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MOUNTAIN PEEKS

Glimpsed From The Texas Rockies

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The Skipper slipped off a day or two before Christmas and ambled up to Fort Worth for a brief visit with our daughter and her husband. We make this explanation as an apology for inflicting Claude Coleman on the ever-growing list of discerning people who read this great moral and educational col. On our return, with a very bad cold contracted while away, we found a big pile of fan mail awaiting us, which we will get around to as soon as possible.

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From the many inquiries we have received, we know that a number of people will be interested to know that we've finally heard from our boy who was shipped out from a Pacific coast port of embarkation in late November. He is, as we suspected all the while, over in the Big Middle of things that have been popping the past several days. In New Guinea, to be exact. We've had three letters from him since last week-end. Two in one envelope, the first dated en route, Dec. 4, in which he states, "I guess by the time you get this you'll be taking down the Xmas decorations and putting out the porch chairs. . . We've been an awfully long time getting as far as we are now and still have quite a distance to go. My departure from the West Coast was rather abrupt. I was waiting for an answer to the letter I wrote while at Pittsburg (Cal.) replacement depot when we were suddenly moved to a POE station and we were moved out fast from there. We are on a troop transport now and the conditions on it are pretty rugged. It's been awfully hot and crowded so far but it's beginning to cool off a little that Spring is here! Sounds silly in the middle of December, doesn't it? I expect we'll be given some more training before we're sent into combat zones. I hope so as I know nothing about fighting despite my seven months of invaluable training on How to Scour Pots and Pans, How to Dodge Detail and How to Pick Up Cigarette Butts in the Most Efficient GI Manner." His next letter, dated a week later, said he was in a big base and that he expected to be sent into combat soon. He thinks it's an amazing country, with its "fuzzy-wuzzies" (natives,) cocoanut trees, etc., "a nice ocean to swim in but we don't feel like it after being choused all day." The weather there consists of two types, he's told: Unbearable and wet. "Oh, well," he adds, "can't make a liar out of Sherman; he was right. Tell all the folks at home that they can start worrying now, cash in their war bonds, take to the hills and prepare for invasion — Doug's overseas!" The army has evidently made a man out of the kid, for he makes the manly admission that he too reads M. P., "but don't count me; we must keep this thing non-partisian, you know," he admonishes.

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We hope you'll forgive us for devoting so much space to a personal matter but those fathers, mothers, wives and others who have loved ones over there in the battle zones will understand. There's nothing we can do to help him but there is an All-Powerful One who watches over these boys of ours and we can only ask His divine protection for our boy and the many others who are making the sacrifice that we may continue to enjoy the freedom we so greatly cherish.

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It's a rare mail lately that doesn't bring another sour note from misterscobee, our Fort Davis chum. On our return we found that he had made us a visit, apparently having discovered in some way that we were out of town. "Chalk up another score for us," he chortles in a communication received later. "We went over to Alpine the other day to see you eye to eye. A little birdie must have tipped you off. Because you had skipped out for Fort Worth or some distant point just ahead of our arrival. Maybe that is how you got the name of Ye Olde Skipper. Maybe, just maybe, you had business in Fort Worth or whatever remote place you were alleged to have gone. We know another reader of Peeks but again we refrain from giving you the name, just to aggravate you. Yours triumphantly." We'll get around to this latest effusion in due time, if you think it deserves any attention. But for the moment, we'll pause to wish for each of you as happy a New Year as is possible under the tragic conditions that exist, and to express the hope that before another year comes, peace will have been restored to this war-torn world and we'll have our boys back home.

ALPINE BOY MISSING IN AIR ACTION

Lieut. Fritz Bill Weyerts Fails To Return From Mission Dec. 22

Lieut. Fritz Bill Weyerts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz E. Weyerts of Alpine, and a bombardier in the Army Air Forces, is reported missing in action after a raid over enemy territory Dec. 22, a telegram from the War department received here Tuesday, announced.

No other particulars were given in the War department telegram.

Fritz Bill graduated from the Childress, Texas, bombardier school last May and was sent overseas last October, stationed in England.

Lt. Weyerts was born and reared in Alpine, attending public schools and Sul Ross college here. He was employed for several years at the Alpine postoffice before volunteering for service.

His wife, the former Miss Elaine Ross, and baby have been making their home in San Angelo with her parents since he was sent overseas.

Food Stamps Now Being Issued at Pilot School

Military and civilian personnel at the pilot school are now being issued food stamps at the post.

Up to this time, the field's ration board handled gas, tires and shoe rationing, but the food was handled by the Marfa or Alpine boards. Food stamps will be issued the same day they are applied for according to the board.

The new board at the pilot school consists of Lt. Col. Paul T. McFarland as president, Major Raymond M. Hay, Major Thomas F. Teorey, 1st Lt. William B. Barbour and 1st Lt. Harland P. Hoak. T/Sgt. Woodrow K. Breeding will perform duties as official clerk of the board and applications will be handled through the sergeant.

Pork Bonus Effective January 2 Through 15th

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—OPA announced another pork bonus Saturday, validating spare stamp number two in Ration Book Four for the purchase of five points' worth of fresh pork and all sausage from Jan. 2 through Jan. 15.

The new special stamp will not be good for buying smoked or cured pork, such as smoked ham and bacon.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps!

Army Constructs 'Model' Underground Hospital

U. S. Army Official Photo

A three-ward underground hospital, complete with X-ray equipment and facilities for operating was dug out of the sandstone and solid rock at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. Each of the three wards are about 12 feet high by 10 by 20 feet in area, and are connected with each other by tunnels, which in turn connect with a passage walk leading to the upper ground. It is estimated that a similar installation could be built in the field under combat conditions in 24 hours. Photo shows a view of one of the underground wards, with simulated casualty cases undergoing treatment.

Hero of Jap Sub Attack In the Pacific Early Last Year Is Alpine Visitor

Robert Reese Clay, 24-year-old member of the Merchant Marine and holder of a gold medal awarded him by the National Maritime union for heroism at sea, visited his uncle, Sam Roberts, here this week. Young Roberts has also been decorated with the army's Order of the Purple Heart and is probably one of the very few merchant seamen to receive a military decoration thus far in the war.

Roberts was a pre-medical student for two years before going to sea on a ship which was torpedoed by a Jap sub near New Guinea the early part of last year. Although his left leg was shattered, he made his way to a lifeboat, giving medical aid to other wounded. The army gave him credit for saving 17 shipmates' lives. Before he had recovered from his wounds, he registered with the NMU in Frisco to go out on another ship.

The seaman's home is in Quemado, near Eagle Pass.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps!

1943 RECEIPTS AT POSTOFFICE TOTAL $32,000

Gain of 33 1-3 Percent Over The Preceding Year Is Recorded

Nineteen hundred and forty-three was the banner year in the history of the Alpine postoffice, a check this week showed, with receipts totalling $32,843.95.

This was an increase of more than 33 1-3% over 1942, which lacked but a few dollars of reaching the $25,000 mark, the records show.

Receipts by quarters the past year and figures for corresponding quarters of 1942 were as follows:

	1942	1943
1st quarter	$5,307.27	$7,172.15
2nd quarter	5,392.69	8,073.86
3rd quarter	6,419.40	8,217.35
4th quarter	7,690.77	9,380.59
Totals	$24,810.13	$32,843.95

The receipts shown include stamp sales, box rents and second-class mailings only.

The postoffice also handled a huge volume of free mail for Wac and air base personnel, it was stated.

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Casner Motor Company Is Burglarized Monday Night; Tires Are Missing

The Casner Motor Co., salesroom was burglarized some time Monday night, a check the following morning revealing that half a dozen or more new tires and one used tire were missing.

The burglar gained admission into the building by breaking out a small transom window on the west side of the repair shop. An unsuccessful attempt to open the cash register was made but no cash was missing, a check showed.

Alpine Boy Was With the Marines Who Fought the Bloody Battle at Tarawa

Sgt. Henry W. (Wayne) Mosley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mosley of Alpine, was with the U. S. assault troops (Marines) who made the landing at Tarawa, in the Pacific recently, he has written his parents. He escaped uninjured in the engagement in which the Marines suffered the highest percentage of casualties in their history.

"Although we received a very warm welcome," Wayne writes, "I kinda got the idea that the people there didn't really like us very much. It was a pretty tough fight for a while. I can't tell you where I am now but wish we would hurry and get back in the scrip, because this dump is really getting on my nerves. I have several souvenirs, including an enemy flag. Will send you one of the bills of paper money." The Jap currency referred to was included in the letter received by the Mosleys Tuesday.

Wayne wrote that he was in New Zealand for some time and that the people there "as a whole, are really swell and tried to make us feel at home. I have some very good friends there that I hated to leave."

Wayne's brother, coxswain in the Navy, was in the force that participated in the Gilbert Islands engagement a short time ago. Both volunteered for service.

Gas Training Course To Be Held Here Next Week For Guardsmen, Officers

A Gas Reconnaissance Agent's Course will be offered members of the Texas State Guard, local, state and Federal law enforcement officers and WAC personnel next week at the Alpine High school, according to an announcement issued at Headquarters, Third Battalion, Texas State Guard, this week.

Major E. G. Burgess, commanding officer of the Third battalion, will be in charge of instruction, assisted by Maj. A. E. de Bessieres and State Highway Patrolman G. P. Townsend. Mr. Townsend will act as dean of the school and Capt. M. A. Webb, commanding Co. A, 3rd battalion, TSG, will be secretary.

Subjects taken up will be Basic Civilian Defense, Gas Defense, Decontamination, Fire Defense and Gas Identification.

Classes will be held from 8:00 o'clock to 10:00 o'clock Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. One Sunday afternoon will be devoted to outdoor work in identification of gases and one afternoon or evening to a trip through a regular gas chamber. Certificate will be issued to those who attend every meeting and who pass the examinations.

Major Burgess attended a three-day school at Fort Bliss in December and is one of the two State Guard officers in the Eighth Service Command area who has taken this particular course.

The boys overseas need your discarded fountain pens. Salvage campaign starts Jan. 15.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps!

Noted Educator Here Next Week

DR. OSUNA OF PUERTO RICO UNIVERSITY WILL MAKE PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Five public appearances will be made by Dr. J. J. Osuna, distinguished educator who is coming to Alpine this week-end, it was announced Wednesday.

He will speak at an all-church service to be held Sunday evening and will speak at the Lions club meeting next Tuesday, Rotarians also having been invited to this meeting.

The program of meetings is as follows:

Sunday evening, Jan. 9, united service at Baptist church, 8 p. m.

Monday afternoon, 3:30, high school auditorium.

Monday evening, 8 o'clock, college auditorium.

Tuesday morning, 10:15, college auditorium.

Tuesday, 12:40 p. m., college cafeteria.

Dr. Osuna, who is widely known as an educator and an authority on Inter-American affairs, comes to Sul Ross and Alpine under the auspices of the Hogg foundation. He is now on leave of absence from the University of Puerto Rico, where he has served as dean of the college of education for 15 years.

Dr. Osuna has a Latin-American background, although he attended public schools in Pennsylvania and has received all his college degrees from schools of the United States, including the Ph. D. from California in 1923.

He will talk on the following subjects: Tolerance; Ed[illegible] Understanding; The Inter-American Citizen; Inter-American Relations.

The public is invited to attend any or all public addresses.

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FRIDAY RAIN BOOSTS TOTAL TO 12 INCHES

All-Night Soaker Brings A Total Precipitation of .91 Inches

A slow rain, starting early last Friday evening and continuing through the night, brought precipitation totaling .91 inches, according to the government gauge at Sul Ross college.

The moisture was general over this section.

Of the precipitation recorded during this period, .31 inches fell before midnight, boosting the 1943 total to 12.15 inches, according to the official records. This was 4.25 inches under the 1942 total and over three inches under the average for the five-year period from 1936 to 1940, inclusive. Nineteen hundred forty-one set an all-time high record in this far-West Texas area, with 31.45 inches.

September was the banner month for rainfall last year, with a total of 3.23; June was second with 2.72. The rainfall for 1943 by months was as follows:

January, .58.
February, trace.
March, .19.
April, .01.
May, .89.
June, 2.72.
July, 1.54.
August, .50.
September, 3.23.
October, .45.
November, .88.
December, 1.16.

20 INCHES RECORDED AT OBSERVATORY

FORT DAVIS, Jan. 5.—The records at the McDonald observatory for 1943 show a total rainfall of 20.84 inches. The most intensive rainfall was 4.6 inches Nov. 26 to 27, inclusive. The record for Fort Davis is only available since July 10, according to H. A. King, cus-

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'43 Headlines From The Avalanche Files

Jan. 1.—Hayes Parker, foreman of Willoughby ranch, dies. Ten sections of grassland on Cap Yates, Mrs. Rogers ranches near Altuda burn.

Jan. 8.—Lieut. Merritt M. Hopson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hopson, dies in plane crash at Columbia, S. C., air base. Alpine postoffice announces record sales during year ending Dec. 31, 1942. New Catholic church dedicated.

Jan. 15—Forty-two 18-year-olds reported registered for military service, period Dec. 11-Dec. 31. Snow brings .47 inches moisture to area.

Jan. 22—J. D. Jackson, pioneer Brewster cowman, early-day Texas Ranger, dies. War Ration Book No 2 received for distribution in the county.

Jan. 29—Rents in Alpine-Marfa defense area reduced to March 1, 1942 level. Early action in establishment of Big Bend National Park promised.

Feb. 5—"War-time" meeting of Alpine chamber of commerce set for 8 p. m. President's ball nets $300. Two killed in Terlingua mine explosion.

Feb. 12—Flying school graduates first class of pilots months ahead of schedule. Milton Smith elected chamber of commerce president. Sul Ross approved for WAAC training.

Feb. 19—Registration for War Ration Book 2 set for Feb. 25-26. FFA boys show fine stock. County poll tax payments total 800.

Feb. 26—FFA boys make fine [illegible] at El Paso show. Soil conservation meeting called. New '43 auto tags go on sale.

March 5—Drive to raise $3800 Red Cross war fund in county launched. Eight thousand ration books issued in county.

March 12—Second class graduates at pilot school. Red Cross war fund contributions reach $2100 mark.

March 19—Meat rationing announced for March 29. Deserter from Canadian army arrested in Marfa.

March 26—A. F. Robinson, long-time Alpine resident, fatally shot by burglar in his home on West Main avenue. Spring clean-up plans launched.

April 12—Flying school instructor fatally injured; cadet critically hurt in crash. Mrs. Lee Reid, West Texas pioneer, dies.

April 9—Quota of $172,000 set for county in second War Loan drive. Final details of WAAC training school at Sul Ross completed.

April 16—Chamber of commerce studies housing problem. Flames destroyed Presbyterian church building. Third class graduates at pilot school.

April 23—District OPA meeting set for April 28. Program for Easter morning service announced. Nay Bowles resigns as city marshal and superintendent of water works system.

April 30—Flying school starts erosion control program. Chamber of commerce appeals to government for aid in housing problem. Scattered grass fires reported in area.

May 7—First WAAC group to arrive May 20. Lt. John Holland gets decoration for flying service in Aleutians. Pink Adams, age 42, dies.

May 14—Dates for Paisano encampment set. Contract let for USO building in Alpine. J. W. Ferguson, resident of Alpine for 37 years, dies.

May 21—Lieut. Daniel P. Strickland, instructor at flying school, dies in crash south of Marfa. W. B. Mitchell, Marfa, pioneer West Texas ranchman, dies. Garnett hotel, Alpine landmark, burns.

May 28—Rains, totalling as much as three inches in some localities, break serious drouth. Class 43E graduates at flying school. WAAC school at Sul Ross officially opened.

June 4—Lt. Wesley Holcombe, army air forces, decorated for service in Southwest Pacific. Eighteen seniors graduate from Alpine high school. More rains and showers fall in Highland area.

June 11—Survey reveals critical meat shortage in Alpine. Plans for new Presbyterian church building drawn. Alpine FFA wins at state meet.

June 18—Good rains fall over Big Bend-Davis mountains area. District Attorney Alan Fraser gets army commission; to train in military government school.

June 2—Air line for Alpine section sought. Second group of WAACs arrive. Pacific hero speaks to flying school graduates. Pecos county makes deal on U. S. 67 right-of-way.

July 2—Infantile paralysis reported in Alpine. Capt. Vick Winter of Alpine cited for outstanding duty in India war area.

July 9—Secretary Ickes accepts Big Bend land for national park. First WAAC class is graduated at Sul Ross. Corp. Wayne Mosley cited for bravery in Guadalcanal combat. Capt. Vick Winter, AAF, reported missing after flight over enemy territory in India war area.

July 16—Col. Hoyle, flying school commanding officer, transfers to Chico, Cal., army air base. Homer M. Wilson, prominent ranchman, dies. Tippit ranch house burns. Jury finds Dolores Quiroz of Fort Davis guilty of murder in death of Fidel Granado, Fort Davis woman.

July 23—WAAC Class No. 3 arrives in Alpine. Homer Wilson funeral held in Del Rio. Rains and showers reported over area.

July 30—Paisano encampment starts. Pvt. John W. [illegible] Marines, reported killed in action in Pacific. Class 43G graduates at flying school.

Aug. 6—New USO building in Alpine dedicated. Contract let for deepening abandoned Dodson-Means test well 20 miles north of Alpine.

Aug. 13—City takes over garbage disposal. Gene Parr, pioneer ranchman dies. C. A. Gilley, veteran Sul Ross teacher resigns. Second WAAC class graduates.

Aug. 20—Bodies of two student officers at flying school, missing since July 29, found 49 miles southwest of Marfa. Local draft board announces it will re-classify 3A registrants. Members of WAAC school inducted into army; Women's Army Corps is new name for unit.

Aug. 27—Survey of guayule growth in area nears completion. Governor signs deed to Big Bend park land. Lt. Reuben Allen, AAF, reported missing in action over Italy.

Sept. 3—Presentation of deed to park land set for Sunday. Cadets from 35 states graduate at pilot school. Brewster's quota in third war loan set at $296,000.

Sept. 10—Gov. Stevenson presents deed to park lands to representative of National Park service at ceremony held at Sul Ross college. Mrs. Irene Peters, resident of Alpine since 1911, dies suddenly.

Sept. 17—Bond sales at rally total $42,500. Dr. Ross Maxwell named superintendent of Big Bend National Park. Housing project at air base opened.

Sept. 24—Serious drouth continues with only light rains and drizzles falling. Rev. Buhler accepts call as Christian church pastor. State highway officials visit Alpine.

Oct. 1—Serious drouth is broken by slow, soaking rains over the area. Sul Ross plans for war workers. County is $80,000 shy of goal in war bond drive.

Oct. 8—Five men from Hondo Navigation school die in crash on Stone ranch north of Alpine. Cadets from 37 states graduate at pilot school. Sgt. Elpidio H. Ramos, Alpine, reported killed in action in North Africa.

Oct. 15—Wac class No. 4 graduates. Alpine FFA wins highest honors at Kansas City meeting. Two pilot school cadets land uninjured in Chihuahua.

Oct. 22—Capt. Robert L. Withers, Fort Davis, AAF commander, reported missing in action over enemy territory. War chest drive set to begin Nov. 1. Annual PTA

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LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Paul Vogt and children are visiting relatives in Cisco.

Mrs. E. G. McGlesson of Wickett spent the holidays here with relatives.

Miss Judy McLean underwent a major operation at a local hospital Monday.

F. L. McCollum, proprietor The Model, is in Dallas this week on business.

Margaret Linn Brown and Buddy returned to their respective schools in Austin last week.

Mrs. Dorothy Scannell and son Jack of Midland, spent the holidays with relatives in Alpine.

Mrs. Roy Spence of Pecos, spent New Year's here with her mother, Mrs. James Cotter, and other relatives.

F. E. Weyerts was in El Paso this week as a juror in Federal court. He was accompanied by Mrs. Weyerts.

Miss Maizelle Brown of San Antonio visited her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Brown, here during the Christmas holidays.

Misses Reba Taylor and Marjorie Thornton, who are employed at the San Diego, Cal., navy yards, are here on a leave visiting home folks.

After spending the holidays with homefolks, Misses Jackie Cross, Eva Jean Ferguson and Laura Lee White have returned to Denton where they are students at T. S. C. W.

Morris Mellon returned Sunday to resume his studies at the School of Mines, El Paso, after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Mellon, and family.

Pvt. Miss Winifred Kelton, passed [illegible] Miss Albertine returned to the [illegible] death, of a sister, Mrs. T. E. Conrad.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Scott returned home last week-end from Albuquerque, N. M., where they visited their son, Duncan, and family. Duncan has volunteered for service in the Navy and will leave soon for a training school in Rhode Island.

USO CLUB NEWS

(Delayed)

Well, the Alpine USO club has had a very lovely Christmas and thanks to the people of Alpine for it.

The USO and its entire staff wish to thank every woman, man or child who so generously contributed to make this a lovely Christmas. We especially want to thank the women who have sent in cakes, pies, candy for the table which we have kept full during the holidays for the boys and WACs in the service here. And also we want to thank the Rotary club of Alpine for its support and cooperation, in making it possible for the boys to have fruits, nuts, and gifts, it was through your efforts that these were made possible.

The USO wishes to thank the musicians who gave us such a lovely program on Christmas day. We deeply appreciate your efforts and the music seemed to fit right into the spirit of everything.

The USO wishes to thank the management of the Granada theatre for donating one afternoon for the benefit of the USO, and the gifts it brought in for the Christmas tree.

We want to thank the people of Alpine who so generously entertained boys and WACs to dinner and over nights as guests. They appreciated it so much. And as one boy said to a member of the staff of the USO, "At least it gave us something to talk about for about two weeks." They enjoyed your hospitality and kindness. In fact, on Christmas morning we had so many calls coming in for boys and WACs for lunch that we could hardly find enough to fill the requests.

The people of Alpine have proven their true Southern hospitality that we have heard so much about all our lives.

New Year's eve the formal dance at the USO was quite a success, everyone seemed to enjoy it to the

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At The Churches

BAPTIST

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 10:50.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Training Union, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Evening preaching service, Sunday, 8 o'clock.

R. L. WITTNER, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart."—Prov. 3:3.

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Begin the Lord's Day by attending Bible school. You are invited.

Morning worship, 10:50 to 11:50, sermon subject, "Go, Tell the World That There Is a Saviour Jesus Christ." The great need of the world is the knowledge of a personal Saviour and true obedience to the commands of our Lord.

Young people's meeting, 7 p. m.

At the evening service we are happy to have fellowship in the union service as announced in this paper.

A Christian welcome is yours at all services.

M. A. BUHLER, Minister.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Sacrament" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 9.

The Golden Text is: "The bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world" (John 6:33).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalms 116:13).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Through repentance, spiritual baptism, and regeneration, mortals put off their material beliefs and false individuality" (page 242).

you're hooked.

Preaching at 10:50, communion following.

Evening services at 8:00.

Mid-week services, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m.

Women's Bible class, 3:30 p. m., Wednesdays.

We are glad to have you in these services.

JAS. A. FRY, Minister.

METHODIST

Church School, 10 a. m. Edgar Martin, Supt.; Mr. Barrow, Asst't. Supt; Mrs. Barrow, Secy.

Morning worship, 11. Musical program directed by Miss Wahlers; Mrs. Sloan, organist. The choir will bring a special number and hymns of inspiration and of Christian love. Come and bring your friends. The church will be warm (this is the truth.) Sermon subject, "Directed Paths."

Young people's meeting, 7 p. m. Beginning with the new year's program, we should begin with a New Year's spirit of love and service to our Lord. I desire to meet with the young people and I trust you will be present and on time.

United evening service at Baptist church.

MARVIN WILLIAMS, Pastor.

NAZARENE

(At Legion Hall)

Sunday Bible school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

WINIFRED KELTON, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Morning worship, 11.

United service 8 p. m., at Baptist church, with representative of Puerto Rico university speaking.

FRED S. ROGERS, Pastor.

LET Want Ads DO THE JOB FOR YOU

(You can save substantially by paying for classified adv. in advance. Ask us about rates.)

FOR SALE

ELECTRIC RANGE AND air-circulating distillate heater with barrels, pipe and fittings. Mrs. M. E. Shelton, 2nd and Ave. A. 1-7-4p

TENT 16x16 FT. PRICE $35. 3rd house on right, facing college, East ave. B. M/Sgt. Emberton. 1-7-4p.

16 RABBITS AND PEN, all for $30. See Albert Raum, College Ave., east of Church of Christ. 1-p

PRESTO-LUX OIL STOVE, 4-burner, large oven, practically new, white finish. Mrs. J. P. Tarpley at W. A. Morton home. 12-31-3p

REFRIGERATOR MOTOR; radio, and electric iron, all for 32-volt farm plant. M. A. Webb at the Avalanche office.

1 COAL HEATER, med. size, isinglass door, chromium trimmed, well-kept; 2 bbls., 3 stove boards, shovel, poker lid lifter. Mrs. J. W. Rixon. 9-8-tfc.

FOR THE FAMOUS STARK Bros. nursery stock, call or write F. E. Howard, Box 63, Alpine, Tex. 9-17-6mo.p.

THE AUNT METTA HARMS residence in West Alpine. Windmill, garage, garden space, ½ blk. land. See Paul Vogt at Williams & Vogt. Gro. 7-16-tfc.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. Ranches and Alpine city property. If you want to buy or sell, see A. M. Turney or write him, Box 278, Alpine. 4-9-tfc.

WANTED

TO BUY LIGHT TWO-wheel trailer. Write Box 868, Alpine. 1p.

TRADE ELECTRIC range made good condition for electric [illegible]

—Granada Theatre—

FRI.-SAT.

—2 Shows for—
The Price of One

'Flight Lieutenant'
Pat O'Brian
Glenn Ford

'In Old Monterrey'
Gene Autry

SUNDAY - MONDAY

'LASSIE COME HOME'

RODDY McDOWALL EDMUND GWENN

BUY U. S. WAR SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS!!

TUESDAY

'Souls at Sea'
Gary Cooper
George Raft

WED. - THURS.

'Whistling in Brooklyn'
Red Skelton
Ann Rutherford

FOLLOWING THE FLAG

WITH BREWSTER MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

Mrs. Al F. Douglass, who is making her home in Dallas for the duration, writes that her husband, Lt. Douglass, who has been stationed in Iceland for several months, is now in England with a field artillery service battalion.

Sgt. Laurie Miller, Moore Field, Mission, Texas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boss Miller, and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Lieut. Grady M. Nelon., who graduated from Ellington Field early in December and was sent to the Salt Lake City army air [illegible] ing.

Pvt. Julian Sanchez, Camp Carson, Colo., is here on a few days furlough visiting relatives.

Lt. Lawrence Lacy, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Lacy, the former Miss Mary Ann Kokernot, stopped here the first of the week for a short visit at the Kokernot ranch, enroute from the West Coast to Lt. Lacy's new station in Rhode Island.

Pvt. Leandro Juarez, Camp Adair, Oregon, is at home on a furlough, visiting home folks.

Jack Williams, Phm. 3c., is expected home Sunday from Corpus Christi on a six-day furlough.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Rex Koury of Douglas, Ariz., arrived Wednesday to spend his furlough with his father, Geo. Koury, and Mrs. Koury.

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V. R. Richmond, S2c, Navy Seabees, who has been stationed recently at Gulfport, Miss., is on his way, or has already arrived, overseas. He has sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Richmond, his Fleet postoffice address.

A/C Pink Walker has completed pre-flight training at San Antonio and will go to the El Reno, Okla., army air base for primary train-

Guayule Harvesting Firm Employe Is Charged With Contract Labor Breach

M. S. Harris, 38, employe of a guayule harvesting work camp, 50 miles southeast of Alpine, is charged with a contract labor violation in a complaint filed with U. S. Commissioner A. J. W. Schmid at El Paso last Wednesday.

Mr. Harris, released under bond this week, is accused of illegally transporting seven Mexican laborers across the Rio Grande near Presidio Nov. 21. It is charged that he promised them $3 a day and room and board, plus a 75 cents a day bonus, to all who stayed at work for the duration of the war.

He was employed by the General Air Conditioning company, which has a U. S. Department of Agriculture contract to harvest wild guayule in the Big Bend area.

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New Arrivals

Twin girls were born Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the air field hospital to Flight Officer and Mrs. John C. Bourlier of Pennsylville, N. Y. The twins were born shortly after midnight and weighed four pounds, 13 ounces, and five pounds, 15 ounces respectively. The girls were named Sharon Kathleen and Cynthia Diane Bourlier.

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MRS. C. D. WOOD, Editor PHONE 221

(Mrs. W. D. Burcham is acting society editor, substituting for Mrs. Wood, who is still confined to her home from injuries received in a fall several weeks ago. Please phone society items to Mrs. Burcham until further advised. Phone 272.—Editor.)

DOROTHY CALDWELL BRIDE OF LIEUT. SCHROEDER

At an impressive ceremony in the post chapel Sunday, Jan. 2, at 4 p. m. Miss Dorothy Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bogan Caldwell of Alpine, became the bride of Lt. Walter Schroeder of Chicago, an instructor at the pilot school.

The altar was beautifully decorated with ferns, white carnations and glads, flanked by candles which were lit by Lts. Allen Hobbs and Robert Roberts as the strains of soft organ music, played by Mrs. Wm. Sloan filled the chapel.

Mrs. Gene Benson sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Sloan, then Mrs. Cecil La Beff, cousin of the bride, read the poem, "Why Do I Love Thee?"

The bride entered alone, wearing a beige fur-trimmed suit with brown accessories and carrying a bridal bouquet of white orchids. The groom was handsome in his dress uniform and was attended by Lt. Don Erell as best man.

Miss Emy Lou Harris, the maid [illegible] brown accessories and a corsage of lavender orchids.

Miss Caldwell graduated from Alpine high school two years ago and attended Mary Hardin-Baylor at Belton one year, but has been employed at the pilot school for the past several months.

The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Dirks and attended by only a few close friends, after which the couple left for a short stay in El Paso before returning to Alpine, where they will be at home.

Thursday, Mrs. Cecil La Beff and Mrs. Mary Jo Watts were hostesses in the home of Mrs Gilmer Morris, entertaining the Caldwell-Schroeder bridal party, with a Dutch supper.

Miss Jackie Louise Cross entertained with a bridge party and pottery shower last week, complimenting Miss Dorothy Caldwell, bride-elect.

A salad plate was served to this list of guests: Miss Dorothy Caldwell, the honoree; and Misses Emy Lou Harris, Katharine Harfst, Juliana Bierschwale, Laura Lee White, Eva Jean Ferguson; Mesdames Bogan Caldwell, mother of the bride-elect; Cecil La Beff, Watts, Griffin Parce, R. L. Greenman and Jim Parris.

COMER-WILLIAMS RITES HELD DEC. 30

At the Methodist church Dec. 30, at 8:30 p. m., Miss Elizabeth Williams became the bride of Sgt. Gene Comer in a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Marvin Williams, pastor of the church.

Candles were used on the beautifully-decorated altar.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. David was matron of honor, while Sgt. Robert M. David acted as best man.

The ceremony was attended by S/Sgt. and Mrs. Geo. W. Murray, Sgt. A. M. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lamb. In honor of the couple, Sgt. and Mrs. R. M. David entertained with a reception for a few very close friends.

The bride and groom are from Clearwater, Fla.

BRIDGE

The Wednesday bridge club met with Mrs. Joe Hord on East Main avenue this week.

Enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames J. E. Casner, J. W. Shepperd, Ellen Hudson, Gene Parr, Shellie Barnes, J. W. Frazer, Asa Jones and W. D. Burcham. Receiving high scores were Mrs. Burcham and Mrs. Parr, with low score going to Mrs. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Reid were hosts to the Friday night club, in their home last week.

Members present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCollum, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepperd, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keury, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Coleman and the hosts. Mrs. Burgess won high score for the ladies, Frank McCollum, high score for men, and J. E. Burgess captured the Bingo prize.

At the home of Mrs. Mills, Jerry Mills and Dorothy Jean Crawford entertained a few of their friends with a watch party last Friday night. After seeing the old year out they attended the mid-night show at the Granda theatre.

BRIDE-ELECT IS HONOR GUEST AT BRIDGE-TEA

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, Misses Eva Jean Ferguson and Laura Lee White entertained with a bridge tea in the home of Mrs. Fred Griffin. They were assisted by Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Lulu White.

The guests were the following: Misses Dorothy Caldwell, the honoree; Emy Lou Harris, Jackie Cross, Juliana Bierschwale, Catharine Harfst and Mesdames Griffin Parce, Watts, Don Erell, R. L. Greenman and Cecil La Beff.

Tea guests were Mesdames Edgar Martin, G. H. Harfst, Jim Parris, Gene Benson and Charles L. Moss. High and second high went to Mrs. Cecil La Beff and Emy Lou Harris, with a guest prize being presented to Miss Caldwell.

CRYSTAL SHOWER GIVEN FOR RECENT BRIDE

At the lovely home of Mrs. G. H. Harfst last Friday, Misses Catharine Harfst and Juliana Bierschwale complimented Mrs. Jim Parris, nee Mary Beth Robinson, with a breakfast and crystal shower. Christmas decorations were used in the reception suite where these guests enjoyed this occasion: The honor guest, Mrs. Parris; Misses Dorothy Caldwell, Lucile Bierschwale, Laura Lee White and Emy Lou Harris, and Mrs. Bob Robinson Jr., Mrs. Griffin Parce, Mrs. Forest Robinson and the hostesses.

A piece of crystal was also presented to Miss Caldwell, a bride of Sunday.

GIRL SCOUTS

At the Girl Scout troop meeting held Jan. 5, Jo Nell Pope, Jo Ann Brady, Rose Anna Smith, Dorothy Coleman, Patricia Wilson and Betty Rae Ogle received gold membership stars to wear on their uniforms. These stars are given for 90 per cent attendance. At this meeting Rose Anna Smith also received her First Aid, World Trefoil and First Class badges and pin. Our troop crests arrived also. These are red rose crests. They are worn above the pocket on the uniform.—Reporter.

MR. AND MRS. DELOACH HONORED AT PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Grifton DeLoach were honor guests at a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Ray Long in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Felps. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to approximately 25 guests from Alpine, Marfa and the air base. The honor guests were the recipient of many useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLoach make their home at the air base, where he is employed.—Contributed.

Charter No. 7214 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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ASSETS		
Loans and discounts (including $878.58 overdrafts)		$ 354,792.40
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed		963,622.44
Obligations of States and political subdivisions		62,616.47
Corporate stocks (including $3,350.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)		3,350.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection		1,160,707.74
Bank premises owned (none) furniture and fixtures $2,500.00		2,500.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises		5,852.00
TOTAL ASSETS		$2,592,243.05
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		2,203,046.14
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		48,225.77
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)		3,412.50
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		193,598.73
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)		14,749.80
TOTAL DEPOSITS	$2,463,032.94	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$2,463,032.94
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock:		
Common stock, total par	$75,000.00	75,000.00
Surplus		38,000.00
Undivided profits		16,210.11
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		129,210.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		$2,592,243.05
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):		
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities		76,300.00
TOTAL		76,300.00
Secured liabilities:		
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law		158,535.26
TOTAL		$ 158,535.26

State of Texas, County of Brewster, ss: I, G. B. CRAWFORD, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. B. CRAWFORD, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1944.

EVA CHAFFIN, Notary Public in and for Brewster County, Texas.

Correct—Attest: (Seal)
G. W. BAINES
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Directors

Committee Thanks Those Who Provided Christmas Cheer For Service Men

Several weeks ago a committee from the USO sent out an appeal to all Alpine for sweets for the boys and girls in service. It was our hope to keep loads of cakes, candies, pies, fruits and nuts on a table for the free consumption of these boys and girls during the holiday season.

The committee is most gratified with the response to that appeal. There was an abundance of sweets every day. We believe the boys and girls in service will testify that Alpine shared her Christmas goodies with them.

We especially are grateful to the club women of Marathon who sent a load of good things. Their response was altogether spontaneous and therefore much appreciated.

We also wish to say "thank you," especially to the individual members of the Rotary club who gave cash to this appeal. We used the money, nearly $100, to buy fruits and nuts.

To all who gave so generously in response to the appeal, the committee says "thank you" in a spirit of sincere appreciation.

Mrs. Geo. W. Baines, Chrmn.

The boys overseas need your discarded fountain pens. Salvage campaign starts Jan. 15.

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF JEFF DAVIS COUNTY—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Jas. W. Kelly, S. H. Kelsy, C. E. Bowers, T. P. Guest, Frank Chazanow and Josephine Goldberg, and the unknown heirs and the unknown legal representatives of the said Jas. W. Kelly, S. H. Kelsy, C. E. Bowers, T. P. Guest, Frank Chazanow and Josephine Goldberg by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Jeff Davis County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Fort Davis, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in January A. D., 1944, the same being the tenth day of January A. D. 1944, then and there to answer a petition filed in Said Court on the 25th day of November A. D. 1943, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 781, wherein W. B. Martin plaintiff, and Jas. W. Kelly, S. H. Kelsy, C. E. Bowers, T. P. Guest, Frank Chazanow and Josephine Goldberg, and their unknown heirs and the unknown legal representatives of the heirs of the said Jas. W. Kelly, S. H. Kelsy, C. E. Bowers, T. P. Guest, Frank Chazanow and Josephine Goldberg Defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Action in trespass to try Title to The East 1/4 of Survey 336, Cert. No. 30/7279, Block 4, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., Original Grantee, situated in Jeff Davis County, Texas, on the grounds that plaintiff represents that claiming the above land described, he and those whose title he holds have had and held continuous, peaceable and adverse possession of the said land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than five years, and paying taxes due thereon as they became due, for a period of more than five years next after the defendants' cause of action accrued, if any cause of action the defendants ever had, and before the commencement of this suit. Plaintiff prays that he have judgment for the title and possession of the above described premises, and for such other and further relief, general and special, as he may be entitled to either in law or in equity.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Fort Davis, Texas, on this 25th day of November, A. D. 1943.

R. H. BLOYS, Clerk,
(Seal) District Court Jeff Davis County, Texas.

Issued this 25 day of November A. D. 1943. R. H. Bloys, Clerk.

A TRIBUTE TO THE

Retail Salespeople of America

AT the beginning of a new year we pay tribute to those loyal citizens who serve behind the retail counters of America.

Shortages, complications of rationing, the fact that many of their number are in the armed services, make their job today more difficult than ever.

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MARATHON NEWS

Mrs. CHAS. S. WALKER, Correspondent — Phone 59

The Baptist Woman's Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Shoemake Tuesday, Jan. 4. The business session was followed by Bible study, in which the Book of Job formed the topic of consideration. A delicious salad plate was served to Mesdames Lochausen, Davis, Snodgrass and Chambers.

Dr. T. R. Gatbright has resigned as pastor of the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffee, who have been operating the Marathon barber shop, have moved to Sanderson. It is reported that the shop will be re-opened soon by a barber from Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lochausen of Sanderson spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lochausen.

Tuesday evening Miss Julia Miller returned to Belton where she is attending college.

Mrs. Jack Todd, who has been visiting in San Antonio, returned Tuesday morning.

Lieut. Jentzen and Kenneth Millard, of the Civil Aeronautics patrol, stationed at Marfa, were Marathon visitors Tuesday, and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Henderson. They were here to inspect the airport south of town. During the afternoon Mr. Millard took his host up to see what Marathon looks like from the air.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lampe and daughter, Marlene, were El Paso visitors over New Year's.

A large number of Marathonites attended the New Year's eve dance in Alpine.

Sergeant Odie Roberts and Mrs. Roberts returned to Fort Riley Sunday afternoon after spending a brief time with homefolks.

Mrs. Mae Starr went to El Paso by train Friday to accompany her daughter, Albertine, here by car. Miss Albertine returned to the University of Texas Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Sansom returned from San Diego, Cal., Friday. They have been visiting the Kimball's daughter, Billie. Enroute home, word was received that Bill Kimball, now stationed at a navy base in Norfolk, was coming to Marathon on a furlough. A wire to San Diego informed Miss Billie, who arrived here almost as soon as her parents. Bill reached Marathon Monday.

Mr. A. E. Higginbotham is an El Paso business visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Buchmaier returned Wednesday from a visit in Houston with their daughter, Mrs. William E. Curry, Jr.

Mrs. L. F. Buttrill returned this week from an extensive visit in Mexico. She was in San Angelo during Christmas.

Mrs. Pat Yarbro, accompanied by Mrs. Urbie Standlea, is a Marathon visitor from San Antonio, coming from Randolph Field where her husband is in the service. Mrs. Standlea went on to Valentine to visit her sister, Mrs. Robert Stegall.

Pvts. Newton and Joe Page, who have been with their parents here through Christmas vacation, have returned to their camps. They are in desert training in California.

San Antonio visitors who returned to Marathon Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Shely. They attended to business there and visited relatives.

Tech. Sgt. Lester Killingsworth, recently in Marathon for the Xmas holidays with his family, returned to his station at Camp McCain, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Hord spent several days last week in Del Rio.

Our account of the Weston dinner party, reported in last week's paper, failed to include Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clanton and Miss Eva Chaffin of Alpine as guests. We sincerely regret the omission.

Mrs. John Adams and son, John Jr., are Hotel Gage guests.

The Methodist church will have regular preaching services every Wednesday night throughout the winter in order to accommodate not only the regular attendants but everyone who finds it necessary to be out of town on Sunday. This service is in addition to the services that have been and will continue to be on the third and fourth Sundays. A choir is being organized and is holding choir practice on Wednesday after the worship.

Dr. A. C. Douglas, district superintendent of the Pecos district, will be guest preacher at the Methodist church Sunday morning, Jan. 16. Dr. Douglas was pastor of this church in 1917 and many long-time residents will view his return with unusual interest. He will preside at the first quarterly conference later in the day.

An old-fashioned box supper will follow the games next Tuesday evening at the high school gymnasium. Everyone bring your boxes and join in the fun. This is sponsored by the Methodist church.

School News

(Jo Conway and Cornelia Bennett)

School did not start with quite the bang after the Christmas holidays with which it started at the first of the term. Many of the students felt that after the New Year's they needed another day's vacation. At least, that is the way it appeared. However, many expressed the sentiments of being glad to be back in the "greasy grind."

Marathon's volley-ball and basket ball teams hope to play Alpine Friday evening either at Marathon or Alpine. It has not yet been fully decided which. Marathon hopes for at least some of the victories.

Kat Kolumn

Quotation of the week: Frances, "I feel like the cat that just swallowed the canary."

Housing problem, Frank?

Lockets seem in style this year . . . ahem!

Just a reminder, gals and ladies, it's Leap Year. If you don't leap, says the Duke of Paducah, you're hooked.

Late occurences—Parker going to Uvalde, and somehow Theda's name gets mixed up with the mystery.

Berto dancing every set with a certain girl.

Those pretty new boots ought to come in right handy, podner Bob. Sam, you must have enjoyed the dance.

Well, Well, aren't we coming up in the world, Pat? Hope you're not veddy, veddy ill!

First string . . . Second string, well, girls, can't you make up your minds?

Little trouble with your words, Bob? Take them out and stomp on 'em awhile.

You look just like Julia, Frank!

Who was holding hands at the store after school Monday?

Nicknames seem in style.

Curtis and Bill seem to think a vacation is necessary after New Year's, to get over it.

Foolosophy No. 4. Footprints in the sands of Time were never made by sitting down.

Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.

ROTARY NEWS

M. A. WEBB, Editor

On the main program at yesterday's Rotary meeting, names were drawn from a bowl and each man was called upon for a one-minute talk on what Rotary meant to him. Twenty-one Rotarians rose as their names were called. Some expressed their appreciation for what the association in the club had meant to them. Others offered some constructive criticism for the benefit of the club and members for this year. Several new members since the beginning of the fiscal year in July expressed a desire to know more of Rotary and be better Rotarians. One absent member yesterday, Truman Ritteridge, was assigned the 5-minute program for next week as a penalty.

The committee appointed last week—John Newell and George Pugh—reported on their contact with the USO director regarding Rotarians' helping at the USO on one night a week, stating that Friday night seemed to be more suitable for the club members. A vote was taken by the club and it was decided that five men would be appointed by the chairman at each meeting to serve the following Friday night.

Visiting Rotarians yesterday were Jeff Oliver of Edinburg and R. H. Chumley of San Angelo.

Guests were Sgt. and Mrs. Rex Koury with his father, George.

USO CLUB NEWS—

(Continued from page 2)

fullest and stayed until the wee hours of the morning. We also had a nice dance on New Year's night, at which time the Rotarians of Alpine served as hosts to the boys and the WACs. They really got into the spirit of everything and the boys and the staff of the USO enjoyed having them a lot.

FRIDAY NIGHT—

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todian of the official weather bureau gauge. He gives a total of 8.07 inches for that time. The heaviest precipitation was 1.5 inches Sept. 24, and 1.25 Dec. 31.

The maximum temperature recorded at the observatory was 91 degrees, on August 6, 13, 14, 15 and 27. The minimum was 11 degrees above zero, on March 3, 1943. There were 69 days in which rain fell.

During December the gauge at the J. W. Merrill ranch registered six rains, and a total of 1.55 inches of moisture. For the past week the observatory gauge showed on New Year's Day, .75 inches. They had some snow.

'43 HEADLINES—

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carnival set for Oct. 30. Col. Donald B. Phillips is new pilot school CO.

Oct. 29—Vernon McIntyre is named chairman of county ration board, succeeding Wally Davis, resigned. Seven thousand ration books issued in county. War Chest "kick-off" set for tonight.

Nov. 5—Drive launched to bring 3rd battalion, Texas State Guard, up to full war strength. Two thousand attended pilot school open house. Eleven hundred dollars netted from annual PTA Halloween carnival.

Nov. 12—County Red Cross chapter finishes all quotas ahead of schedule. Livestock movement from area nears finish. First cold wave of season hits.

Nov. 19—Henderson ranch is scene of shooting in which W. C. Farris is killed and his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Henderson, is fatally wounded. Union Thanksgiving service announced for Nov. 25, at Baptist church. A. N. Engle, resident of county for 27 years, dies after brief illness.

Nov. 26—$5000 War Chest goal is exceeded by 20 per cent. Total of ration books issued in county reaches 7500-mark.

Dec. 3—Snow and rain bring needed moisture to Highland ranges. Pete Crawford, former Texas Ranger and game warden here, dies in El Paso. Alexander Kerensky, famous Russian statesman, visits Alpine.

Dec. 10—Eighth Service Command announces Wac Branch 7, Alpine, will be closed about Feb. 1. More rains fall in area.

Dec. 17—Holiday entertainment for men and women in service planned by USO and various Alpine organizations. Capt. Walter Caldwell of Kilgore, former Alpine resident, reported killed in action in Italy Nov. 20. John A. Weyerts, pioneer resident of Alpine, dies.

Dec. 24—W. B. Justice killed, Pat O'Briant fatally injured and Mrs. Justice critically hurt in auto crash on West Main avenue Sunday. Otis Turner, pioneer real estate and insurance man, found dead.

Dec. 31—Cold wave brings more needed moisture to area. Major Hendricks succeeds Col. Arnold as CO at Wac Branch 7 here.

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Clifford B. Casey, Director

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SAFEWAY Homemakers' Guide

Old-time flour favorites

They go a long way toward making a wartime meal hearty and satisfying! Here at Safeway we have the ingredients, tops in quality but low in price. Stock your pantry, today!

Julia tells How to bake simple old-fashioned "Goodies"

FLOUR Kitchen Craft 50 lbs. 2.37
FLOUR Gold Medal 10 lbs. 56c
Bisquick 40-oz. 32c
AUNT JEMIMA Pancake Flour 40-oz. 25c
SUZANNA Pancake Flour 40-oz. 16c

FLOUR Kitchen Craft 25-LB. BAG $1.22

FARM-FRESH PRODUCE

U. S. NO. IDAHO — MESH BAG Potatoes 10 lbs. 46c
NAVELS—Sweet, Juicy Oranges lb. 10c
FIRM, GREEN HEADS Cabbage lb. 5c
CLIP TOP—SMOOTH Carrots lb. 8c
NANCY HALL Sweet Potatoes lb. 10c
SNOWBALL Cauliflower lb. 12c

Green Stamp Items
Libby Sliced PEACHES 29-oz. 26¢
Rosedale Halves PEACHES 29-oz. 23¢
Gardenside GREEN BEANS 19-oz. 12¢
Country Home, Cream Style CORN 20-oz. 14¢
Libby Garden—Sweet PEAS 20-oz. 15¢
Mountain Pass TOMATOES 19-oz. 11¢
Libby Whole BEETS 19-oz. 14¢

Brown Stamp Items
Shortening JEWEL 4-lb. 77¢
Shortening CRISCO 3-lb. 68¢
Shortening SNOWDRIFT 3-lb. 67¢
Shortening ROYAL SATIN lb. 22¢
Puritan DEVILED HAM 3-oz. 15¢
Breast-o-Chicken—Fancy TUNA 7-oz. 30¢
Cortez TUNA FLAKES 6-oz. 25¢

GUARANTEED MEAT
HAMS, skinned whole lb. 35c
BACON, slab or piece lb. 32c
HAMBURGER MEAT lb. 25c
SLICED BACON lb. 38c
Slic'd Lunch'n MEAT lb. 39c

BEVERAGES
Nob Hill COFFEE 1 lb. 33c
Edwards COFFEE 1 lb. 24¢
Airway COFFEE 1 lb. 20¢
Airway COFFEE 3 lb. 55¢
Hills Red COFFEE 2 lb. 64¢
Canterbury TEA 4-oz. 22¢
Lipton TEA 1 3/8-oz. 9¢
INSTANT POSTUM 4-oz. 24¢
Hershey's COCOA ½-lb. 10¢

DRIED FRUITS
Dessert Seedless RAISINS 2-lb. 23¢
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Del Monte Seedless RAISINS 15-oz. 12¢
Del Monte PRUNES 2-lb. 39¢

SYRUPS and JAMS
Blue Label KARO 5-lb. 37¢
Red Label KARO 1½-lb. 16¢
Red Hen MOLASSES 36-oz. 25¢
Brock's RIBBON CANE 5-lb. 83¢
Red Label BRER RABBIT 25-oz. 19¢
Cane and Maple SLEEPY HOLLOW 16-oz 20¢
Tropic Treat FIG JAM 2-lb. 43¢
Real Roast P-NUT BUTTER 2-lb. 45¢

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