

DIME BOX

We had a very nice and welcome rain here Sunday which broke the drouth of several weeks. It was fine for fall gardens and everything in general.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bridges heard from their son Curtis recently. He has enlisted in the Air Corps and is stationed at Big Springs, Texas. This is the 2nd son of Mr. and Mrs. Bridges to be in the service, their older son Wilson having been reported as "missing in action" in the Philippines.

Arthur McClellan and wife, Miss Alice McClellan, and Frankie McClellan, all of Austin, visited home folks here Sunday.

Lewis Kocurek and family of San Antonio visited Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Kocurek. Jodie, of Texas Univ., was also a visitor at home for the week-end.

Friends of Henry Maresh will be sorry to hear that he is ill in a hospital in Dallas.

Ernest Albers was home from Blinn College, Brenham, a in radio work and after completing it will be in some branch of the army service.

Woodrow Spacek's parents heard from him and he is stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah and will be given a mechanical course in aviation work for the next 3 or 4 months.

A TRIBUTE

TO MR. A. W. McCLELLAN

Voyaging longer than is commonly allotted to man, Mr. A. W. McClellan of Dime Box has just celebrated his 86th birthday.

Retaining his energy, characteristic of the McClellan clan of Scotland, and wielding his influence for the promotion of virtue and correctness, he has graced life with gems worthy of imitation, commanding and receiving respect and admiration of his associates, — religiously, politically, and socially. Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, and those blessed today are cursed tomorrow, only one thing endures — character — and this inborn attribute links Mr. McClellan's past with his present, never fading but continuing to teach the elements and qualities for incorruptable citizenship.

Inbred with Southern senti-

ments, loyal and patriotic to the core, his brain heated by love of native clime, he continues to defend the principles of a cause for which his grandfather, and later his father, a young school teacher, took up arms.

In viewing the open pages of his career, one sees evidence of a life unchallenged, unaccused of offense or sordidness; a Christian whose faith and demeanor are lofty and untinctured with selfishness; performing faithfully any arduous task before him.

A benediction distinctly coveted in these abnormal times, is the esteem and respect accorded Mr. McClellan, from the first rung of the ladder to this, the 86th year of his life.