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FRENCH AND BRITISH HOLD GERMANS ALL ALONG LINE

Rome, April 2.—Neutral reporters on the battle front have compiled figures showing the total losses of the Germans in the present battle. The total losses of the enemy is given at 525,000 killed and captured by the French and British.

Paris, April 2.—Between the Oise and Somme river last night relatively calm prevailed, the French war office reported. The Franco-British forces made some progress between the Somme and Demuin during the night. In the region of Calonne, the French by two cop de mains took some prisoners.

Arras and St. Pol have been under the heaviest bombardment since last Thursday, it was officially announced today. Shells falling on the city have killed several civilians.

London, April 2.—Fifty prisoners and thirteen machine guns were taken in yesterday's fighting between Avre and Luce in the Moreuil region, Gen. Haig reported to the war office this morning. Between Avre and Luce a number of Germans were found dead.

Two enemy counter attacks were broken up with heavy losses by the British artillery. The German battery was successfully engaged at short range and silenced by machine guns from the British lines.

On the remainder of the front successful raids were made in the neighborhood of Acheville and Holleberke, where prisoners were taken and a number of the enemy killed. In the neighborhood of Hebuterne local fighting was heavy and the British captured seventy three prisoners and three machine guns. Many Germans were killed at this point. Hostile counter attacks were completely repulsed and the British gained in the day's fighting.

London, April 1.—Gen. Haig reports that there was local fighting in the neighborhood of Gerre, seven miles north of Albert yesterday morning. In the outskirts of Albert the British captured 109 machine guns and completely repulsed the enemy in two attacks yesterday afternoon.

London, April 3.—General Haig's report from the battle front today shows further gains for the British in their counter attacks and skirmish raids.

In the neighborhood of Farnoux a strong enemy party determinedly attacked the British lines at dawn yesterday, but were repulsed after sharp fighting. Prisoners were taken and German dead left on the field as the enemy was made to withdraw.

In the neighborhood of Ayettec which is being held by the British, there was successful fighting during the night and the enemy repulsed, more than a hundred German prisoners taken and three machine guns recovered.

Successful raids were carried on northeast of Loos and northeast of Poelcapelle which resulted in the capture of prisoners and guns. Prisoners were also captured in skirmish fighting near Serre, and the enemy driven to shelter.

Paris, April 3.—The French war office reported today that on the Somme river and Oise river front there was increased artillery fighting. South of Moreuil the Germans renewed attack, but gained footing at only one point in the French advance lines. North of Rollet the enemy at-

NOTED STATE RANGER SHOT

Austin, April 2.—The Adjutant general's department was notified this morning of the killing of Henry L. Ransom, noted Texas ranger, at Sweetwater last night. According to reports received here Capt. Ransom was killed in a hotel at Sweetwater. Two men are in jail at Sweetwater charged with murder, and the authorities decline to give out details of the killing.

Captain Henry L. Ransom of the Ranger force stationed in this city was shot and instantly killed in the hallway of the Hotel Wright about 9:30 last night. Marion Long of Borden county was shooting at W. C. Miller of Seury county. Captain Ransom emerged from his room which was close by and as he was stepping out of the door he was accidentally shot. Ranger W. H. Koon stepped out of his door and fired one shot at Long. It is not known whether the same took effect or not. Long was shot in the right hand and Miller was shot in the left leg below the knee. So far as is known Miller did no shooting but he fled from the city and was arrested later in the night near Hermaligh and was brought back. Long was immediately arrested in the hotel and is being held by the officers.

From all facts that can be gained it seems that the shooting arose over some trouble which had previously existed between Marion Long and W. C. Miller. Both men are ranchmen and are of prominent families of their respective counties. Mr. Long's home is within about six miles of Gail, the county seat of Borden county, while Mr. Miller is a resident of Seury county and his home is situated nine miles west of Snyder.

Mr. Long's wife and children were stopping at the hotel and Mr. Miller was also a guest at the hotel. Mr. Long went upstairs and upon meeting Miller began shooting immediately.

The Rangers who are stationed in this city board at Hotel Wright. Captain Ransom's room was near the place where the shots were fired. Upon hearing the shooting he arose and stepped out of his room to make investigations. Immediately upon stepping out of the door a bullet entered his right side below the arm pit and, passing through his body, came out at the lower part of the left jaw. He had retired and was in his night clothes when shot. Ranger W. H. Koon also stepped out to see what was happening. Seeing the situation he fired once. Long was shot in the right hand but it is not known whether that was the result of the shot fired by Koon or whether he shot himself accidentally. About half a dozen shots in all were fired.

Captain Ransom was not connected with the shooting affair at all but was the victim of a ball intended for another party.

We are sorry to note T. J. Gardner on the sick list Tuesday with an attack of tonsillitis.

One Million Men Will Be Sent Over this Year; Movement Soon

Washington, April 3.—A large part of the American army will be sent to England as soon as ships to transport them can be assured. This was learned today from authoritative sources in army department.

These troops comprise substantial percentage of those in camps in the United States, and they will be sent to England to take the place of the British troops so that the British troops who have been undergoing training in England, can go to the front.

This plan of troop movement is entirely apart from the accelerated movement of American troops in France to the firing line. The best divisions of American troops in the training camps in the United States will be sent direct to France while those in less developed state and who have not been in the training camps so long as the others will go to England for further training, and to make room for the next draft army.

BAKER APPRECIATES ITALIAN ASSISTANCE

Rome, April 3.—Secretary Baker, returning from the Italian front today, visited the Italian Premier Orlando and expressed his admiration of the Italian army and the spirit of the Italian people in resistance of the enemy on the Italian front. Mr. Baker said in talking to the Italian premier, "America is proud of your men, and we are proud to have Italy as an ally in fighting for civilization and liberty."

Paris, April 2.—Secretary of War Baker and Thomas Nelson Page, American minister to Italy, are visiting on the Italian front today. Mr. Baker is getting at first hand the exact strength of the allied armies and how they are equipped and supplied.

PRO-GERMANS TAMPER WITH U. S. GAS MASK

Washington, April 2.—It developed here today that 2000 American gas masks out of a shipment of 5000 recently shipped to France, had been tampered with and made defective. Senator Thomas in reporting the find to the senate stated that the masks were made defective by pro-German factory workers in this country, and that the masks were found unfit for use when received in France.

BUSY BUYERS OF WAR SAVING STAMPS

The Winters State Bank reports the sale of W. S. S. to the following parties and in the following amounts for the week ending March 30th:

E. A. Shepperd	\$100.00
Wm. Minzenmayer	50.00
Fritz Voelker	50.00
E. Meier	30.00
H. Jacob	100.00

Tired of War Austrians Agree With Pres. Wilson

Amsterdam, April 3.—Count Osernin, Austrian foreign minister, in an address before the Vienna Municipal council today, declared that President Wilson considers Vienna as being more favorable ground for sowing seeds of international peace than in Berlin. The Austrian count expresses the opinion that a great majority of the people of Austria are favorable to early peace, and said, "Austria's ruler is attached to peace and fifty-five million Austrian people share his views on

peace. To these people President Wilson is devoting his interests, and shows a willingness to bring about international lasting peace." Continuing Count Czernin said: "Serbia desires peace, but the allies prevent it. After being conquered militarily our enemies must be conquered morally. We do not intend to beg for peace but we intend to enforce peace by moral right and physical strength. Other tactics will prolong the war."

Washington, April 3.—According to the plans rapidly being perfected by the war department, over one million American soldiers will have been shipped to France before the close of the present year.

Draft plan operations will make it possible to draw new men whenever they are needed to fill up emptied cantonments. It may be necessary to call within the next year a greater number of drafted men than was originally considered. It is freely predicted in some quarters of the war department that 400,000 more drafted men will be called to camps by July first, and early calls are expected to be made.

London, April 1.—The French government has decided to accept General Pershing's offer to throw his men into the fight, and the Americans will participate in the battle with the allies against the Germans on the French front, according to dispatches received here from Paris.

Washington, April 1.—The American troops are relieving the veteran French troops so they may join the French in the counter offensive on the Western front. Such of the U. S. troops as have received sufficient amount of overseas training will co-operate with the French and in so far as they are able will assume a share of the great burden now so valiantly being borne by the French and British armies.

This announcement was made today in the war department's official weekly war summary.

Washington, April 1.—The American troops are on their way to the battle front to aid their allies, the French and the British, in the great counter offensive soon to begin, which will throw Hindenburg's hordes back across the desolate spaces dearly bought with the blood of thousands of German soldiers.

Dispatches today from the American headquarters in France reported roads and towns crowded with marching Americans, while trains of motor trucks miles long loaded with equipment threaded their way along with the columns of singing Sammies. Other motor truck trains are speeding ahead with machine gunners and artillerymen.

This official dispatch, received here today, sent a thrill throughout the nation. This week's war news is expected to contain much of the activities of the American forces. It was the first official news that the Americans were going into battle.

The sending of General Pershing's fighting troops to places in the British-French line has been predicted by military reports to follow the creation of a united command under the French chief of staff, General Foch, and General Pershing's formal offer of all the available American resources.

Too much cannot be said about the number and position of the American troops, because of military regulations. It is no violation of censorship, however, to say that there are more than 100,000 American fighting men, fully equipped and intensively trained in the actual scenes of battle, are ready at once to be thrown in places to strengthen the British and French lines wherever they threaten to buckle under the unheard-of ferocity of the German onslaught.

It is also no violation of censorship to say the American government fully realizes that the second battle of the drive may continue for some time and that American forces possibly might be the means of tipping the scale. It does not necessarily mean that by sending American troops to the reinforcement of the British or French that the sectors they have been holding will be abandoned. Other means of caring for that part of the line are available.

Zurich, April 3.—American aviators are active on the Austrian front. Dispatches received here today state that American aviators are engaged in successful signal work along the Austrian front opposite the Italian army, furnishing valuable information to the Italian army and keeping them posted as to movement of Austrian troops.

Washington, April 1.—The United States navy department announced today that plans had been perfected for constructing a long range gun capable of carrying shells 105 miles. The construction of the new guns will be rapidly pushed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stroble motored over to Coleman Wednesday on a short business trip.

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The constant aim of this bank is to be at the greatest and most efficient service to its patrons and friends.

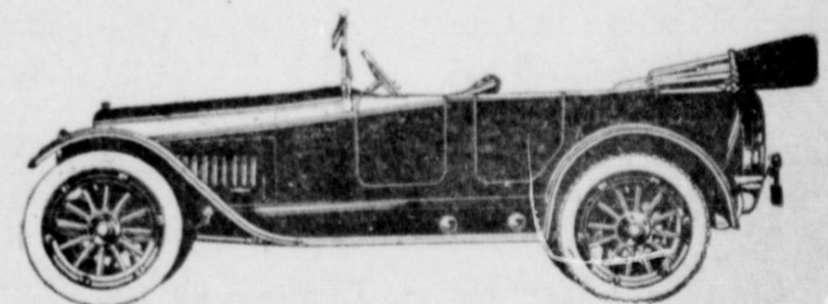
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HIGH SCHOOL HEARS WAR LECTURE TODAY

W. G. Kahler, an economist and industrial expert, representing the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D. C. gave an interesting discussion before the student body of the high school and the citizens of this city at the Queen today on the food situation of the allied countries and to what extent the United States must extend itself to meet the situation.

bring about the utmost in production. Our people must get behind them, encourage them in every manner possible and from now on give them their whole hearted support.

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AVENGEANCE AND THE WOMAN

SENT TO PRISON BY Henry Blake, banker and railway builder, Black Jack Haines, outlaw leader, vows vengeance on Blake and his young wife, Bessie. Haines escapes and carries Bessie to his cabin. She gets away and is imprisoned on a mountain peak. Blake tries to rescue her and both fall to a ledge. He writes an order for \$100,000 and Bessie is taken off, he being left suspended over the edge of the chasm. He is rescued, and pursues the outlaws, who hold up a stage. The horses run away and pitance over a high cliff.

Down the side of the cliff rolled the coach with Bessie imprisoned inside, straight toward the river which swept swift and deep along the cliff. But again Providence intervened to save the life of the brave young girl. Thirty feet above the river, a broad shelf of rock extended well out over the water and onto this crashed the coach, wrecking it beyond repair and killing the horse.

Comanche Pete reached the brink of the precipice a moment later and, seeing of Bessie, and convinced she was dead, he returned to where Black Jack was seated by the trail, weak and dazed from the wound she inflicted. The outlaw leader refused to believe the girl dead and was preparing to investigate for himself when the sounds of an approaching horseman caused both to draw back, into shelter at the side of the slope.

been treated right, offered to lead the unsuspecting sheriff to where they were encamped. The outlaws behind the ledge held their fire until their foes were within 100 feet before losing a murderous shower of lead. Four of the posse fell from their horses. Realizing he had been trapped, Morgan wheeled, and with the remnant of his band fled to and down the trail.

Hardly a Drugstore in the Land That Does Not Sell This Remedy

When you are in perfect health, and are enjoying a strong and vigorous vitality, it is then that your blood is free from all impurities. You should be very careful and give heed to the slightest indication of impure blood. A sluggish circulation is often indicated by an impaired appetite, a feeling of lassitude and a general weakening of the system.

COKE COUNTY MAN INVENTS A HOISTING MACHINE

Robert Lee, Texas, March 31—J. A. Shook of Brome has after some years of labor secured a patent on a machine that he calls a portable hoisting machine. The machine is so constructed that when it is properly rigged out one man is enabled to raise several times the weight he could raise with the old style block and tackle.

MYSTERY FIRE BURNS 3 CHILDREN AT ALPINE

Alpine, April 1.—Three children were burned to death in a fire of mysterious origin which destroyed the home of Mrs. F. W. Measday, four miles east of here, before daylight today. Three older children escaped from the house by jumping from an upper story window, and one of them walked to town to give the alarm.

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Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-POS WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co. manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

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List of letters advertised, March 30, 1918, Ballinger, Texas: Cole, C. H. King, Miss Birdie Lewis, Mrs. R. A. Martin, Miss May Tommas, Miss Emma. When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised" and give the date of this list.

LEFT FOR THE ARMY.

As mentioned in the Saturday's Daily the following are the young men who left from this point Saturday afternoon for Camp Travis to begin upon their army duties, being the last of the quota called for from our county:

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It's not much what you say, but how your thrift card looks.

Save two-bits and give old Wilhelm a case of fits.

Three Buffalo nickels and one thin dime will help to break the Hindenburg line.

In the past some men have said, 'Let the women do the work.' Such talk has brought on woman suffrage.

Those little buttons designating the number of sons a father has in the war are an honor to any man who can wear them.

The food wanted by mankind does not exist. The word shortage is not strong enough for the situation.

As long as we can get six pounds of flour per month with a plentiful supply of good corn bread and other substitutes, we fear no food famine.

The drouth should not retard the oil development, because oil and water will not mix.

The Runnels county rapist who was acquitted at San Angelo this week, no doubt believes in letting the law take its course.

After June 26th, there will be some boozelous days in Texas. The war, high cost of drinking, and Hobby has just about put Texas on the water wagon.

The farmers in most cases have their land in good shape and are ready for planting. We are told that maize crops have been planted to the extent of a large acreage.

It's bond or bondage. Make your choice. Buy War Savings Stamps. Lend to Uncle Sam now or give in tribute to Bill the butcher later.

Chairman Hancock, of the State Highway Commission, while here this week, said, 'Kirk, I want you to have the \$40,000 the commission has appropriated, and when that's gone, come back and we will give you more.'

Two or three war aeroplanes will probably be brought here for the patriotic rally next Friday. At least steps have been taken to add this feature to the program.

PRAYING FOR RAIN. The man who believes in praying for rain has an even break with the fellow who don't, and there is at least a showing of interest and a willingness to act on the part of the people who pray.

Too many people pray for things they are not entitled to, do not deserve and would serve to their detriment if given in answer to prayer.

ledge faith in a higher power. Perhaps if the people of this country had lived a little closer within the laws laid down for man the rains would not have been withheld.

DEPENDING ON FUTURE FOR WATER

Brady's water supply is sufficient for not more than two or three weeks. Coleman's supply is nearing exhaustion. Ballinger's supply is not what it ought to be.

Practically every town in 140 drouth stricken Texas counties is up against it on the water proposition, and the drouth is not confined to the towns and cities. Rural communities are suffering and many farmers are hauling water.

LOONEY QUITS THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR. Austin, Tex., April 4.—Attorney Gen. B. F. Looney late today withdrew from the race for governor.

J. L. Golden of Eden, was greeting friends and transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

SALARIES INCREASED.

Is your school out? You ought to double your present salary before school opens in the fall. You can earn that increased salary not only while school is open, but during the entire spring, summer, fall and winter.

The door to the world of business is open. Everywhere help is needed and excellent pay offered. Do not allow the war to cripple or paralyze your trade.

What you can do in business, you can do as well in Civil Service. You ambition to travel, to see our great capitol or Washington, D. C. is easily achieved.

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"I read in the papers where one of my friends had taken Tanlac and that caused me to get a bottle for my daughter, and I want to say right now that she has got hold of the right medicine for her case at last."

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 Token by J. W. Bright.

MILES MAN ENTERS COMMISSIONERS RACE

To the Voters of Precinct 4: I am in the race for Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, my candidacy being subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries.

I believe in a business administration of the county's affairs, and do not think that a commissioner should make the business of his office secondary, but should look well after the interest of the people he represents.

I may not see all the voters in person, but will make an effort to see most of them, and will appreciate every vote and the influence of those who are interested in the county's welfare.

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Do You Sleep Well?

To be at his best a man must have sound, refreshing sleep. When wakeful and restless at night he is in no condition for work or business during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Loika, of the Pony Creek country, came in Saturday and she left on the afternoon train for Rogers, to visit relatives at a few weeks.

W. S. McCaughy and J. G. Ester, of the Mazeaud country, and John England, of the Miles country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

LADY LECTURERS ON FOOD CONSERVATION

Mrs. Virginia Marr Fine, food conservation lecturer, was greeted by a large crowd of ladies and many men, Tuesday afternoon when she spoke at the Library in this city.

Mrs. Fine told the people of the suffering of thousands of hungry people in Europe, and of the absolute dependence of the men in the trenches upon American people for supplies of food.

Mrs. Fine's principal theme was the conservation of food. She explained that America's allies are depending upon the promises of the United States to provide wheat and fats and sweets for the fighting men now opposing the Kaiser.

"Wheat bread ought to choke us; and it will if we are loyal and true. We ought to feel a sort of guilt every time we eat food which we are asked to conserve."

STUMEZE STOMACH TROUBLE RELIEVED BY FIRST DOSE

"I was bothered with nervous dyspepsia and chronic stomach trouble so badly the doctors could not give me any relief. They were going to take me to the X-ray but STUMEZE saved me the expense."

RECEIVED CAR LOAD FORDS.

The Harwell Motor Company received a car load of Ford autos Tuesday and reports another car load on the way, but many orders still will be on the order books of this company after these two loads are delivered to the purchasers.

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NEGROES LEAVE FOR ARMY.

Tuesday afternoon quite a crowd of the colored population met at the Santa Fe depot to see the five colored soldiers leave for Camp Travis, where they will be placed in their army duties.

THRILLS THREE AUDIENCES HERE

After delivering three lectures in Ballinger, Mrs. Virginia Marr Fine was appealed to for a fourth lecture. Those who heard became so thrilled and enthused that they wanted her to remain over another day and speak to what was pledged her an audience that would be larger than the first three combined audiences.

Mrs. Fine arrived here at noon Tuesday. She addressed an audience made up mostly of ladies at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. At eight o'clock Tuesday evening she addressed an audience of men and women, and Wednesday morning she visited the high school at the invitation of Scott H. Mack, chairman of the school board.

Mrs. Fine is campaigning in the interest of food conservation. Those who heard her will be void of all conscience if they violate food rules, and as one man said, "I don't see how a man can swallow wheat bread on wheatless day after hearing that talk."

Mrs. Fine recently visited Washington and spent some time consulting with the food administration. She has heard returned representatives from the European battlefields and received authentic information as to the conditions that prevail in Europe.

Those who heard the lady lecturer declare her address to be the best delivered here since America entered the war. She not only enthused those who heard her, but she proved herself to be familiar with the subject under discussion and delivered a message for the administration that is already bearing fruit.

After the lecture Tuesday night the food conservation work was put on a new basis here by electing chairman for various committees and these committees were instructed as to how to proceed with the work in a way to arouse the people to a greater activity in conserving food.

County Chairman Williams has been doing the work in what might be called a single handed way. Now he has a committee to which he can turn for help, this committee being composed of chairmen of the various phases of the work and is as follows, as was elected after the lecture Tuesday night:

- Publicity Committee Chairman, A. W. Sledge. Newspaper Committee Chairman, U. P. Melton. Cards and Posters Committee Chairman, F. D. George. Window Display Committee Chairman, J. D. Robinson. Demonstration Committee Chairman, Mrs. Scott H. Mack.

The various chairmen have been instructed as to the line of work they are expected to do. Mrs. Fine explained this in detail. The demonstration chairman will arrange for demonstration of foods which can be used as substitutes for wheat bread and wheat food, and call on others to assist her in this work.



"Patriotic" Muffins

2 tablespoons COTTOLENE 1/2 cup molasses 1/2 teaspoon salt (melted) 1 cup milk 1 cup graham flour 1 egg 1/2 cup white flour 1/2 cup rye flour 4 level teaspoons baking powder

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at whose store the demonstration is held will have the receipts printed and distributed free to those who visit the demonstration. The first demonstration will be held at the Higginbotham store next Saturday, and merchants are asked to volunteer to handle the demonstration at their stores from Saturday to Saturday.

The importance of food conservation will be put clearly before the public in every way possible, and those who do not readily realize that "food will win the war" and co-operate in the food conservation campaign will be placed in a class so commonly known as slackers.



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DROUTH AID AND HOW TO GET IT

The bill passed by the special session of the legislature just adjourned is ready for the benefit of those who wish to take advantage of the state offer to loan money at five per cent interest.

Like all propositions of this kind, some people had the idea that the state was going to send out a man to distribute money, grub and clothing to Dick, Tom and Harry, but a glance at the synopsis of the bill will remove this impression. There is considerable red tape for a man to unwind before he gets the cash, and he is tied up with a mortgage to which is attached a sworn statement showing the applicant for aid to be a pauper, and helpless.

The following synopsis of the drouth aid law will give the prospective borrower an idea of how he must proceed to get the cash:

"Counties are authorized thru their commissioners' courts to purchase seed and feed for farmers unable to buy it, for the cultivation of not more than 60 acres of land for each family. It is the intent of the law that relief shall go only to bona fide farmers who actually need it, and not to those who are able to care for themselves otherwise. To secure seed and feed, the farmer must file with the county clerk an application, under oath, giving the number of acres he intends to plant, with their location and ownership, the kind and quantity of seed and feed needed, and the number of work animals necessary to make the crop. The application must state that he has not the seed and feed and cannot otherwise procure it, and that he will use it only for making crop on the land named and that none of it will be sold or stored. He must also list in his personal and real property with incumbrances or liens, if any, and state what he owes and to whom. The length of time he has lived in the county and the post office address of his former residence must also be stated. The idea is that the commissioners' court shall have the same knowledge of the facts in extending relief that the banker has in making loans. No applications may be received after September 1, 1918. Blank application forms are furnished by the Governor.

The applications are passed on by the commissioners' court, and the county clerk issues an order to the farmer for the seed and feed allotted him, taking from him a signed contract, in duplicate, to pay the county the cost of what he receives with 5 per cent interest, on or before December 1st, next, with 10 per cent additional for attorney's fees if suit must be brought for collection. The duplicate of the contract is filed as a chattel mortgage and becomes a lien against the crop, and the original is turned over to the tax collector to whom the payment is made.

Punishment is provided for false statements in the application for relief, and for using the seed and feed for other purposes than those specified.

The state aid is intended to supplement the county aid, and becomes available up to \$30,000 after the county has used as much of its own funds as it is justified in doing. Relief is given only for the 1918 crop, but in the event of crop failure from causes over which the farmer has no control the time of his contract for repayment may be extended on approved security being given, and the county is required to repay the amount borrowed from the state in two years.

If you have oil land for lease or production. See or write John H. Kegans & Son, Eastland, Texas. 13-234w-pd.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HERE 13TH

The boys' clubs from all over the county, and also the girls' canning and poultry clubs, will meet in a great joint rally in Ballinger on April 13.

There will be speakers from the college, songs, and other features that will make the day both pleasant and profitable for our young folks.

There are now about eight hundred in these various clubs in this county—a record not yet reached by any other county of our population. Rannels leads in this as in everything else.

We urge that the parents bring the youngsters, and help them shout for our county, for food production, and for the old flag. The teachers are especially expected to come with their schools.

Remember the date—Saturday, April 13. We will meet at the court house at one o'clock.

D. F. Eaton, County Agent.
L. S. Bird, Ass't. Co. Agent.
Mrs. Genie Cameron, Home Demonstration Agent.

Mrs. Woodward, of San Angelo who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Kate Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corum the past week, returned home Saturday at noon.

Croup?

Have this effective remedy at hand for croupy children. It's thankful relief. Pleasant to take. Mildly laxative. Sold by all druggists.

Dr. King's Discovery for Coughs & Colds

Constipation Causes Sickness. Don't permit yourself to become constipated, as your system immediately begins to absorb poison from the backed-up waste matter. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and keep well. There is no better safeguard against illness. Try it tonight. All druggists.

NOTICE.

Have PolandChina male for service, \$1.50. R. D. Davis, South Ballinger. 20-144w-pd

E. M. Barnes, of Abilene, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Friday.

D. L. Aeree left Friday afternoon for Winniewood, Okla., where he has accepted a responsible position with a Lumber company of that city.

THE GREAT WAR HAS MADE CIGARETTES A NECESSITY.

"Our boys must have their smokes. Send them cigarettes!" This is a familiar appeal now to all of us.

Among those most in demand is the now famous "toasted" cigarette—LUCKY STRIKE. Thousands of this favorite brand have been shipped to France. There is something homelike and friendly to the boys in the sight of the familiar green packages with the red circle.

This homelike, appetizing quality of the LUCKY STRIKE cigarette is largely due to the fact that the Burley tobacco used in making it has been toasted. "It's toasted" was the "slogan" that made a great success of LUCKY STRIKE in less than a year. Now the American Tobacco Co. is making 15 million LUCKY STRIKE Cigarettes a day.

A good part of this immense production is making its way across the water to cheer our boys.

LEWIS HOME EAST OF WINTERS BURNS

News was received in Ballinger Thursday night stating that the home of Mrs. John Henry Lewis was destroyed by fire some time Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis lived six or eight miles west of Winters and owned a nice country home, well improved.

The destruction of the home was reported to Elmer Shepperd, who carried insurance on both the home and its contents to the amount of \$1200, the house being insured for \$800 and the furniture for \$400. Mr. Lewis took out the insurance just two years ago, the policy being written for three years.

The origin of the fire will probably never be known. The family was away from home at the time, having gone to Winters. They left home about one o'clock and the house was burned during their absence. Everything in the house, including the piano, was destroyed.

The loss falls hard on Mrs. Lewis. It will be remembered that she lost her husband a few days after Christmas, he having died very suddenly from the effects of pneumonia.

GIRLS! HAVE A MASS OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR, SOFT, GLOSSY, WAVY

A small bottle destroys dandruff and doubles beauty of your hair.

Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine your can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference—how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

OIL ACTIVITY IN COKE COUNTY

T. J. Webb of Tennyson, Rannels county, was here this week en route to his home after attending the Cattleman's Convention at Dallas. When asked whether there was any oil activity in his section, the well known cattleman said "Yes, lots of it." He added that much of his land is under lease, and that he had left his business for several days and assisted in securing leases covering 12,000 acres, which were given in exchange for a drilling contract backed up by a \$10,000 bond. "We don't want any cash bonuses—we want a deep oil well, and are going to get it," he said. —Brownwood Bulletin.

STEPHENS MAKES GOOD IN HOUSE

Representative Stephens returned from Austin Wednesday night, where he had been to attend the special session of the legislature. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Stephens who spent most of the time in Austin during the time Mr. Stephens was there.

When queried as to whether he would offer for re-election, Mr. Stephens hesitated, and declined to state positively that he would be in the race. He expressed a desire to let the people say whether he should be sent back to represent this district in the regular session of the legislature which will convene in January of next year. His friends, however, are freely expressing a desire for him to return, and in all probability he will be a candidate.

Mr. Stephens was very fortunate in succeeding a man in the legislature who was popular with the old members, and with the speaker of this house, and through this popularity he fell heir to places on some of the most important committees. Mr. Stephens stated that Wallace Hawkins was very popular with the older members of the house, and Mr. Stephens soon gained the confidence and had the assistance of the older members in "getting on to the ropes," and getting a start that made it easy for him to do effective work.

While they did not bear his name, some of the most important bills passed carried amendments offered by Mr. Stephens, the drafters of the bills accepting the amendment readily when it was offered before the bill was put before the house.

Representative Stephens says the special session was said to have been one of the most harmonious ever held, and measures presented were presented in such way that no time was lost in working out the weak places, the bills being thoroughly considered by the committees, and presented in such shape as to receive speedy action.

Mr. Stephens answered practically every roll call, and his vote on all measures makes a good record for him. Since returning home many have congratulated him on the record made, and expressed a desire to see him re-elected.

SHEPHERD'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

For The Issuance of School Bonds THE STATE OF TEXAS—

County of Rannels.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 13th day of April 1918 at Eagle Branch Schoolhouse in Common School District No. 49 of this county, as established by order of the Board of County School Trustees of this County, of date the 18th day of February, a certified copy of which order is recorded in Vol. 1, Page 19-20 Record of School Districts of Rannels County, Texas to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax-paying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said Common School District in the amount of \$2000.00, the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100.00 each, numbered consecutively from one to twenty, both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date, with option of redemption after ten years, and bearing five per cent interest per annum, payable on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wood material in said district and to determine whether the Commissioners' Court of this County shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest of said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county, and who are resident property tax payers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered County Judge of this County on the 2nd of March 1918, and this in pursuance of

Dated the 21st of April 1918.

J. Sheriff R.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

The Perfect Laxative

is an ideal remedy for constipation. It is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that acts in an easy, natural manner, and is as safe for children as it is positively effective on the strongest constitution.

Sold in Drug Stores Everywhere

50 cts. (two sizes) \$1.00

A trial bottle can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 457 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois

ALL MEATLESS DAYS SUSPENDED FOR APRIL

The Food Administration has issued a bulletin lifting the ban on meat for April. Meat markets have been notified that they may resume business on Tuesdays as usual, and the public will be permitted to buy and eat meat on Tuesday during the month of April.

In lifting the embargo on meat for one month, the administration does not intend that the American people shall become heavy meat consumers again, but urges that they continue to conserve and economize in meats and fats. The need is greater than ever, but the throwing of many hogs and cattle on the market at this time makes it necessary that the administration take some steps to relieve what might prove a loss to the cattle and hog growers of the nation.

While the ban on meat has been removed for a month, people are urged to eat less wheat and more corn bread with their meat.

Whooping Cough.

Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy. It is excellent.

Mrs. Monroe Vogelsang left Friday afternoon for San Antonio to join her husband and will make their home in that city for the present.

Miss Maydell Rushing, who teaches near Winters, spent Saturday with her parents and friends of South Ballinger.

MOST GIRLS LOOK TO MAN'S SALARY

Dallas, Texas, April 1.—Six Dallas High School girls today told the United Press the kind of husbands they want.

"He must have a chummy roadster and earn \$5,000 a year, and he must be literary inclined."—Lois Boli.

"My man must earn \$7,000 a year. He must have a chummy roadster and not belong to any clubs."—Gladys Finks.

"He must be good looking and a fine dancer and earn at least \$10,000 a year."—Jewell Root.

"I want an ambitious man; his looks and earning capacity do not matter."—Cecile LaTaste.

"My man must have refinement and good morals; the rest can care of itself."—Hortense Heinenberg.

"I won't marry unless I can have either a lieutenant or a captain."—Rieta Bishop.

LEASE YOUR LAND FOR CASH

Samuel C. Harris, County Attorney will lease your land anywhere in Rannels county, and pay you cash, 25c per acre, per year, for five years—one-eighth oil and \$100.00 per well for gas wells. Come in and lease with him and get the cash when you sign your lease. THERE'S MONEY IN OIL, 9-W4tS4td-pd.

H. S. Murphy, of South Ballinger while transacting business in Ballinger Thursday, ordered the Banner-Ledger to continue to his address for the ensuing year.

PROSPERITY

Reflected by Stearns

Annual average depositors, as compared with the regular appointment to the examination will be held on April 16th. October 31, 1918, was held for the examination of the examination failed.

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What Your Bond Purchase Will Accomplish

The following figures give one a definite idea of what his or her loan to the Government by the purchase of Liberty Bonds will accomplish in used by the war department. One \$50 bond will buy trench knives, rifle company, or 23 hand grenades, or 14 rifle grenades, or 37 cases of surgical instruments for enlisted men's belts, or 10 cases of surgical instruments for officers' belts.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS



Locals About Our Soldier Boys

Building-up for the Spring Attack at the Front is a good deal like putting the body in condition for an invasion of the germs of grip, pneumonia or 'Spring fever' here at home.

PENN STUCK. It is not at all unusual for a pen to stick and putting it in the past say the pen stick. In this case Clinton B. Penn, provost sergeant, globe trotter, and man of keen ability was the one stuck this time.

Mrs. Henry Vandeventer and two children, left Saturday afternoon to visit Mr. Vandeventer at Camp Bowie for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gray, of the Crews country, were in the city Saturday to be with their son, who left in the afternoon to enter on his army duties at Camp Travis.

PEARLS GAIN BARA'S FAVOR

Miss Theda Bara has taken to pearls. Although she has a large amount of very beautiful jewelry of various sorts, she has decided that pearls are to be worn by her for an indefinite time to come.

Many great women of the world who had all sorts of jewelry, discarded all of their stones and used only pearls, and this seems to be the lot of Miss Bara.

She wore in 'The Rose of Blood' some new jewels that were ordered by her especially for the costume of this play.

Queen Theatre, Matinee and night, Thursday, April 11th.

Mrs. Jim McKinney, of Santa Anna, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit her father-in-law, C. W. McKinney and family a few days.

LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA. Mrs. Halehanser and daughter, Miss Mae left Wednesday afternoon for Modesta, Cal., to join Mr. Halehanser and make their future home in that section.

PRAYING FOR RAIN. The man who believes in praying for rain has an even break with the fellow who don't, and there is at least a showing of interest and a willingness to act on the part of the people who pray.

THEDA BARA IN 'THE DOWNFALL OF THE HOUSE OF BLOOD'. Two or three war aeroplanes will probably be brought here for the patriotic rally next Friday. At least steps have been taken to add this feature to the program.

Plans Perfected for Big Patriotic Program Friday

The committee in charge of the work of arranging details for the patriotic rally to be held at Ballinger Friday morning, and America's advent in the war will be appropriately celebrated here.

A CHILD GETS CROSS, SICK AND FEVERISH WHEN CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated clean little liver and bowels. If your little one's tongue is coated, it is a sure sign the stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

WAR TROPHIES TRAIN COMING TO BALLINGER

The people of Ballinger and surrounding country will have the privileges of seeing an exhibit of war trophies and relics that fill several cars of a special train which is due to arrive at Ballinger over the A. & S. at 9 o'clock on the morning of April 23.

Keeping Yourself Well

Run Down, Aching people need a good tonic that will send the blood tingling through the body, enrich it by improving the digestion, and clean it by expelling the waste matter.

BRING IN YOUR FINISHED MYSTERY

District Attorney W. U. Early and County Attorney A. E. Wilson are each in receipt of a peremptory letter from United States Attorney Odell urging that every individual found with a copy of 'The Finished Mystery' in his possession after due notice has been given be arrested and punishment meted out to them.

SOLDIER RETURNS TO CAMP TRAVIS

Walter O. Wheelless, returned to Camp Travis last Friday after a visit to his mother, Mrs. M. E. Wheelless, of the Hatchel country.

STOPS STREET SPRINKLING

A. T. Campbell has been compelled to stop street sprinkling on account of the short supply of water, but says he expects to get water from a well in the Woods Grocery Store building and will begin upon his job in a day or two.

The people throughout this county are invited to visit the train and see the exhibit of war trophies and machinery. No charges will be made, and those who miss visiting the train will miss an opportunity of learning something of the instruments of the great world war.

GIRLS! WHITEN SKIN WITH LEMON JUICE

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well.

W. D. Flanagan, of the Valley Creek was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and ordered The Daily Ledger to his address.

FOR COUNTY CLERK W. C. McCARVER

To the Voters of Runnels County: In making my announcement for County Clerk and asking the citizenship for their support, I trust that it will not be amiss here for me to express my appreciation for many past favors.

COMMISSIONERS QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Table with columns for Class, Fund, and Balance. Includes entries for 1st Class, Jury Fund, 2nd Class, R. & B. Fund, 3rd Class, General County Fund, etc.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—Two or three pigs or shoats. Write or phone George Englert, Route A, Ballinger. 1d1w

Send for

Swift & Company's 1918 Year Book

It shows that Swift & Company sells the meat from a steer for less money than the live steer cost!


Proceeds from the sale of the hide, fat, and other by-products covered all expense of dressing, refrigeration, freight, selling expense and the profit of \$1.29 per steer as shown by Swift & Company's 1917 figures as follows:

Average price paid for live cattle per steer	\$84.45
Average price received for meat	68.97
Average price received for by-products	24.09
Total received	93.06
This leaves for expenses and profit	8.61
Of which the profit per steer was	1.29

There are many other interesting and instructive facts and figures in the Year Book.

We want to send our 1918 Year Book, to anyone, anywhere — free for the asking. Address Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



Merchants Vote Unanimous In Adopting New Closing Time

A mass meeting of the business men was called late Friday afternoon and the matter of complying with the new time in adopting business hours was settled in short order. The meeting was made up of representative business men, most of the firms being represented, and the early closing hour was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order and stated its object. The first vote was unanimous for complying with the majority rule in passing on the question. Then the question of conforming with the new hours for conducting business was put up to a vote and carried unanimously.

This means that the closing hours for business houses in Ballinger will remain at six o'clock, which when compared with the present time means five o'clock. This will release all business men and employees one hour earlier than at present but the hour will be six o'clock new time for closing.

The banks, post office and schools will open one hour earlier by old time, but it will be the same hour by new time. Merchants are at liberty to open their places of business when they see fit, but according to the agreement unanimously entered into at the mass meeting the early closing hour will be observed.

The motion to adopt the early closing hour carried with the request made by the government concerning the merchant who fails to comply with the majority, which says, "In communities, cities, and towns where an overwhelming majority of the business establishments by mutual consent agree to close and one merchant or a small selfish minority refuse and continue for the self evident purpose of taking advantage of the loyal and patriotic majority, a strong committee should promptly endeavor to bring into cooperation, but failing therein should report the matter to the government."

Those who declined to attend the mass meeting Friday afternoon will be expected to comply with the action of those who did attend, or the above rule will be applied.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The wretched combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

All Druggists 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

EYES FOR U. S. NAVY.

J. T. Moreland, one of the prominent young farmers of the river country southeast of Ballinger, was transacting business in the city Monday and was just in receipt of a letter from the navy department at Washington in acknowledgment of the receipt of binoculars for the U. S. navy sent by Mr. Moreland a short while ago, and says: Your prompt and patriotic response to the navy's call for binoculars, telescopes and spy-glasses, is much appreciated. The glasses will be very useful in the prosecution of naval operations until victory is won. They will be returned to you at the close of the war and we feel sure you will feel proud of the knowledge that you have done your part in supplying eyes for the navy during this very trying period. Signed, D. F. Roosevelt, Asst. Sec. of the Navy."

Keeping Our Soldiers Strong

Early in the world war experience proved the extraordinary value of cod liver oil for strengthening soldiers against colds, pneumonia and lung troubles.

Thousands of Our Soldiers are Taking

SCOTT'S EMULSION

Because it Guarantees the Purest Norwegian Cod Liver Oil high in food value and rich in blood-making properties.

Scott's will strengthen you against winter sickness. Beware of Alcoholic Substitutes.

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.

JUDGE SMITH RETURNS FROM EL PASO COURT

Judge M. C. Smith returned home Friday night from El Paso, where he went to submit a case in the court of civil appeals, the case being that of the F. & M. Bank, appellants vs. D. M. Cameron, et al, appellees, and which was transferred from the Austin court to the El Paso court on appeal from the district court of this county.

Judge Smith was absent from Ballinger all the week, but reports a very pleasant trip to the gateway city of Texas, and says notwithstanding the unprecedented drought that prevails, he found El Paso a busy city, and war enthusiasm at a high pitch. From Abilene to El Paso the country is nothing but a desert, according to Judge Smith, no rain of any consequence having fallen for many months.

Judge Smith spent three days in El Paso attending court, and submitted the case in which he is interested and expects to get a ruling from the court within the usual time.

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SIX MEN LEAVE FOR CAMP TRAVIS

The local board mobilized six registrants here Friday afternoon and Saturday the men entrained for Camp Travis. This completes Rannels county's quota for the first draft of white men. Five negroes will be sent out next Tuesday completing the entire quota called for in the first draft.

FARMER WOOD

W. B. Wood, who had been assisting his son-in-law, Porter Murray on his farm in the Houghton & Roberson ranch section, reports an inch of rain at that place Wednesday night and the water holes filled and moisture enough to bring up 40 acres of maize they had planted.

G. B. Nixon, of the same section reports an inch of rain on his place and a considerable amount of stock water was put out.

Charlie Wimberly of the Crews country passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home from Ft. Worth where he had been on cattle business.

TIME WARRENTS PAY FOR ROAD MACHINERY

San Angelo, April 4.—Road machinery that Tom Green county purchased from the Avery Company of Texas and J. D. Adams & Company has been accepted finally by the commissioner's court sitting in special session. This action was taken Thursday afternoon after members of the court had witnessed several days' demonstration of the equipment and had been satisfied with its operation.

The court ordered that three warrants on the second class fund, of \$2,800 each, be issued to the Avery Company of Texas payable on February 15, 1919, 1920 and 1921, and that three warrants be issued to J. D. Adams & Company, amounting to \$752.66 payable on February 15, 1919, and \$752.67 payable on February 15, 1920, and on February 15, 1921. The warrants will bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

In order to provide for the payment of the warrants aggregating \$10,025 and the accumulated interest thereon, the court ordered that a special road and bridge tax 3 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation be levied, assessed and collected out of the regular fifteen cents road and bridge tax.

If I Were A Farmer.

If I were a farmer I would keep at hand a few reliable medicines for minor ailments that are not so serious as to require the attention of a physician, such as Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds and croup.

Chamberlain's Liniment for sprains and bruises and rheumatic pains.

Chamberlain's Tablets for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. By having these articles at hand it would often have the trouble of a trip to town in the busiest season or in the night and would enable me to treat slight ailments as soon as they appear, and thereby avoid the more serious diseases that so often follow.

COMMITTEE MEETING FOR 17TH CONGRESSIONAL DIST.

Abilene, Texas, March 28.—I hereby call a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee for the 17th Congressional District of Texas, to meet at the Court House in Abilene, Texas, at nine o'clock a. m. Monday, April 8, 1918, to elect a District Chairman for the new 17th Congressional District of Texas. On August 26, 1916, at Sweetwater, Texas, I was duly elected District Chairman of the District embracing the Counties of Nolan, Taylor, Rannels, Concho, Jones, Callahan, Shackelford, Eastland, Stephens and Palo Pinto, but under the late apportionment the Legislature has placed the above counties in the new 17th District, leaving it without a District Chairman, it embracing also the Counties of Coleman, Brown, Comanche, Mills, McCulloch, Lampasas, San Saba, Burnett and Llano.

W. H. Cockrell.

Sam Farmer of Miles, J. M. Burson and Joe Vineyard, of the Crews country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Dr. Dixon, wife and two little sons, of Wingate, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Thursday afternoon.

SOLDIER REMEMBERS HOSPITALITY HERE

Newport News, Va., 3-23.
 Mr. G. M. Vaughn, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Friend:

You probably think I have forgotten you and Mrs. Vaughn and the kind hospitality shown me while taking Lonnie's course of training. I haven't, however, nor shall I ever forget it. I am sure that it was through the liberality, that has always been one of the chief characteristics of the citizens of Ballinger, that several of the Rannels county boys, including myself, have been as successful as we have in our short military career. Our little bit of training gave us an advantage on the start, and we have tried to, and have, I believe, kept the advantage given us by our few days of drill which Mr. Cohen, through his sincere interest in the welfare of his friends and country, gave us.

As things are I am a sergeant in the 513 Engineers corps, but if it had not been for the small knowledge of drill we got at home I am reasonably sure I would have gone to Fort Worth with most of the boys and wouldn't have had the chance I have had for promotion.

We came here on the 9th of this month. Left Camp Travis on the 5th. Had a nice trip and saw quite a lot of interesting things. At least they were interesting to a western man who knows practically nothing of the eastern country and large rivers. Newport News is a fairly good city, but it isn't so nice and modern as our western cities. In fact I have seen nothing here or en route that looked as good as Texas.

As far as I can see the morale and condition of our armies in every respect is good, and will remain so; for the soldiers and civilian population all realize the justice of our cause and the absolute necessity of winning the war. If we were fighting a war of conquest and hate under the compulsion of cold blooded, heartless rulers, it would be different. But besides being a duty it is a grand privilege that we as participants have, and are backed by a great Democratic government and the leadership of a conscientious, christian president.

We are the best fed, best clothed and best quartered bunch of men in the world, and are happy and contented under the present circumstances, and don't realize so far that we have made much sacrifice for our country. But we sympathize with you people at home, who are constantly worried with meanness, wheatless and eatless days, and who can only buy sugar in small quantities. We fully realize that the civilians are making equally as much sacrifice in our nation's supreme hour of trial as we are, and when we go over we are going to show our appreciation by doing everything in our power to accomplish the aims and reach the objective of our nation.

Accept for yourself and Mrs. Vaughn my kind regards and best wishes and tell friends my memories of them are all pleasant.

Sincerely your friend,
 U. S. Heavenhill.

GRAND FATHER McALPINE.

E. L. McAlpine received a phone message Thursday morning from his wife who is with their daughter, Mrs. S. T. Clemens at Spur, Texas, announcing the arrival of a 10 pound baby boy at the home of their daughter, and says mother and baby are doing well. Grand Pa McAlpine is proud of his new volunteer grand son to help him whip the kaiser.

R. L. Mosley, of the Wintetrs country passed through Ballinger Friday en route to Waco on a business trip.

County Attorney S. C. Harris returned home Saturday morning from San Angelo, where he had been looking after legal business in the District court.

"See 'Gets-It' Peel Off This Corn."

Leaves the Toe as Smooth as the Palm of Your Hand.

The corn never grew that "Gets-It" will not get. It never irritates the flesh, never makes your toe sore, just two drops of "Gets-It" and presto! the corn-pain vanishes. Shortly you can peel the corn right off with your finger and there you are—pain-free and happy, with the toe as smooth and corn-free as your palm. "Gets-It" is the only safe way in the world to treat a corn or callus. It's the sure way—the way that never fails. It is tried and true—used by millions every year. It always works. "Gets-It" makes cutting and digging at a corn and fusing with bandages, salves or anything else entirely unnecessary. "Gets-It" is sold by all druggists (you need pay no more than 25 cents) or it will be sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

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 Rowena, Texas.

JUDGE KLEBERG TO JOIN THE COLORS

Letters received in Ballinger state that Judge M. Kleberg, former county judge of this county, and who has been living at Brownsville for some time, had moved his wife and baby to Galveston, where she was making her home with Judge Kleberg's relatives, and that the judge himself was arranging to join the colors. The information given The Ledger did not disclose what branch of the army Judge Kleberg was enlisting in, but he will no doubt make a full hand, as his services are being offered as a volunteer, he being out of the draft age.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oliver, of the Hatchel country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

TAKE PEPTIRON NOW

Needed in the Spring by Pale, Weak, Nervous People.

Peptiron is in the form of pills, chocolate-coated, pleasant to take, easily assimilated, and is the most successful combination of iron of which its makers, C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass., have any knowledge.

You must have an abundance of iron in your blood if you are to be keen, quick and fit in the battle of life, overcome obstacles and know no such thing as failure. For several reasons lack of iron in the blood is more noticeable in the Spring than at any other time.

Besides iron, Peptiron includes pepsin, nux, celery and other tonics, nerve helps and digestives. It gives strength, color and body to the blood; reddens pale cheeks, steadies the nerves, improves the digestion, nourishes and gives stamina to the whole body.

It is the tonic Spring medicine for you and for your family—especially good for spindling boys and girls. Take it this Spring.

BALLINGER STATE JOINS FED. BANK

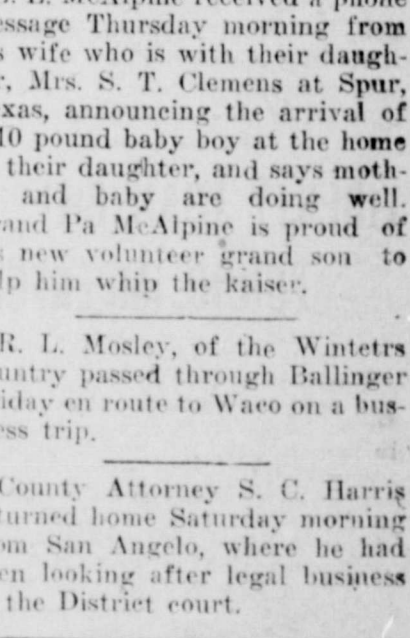
In response to the call of the government for the state banks to become members of the federal reserve banks, and by so doing assist the government in the war, the Ballinger State Bank became a member of the Federal Reserve Bank today.

Chas. S. Miller, president of the Ballinger State Bank, stated that his bank had complied with all the necessary steps to become a member of the Federal Reserve system, and that the proper per cent of its deposits had been placed with the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas.

In order to become a member of the Federal Reserve Bank, state banks must deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank seven per cent of its individual deposits and three per cent of its time deposits. This called for the transferring of more than \$13,000 of its deposits to the Federal Reserve Bank, and upon which the local bank does not get interest.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND
 Ladies! Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S PILLS. They are the only pills that will cure your troubles. Take no other. Buy your CHICHESTER'S PILLS from your DRUGGIST. CHICHESTER'S PILLS are sold by all druggists.



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CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* 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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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Transfers and Promotions for Boys at Camp Travis

First Class Private, James F. Owen, of Ballinger, on duty with Battery "A" 345th Field Artillery, received a three days' furlough to visit his parents.

Corporal E. L. James of the 45th Company 165th Depot Brigade has been transferred to the 15th Company 4th Battalion Depot Brigade.

Hans Gottschalk of Co. 58, 165th Depot Brigade whose home is near Winters has been made acting Mess Sergeant. Hans is a good fellow and every member of the company was glad to hear of his promotion.

"I wish that all the fathers and mothers who have sons at Camp Travis could have the opportunity of seeing the camp as I saw it," Governor R. L. Williams of Oklahoma has written Major General Allen, commanding the 90th Division. The sentiments of Governor Williams have been expressed just as many times as have the parents or friends of men at Camp Travis been able to visit the cantonment. They have been surprised, pleasantly surprised, at the surroundings, environment and training of men. Every person has gone away satisfied that those they love or are interested in are being given advantages that many have not had in their own homes, and advantages that might not have been possible if Uncle Sam had not become actively interested.

There is a decidedly erroneous impression among many that a special permit is necessary to visit the camp. This is not the case. The authorities at Camp Travis are very desirous that those persons interested in the camp and the soldiers visit when possible, that they may see the true American soldier in the making, that they may see the benefits accruing to those persons who are citizens of a democratic country.

Owing to the crowded condition of the hotels, boarding and rooming houses in San Antonio, it is to the interests of those contemplating visits to have their friends or relatives engage accommodations for them before they arrive. The soldiers at the camp are drilling every day, with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays. These are the best times to visit the camp.

The wish expressed in the letter of Governor Williams to General Allen was made after a most careful inspection of the camp in every particular. He came to Camp Travis interested in the welfare and the progress of the soldiers from Oklahoma. He looked into every detail of their training, into their food, their quarters, their personal condition and the environment, and he went away frankly surprised at what the United States was doing for its men.

Any person visiting Camp Travis can look into the kitchens, or the barracks. They can see the food served the men, and their friends are always at liberty to have them for a meal. They can see the men at their drills and recreation. They can visit the Camp Library and can visit the Y.M.C.A.'s about the camp where moving picture shows, talks, and church services are held for the men.

There is at Camp Travis a Hostess House. This building with its broad verandas and easy chairs offers an ideal meeting place and rest room for visitors to the camp. There is a cafeteria in connection with the Hostess House where light lunch is served. Visitors to Camp Travis are welcome at any time.

In order that a maximum of service may be obtained from all knitted garments furnished soldiers by the Red Cross and other societies and to do away with trafficking in these garments by unprincipled parties, all of these garments previously issued to the men are to be checked and when the cold weather is over, they will be collected, fumigated and packed away for service when the cold winds again blow. In the future the Quartermaster's Corps will handle the knitted goods for the soldiers, thereby insuring their safety and equal distribution. This does not mean that the soldiers will be deprived of them, but that with limited space for care and protection of them, many might otherwise be torn or injured.

The order is likewise to break down a bit of possible German propaganda work. That was the circulation of rumors that soldiers were selling breadstuffs the sweaters that willing workers had provided them, for amounts from 25c to 50c, far less than the price of the yarn itself. Under the new plan there will be no chance for consideration of such a rumor.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH RAPE GIVEN FREEDOM

Robert Doolley, a negro charged with assaulting and raping a German girl in the southern part of this county last July, was acquitted of the charge at San Angelo Friday afternoon. The case against the negro was transferred to Tom Green county last fall, and was called for trial at San Angelo Friday.

The state introduced four witnesses, the father of the girl, the girl, and Will Brown, another negro and his wife. After the state tested the defense asked the court to instruct the jury to render a verdict of not guilty, alleging that the evidence against the negro was not sufficient to sustain the charge. The court ruled and the negro was set free.

The case went to trial at one-thirty and the negro was given his liberty at four-thirty, but was later detained in jail for his own safety, the officers fearing that the friends of the girl might take the negro's life.

The negro was employed on the farm of the girl's father at the time of the alleged assault was made, the crime alleging to have been committed on July 16th. It was after the negro had left the country and on August 24th that the complaint charging him with rape was filed. Sheriff Perkins started a search that led him all over Texas, printing cards giving a description of the negro and mailing them to the sheriffs and other officers throughout the state. The negro was caught in east Texas and returned to this county, and the case later transferred to San Angelo. The negro has been in jail since his capture.

In reporting the trial of Robert Doolley, the negro who was charged with committing criminal assault on a white girl, the San Angelo Standard says: "Robert Doolley, negro, charged with criminal assault upon Lena Hoelcher, white girl at Rowena on July 16, 1917, was acquitted in the Tom Green county district court in San Angelo Friday afternoon. Attorneys for the defense filed a motion requesting the court to instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty after the state had examined only four witnesses and had closed its case."

Judge Debus took this action and Doolley was freed at 5:30 o'clock, four hours after he had gone to trial. Some twenty-five or thirty-five witnesses, the majority of them from Runnels county, were under the rule and were not in the court room when the verdict was announced, and there was no demonstration whatever. The prisoner had a few minutes previously been removed to the county jail.

Clement Hoelcher, Runnels county farmer and father of the girl, Lena Hoelcher, Will Brown, a negro, and his wife were the witnesses introduced by the state. The girl testified in substance to the same incidents related at the preliminary hearing given Doolley here in February. She said she was on the way to the maize shed at her father's farm when accosted by the negro, who choked her into unconsciousness with a leather strap. This, the girl testified was on July 16. The court sustained the defense's objection to testimony to subsequent assaults.

In the preliminary hearing, Lena Hoelcher testified that Doolley, after assaulting her on July 16, repeated his act on July 27 and August 21. It was following the third alleged incident that the girl told her parents of the negro's mistreatment. Doolley's arrest immediately followed.

"He was taken first to Ballinger and later brought to San Angelo for safe keeping. Habeas corpus proceedings secured him bond but this the negro made no effort to furnish. The court appointed attorneys to represent Doolley in his trial."

"The basis for the motion by the defense Friday was that the evidence introduced by the state was sufficient to substantiate the allegations made in the indictment, it being stated that there had been no testimony given to corroborate what Lena Hoelcher had testified."

W. O. Shultz and brother, Tom Shultz, of the Eden country, came in Wednesday, and Tom was placed in the Halley & Love sanitarium for an operation.

W. H. Rogers, C. Kornegay and Henry Bredemeyer, of Winters, J. W. Rhodes and J. B. Bass, of the Norton country, Frank Eckart, of the Miles county, and W. T. Vaughn, of Crook, were among the crowd in Ballinger First Monday.

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ATHLETIC HONORS GOES TO WINTERS

The county interscholastic meet held here Friday night and Saturday distributed honors among the schools on the final summing up. Ballinger won first place in spelling. Winters won first place in athletic honors in senior events and Ballinger won first in junior events.

The track meet consumed all of Saturday afternoon, the mile relay race being the last event called, and the fun ended after five o'clock and the large crowd here from the various schools of the county returned to their homes.

The meet was one of the most successful ever held here, and increased interest over previous meets was manifested. Enthusiasm among the school children and many patrons of the schools was intense and this feature for school work received a boost that promises still greater interest.

On account of the many entrances and the long list of events we can not give an individual score of the athletic meet, but when summed up by schools and classed by points totaled from all events the standing of the track meet is as follows:

- Winters, 39 points.
- Maverick, 28 points.
- Ballinger, 24 points.
- Miles, 7 points.
- Rowena, 5 points.

The above is the result of the senior athletic contest. In the junior contest, Ballinger won everything.

With the exception of senior boys declamation the Ballinger schools won first place in the interscholastic county debating and declamation contest held here Friday night. The contest was held in the large auditorium of the Methodist church, and every available seat in the building was occupied, and many people occupied standing room until they tired out and left, the program extending until about the midnight hour on account of the long list of contestants.

Scott H. Mack, Dr. W. B. Halley, Prof. Henry Todd, Judge J. W. Powell, and Mrs. E. E. Proctor were appointed as judges in the declamation contest, and awards were made as follows:

Junior Girls Declamation, Susie Hale, first.

Junior Boys Declamation, Buford Tidwell, first.

Senior Girls declamation, Kate Cockrell, first.

Senior Boys Declamation, Muri McCasland, of Winters, first.

As will be seen Ballinger won all but the last place.

Ballinger also won the debating contest, with Ulmer Bird and Elsie Brown as the debating team on the negative side, the judges declaring the negative the winners. The judges for the debating contest were Scott H. Mack, Prof. C. Garrett, and Rev. J. C. Stillion.

Those winning will go to San Angelo on April 13th to represent the county in the district contest. At the San Angelo meet contestants will be selected for the state meet at Austin.

Many of those who came here to attend the declamation and debating contest Friday night remained over to attend the spelling contest and track meet Saturday.

The spelling contest was held at nine o'clock Saturday morning. Blanch Harding, of Norton, winning.

- ### SENIOR BOYS TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS
- 125 Yard Hurdles
 - No. 1. Todd, Maverick, Time 15:13.
 - No. 2. O'Kelly, Ballinger, 100 Yard Dash.
 - No. 1. Percy Ritch, Winters.
 - No. 2. George Peters, Miles.
 - No. 3. Lawton Briley, Winters.
 - No. 4. Leslie Alexander, Winters, 220 Dash.
 - No. 1. Lawton Briley, Winters, Time, 25:14.
 - No. 2. Bob King, Ballinger.
 - No. 3. Alexander, Winters.
 - No. 4. Jesse Briley, Winters.
 - Shot Put
 - No. 1. Slaughter, Maverick, 41 ft. 6 in.
 - No. 2. Clainstain, Ballinger, 38 ft. 10 in.
 - No. 3. Todd, Maverick, 35 ft. 1 in.
 - No. 4. Clainstain, Ballinger, 34 ft. 10 in.
 - Broad Jump
 - No. 1. Percy Ritch, Winters, 18 ft. 11 in.
 - No. 2. Geo. Peters, Miles, 18 ft. 8 in.
 - No. 3. King, Ballinger, 18 ft. 11 in.
 - No. 4. O'Kelly, Ballinger, 17 ft. 6 in.
 - Relay Race
 - 1st Place, Winters, Lawton Briley, Leslie Alexander, Jesse Briley and Percy Ritch.
 - 2nd, Ballinger, O'Kelly and King.

- ### Results Interscholastic Meet
- Girls Declamation Contest, winners
 - No. 1. Susie Hale, Ballinger.
 - No. 2. Thelma Ursell, Winters.
 - No. 3. Enra Bill, Drasco
 - Boys Declamatory Contest Winners
 - No. 1. Buford Tidwell, Ballinger.
 - No. 2. Elton White, Winters.
 - No. 3. Urbany Vosse, Miles.
 - Senior Girls Declamatory Contest
 - No. 1. Kate Cockrell, Ballinger.
 - No. 2. Bernice Griffith, Winters.
 - No. 3. May T. Albright, Miles.
 - Senior Boys Declamatory Contest
 - No. 1. Muri McCasland, Winters.

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I am sincere! My medicine does not upset liver and bowels so you lose a day's work.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system. When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for a few cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate. Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children as well.

- ### GOTTSCHALK NOT READY FOR BOND
- No steps have been taken to secure bond for Richard Gottschalk charged with assault with intent to murder, the trouble being the result of a difficulty between Gottschalk and Chas. Grant at Winters more than a week ago.
- Word from San Angelo states that after waiving examining trial on charge of violating the espionage act, Gottschalk was remanded to jail. The charge of violating the espionage act was filed in the federal court at San Angelo, and the other charge was filed in the district court of this county.
- The latest report from Chas. Grant says he is able to be up and is getting along nicely. Friends of the wounded man made up a purse to pay doctor bills and defray other expenses incurred by Grant as a result of the unfortunate trouble.
- A little later it is expected that Gottschalk will take steps to secure bond and be released on the charges filed in this county, and if bond is granted he will be held under bond to await the action of the grand jury. In all probability the federal charge at San Angelo will be disposed of before the case in this county is taken up.

WARNING—KEEP OUT!

The same is hereby warned against hunting, fishing, picnicking, or trespassing in any way upon my land located on Mustang, east of Ballinger. Trespassers have been causing me trouble and I must forbid any one entering my pastures. Keep out and avoid trouble. ditto! Mrs. H. Vandevanter.

MISS GERTIE'S TRIP

Miss Gertie Thelie, of Miles, who is the manager of the Miles Messengers under the new ownership, and Misses Lovelace and Catherine Crum and Laurie and Dot McKinley, were among the number of Ballinger Saturday to attend the county track meet.


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F. L. Gessett, who had been spending the past five or six months on his son's ranch near Roswell, N. M., came in Saturday night to spend a while with his family. He came in other company composed with Ballinger and Runnels county, in his estimation.

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"In our home it's Pecan Valley Peanut Butter"



Daddy likes it. The kiddies thrive on it; and in fact, I wouldn't have any other.

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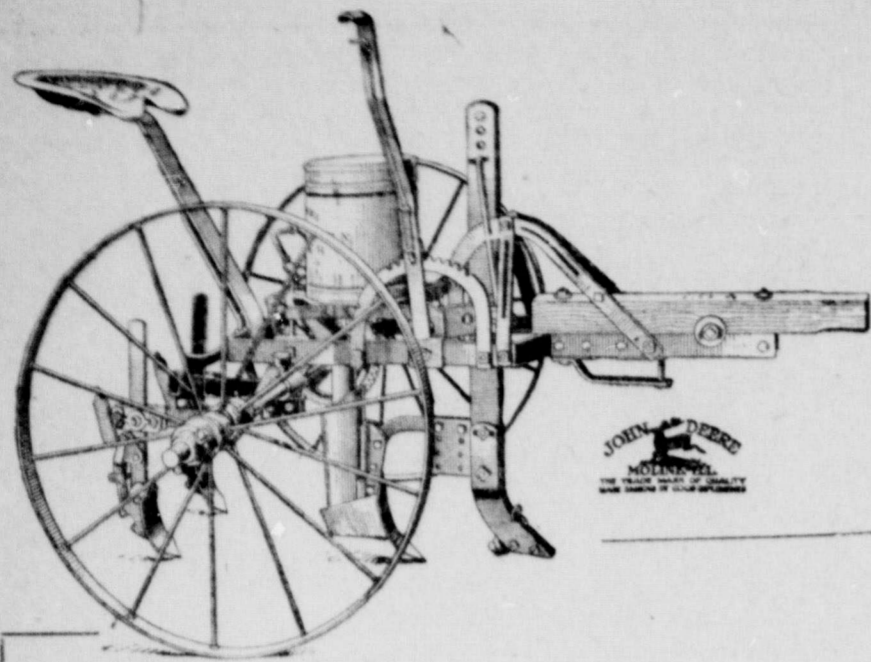
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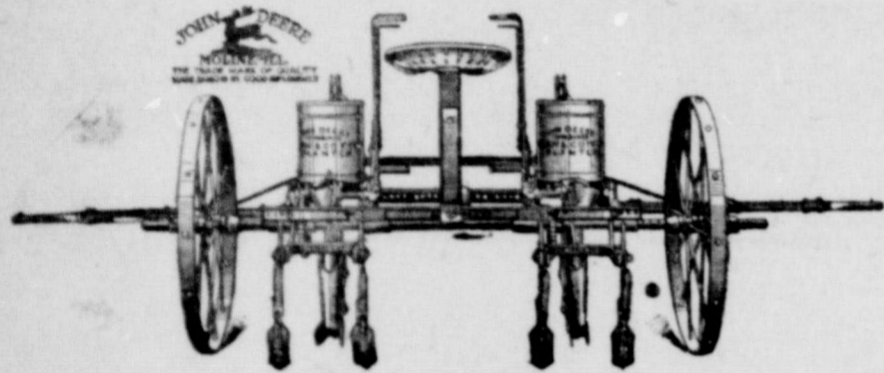
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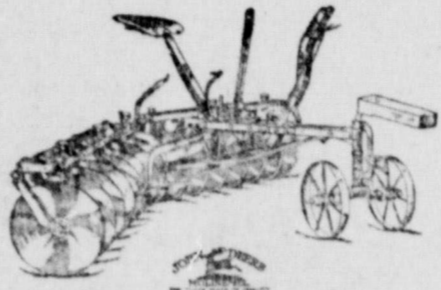
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WE KNOW the needs of our farmer friends, and are prepared to supply them promptly. The John Deere name on a farm implement means that it is the best and guaranteed both by us and the manufacturer to be just as represented, to be made of the best materials throughout, to be absolutely correct in design and to do the work for which it is intended in a perfectly satisfactory manner.



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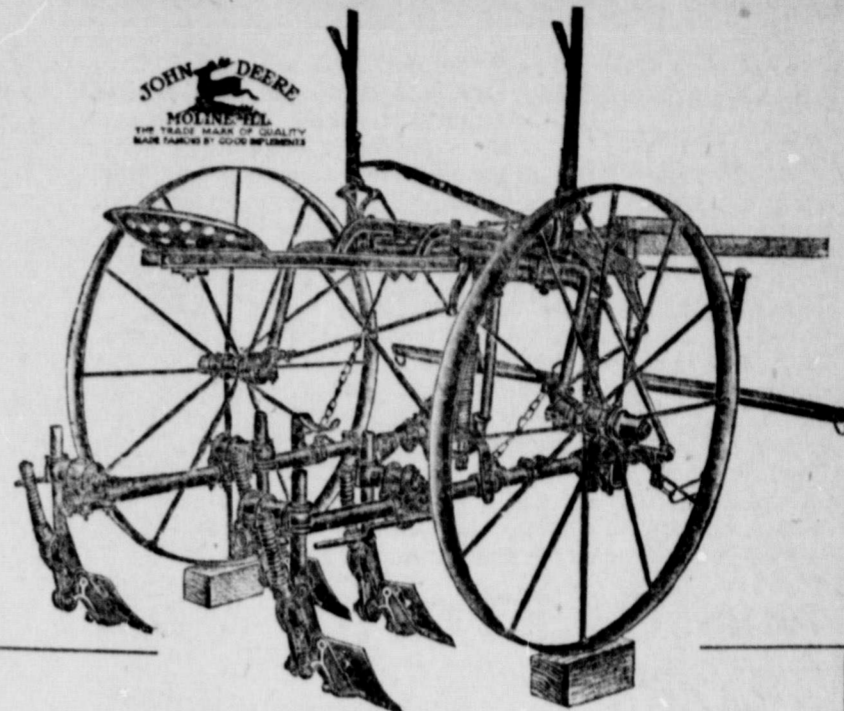
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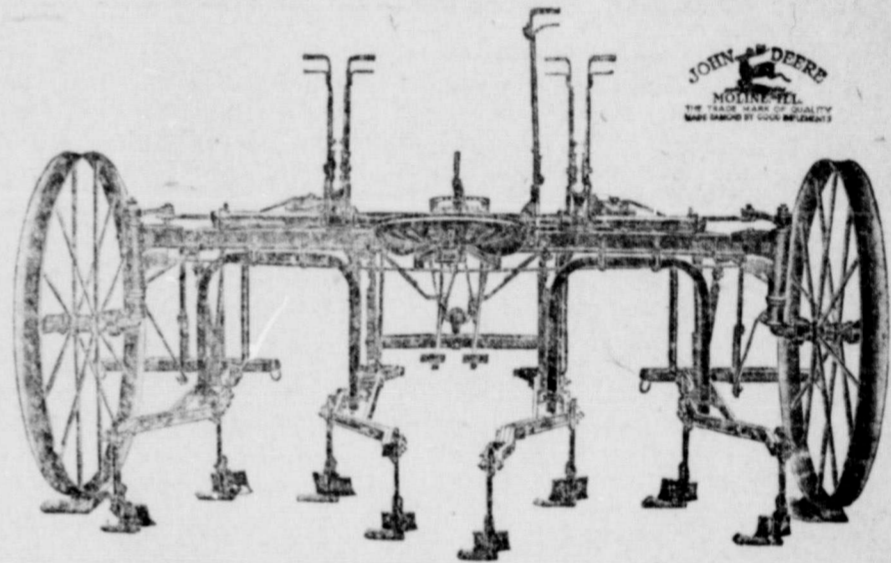
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ANOTHER SPEAKE FOR PATRIOTIC RALLY HERE

Judge O. L. Parish, County chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, received a telegram from State Chairman Hoopes, of Dallas, Wednesday, stating that Hon. W. P. Gibbs would speak here Friday afternoon. Judge Parish sent Mr. Hoopes a telegram several days ago requesting that he send a speaker for the rally, and asked that he send a good one. This gives the local committee in charge of the rally two good speakers, and it is predicted that patriotism will be at a high pitch here Friday. Dr. Bizzell is the other speaker for the occasion.

The rally has been staged in celebrating America's entrance into the war, and many people are expected to come here to join Ballinger in the county wide celebration. A parade of several hundred school children will be a feature of the program. Old Glory will be popular on this occasion and if you do not own a flag you had better get one now.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Setser and daughter, of Norton, came in Tuesday to visit Master Buster Setser, who came in at noon from Humble, Texas, to visit his grand parents a few weeks. Ross Setser, father of Buster, now holds a position in the oil fields at Humble.

UNCLE SAM CALLS FOR MORE EMPLOYEES

San Angelo, April 3.—The United States civil service commission, through C. A. Shuford, clerk in San Angelo, has announced the following examinations to be held here at early dates:

April 9.—Examination for organic and physical chemist, male, \$1,800 to \$2,500.

April 19.—Examination for clerk with knowledge of stenography or typewriting, for departmental service; salary, \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year.

April 22.—Examination for applications for field service in Texas or Louisiana; annual pay, \$1,000 to \$1,200. Men or women eligible. Also examination for construction draftsmen, male; salary \$1,400 to \$2,000 per year; superintendent of gun-firing plant, male; salary, \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year; investigator in bulk grain handling, male; salary, \$2,000 to \$2,500; negative cutter, male or female, \$1,100 to \$1,200; registrar, male and female, \$1,200 to \$2,400; assistant in fermentation mycology, female, \$1,200.

April 23 and 24.—Examination for law clerk, stenographer and typewriter, \$1,000 to \$1,400; scientific assistant, \$1,200 to \$1,800.

April 24.—Examination for field and laboratory aid in plant

pathology, male and female, \$720 to \$1080.

April 24 and 25.—Examination for scientific assistant in marketing, \$1,200 to \$1,800.

April 30.—Tabulating mechanic, male, \$1200 to \$1400 also examinations for inspector of erecting work, male, \$5.04 per day; junior mechanical engineer, male, \$1500 to \$1800; apprentice draftsmen, male, coast and geodetic survey, \$60 per month and \$1 and \$2 per day for expenses; inspector of machinery and machine tools, male, \$1,600 to \$2,000; steel plant clerk, machining plant clerk, ammunition, loading plant clerk, male and female, expert radio aid, male, \$7.04 a day.

"Person seven moderately proficient in stenography or typewriting who would like government employment should apply at once for application blanks, as these opportunities may not be offered again soon," says the local official.

Mrs. R. Silvy and little daughter of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to the Pony Creek country to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McShann, and family, a week or two.

Dr. Smith of Talpa, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Ed McAulay and W. A. Glenn, of the Maverick country, and Jno. Alexander, of the Miles country, were among the business visitors of Ballinger Thursday.

TOOK ONE BOX, MR. BAKER SAYS PEP PILLS FINE

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Dear Sirs: I am mailing P. O. money order for one dollar (\$1.) Please send me by return mail one box of Pep Systematic Pills and oblige. Yours truly, E. E. BAKER.

P. S.—Have taken one box. Think they are fine.

This is only one of the numerous letters we receive from grateful users telling us how much they are benefitted by their use. Pep Systematic Pills are for sale at Weeks Drug Store and other good druggists.

W. A. Forgay of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to Valera, where he will visit relatives a few days and will go on to Marlin Wells for the benefit of rheumatism.

BRITISH PRIZE FIGHTER DEAD

London, April 3.—Charley Mitchell, former English middle-weight prize fighter champion, died at Brighton today.

Mrs. A. A. Baker, mother of Mrs. P. F. Calloway, who had been visiting at San Angelo, returned home Wednesday morning and was accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Basonett, of Eugene, Oregon, who will visit here between trains en route home.

W. C. Barrett, of the Norton country, and M. D. Smith, of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

M. V. Browder, of Decatur, who had been visiting relatives in this section left Wednesday afternoon to visit at Brownwood a few days before going on home.

Madams J. R. Lusk and Scott Mack returned home Wednesday at noon from Coleman, where they had been to attend the Ladies Federated Club meeting and reports a very pleasant occasion. The other ladies of our city who attended the club meeting will return home tonight.

Mrs. G. A. Beaumont and two children of San Saba, came in at noon Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Tom Ward and family a week or two.

Mrs. Clay Browder and children of the Miles country, who had been visiting her father, Sheriff Perkins, and family, returned home Wednesday at noon.

10 CENT "CASCARETS" BEST LAXATIVE FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't Stay constipated, headachy, bilious, with breath bad or stomach sour

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from a cold, constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets.

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A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

ATTEND FEDERATED CLUB MEETING

Madams Dan Moser Jr., J. R. Lusk, Scott Mack and Miss Lucile Powell, left Tuesday morning for Coleman to attend the meeting of the Ladies Federated clubs of the six districts which convened in that city this morning.

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