Larry, David, Cheesie, and Buck went to San Angelo to the show Sunday.

Seen around in Mertzon Sunday afternoon were Lonie, Blue, Jo, Punk, Kathryn, and Jean.

Also in Angelo at the air show and picture show Sunday were Peggy, Billy Jo, Frances, Earl, and Bobby.

Dating Saturday night were Punk and Cheesie, Jo and Larry, Leona and Bobby, Peggy and Billy Jo, and Margaret and Stokie.

### THE STINGER

Janette (in bookkeeping class): "I can't keep my dates straight."

Mr. Shilling: "Get you a date book."

Wonder why Georgia is never hungry. Could it be that she is in love?

Helen added another ring to third finger, left hand over the week-end. Our very best wishes, Helen.

Don't you think it is fun to give a picnic when the honor guest isn't present?

Wonder if Lonie was really mad Sunday afternoon.

Wonder why Peggy and Jo have to walk up and down the aisles in the study hall to keep from going to P.E.

TO RANCHMEN:—I have purchased a new string of windmill tools and am prepared to do your windmill repair jobs. I have had a number of years experience in windmill work and believe I can handle the job.

Felix Ramsel, Mertzon.

Why go to San Angelo or Big Lake to get your Butane tank when you can get them from C. L. Asberry at home. He will vote for you and they will not. I will get a tank as soon as they will, so why go elsewhere.

—C. L. Asberry, Mertzon, Texas.

The P.-T. A. will meet in the auditorium Monday afternoon at 3:30. The rhythm band from the primary room will be presented for the first time this year. All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

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TELEPHONE NO. 14

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Wilson were in San Angelo Tuesday visiting relatives who were on the sick list.

A marriage license was issued Dec. 3 by County Clerk R. E. Key's office to Emmett E. Medlock and Helen Alice Thompson.

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# OVERNIGHT GUEST

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**THE STORY THUS FAR:** Adam Bruce, FBI operator, while on a visit to his old home, ran into his previous boss, Inspector Tope, and Mrs. Tope. He sent them out to the Dewain's Mill auto camp, operated by Bee Dewain. Later that night Tope phoned Bruce and had him come out with Ned Quill, a state trooper. Tope had been shown to a cottage called Faraway, but seeing that something was wrong, he had a transfer made to another cottage. Tope had been told that no one had occupied the Faraway cottage, yet he had seen signs that led him to believe something was wrong. He sent his wife out while he began a search of the cottage to locate the mystery.

## CHAPTER III

"But if a man is doing something in the dark by the light of a match, he will hold it till it burns his fingers. This match would have burned a man's fingers."

And he said: "I looked in the kindling and the paper and behind the logs, till I found eleven matches, all burned down about the same way. I lighted a match and timed it. Handled carefully, it burned over half a minute. So eleven matches would give some light, in this cabin, for about six minutes. A lot can be done in six minutes."

Mrs. Tope suggested: "You can't do much with one hand if you're holding a match in the other!"

Tope nodded in quick pride. "That's right, ma'am! Adam, this wife of mine is keen. So whatever was done here, there were two people. One of them did it, and the other held the matches, made a light."

Bruce said: "I can see that. Go on."

And Tope explained, apologetically: "So it seemed to me sure that some one had done something here. Either they came to get something, or to hide something. I thought they might have hid something; and I wanted to—search the place, see what I could find."

He looked at Mrs. Tope. "But—I didn't want to bother you, or worry you," he said to her; and then, to Adam. "So I let her go outside. Then I started to look under the beds. That was the only place where much of anything could be hidden. You see how they're made."

Adam felt his pulses pounding heavily.

"I found something under the bed," Tope explained. The young man tried to speak, to ask a question; but his voice died in a husky whisper. Tope said gravely: "It's still there. It's a dead man. I'll show you!"

But as he was about to draw the coverlet away, some one knocked, in a soft, furtive fashion, on the door. That quiet knock was terrifying! These three whirled as one; and then a knock sounded again, and Bruce opened the door. Then he said in a vast relief:

"Oh, hullo, Ned! Come in." He drew the other man into the room. "This is Ned Quill, Inspector," he said. "You wanted him, and I told him to meet us here."

Tope extended his hand. "I've seen enough of Mr. Quill to know he doesn't like violins!"

Quill grinned, and took off his cap, and shook hands with Tope and with Mrs. Tope. "That fiddler makes me tired!" he agreed. He stood looking at them, waiting. "Well?" he challenged. "What's the matter? What's all the shooting for?"

Tope, after a moment and without a word, turned again toward the bed. They came silently behind him.

"There's a dead man under here," said Tope. He removed the blankets and the sheets, and he took hold of the mattress at one end, looked at Bruce. "You take the other end," he directed.

They lifted the mattress, laid it on the floor. There was left on the bed a spring, made of a square pattern of heavy wire. The electric light, a shaded bulb, hung almost directly overhead; and its rays shone down unhindered, so that the wire squares threw a network of shadow on that which lay in the box-like space below.

This was, as Tope said, the body of a man. He lay a little on one side; yet not as though his body had been arranged in this position, but in a twisted fashion vaguely disturbing, suggestive of some spasmodic effort or movement in the moment of his death. He was an old man, his age manifest in thin gray hair, scantily seen under a ragged cap pulled down to his ears. There was a pricking of gray beard on his chin and the upper part of his cheek.

But except for brow and cheek and chin, his countenance was concealed by two strips of black adhesive tape bound tight over his mouth and over his eyes. Each band was carried clear around his head, dou-

ble and triple for full security. Also, his hands were bound behind him, with lengths of insulated wire twisted around the wrists; and these wires held in place around his hands a thick fold of blanket. His feet in the same way had first been wrapped in a blanket and then bound with wires; his swaddled hands were secured to a rope that circled his body like a belt.

As for his garments, he was dressed in a very old sweater, gray, too large for him, stained and soiled; and a pair of overalls, also too large, and stained with grease and oil. Through the rents in them no hint of underclothing was visible.

This was the whole picture. They looked, and Mrs. Tope closed her eyes and clung to her husband's arm, and Tope covered her hand with his. Adam Bruce was pale and shaken, his face a drawn mask. Save for the cheerful murmur of the brook outside, the night was completely still.

Tope said gravely: "When I saw the tape, Adam, I thought of you."



This was, as Tope said, a body of a man.

The gags and the blindfold looked like kidnapping. This may be in your line.

Bruce nodded. "Who is it?" he muttered.

Tope shook his head. "I don't know. I haven't touched him, except to make sure he was dead."

"There's been no kidnapping reported," Bruce reflected. "Or we'd have known. The Chief knew where I was." And he exclaimed incredulously: "I was here last night, Tope! Do you suppose he was here then?"

"Yes."

But Tope spoke, in a tone of finality. "Well, there it is," he said. "Quill, this is up to you and Adam."

Bruce objected: "I've no standing unless this chap was carried across a state line." And he urged: "Besides, Inspector, you're not going to walk out on us! Mat Cumberland will keep you on the job if he has to handcuff you."

"Cumberland?" Tope echoed. "Is he still the D.A. up here? I worked on the Hichens case for him."

Quill suggested: "But Joe Dane does all the work in the office. He'll be back here, later, when he brings Bee home."

Adam urged: "It's not up to us to call Joe, Ned. We'll get Mat. If he wants to turn it over to Joe, that's up to him."

"You ought to get the medical examiner too," Tope suggested. "But—I've a notion it might be a good idea to keep this quiet, just at first. Don't use the telephone. It's a party line."

"I left my bike up at Amasa's," Ned Quill explained. "I can ride to town and get Cumberland."

Tope, when the trooper had gone, laid a sheet over the naked springs of the bed, and he and Adam and Mrs. Tope drew near the fire. Adam stood leaning against the mantel; Tope filled his pipe and lighted it; and Adam said:

"Looks like a tough one, Tope."

"Well, it may get easier as we go along." He puffed contentedly. "After I found this man, I did a lot of listening. Your friend Miss Dewain, she talks without much prodding; and there's a woman, a Mrs. Murrell, that likes to ask questions. Maybe you know her?"

"Sure," Adam agreed. "I listened to some of her ques-

tions," Tope explained. "And asked some of my own. They tell me eight cottages were full Saturday night. I figure that was the night he was put here." He asked: "Adam, how many people were here last night? What time did you get here? You weren't here Saturday night, were you?"

Bruce shook his head. "I was here Tuesday night," he replied. "Left Wednesday, and then came back Sunday. That's yesterday afternoon. Bee and I went for a walk after supper last night, upon the ledges back of Amasa's barn. There's a moon, you know. We got back late. But I didn't see anyone, anything."

"Who was here? How many?" Tope insisted.

"Well, Wade and the Murrells," Bruce said. "And a man and his wife—a Maine man, by the way he talked. And two Harvard men in an old flivver, on their way to Chicago or California or somewhere. And a fellow named Bowen, a hardware salesman making this territory. He likes to tell Bee how his wife misunderstands him. Harmless, though!"

"Some one here wasn't harmless," Tope suggested. "How about this man with the violin? Know anything about him?"

Bruce hesitated. "Why, his particular hobby is rivers, and waterfalls. He's the secretary of an association for the protection of our streams. I don't know whether there is any such association, but he's the secretary of it, anyway!"

"Well, son, we know some things," Tope reminded him: "We know there were two people in it, because one of them struck matches to make a light, while the other did the job. And by the way the bed was made, I wouldn't be surprised if one of them was a woman. Not many men can make a bed right. Then there's another thing: That's electricians' tape around this man's mouth and eyes; and the wires he's tied up with are old ignition wires off a car; and the clothes on him are greasy. Maybe whoever tied him up was a mechanic, a chauffeur."

"That's just guessing."

"Well, I believe in guessing," Tope insisted. "Then those pieces of blanket wrapped around his hands and feet and head—a dog had slept on that blanket. A police dog, I think. You can see the hairs."

"Plenty of police dogs around!" Tope considered; and then he asked, in the tone of one who has made a discovery: "Adam, why were his feet and his hands, and his head wrapped up in pieces of blanket? Why were his hands tied to his body behind?"

Bruce shook his head. "I don't know!"

Tope said positively: "Why, to keep him from making a noise, by kicking, or butting with his head, or beating with his hands. A noise that some one might hear."

Bruce stared at him. "You mean he wasn't dead when they put him here?"

"Well, it's sure he wasn't dead when they tied him up, anyway."

Mrs. Tope spoke swiftly. "Inspector!" They looked at her. "Inspector, no one would kidnap a poor man! This man has on old, shabby clothes."

Tope watched her. "Oh, they changed his clothes."

"Why?" she challenged, as though she knew the answer.

"So he couldn't be identified by what he had on."

"You mean they changed his clothes after they killed him?"

"Why—yes!"

"But you just said," she argued, "that the reason they tied his hands and feet, and muffled them with blankets, was because he was alive and might make a noise."

"Of course."

She cried triumphantly: "But don't you see that won't fit? If he was already tied up, they couldn't change his clothes without untying his hands and feet; and if he were already dead when they changed his clothes, there wouldn't be any point to tying him up again afterward." And she urged: "So, he was alive when they changed his clothes; and he was alive when they brought him here, because otherwise there was no point in muffling his hands and feet and head to keep him from making a noise."

They heard the sound of footsteps on the drive—Ned Quill returning, with Mat Cumberland and Doctor Medford. Cumberland was a large man with an almost bovine calm; one of those individuals whom other men trust as they do a stone, or a hill, for their very immobility. Doctor Medford was of a different mold; chunky, some hint of swagger in the set of his shoulders, with a round open countenance.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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1. Why did the Red Cross select a flag similar (the colors are reversed) to the Swiss flag?
2. A moth never eats. Why?
3. Over which is it generally cloudier, the land or sea?
4. Hippocrates said, "Art is long, life is short." How long did he live?
5. What great English poet died while fighting with the Greeks against the Turks?
6. The study of sentence construction is called what?

7. At whose mill in California was gold first discovered in 1848?

### The Answers

1. To honor Switzerland where the International Red Cross was founded.
2. It has neither mouth nor stomach.
3. The sea.
4. Hippocrates lived to be 100 years old.
5. Byron.
6. Syntax.
7. Sutter's mill.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any individual, firm or corporation appearing in this paper will be cheerfully corrected when brought to the attention of the publisher.

A high and proper stocking rate with sheep will pay dividends, Mans Hoggett has found. He runs 100 ewes to the section and has never fed his sheep during the winter.

Mans says he has marked up a 100 per cent lamb crop every year and shears about 10 pounds of wool per head. He is opposed to skipping around on lambing dates and breeds his ewes to lamb around March 25 every year.

Howe F. Mayse and son, Bobby, of Colorado City, were here last Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mayse. Howe had been in Angelo to sell some cattle.

### BARNHART CLUB PLANS PARTIES

BARNHART. — The sewing club met last Thursday afternoon at the grammar school and plans were made for a Christmas party Dec. 13 and for a community tree party Christmas Eve.

Twelve members were present at the club meeting.

Income tax service, bookkeeping, auditing, clerical work. See Mrs. George Sides.

Assuming his duties Monday morning Ray Weatherford is now manager of the market department of the M. System. Ray has just returned from the Seabees after being in service nearly two years.

For Sale—4-burner white oil stove, oven attached. \$25.00. Mrs. George Sides.

## Two Times For Action On Social Security

In order to get all the social security benefits for which a worker and his family may be eligible, there are two times for action, states Elliott W. Adams, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Board office.

One is when the worker reaches 65. At that time he should get in touch with the nearest office of the Social Security Board—even if he does not intend to retire soon—and ask about his benefits. Retirement benefit amounts do not stand still. Periods of sickness, unemployment, or of work in jobs not covered by old-age and survivors insurance reduce the average monthly wage on which benefits are based and so decrease the benefit amount. Fortunately, at 65 the insured worker can "fix" the amount of his benefit by filing his claim. If he keeps on working at the same or higher wages, he may later raise his benefit amount by filing a request for a recomputation.

The other occasion for action is when the worker dies. Then the family or a friend should get in touch with the nearest office of the board—promptly—whether or not they know the worker was insured. There may be insurance benefits for the family. Benefits for widows and children can be paid retroactively for only three months after a claim is filed. Thus, the family may lose benefits by delay.

### Mrs. Crawford Entertains Club

Mrs. Leta Crawford entertained her bridge club at home Wednesday afternoon. Red Roses were used as decoration.

High score prize was won by Mrs. Crews, cut prize by Mrs. Noelke and guest prize by Mrs. Tankersley.

A salad course was served to three guests. Mmes Tankersley, Joe Shaw, and Max Tepper and club members Mmes. Estes, Van Court, Trainer, Williams, Mayse, Kerbow, Wilson, Noelke, and Crews, Mrs. E. H. Shaffer was a tea guest.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Owen Freeman, a senior in Abilene Christian College, is preaching regularly for the Church of Christ, second and fourth Sundays in each month. Every one is invited to hear him.

H. Bert Mayse was confined to his home last Friday with the flu. He is greatly improved and able to be up again.

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visitor in the Evans home this last week.

J. Lindley Woods was a business visitor in San Angelo Tuesday.

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6 "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. *Added up—reenlistment seems pretty sound to me!*"

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Much may be known of a man's character by what excites his laughter.—Goethe.

Word 'Gas' Individual; Most Countries Use It

The word "gas," in its true sense, is virtually in a class by itself because it was not derived from any other word, being the outright invention of Jan van Helmont, the Dutch chemist, who coined it about 1625.

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Washington Digest

UNRRA Test of Sentiment For World Co-Operation



Faith in Ideal Necessary to Continue Work of Allied Relief Agency After Reports Of Early Difficulties.

By BAUKHAGE News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

The forces in Washington battling for world co-operation are finding the going tough. It is hard to get people to have faith in collective security when they witness such things as the breakdown of the foreign ministers' conference in London, Russia's reluctance to co-operate in the Far East advisory commission, Argentina's espousal of the ways of the dictators. At times it seems as though, internationally speaking, democracy were approaching the winter of its sorest discontent.

It is unfortunate that in the midst of this period of suspicion and anxiety, a yes and no vote has to be taken on a matter that may mean life or death, and to that extent, peace or anarchy, to hundreds of thousands of people in Europe. I refer to the 500 million dollar appropriation for UNRRA which has been winding a precarious way through congress.

By the time these lines appear, that appropriation which congress previously authorized may have been granted. There has never been much doubt as to its final approval. But the danger lies in the effect of proposed reservations.

This appropriation bill is considered a bell-wether. If it goes through unencumbered, it may mean that other measures affecting our relations with other nations are fairly safe and that such isolationism as exists in the country (and, therefore, in congress) is less than one-third of the whole.

It is true that there have been loud and emphatic demands that such knowledge as we possess concerning the atom and its potentiality be kept strictly to ourselves even though scientists say it cannot be less than common knowledge—even the "know-how" to turn it to military or commercial use—within a few years. But I believe that if you will submit to careful analysis the expressed sentiment of congress on this subject, it would reveal a line-up which takes little consideration of any international aspects of the use of atomic energy. In other words, the viewpoints so far expressed have differed as to whether this new force has been looked at as something to sell at home and the question has been whether it be produced under state control or by private enterprise. The question of internationalizing the bomb has remained in the domain of theory.

A look at the arguments for and against UNRRA and the reaction to them gives us a much clearer picture of tendencies, isolationist or otherwise, of the arguer.

U. S. Support Is Vital

When a congressman casts his vote "aye" or "no" on the bill to appropriate the money for UNRRA he is not simply virtually voting aye or no on whether we help feed starving Europe. If he votes no and the noes have it, there will be no UNRRA. True, all contributing nations put in the same proportion of their national income—1 per cent—but it so happens that 1 per cent of the national income of the United States is nearly three-quarters of the entire sum contributed. Your voter knows this. And he can't help realizing the UNRRA is symbolic of American participation in any world organization. Without this country's advice, consent and support, no world organization can exist. And likewise, with American support no nation can afford not to go along.

Another thing that the congressional voter knows when he votes on UNRRA is that it is far from perfect. He knows that the personnel, the efficiency, the standing of the organization have improved tremendously in the last few months since it has been able to get the personnel it required, which it couldn't get before because of the manpower and brainpower shortage due to the war. But he knows it is still hampered by its polyglot nature and he has to have faith enough in its purpose to make him feel that the risk of failure is worth taking. Because UNRRA, like any international organization, is everybody's baby, it can easily become nobody's baby. Each nation has been only too ready to criticize it, always excluding their own representatives' functions, of

course. UNRRA has suffered greatly from a poor press because the task it faced was well nigh impossible in wartime.

The bad news, therefore, overbalanced the good news as far as reports of progress on the part of the active, contributing countries were concerned. From the passive, recipient countries naturally there were plenty of complaints. These "sins of omission" were ballyhooed. The other side of the story was not. It was the sad and familiar tale of priorities, a story many a business man can tell. Even when UNRRA had money in hand for food required (although some of the contributing members are very slow to pay, the United States still was a little less than half of its allotment and authorization), it was impossible to get the combined food board, which decided who got what, to allot any to UNRRA until the armed forces, the domestic market, the lend-lease, and the liberated countries who had money to buy, got theirs. And even if the food was available, frequently there were no ships in which to transport it.

That situation has changed. Food is now being delivered to Europe. By Christmas it will be moving at the rate of half a million tons a month. But the memory of past deficiencies lingers and doubt as to future performance could easily be used as an excuse to defeat the measure unless one is really convinced that UNRRA's job is so important it must succeed. And there we get down to the nub of the whole argument. For to agree with the thesis that UNRRA's objective is desirable is to agree that the good of one is the good of all and the good of the other fellow is the good of the us—"us" standing for the United States.

It is easy to show that millions in Europe will starve this winter unless they get food from outside their own borders. It is easy to prove that in those countries which are UNRRA's concern—the ones which were invaded and which cannot pay for food—starvation will lead to disease, riots, revolt—and death. And we know that under such conditions, nations turn to totalitarianism and when that fails, to chaos. We also know that unless we help tide these people over, we cannot expect to sell them our surpluses because "you can't do business with a graveyard." Nevertheless the isolationist would respond, what of it? Let's stay in our own backyard.

Therefore, the voter, weighing UNRRA's past errors with its future potentialities, will vote for it only if he still believes that world co-operation is something worth taking a risk for.

So UNRRA becomes a test of how well this belief is standing the test of misunderstandings and disappointments on the diplomatic front which we have faced in the past weeks.

We hear a great deal about the difficulty of understanding the Japanese mind and many people have their fears as to how we are going to get along in the years ahead during which we will occupy the country and attempt a reconversion of Japanese thinking as well as economic life.

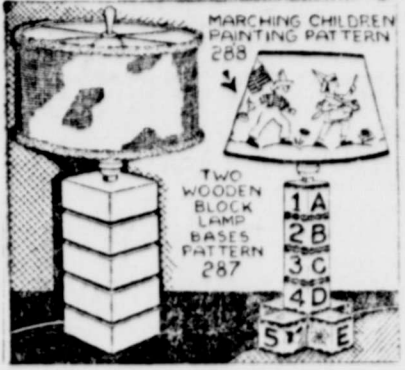
Recently I had a long conversation with an officer who had interviewed some of the more intelligent Japanese officers captured in the Philippines just before the surrender. Several remarks of one of these men illustrated the difficulty of reaching the enemy mind.

My friend asked the prisoner: "What did you think of our propaganda?" "It made us laugh," the Jap replied.

"Be specific," my friend said. "Well, you sent us leaflets saying, 'Surrender; come over to our lines and receive plenty of hot food and cold water.' We laughed at that. We had plenty of cold water in the mountains. What we wanted was hot water."

Water, to a Jap, meant in this case a bath. They bathe in very hot water. That was what they wanted and couldn't get. To the Americans—water means, after the heat of battle, first, a drink.

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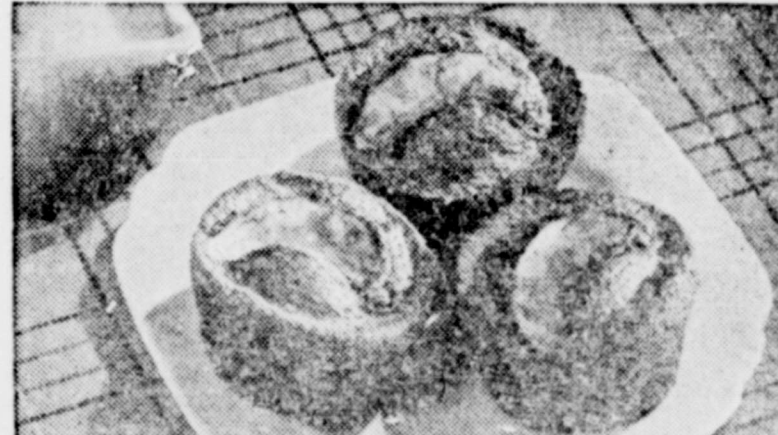
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2 cups Kellogg's ALL-BRAN  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1 egg, beaten  
1 teaspoon soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
15 slices raw apple or other fruit  
cinnamon-and-sugar mixture

Add ALL-BRAN to molasses and milk and allow to soak for 15 minutes. Add egg. Sift flour, soda, salt and spices

together and combine with ALL-BRAN mixture. Fill greased muffin pans two-thirds full. Dip apple slices in cinnamon-sugar mixture and place on top. Bake in moderately hot oven (400° F.) about 20 minutes. Makes 15 muffins.

**Good Nutrition, too!**  
ALL-BRAN is made from the VITAL OUTER LAYERS of finest wheat—contains a concentration of the protective food elements found in the whole grain. One-half cup provides over 1/2 your daily minimum need for iron. Serve Kellogg's ALL-BRAN daily!

Now—sweeter, tastier bread with **FLEISCHMANN'S FRESH ACTIVE YEAST**

It's so easy to bake delicious, smooth-textured loaves if you use Fleischmann's active fresh Yeast. This fresh yeast is full-strength. It goes right to work to help you get best baking results every time.

IF YOU BAKE AT HOME—insist on Fleischmann's active fresh Yeast. The cake with the familiar yellow label! Dependable—America's favorite for over 70 years.

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Muscular Aches and Pains • Stiff Joints • Bruises  
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I have plenty of DUPOINT ZERONE Antifreeze - - - - \$1.40 per Gallon  
I also have a few 600-16 passenger Tires; 600-16 and 650-16 Commercial Tires.

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MERTZON - - - - TEXAS

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Mrs. W.W. Carson, Mgr.  
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**Court House**  
For appointment see  
Mrs. W. W. Carson  
MERTZON - TEXAS

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
There will be services at 11 a. m. and 6:45 p. m., Sunday school at ten o'clock.  
The church parsonage fund is well under way and it is believed that the \$2,500 goal by Christmas night will be reached.  
For Water Well Drilling—Call Floyd Payne, Telephone No. 127, Mertzon, Texas. 4-8-46.

### BENEFITS OFFERED FOR ENLISTMENTS

Sgts. Fritz Moline and Roy Bostrom of the San Angelo Army recruiting station were in Mertzon Monday relaying this information to the public on enlistments.

There are 15 branches and 5 theatres to choose from. Choice of branch and theatre are with 3 year enlistments only. Enlistment periods are 18 months, 2 years and 3 years, and 1 year for re-enlistments. Army men re-enlisting in 20 days after discharge retain highest grade held. A \$50 bonus for every year of service goes if re-enlisted in 3 months after discharge; also 90 day furloughs and travel pay.

Family allotment and overseas pay continue, and high school graduates can receive up to 4 years of college if they serve 3 years honorable service.

For further information contact Army recruiter in postoffice building in San Angelo.

### DANCE SCHEDULED AT SHERWOOD

A holiday season dance will be held at the Sherwood court house on December 12. An orchestra from Ballinger will furnish the music. The dance is sponsored by Johnnie Freitag and Joe Thorp.

Lewis Collins from Barnhart was here Monday transacting business at the court house.

Lt. Jack Goodall, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Goodall, now in Japan writes his folks that his Mertzon Stars and other mail were beginning to catch up with him. It now takes about 10 days for air mail letters to reach him.

County Judge and Mrs. W. W. Adams are to meet their son, Capt. J. W. Adams, in San Antonio Saturday. Capt. Adams will be on 30 days furlough from Germany after which time he will return to duty there.

## Covey Gro. & Market

<b>Pure Pork</b>	<b>Gro. Dept.</b>
Sausage	Spanish Trail Pimentos
pound ..... 45c	7 oz. jar ..... 25c
The kind that Sam makes	Catsup, 14-oz. bottle.... 23c
<b>Club or T-Bone</b>	<b>LAUNDRY SOAP</b>
STEAK	3 large bars..... 35c
Pound..... 49c	Power House Chili, can 31c
<b>ROAST</b>	C-H-B TOMATO JUICE
Brisket, lb. .... 27c	Can ..... 13c
<b>WIENERS</b>	Heinz Baby Food 3 cans 25c
Pound ..... 37c	Ozark Valley
<b>Kraft Dinner</b>	Black-eyed Peas, can.... 22c
Pkg. 10c	We have plenty of cran-
Plenty of Fresh Pork of	berries, Walnut, Almonds
any kind and cut	Dates, Crushed Pineapple, &
	Pears.
	<b>We Appreciate Your Business</b>

### GULF GAS AND OIL

Batteries and Greasing. We plan to handle automobile Accessories as fast as they can be obtained. Also do overhaul and repair work. When in trouble call 145, Gulf Station.

**Jack Howard**  
Mertzon - Texas

### MODERN DRIVE IN MOVIE

Saturday Dec. 8th **"KONGA"**  
(A Story about a Horse)  
ALSO SELECTED SHORTS

Wednesday Dec. 12th **"Monsoon"**  
Good Selected Shorts

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell C. P. Chick of Putnam was and Jack III have moved to Bal- here last week end on business linger, Texas. and visiting friends.

## CHANGE TO M SYSTEM AND POCKET THE CHANGE!

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY SPECIALS

#### PRODUCE SPECIALS

<b>Oranges</b> Texas thin skin Nice Size.....	doz. 29c
<b>Oranges</b> Texas Thin Skin, Medium Size 10 lb. mesh bag, approx. 3 doz.	55c
<b>Grapefruit</b> Texas Marsh Seedless, Medium size, doz.	47c
<b>Cauliflower</b> New Crop, It's Nice.....	lb. 19c
<b>Lettuce</b> New Shipment Fresh and Crisp	2 for 23c
<b>Cabbage</b> New Mexico, Firm Heads	lb. 4c
<b>Potatoes</b> U. S. No. 1 Idaho Russets	10 lbs. 49c
<b>Onions</b> U. S. No. 1 White Globe.....	lb. 8½c

#### MARKET SPECIALS

<b>Armour's Star Bologna</b>	lb. 29c
<b>Armour's Star Wieners</b>	lb. 39c
<b>Cheese</b> Wisconsin Full Cream Cheddar	lb. 39c
<b>Sauerkraut</b> Fresh Bulk.....	2 lbs. 25c
<b>7 Bone Roast</b> Nice and Tender.....	lb. 28c
<b>Fresh Oysters and Fresh Fryers</b>	

### TOMATOES

No. 2 Tin  
2 for 23c

SNOWSHEEN

**Cake Flour**  
pkg. 26c

<b>Fresh Country Eggs</b>	doz. 53c
<b>Nation Pride Corn</b> 12 oz. Tin.....	14c
<b>Hilex</b> Gallon Jar .....	39c
<b>Salt</b> Morton's Sugar Cure.....	10 lbs. 69c

#### EVAPORATED FRUITS:

<b>Dates</b> 14 oz. cellophane bag .....	59c
<b>Figs</b> 1 lb. cellophane bags.....	37c
<b>White Raisins</b> Fruit Cake Brand, 15 oz. pkg. ....	19c
<b>Currants</b> Fruit Cake Brand, 8 oz. pkg. ....	19c
<b>Evaporated Peaches</b> New Crop, Bright, 1 lb. ....	35c
<b>Prunes</b> Large 30-40 Size, 1 lb. Cello. ....	17c
<b>Apples</b> 1 lb. Cello. Bag.....	49c

<b>S &amp; W Apple Juice</b> 12 ounce Bottle.....	12c
<b>Libby's Plum Preserves</b> 303 Jar....	33c

#### OLIVES

Franciscan Queen  
Pint Jar 39c

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Ereoyal Stuffed  
4½ oz. Jar 31c

Pillsbury **FLOUR**  
Best  
**10 lbs. 53c**  
**25 lbs. \$1.15**

**American Sardines**  
In Oil  
**3 cans 25c**

Billow Brand  
**Fish Flakes**  
15 oz. can 47c

OCEAN SPRAY  
**Cranberry Sauce**  
16 oz. tin 23c

**Heinz Catsup**  
14 oz. bottle 22c

**Heinz Cream of Tomato Soup**  
can 10c

**Libby Peaches**  
No. 2½ Can 26c

REAGAN'S  
**Grapefruit Juice**  
No. 2 tin 10c

LIBBY'S  
**Fruit Cocktail**  
No. 2½ tin 32c