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### Bathing War Children Pleasure for Nurses

Note.—The following is the second of the special article by W. S. Forrest, manager of the Paris bureau of the United Press, telling of the work of the Red Cross at Toul, France, in caring for hundreds of French children rescued from homes within the danger zone in France. The third and last of the series will appear Saturday.—EDITOR.

By W. S. FORREST.  
Toul, France, Nov. 16. (By Mail).—Bathing, cleansing, dressing and nursing little French war children rescued from under the German guns should be a pleasure for any true American girl, in the opinion of Miss Julia Norton, South Arange, N. J., pretty Vassar graduate of the Class of 1916, and a volunteer helper in the big refugee children's camp here today.

Miss Norton arrived from America a short time ago and volunteered personally for Red Cross work in Paris. She was immediately accepted and sent to the "Asile Caserne de Luxembourg" near Toul where French and American authorities were hurriedly exaucating French babies to safety from the German gas shells thrown into the villages along the battle line.

Several hundred children were rushed into the Caserne in a single day and then came the colossal job of bathing, exterminating the living things that inevitably inhabit humans who've lived in caves for months and combating the skin diseases also inevitable from such conditions.

Bathing one child every five minutes was the record of Miss Norton and other nurses who tackled the big job. Once bathed the children were turned over to the American doctors who despatched them as fast as possible and sent them to get their first good meal and good bed they had known for months. Some were so young that they had known nothing else but the horrible ruins and caves from which they were rescued.

"There is a fascination in the work" said Miss Norton today. "Some of these children had never had a bath. They were terrified when stripped and poised over a big bath tub. Some screamed and struggled, but they were put (Continued on Last Page.)"

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### Registered Men Cannot Volunteer After Today

Beginning tomorrow voluntary enlistments in the United States army, of registered men will be forbidden, except as to certain medical and dental students.

Uncle Sam will select his fighting men from the list of nine million men who on tomorrow will answer 148 searching questions the answers to which will determine his liability to military service.

The questionnaire automatically revokes all exemptions and discharges under the first draft. Failure to return his answers in seven days, after he receives the questions, makes the registrant liable to a year in prison. Mailing of the list by the local board constitutes legal notice to the registrant. His failure to receive it does not excuse him.

The questions are framed to draw out every bit of information that may be of value to the board in filing the class to which a man is to be assigned. No detail of the status of dependents, or of possible or actual outside sources of income has been overlooked.

The registrant, after filling in the inside of his questionnaire, indicates on the front the class to which he believes he should be assigned. If the board agrees, there is no further action necessary by either party until the individual comes due for military service and is called up for physical examination. If the board disagrees and places the registrant in another class, the machinery for appeal to the district board is set in motion automatically.

Of the nine million men who will receive the lengthy questionnaire it is estimated two million will be assigned to the first class and subject to duty with the colors before any man in any other class is called. The first class will be made up of the following:

(A) Single man without dependent relatives.  
(B) Married man, with or without children, or father of motherless children, who has habitually failed to support his family.

(C) Married man dependent on wife for support.

(D) Married man, with or without children, or father of motherless children; man not usefully engaged, family supported by income independent of his labor.

(E) Unskilled farm laborer.

(F) Unskilled industrial laborer. Registrant by or in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made. Registrant who fails to submit questionnaire and in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made.

All registrants not included in any other division in this schedule.

Legal and medical boards in every community will aid registrant in making his answers. He will indicate in what occupations he considers himself expert and from that list it is supposed to create separate groups of men trained in any particular trade or profession should the need arise for them.

The men will be divided into five classes. The fifth composed of the following will be exempted or discharged from draft.

(A) Officers, legislative, executive, or judicial, of the United States, or of State, Territory, or District of Columbia.

(B) Regular or duly ordained minister of religion.

(C) Student who on May 18, 1917, was preparing for ministry in recognized school.

(D) Persons in military or naval service of United States.

(E) Alien enemy.

(F) Resident alien (not an enemy) who claims exemption.

(G) Person totally and permanently physically or mentally unfit for military service.

(H) Person morally unfit to

be a soldier of the United States, employed in the pursuit of his vocation.

Member of well organized religious sect or organization, organized and existing on May 18, 1917, whose then existing creed or principles forbid its members to participate in war in any form, and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein.

Advisory Boards Organizing.

Supporting affidavits of other persons must be secured by every registrant who claims exemption or deferred liability in grounds of studying for the ministry, dependency and industrial or agricultural grounds.

Liability to service in the other classes follows the numbers drawn in the famous lottery on July 20. These classes will be made up of the following:

#### CLASS II.

(A) Married man with children or father of motherless children, where such wife or children or such motherless children are not mainly dependent upon his labor for support for the reason that there are other reasonably certain sources of adequate support, (excluding earnings or possible earnings from the labor of the wife), available, and that the removal of the registrant will not deprive such dependents of support.

(D) Married man, without children whose wife, although the registrant is engaged in a useful occupation is, not mainly dependent upon his labor for support, for the reason that the wife is skilled in some special class of work which she is physically able to perform and in which she is employed, or in which there is an immediate opening for her under conditions that will enable her to support herself decently and without suffering or hardship.

(C) Necessary skilled farm laborer in necessary agricultural enterprise.

(D) Necessary skilled industrial laborer in necessary industrial enterprise.

#### CLASS III.

(A) Man with dependent children (not his own) but toward whom he stands in relation of parent.

(B) Man with dependent, aged or infirm parents.

(C) Man with dependent, help less brothers or sisters.

(D) County or municipal officer.

(E) Highly trained fireman or policeman, at least three years in service of municipality.

(F) Necessary employe of United States in transmission of the mails.

(H) Necessary artificer or workman in United States armory or arsenal.

(I) Necessary employe in service of United States.

(J) Necessary assistant, associate, or hired manager of necessary agricultural enterprise.

(K) Necessary highly specialized technical or mechanical expert of necessary industrial enterprise.

(L) Necessary assistant or associate manager of necessary industrial enterprise.

#### CLASS IV.

(A) Man whose wife or children are mainly dependent on his labor for support.

(B) Mariner actually employed in sea service of citizen or merchant in the United States.

(C) Necessary sole managing controlling, or directing head of necessary agricultural enterprise.

(D) Necessary sole managing, controlling, or directing head of necessary industrial enterprise.

Jewel Cunningham, helped to Evangelist Friar, is at home for the holidays. He will join Rev. Friar after the holidays and help the evangelist wage war on the

### INVESTIGATION SPREADS TO NAVY DEPARTMENT

## HONOR FOR AMERICANS WHO ESCAPED

London, Dec. 14.—London newspapers today carry the pictures of two American heroes, Sergeant McDonald and Private Sergeant McDonnell and Private German prison camp and returned to their units behind the British trenches.

McDonnell and Macdonald are members of the American engineers corps, and were doing duty on the Cambrai front when they were captured by the Germans. They made a thrilling escape from the Germans and rejoined their units. The London papers do honor to the Americans by printing their photographs and giving an account of the escape.

## AMERICAN AVIATOR IS KILLED

Paris, Dec. 14.—Lieut. Benjamin Walscott, an American aviator, fell with his airplane Tuesday and was killed. Lieut. Walscott was making his first flight in service when for some cause the machine plunged to the ground.

## 13 LEAVE FOR ARMY CAMP ON FRIDAY

Thirteen men from Rannels county will report to Camp Travis some time Saturday. Carrying out orders from the war department, the local exemption board mobilized thirteen men here Wednesday afternoon and started them on their way to the army camp Friday afternoon. The men entrained at three-fifty-five. Quite a number gathered at the station to say good-bye to the boys.

The local board received a statement from the war department Thursday, showing that Rannels county was short only twenty-three men in making up the county's quota of 169 men. After receiving credit for the thirteen men who left Friday afternoon, the county will be short only ten, and while the local board have examined and have a certified list ready to make up the full quota, and then some, it is not expected that others will be called until after all registrants have been classified. At least the board is working under such orders, but changes in war plans are coming thick and fast, and all orders are subject to change.

Those leaving Friday were Boyd C. Cotton, Ralph C. Crouch, Clyde H. Harville, Will D. Proctor, Arthur Straach, William E. Mann, Chas. Almer Ensor, George Francis Smith, Frank Teague, Pablo Rodriguez, Clyde G. Allison, Chas. H. Arnold and Willie T. Stephens.

## CENTRAL SCHOOL RECEIVES RECORDS FROM MRS. MACK

We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of two nice records for our Sonora, presented by Mrs. Scott Mack. We appreciate them all the more because of the excellent taste shown in their selection, and their adaption to our needs.

L. S. Bird, Prin.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The war investigation started in the senate several days ago, spread to the house today when the house naval committee voted for a sweeping investigation of the navy department also. A thorough probe into conduct of war departments will be made by the house.

## GASOLINE EXPLOSION STARTED THE HEADACHE

How'd you like to sit on an 8-gallon tank of gasoline and let it explode?

President Oscar Parker of the First State Bank didn't like the idea, but he accomplished the feat before he knew what was happening. It happened thuswise:

While sitting in his car in his garage preparatory to starting to town Tuesday, Mr. Parker gently struck a match on his trousers to light a "smoke" Blooley! went the gasoline tank in his car. Eight gallons of 25¢—or is it 30¢?—gas went up with a loud report and Mr. Parker went up with a pained expression on his face. The force of the explosion ripped the end of the tank out and damaged the body of the car; it also gave Mr. Parker a severe headache, but that was all.

How the gas happened to explode is another one of those mysteries. How it happened that there was no fire attached to the explosion is still another mystery. How Mr. Parker escaped with nothing more serious than a headache is a mystery yet again.

"Bring on your Kaisers!" says Mr. Parker, who feels that he can now qualify as an expert on the life and habits of high explosives.—Abilene Reporter.

## CONSERVE COAL SUPPLY

Fuel Administrator Garfield is asking that the coal supply of America be conserved as much as possible. From some place the Government must get fifty million tons of coal that is not now in sight. It will require a sacrifice on the part of the people. Every demand that the war makes upon the country should be met in some way. The main thing now is winning the war and it don't matter what position in life you may occupy you can help.—Abilene Reporter.

Ballinger people are finding it easy to practice coal conservation. It is a game they are deeply interested in at this particular time and are anxious for those who have an over supply to practice conservation until this city can at least get enough coal to heat bathing water on Sunday morning.

## ADULTERATED BOOZE SHIPPED TO ANGELO

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 13.—A test criminal information under the federal pure food and drugs act was filed in the United States district court here Thursday by Assistant United States District Attorney James R. Clark, against the "Old 76" Distilling Company, Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati. The information contains two counts and charges adulteration and misbranding of a keg of "peach brandy" shipped by the company from Cincinnati to San Angelo, Texas last March. It is averred the brandy was adulterated by the use of neutral spirits. The charges are said to be initial attacks upon the extensive shipping of adulterated liquors from various Kentucky and local liquor houses into the state of Texas. It is claimed that thousands of gallons of bogus liquors have been shipped annually.

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SWEET CHARITY.

Revelations concerning the conduct of the recent Army and Navy Bazaar in New York should act as a warning to country publishers who are asking to devote their news and editorial columns to various war charities. The disclosures show that in excess of \$70,000 was taken in at the gate and a little more than \$700 reached the soldiers. The rest of the money went to the promoters of the bazaar, to advertising solicitors, and others who make a business of preying upon charitably inclined citizens.

Editorial endorsement of every charity that comes along is a serious mistake. The New York Evening Journal for instance, calls attention to repeated requests for retrenchments in the use of food. "The mother with a half a dozen children is urged to give them cornmeal instead of wheat," says the Journal, at the same time pointing out that race horses at the Pimlico track ate 14,400 quarts of oats every day during the meeting, and that the races were conducted purely for the pleasure of the self-indulgent rich.

"Dear Mr. Vanderbilt," says the Journal, "has probably spent



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about as much as fifty thousand dollars in a year on some Paris charity to which the newspapers have given five million dollars worth of free advertising." Publishers may well act with reserve when they are approached in the name of sweet charity. Take a peep under the clock.—American Press.

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STATE FINDS MARKET FOR JACK RABBITS

State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—The Jack rabbit, now a pest in many parts of the state, can be converted into a source of large revenue. Their meat is nutritious, savory, may be served in many ways and their pelts are in demand at satisfactory prices.

During the very high price of meat the use of rabbit meat will be economical both for local consumption and for shipment to northern and eastern markets.

They may be caught in large numbers on the plains by co-operative community drives and shipped in car-load lots to cities to be sold direct to consumers or to be placed in cold storage for future use; or they may be caught or killed by individual hunters and shipped to smaller towns for immediate use.

The National Provision Company, 215 South 8th St., Waco, is in the market for both jack rabbits and cotton tails by the dozen or in car-load lots. They give the following suggestion on how to dress, pack and ship rabbits:

If rabbits are caught in traps or pens, they should be killed by hitting them on the head behind the ears with a heavy stick. Next cut the jugular vein on each side of throat and hank the animal up, head down, to bleed. While bleeding you should proceed to dress it as follows: Remove the paunch and entrails by cutting a slit down

the middle of the belly, beginning at the breast bone. Take out the paunch and entrails, but leave the lungs, heart liver and kidneys in place. Do not remove head, feet or skin. After dressing wipe out all blood with a damp cloth. Then let the carcass hang until the animal heat escapes and you are then ready to pack and ship. In warm weather use ice and ice-pack the same as fish. In cool weather pack in boxes with partitions or slats between each layer so that the air can circulate freely.

This Company writing under date of November 16, 1917, to Mr. E. W. Cole, Director of Markets, State Department of Agriculture, says:

"We have arranged to open buying stations at Lamesa and Henrietta, and will open others at Amarillo, Sweetwater, Abilene, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, and Enid, Oklahoma.

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It is suggested that those, who intend to "pull off" rabbit drives in the near future, get in correspondence with the above firm so as to have their buyers present who will take all the rabbits killed and pay the cash for them.

In hunting rabbits it is better not to shoot them with a shot gun as that reduces the value of the meat. Shoot them in the head with a rifle, when possible.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS—County of Runnels.

In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas.

M. S. Ujffly, Plaintiff vs. M. C. Hood et al Defendants.

Whereas by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Runnels county, Texas, on a judgment, rendered in said Court on the 25th day of October A. D. 1917, in favor of M. S. Ujffly and did on the 12th day of December A. D. 1917 at 10 A. M. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, and belonging to the said defendants, to-wit: Being all that certain tract of land lying and being situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, being Block Nos. 42, 54 and 55 of the South Ballinger Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as the same appears by the map of the plan of said addition on file in the County Clerk's office of said Runnels County, Texas, and on the 1st day of January A. D. 1918, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, this 12th day of Dec. A. D. 1917.

J. D. Perkins, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas. 12-1926-2

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Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Miles arrived in Ballinger Friday morning for a visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. Stephens of this city.

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#### LOSES THREE SONS, WIFE; SUCCEEDS BY RED CROSS

A cablegram from France to the American Red Cross says: "At one of our Red Cross canteens last week an old poilu, with tragic face, came up to the director of the canteen and pulled out three photographs of very fine boys which he said were his sons who had enlisted in the same regiment, and who had all been killed. "And it is there that he will spend his leave. These are the men the Red Cross canteens reach, nearly thirty thousand of them a day." Cold cash—given through the Red Cross—will cool the brow of some suffering soldier.

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### HOW BALLINGER TREATS HER BOYS

Camp Travis, Tex., Dec. 11.

Dear Mrs. Guion: I received the sweater yesterday and I sure can use it; it is just the right color and fits me fine. I surely do appreciate it.

You Ballinger people are better to your home boys than any of the other people are. There has been more packages and nice things sent to the four Ballinger boys in this battalion than any twenty of the other boys combined.

I transferred to the Medical Corps yesterday as sergeant, subject to examination for first class sergeant. I held my first retreat this afternoon. It wasn't much trouble as there are only fourteen in the medical detachment to this battalion.

Archie Crews and Claud Stone were out here today and seem to have come to stay as they have enlisted in the aviation. Claud will have to lose several pounds before he can qualify as a flier, but he will do that quickly.

Our original "bunch" has scattered in every direction. Frank Cameron is in New Jersey, James Skinner is in the School for Mess Sergeants over in the infantry. Gene Kipp and Elmer Allison are both accepted in the flying school of the aviation, while I have, as I said, gone to the medical corps. That leaves Roy Reeder, alone in signal battalion.

I heard a great deal of Ballinger being "dead." When the war is over and all of we boys in the army get our liberty bonds cashed, we will come back and there will be more life than ever before in the old town.

We get the best of treatment here and no one I know, is dissatisfied. We have good quarters, food, clothes and more than all, good officers.

"I hear 'tattoo' blowing so much close and I want to thank you once more for the gift. If I ever get to go over the top I will wear it.

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American Leader and Gen. Petain Aid in Relieving Distress, Thereby Keeping up the Morale of the Army.

That the work which the Red Cross is doing in France to alleviate suffering among the families of Frenchmen who are fighting at the front regards a saving of 1,500,000 men is the opinion of William Allen White, noted writer and owner of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, who has just returned from France.

"It is not probable that our army in France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring. The real war work that should interest the people of America this winter is of a economic rather than of a military character. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions in the homes of French soldiers who are in winter quarters in the trenches at the front.

#### Comfort Women and Children.

"It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do more to keep up the morale of the French soldiers during the coming winter than to bring comfort to women and children at home. The soldier's knowledge that his family is being well cared for will take a great load off his mind and hearten him to stand up against privation which otherwise might break his spirit and render him of no physical use.

"Maj. Grayson M. P. Murphy of the Red Cross, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Petain of France are working in unison to perfect the plans for the relief of families of soldiers, the military commanders believing that it will be of the greatest benefit to both armies. It should be kept in mind that every soldier who is saved this winter means the saving of an American boy when the big drive begins next spring. Some American boy will have to take the place of every Frenchman who is killed or who breaks down under the strain.

"This particular relief work means, therefore, that French soldiers will be saved for work in the spring and American lives will be conserved at the same time.

#### Petain Is Doing a Great Service.

"Gen. Petain is having French of fiers go right down the lines and ascertain from every soldier whether he has any worries on his mind concerning sickness or want at home. Reports will be made to headquarters weekly and not a single case will be overlooked in the immense undertaking. Special attention will be given to the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis, and child welfare work also will be an accompaniment of the general relief. Scattered through France, many of them in soldiers' homes, are some 200,000 refugees from the war zone, and these also will receive attention.

"In short, it is the purpose to keep the spirit of France bright until the military forces are ready to deal their smashing blow against German autocracy. Thus it is to say that the great struggle of the winter will be the economic struggle. The Red Cross practically will fight the American fight until our boys take their places on the firing line next spring."

#### RED CROSS NURSES SENT TO ARMY CANTONMENTS

Fifty public health nurses have been assigned by the American Red Cross to the zones surrounding the national army cantonments, camps and navy bases.

The nurses will work under Red Cross sanitary directions in co-operation with the local state and federal health authorities.

Nurses have already taken up their work in the vicinity of cantonments at Hattiesburg, Miss.; Ft. Riley, Kan.; Des Moines, Iowa; Louisville, Ky.; Little Rock, Ark.; Ayer, Mass.; Chillicothe, Ohio; Atlanta, Ga.; Newport News and Petersburg, Va.

As visiting nurses in the rural territory and cities adjoining the camps the Red Cross nurses assigned to public health work will endeavor to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, malaria and other infectious diseases and strengthen the local work for infant welfare.

#### SCHOOL CHILDREN TO AID IN WORK OF RED CROSS

Organization of the Junior Red Cross among public school children throughout the United States has been warmly approved by President Wilson. In a letter to Dr. H. N. Mae Cracken, president of Vassar college, who is in charge of the organization of the new Junior Membership Board. The campaign for members is being carried on in connection with the Christmas membership drive.

## NOTICE

Interest Coupons on United States Government Bonds of **FIRST LIBERTY LOAN** will be due and payable on Dec. 15th, 1917. If you desire to collect interest present your **FIRST LIBERTY LOAN BOND** and we will clip the coupon and pay same without expense to you.

Clip your Coupon and re-invest in War Savings or Thrift Stamps.

We will gladly furnish information concerning War Savings and Thrift Stamps. These will be the most acceptable and appropriate Christmas Gifts.

We expect to receive a liberal supply of stamps and cards within the next few days. Our shipment has been delayed on account of the large demand.

Every service of our Bank is at the disposal of our Government without cost.

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#### PENN, CREWS AND STONE SENT TO FLORIDA

Telegrams received by their parents Friday, stated that Claud Stone, Noel Penn and Arch Crews, were leaving San Antonio for Jacksonville, Fla. The three young men enlisted in the aviation corps at Fort Sam Houston and were immediately assigned to duty in Camp Johnston, one of the largest aviation fields in America. In the assignment the three young men were well pleased, and frequently expressed to friends before they left Ballinger that it was their desire to go to this field.

We are now in a position to take orders for sales slips, one hundred books or more. The Ballinger Printing Co.

#### FOR SALE

At my place on Valley Creek, 8 miles Northwest of Ballinger, a close price will be made, and if you need any of the things listed below, you had better call early: 1 Van Brunt Grain Drill; 1 Broadcast Binder; 1 No. 2 John Deere Grain Grader; 1 Sharpless Cream Separator; 1 ex-Roy Incubator; 1 Disc Plow; 1 Standard Cultivator; 1 Standard Planter; 1 Rock Island Disc Harrow; 1 Sled Cultivator; 1 buggy; 1 Davenport.

R. E. Jeans,  
Rt. B, Ballinger.  
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Ballinger Corn and Feed Mill  
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Just Received—Carload "Belle of Wichita" flour. A. J. Zappe. dtf

Sales slips did you say. Call 27. We can handle it for you.

If you are in need of anything in the loose leaf line telephone 27 and call for the job man.

**Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System**  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 6c.

#### BALLINGER BATTERY MAN JOINS ARMY

The Brownwood Bulletin reports that ten enlisted men in the service at the Brownwood recruiting station Thursday. Among the number volunteering was Dan R. Pridemore, and the Bulletin says: Dan R. Pridemore of Ballinger was accepted by telegraphic order from the War Department at Washington, as an expert battery man and was sent to Waco where he will be given transportation to Rock Island, Ill.

#### Holiday Cards for Late Shoppers.

The engravers have notified us not to accept any more orders for engraved Christmas Cards, but we have just received a nice line of plain and fancy cards for the late Holiday shoppers, and can print these up in any quantity with any wording. Drop in and see them. The Ballinger Printing Company. dtf.

R. L. Harwell went to Brownwood Friday to see after oil interests.

#### 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.

N. Passur has just returned from San Antonio, where he had been visiting for about ten days. His family remained in San Antonio for a while longer, and will return here in two or three weeks. Mr. Passur says that he tried to look up all the Ballinger boys in the army camps there, but as the task was like "looking for a needle in a hay-stack," he did not get to see many of 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.

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**ANGELO IS IN SOME DRY COUNTRY**

The little "human interest" story appeared in a Minneapolis, Minn., paper, under recent date, and gives the northern reader an idea of how dry this country is: San Angelo, Tex.—The extended drought has driven the coyotes from the crevices and mesquite thickets of the ranges to this city, and instead of killing calves, lambs, sheep and goats on the ranches, they are virtually begging at the back doors for something to eat. A short time ago a pack of three lean, gray half-starved coyotes appeared in the back yard of one of the sanitariums and set up a poleful howl. After a few moments' chase by several men, the coyotes dropped exhausted in the shade of bushes and were stoned to death. Hundreds of coyotes have been killed at the various watering places in this section during the past few days.

**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 on 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.

We have a nice line of Christmas cards in stock. Place your order today. Ballinger Printing Co. dtf

**PRESBYTERIAN NOT TO CLAIM EXEMPTION**

The board of education of the Presbyterian church has taken action asking ministerial candidates to waive exemption for military service, believing "it is neither wise nor patriotic to take advantage of the exemption provisions."

Although the army bill exempts theological or divinity students who have actually entered upon their course from the draft, the board "recommends that unless they are compelled to seek exemptions under some other provisions of the act, they waive exemption relating to their calling as future ministers of the gospel."

This stand, the board adds, represents the spirit of loyalty to the part of the Presbyterian church.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**

THE DIAMOND BRAND, Laxative and Blood Purifier. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

**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. d&wtf-dhf

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This strong organization, augmented by large resources, is equipped to render a banking service to business men which includes every facility for the speedy and satisfactory handling of commercial accounts, time deposits, collections, etc.

Corporations, firms and individuals will find that courteous attention from officials is never lacking at the

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**BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS**

## YOU MUST DO SOMETHING

If you are an American Citizen you must do something to help win this war. You cannot stand idly and selfishly looking on while your neighbors are giving their lives.

You realize all this, but perhaps you are not clear as to exactly what you can do to help.

If you own farm-land, see that it is used for the purpose God intended it—for the raising of crops. You will be providing food for our armies and making profits for yourself.

If you manufacture goods, economize in time, labor, and material, in your factory or shop. Work harder and more efficiently. Above all, stop waste. Again, see that you secure the business of your home town in your line of goods. This leaves the Eastern Manufacturer free to make goods for the army, and for our allies, and cuts out needless transportation expenses. Incidentally, all these things will bring you greater profit.

If you are a clerk in an office or a store, work harder—it will bring you more pay. Cut out some foolish extravagance, and so save money.

If you are a house-wife, follow our Mr. Hoover's advice. Again, teach your children thrift, and the value of money. The task will repay you many times over in satisfaction and actual wealth.

What shall you do with the money you save by this means? Why, loan it to the United States Government at 4% interest. Buy a Liberty Bond. The banks have some Bonds on hand right now, and there will be another Liberty Loan issue early next year.

Imagine, if you will, that you are sitting at a table with our great President, talking this matter over, and he is asking, "What are you prepared to do to help me, to help our Country? Surely you will do something; what shall it be?"

The Officials of this bank, as Agents for the United States Government, ask you this question on behalf of our revered leader.

Answer the question in your own heart and mind, and start to act upon your decision TOMORROW.

As you are an American, you will

**THE FARMERS' WAR**

Let us think for a while how the War concerns the farmer.

We went to war with Germany partly because the rulers of that country refused to let us send to Europe our ships laden with grain and cotton. They sunk the ships and cruelly murdered our sailors. Now suppose we allowed them to stop all our shipping, where would you be? None of your goods would be sold in foreign countries, with the result that you would get nothing like the prices which you get today. This war is being waged partly that you may obtain fair prices for your goods.

What is going to happen if we lose this war? Prices of farm produce will drop; the Germans will impose taxation upon you which will cripple you for the next twenty years. Worse than that, if the Germans get over here, they will treat you in just the same way as they have the farmers of France, Belgium and Italy. In these sections farm houses have been shot to pieces, crops wasted and burned; even fruit trees chopped down, the cattle stolen, the men sent into slavery to work for German masters, their women ill-treated in ways that cannot be talked of in print, their little children have had their hands chopped off in order that they may never fight or do any more useful work again.

You may say "such things will not happen here." They said this in France, in Belgium and in Italy. Such things will happen here just as sure as you are alive, unless we smash the Germans so utterly that they are unable to reach this country. The German fleet and the German army will take just one week to get here if we are beaten. They have made up their minds that America shall pay.

Is there a farmer who will stand forward now and say, "This war does not concern me."

You have money that you do not need at present. Loan it to the government at good interest; when you want the money back again, you can borrow on your bond, or sell it. Uncle Sam will take care of your money until you need it and pay you interest on it.

Go and buy a Liberty Bond tomorrow.

The Banks have some Bonds on hand. They are holding them for people like yourself.

Don't be a slacker, and don't fool yourself with the idea that you are too far away from the war for it to hurt you. Remember 1914, when the Germans upset the world's shipping,

## DANISH WOMAN REGAINS HEALTH

**Tells Everybody What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Her.**



Chicago, Ill.—"It gives me great pleasure to let others know that I improved in health with the first bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; after taking two bottles I am entirely well. Before taking it I could not do any kind of work without a pain in my back as I suffered so much from inflammation. I had headaches, was always tired and no appetite. Words cannot express my gratitude for the good your medicine has done me, and through me to my family. I recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all women suffering from female troubles, particularly to Danish women."—Mrs. META DAMGAARD-MATZAN, 2137 Kimball Ave., Chicago, Ill.

It is positively true that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing down feeling, indigestion, and nervous prostration.

and you took what you could get for your products.

Think of the twenty years starvation prices ahead of you, in case we are beaten.

This is your war, and if you won't set in it you deserve to lose your American Citizenship.

Call in at the bank tomorrow, and talk it over.

## CASH AND COMFORTS FOR RED CROSS WORK



The local Red Cross Chapter is in receipt of a check for \$50.25 from the Davis school. This amount represents the proceeds from a box supper given by the citizens of the Davis school communities. The check came as quite a surprise and a pleasant one to the chapter, and shows that the citizens of the Davis school community have the war spirit of the do-your-bit kind. The officers of the chapter appreciate the help and thank the contributors most sincerely.

A committee of ladies from Norton were here Thursday and delivered to the Red Cross Chapter 36 comforts. These were packed for shipment and immediately forwarded to Camp Bowie. This work speaks well for the Norton people and is fully appreciated by the officers of the chapter.

**Surgical Dressings**

The local Red Cross Chapter is in receipt of a letter from Miss Katherine Burlingame, chairman Standards Committee American Red Cross Bureau of Supplies, acknowledging the receipt of a shipment of surgical dressings sent to headquarters by the local chapter some time ago. Here is what the letter says, read it and then get busy:

We are in receipt of your box of surgical dressings shipped to us December 1st, and have examined it for overseas shipment. We found your work extremely well done, in fact without fault. Our only request is, that you send us larger amounts. We are in great need of surgical supplies, and such accurate work as yours is always in demand. Please speed your output and ship us as much as you possibly can.

We thank you for your interest and cooperation in the Red Cross.

We can print almost like engraving and have nice line Christmas cards to select from. It is too late to order engraved cards, but we can deliver nice red and green cards on short notice. Ballinger Printing Co. dtf

## Bathing War Children Pleasure for Nurses

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into the water hurriedly. The expression on their faces immediately changed. "C'est l'eau chaude," one little fellow said in awed and reverent tones when he had covered himself with the water. It was the first "eau chaude" (warm water) he had ever known.

The "Asile-Caserne de Luxembourg" or children's asylum, is a group of large buildings located on a hill on the outskirts of a village just eight miles from the front line trenches. There are eight of these big structures filled with children from two years of age to ten. Ranged around the walls of at least three of the buildings are dozens of infant cots where the toddlers sleep at night. Even at two years of age they are sent to another building where French teachers provide kindergarten paraphernalia as a beginner to their education. The older children are making up time on more advanced studies. School hours are from 9 to 12 and 2 to 6.

"When the children arrived they were jumpy and nervous and many because of constant dodging of shells in around the places they called home were irritable and hard to handle," said Dr. Julius Parker Sedgwick, of Minneapolis, specialist on children's diseases, in charge of the Caserne. "Today they are well and happy and sickness among them is almost nil."

The juvenile hospital in one of the buildings in charge of Dr. J. I. Durand of Seattle, another child specialist, contained less than ten patients, none with anything serious. Aiding in the work are Dr. N. O. Pearce, of Minneapolis and Dr. Alice Brown of Winnetka, Ill.

When the children arrive at Caserne they are given two complete outfits of clothing from a big store furnished by the Red Cross. Though every building has its foster mother in the way of a Red Cross nurse, the mothers of the children are allowed to be with them if the doctors consider it necessary. About fifty mothers are now being cared for along with their broods. Some mothers make weekly trips from the ruined villages to see how the children are getting along.

Little Jeanne is one of the newest arrivals in the Caserne. Her mother brought her a few days ago and hastened back to harvest her crop, planted at the risk of her life and now being harvested with the aid of a gas mask. "The Germans are so mean," she said, "that they shoot at me every time I try to dig a hill of potatoes. Now I dig them at night."

How little faith the mothers in the enemy may be judged by the way they worry for fear German airmen will bomb the Caserne eight miles behind the firing line. So far the Germans have honored the big red cross painted on the roof of several buildings. But the mothers are coming to make constant inquiries and are always reassured by the American doctors and nurses. The mothers go back to their ruined homes and caves cheerfully to brave a few more German shells.

In addition to caring for the group of children the doctors and nurses constantly go to the villages and towns in the vicinity to handle older cases. The French doctors are all mobilized in the army and are on duty on other parts of the front caring for soldiers. It lies with the American Red Cross to take care of the children and the work is being efficiently done. Included among the American nurses in the work here is Madame Delebeque, of Winnetka, Ill., who voted for President Wilson in the last election and is proud of it. Her father was a Swiss, her mother a Dane, she was born in Antwerp, and she married a Frenchman in the United States. Today she is an American citizen and is nursing French children in France.

Miss Julia Norton, Vassar graduate volunteer who is the foster mother of some sixty children is the real God Mother of one. She went through the ceremony at the village church and her little charge, a French peasant girl of six will receive her aid and guidance throughout her life.

Just Received—Carload "Belle of Wichita" flour. A. J. Zappe. dtf

## Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—Sacks of all sizes. Phone 63. Ladwig and Taylor.

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CHRISTMASTREES—Place your order for churches and schools now. See me or phone 577. W. R. White. 11d4w1-pd

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FOR RENT—Eight room house near Central Hotel. Phone R. P. Conn. 12-3d

FOR RENT—The Judge O. L. Parish residence on Eighth Street. Phone R. P. Conn. 12-3d

Mrs. Mary T. Carpenter, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks at the home of her brother-in-law, W. S. Harmon, is not expected to live through the night. Mrs. Carpenter was one of the first women to locate in Ballinger, coming here with her father and mother in the early days of the town. She has been in feeble health for several years.

**BIG G** is a mixture in treating and curing discharges; painless, non-poisonous and will not re-ignite. Relieves in 1 to 4 days.

**SOLD BY DRUGGISTS.**

Parcel Post if desired—Price 25¢, or 5 bottles \$2.50. Prepared by THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO., CINCINNATI, O.

**Ballinger News Good News.**

W. B. Wood is in receipt of a letter from his son Diaz, in which the young man says he is finding army life pretty well to his liking, and so far is satisfied with his work. Diaz volunteered a short time ago, enlisting in the 21st Field Artillery band. He was fortunate in getting in the band with other Ballinger boys. He says he did not know how to appreciate the old home paper until he got away from home, and now he looks for the paper with anxiety, and everything in it is news to him.

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