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PICKED UP

This column brings readers a diversion from general subjects this week in presenting first hand information of a soldier's language and how he lives. Here it is!

Practically everything in the army is GI. You eat GI food, wear GI clothes and sleep on a GI bed. Meaning Government Issue, GI then is turned into a verb. You GI your shoes, GI the floors and GI your clothes.

All of this and more makes a real GI Soldier. This abbreviation saves words and energy. Think nothing of it when your friend writes home and says he's been to the PX. Actually, he has only been over to the Post Exchange. There almost everything a soldier needs is sold. By the way, he can buy everything cheaper than you can at home from BVD's to a Gladstone bag, if he is lucky to find one.

A 'jeep' in some army camps isn't a four-wheel Willis auto. It's a raw recruit just arrived on the post.

When a 'jeep' arrives on the Post he is often greeted with the phrase 'You'll be Sorry.' No one knows how it originated or exactly what it means. A tough sergeant sometimes metes out a day of KP for such offense and a two-week old 'jeep' is usually the recipient.

KP is one abbreviation that is understood by all of the civics, as they are called, back home. Some who are doing road hikes will actually volunteer for it but it is shunned by those who are able to do so as it means approximately 14-16 hours of steady labor.

'Let's get on the Beam' is a favorite expression on any air corps post. It has an all-inclusive meaning... to an individual, or to a group. It can mean to get in step... get to work... stay in line. Naturally it is used many times in reference to a group in line for everything a soldier does is in line.

A '60-day wonder' is a second lieutenant, who has just earned his commission. Actually, they have something on the ball for many of them are high ranking non-coms who have traded stripes for bars.

Some say each night after polishing their bars, lieutenants say: Twinkle, twinkle little bars How I wish you were stars!

A thirty-mile road hike will make any soldier easy to live 'with.'

The toughest soldier is only a little boy when he gets a letter from 'mom' back home.

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Wayne Dunson

'This Untiring Love' is the sermon subject to be used by the pastor as he speaks from his pulpit next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mother's Day awakes in every heart a new tenderness and feeling of gratitude. At 11 o'clock next Sunday morning there will be a special service in honor of mothers everywhere. The altar will be decorated with lovely flowers. Certainly you do not want to miss this service.

If you know someone who does not have a way to church, go get them and bring them with you to worship. Our goal for next Sunday is a full house. Do your part by being present.

The W.S.C.S. met at the Methodist church last Thursday, April 29, at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. Yarbrough was in charge of the program.

The increase in attendance is very encouraging. There were 10 present and a good spirit was evident. Let us urge you who are not attending to save time on Thursday afternoon to enable you to enjoy these blessings of fellowship which the W.S.C.S. affords.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Ellis stopped on their way home from Baird in Putnam Monday afternoon, and while here Mrs. Ellis made the News office a short visit and turned in a nice news story. We are always glad to have people come in when they are in town and give us the happenings in their community as the more news stories we get the better paper we will put out. Try coming in when in town turn in the news of your community and see how it will work; see the improvement. We carry more local news than most of country weeklies, but lots of times news is old before it reaches the News office.

Mrs. H. G. White and son and Mrs. A. J. Hurst and Mrs. W. M. Isenhour were all shopping in Baird Monday morning.

TEXAS UNIVERSITY HOLDS V-DAY PROGRAM

University of Texas students held an 18-hour continuous V-Day celebration last Saturday on the university campus, opening at 6:30 a. m. with a memorial service for war dead and closing with a gigantic Texas Fights Rally and a series of Victory dances.

Planned and executed by a 130-member student committee, one of the highlights of the day was a continuous bond selling event in which bonds totaling \$19,000 were sold. Heroes of World War II, movie stars, state officials, and other military dignitaries were present for the program.

Miss Geneva Prestidge of Moran was one of the 130 committee members and she served on the House Contacts committee.

Educational leaders could render no greater service than to plan their 1943-44 program in accordance with the requirements of the armed services.

With only a few necessary exceptions, soldiers in training and on the battle fronts are purchasing war bonds every pay-day. Fighting and buying!

The American soldier is a loyal soldier. He is fighting for the best country in the world... his home state is the best state in this United States... he lived in the best county in his home state and in the best town, too. Yes, he thinks his girl friend is the most fair of the land. This same loyalty is carried right on in the army and you have what every camp strives to attain—MORALE!

We Can't Equal Their Sacrifices, but We Might Try



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Mary Guyton returned from a several weeks visit in Washington State and California with her daughter, Mrs. Major Durnin. She reports a nice visit and a good time while she was gone. She also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson at Glendale, California.

Mrs. A. J. Hurst left Wednesday morning for Beaumont where she expects to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Alma Buchanan until about the first of September.

Joe Coleman who has employment near Marfa, spent the week-end visiting with Mrs. Coleman and children.

Mrs. G. W. Jeter returned from Houston and Fort Worth Tuesday where she had been visiting a son at Houston and other relatives at Fort Worth.

Mrs. S. F. Ingram received a message Wednesday that her brother was ill and she left Thursday morning to be with him a few days.

M. E. Frye of Brownwood, who purchased the 3200 acre ranch from Everett Williams, a short time ago, was in Putnam Monday afternoon and while here he made the News office a short visit. He will move here about the first of June. He has already transferred about 100 head of cattle from Brownwood to the ranch he purchased from Mr. Williams.

Tarilton Steadham was through Putnam Monday afternoon and stopped and visited for a short while. He stated he had been to see his sister, Miss Blachie Steadham who is seriously ill and not expected to live from cancer.

Miss Artie Cook is here from Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook. She will be here about ten days before returning.

Tom Ramsay who has been wrecking a house here, stuck a nail in his foot this week which has laid him up for a few days.

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TRAFFIC DEATHS DECREASED 1943 COMPARED WITH 1942

Traffic deaths in Texas decreased about 30% in the first three months of 1943, as compared with the same period of 1942, the State Department of Public Safety announced this week.

Deaths on the highway totaled 267 against 382 in the same period of 1942, a decline of 115. Highway traffic deaths declined 52%, while in the cities the death rate was up 26% and in towns a rise of 16% was shown.

Among the larger cities, Dallas showed the best report so far this year with a rate of 8.1% for 100,000 population for the year. This rate figure is computed on the assumption that fatalities will continue during the year at the same rate as for the period covered. Fort Worth ranked second with a rate of 9.9; Houston showed 12.5 and the San Antonio rate was 31.5.

In the cities of 50,000 to 100,000 class, four cities have a perfect record for the first three months: Galveston, Amarillo, Austin and Beaumont. El Paso was 8.3 and Corpus Christi 20.9. Abilene reports no deaths since the first of January, 1943.

Mrs. Bun Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Culwell, Tommy and Annis of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Culwell of New Orleans and Oliver Culwell of Stillwater, Oklahoma are all here visiting with their mother, Mrs. H. Culwell who is seriously ill.

Mrs. E. H. Gilmore visited friends in Baird Tuesday evening.

Students at the Midland, Texas AAF Bomber School learn that the secret U. S. bombsight is a mechanical device, yet it uses optical principles to secure bomb hits on the target.

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**JOHN L. LEWIS SAYS  
MINERS ARE HUNGRY  
IS HARD TO DIGEST**

John L. Lewis in testifying before the Truman committee appointed by the United States senate he said, one way to get cooperation in this country is to give the workers enough to eat.

With coal miners wages around \$1.00 per hour, it is hard to digest such a statement. In the best fed country in the world, the public would not want to see any group of persons going hungry, but it would like to see more that a hungry condition exists with men who are being paid \$1 or more an hour.

If these men are going hungry, a large percentage of the people of the United States are also going hungry, for it is a fact that a majority of the people of the United States are not making the monthly wages the miners are, since according to reports given out from Washington, the average wage over the country is only \$2.85 per day. At \$2.85 per day the average hourly wage would equal around 35 cents per hour. In other words, when the consumer goes in the market for a ton of coal produced by the miners, he exchanges his labor with the miner on a basis about three to one.

We are face to face with the question of when this nation will call a halt to the constant inflation of war wages. Inequities may remain that need correction in particular cases. But the day of the grand holdup on threat of a strike must end or we might as well kiss any check on living cost goodbye.

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE  
CHECKS AVERAGE \$19.47  
AGAINST \$19.21**

The cost of Texas old age assistance program increased for May, while the number of recipients decreased, the Department of Public Welfare announced the first of the week.

With a net loss of 101 recipients, the rolls dropped to 183,092 with the department distributing \$45,655 more than for April. The average payments for May total \$19.47 compared with the average last month of \$19.21, for a total disbursement of \$3,561,681.

The average grant was \$3 above the average payment authorized. Increased living costs brought 10,258 raised in grants in 15,897 reinvestigations of active cases was announced by the department.

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
DIRECTORS TO MEET IN  
MIDLAND MAY 6-7-8**

The seventh annual meeting and War Conference of the Chamber of Commerce Managers Association of West Texas will be held in Midland, May 6-7 and 8. The Midland chamber of commerce, Bill Collins, manager, will be host to the CCMAWT, and in spite of travel difficulties, chamber of commerce executives from 50 towns in the area expected to attend the conference, besides letting down their hair briefly for the social affairs. He announces that the program will be built around the theme "The Chamber of Commerce in War Time."

The conference will be opened with an informal meeting Thursday evening, May 6, and will close with a luncheon Saturday, May 8. Two luncheons, a banquet and a dance, will highlight the entertainment program.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Johnson returned Saturday from a visit to Weatherford and other places. Mr. Johnson sold his lease north of town and has been prospecting at different places for a small tract of land where he can truck farm and have a few milk cows, but he says not too many chickens.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN**

To Jo Ella Howlett defendant,  
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 42nd Court of Callahan County at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of May, A. D. 1943, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 29th day of August, A. D. 1941, in this cause, numbered 10,164 on the docket of said court and styled John Howlett, Plaintiff, vs. Jo Ella Howlett, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff is asking for a divorce from defendant on the grounds of desertion, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 15th day of April, A. D. 1943.

Attest:  
RAYMOND YOUNG, Clerk,  
42nd District Court, Callahan  
County, Texas. 4tc.

**BE CAREFUL ABOUT FIRE LOSS  
AS IT WOULD BE HARD TO GET  
BUILDING MATERIAL TO REPLACE**

**MORE CATTLE NOW  
THAN WE HAD IN  
THE FALL OF 1934**

According to reports of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on livestock, the number of milk cows and heifers, two years old and older kept for milk by the nation's farmers on January 1, 1943, was 26,946,000, as compared with 26,398,000 head on January 1, 1942, while the number of all cattle was 78,079,000 head on January 1, 1943, as compared with 75,162,000 head on January 1, 1942. During the drought of 1934, the total number of cattle was 74,369,000 head.

Total number of sheep and lambs on January 1, 1943, was 55,069,000 head, or slightly less than the 55,735,000 head on January 1, 1942, and the number of all chickens on hand January 1, 1943 was 540,107,000 or about 14 per cent above January 1, 1942.

Hog production has jumped from 60,377,000 on hand January 1, 1942, to 73,660,000 on January 1, 1943.

Texas livestock producers now are carrying a total of 7,518,000 head of cattle, compared with 7,444,000 head on January 1, 1942. The country has more than 4,000,000 more cattle on hand now than they had in 1934.

First thing bombardiers at the world's largest bombardier school, Midland, Texas, are taught is that success of entire mission depends upon ability of bombardier to hit his target.

Buy your stamp pads at the Leader office.

How often the expression is heard today: "Be careful you can't replace it." That warning has been applied to everything from a pin to tractors. The American public has never been as waste conscious. Yet in many respects it is still too careless. That is the hazards of fire and the destruction that may be caused. Millions of dollars worth of property and thousands of lives are lost each year by fires that could be prevented. It is an ironical fact that the man who cares for his car like it was a child, will very often not hesitate to leave that car in a garage alive with fire hazards. And the housewife who guards with similar diligence the welfare of the electric range or refrigerator, will blithely disregard the most commonly fire hazard such as faulty wiring, trash in the attic, open fireplaces and carelessly strewn matches.

Fire is the most destructive weapon and can wipe out a home "irreplaceable" object in it, in a matter of minutes. Some of these irreplaceable objects may be human lives. Of the 10,000 who were burned to death in the United States in 1941, two-thirds of this number perished in homes. Fire prevention, like charity, should start at home and spread in widening circles until each person is doing his utmost to prevent destructive fires anywhere in his community. Fire department officials are only too glad to point out potential hazards to the uninformed when they can be of benefit. Start now to protect your "irreplaceable" against fire. Tomorrow may be too late.

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ATTENTION: All news items must be in by Wednesday at noon to be sure it will appear in the following paper. This is on account of the mail situation out of Cisco going to Albany.



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