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Sgt. G. O. Hanson Writes Parents From Australia

Rev. and Mrs. A. Hanson are in receipt of the following interesting letter from their son, Sgt. G. O. Hanson, in Australia.



SGT. G. O. HANSON

Sgt Hanson was born at Brady, February 2, 1922, and is one of eight children born to Rev. and Mrs. Hanson. He enlisted as a mechanic in the air corps June 4, 1941 and is a graduate in that department. He also took a course in chemical warfare which means learning how to combat with poisonous gas and how to prevent poisonous gas from inflicting its deadly effects.

The letter follows:
July 9, 1943.
Dearest Mama and Papa:
Well—here I am in Australia, now! We had a fine trip coming over here. We didn't have a bit of trouble.

Everything is certainly turned around here. It is winter time over here now. The winter months are June, July, and August. The summer months are November, December and January. The weather here is just about like it is in Texas in the winter. The people drive on the wrong side of the road. They all so have the steering wheels of their cars on the wrong side. We sure are having a time, trying to learn how to count this money over here. We even get paid in Australian money.

Did you receive the telegram and money I sent you from California? I sure would like to have come home before I left but I didn't have a chance. Here is hoping that the war is over soon so that we can all come home.

How is everyone getting along down home? I sure would like to see you. Well, be good and sweet. Write me every day and I will do the same. Tell all the others of the folks to write, too, because a letter really looks good over here.

Lots of love,
Doc.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle Brunette, in a San Angelo hospital, Sunday, August 1, 1943, a baby boy. The baby has been named Johnnie Elton. Mr. Brunette is away in the service. Mrs. Brunette will be remembered as Miss Jean Pruitt. Mrs. Brunette and baby have returned to Mrs. Brunette's mother, Mrs. Dollie Pruitt. Mother and babe are doing excellently.

J. H. Suggs has returned from a visit of several weeks at Monohans. He took time the other morning to call and give us "the glad hand."

Solution Sought of Labor Problems in Coke County

To the farmers in Coke County: The Extension Service has been assigned the job of helping to solve the labor situation. We have written you before about this problem which may become very near to us within the next few months. We are asking the farmers of Coke county to give your assistance toward the solution of the labor problem. Many solutions have been tried in the different sections of Texas. Some have imported Mexican labor; some have secured prisoners of war; while still others have solved their problems by the old custom almost forgotten, of forming "help your neighbor clubs or circles." Our fathers used this method of getting a difficult job done and it worked.

You can render a distinct service to yourself, your neighborhood and your country by helping organize such clubs or circles for the purpose of exchanging work among neighbors. In this way we can take care of much of our cotton picking, maize heading, and pea nut harvesting and threshing. How to go about it? Simply call your neighbors and ask them to join you in a "help your neighbor club or circle" so that when anyone has a difficult piece of work to do he will notify you of his other neighbors and they will come to his rescue on a "swap out" basis or any way that is satisfactory. Let me know what you think of this idea.

We have sent our boys to war. Now, we don't want them to go without some food or clothing just because we failed to do all we could at home.

Travis B. Hicks,
County Agent.

Dr. J. W. Reynolds Buys Hunt Drug at Blackwell

A business change at Blackwell is that of the sale of the Hunt drug store by E. L. Ellis to Dr. J. W. Reynolds.

The Hunt drug is one of the old business establishments of Blackwell. Dr. Reynolds has been a resident of Blackwell, coming to Blackwell from Dumas, ten years ago. He is a native Texan and has the West Texas spirit everywhere. He is now with the ownership of the drug store he can take care of the needs of the people one hundred per cent when it comes to their health. Dr. Reynolds is renovating the interior of the store and rearranging the stocks until already it has the marks of a new drug store.

Mrs. C. C. Glenn and Mrs. Louise Johnson carried Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Price to Herleigh Sunday morning. They were met there by LeRoy Price who carried his parents on to his home at Lubbock, where Mr. Price is under special treatment. It will be good news to all, to know that the physician has advised, he can bring Mr. Price back to good health for a man his age. Hurry, and come back home, old friend—for, you are missed down here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Turner and Bonnie of Norton have returned from a visit with relatives in Dallas.

August 1 to 20 Has Dry Record For 25 Years

L. T. Youngblood, president of the First National Bank, informs The Enterprise that the bank has kept a rain record for many years in the past.

Mr. Youngblood stated that recently he looked back over the record and he found that the period from August 1 to August 20 has been a dry period through the quarter of a century. During the 25 year period it has rained one time between August 1st and August 20th.

So, dear neighbor, hadn't you better quit saying that this is the hottest, driest weather you ever saw?

Mr. Youngblood stated also that the period from August 20 on into September it has rained almost without exception. So, folks, look forward hopefully—for, it is going to rain after a while.

Congregational Methodist Meeting at Mount Victor

Gouldbusk, Texas.
August 2, 1943.

The Bronte Enterprise: Please make the following announcement for me:

The Congregational Methodist revival will begin Friday night, August 6, at the Mt. Victory church, one mile south of the Brookshier school house.

Rev. James Pearce of Gordon, Texas will be the evangelist, assisted by the pastor, Rev. O. D. Cox of Gouldbusk, Texas.

The evangelist conducted a revival at Mt. Victor a number of years ago. He is a spirit-filled man. Hear him if you possibly can.

There will be both morning and night service. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Yours in His service,
O. D. Cox,
Pastor.

Methodist Revival Has a Good Start Thursday Night

The Methodist meeting scheduled to start last night (Thursday) began as scheduled.

Rev. L. D. Hardt, pastor of the Methodist church at Melvin, who is to do the preaching, was present, and from the kindly reports that have come to The Enterprise of his first message, he is a strong gospel preacher, and a pulpit speaker of splendid ability. His impression on those who heard him is that he is "a man with a message."

The large attendance for the first night was a happy surprise to Pastor Hanson and the interested members of the congregation.

Rev. Hardt will return home Sunday morning, fill his pulpit and return to Bronte for the evening worship, and will remain through the week, to Sunday.

Worship beginning Monday morning will be twice daily. Morning worship at 10 o'clock and evening worship at 9 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend the meeting. night, August 15.

Bomb the Japs with junk.

Kiker & Modgling Lease Thresher to Pea Nut Man

J. W. Gotcher of Brownwood has leased the small grain thresher from Kiker & Modgling and will begin at once the work of converting the machine into a pea nut thresher.

Mr. Gotcher is a thoroughly experienced pea nut thresher man. He has been operating pea nut threshers for thirty-five years and therefore knows not only the machinery and how to operate it to the best advantage but he also knows pea nut culture and the harvesting of pea nuts to the best advantage.

Mr. Gotcher has associated with him his son-in-law, Jim Savage of Maverick. Mr. Savage was born near Maverick and has lived there all his life.

His same crew threshed pea nuts in the Bronte country last season and gave most satisfactory service. Mr. Gotcher requests that any pea nut grower who has peanuts this year who did not have Mr. Gotcher thresh for him last season, to see anyone who had Mr. Gotcher thresh for him last year.

"We would be pleased for the pea nut growers to get together and mark out their thresher routes for us so that we will not have to go back over the same territory we have once been over," said Mr. Gotcher. "This will be for the good of all, both the growers and ourselves."

Mr. Savage stated that the threshing season will extend from about September 1 to October 15. "But at any time, a farmer gets his pea nuts pulled and raked, we can go after about five days for them to dry and thresh them. We will also have a hay baler right with our thresher and bale the hay for the farmer. Service is our first word and we will always do our best for every grower."

Both Mr. Gotcher and Mr. Savage will be at S. A. Kiker's place in Bronte within a few days, with a crew of mechanics to convert the small grain thresher into a pea nut machine. Those who are interested can see them there.

Read Mr. Gotcher's announcement in this issue of The Enterprise relative to his pea nut threshing in the Bronte sector the coming season.

Girls Auxiliary Has a Party Monday Night

The Girls Auxiliary had a party Monday night, August 2. The hostesses were Jean Smith and Billy Jean Millikin. The party was at Jean's home.

We sang a few songs and then elected officers, as follows: President, Jean Smith; Vice-President, Kathryn Wrinkle; Secretary, Billy Jean Millikin; Reporter, Dorothy Stephenson.

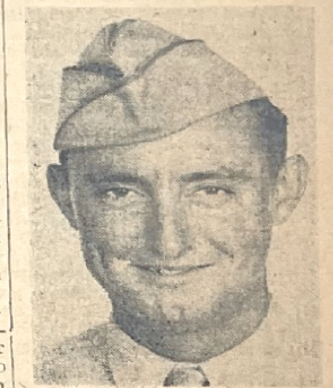
The ladies and girls attending were: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Smith; and Mrs. Millikin; Loretha Wrinkle, Joyce Littlefield, Jean Smith, Ida Lou Modgling, Minnie Marie Westbrook, Betty Sue Pittman, Patsy Luckett, Kathryn Wrinkle, Dorothy Stephenson, and Billie Jean Millikin.

We had a fine program and all enjoyed it very much. The party was formal.

Dorothy Stephenson,
Reporter.

Chester Kiker Gets His Silver Wings at Lubbock

The Enterprise is in receipt of announcement from the Lubbock air school, announcing that Chester R. Kiker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kiker of



FLIGHT OFFICER CHESTER R. KIKER

Bronte, has graduated as a flight officer and has received his silver wings.

Chester was home the past week end and was receiving the congratulations of his friends. Chester departed Sunday for Boise City, Idaho where he was to be assigned to a bomber plane. After a few days of getting acquainted with the plane he will be sent to the field of combat.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Hanson are a happy couple this week, barring the distresses of war. They have with them several of their children and grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Melvin Farthergill and Mr. Farthergill and three children from El Campo; Mrs. Howard Hanson and three children from Louise; Mrs. Ted Broman from Houston, and Herbert Harkrider, Jr., a grandson from Brady.

TEXAS THEATRE BRONTE, TEXAS

Fri.-Sat. Aug. 6-7
Ingrid Bergman-Humphrey Bogart
—in—
"CASABLANCA"
Also Comedy and News.

Tuesday Only Aug. 10
Ann Miller-Jerry Colona
—in—
"PRIORITIES ON PARADE"
Comedy and DON WINSLOW

ALAMO THEATRE ROBERT LEE, TEXAS

Fri.-Sat. Aug. 6-7
Alan Ladd-Helen Walker
—in—
"LUCKY JORDAN"
Also Comedy and News

Wednesday Aug. 11
Ann Miller-Jerry Colona
—in—
"PRIORITIES ON PARADE"
Comedy and DON WINSLOW