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THREATENS TO BLOW UP CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS

Sacramento, Dec. 26.—Unless they leave \$50,000 in Oakland Boulevard, Governor Stephens, of California and two other state officials will be assassinated. This information reached Gov. Stephens in a threatening letter today. In addition to killing the governor and two other prominent state officials, the letters says the whole Sacramento detective department will be blown up if the money is not placed at the designated spot in Oakland Boulevard. An attempt was made to blow up the governor's mansion about a week ago, when dynamite was placed in the wall and the charge touched off, tearing away part of the wall.

Waco, Dec. 26.—Fire of an unknown origin broke out here early this morning. A large warehouse filled with supplies estimated to be worth \$150,000, in which the fire originated, was destroyed. Among the property destroyed was \$5000 worth of sugar and \$3000 worth of whiskey.

CHRISTMAS FIGHTING ON ITALIAN LINE

With Italian Armies, Dec. 26.—Fierce fighting is in progress along the line between Buse and Mote Valbella today, following much activity on Christmas day. The allies army is attempting to stay a strong attack made by the Austro-German forces.

NOW SOLE PROPRIETOR.
Jesse Stroble closed the deal this week for the one-half interest in the Club Cafe from E. C. Moor and is now owner of the entire business, and says he expects to keep it up to the highest standard, and says nothing is too good for his customers.

500 Bags of Goodies Distributed to Children

Despite the fact that a blizzard and dust storm struck Ballinger just at the time when people were making their plans to attend the Christmas tree entertainment at the court house on Christmas Eve, the municipal tree was a great success, and many little hearts were made glad.

Other disappointments were to be contended with, including the burning out of an electric fuse while the first program was being rendered, causing a delay and more or less confusion by the large crowd being left in darkness, yet the committee in charge handled the work in such a way as to make the event one long to be remembered by the little folks, as well as the older ones who get joy in making others glad.

Mrs. Scott H. Mack, chairman of the committee, reports that between four and five hundred bags of candy, nuts and fruit were handed out to the children. Fifty or sixty bags left on hand were turned over to the charity committee and on Christmas morning, Rev. Self, chairman of the charity board, and C. R. Crews, secretary, distributed these packages where they thought they would do the

most good in making Christmas merry.

Notwithstanding that there was considerable confusion during the rendering of the first program, due to the fact that the first crowd was made up largely of children, and many of these being afflicted with coughs, the program as advertised in this paper was carried out. The second crowd was made up largely of grown people and the splendid program enjoyed by one of the largest crowds ever gathered in the court room of the local court house.

Mrs. Mack says that the committee appreciates the co-operation of the various Sunday schools of the city who helped to make the event a success, and also wishes to thank every one who contributed in any way. Jim Minyard, janitor of the court house, deserves special credit for assisting the committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack worked faithfully and to them is due much credit for making Ballinger's first municipal Christmas tree a success, and which caused Christmas cheer for those who otherwise would have been deprived of the pleasure.

REPRISAL AIR FIGHTING BY BRITISH

London, Dec. 26.—The British air raid on the German city Mannheim on Christmas eve is the first instance of reprisal fighting by the British against the Germans for the repeated air raids made over England. The British were successful in carrying out the first reprisal policy.

VIGEROUS PROBE FOR FOOD TRUST

Washington, Dec. 24.—At a conference of the federal trade commission held today, it was determined to wage a vigorous prosecution of the food trust investigation. The announcement was made after the commission had held a short conference with special prober Francis J. Heney.

SAID HER BOY WAS TOO DELICATE FOR WAR

Washington, Dec. 26.—Fearing that the rigors of warfare would be too much for her delicate son, a woman living at Fresno, Calif., has written to United States Marine Corps headquarters here, asking that the young man be discharged.

"He is too weak and delicate to be in the service," she wrote, "He is a blacksmith's helper by trade, and I would prefer him to stay at his last job."

The mother was informed that, for the time being, her son must remain a Marine.

REQUESTED TO DELAY ON PEACE PLAN

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—According to a semi-official announcement made public today, Germany has been requested to postpone peace negotiations until January 24th. To treat with one faction at this time would cause disruption among other Russian factions, not believed to be responsible for the delay in carrying out peace plans between the two nations.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—The kaiser made a statement to the second German army today. He attempted to place the responsibility for the continuation of the war on America and the allies. He said: "If the enemy does not bring the peace now, then we must bring peace to the world by patterning our iron into swords."

The kaiser's statement at the head of the Russians, as well as a threat at the allies on the west.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Serious difficulties between the imperial German government and a majority of the socialists of Germany have resulted from the conclusion of an armistice with the Russian Maximalists committee on public information. This was learned through radio messages caught and sent through Lyons, France, and indicates that all is not well with Germany's internal affairs.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—The German federal council has approved the program for peace as outlined by Chancellor Hertling, according to Berlin dispatches received here. The details of the plan are withheld.

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FINLAND ASKS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Finland has called on Germany to recognize her independence, according to reports received here from Brest Litovsk. Internal trouble in Germany may result from refusal of the Finland government.

Troy Simpson and Diaz Wood left bright and early Wednesday morning for their post of duty in the army at San Antonio. They spent two days here with relatives, having been granted a four days leave of absence. They came through the country in an auto, being accompanied by five men from Coleman. The party chartered an auto and beat the railroad both for time and fare. The boys were under orders to report for duty at five o'clock Thursday morning, and to make sure they would answer roll call, they allowed a little time in making up their schedule for the return trip. This was probably the last trip home for the boys before shipping for France.

OFFICERS HAVE A DULL CHRISTMAS

"No drunks, an empty jail and nothing doing in our line," is about the way Sheriff Perkins expressed it in reporting for his department Wednesday morning after Christmas.

"We haven't made an arrest for anything in a week," said the sheriff, "the last man arrested being W. R. McDonald, who was arrested last Wednesday for disloyalty to his country."

If there was an intoxicating human in this city during the several days before Christmas and on Christmas, he was kept off the commons and enjoyed the spree all to himself. The booze supply here was perhaps the shortest in the history of the city.

This can be credited to the high cost of booze, and to the fact that the people who in years past have formed a habit of booze, realize that he who drinks drinks to his death, and that the time has come when booze is outlawed.

Those who could afford the price, and who laid in a supply of Christmas booze, found his supply only too short for a Christmas spree when he began to pass his bottle around among his friends, and it can be said that Ballinger enjoyed a real sober Christmas.

RETURNED HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Evans, and three little sons, of the Mary Neal country, who had been visiting relatives and friends in this section the past few days, left for their home, in their auto Wednesday. They were accompanied home by their cousin, Miss Ida Ray Cockrell, who will spend the balance of the holidays with them.

Guion Gregg, who represents the Land Department of the Orient Ry. of San Angelo, was looking after business and greeting friends in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. L. Compton of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Misses Marian and Marguerette Wooden, who are attending Howard Payne College at Brownwood came in Saturday at noon to spend the holidays with their parents and friends.

Ed S. McCarver of Texas City, came in Monday at noon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends during Christmas.

REV. BANDY ESCAPES FROM MEX. BANDITS

Mrs. J. R. Lusk received a telegram Christmas day from her father, Rev. H. M. Bandy, in which Rev. Bandy wired that he had escaped a Mexican raid made on the Bright ranch. The telegram did not give further particulars. The Bright ranch is about twenty miles from Marfa, where Rev. Bandy lives, and it is presumed that he was visiting at the ranch when the raiders attacked. No further telegraphic reports of the raid have been received in Ballinger, and Wednesday morning's papers received here at noon Wednesday, does not give account of any raid at the Bright ranch, but gives an account of a battle between American troops and Mexican bandits at Candelaria, following an attack made on a stage coach and the killing of the American driver by a band of Mexicans. The body of the murdered stage driver was carried to Valentine, and further trouble was reported from that place. Rev. Bandy was probably in the neighborhood where the attacks were made and where the Americans engaged the bandits.

G. W. Rinchart, of Route 3, Winters, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

TO our friends, and their friends, and to those who are not our friends, if there should be any—we extend our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

Our Calendars for 1918

Will Be Ready for You Wednesday, December 26th

Glad to have you call for yours—none for children except on orders from parents.

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MRS. MELTON HEADS WAR SAVING COM.

Mrs. U. P. Melton has received notice from Mrs. Virginia Threadgill, Field Secretary for Woman's Work, War-Savings Committee, informing her that she had been appointed as county chairman for the Woman's Committee, War-Savings Campaign in Runnels county.

It is expected that the campaign will be launched soon after the holidays, and an effort will be made to bring this county up to its full quota in this work. So far Runnels county has made good in everything the government has called on us to do.

Mrs. Melton was instrumental in making the food conservation campaign a great success. She has been active in Red Cross work, and while we have not been informed whether she accepts the work she is now being called on to do or not, we know of no other the committee could have selected who is more fitted and patriotic to the cause than is Mrs. Melton.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

W. A. Summers, of the Talpa country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and says he has just bought 1000 bushels of seed oats and will begin to put them in the ground after the 1st of the year, rain or no rain.

NO MOVE MADE TO RELEASE McDONALD

W. R. McDonald, who was arrested Wednesday afternoon and placed in jail for refusing to show

his loyalty to his country and for making statements about the administration that were not becoming to an American, it is charged, is still in jail, having made no move to get a hearing or obtain bond. McDonald has made no statement since being placed in jail, and only requested that his wife be notified and told not to worry about him, that he would come out all right. The case is one which the federal authorities will have to pass on, and it will probably be several days before the man can get a hearing.

Gustavus Grocery sells Highest Patent flour \$2.75 per sack or \$5.45 per hundred. 11w

ANOTHER SHIPMENT KNITTED GARMENTS

The Runnels county Red Cross Chapter shipped another box of knitted garments to headquarters Friday. The box contained the following articles:

- 62 sweaters
- 14 mufflers
- 18 helmets
- 32 pairs wristlets
- 124 pairs socks.

Of the above shipment Winters Auxiliary supplied 28 pairs socks, 12 sweaters and 4 mufflers. The Miles Auxiliary supplied 19 pairs socks, 5 sweaters, 2 helmets and 9 pairs wristlets. The Norton ladies furnished 14 pairs socks, 1 sweater and 1 pair wristlets.

25c can K. C. Baking Powder, 2 for 45c. Gustavus Grocery. 21-2tw.

Ed Coffee of the Leeday country, and J. M. Tindall and J. E. Salmon of the New Home neighborhood, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday and while here Mr. Salmon had his figures on The Ledger set up to 1919.

TEN THOUSAND STENOGRAPHERS WANTED at Washington at entrance salaries of \$1,000 to \$1,200 and there is an unprecedented shortage of private stenographers and secretaries. A scholarship with books, only \$42.00, would make a substantial Christmas gift. San Angelo Business College.

OIL MILL COMPLETES AN EARLY RUN

The local cotton oil mill closed down Saturday after grinding out all seed on hand. A few scattering seed will be concentrated here and another short run made later in the season. The mill could not begin to supply the local demand for meal and hulls, and large quantities are being shipped to Ballinger from other points.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
 Ladies, Ask Your Druggist for Chichester's Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take one or more, Day or Night. Dependable. Always Get the True Chichester Brand Pills. 25c per box. Sold Everywhere.

PLENTY RAIN.

Max Zesch, of the Jamison neighborhood, was transacting business in the city Monday and says we will have plenty rain beginning the last week in February to the 10th day of March. His predictions are based on the fogs we have been having lately.

Luther Watson and Speck Smickle were among the soldier boys who came in Sunday to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

Paul Michaelis of Hatchel and H. C. Brunson of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brimson of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

August Vogelsang of Hatchel, W. F. McShan of Pony, F. M. Wood of Mud Creek, J. R. Turner and J. E. Gentry of Wilmeth, W. A. Esmond of Valley Creek, A. J. Byers of Benoit, were among those shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roseoe Demoville came in from Houston Sunday and will visit their parents during the holidays.

Morris Crews is here from San Antonio to spend the holidays with his father, C.R. Crews, and family.

Good Resolutions

By Mary Graham Bonner

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"The Animals were talking," commenced Daddy. "They were getting quite excited when along came Pinky Pig, who asked what the trouble was all about."

"The Pigeon family," said Mr. and Mrs. Peacock together, "say that as it is around the New Year they should make resolutions—good resolutions."

"Well," grunted Pinky, "if you'd talk like a sensible animal and not like one of the silly Grown-Ups, perhaps I could get some sort of an idea what you meant. As it is, I don't know at all. What's a resolution, anyway? Are there bad ones and good ones? That's a silly word. Now good means good, and bad means bad, and what right has that word resolution to be both good and bad?"

"Dear me," chuckled Mrs. Hen, "how irritable you are today Pinky. You should be pleasant and try to make good resolutions, too."

"But how can I make something I don't understand?" squealed Pinky.

"Resolutions," crowed Mr. Rooster, "are resolves! There! That's something for you! And Mr. Rooster strutted about proudly."

"You see," he continued, "we can resolve to be good or we can resolve to be bad. And when a New Year is beginning it is well to resolve to be good."

"That's no sense," grunted Pinky. "I don't care to resolve to be good. Nor do I care to resolve to be bad. I'll just be natural and a regular pig!"

"We think it's silly for us," said the Peacocks, "as we're about as perfect as can be."

"You're conceited," said the Pigeons. "You should resolve not to think so well of yourselves."

"But how can we help it?" answered the Peacocks. "We have something to be vain about."

"You're hopeless," said the Pigeons. "What is every other animal resolving?" asked Pinky.

"I am going to be up bright and early every morning," said Mr. Rooster.

"You do that anyway," said Pinky. "I might as well resolve to wade in every bit of mud I see. Of course, in the winter that's hard, but then I can do my best!"

"And I am going to lay lots of eggs," said Mrs. Hen.

"I am going to give good milk," said Mrs. Cow.

"I shall protect the sheep," said the Sheep Dog.

"And I shall look after the farmer's house," barked the Watch Dog.

"I have decided to let the children drive me," brayed the Donkey.

"We shall pick up as many bread-crumbs as we can find," chirped some sparrows who had been listening.

"And I shall give some very fine goat's milk," said the Goat.

"Well, did I ever!" exclaimed Pinky.

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Rooster. "Here are all you animals bragging about what you will do. You have all said you would do the things that you always do—you have not made any good resolutions, as you call them. You simply will do the things that it is natural for you to do. The Peacocks are honest, because they know they won't change. But the rest of you—Bah!"

"And 'inky squealed in disgust."

"You're wrong," said Mr. Rooster.

"I don't know about that," said Mrs. Cow. "I would give milk no matter what time of the year it might be, and it's certainly not a good resolution for me."

"And I'd lay eggs," agreed Mrs. Hen.

"I'd have to take the children for rides," said the Donkey, "as they fasten me to a cart!"

"Didn't I say I was right?" said Pinky.

"I hate to admit it, though," said Mr. Rooster, putting his head on one side and looking very mournful.

"You might just as well," said Pinky.

"Besides," said Mr. Rooster, "we'll have to think up entirely new resolutions. Things that will be hard for us to do. It's a great nuisance."

"That's true," said Pinky, with a wicked grin. "It is always easiest to do what comes natural to us and to say we're so good doing it. But we pigs are natural and we don't put on airs about resolutions. Such nonsense!"

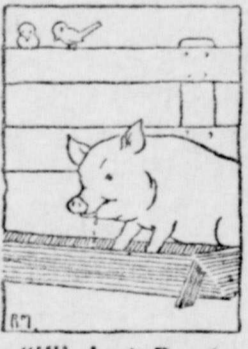
"We'll have to think all over again," roared Mr. Rooster, slowly and sadly.

How to Be Happy.

The happiest New Year is for those who seek the happiness of others.



Mr. Rooster Strutted About.



"I'll Just Be a Regular Pig."

Catarrhal Cough

Mr. W. S. Brown, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 82, Rogersville, Tennessee, writes:

"I feel it my duty to recommend Peruna to all sufferers of catarrh or cough. In the year 1909, I took a severe case of the la grippe. I then took a bad cough. I had taken all kinds of cough remedies but got no relief. I then decided to try Peruna. I used five bottles. After taking five bottles my cough stopped and my catarrh was cured. My average weight was 115 and now I weigh 148½. Any one suffering with catarrh in any form I will advise them to take Peruna."

Any one Suffering with Catarrh in Any form I will Advise them To take Peruna



Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

LIFE IN NAVY SUITS HIM FINE

Great Lakes Training Camp, Dec. 18, 1917.

Mr. L. B. Barker, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Father, and All: According to my promise I will attempt to write you a little about my new home. It is nothing to compare with what you might think it is. I was surprised when I arrived and found out the rules and regulations, that is, what I have learned. Of course, I haven't commenced to learn it all. I like it so far awfully well.

I arrived here yesterday evening about 2:30. We arrived in Chicago at 11 a. m., ate dinner and started out for the camps about 12:30. It is 32 miles from Chicago out to the camps.

We have better eating than I expected to find, also better sleeping quarters. We are stationed in a building about 30x40. It is heated just like the schools are down there, day and night. In fact, we have good accommodations in every respect. We will have hammocks and one mattress and two heavy blankets when we get straightened out. We have our beds and blankets now.

We haven't got our uniforms yet, but will get them in a few days. It isn't as cold as I thought it would be. There was snow on the ground from Arkansas on. I bought me a good Mackinaw coat and I am making it all o. k.

We were given our final examination this morning; also vaccination for small pox and typhoid fever. It wasn't so bad, but they say that our arms will get pretty sore.

We will be quarantined for about 21 days and vaccinated once or twice during that time, and will get off at Saturday noon after 21 days. Apprentice seamen get \$32.65 per month. When I become familiar with all the different lines and ratings, I may change my rating. We have a splendid library, containing most any kind of reading matter we want, and will have quite a bit of time to read when we are here a little while.

We have just come in from taking a little drill, and it was fine.

We get up at 5 in the morning and take a shower bath, put our clothes on, make up our beds, sweep and mop up the floor, and then four of the boys in our company, go to the mess house and get a lot of meat, bread, (light bread) coffee, potatoes and some sort of fruit. Dinner and supper is served the same as breakfast, with the exception of change of diet, and it is just a little different. After supper four of the boys clean up the dishes and kitchen. At 9 lights are all out all are supposed to be in bed except the guard. He is on duty in the house for two hours and then he calls up one of the other boys and who is on duty for two hours, the former guard going to bed. There is lots to be learned in the Navy, but it is fun. Over half of the recruits are from Texas, and a peaceable crowd. There are 24 men in each barrack. All have a duty to perform while inside.

When he has finished his work he can either sit down and read or get permission from the chief and go out on the grounds to the other barracks. There is no gambling or stealing allowed, and obscene language isn't tolerated at all. Of course, it is practiced extensively. Some of the officers are very sociable. They will all speak short and snappy; that is their style, and recruits are allowed the same privilege. Everything is sanitary and up to date.

All recruits get \$60.00 worth of clothing a year and they say that is all they need, if they take care of them. The boys that have them say they don't get cold at all. They get good wool socks, cap, broad-cloth suits and good heavy woolen sweaters, and all get a good pair of high top over shoes.

We have to do our own barber work if we don't want to pay for it, but we can get a shave for 10c and hair cut for 15c, right on the grounds. Our names are stensiled on all our wearing apparel and bed clothes. I have been on guard twice and on mess detail twice. That consists of sweeping, mopping, dishing out food and cleaning up the kitchen and utensils. We came in at four o'clock this evening and didn't have much to do inside so you see I have some idle time.

I enlisted for four years service, and I don't regret it the least bit. Anyone at the end of year can buy out for \$60.00, providing the nation is not at war. Serve two years and get out for \$120.00; but if the nation is at peace I don't think I will want out.

We don't get but about \$4.00 of our first months pay. The idea for that is to have money enough to take him home in case some of his folks are seriously ill, and he gets a telegram to come home; this money is placed in his credit until he is discharged if he don't use it in case of an emergency.

We may be here for 3 months and it may be seven or eight—no one knows. Some are sent to the west coast of California, Long Island, and other islands.

I can get insurance at a premium of 65c per \$1000 each month. I think I will take out eight or ten thousand right away. Our Captain is a mighty fine fellow, and has given us quite a bit of good advice, with reference to our promotions. He is very intelligent, also pleasant in both speech and manner. He has served a term in the Army and says the Navy is just as far over the Army as day is night.

Well this is Wednesday morning, and my arms are not very sore. We are going to have breakfast now, so I will close for this time. When you write address all mail with ink. I am as ever,

Your son,
Elmer Barker.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are indicated especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger, Texas, to be held at the office of said Bank, on Tuesday January 8, 1918 at the hour of 3:00 p. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and to attend to such other business as may come before the meeting.

H. Giesecke, President.

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Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

Must Vote Bonds to Get Benefit of Money

After an appropriation of \$47,500 had been set aside by the state highway commission for road building in Runnels county, the commission learned that the county did not have the cash, but was putting up script against the aid from the state and immediately attached a string to the appropriation, and sent the county judge and commissioners of this county home to carry out their instructions before pulling the string would be of benefit to this county.

It is the rule of the commission to put up three dollars to the county's one. The Runnels county commissioners court planned to put up script and had found an investor who was anxious to buy the script, and it was with this money that the commissioners court had planned to meet the requirements.

"We are discouraging the issuance of script," said one of the members of the highway commission, and we are ready to give you

this appropriation and more, if you will issue bonds and put up your part of the cash." This talk to the committee from Runnels county caused them to refigure their plans and they are at home figuring out about how much they should call on the people to vote. This is a matter that will be put up to the people. They can get busy and vote one dollar in bonds and get three dollars from the state, or they can continue to travel rough roads.

The county judge and commissioners are of the opinion that the bond issue can be made without increasing the tax rate, as the special road tax of fifteen cents which the people are now paying can be reduced sufficient to take care of the bond issue. It is probable that the whole matter will be worked out in detail and submitted to the people at an early date.

It requires either script or bonds or no money, and no money means no roads.



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—is the new "cold bottle" to enjoy with the immemorial "hot bird" — a soft drink in the strictest sense, but the liveliest, nippiest appetizer imaginable—rich in the flavor of nutritive cereals and imported Saazer hops. BEVO makes good things to eat taste even better—and it's healthful.

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Y. M. C. A. WORK HIGHLY APPRECIATED

E. D. Walker, treasurer of the local committee appointed to conduct the campaign for Y. M. C. A. funds in Runnels county, is in receipt of a letter from the E. R. Brown, treasurer of the Texas War Work Council Campaign Committee, of Texas in which the writer acknowledges receipt of the nice remittance sent from Runnels county and requests that he be furnished with a list of the names of those who contributed. Following is the text of the letter:

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 17th enclosing cashier's check No. 1521 for \$1333.13 as a donation to the War Work Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association from the citizens of Runnels County, as follows:

Ballinger	\$820.76
Winters	225.75
Miles	72.00
Norton	69.72
Cruz	50.00
Bethel	45.23
Rowena	32.50
Wingate	32.00

This makes a total of \$1347.90 less expense of \$14.77, leaving amount remitted by you of \$1,333.13. This is indeed a good showing from your county.

On behalf of the Texas War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, I desire to thank through you, every person who has taken part in any way in this contribution.

We should be glad to receive a list of the individual donors to this fund as complete as you can secure same. We are compiling a special book with the name and amount of each individual who has contributed to this fund and we desire to have the names of your citizens on this "Roll of Honor."

Yours very truly,
E. R. Brown, Treasurer.

We are closing out several hundred dollars worth of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Selz Shoes at wholesale cost. Gustavus Grocery. 7-1w.

Commissioner J. D. Smith came in from Killeen, Friday. He stopped off in Bell County while en route home from Austin, where he had been on road business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hensley, of the Wingate country were shopping in Ballinger Friday.

Sore Throat?

This fifty year old remedy eases Sore Throats and Bronchial affections; soothes, heals and gives quick relief. Sold by all druggists.

Dr. King's NEW Discovery for Coughs & Colds

Keep your Stomach and Liver Healthy
A vigorous Stomach, perfect working Liver and regular acting Bowels, if you will use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They correct Constipation—have a tonic effect on the system—eliminate poisons through the Bowels. 25c.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HELP IN WAR WORK

Scout Master King calls a meeting of the Boy Scouts to-night. The Scouts are notified to be present at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church at seven o'clock tonight.

Scout Master King has received a request from the treasury department requesting that the scouts be used to help carry on the war savings certificate and thrift stamp campaign. This campaign is now on, and after the holidays the work will be taken up and pushed aggressively during the month of January.

Just what part the local scouts will take in the campaign has not been definitely determined. In fact the full instructions for carrying on the work has not been received. From time to time the scouts and camp fire girls all over the country have been called on to help in the war, and other opportunities will be afforded them.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

Northington-Westbrook.

At the Christian church in San Angelo Thursday afternoon, December 20th, Rev. Schoonover spoke the beautiful and solemn words that united in marriage Mr. Charlie Northington and Miss Florence Westbrook, two of Ballinger's favorite young people.

Charlie Northington is a young man of sterling worth and ability, an honorable, upright gentleman and true as steel and his many friends rejoice that he has for his life's partner so rare a jewel as Miss Westbrook, known and loved by a host of friends for her noble traits of character. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook, of South Ballinger.

They will soon be at home in their new bungalow on 7th Street. The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

The San Angelo Standard has the following as to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Northington:

"Charlie Northington and Miss Westbrook were married Thursday and are spending Friday as guests of the St. Angelus hotel. Mr. Northington is a son of the late K. V. Northington formerly of San Angelo, and is a live real estate man of Ballinger, being a member of the firm of Giesecke & Company. The Standard extends the happy couple everlasting happiness and prosperity."

We regret to note that F. D. Futch is quite sick again. Mr. Futch underwent an operation for appendicitis some time ago, but was able to be at work again when he was taken sick.

E. J. Handley of the Norton-Maverick country, passed through the city Friday afternoon en route to Stephenville and Hico, where he goes to look after a bunch of horses he has on pasturage in that section.

TOO MUCH RED TAPE SAYS COUNTY JUDGE

"There is too much red tape to the plans for dividing state road funds among the counties," declares County Judge R. E. Lee, who has returned from Austin, where he spent a day with the State Highway Commission discussing the provisions for granting state aid in road building.

Mr. Lee found that the federal funds for aiding Texas counties in road building had been entirely exhausted and that no additional federal money will be available for distribution until next March. A state fund is still available, to be granted counties providing three times as much road money as asked from the state. The provisions governing the distribution of state money, however, are unsatisfactory to the Brown County Judge, and no application was made.

"The provisions require that roads be built here according to specifications made for the black land sections," says Judge Lee, "and unless a great sum of money is available, the overhead expense is prohibitive." The commissioners of Brown county had planned to secure some state aid if possible, and undertake a road building program on a small scale.

"If the county would issue a large sum in bonds, and then secure state aid, it could afford to build the roads as specified," says the county judge. The commissioners will give further consideration to the road problem at an early date.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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For Infants and Children
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Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

TAX COLLECTIONS COMING IN SLOW

The poll tax payers must pay up at the rate of 100 per day for every business day through the month of January, if the usual poll tax payments are made. Tax Collector Chastain reports that out of more than 3600 assessed only \$46 polls had been paid up to Friday night.

Out of more than \$159,000 tax money now due only \$53,000 had been paid up to Friday night, leaving amount to be collected of over \$100,000. The tax bill is one that is expensive to put off until after Feb. 1st, for on that date the ten per cent penalty goes on and a poll tax receipt issued after the 31st of January is not good as a passport at the voting booth.

In the two Ballinger voting boxes only 82 polls have been issued, out of nearly 800 assessed. Winters leads with 109 polls paid and Miles comes second with 93.

Will Mountz was the only soldier boy to arrive Friday. He came in from Camp Bowie. He says other Ballinger boys are due to arrive here on every train for the next few days.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES HIGHWAY

Ballinger is now on a designated and authorized state highway. County Judge Parish, Commissioners Meadows, Smith and Kirk, returned from Austin Wednesday night where they appeared before the highway commission asking for an appropriation for road work in this county. While they were promised the world with a fence around it, they are required to at least build the fence, and the commission placed on the highway map of Texas that link of the Tex-O-Kan highway from Abilene to Paint Rock. The road was established and will be recognized the same as any other state highway as soon as it is put in good shape and made so the public can travel it.

At Paint Rock this road connects with the Puget Sound to Gulf Highway, one of the most prominent highways in the country. Already travel is passing over the route, but is nothing compared to what it will be when the highway commission announces to the world that the road has been built, logged and posted for travel.

Seed Oats.

For prices on strictly No. 2 Rust proof Oats, see J. H. Taylor, or phone number 3302 rural, or leave your order at The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company. I can save you money. 3rd-wif.

DRAFTED MAN BUYS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In making mention of the purchase of a life membership in the Red Cross by the post master at Rowena, The Ledger gave the name as Theo. Schuhmann, when we should have said John G. Schuhmann. John G. is post master and not Theodore, and many of our readers would have known the difference, but we hasten to correct the error and give credit to whom credit is due, and to also add that Post Master Schuhmann was induced to buy a life membership because he had recently had occasion to appreciate the great work of the Red Cross.

Mr. Schuhmann is within the draft age. In fact he was among the first men called, and asked to be exempt on the ground of having a dependent family. Before the district board could pass on his case he was called for service and sent to Camp Travis. He spent several weeks in Camp Travis, but the district board granted a discharge and he returned home. It was while at Camp Travis that he learned the great importance of Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work and shows his appreciation by buying a life membership.

While Mr. Schuhmann has received a temporary discharge, he will be classed, and when the men all along the line down to his class have been called, and the time comes to call out his class, he will be ready to go again.

Miss Elois Allison is at home from Denton for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison. She has been attending the C. I. A. at Denton.

PAYS \$82.40 FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT

A prominent citizen, who lives so near Ballinger that we claim him as a citizen of the town, was here doing his Christmas shopping Friday. Among the things purchased was a complete United States war savings certificate of twenty stamps, and as this is to be used as a Christmas present, we are denied the privilege of giving the name of the Christmas shopper.

As everybody should know by this time, it requires twenty war saving stamps to make a complete certificate. These stamps can be purchased now for \$4.12 each. If you wait until the first of February they will cost you \$4.13 each and will cost one cent more throughout the year. The party who purchased the complete certificate paid \$82.40 for same. On January 1, 1923, the government will give the holder of the certificate \$100 for it. A pretty nice present. Wonder who'll get it?

The First National Bank sold the complete certificate, the first one so far sold. This bank reports the sale of quite a number of certificates during the last few days, with many prospective buyers after the holidays. The thing to do is to buy one or more stamps and get a certificate, fill the certificate up just as you have the money to spare, and you will soon have a saving representing \$100, and if you wish to cash in before '23 you can do it and get interest to time of cashing in on a basis of four per cent compounded quarterly.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 50c.

Collis Dooze and Chas. Miller came in Friday morning to spend holidays with their parents. The boys are attending college at Lexington, Missouri.

Claud Jones and Wesley Sisson returned from a several months stay in Oklahoma, Friday.

FARMERS PROMISE INCREASE MEAT

Washington, Dec. 20.—The movement has been a large increase in the number of hog and farms and ranches feeding and feeding, instead of for slaughter. This movement of stockers and feeders of large markets of the pig four times as heavy during this year as during month last year, and for September and October combined the movement was three times heavier this year than last. These hogs that have gone back to farms and ranches instead of being slaughtered, will, of course, increase the pig crop next year. The movement is considered a definite indication of some of the results of the campaigns of the United States Department of Agriculture, State colleges, and other agencies, waged in all the leading hog-producing states with the object of bringing about the saving of breeding stock this winter.

Figures of the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture show that from the large markets of the country (with the exception of Chicago and Omaha, from which figures are not now available) 65,210 stocker and feeder hogs were shipped during October this year. While only 14,246 moved from the same markets in October 1916. During September this year 23,457 stockers and feeders were shipped, as compared with 12,879 during September 1917. This gives a total of 88,667 for September and October this year and 27,125 for the same period last year.

Newt Wardlow Jr. was among the soldier boys who came in Saturday at noon to spend Christmas vacation with home folks.

NOTICE.

Ladwig and Taylor, dealers in grain, hay, and feed stuffs of all kinds. Phone 63. wtf.



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Get on the Red Cross list. You can at least be a home guard.

Something for nothing is not worth having, and the man who expects to get good roads without paying for them, can guess again.

THE PRESIDENT'S DEFINITION OF GERMANISM. Innumerable articles and many books have been written to define "Germanism" and show to the world what it means.

His message to Congress December 4, President Wilson details as follows:

Intolerable Thing of German masters of Germany as the ugly face, this combined intrigue, and we now see so clear a picture of his home for his own attitude of mind." She says, "The Mother's Congress is doing a great work by holding meetings in many cities, to explain war measures, and develop the patriotism of the bewildered foreign women. We mothers must stand together."

Bar We want

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American Nation of the War Savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone, but of the Nation.

WAR SAVINGS. "War Savings Stamps mark an epoch in our national life." Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Many a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American Nation of the War Savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone, but of the Nation.

The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary. We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons, we are saving now from patriotism, saving not alone for ourselves but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed, going to make the War Savings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous benefit to millions of citizens, it is going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the Nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense, and patriotism.

WHAT'S THE GAME?

The following telegram was sent to Congressman Blanton Monday morning by the Chamber of Commerce, after the board of directors had read an announcement from Blanton that he would deliver a speech in Brownwood on the evening of December 28.

Repeating to your request for a speaking date in Brownwood, beg to suggest that Congress is in session and matters of grave importance should demand your presence and thought there."

To an unbiased observer it would seem that the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce has violated the common law of civility and courtesy for which the South has long been distinguished. The editor of this paper holds no brief for Representative Blanton, has never met the man and would not know him in the middle of the road; but that he is a gentleman and entitled to be treated as such is evidenced by the support given him by his home county during his candidacy for Congress. One is led to wonder if Brownwood was not prompted by other motives than those expressed in its rude greeting to the congressional stranger within its gates—i. e., the necessity of opening up a congressional track for her own Tom, Dick, Harry or "Charley" to run on.—Coleman Democrat.

SOLIDARITY OF MOTHERS.

That the mothers of the country will stand together and be a source of strength to each other is the statement made by Kate Waller Barnett of the Mother's Congress. She insists that the American mother must help the foreign born American mother to understand the reasons for the war. "The foreign mother cannot support her boy at the front, unless she understands what he is fighting for," says Dr. Barrett, Chairman of the Immigration Committee of the National Council of Women. "The foreign mother in America, unable to understand English, has come to this country to be at peace, and she is left in a chaotic state when her sons are drafted to fight for their new country. She cannot read the newspapers or talk to American women, except through her children as interpreters. As she cannot understand the reasons for this war, she becomes rebellious, and her feelings are communicated to her son in the training camp." She must be educated in the causes of the war.

Dr. Barrett urges American mothers feel a solidarity with the Americanized mother of other nations. "The soldier is dependent upon the feelings of his home for his own attitude of mind." She says, "The Mother's Congress is doing a great work by holding meetings in many cities, to explain war measures, and develop the patriotism of the bewildered foreign women. We mothers must stand together."

BROWNWOOD'S INSULT TO CONGRESSMAN BLANTON.

Congressman Blanton, who spoke at Ballinger Wednesday, had Brownwood on his itinerary, and notified a friend in that city that he would speak at that place on December 28th. Mr. Blanton's letter was turned over to the executive committee of Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber of Commerce sent Mr. Blanton the following telegram:

Repeating to your request for a speaking date in Brownwood, beg to suggest that Congress is in session and matters of grave importance should demand your presence and thought there."

The Brownwood News endorses the action of the Chamber of Commerce in sending Mr. Blanton the insulting telegram and says:

"Congress will take two weeks' holiday for Christmas and the Abilene Congressman will not be deserting his duties at the capitol in coming to Texas to make speeches in the new district during the holiday interim. The tenor of his letter seems to present that the purpose of his coming is to raise a political issue on the possible mistakes or omissions of the Administration in conducting the war, and if that is his purpose he has indeed earned the snub and the lemon sent him by the Chamber of Commerce."

The Brownwood News showed more common sense than the Chamber of Commerce in admitting that the congressman had a right to spend his two weeks' holiday making speeches in his district if he wanted to, but drew heavily on a false imagination in suggesting that Mr. Blanton's purpose was to attack the administration. The News editor also shows that he is not keeping up very well with his new congressman, for no man in congress has been more loyal to the administration's war policies than has Mr. Blanton, and if Mr. Blanton's speech at Ballinger is a sample of other speeches he is making during his holidays, he deserves credit for the patriotic work he is doing.

As a result of the congressman's speech in Ballinger the only man in the city who had expressed an hostile feeling towards the administration is in the local jail waiting for the federal authorities to make an American citizen out of him or put him where he will forever hereafter be harmless.

A few shallow oil wells has given Brownwood's Chamber of Commerce a money making greed that is causing the Brownwood people to forget that we have a task on hand which requires every man to do his bit.

Jas. Evans of Talpa was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

COULDN'T GET OUT OF BED BY HERSELF

Mrs. Williams Was So Crippled Up With Rheumatism She Could Hardly Move.

"Tanlac helped me right up out of bed after everything else failed and if I hadn't taken it when I did I believe I would be lying there yet," said Mrs. G. Williams, of 716 South Maybelle Street, Tulsa, Okla. "I was in a terrible rundown condition for the last six months," she explained, "and my sufferings from indigestion and rheumatism were something awful. I had to be particular about what I ate, for nearly everything disagreed with me and gas would form from sour undigested food and bloated me so I was miserable for hours. I got thin and weak and fell off to less than a hundred pounds and rheumatism gave me so much pain I couldn't get out of bed without help and then I could hardly stand on my feet. My arms and lower limbs hurt all the time and many a night I couldn't get an hour's sleep. My nerves were all unstrung and I was so worn out I had to take to my bed, and at times I was so weak I couldn't move without somebody helping me."

"One of my neighbors told me about Tanlac and I decided to try it. I have now taken seven bottles and it sure chased away that rheumatism in a hurry. I have been feeling splendid for several weeks and I can eat most anything I want without it hurting me. My nerves are in good shape, I sleep like a child and get up in the morning feeling fine. I am picking up now every day and I know from what it has done for me that Tanlac is the best medicine on earth."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Tokeon by J. W. Bright.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Our teacher, Miss Viola West, has gone home for the holidays.

Mr. Ingle has moved to New Home. We are certainly sorry to have to give up such good neighbors.

Mr. Parish, who has bought the Voglesang place has moved in. We are glad to have such fine people in our midst.

Mr. Doner has moved west of Ballinger.

Miss Bulah Aycock is in the sanitarium to undergo an operation. We hope for her a speedy recovery and be back with us.

Miss Eva Jones is visiting in the Hatchel community.

Will Aycock and wife are visiting his parents.

Wade Davey and brother, and sisters, Miss Marguerite and Daisy, of Grady, Texas, are spending the holidays with Mrs. John Dean.

Mrs. Dunn's sister of Oklahama, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeans of Valley Creek are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Payne.

We had a fine singing Sunday night, and a large crowd attended. All are welcome. Sunday school at 3 o'clock.

NURSE SAVES 2 BALLINGER PEOPLE FROM OPERATION

"I had two patients that the doctors seemed unable to reach with their medicines and in both cases advised the knife. A friend who had tried Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for Stomach trouble proposed that I recommend it to my patients, which I did. Both are glad that I was able to recommend it. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract, and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Jno. A. Weeks, Drugist."

Tom Brown, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. C. O. Brown and other relatives, of South Ballinger, left Monday for his home in Detroit, Mich.

WATER BOARD TO TOUR COLORADO

Feb. 4, at a hearing to be opened at Bay City, Texas, the board of water engineers of the state of Texas will make a tour of the entire valley of the Colorado river, to adjudicate the rights of users of water from that stream.

This is an important work and will be conducted by the full board, Chairman W. T. Potter and Windrow and Clark.

There are 521 claimants to water from the Colorado. Of these many are "certificate users" by which is meant those who were using water from the Colorado prior to the creation of the board of engineers, and who certified their claims after the board was organized. Others are using the water by permit that has been granted by the board. The purposes of the adjudication is determined whether any of the claimants are using more than they are entitled to, whether there are users who are not entitled to the water and to ascertain the method of taking the water. It is a question of wide importance to the state as well as to the owners of lands along the Colorado.

Hearings will be held at the following places:

Bay City, Feb. 4 to 13; Warthon, Feb. 14 to 17; Columbus, Feb. 19; La Grange, Feb. 21; Austin, Feb. 22 to 25; Burnet Feb. 26; Llano Feb. 26; Lampasas, Feb. 28, March 1; San Saba March 2 to 9; Brady, March 11; Menard, March 12 to 14; Junction, March 15 to 19; Brownwood March 21 to 23; Goldthwaite, March 25 and 26; Coleman, March 27; Ballinger, March 27; Paint Rock, April 1; San Angelo April 2 to 6; Robert Lee, April 8; Sherwood, April 10; Eldorado, April 12; Sterling City, April 13 and 14; Sonora, April 14; Colorado City, April 15 at 1 p. m.; Rock Springs, April 15; Snyder, April 16.

BOCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP.

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

Stovall-Pagles.

Rev. Curry spoke the marriage vows Sunday afternoon that united in marriage Miss Freda Pagles and Mr. John Stovall, at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pagles, of South Ballinger. Miss Pagles is one of South Ballinger's favorite daughters, and a young lady highly esteemed by a host of friends in the social circles of that neighborhood, and Mr. Stovall is a prominent young business man of Lometa, and is a nephew of Mrs. Ed O'Kelly, your city. The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, prosperous married life for the young couple. They left Monday afternoon for Lometa, the home of the groom.

INFORMATION GIVEN.

Scout Master King assembled his entire membership of Boy Scouts together at the 8th Street Presbyterian church last Friday night when he had County Chairman, C. A. Doose, of the War Savings and Thrift Stamps campaign, to explain to them the details relative to the sale thereof, in which Scout Master King, has volunteered their services to the U. S. Government.

RETURNED FROM ARKANSAS

W. E. Blair of South Ballinger, who has been spending the past six weeks or two months in different points in Arkansas, returned home a day or two ago, and reported a very pleasant and profitable trip.

He has been buying corn and hay and other products in that country, and reports that section in splendid shape, and a pleasant country to live in.

To Our Customers and Friends With Best Wishes for your prosperity and success for the coming year we extend to you the GREETINGS OF THE SEASON and assure you of our earnest desire for a continuance of the cordial relations existing between us. Respectfully FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

Christmas Drive Adds 2644 Red Cross Members

The Christmas drive for Red Cross members ended for Runnels county at 5 o'clock Monday evening. Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Chairman of Ballinger Chapter, reports 2644 names secured for the county.

The Northern part of the county, under the jurisdiction of the Winters Auxiliary led with 1269 members.

Miles Auxiliary reported 208 names to be added to their already large list of members.

The North-western portion of the county was under the supervision of Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, of Norton. She sent in a list 327 members, divided as follows: Norton 175, Wingate 99, Maverick 32, Dry Hollow 21.

Considering the severe drouth through which this section passed this year, this part of the county responded nobly to the call.

Hatchel, under the leadership of Miss Mary Holliday reported 108. Other places reported are: Spring Hill School 27, Old Runnels 21, Bethel 11, Rowena 31, Ballinger 642.

The Sunday school of the First Christian church gave a Christmas donation of \$30.40 to the Red Cross fund. This liberal contribution was very much appreciated.

Red Cross Campaign Notes.

The loyal citizens of Rowena do not do things by half—in the Red Cross drive they report 31 names, with \$114.00. It will be remembered that this town gave the Ballinger Chapter a few days ago \$106.00 proceeds from a box supper.

Mrs. W. W. Mitchell of Norton, Mrs. J. W. Dixon of Wingate, and Miss Mary Holliday of Hatchel, deserves special mention for the splendid work by them in securing members in their communities.

J. F. Dean of Spring Hill, E. Koeing, of Bethel and Mrs. Joe Oliver of Runnels, each turned in a list of members to the Chapter.

It has been reported that some members of Hatchel, are in favor of applying to the Ballinger chapter for authority to organize an Auxiliary. While others think this not advisable, believing more good can be accomplished by working with the Chapter.

C. B. Laxon has voluntarily and cheerfully given the services of his dry line for the use of the Chapter.

Mrs. R. L. Harwell and Mrs. I. Vancil were in charge of the soliciting in Ballinger. These ladies devoted their entire time to the seven days campaign and did splendid work, assisted by the other ladies.

N. K. Freeman, cashier of the Rowena State Bank, did appreciated work in that town.

Mrs. R. L. Harwell, Chairman of Campaign Work, regretted the inability of the State Committee to furnish Red Cross buttons in time for the canvass, however, the Chapter has the promise of sufficient buttons at an early date, for each member to receive one. Notice will be given in this paper when they come.

J. Y. Pearce, a liberal supporter to the Red Cross work, made a Christmas present of a year's dues to twenty-five persons. Mr. Pearce

only a few weeks ago made the Chapter a present of \$25.00. J. P. Maddox is the champion "jiner" he and his family enrolled at Winters, Hatchel and Ballinger, and in addition gave a donation of \$5.00.

CHEAP FEED.

See Ladwig & Taylor for feed of all kinds:

Ear corn \$1.75 per bushel. Corn Choys \$3.90 per hundred pounds. Oats 95 cents per bushel. Bran \$2.25 and \$2.35 per hundred pounds. Cotton Seed Meal \$3 per hundred pounds. d&w It.

WATCH THE WEATHER AND SAVE THE FOOD

Washington, Dec. 26.—Immense losses of food products, occasioned by freezing and other injurious weather conditions, occur annually that may, with proper precautions, be avoided. This is especially true of shipments by rail during the winter season. The Weather Bureau issues forecasts daily, and special warnings as occasion demands, giving information of expected weather conditions, including frosts, cold waves, high winds, and heavy rains, or snows. During the winter season, officials in charge of nearly all Weather Bureau stations issue daily what are known as "Shippers' Forecasts," giving the minimum temperature expected to occur within a shipping radius of from 24 to 36 hours from the station. These forecasts are published on postal cards, and will be mailed to shippers on application to the nearest Weather Bureau office. Careful watch of these forecasts and warnings will often enable the shippers to avoid losses, either by expediting or delay shipments or taking extra precautions to protect goods from injury. More definite information as to expected conditions may be obtained by calling up the Weather Bureau Office. No shipment of considerable length should be made without first ascertaining the expected conditions over the route. The occasion demands the utmost care to prevent losses of food, not only as a matter of self interest but as a patriotic duty. Watch the Weather Forecasts.

E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and just returned home from a pleasant visit to friends near Brady.

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WANTED

WANTED—Sacks wanted; highest market price. I. O. Wooden, 3-d&w4t.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Canton single disc plow. Will sell cheap or trade. Phone 7602. P. H. Hamilton, 28-w2-pd.

FOR SALE—By owner, 1300 acres land. 300 open, balance timber land, covered with wild cane, plenty of water, all fenced, with barb wire. One barn, four tenant houses. \$7.00 per acre. D. F. Merwin, Pinckneyville, Miss. 27-d2w21-pd.

WOOD FOR SALE—Restacked Mesquite cord wood at \$3.00 per cord. E. H. Voelkel, Rowena, Texas. w3t.

FOR TRADE

FOR TRADE—Desirable tract good agricultural and fruit land, improvements, part under plow in East Texas. Located near railroad town, school and churches. Will trade for two sections of smooth well located agricultural and grazing land in Taylor, Runnels, Brown or Nolan counties. E. W. Cole, Austin, Texas. 31wpd.

LOST

LOST—Auto bumper on road near Ballinger Sunday night. Finder please leave at Ledger office or phone 436. d&w-ftdh

LOST—Ladie's hat on Ballinger-San Angelo road, on Dec. 24th. Finder please leave at Ledger office 27-d2w1-pd.

FOUND

FOUND—Auto crank. Owner can get same at Ledger office. d&w1

LOANS

MONEY TO LOAN—5, 7 or 10 years, with all kinds of options in repaying. Lee Maddox. 17-ftw

TRESPASS NOTICES

Posted. My pasture on Mustang creek is posted. I warn all parties trespassing on said land for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood to keep out. Mrs. Mary Spreen. 27-6td5w

SANTA CLAUS VISITS DR. BASKIN'S FAMILY

High cost of living and Hoovering has lost all its fears for Dr. C. Baskin. Dr. Baskin recently enjoyed a visit from his brother, who lives in Northeast Texas. The doctor says this accounts for the box of good things to eat he received this week, the brother through sympathy for the way the local dentist was Hooverizing, either through choice, or as a matter of have to, returned to his east Texas home and packed a box that would make Hoover feel like all his work had been in vain.

While the Christmas box did not contain quite as many varieties as Mr. Heinz makes, it contained enough to drive away all the horrors of a hungry Christmas including pork hams, pork sausage, dried fruit, canned fruit, peas, pickles, etc. If every man in this country had an East Texas brother what difference would it make if it never did rain again?

WORDS FROM HOME.

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Ballinger Citizen.

When a Ballinger citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Ballinger resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from the Walker Drug Co., and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't apply ask for a kidney remedy—Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Oetken had. Foster-Milburn Co., Prop., Buffalo, N. Y.

When the New Year Came

by May C. Ringwalt



It had been the most romantic of love matches—and in all the land that last day of the old year, there was no more unhappy little woman than Maggie MacKenzie, the bride of six weeks.

And the gates of escape from the heart-break of it all were tight shut, for as liberal as are Uncle Sam's courts in such matters, the causes of her abject misery could hardly be presented in divorce proceedings—a Christmas plum-pudding, a cold in the head, and a small sheet of paper covered with a perfectly illegible, snarly scrawl.

The plum pudding—arrived a week late on account of bad roads and a holiday congestion of parcel post matter—stood on the living-room table just as she had taken it out of its box. A beautifully molded plum pudding of a city confectioner's consummate art, with an adorable, spiky sprig of real holly stuck in the top. A most Christmas home-y plum pudding that set off all sorts of Christmas home-y memories and brought such an aching lump to the little bride's throat that she almost cried out in pain.

Yet Christmas itself had not been a bit of a blue day. It was their first Christmas together to begin with, and the joy, the wonder, the triumph of Jamie actually filled her entire thoughts. Right after breakfast they



"I'll Get It Myself," She Said, Fiercely. had gone on a jolly tramp. Then there had been dinner to get, the fun of cooking the turkey and the laughter of bumping heads as they both flew to the oven door to "baste the baste." And after they had eaten, and done up the dishes, they sat before the cheerful blaze of the living-room's big open fire talking in low, intimate voices far into the night.

But now she was cooped up all day long in the house with this wretched cold in the head, the most forlorn and ione some of beings, with Jamie away for hours at a time, working on the ranch or, when it rained or snowed too heavily to be outside, tinkering everlastingly in the barn.

And as the proverbial last straw in today's mail had come the little sheet of paper with the illegible snarly scrawl—had come all the way from Scotland.

For that was what had made the love match so romantic, Jamie MacKenzie, whom Maggie had not seen since she was a girl of 14, had come back from the States on a three months' visit to his mother, found the child he had played with flowered into a woman, promptly fallen in love and married her the day before his return to Uncle Sam's land.

And she had gone willingly with him, had willingly left them all behind, Dad and mother; Dave and Wallace and Jean, and—yes, even Bobbie, Bobbie, her own barn, the bonnie 4-year-old little brother whom she always buttoned up in the morning and unbuttoned at night—and counted off "this little pig went to market and this little pig stayed at home" on ten wee returned toes.

To have given up Bobbie for a mere husband! A husband who no longer loved her, who was so heartless he could stay out there in the barn mending an old plow when his wife needed him so desperately!

The cheery sound of a whistle approached—a man's brisk steps on the porch.

It was Jamie. He was coming into the house. Why couldn't he let her alone, to cry in peace?

"Well, little girl," said a pleasant voice behind her, as she stealthily dabbed away her tears, "any special news from the land of heather?"

"It wasn't a regular letter," she replied coolly. "Just one of Bobbie's love scrawls—Dad had only addressed the envelope."

"Say, I call that a mean trick," said Jamie. "to get up your expectations for nothing."

A little red spot flared on each of

Maggie's cheeks and her eyes blazed. How dared he insinuate that one of Bobbie's precious letters was nothing. But the anger her eyes shot fell short of their mark—Jamie had spied the plum pudding.

"Hello!" he laughed, "so that is what was in the box. I'd just about given it up. It's some pudding, all right, isn't it?" he went on admiringly. "Since we couldn't have it Christmas, let's celebrate tonight—speed the parting guest of the old year and welcome the new, you know. But I came in to tell you I'm going over to Blyly's to take a look at the brooder he wants to sell. So if you'll give me that picture book of Bobbie's, I'll stop at the poor farm as I pass and leave it for the little chap who got there too late for Santa Claus. They say he's terribly lonesome and homesick, poor little kid, and maybe it will cheer him up."

The set line of Maggie's lips twitched.

At the time it had seemed such a simple thing to propose, to give Bobbie's picture book, packed with her own books by mistake, to the new orphan arrived at the farm the beginning of the week; the poor 4-year-old child whose mother had died on Christmas day in a lonely shack up in the mountains.

"You can take the book another time," she evaded, picking up her shawl and tattering like mad. "I can't bother about it today."

Jamie looked at her, surprised, puzzled.

"Why, I can get it as well as you, dear," he said gently. "It's on the table in our room, isn't it?"

She threw down the tattering and sprang up.

"I'll get it myself," she said fiercely, and shot into the adjoining room.

When she brought him the book, her eyes were rimmed in great red circles, but Jamie, impatient to be off, did not notice, or thought the redness came from her cold.

As the front door banged after him, camphor bottle in hand, Maggie sank back in the nearest armchair and gave herself up to being miserable.

But Jamie was gone over an hour—time for conscience and camphor to work, and thoroughly ashamed of herself, her head much clearer, she greeted his return with rising spirits, which fell precipitously when he nonchalantly informed her he had invited over the Blylys and Joan Thornton and his wife and the Hopkins girl to spend the evening and eat plum pudding with them.

"Oh, Jamie, why did you?" she said despairingly. "I feel like anything but company tonight."

But the guests had been invited and there was nothing to do but make the best of it.

Yet, as gallantly as she tried, the poor, little bride could not shake off her homesick forlornness.

It was five minutes of 12 by the living-room clock when the hot chocolate and the plum pudding in its blaze of glory were brought in, and as the first stroke of midnight fell upon their talk and laughter, with lifted cups, all sprang to their feet and drank to the new year, deep and long.

All that is, except Maggie MacKenzie.

She took only a hurried sip at her chocolate, then put down her cup and ran and opened the front door.

"Maggie!" cried Jamie. "What are you opening the door for?"

"To let in the New Year, dear," she explained with a forced gaiety. "Don't



The Child Walked Straight Up to Maggie MacKenzie.

you remember we-always did it at home?" she added tremulously.

"For the land's sake!"

"The love of Mike!"

Excited exclamations went around, shrieks of half make-believe, half real terror, while the little bride stood staring, white-faced, into the night as though she had seen a ghost, a ghost of Bobbie, her own dear bairn for whom her heart had been crying out all day long.

Then out of the darkness into the bright living-room's light stepped a very flesh-and-blood little boy with tousled, just-out-of-bed hair and small garments put on awry that badly needed buttoning up.

"Why, it's the poor farm's few little orphan!" somebody cried in relief. "What in the world are you doing here, son?"

Ignoring the others, the child walked straight up to Maggie MacKenzie.

"I'm looking for my mother," he said, a catch in his breath.

And with her sad face now radiant, a shining light in her eyes, the homesick little bride gathered him up in her arms and hugged him close.

"If you can't find her, won't I do instead, darling?" she whispered between kisses.

The New Year Dreamer

A woman fell asleep, one New Year's eve, and dreamed a strange dream. And when she woke, she told a neighbor about it, in some such words as these:

"I thought I was in a strange country," she said, "which belonged to us all. There was no king. And I thought that in that country shoes were ready-made, not fashioned clumsily of leathers, as we fashion them now, and that the flax was all spun for us, and the flour all ground. I thought that the very cows were milked without our aid, and that we lived in cities with clean pavements between clean, bright houses, and that milk and meat and bread and eggs were brought to our doors, day after day. I thought that there was something called gas, that made our cooking clean and quick, and things called cars that carried us safely from place to place.

"And in my dream we were all taught, taught to read and even to write, as only the scribes do now, and that we read books, books about strange things and wonderful places—and saw pictures—the greatest in the world!—and that we could hear music whenever we chose. And there were wise doctors to keep us well, and to give us magic sleep in our pain.

"But best of all," she said, in a low tone still tinged with the radiance of her dream, "best of all, was that the children were safe. There were no nobles to seize our girls for their own pleasure, and to send our boys like cattle into the wars. No man could kill another, and even women were of value, and children were beloved. It seemed to me a world of peace, and sunshine and safety!"

"You dreamed of heaven!" said the listener, her incredulous laughter changed to wistful awe. The other sighed and shook her head.

"No," she said sadly, "for in that country they were all mad!"

"Mad?" came the astonished echo. "Well, better our hardships than such a state. Better the village well that poisons our children and the tax that holds our men in bondage, and the pestilences that sweep us! Better the dark houses, and the smoking coal fires, the heats of summer and the freezing winters, better even the agony and terror of hearing, unhelped. But tell, how were they mad?"

"They do not see the sunshine, they do not hear the music, and they do not taste their freedom," said the dreamer. "Their thoughts are chained to little things—the stitches in a skirt, the chopped nuts that must go into a dish they cook, the shape of a chair. They long for idleness—who have nothing to do! They long for pleasure, who live in a world that might be heaven! They look at this one enviously because she can come and go to another city at will and at that one enviously because her picture is printed in the books they read. They weep because they must buy flax spun on their side of the ocean rather than that which comes to them in ships, and they weep because the papers they have pasted on the walls of their rooms are too green or too blue!"

"Mad—quite mad!" agreed the neighbor, struck. "Did they live long ago?"

"No, their time has not yet come," the dreaming woman answered. "They will not live for another thousand years. They will spring from us, who live and work and die without the touch of fine linen on our bodies, or the help of a single hand with the planting and rearing and spinning and brewing, the bearing and rearing. We are their mothers, who will never read a book or write a letter, or enter a playhouse. Let us make them a New Year's wish, that their eyes may be opened and that they may see!"

They knelt down together.—Kathleen Morris in Pictorial Review.

Resolutions Each Day.

At each New Year tide it is common to make new resolutions, but in the true life of the individual each day is the beginning of a New Year if he will only make it so.—William George Jordan.



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The Officers and Directors of
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Of Ballinger
Extend Christmas Greetings
and best wishes for
A Happy and Prosperous
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6 Day School Week Would Conserve Labor Supply

Editor Ledger:

To those who have kept up with our labor situation in the present war crisis it is very apparent that we shall be shorter of labor this Spring than the country has ever experienced. It is also quite clear that if the Spring has any rainy season that we will not be able to handle half the land in cultivation in a way to save the crops.

As a Patriotic service I am suggesting that we hold our Public School sessions six days in the week beginning Jan. 1st. It happens that there are seventeen Saturdays from Jan. 1st to April 1st, lacking only 3 days of being a full scholastic month. By doing this we can give the students their full terms work, pay the teachers their full terms salary, and release a large number of boys and young men whose help at the critical crop saving time might save us from serious loss. Many young ladies could take places in the stores, also, releasing for the time being men who could help save a coming crop, if it should be necessary. It is not so much a question of getting work and wages but the more vital matter of supplying labor at a critical time in the crops. If we should not need extra labor, no one would be loser

in any way, since the school children would get their full session's work, and the teachers their full sessions pay. If we should need the labor this spring we would be forced to do one of three things: Lose a part of the crop, or turn out school and lose the last month's work or let most of those able to work quit school and lose standing in their classes. As the President is calling for every patriotic service possible in every way, I offer this suggestion, since to be forewarned is to be prepared and we have every chance to prepare in this way if we will.

No institution, individual, or group of individuals in any community should stand in the way of making every careful plan and preparation to win this war, support our government's policies, and make ready to utilize in a practical way every asset they have, and every reserve force they can bring into play should the demand come for it.

To feed our army and ourselves is the paramount duty in the next twelve months. If the seasons permit, the one supreme need we face for the new year is labor, crop preparation and preservation.

R. B. Morgan.

BIG WASTE TO KILL TURKEYS CHRISTMAS

The United States Food Administration has ruled that Texas turkeys are not matured in December and even if they attain their respective weights of seven and eleven pounds, seven for hens and eleven for toms they are not properly developed for marketing.

W. F. Priebe of the United States Food Administration who had charge of the investigation which led to the discovery of the surplus of 6,000,000 turkeys in northern freezers, writing Administrator Peden said: "Regarding the subject of specific weight of turkeys during December, will state that from our knowledge of the turkey business, that turkeys are not matured in December, never will be. It is a peculiar thing about turkeys that if they are not hatched at the right time they never develop right. Late hatched turkeys are always number two birds, so we decided it would be best to make no limitation in weight under December 1, not only in Texas, but in other States.

The question of not dressing turkeys in Texas in November was first suggested by some of the principal dealers in Texas, giving

reason which we know to be logical, that turkeys do not fully develop until December, and they asked us to use every influence to prevent the dressing of turkeys during November and allow the excessive supply of Texas turkeys in the freezers to be consumed.

Statements are made regarding markets for Thanksgiving, which of course have been quite high for fine stock, but this was largely due to the fact that Texas did not ship any turkeys. Had conditions been the same as last year and had Texas shipped, say 200 cars on the market, the result would have been disastrous.

BUYS COTTON SHED TO REBUILD BARN

Street & Middleton have purchased the cotton shed north of the compress and will use the material in rebuilding their barn which was recently destroyed by fire. The cotton shed was built by a stock company two or three years ago, and was offered to the farmers for storing cotton, but it has stood as an ornament, and the stock was bought at about 25 cents on the dollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pape, of the Crews country, came in Monday to spend Christmas with relatives near the city.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids in assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Why Not Organize Local Vigilance Corps Here?

In his address here Congressman Blanton stated that every town in the nation should organize a home guard. Other towns are doing just what Mr. Blanton suggested that Ballinger do. It is a move that should be put under foot here, and we are sure that all that is necessary to succeed is for the proper authority to call a meeting and outline the plans. The necessary members will be forth coming. The men who are not being called to the front and who are left at home to keep the home fires burning, will respond, and do it quick.

In the early stages of the war the American Defense Society, with headquarters in New York, was organized. That society too is calling for the organization of loyal vigilance corps, for the purpose of putting an end to German propaganda and enemy activity which has been responsible for fires, ammunition plant explosions, sabotage, food scarcities and other attempts to damage the morale of the American people.

Recent events in this country make it plain that the German method of propaganda which has been so effective in Russia and Italy is now being attempted in this country with an alarming degree of success, according to the appeal to Americans now being issued by the American Defense Society. German propaganda has long been supplied to our troops in the national encampments. The ship-building program is being interfered with by German-inspired strikes. Germans are directing the hoarding of food supplies to an extent that panics have already been prevalent in the leading cities. Newspapers are giving daily reports of fires in ammunition plants and grain depots and the country is now on the verge of an even greater calamity in the shape of a railroad strike of unprecedented extent which threatens to cripple our national industry.

The far-reaching need of the local Vigilance Corps can readily be seen when it is known that in this country alone there are today several million alien enemies representing Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey and other countries sympathetic or allied with

the Prussian autocracy. Almost without exception these enemies are free to go about as they see fit, and while the Government has done much toward tightening the censorship of mails and cables, nevertheless there are numberless channels by which these enemies are in touch with the directing genius of German propaganda in Berlin.

If Americans mean to stand by the men at the front, whose lives are already sacrificed, and to stand by their Government, the opportunity is offered in the additional service they can give to this work of the American Defense Society.

The plan of organization undertaken by the Society and recommended to loyal Americans provides for the enrollment of a small American Vigilance Corps in every city and town which shall classify all residents under the following terms:

1. Loyal.
2. Disloyal.
3. Doubtful.
4. Unknown.

Following the general classification of citizens the Committee is urged to make further designation of the following list:

1. Alien enemy.
2. Pro-German.
3. Anti government.

In the letter of instructions to branch organizations the Executive Committee of the American Defense Society gives the following directions:

"At the earliest possible moment, when you have made your classification of alien enemies, pro-Germans, and those opposed to the government in this war, send this list to the Police Department, the local representative of the Department of Justice and to whatever representatives of the army or navy intelligence bureaus there are in your community. Do not let this matter rest, however, with this first classification of the enemies. Too much stress cannot be put on the importance of having your own Vigilance Corps take steps to watch alien enemies, pro-Germans and those opposed to the Government. Only by such co-operation will you be able to give effective aid to the Government. Take every means you can to let the people of your city know the names of our enemies."

Miss Mary Parker, who has been making her home with her aunt, Mrs. F. T. Rushing, and attending the Ballinger schools, left for Eldorado Friday, where she will spend the holidays.

Miss Grace DeWitt is at home from Denton, where she is attending the College of Industrial Arts. She will return after spending the holidays with her parents.

LOCAL BOARD CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Washington, Dec. 21.—In the face of the startling shortage of clothing and war supplies, thousands of men will be called into service by December 31. Quartermaster General Sharpe admitted this before the senate military probe committee this afternoon. This call to be made before the end of the year refers to twenty-five per cent of the last increment of the first draft not yet called out.

The idea prevails among many that men within the draft age can not now volunteer for service in any branch of the army. This is an error. The false impression no doubt gained its place in the minds of the people through the report that registrants could not volunteer after December 15th. That rule only stopped men within the draft age from volunteering through the regular recruiting stations and confines all such volunteering to be handled thru the local exemption board. The local exemption board can not accept for volunteer service men who are not subject to draft, but they are calling for volunteers from among the men who registered as will be seen from the following notice issued by the Runnels County board today:

Notice to Registrants that have not heretofore been called and examined by this board:

We have openings in the following branches of service and will accept volunteers, and will forward you to the following camps if you are found to be physically qualified for military service:

Aviation Section Signal Corps, Kelly Field San Antonio, Texas. Land Division, Signal Corps, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Medical Officers Training Camp, Fort Riley, Kansas. Ordnance Department, Raritan Depot, Raritan, N. J. Infantry, Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

It will be seen from the above notice that men who registered and have not been examined, can volunteer for any of the branches mentioned in the notice. If they pass the required examination they are given transportation, meal tickets, etc., and sent direct to the division camp of the different branches named in the notice.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

BALLINGER SOLDIER RELEASED FROM DUTY

Dan Middleton came in Thursday from Camp Travis where he has been doing service for Uncle Sam for two or three months. Mr. Middleton was caught in the draft, although he was not subject to draft. He did not understand what the draft age was at the time all men between the ages of 21 and 31 were registering so he registered when he was not in the draft age. He was also fortunate enough to draw an early number and was among the first to be called into service, and before he could get action on the explanation made for the error he found himself in Camp Travis and had to remain there until the claim went through the necessary process of red tape. He has been given his discharge, but says he found army life to his liking and the boys at Camp Travis are getting along fine.

Lew Wilmet left for Brownwood Friday morning. He will visit his sister, Mrs. Bragg at Brownwood, and then go on to McKinney to visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

Miss Addie Ward and brother Burney, came in from Dallas Friday. They have been attending school at Dallas.

SIMPSON LEARNING TO HELP WOUNDED

Ft. Sam Houston, Dec. 17. Dear Mr. Sledge:

Received your letter some time ago and would have written you sooner but I am really at work now, and after doing about 12 hours a day a pile of straw sure looks like home sweet home and there is very seldom any objections to lights out at nine o'clock.

When I wrote you last we were sure we would leave about the 20 of December, but equipment is very hard to get, and while we are getting some every few days it comes slow and we will be delayed until some time after Christmas.

We received a car load of sweaters, muffles and mittens from the Red Cross yesterday and I'll tell you every boy in the Regiment sure loves that organization today. I was issued some of my clothes that I would take over and they are the heaviest you can imagine. Three suits of underwear makes a trunk full and everything else is in proportion. When a soldier gets it all on there is nothing but his feet left to get cold.

I am working with the hospital corps now and it is sure interesting. There is a good deal of drill in it, of course a different kind of drill from a real soldier for instead of a gun, we use a stretcher. You should see me with a 14 pound stretcher doing a "right shoulder." They are not so heavy but they are hard to handle and if you are not very careful you will hurt someone drilling in close formation. My first day out I dropped mine on the sergeant's foot and when he was through with me I hit the fellow next to me in the face trying to get the thing back on my shoulder.

Aside from that work we are learning to do lots of things in the "first aid" work, such as to stop a hemorrhage, set a dislocated joint, treat any kind of a wound, and how to bandage the wounds. We are just starting some lessons and lectures on "shell shock" and trench feet."

I am going to like this work fine and am glad that it come in my line of duty for to help those who are suffering will be a wonderful work.

Besides doing this work we are playing about 6 hours per day now. We have about 36 pieces in our band now and I sure wish we could play for you people for I know you would enjoy it. Diaz is with me now and it is mighty nice to have someone from home with you.

I was counting on being at home Christmas, for all the soldiers were to be allowed to spend Christmas at home, but I understand the railroads made such objections that all passes have been denied and all men ordered to remain in camp. However, I am going to try just the same.

It seems that the business men here are getting rich. To buy any thing down here on a Saturday or Sunday, you have to get in the waiting line and wait your time out.

I read in The Ledger of the Christmas tree you are to have and wish I could be there for it, but I guess I will spend my first one away from home. Tell all the force I am wishing them a good Christmas, and am hoping that before another I will be back with you.

Your friend,
Troy Simpson.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, cures the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children, 60c.

LOSES GOOD MILCH COW.

Jim Flynt had the misfortune to lose his milch cow Thursday morning. Mr. Flynt was in town when notified that his cow was sick and she died before he could go to see after her. The cow was not sick over thirty minutes, and Mr. Flynt said he had not been able to learn what killed her.

BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Guin are at home to a little lady. The baby arrived Wednesday, and Thursday Mr. Guin sold the largest bill of furniture that has been loaded at the Lankford store this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norton, of Brady, are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Norton's mother, Mrs. R. H. Schooler.

WARNING AGAINST HALF & HALF COTTON

It is a very important proposition for the coming crop to consider most carefully the selection of the cotton seed that is to be planted. There are a number of early producing seed known in the cotton world as "Half and Half" that is absolutely unmerchandiseable and untenderable on any contract in the world.

A vigorous campaign was started two years ago against "Half and Half" variety, as it had proved very disastrous to any territory that had planted it, and the minute that it became known to the world that "Half and Half" cotton had been planted in certain territories, it was absolutely impossible to sell that territory's cotton for within 1-2 to 2c a pound of the better staple varieties. This penalty would naturally make anyone realize that it would be foolish to plant the "Half and Half" variety, as it would cost the country hundreds of thousands of dollars in loss of price on account of having that very inferior variety which is worthless to 90 per cent of the spindles of the world, as it absolutely is impossible to adjust spindles to that short a staple.

The value of good staple cotton has been well demonstrated this year that it pays to plant it regardless of the cost of price of the seed, and it is very important to the whole Western country to buy the very best seed obtainable of the variety known as the East Texas or North Texas staples. In other words, it would be foolish to try to plant long staples because that requires a low climate and lots of moisture. There is lots of seed in North Texas and East Texas that would be adapted to this country, and the value of the staple would increase the selling price of cotton from \$5.00 to \$15.00 a bale, so it is quite evident that this good staple will be worth so much to the country that it would pay to handle it at any price.

It is quite important that this is not overlooked in considering the planting of the next crop, and steps ought to be taken immediately to obtain the very best seed possible with a view of raising the standard of West Texas cotton instead of lowering it much worse than it has been this year.

It has been considered by Eastern and Southern Mills an absolute impossibility to get any cottons from Western Texas that is not almost valueless. This is brought about by the fact that they consider that the staple is worthless so it is evident that it is going to be absolutely necessary to raise the standard of the staple by buying good seed and the urgent necessity of same should be given most careful thought.
Geo. Finberg.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

CONVALESCING NICELY.

The many friends of Miss Myrtle Mangum will be glad to know she is convalescing very nicely from a recent operation at the Halley & Love sanitarium. Her brother, Dr. T. E. Mangum is here at her bedside.

BABY GIRL.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stroble are rejoicing over the arrival of a sweet 10-pound baby girl which came to bless and brighten their home Friday night, December 21.

Judge T. F. Crosson returned home Thursday night from East Texas, where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, and while gone visited his son, Edwin, at Houston.

CLEANS THE BLOOD TONES THE NERVES

The gratifying results attending the faithful use of the new medicinal combination, Hood's Sarsaparilla before eating and Peptiron after eating, are seen in purer blood, stronger nerves, improved condition of the whole system.

They are results that make this course of treatment the most economical for sufferers from impure, impoverished blood, weak, unsteady nerves—no other accomplishes so much for each cent expended.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Peptiron aid each other, and to take both is to derive a four-fold benefit.

If a laxative is needed in connection with them, the gentle and thorough Hood's Pills should be used.

PEOPLE WARNED AGAINST PNEUMONIA

This is the time of the year to guard against pneumonia. In the Texas army camps many soldiers have recently died from pneumonia which started as a mild case of measles or an ordinary cold.

Infants are especially susceptible to this disease. In some cities one-third of all deaths of infants under two years are caused by pneumonia.

Pneumonia is most likely to occur, and to end fatally, in children whose vital resistance has been lowered. It often follows measles, whooping cough, diphtheria.

Pneumonia is a dangerous, contagious disease. But it can be prevented.

The best method of protection is to keep your child well nourished and gaining steadily in weight. Fresh air is all important. Crowded, over-heated rooms are bad. Help the city provide better housing conditions for those less fortunate than yourself.

Don't let your child become suddenly chilled, or allow his feet to stay wet and cold after he stops exercising. Don't let him breathe dusty air. Be sure to keep him away from persons who have "colds," or other possible diseases of the throat or lungs.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 3c.

BALLINGER BOY WRITES FROM FRANCE

France, Nov. 17, 1917.
Mr. Dewey Nelson,
Ballinger, Texas,
Dear Friend:

I received your second letter to day and was glad to hear from you. I also received letters from Emil and Craig. They wrote to me from Camp Paul Jones, Great Lakes, Ill. You see it takes about one month for a letter to get to me and one month for my letter to reach you. That's why I thought you were not going to write to me again.

Well, I can't describe this country much. It is made up of many hills and rocks, but there is good farming land in the valleys and also on top of the hills. The little towns look like towns in old Mexico. The houses are mostly made of stone. The roads here are fine. I wish you were over here with me. I will try to send you some kind of souvenir if nothing but a French handkerchief. Today is pay day and the boys will have a good time tonight. Write to me again soon. Would like to send you some pictures but can't do it. We had a little experience up at the front.

Your friend,
John G. Douglass,
Co. G. 18th Inf. First Div.,
American Expeditionary Forces.

John Douglass enlisted early this year, and drew a place with Pershing's expedition, being among the first lot of American troops to ship for France. He was living at Ballinger when he enlisted, and his people live near Ballinger.

Mrs. Harry Sharp, of Abilene, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Starkey.

Rheumatic Aches

Drive them out with Sloan's Liniment, the quick-acting, soothing liniment that penetrates without rubbing and relieves the pain. Always have a bottle in the house for the aches and pains of rheumatism, gout, lumbago, strains, sprains, stiff joints and all muscle soreness. Generous sized bottles, 25c., 50c., \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment
KILLS PAIN

Investigate This Place
1600 acre ranch—near Bronte in Coke county. \$15,000 1-3 cash, 1-3 trade, balance due 1922.

W. B. PAGE

Ballinger, Texas



ATEXAS WONDER
 THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from J. S. and other cases. Dr. E. W. Hall, 226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists—Adv.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS WINTERS BANK

While at Winters Saturday the writer had the pleasure of witnessing Santa Claus' visit to the Winters State Bank. Jno. Q. McAdams played Santa Claus for the employees of this bank, and the five employees of the bank, including the stenographer, were remembered with a gift of \$25 in gold. Get this down right, it was not \$25 for the entire bunch but \$125—\$25 each. Some nice present, and the fellow who does not

appreciate that kind of a remembrance doesn't appreciate the value of a dollar in this day of high cost of living. Cashier McAdams evidently appreciates this bunch of faithful workers, and this counts for his liberality.

R. L. Stokes passed through Ballinger Saturday with his household goods. Mr. Stokes is moving from the Dry Ridge country to the Winters country. He stopped in Ballinger long enough to have The Ledger sent to his new address.

MOVE OFFICE.

Dr. Thos. A. Rape will be glad to see you over Pearce Drug Store. Hours 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. (except Sunday. Phone 20. -74tw

Miss Ethlyn Morgan arrived from Baylor University at Waco Friday and will spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Morgan.

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 7:30 to 12 and 1 to 6 614
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 Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
 Errors in refraction corrected and Glasses Fitted
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THE BEST COMPANIES
 Prompt Service
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 Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest, and extend Vendors' Lien Notes bearing 8 percent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on
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 See
SECURITY TITLE CO.
 "Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

DELICATE APPETITES
 need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.
 Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.
 Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.
A Trial Will Convince You
THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY
 708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

Camp Travis Experience for Boys Who are Going

First Class Pvt. Chas. M. Sisson, Co. C, 315 Engrs, was a participant in the Tug-of-War contest at the Regimental Track Meet December 6th.

Corporal Roscoe H. Stocks is taking the examination today for the Third Officers Training camp, which opens here January 5, 1918.

Corporal K. V. Northington of Ballinger, Texas, has been transferred from Company "C" to the Medical Department, 415th Field Signal Battalion, Camp Travis, Texas. In the Medical Department, he will take an examination subject to promotion as first class sergeant. His knowledge and experience of pharmacy will be of great advantage to him.

Experience of thousands of members of the National Army upon reporting for duty at Camp Travis has developed some 'donts' that may be timely for the second contingent of men selected to serve their country, who will soon leave for training camps. The first one of these is an admonition against overloading with all kinds of personal effects. Some men have brought trunks, for which there is no room and no place. A suit case is the best thing in which to bring spare clothes, and is a good thing to have here in which to keep clothes, whether you bring anything in it or not.

Don't overload with underwear, socks, shirts, etc. Uncle Sam issues underwear and socks and you must wear the kind issued, so that your other articles will have to be disposed of or returned to your home.

Don't wear your best clothes or even your good clothes to camp. It may be several days before your uniform can be issued to you and you will have fatigue duty to do in your good clothes. It is best to bring clothes you can give away to the Belgian Relief Society. Your civilian clothes cannot be kept in camp and will have to be sold or sent to your home.

The same thing applies to your shoes. It is not bad however to have some light slippers or moccasins to slip on when you have taken off your marching shoes.

Three bath towels and as many face towels is more than enough. Don't bring a half dozen of each or more. They will be in your way. You will be issued several towels by the Government.

Don't wear a good hat, or one that you want to keep.

It is well to bring your shaving and toilet articles. A soap box is almost necessary. An unbreakable mirror is desirable and will last a life time. Shoe brushes or rags will also be needed. A clothes brush would not be out of place, or a whisk broom. Get a "housewife" or some needles, Olive Drab thread and a few bacheleur buttons for underwear, etc.

In bringing handkerchiefs the Olive Drab or bandana style give the best service, however a half dozen or more white handkerchiefs could be used.

One or two soft bosom shirts with cuffs attached can be used. They are worn with the uniform blouse together with a white standing collar or stock.

Bed clothes will not be needed. Blankets, bed sack and quilts are issued by the Government. A small pillow can be purchased here at the camp exchanges if desired.

The Government issues in addition to bedding summer and winter clothes, overcoat, poncho, or rain coat, socks, underwear, woolen shirts, hat, hat cord, belt, barrack bag or laundry bag, comb, brush, soap and towels, shoes, one pair for dress and one for marching and drilling, gloves and leggings.

A mess kit is also issued which includes knives, forks and spoons, plates and drinking cup.

Practically everything desired can be purchased at slightly above cost price from the Exchange operated throughout the camp. The profits of these go to the funds of the various organizations in camp and are used for their benefit entirely.

While armies are trained for destructive purposes, to be efficient as an agency of destruction, every army must have within itself powerful agencies of conservation. The medical corps of Camp Travis is right now engaged in just as hard a combat against disease spreading at that camp, as the soldiers themselves will engage in the future to spread the gospel of freedom. Every known agency of science is being called into action to pre-

serve and conserve the physical well being of the soldiers. Examinations by skilled physicians are a daily occurrence of whole commands. In order to fight respiratory diseases every throat in Camp Travis is to be sprayed with prophylactics with considerable frequency. In the army, as in civil life, disease, despite every precaution still finds lodgment. But no general in Europe is more alert to defeat his particular enemy, than is Col. Halloran, division surgeon of the 90th division, to prevent his particular enemy—sickness obtaining a foothold in Camp Travis.

The soldiers at camp Travis have big advantage over soldiers of other armies raised by this country. They are being led by trained officers. Recently 486 new officers reached the camp, after completing three months of intensive training conducted to the 5th degree. Leon Springs sent 200 of these, Indianapolis camp sent 136 and Fort Niagara camp sent 250. In former days it was customary for each unit to enter the battle area with new officers. In this fight commercial practices, as it were, are followed. When the "stock" runs low, instead of creating a new organization, the "stock" will be replenished, without substituting new and inexperienced leaders for those who have had experience. In no calling is the demands for efficiency as high as in the army and in no calling is the cost of failure so great. In the army, as in all walks of life there is no royal road to learning and those who have won commissions in the new army are men who have given proof of their capacity for leadership.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

ANGELO BOOZE GETS WINTERS MAN IN BAD

San Angelo, Dec. 24.—Three men, one of them a soldier in a United States uniform, assembled for a "little drink" in San Angelo Friday afternoon and when the bottle was passed Police Chief Snow arrested L. D. Hardgree of Winters and filed a complaint in federal court charging him with having given whiskey to Cooke Perry.

Perry is a member of Company M, 144th infantry, stationed at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth. He came to the city only a day or two ago, on a furlough.

Hardgree was arraigned before United States Commissioner Jesse Couch Saturday morning and was bound over to await the action of the federal grand jury in April under a bond of \$500. Sureties for this amount had not been secured at eleven o'clock and Hardgree was still in custody.

The alleged offense is the first of its kind to receive attention in Angelo since war was declared. Similar charges are filed frequently, however, in the larger cities, where military camps are located and where liquors are sold.

Wagons and Buggies at Cost.

We have a few more Wagons and Buggies that we will sell at Cost. Also Rubber and steel tired wheels, shafts and poles. Ballinger Saddle and Mfg. Co. 30-57w.

J. L. McKown, of the Wingate country, and wife, were here Friday to meet Grady McKown who was due to arrive from Camp Bowie.

H. Seipp, the one-horse farmer of the Maverick country, and E. E. Trammell, of the same neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday. Mr. Trammell was here to meet his wife and little daughter, who were en route home from a visit to relatives in East Texas.

Mrs. Estes Lynn went to San Angelo Friday, where she goes to attend the wedding of a friend.

Are Your Lungs Strong?

Do colds go down to your throat? Are your bronchial tubes easily affected? Above all, do colds settle on your chest? Then your lungs may not be as strong as you expected—consumption often follows.

Good Physicians Everywhere Prescribe

SCOTT'S EMULSION
 Because its Pure Cod Liver Oil is Famous

for strengthening delicate throats and weak lungs while its glycerine soothes the tender linings and alleviates the cough.
 Start on **Scott's Emulsion** today—it is Nature's building-food without drugs or alcohol.
 The Imported Norwegian cod liver oil used in **Scott's Emulsion** is now refined in our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities.
 Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 17-21

BALLINGER MAN IN SAN ANGELO JAIL

W. R. McDonald, charged with disloyalty to the American government, will not be able to spend Christmas with his home folks. According to the latest report from federal headquarters where such cases are passed on, McDonald will not be able to get a preliminary hearing until after the holidays. In the meantime he will remain in the San Angelo jail.

McDonald was arrested at Ballinger last Saturday, after refusing to stand up in the large audience who heard Congressman Blanton speak, and pledge his loyalty to the American flag, and after making statements unbecoming to an American citizen. He was the only man out of the large crowd who refused to stand when Old Glory was displayed before the audience, and statements he had made caused the officers to arrest the man. He was carried to San Angelo last Friday and turned over to the federal authorities.

Since being arrested McDonald has repented for his attitude towards the American administration, and says that he is ready to make proper amends in squaring himself with his government. He says that he endorses the president and thinks that America is fighting for a just cause.

Patronize—

Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others.
 E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

K. OF P. ELECTS OFFICERS.

The K. of P. Lodge met in regular session Monday night of last week, and after transacting other important business of the order, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

- C. P. Shepherd, C. C.
- A. L. Spann, V. C.
- A. W. Sledge, P.
- David Holiday, M. W.
- J. Whit Patterson, M. F.
- R. L. Harwell, I. G.
- D. M. Baker, O. G.
- E. F. Krebs, K. S.
- Chester Cherry, D. G. C.
- Don A. Sweet, D. D. G. C.

Much enthusiasm was displayed and the new officers are expected to inject much life into its proceedings.

Much relief was extended to worthy disabled brothers and the thought and care of those members who are offering their lives and services in a foreign land.

The order is raising a large fund to care for its brothers that they may be made comfortable should misfortune and sickness be incurred in the line of duty overtake them.

The great principle "his sweet to die for those we love" is the battle cry of the members of this great brotherhood and will be exemplified on the battlefield.

Sam Jones of the Winters-Wingate country, was among the number who renewed with The Ledger Saturday.

MEASLES ROB MANY OF MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sweeping down upon Ballinger almost over night, an epidemic resembling measles, suddenly broke out and bids fare to rob Christmas of some of the joy for those who are victims of the malady.

Up to this time the health of the people throughout this country had been first class. This breaking-out came to Ballinger suddenly and struck in quite a number of families at the same time.

The Ledger was hit hard and sudden. Without any symptoms before hand, and without being warned that Christmas plans would be shattered into smithereens, Christmas Eve found three of the boys piled up in bed admiring their speckled red complexion. Albert Sledge, son of the editor, developed a full grown case of what appears to be some form of measles during Sunday night. John Arch Stephens, the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Stephens, and one of The Ledger's faithful carrier boys, also found himself nursing a genuine case of measles or some kindred breaking out Monday morning. Ross McKay, who has been filling the place of high "devil" in The Ledger office for several months, found that he could not stay on the job and keep his natural complexion, and he is at home waiting for the bad feeling and the breaking-out to leave him.

Quite a number of cases developed in the city on Christmas Eve, and there will no-doubt be others until the disease runs its course. None of the patients are seriously ill or suffering to amount to anything.

What is LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
 A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

OIL LEASE MONEY COMES AT GOOD TIME

The oil promoter, who dropped into Ballinger unexpectedly and turned loose about fifteen thousand dollars cash for oil leases, is invited to come again. He could not have spent his money with the men from whom he secured leases at a time when the cash was needed most.

We are reliably informed that the oil promoter's oil money is going to buy cow feed, and the stock man feels that he really struck an oil well without getting his hands greasy.

The payment of cash for leases, and that without quibbling over the price or contract, leads those who have leased their land to feel that the man to whom they leased is in dead earnest and will carry out his promise to drill a well and begin operations here within ninety days.

Here's hoping.
 L. W. Williams, of the Norton country, was among the holiday traders in Ballinger Friday.

Building Material Is High

But it is to your interest to let us figure on the bill, whether large or small. The saving is worth while. We carry a complete stock and can deliver promptly.

Ballinger Lumber Company

When will the war end?

It will end only when every man, woman and child in America answers the call for personal service.

Mrs. Housewife What Are You Doing to Help?

The efficiency of the Allied soldiers cannot be maintained if they know their wives and babies are starving. Our own men cannot fight unless they are properly fed. Will you allow your family to eat up our chance of victory?

The Government

has appealed to YOU and to every person who has any thing to do with the distribution, purchase or preparation of food, to conserve certain commodities which are VITALLY NECESSARY for our fighting men and our Allies.

USE

Corn bread instead of wheat bread.
Fish, Poultry, Eggs, Milk and Vegetables instead of Meat.
Honey and Syrup instead of sugar. Avoid all indulgence in unnecessary sweets.
Vegetable Oils and Frying. Reduce your consumption of butter in cooking and animal fats to the lowest possible amount.

We must send wheat, meat fats and sugar to feed our boys in the trenches and the hungry women and children of the Allied countries! Help all you can to conserve these things for them.

The above space donated to the United States Food Administration by

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Ballinger, Texas

PERSONALS

L. M. Bales and W. A. Guin of the Hatchel country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. L. Atwell of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

W. P. Jones of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Corum left Wednesday at noon to visit relatives at San Angelo a few days.

Carlos Dunn came in from San Antonio Monday to spend Christmas with his family.

John Walden, of Bronte, was among the Christmas visitors to Ballinger.

Jim Rainwater, a merchant from Crews, was here Wednesday on business.

J. T. Brown of Winters, was the guest of his son, County Treasurer W. L. Brown, Wednesday.

J. B. Bass, of the Norton country, was among the visitors in the city Christmas eve.

County Clerk W. C. McCarver, wife and little son, left Monday afternoon to visit his relatives during Christmas.

Will Gallia, and J. H. Neas, of Rowena, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Geo. Eskridge returned home Monday from the east to spend the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshire, of the Talpa country, were looking for Santa Claus in Ballinger Saturday.

Ted Nichols, a Camp Travis boy came in Sunday and went out to Winters to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Edie Voelkel is at home from Austin to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel.

Clint Penn came in from his army camp Saturday night to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Miss Doris Pagles left Saturday afternoon for Santa Anna to attend a patient in her capacity as trained nurse.

W. B. Wilkerson of San Angelo, who had been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Barker near Ballinger, left for home Monday at noon.

George Smith and Levi Starkey came in Monday at noon to spend

the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

J. M. Stephenson of Eden, returned home Monday after a visit to his brother, Dr. L. B. Stephenson.

Mrs. J. F. Shaffer left Monday morning for Bangs to visit her daughter Mrs. W. A. Foreman, and family, during Christmas.

Doyle Knight, the second hand man, left Monday afternoon for Temple, to visit relatives during the holidays.

Arno Schawe came home Sunday from Oklahoma, to spend the holidays with relatives and Ballinger friends.

B. F. Guin of Winters, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Maddox and little son, of Hatchel, were the guests of Col. D. P. Moser, and family during the Christmas days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore came in from Fort Worth the first of the week and will be the guests of Ballinger friends a few days.

E. A. Jenness, the produce and poultry dealer, left Monday to look after business interests at Coleman a day or so.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carleton, of the Hatchel country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

George Lusk came in from Waco Sunday and will spend the holidays with his parents, and Ballinger friends.

Roy Clayton, of the Benoit country, and Rev. J. L. Speer, of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Dr. A. S. Love returned home Wednesday at noon from Florence, Texas, where he spent the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlow and children, of Concho, came in Monday and will be the guests of his parents, a few days.

John P. Rhuman left Monday afternoon for La Grange, Texas, to spend a few days during the holidays with his relatives.

Ted Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols, of the Winters country, came in from Camp Bowie Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents.

J. L. Lee of Maverick, and Jake Stubblefield, and F. Roper of Norton, were greeting friends and looking after business affairs in the city Monday.

C. R. Smith of the Valley Creek country came in Monday at noon

from Burnett county, where he had been on the sad mission to attend the funeral of his mother.

G. W. Hull, who had been working for the government at Port Arthur, came in Monday at noon to spend the holiday with home folks, and friends.

T. F. Jackson was here from Paint Rock Sunday to meet his son, who came in from Austin, where he has been attending the state university.

Miss Juliette Miller is at home from her school near Eden, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

L. B. Wardlow of Edwards county, came in Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlow, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wood, of Granger, came in Sunday overland in their auto and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Misses Zelma and Juliett Miller, who is teaching in Austin, came home Saturday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller.

Miss Sammie Patgett, who teaches in the public schools of Lubbock City, came in Friday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Emuel Vonbeck, who is one of Uncle Sam's men in the navy came home Monday at noon to spend a short vacation with his parents and Ballinger friends.

Rev. W. H. Doss and wife and daughter, Miss Louise, of De Leon, came in Sunday to spend the holidays with Judge A. K. Doss and family, and Ballinger friends.

Claud Chapman of South Ballinger, came in from Fort Worth Monday at noon, to spend the holidays with his father, W. C. Chapman, and family.

Mrs. F. T. Rushing and daughter, Miss Maedell, of South Ballinger, left Saturday afternoon for Bell county, to visit relatives during the holidays.

Mesdames J. C. Clarence, and Max Wilson, of the Pony Creek country, were interviewing Santa Claus in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Elgin Davidson of Wilmeth, E. F. Kre of Pony Creek, and Jim Howze of Paint Rock, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

While in the city Saturday W. P. Harrell of Maverick, ordered

The Ledger to his address, to keep posted on the home news for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson left Saturday afternoon for Bonham to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Risser and family.

J. S. Collings and son, T. R., left Monday morning for Santa Anna to visit E. A. Tomlinson and family, and to enjoy a hunt for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parks of Wichita Falls, came in Sunday, and will visit her father, W. C. Penn, and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall and two sons, of Oklahoma, came in Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dunn and other relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. Chas. Tibbs of Itasca, came in Wednesday at noon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory, and family.

W. F. Schineath of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home after a business trip up to his farms near Maverick.

Gid McAdams of Wichita Falls, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Brownwood, to spend Christmas with his brother, Jess McAdams, and family.

Ernest Graves, and J. R. Harris, of the Hatchel country, and Claud Robinson, of the Maverick section, were greeting friends in the city Monday.

Mrs. Joe Bates and little daughter, after a Christmas visit to relatives and friends in Ballinger, returned to her home at Talpa Monday.

T. S. Lankford, who spent Christmas at home, returned to Brownwood Monday morning, where he has a drilling outfit in the oil fields.

Mrs. Joseph Spence Jr. nee Mrs. Rausome, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday to spend a few days with relatives and Ballinger friends.

Mrs. Joseph Spence, nee Mrs. Mers & Merchants Bank returned home Wednesday morning from San Angelo, where she spent the Christmas day with relatives.

G. C. Carlisle, who spent Christmas with his family, returned to Brownwood Monday morning, where he is interested in the oil developments of that city.

Mrs. Frank Miles, of Santa Anna, came in a day or two ago, and will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Norwood, and family.

W. O. Gross of the Gross ranch, up the river, passed through the city Wednesday en route home from a business trip to points east.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Evans, of Mary Neal, passed through Ballinger Sunday en route to Pony Creek to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson and family a few days.

Jack McGregor returned home Monday at noon from Marlin, where he had been to accompany his brother, P. McGregor, who will spend some time at that place for the benefit of his health.

T. S. Lankford and Monroe Hartman left Monday overland with their well drilling outfits for the Brownwood oil fields where they will do some drilling for some time.

C. B. Williams who lives east of the city was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here renewed with The Ledger and Semi-Weekly Dallas News for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Cobe and children of Vernon, Texas, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Walker, of Hatchel, and Mr. Cobe was greeting Ballinger friends Monday.

J. H. Mosley, one of The Ledger's good friends from the Winters country, was here Wednesday, conferring with the exemption board and looking after other business.

E. Berman, one of the prominent business men of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday, and ordered The Daily Ledger to keep coming to his address.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman and children returned home Wednesday at noon from Brownwood, where she had been visiting for several weeks and Mr. Freeman spent Christmas with them.

Feb. McWilliams and family who are here from Corpus Christi spending the holidays, will return home about January 5th. Mr. McWilliams says they are well pleased at Corpus.

Earl Clinger of the Maverick country, Austin Williams and E. D. Bowen, of the Hatchel country, and Luther Williams of Norton, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Whaley of

San Angelo, who have been the guests of her mother, Mrs. Singletary, and other relatives during Christmas, returned home Monday at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Blagg, of Brownwood, came in the first of the week and are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilmeth and family during the holidays.

J. P. Tounget, of the Russell ranch, F. Gallis and Fred Sallings of the Miles country, were transacting business here Mr. Tounget renewed with The Banner Ledger for another year.

Willard Wooden was among the soldier boys who came in the first of the week to spend Christmas with home folks and we are sorry to note that he is confined at home with the mumps.

John Dunn of Floydada, formerly one of the highly esteemed citizens of Wingate, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Bell county, to visit relatives and old friends during the holidays.

Sergeant H. S. Seerest was among the soldier boys who came in the first of the week to spend the holidays with his wife and babe. He had been promoted to the Sergeants degree since his last visit at home.

Everett and Edgar Ellis, who spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ellis, left Monday for their respective places of business. The latter to Honey Grove and the former to Brownwood.

Misses Lucile Powell and Norma Harris left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio, where they will visit Miss Harris' two brothers who are in the army camp at that place. Mrs. Powell accompanied them as far as Lampasas, and will spend the Christmas at that place.

Mrs. Harber and children, of San Angelo, and her brother, Tom Brown, of Michigan, came in Saturday to visit their mother, Mrs. C. O. Brown, and other relatives of South Ballinger. Mr. Brown has been away from home the past eight or ten years.

J. M. Nichols of the Winters country and J. W. Rainwater of Crews, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Rainwater was here to accompany his daughter, Miss Nee, who was en route to San Angelo, where she is attending a business college.

J. S. Flanagan, W. V. Tulbs and W. F. Atnip of the Valley Creek country, A. J. Byares of Benoit, and Fred Prusser, of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in the city Saturday afternoon.

R. L. Williams of the Token country, Pat Fox, John Simmons, Nick Stallworth, John H. Webb, Theo Erk of the Pony Creek country, and J. T. Russell and son, Corum, of Winters, and J. H. Tucker and M. F. Lett of Hatchel, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

J. J. Beck, Santa Fe Agent, returned from Brownwood Wednesday where he and Mrs. Beck and baby went to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. Beck and baby will spend several days in Brownwood. Mr. Beck says oil developments are booming Brownwood and a gas well burning attracts much attention.

Troy Simpson and Diaz Wood arrived from Sam Houston about seven o'clock Sunday evening. They came through the country in an auto with five other soldiers, and members of their band, who stopped off to visit at Coleman. They will leave here Wednesday morning, having only a four days leave of absence.

George W. Newman, who has been with the Russell ranch up the river, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to the Leeday country, where he will make his home in the future. He ordered The Daily Ledger to keep him posted on local and war news.

FOR SALE—CHEAP.

An Iron Safe that cost \$62.50 one year ago delivered in Ballinger, would cost \$75.00 now. This safe is offered for one-half price, \$31.25 is taken at once. It is suitable for office or store—a chance to save money and get a good safe at half price. Call on or phone me,

C. P. Shepherd,
Res: Phone 161, office Phone 60.

Geo. W. Houston of the Tennyson country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and says we will have plenty rain in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jeans left Monday for San Angelo to visit during the holidays and will go to their new home after their visit in that city.

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to BALLINGER return visit Doctors Rea Brothers

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Liver, Stomach and Bowel Troubles, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation, Sick Headache, Dizziness, Enlargement of the Abdomen, Bad Breath.

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Tuberculosis, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness, Eye Diseases and Lung Diseases treated with a combination of medicine, serums, vaccines, diet, and hygiene.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles, pains in the back, weak back, swelling of the limbs, stiffness of the joints, rheumatism, undeveloped children, bed sores, club feet, curvature of the spine and other deformities.

Blood and Heart Disease, swelling of the limbs, skin diseases, pellagra, old sores, varicose veins, heart palpitation, bad circulation, cold limbs, numbness, enlarged glands, goitre and deep-seated chronic diseases.

Nervous Diseases, epilepsy, neuritis, neuralgia, sciatica, paralysis, mental weakness, nervous prostration, sleeplessness, high blood pressure, mental worry, discouragement, and diseases of women.

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Drs. Rea Bros. are well known throughout the United States. Their plan is to secure in each community evidence of their good work so as to benefit them in securing more patients. The sick and those interested are invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children, with their parents.

Hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

IN RE: PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS ON THE COLORADO RIVER.

Whereas, the Colorado Canal Company, a corporation, having its domicile and principle offices at Bay City, Matagorda County, Texas, did on the 9th day of August, 1917, file with the Board of Water Engineers, State of Texas, its petition requesting the said Board to make a determination of the relative rights of the various claims to the waters of the Colorado River, and its tributaries, in Texas, in conformity with Chapter 86, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, State of Texas; and it appearing to said Board that such determination is justified and necessary; all parties at interest are hereby notified that a hearing on said petition will be held in the several counties of the State of Texas, which are subdivided by or bounded by the said Colorado River or any of its tributaries, especially the San Saba, Llano, Lampasas and Concho Rivers; commencing at Bay City, in Matagorda County, Texas, Monday, Feb. 4th, 1918, at 4:00 p. m. Said hearing will be pursued at Bay City from the said Feb. 4th, 1918, to Feb 14th, 1918, inclusive, if necessary, and will be conducted in the county courthouse, in such room as may hereafter be provided. A like hearing will be begun and holden in the county court house of Runnels County, Texas, at Ballinger on March 27 to 30, 1918, inclusive, beginning at 9 a. m.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers, State of Texas, at the office of said Board in Austin, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D., 1917.

W. T. Potter
R. J. Windrow
C. S. Clark
Attest: James Hays Quarles,
28-w21. Secretary