

From The Editor's Window

BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

No law for compulsory peace-time military training should be enacted under wartime emotional pressure, the American Council on Education said.

It submitted to the House committee on Postwar Military Policy a petition urging that no action be taken on the question now. It also called for a Fact Finding Commission to be set up to investigate the question.—Christian Science Monitor.

The main island of Japan, Honshu, has had another earthquake. It was the second shaking in a little more than a month. The first one was December 7 and was very severe according to all reports.

This one was lighter but continued at intervals for three hours, and the damage seems to have been less than the first one, although seismographs in this country recorded the tremors as severe.

Honshu is heavily populated and some of the Japanese important war industries are located on the island.

It has been reported that the 18,000,000 inhabitants of the Philippine islands are in desperate circumstances and in need of food, clothing and medicine.

The Philippines have been ravaged for three long years by Japanese invaders and the President of the islands has recently arrived in Washington to confer with President Roosevelt and other officials of this country.

More than 2,000,000 wool producing sheep and other livestock have died in Australia the past season owing to a very severe drought in that country extending over about one-third the entire area of the continent.

Rain is reported to be falling now but it is said a month-long continuous rains will be necessary for recovery.

Instead of the usual export of meat and grain from that area these commodities will have to be imported for a while.

Cassidy was officiating as master of ceremonies at the dance.

"The next item," he announced, "will be a snake dance."

"What's that?" chorused a number of voices.

"That," explained Cassidy, "is a dance for those who have snaked in to have an opportunity to snake out."

Teacher. — "Rastus, why does Missouri stand at the head of the mule raising business?"

Rastus. — "I don't know, zactly. It must be 'cause de other end am too dangerous."

Mary had a little lamb; 'Twas given her to keep. It followed her whe'er she went And died for lack of sleep.—Exchange.

Deputy Petroleum Administrator Ralph K. Davies has announced that the gasoline output is now at its maximum and if military requirements increase beyond present demands, American motorists will have to get along with less gasoline during 1945.

Mr. Davies said, "We are now satisfying present military demands in full as well as supporting the present civilian rations. But if military demands increase much, we would have to meet them at the expense of the American civilians."

M. H. SERGEANT NEW W. T. U. CO. SUPERINTENDENT

M. H. Sergeant who has been handling the West Texas Utilities business in Putnam for more than a year on account of the illness and death of the former manager, A. D. Everett who recently died, has moved his family from Cisco to Putnam and now occupies the house on Utility hill, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Everett moving to Rising Star since the death of her husband.

Mr. Sergeant has been handling the business out of Cisco, going to and from his work here for more than a year.

Nothing Definite From Officials on 1945 Range Program

There's still nothing definite from officials of the AAA on the sponsored range and soil conservation program for 1945, and any statement would be without any authority from Washington to date.

The big if, of course, is whether the \$13,000,000 deficit of 1944 program will come out of special allotments or whether it will have to come out of the 1945 appropriation. As it now stands the following can be expected, according to best information obtained from inside sources:

The rate of pay for tanking will be ten cents per cubic yard of dirt which compares with 15 cents paid in 1944. The maximum payment will be \$150 per tank, unless the soil building allowance is above that figure. If however, there is no drawing on the year's allotment for payments for last year's practices, the maximum probably will be uped to \$200.

Casualty Branch Of War Department Short on Typist

It is reported out of Washington that the casualty branch office of Adjutant General's office needs more than 1500 clerks, typists and stenographers at once to carry on the work of the department.

It is reported the division handles as many as 50,000 letters daily and to stop work as it would hinder relatives of service men from being kept advised on their sons and daughters who are in the service.

Salaries range for these employees from \$146 to \$164 per month and applications can be made to 1141 North 2nd. Abilene.

The casualty branch is a part of the Armed Service Forces, handling all civilian personnel for the Army. ASF must provide upwards of 700,000 items of war, besides notifying relatives of soldiers of safe arrivals, wounds, deaths, recoveries and capture, sending items to Allies, administering to liberated people, and aid in other fields.

Baroness Robert de Rothschild who has been in this country since 1940 died the past week in New York at the age of 58.

She was the mother of four children. Her two sons have been prisoners of the Germans since 1940 and one of her daughters remained in France with her father to aid him in his war work in Paris. The other has been in this country until recently with her mother. She returned to Paris three months ago to assist in Red Cross work.

The Rothschilds were members of a wealthy internationally known family of bankers.

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COTTON LEADS ALL OTHER CROPS IN VALUE 1944

As usual cotton leads all crops and was the chief money crop in Texas in 1944, with over 35% of income or value of field crops, fruits, nuts and truck crops produced the past season in Texas came from cotton and cottonseed, although cotton occupied less than one-fourth of the total acreage in Texas.

The \$223,699,000 value of cotton and cottonseed from the 1944 crop exceeds by more than a hundred million dollars the combined value of all corn, wheat and oats raised in Texas, and is nearly three times the value of all sorghums raised for grain. On an acre basis, the cotton produced a \$44.96 per acre value, compared with \$16.50 per acre for grain sorghum, \$17.50 for corn, \$19.50 for oats and \$26.50 for wheat.

Red Cross Workers Met in Baird on Wednesday, Feb. 21

The next meeting of the Red Cross workers will be the third Wednesday in February in the recreation room of the Red Cross. Everyone interested in the welfare of our boys over there in the hospitals are urged to be present at this meeting.

The work of the Council is primarily with the hospital and to add anything that will in any way give comfort or diversion to soldiers who are confined there.

Materials to cover the day room furniture which shows much wear and is faded; subscriptions to daily papers such as Dallas News, New York Times, etc., magazine subscription or used ones; Wood soap, bowls, ash trays, pencils, writing paper, costumes for amateur theatricals; for the work room, beads, old colored handled tooth brushes, felt hats, belt buckles, buttons and musical instruments, curtains for recreation rooms. These things are all needed at Camp Berkeley.

Lovelady-Wilson Marriage in Fort Worth January 8th

Miss Gayle Lovelady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lovelady of the Atwell community, was married to Mr. James E. Wilson in Fort Worth January 8. She attended the Cross Plains school, graduating with the 1944 class.

Sgt. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Wilson Sr., of Boyd, Texas, has been in the Marines since 1940.

The young couple left for San Diego where they will spend two weeks before he reports to his new station in Hawaii.

Mrs. Wilson will return to Fort Worth where she will continue working for Montgomery Ward and Company, a place she has held since June 1944.

CLYDE MAYNARD BRINGS DOWN BIG GERMAN PLANE

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Maynard have just received a message from their son, Clyde R. Maynard that he had shot down his first German plane, being a big Nazi ME-109. He was manning a 50 caliber machine gun in 109th Army front in Germany when he knocked out his first German plane.

Clyde entered the service February 12th, 1943. Entered Camp Wolters at Mineral Wells and finished his training at Camp Livingston in Louisiana. He was shipped overseas February 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard have another son, R. C. Maynard in the armed service on the Callonian Islands in the Pacific zone.

BILLY MAC JOBE IN TRAINING AT BILOXI, MISS.

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Jan. 19.—Billy Mac Jobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe, Putnam, has reported to Keesler Field to take the Army Air Forces Training Command examination to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet.

As an applicant for training that will make him a flying officer, he will be given a series of medical and psychological tests at Keesler Field which will indicate the type of air training for which he is best suited by aptitude and personal characteristics. He will also take other classification tests to measure his technical skill and aptitude, and will receive a number of phases of military training. Upon successful completion of this processing, he will be sent to the proper Army Air Forces Training Command station to begin his training as pilot, bombardier or a navigator, depending upon the position for which he has been found best qualified.

Shortage of Beets And Cabbage for 1945 is Indicated

The United States Department of Agriculture forecast in its last report a reduction in cabbage and beets in Texas in 1945 based on the January conditions.

Prospective production of beets was set at 1,209,000 bushels, 18 per cent below last year's yield. The production was attributed principally to a 15 per cent acreage cut.

Winter cabbage production was forecast at 405,100 tons, compared with 561,900 tons in 1944. This was 28 per cent less than last year, and resulted from an average cut of 22 per cent.

The outlook for winter season potatoes from Texas and Florida was just slightly below last year's figures. From both states, the prospect was for 1,985,000 bushels. The indicated yield per acre in Texas was higher than it was a month ago.

PENSION ROLLS DECLINE 10,627 DURING 1944

The following release has been given out from Austin: Old age pension rolls in Texas declined 10,627 during the fiscal year just ended last August 31st, but the lag was behind the national trend, the department of Public Welfare reported.

There were 171,991 receiving old age pensions, 10,647 on the dependent children's aid list, and 4,617 being helped under aid for needy and blind, as of August 31st, 1944. This was a twelve months decrease of 733 dependent children and an increase of 74 blind persons.

During the year, average payments to old age pensioners increased \$1.02 to total \$21.62 with average monthly payments aggregating \$3,734,722.

Payments to dependent children \$21.17 per family per month and \$9.61 per child to needy blind \$24.40 per month.

FELIX MITCHELL CHAIRMAN FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

County Attorney Felix Mitchell is to head the drive in Callahan county of Red Cross organization drive to raise a fund of \$6,000.

Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, production chairman, reports that 200 kits have been shipped to overseas service men, and 144 now in production, and that 210 Christmas gifts had been sent to Camp Berkeley and 75 to boys on the high seas.

STERLING REYNOLDS AWARDED MEDAL ON FLYING 22 MISSIONS

Mrs. J. M. Reynolds of Baird received a message last week from the War Department that her son, 1st Lt. Sterling Reynolds had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal after completing 22 missions.

Lieutenant Reynolds had completed 30 missions at the time he wrote of his awards. He has been promoted to rank of 1st Lt. in November 1944, and is now in North Burma.

Gunnell-West Well Underreaming at About 500 Feet

The Gunnell-West well in the square is down around 500 feet and have just passed through the third sand and two of them having a show of gas. The sand just gone through is about 20 feet with a sea of salt water. They have set the six inch casing and are now underreaming to lower the six inch pipe. They will lower the casing and drill on to the next sand which they expect to strike in about 25 or 30 feet; and if they fail to get oil, there is another sand at about 700 feet they expect to drill to before the contract is completed.

SCRAP PAPER DRIVE WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31st

Scranton School Raises \$47.65 to Finance Banquet

The entertainment and games at the Scranton high school gymnasium Friday night was well attended and a successful event, including the raising of \$47.65 for which to finance their senior and junior banquet.

The whole affair was a success and the junior class and sponsor, Mrs. Ray Battle, wish to express their appreciation to all who came and took part. There were a number of people from Cisco and Putnam as well as a large number throughout the Scranton school district.

Coffee, doughnuts, lemonade and popcorn was sold in our goods booth. The cake walking was very popular but the most enjoyable event was when the faculty appeared in their basketball suits, the lady teachers wearing men's trousers at knee length, and Mr. Odom, the school superintendent, dressed in a gay colored pinafore and a lady's large straw hat. The crowd roared with laughter.

There were two other basketball games. One the Putnam boys vs Scranton boys, which resulted in Putnam winning 21 to 10. The other game was between Putnam and Scranton Outsiders.

Two New Yorkers Being Held for N. Y. Officials

Harry Taylor and Lillian Hood who had been missing from New York City for some time, are being held in jail at Baird for officers in New York. Taylor was fined \$5 and costs when arraigned in Callahan county court on a charge of swindling. Sheriff Peterson said last night that Taylor purchased two tires from Ray Motor Company in Baird and then drove off without paying. He was arrested in Abilene by Orb Stanford and George Sutton and turned over to Callahan officers.

Sheriff Peterson at Baird says he was asked by the prosecuting attorney, Bill Taylor, of Rockland county, New York, to hold the couple on a felony warrant. The sheriff said the FBI also had requested they be held.

VETERANS HOSPITAL SITES ADJACENT TO ABILENE SELECTED

The Veterans Administration have sites adjacent to the city of Abilene selected to show engineers of the veterans association for a hospital, Charles Green, acting manager of the chamber of commerce, reported last week.

An inspecting engineer from the administration is expected in Abilene in a short time to look over the different sites. A brief supplying additional information to that already on file with the veterans administration is now being prepared by the chamber of commerce containing description of the five sites which have been obtained. Each of the tracts of land contains from 80 to 150 acres.

Chamber of commerce members on the committee working on the proposed hospital are C. W. Gill, Grover Nelson, Bob Wagstaff and Sterling Wooten.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett and Mrs. L. E. Moore and daughter, Miss Eva Moore, Sunday afternoon.

The News has received the following letter from the War Department calling for waste paper: Information is furnished that a scrap paper drive is being held at Abilene, Texas on February 4, 1945.

If the people of Putnam are interested in collecting paper for this important drive, trucks will be sent to your city on February 1, 1945 to pick up what has been accumulated.

People who have waste paper will bring it to the News office between now and February 1st. Don't forget that the truck will be here on February 1st, and all paper must be in by that time. No doubt there is quite a lot of paper scattered about over town and the government needs it and each person having any should turn it in not later than January 31.

Right of Ownership More Important than Ownership Itself

The right of ownership is more important than ownership itself; "True enough," says W. J. Blake, owner of the Putnam County New York Republican. "Yet hom important is ownership, something tangible and of benefit to the family. Give me a family, or even only an individual whose fixed objective is a home, a house and some land of their own, I will then see reason to hope for the future of the family. Better a nation of such families than one or the other dominating for prosperity. Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home. Millions who live in rented quarters, houses, hall rooms, and what not, are unstabilizing force in natural life.

The cry is, should be, more home ownership and less hoboism in the American ways of living. To that end let press, pulpit and the schools of our beloved land raise a united voice.

Unfortunate OPA Saw Fit to Cancel Ration Points

It is unfortunate that OPA saw fit to cancel without notice the ration points that housewives had been so religiously conserving. It was, in effect, the breaking of a contract. Millions of whom had been saving their points to use only if needed, as they understood were good indefinitely. The person who saved was therefore penalized.

On top of this, "business suspension" orders asked by OPA for stores alleged to have sold goods in violation of the new regulation, when the only information the stores had on the stores had on the sweeping change was from news stories.

In specific cases in Portland, Oregon, the attorney for food stores said: "Enforcement officials of the local OPA had previously advised these operators that they were not being run by newspapers and that only their own releases were official and that no changes were to be made until official notice had been given by the OPA."

Such tactics seem to be inevitable part of bureaucracy which the people endure as part and parcel of wartime controls. The Congressional investigation that is suggested may in some measure restore public confidence. Facts rather than secrecy are the most potent weapons in maintaining public morale.—Industrial News Review.

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Costly Dreams

By GEORGE S. BENSON
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Searcy, Arkansas



ABOUT ten years ago a foolish notion grew suddenly, almost mysteriously, popular. The idea was that poor farmers got poor (anyhow didn't get rich) because they never had a chance. Big fat capitalists, it seemed, kept the juice squeezed out of them all the time. So Uncle Sam, with Rexford Guy Tugwell standing on his shoulder and whispering in his ear, dashed to the rescue.

A famous federal project, one of many, to fortify hand-picked relief cases "back on the soil," was the 2271-acre Deshee farm near Vincennes, Ind. It was taken for granted that 42 families could make a living there after the government had paid half a million dollars for the land and one of 20 agricultural lending agencies had helped out with \$100,000 more. It was, however, too much to expect. They couldn't make a living.

Save the WITH 50 acres per Farmers! family, homes clustered in artistic groups like chairs at a lawn fete. The "farmers" were supposed to do specialty production of top-grade produce and truck to yield fancy prices. Unfortunately, somehow, the plan didn't work. Deshee is being sold, as are many of the government's other pipe-dream farms. Among them is the 3453-acre Lake Dick farm near Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

An early discovery at Deshee was that specialty farmers don't often get on government relief rolls. The relief farmers knew little more than the need to plant seed and scratch the ground. By

this method of operation Deshee had 20 families too many. Finally the community shrank to eight families. Many of them left because they didn't like the surroundings. People on relief become fastidious.

Misfits HIGH prices on just Farming about everything of value, an aspect of war-born inflation, is what saves our country from charging off these highfalutin agricultural experiments, almost completely. Losses on Deshee, and others to sell soon, may be small because of well-timed sales, but this fails to prove that the government can farm, least of all with human misfits on the land.

Up to now, the Federal Security Administration has sold quite a few of the government's resettlement projects. The total number disposed of before the end of 1944 cost the taxpayers of America some 71 million dollars. All the government realized from the sales was 27 million dollars. It means that the FSA is, so far, liquidating these costly dreams at less than 40 cents on the dollar.

In farming, government management is showing a loss of 60%. Why expect less loss from government management of manufacturing? If it ran only 50%, it would mean production cut in half, wages lowered accordingly, and prices advanced; perhaps doubled. On a big scale, it would mean living standards for all of us, half as high as we are used to. Let's keep our private enterprise system.

Charley Freeman Named Champion 4-H Club Show

A classy little Hereford steer shown by Charley Freeman, Clyde 4-H club boy, was named grand champion of the Callahan County 4-H club show today.

The champion steer was first in the heavyweight division and was considered by Judge T. H. Roensch, Mitchell county agent, as an outstanding calf. Other first place winners were shown by Billy Brock of Eula and Jim Hatchett of Baird, who had the only dry lot calf, all others being milk-fed.

C. A. Dittmore of Putnam exhibited the champion bull and female in the Hereford breeding class. Other money winners were M. E. Fry and Son of Putnam and Curly Seale of Baird.

There was a light drizzle here most of the day, making the showing of the first milk-fed calves fitted by Callahan county club boys a rather unpleasant affair. All calves were fitted under supervision of W. M. Meador, county agent. Results are as follows:

Milk fed calves under 750 pounds: First, Billy Brock, Eula, second, Bernard Dugan, Clyde; third, Charles Waggoner, Baird, fourth, David Park Clinton, Putnam, fifth, Mary Ruth Johnson, Oplin.

Milk fed calves weighing over 750 pounds: First, Charley Freeman, Clyde, second, Lowell Johnson, Oplin, third, Joe Ross Milliner, Eula; fourth, Billy Kennard, Clyde, fifth, David Clinton; sixth, Bobby Estes, Clyde.

Results of the Hereford show follows: Bulls calved Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1943, first M. E. Fry & Son of Putnam; bulls calved Jan. 1 to April 30, 1944, C. A. Dittmore first, of Putnam; bulls calved after May 1, 1944, first, Curly Seale, Baird; champion bull, Dittmore; females calved Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1944, first Dittmore; second, Seale, third and fourth, Fry & Son; pair of yearlings, first, Fry.

Miss Genevieve Isenhower Married to Billy Fetterly Jr.

Miss Genevieve Isenhower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Isenhower of Cisco, was married to Billy Fetterly Jr., pharmacist mate of Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly Sr. of Baird, at the First Baptist church in Cisco.

The altar which was improvised of ferns, white gladioluses and white chrysanthemums, was flanked by candles in white candleabra. The candles were lighted by Reda Ray Clark and Mrs. Olin Odum. The Rev. W. A. Flynn of the Cisco Methodist church read the double ring ceremony.

Traditional wedding music was played by Ida Louise Fetterly, sister of the groom. Mrs. Olaf South sang Love's Mrs. Fetterly wore a powder blue crepe dress and carried white carnations on a white Bible. Mrs. Isenhower, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Fetterly, mother of the bridegroom, both wore black crepe dresses with corsages of pink carnations.

A wedding reception was given in the home of the bride's parents. Centering the tea table were white mums and gladioluses. Presiding were Mrs. Fulton Largent and Mrs. Tom Frey.

Guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsay and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam of Putnam; Dorothy Weaver and Pat Bomer of Denton; Mrs. Ed Little of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Hill, Mrs. S. L. McElroy, Mrs. H. A. McWhorter, Mrs. Beulah Dyer, Miss Viva Tucker and Mrs. Jack Everett.

Rev. Balderee who has been pastor of the Baptist church here for the past three years, resigned Sunday. He and Mrs. Balderee will move to Carlsbad, Texas this week where he has accepted a call from the Carlsbad church.

Bill Introduced Curtailing Unions Collecting Fees

Representative Marshall Bell of San Antonio has introduced in the house of representatives a resolution which will likely cause the biggest debate in recent years between union labor and the representatives of the people. A resolution to submit a constitutional amendment to the Texas constitution that provides every person shall have the right to work and collect compensation regardless of whether he belongs to any labor union or organization, and that employment shall not be denied by any person's right to abridge on account of non-membership in any labor organization. Should the amendment be submitted and adopted by vote of the people it would become self-operated and self-executing.

Fitting in with this proposed amendment, Bell introduced a bill carrying out the terms of the amendment providing penalties for violation and stating that violations shall subject any individual, firm or corporation to a fine of \$2000 for each violation. Individual cases also would be subject to jail sentence of not exceeding 120 days. If the amendment should be voted, the district courts shall have power and jurisdiction to issue the proper restraints, injunctions and etc., to enforce the act.

John B. Barnett Obtains Patent on Salvaging Submarine

John B. Barnett of Washington, D. C., formerly of Texas, has recently obtained patent papers on his invention for salvaging submarines and other sunken objects of magnetizable metal. His invention has prospects of saving the United States Government and private enterprise millions of dollars in post war projects.

Mr. Barnett was born at McKinney, Texas, in 1870 and is the grandson of Colonel James A. Bourland, veteran of the Mexican War and one of the founders of the Lone Star state. Frank Barnett, his father, fought in the Civil War and was among the first citizens of the Texas Hunt county district. Upon graduating from Granbury College, Mr. Barnett worked for The Fort Worth Mail. Following a newspaper career he worked for the Southern Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. Barnett always a student of science began early in life exploring the possibilities of the air. In 1902 he announced his "Aerial Yacht," forerunner of the dirigible, the ship which consisted of a series of balloons, or separate air pockets linked together sausage fashion, which was controllable in mid air, with the vessel itself acting as rudder. He and Clifford C. Beckham, organized the first aviation club in Texas. Mr. Barnett has a number of inventions to his credit, among

them being the widely used automatic advertising clock in 1909 and the well known device that can "turn the page" of an electrical ad at regular intervals. In 1935 Mr. Barnett became associated with the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. He recently developed the salvaging pontoon with its wonder magnet capable of lifting several thousand times its own weight. By its use he hopes to see sunken submarines reclaimed after the war without the usual diver's risk.

PCA DIRECTORS PLAN FOR ELEVENTH ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Friday, January 26, has been set by the board of directors for the eleventh annual meeting of Stamford Production Credit Association stockholders, J. L. Hill Jr., secretary-treasurer, announced today. The meeting will be held in the bunkhouse, Texas Cowboy Reunion grounds in Stamford at 10:30 a. m.

Members now have a stock and reserve investment of \$263,000.00 in the Stamford Association which, during the past eleven years, has loaned more than \$14,000,000.00 to farmers and stockmen in its eight counties, according to Mr. Hill.

A majority of the membership is expected to attend this eleventh annual meeting, said President J. B. Pumphrey, to learn what has been accomplished in 1944, and to discuss how their association can be of real help in post war agricultural financing, which will include assisting in solving the credit problems of the returning veterans of World War II. They will elect two directors.

TSHA Offers Prizes For Texas History

The Texas State Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100.00 for the winner of the 1944-1945 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Eighteen papers will receive awards totaling \$445. Special prizes of seven framed etchings are offered also.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1945, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to The Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

An Albany high school senior, Ann Lewis, was among prize winners in the Texas State Historical contest last year and in her story of "Fort Griffin Desperadoes," contributed some very fine recorded history of this county to the State Historical writings.

We have plenty of quarter-inch and three-eighth-inch staples, at the Leader office.

Eastland County Livestock Show At Cisco Feb. 24

Eastland county is preparing to have a livestock show at Cisco February 24th, and it will be held in the new county barns on South D. Avenue, which has been made available through the courtesy of County Commissioner Arch Bint. The large barn and sheds recently completed in the fenced enclosure has ample space for housing the exhibits.

F. D. Right, an attorney at Cisco, has been elected as president of the show at the organizational meeting in December and following vice presidents were elected: Fred Brown of Eastland, Dr. Bob Hodges of Ranger, Frank Robertson of Rising Star, Dr. Geo. Blackwell, Gorman, Buck Weston of Carbon, Kid Moseley of Olden, Till Wheat of Morton Valley and C. F. Irvin of Desdemona. E. A. Butler was elected secretary-treasurer.

Superintendents of various divisions in which exhibits will be shown have been named as follows: Beef cattle, M. E. Frye, Mayor Edward Lee, hogs, E. G. Damron, sheep, William Reagan, goats, L. B. Norvell, horses, Mart Agnew, turkeys, John Dunn.

J. B. Pratt, superintendent of grounds and county agent Floyd-Linch, will be general superintendents.

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January 27-28-29 and 30

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Breeding Cattle Show.....Sunday 28
Hereford Sale.....Monday, January 29
Polled Hereford Sale.....Tuesday, January 30

Notice Taxpayers

JANUARY 31st. is the DEADLINE for Payment of 1944 TAXES with no Penalty—

The office will remain open from 8 to 6 for remaining days of the month. This gives an extra two hours to accommodate our customers and will avoid the use of extra fuel to keep open at late hours during the last rush.

Mrs. T. W. Briscoe
County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Richardson of Mineral Wells, spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Richardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Middleton of Dallas are visiting his mother, Mrs. Marion Cole and Mr. Cole, for a weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Basham are moving from Moran to Graham next week. Mr. and Mrs. Basham have made their home here for the last four years and their many friends regret to see them leave.

D. A. Dawson, citizen of Moran,

relatives in Los Angeles last week. left for a two months' visit with Mrs. Dawson will remain in Moran.

Mr. Frondren of Ranger, with the Texas Co. will move in the house vacated by the Bashams.

Miss Louise Killough of Cisco visited her parents in Moran last Sunday.

Miss Carolyn Choate of Baird spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Emma Jean Oyler. They were dinner guests of Mrs. Mary E. Townsend Sunday at noon.

Moran friends express sympathy to the family of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Williams in the loss of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Teague, age 56 years, of Abilene, who died in Hendrick Memorial hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Griffith, Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. McBeth of Wienert, Texas, attended the funeral of Mrs. McBeth's mother at Rising Star last Monday.

F. R. Raymond is in Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, suffering from a painful eye injury. His many friends will be glad to hear he is reported much improved.

D. D. Wood of Oklahoma City was in Moran the first part of the week trying to rent a house. He tried Albany also, and finally found one at Cisco but would prefer to live in Moran.

Callers at the Methodist parsonage last Monday after the missionary meeting, to visit with Mrs. Culwell who is recovering from a slight illness, were Meses. Oscar Wise, Bell Huskey, F. W. Basham, Alice McLaury, S. H. Sherman, Will Townsend and Clinton.

Fred Smith of Hamlin was a business visitor in Moran, shaking hands with old friends, last Tuesday.

Jim Lawhon of California, a former citizen of Moran, was greeting old friends on the streets Wednesday.

THE MOTHER CHURCH MARKS 50 YEARS SINCE DEDICATION

BOSTON (SP.)—Christian Scientists look back over 50 years of religious accomplishment and Christian healing in commemoration of the anniversary of the dedication of the original edifice of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 6, 1895.

Today, the gray granite structure, with its mosaic floors, marble trim, and pictorial windows done in the most delicate of colorings, appears dwarfed by what Bostonians tell city visitors is the giant dome of The Mother Church Extension built only 10 years later than the original edifice.

Boston's present-day industrial and traffic-laden Back Bay was little more than the city's largest "filled-in" area reclaimed from the Charles River when the first stone of the original Mother Church was laid on November 8, 1893. Only a short time after that, Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, advised The Christian Science Board of Directors to have the edifice ready for its first service on December 30, 1894, and to be prepared for its dedication on January 6, 1895.

Victory Over Time There followed a stupendous struggle against the time element, the weather, and the limitations of human labor and materials, climaxed by Mrs. Eddy's triumph of faith and reliance upon divine guidance. The last window was installed only a few minutes before midnight of the day of the first service. But the work was done on time, ending one of the most unusual building ventures in the annals of the construction industry.

Today, the original Mother Church edifice stands as a landmark in the growth of the Christian Science movement, commemorating the triumphs of Mrs. Eddy and her early followers over the limitations of the times. Although the building was started with a few funds in sight, it was finished debt-free under voluntary guarantees by many contractors that they would complete their individual contracts on time or forfeit a considerable part of their profits.

On December 15, 1894, only 15 days before the first service, no single part of the church had been completed except the walls, which still had no ventilating flues. Two

days before the service, the outside cement walk was laid, and a great tent extended over it to prevent freezing of the moist concrete. Church doors were kept open to allow the interior heat to circulate over the sidewalk. Thus it was a day of great rejoicing when the early building chapter was completed, and a dedicatory address by Mrs. Eddy was read in the original edifice on January 6, 1895.—The Christian Science Monitor.

PFC. J. M. MORRIS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. Hulda M. Morris, 942 Chestnut, was notified by the War Department that her son, Pfc. James Merlyn Morris, was killed in action in Belgium, December 21.

Private Morris had been overseas since July, 1944, with a combat engineer unit, and had been in action in France several months before going into Belgium. His last letter was dated December 15 in Luxembourg.

He graduated from Moran high school in 1941; then engaged in farming with his father, Lum Morris, who died Sept. 5, 1942. He trained at Camp White, Ore., after entering service March 6, 1943.

Surviving are his mother and a sister, Mrs. Gayle Weir, Sundown.

He was a nephew of Mrs. Malie Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bodine and Mrs. Jesse Morris of Abilene.

Merlyn was the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morris, Meses. Emma Cottle, Sallie Parish, Delia Bumpers, all of Moran, and Mrs. Lillie Amerson of Tuxedo.

PFC. CHALKER IS KILLED IN ACTION

Pfc. Claude Chalker of Stephens county, was killed in action on December 6 in the Leyte campaign in

the Philippines, a telegram received by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Chalker, route 1, Moran, has revealed.

Pfc. Chalker was a member of the 7th Division, 32nd Infantry, Company A, and prior to the invasion of the Philippines had seen service in the Aleutians and other islands in the Pacific.

He went into service in March of 1942, sailing for his first out-of-states service in the Aleutians in April of 1943.

He was 29 years old. He is survived by four brothers and three sisters of the immediate family. One brother, Durwood Chalker is in the navy, radioman second class. The other three brothers are John M. Chalker, R. W. and S. E. Chalker. The sisters are Mrs. Bill Dwiggin of Breckenridge, Mrs. L. E. Barber of Eastland, Mrs. Bartholomy of the home.

Prior to entering the service Pfc. Chalker was engaged in farming.

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS NAMED FOR THE MORAN NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Moran National Bank took place Tuesday, January 16. The following officers and directors were elected for the year:

Officers: C. M. Francis, president; B. A. Elliott, vice president; Floyd C. Pool, executive vice president; Glen Cottle, Cashier; Mary Weber, assistant cashier; Betty Morris, assistant cashier.

Directors: C. M. Francis, B. A. Elliott, C. M. Gay, L. B. Jones, Floyd C. Pool, Morris Cottle, A. A. Smith, B. E. Snyder, Glen Cottle.

S/Sgt. Louie A. Swink from Camp Gruber, Okla., was in Moran last Monday. S/Sgt. Swink lived here and attended school a long time ago.

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LOCALS

W. D. Boydston, Baird progressive businessman, celebrated his 70th birthday last week by selling goods at a sale. A big birthday cake was brought in with 70 candles, baked by his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Harper of McAllister, Oklahoma, as a surprise. A slice of the cake was served to all who were in the store, which included a large number of friends and acquaintances in Baird. Mrs. Cora Works, who was present, was also celebrating her birthday, and special singing of "Happy Birthday" was rendered for her.

FOR RENT

About seven acres of land and three-room house, five miles south of Putnam. First six months rent can be used for repairs on the place.—Mary Guyton, Mission Hotel, Putnam, Texas.

PLENTEY OF TIRES

Mrs. Charles Morton Davis, mother of C. T. Davis of Putnam, celebrated her 91st birthday a few days ago. The family prepared a nice dinner and the neighbors and friends gave her several nice presents.

Henry Week made a business trip to Baird Monday morning.

FOR SALE — Good well equipped shoe shop for sale. Good location with a nice business. Reasons for selling. Call at the News office, Putnam.

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Miss Nelda Lowry was home from Simmons University visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Gunnell were in Breckenridge Saturday looking after business. They are in the oil business and putting the well down in the square in Putnam.

Ples Ray of the Scranton community was in town Saturday afternoon and reported everything in his community moving along as usual.

G. P. Jobe is home from training camp to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe for a few days. He says when he returns he will go to San Francisco, California. He will be here several days before returning.

Mrs. H. M. Boatman visited with her sister, Miss Glynn Maynard in Abilene Thursday.

Richmond Sprawls of Tulia was here visiting over the week-end and looking after business interests in the Putnam and Scranton vicinities.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Surles, Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Tarrant of Houston, were transacting business in Putnam Monday afternoon. They all formerly lived in Putnam.

Waruric Jones of the Pueblo community was in town Friday morning and while here set his subscription up another year.

Among those attending the old time singing in Cisco Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Everett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan and possibly others we failed to get their names.

Mrs. Jodie Isenhower (Mary Douglas Williams) has been here several days visiting with Mr. Isenhower's mother, Mrs. Ruth Isenhower. She lives with her mother in San Marcos while her husband is in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King of Bennett, New Mexico and daughter, Mrs. J. D. Livingston, were here visiting among friends and relatives here and in the Dan Horn community. He is a brother of C. C. King, living in Putnam.

John D. Isenhower, U. L. Lowry, Fred Cook, Everett Williams and Alton Hutchison made a business trip to Eastland the first of the week where they had a conference with Representative L. R. Pearson in connection with school matters in some way.

Miss Dorothy Jobe was home over the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe.

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Mrs. H. M. Boatman of Tulsa, Oklahoma is here this week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Maynard.

NOTICE

If you want to get married, write Box 338, Juliaetta, Idaho. Enclose stamp.

NOTICE

Watch the crowds going to Shaefer's Radio Shop where they can get their irons and radios repaired. Remember the place, just across the street from First National Bank at Cisco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Vernon Smith of Brownwood and Mrs. Hugh Smith of Cisco were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud King Sunday.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!
You can now get the Fort Worth Press and the Putnam News for \$6.00. Think of this price only \$5.00 a year for a daily paper. We will be able to take new subscriptions until further notice. Most daily papers are refusing to take new subscriptions. If you want a daily paper, it might pay you to turn in your subscription at once.

NOTICE

Why not go to Lucile's Beauty Shop to get your next hair do? Experienced operators and latest styles. Mrs. Leotis Meadows noted for her work in Baird, is now with the Lucile Shop, Baird, Texas.

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One horse drawn drill, one cultivator and one planter. Will sell at a bargain. See W. H. Boatwright, four miles west of Putnam.

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Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Speegel were Mrs. E. Sublett, son Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Donaway and children and Cpl. L. A. Sublett. Cpl. Sublett is home on furlough after serving with the Marines in the South Pacific area. He will report for duty at Eagle Mountain Lake, Fort Worth.

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All Motor Vehicles To Get New 1945 License Plate

AUSTIN, Texas.—Under the authority conferred upon them by House Bill 273 of the Forty-eighth Regular session of the Texas Legislature, the Texas Highway Commission has passed an order stating that the legal motor vehicle registration insignia for the 1945 registration year will consist of one full-size metal license plate to be attached to the rear of all series of vehicles with the exception of truck tractors, which are to have the plate attached to the front. All plates have black numerals and letters on a gold background.

At the time the order for manufacture of the 1945 license plates was placed with the Texas prison system, rulings of the War Production Board prohibited any State from the issuance of more than one full-size metal license plate per vehicle for the 1945 registration year. The Texas Highway Department not only conformed with the War Production Board ruling but went even further in effecting a saving in metal and paints by reducing the length of the plate from thirteen inches in 1942 to ten inches in 1945, or a reduction of approximately twenty-five per cent in area.

A numbering system is used whereby four numerals are the most used on any one plate and these are preceded by two control letters; for example, A-A 18 and A-D 9999. Under the old system of numbering, each hundred thousand and over a million was identified by a letter of the alphabet and it was necessary to use seven or eight letters. Under the new system, in each ten thousand registrations or each time a control letter changes, there are hundreds of plates with three numerals or less. For all series of plates except passenger, the type of series is embossed on the plate.

The order passed by the Highway Commission also requires the removal of all registration insignia for previous registration years.

Pfc. Jack Pettit, Moran Boy Killed On Peleliu Island

Another Shackelford county boy has been reported by the war department as killed in action, this time a Moran boy, Pfc. Jack Pettit, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pettit. He was killed on Peleliu island December 29, according to the message received by the parents Thursday. He was only 19 years of age.

Last letter received by the family was dated December 25, and he wrote of enjoying a Christmas dinner, which was the only thing that differed from any other day. He had been in major battles and on the go since going into the Pacific war theatre last year. A brother, Pfc. John L. Pettit, is stationed in the Hawaiian islands, and a younger brother is due to enter service next July.

The Earnest F. Pettit Post, of the American Legion at Moran, is named for an uncle of Jack Pettit who was killed in World War I. Private Pettit was a nephew of P. H. Pettit of Albany.

WFA Asks Increased Pork Production

Texas farmers with adequate feed supplies are being asked by WFA to keep additional sows suitable for farrowing next spring to help meet the spring pig goal. Dan L. Boyd, WFA's district representative, has announced. Present support prices of \$12.50 per hundredweight, Chicago basis, for good to choice butcher hogs weighing 200 to 270 pounds also has been extended to March 1, 1946, he said.

Calling on all hog producers in the nation to cooperate, War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said, "The continued high level of demand for meat for war needs makes it imperative that hog producers meet the goal of 57,500,000 spring pigs." He expressed concern over a pig crop next spring smaller than last spring adding, "The feed grain supplies available will feed more hogs than would be produced from next spring's pig crop according to present indications."

The number of sows farrowing must be increased by about 11 per cent over number now planned to reach the goal.

If you want to get married, write Box 358, Juliaetta, Idaho. Send stamp.

Social Security Benefits Increased In Abilene Area

The number of monthly old-age and survivors insurance benefits in force in the area served by the Abilene office of the Social Security Board increased by approximately thirty percent during 1944, it was announced by Ralph T. Fisher, manager, in a recent statement.

Explaining that his figures are

	Number	Monthly Ben. Amt.
Children of deceased or retired workers	483	\$5275.32
Widows with young children	162	2774.52
Retired workers, aged 65 or over	360	7345.74
Wives, 65 or over, of retired workers	113	1162.54
Aged widows of deceased workers	35	634.12

Monthly benefits are paid also to aged dependent parents of fully insured workers who die without leaving a wife or child.

"That old-age and survivors insurance is truly a family insurance

estimated, and subject to minor revision, Fisher said 1158 men, women and children in his area have benefits of \$17,267.97 a month—a rate of \$207,215.00 a year.

The service area of the Abilene office includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, and Taylor counties.

The benefit rolls shape up approximately as follows:

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Guy Taylor Post No. 61, of the American Legion, now has 50 copies of an interesting pamphlet put out by the National headquarters of the American Legion, titled, Responsibility to Community, State and Nation, which should be read by every man and woman in the United States. Guy Taylor Post is anxious to have the people of this community take advantage of the opportunity to read these pamphlets. Fifty pamphlets are not enough to go around so, we ask the people to come and get one, read and return it as soon as possible in order that it may be passed on to

some one else. Wyatt W. Lipscomb has these pamphlets and will be glad to let you have one.

For twenty-five years the American Legion has fought for the rights and security of the American people. We offer practical knowledge gained from our experience in World War I, and we call attention gained from World War II. Shall we have World War III before we are willing to profit from knowledge and experience gained the hard way? We hope not, and we will not if we are wise. Give the American Legion your support for security. Let's be prepared.

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