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# British War Aims Is Bitter Pill for Germans

## Rowena Leads With Life Membership in Red Cross

In the great Christmas Red Cross Drive Rowena takes the lead by sending in the only life membership so far received by the local chapter. Theo. Schumann, postmaster at Rowena sends his check for fifty dollars with application for life membership. It takes a fifty dollar fee to become a life member and this is the first life membership certificate issued in the county.

In the report made from Rowena Wednesday also came one sustaining membership with a fee of ten dollars, and twenty other annual members. The Rowena committee is active and will close the week with a big increase in Red Cross members.

### RED CROSS ENTHUSIASM HIGH AT WINTERS

Winters promises to show Ballinger how to do things before the big drive closes Saturday night. The Winters auxiliary Red Cross is waging an aggressive campaign and so far are leading every other place in the county, including Ballinger. A novel scheme has been adopted at that place for making the big drive for new members. To begin with the auxiliary set its pegs for one thousand new members during the week. Four committees were put in the field, each headed by a captain. The outlines of a large cross was put on display in the lobby of the post office. When ten new members are enrolled a square on the cross is printed red. The cross holds 100 squares and when the last one is filled the cross will be a Red Cross. The people are watching the cross to red, and with the committees working the one thousand new members will be enrolled before the week is gone.

**Norton Makes Good Report.**  
Norton came in with 87 new members Wednesday. Miles sends in 28 for that day and Ballinger reported 125. In Ballinger two Red Cross booths have been decorated and recruiting stations maintained for enlisting new members. One of these booths is

## RED CROSS DRIVE ENDS DEC. 24th

Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Ballinger, Texas: An confident drive in Texas will be overwhelming success. But I urge you not to try to finish this humanitarian undertaking in one day. Remember our soldiers and sailors and our allies are at their post of duty constantly and we have no right to let up until Christmas Eve, unless every man, woman and child in your division is enrolled. Do not permit such an insignificant thing as lack of buttons to dampen our ardor. Our national officers are depending on us to overcome all obstacles and deliver solid membership. Promise to deliver buttons later, but get members today.

J. L. Johnston.  
The above telegram came to Mrs. Stephens from National Red Cross headquarters this morning. There are many people in Ballinger who are not members of the Red Cross and the committee can not comply with the orders given in the telegram and quit before Christmas Eve, unless every citizen becomes a member of the Red Cross.

Arthur Giesecke is at home from College Station for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Giesecke.

at Higgingbotham & Bros. Co. store and the other is at Melton Dry Goods Co. Ballinger has received one sustaining membership, which is the highest amount paid for membership here, the committee receiving the check for \$10.

## ROBBERS GET \$41,000 IN ILLINOIS

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Bandits robbed the Summit, Ill., State Bank last night, escaping with \$41,000. A posse is following the trail of the robbers.

## LITTLE CHECK IN RUSSIAN FIGHTING

Odessa, Dec. 20.—Fighting between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainians was checked today when both sides agreed to a mixed patrol throughout the city to maintain order. An effort will be made to disperse the two factions and switch the revolution to some other point.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—Bolshevik admits that the Cossacks captured Rostoff.

J. A. Arnold of the Winters country, had business here Thursday.

Edgar Jayroe, of the Crews country, was a business visitor Thursday.

## Y. M. C. A. WORK HIGHLY APPRECIATED

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

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 17th enclosing cashier's check No. 1521 for \$1333.13 as a donation to the War Work Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association from the citizens of Runnels County, as follows:  
Ballinger ..... \$820.76  
Winters ..... 225.75  
Miles ..... 72.00  
Norton ..... 69.72  
Cruz ..... 50.00  
Bethel ..... 45.23  
Rowena ..... 32.50  
Wingate ..... 32.00  
This makes a total of \$1347.99 less expense of \$14.77, leaving amount remitted by you of \$1,333.13. This is indeed a good showing from your county.

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

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

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

## Must Vote Bonds to Get Benefit of Money

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

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

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

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

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

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

## REVISED PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS FETE

The committee in charge announces the following as a revised program for the entertainment to be given Monday night at the court house in Ballinger when the first municipal Christmas tree ever given in this city will be decorated and everything done to make merry for the children and old folks:

1. Opening Chorus—Boys and Girls of the different Sunday Schools of Ballinger.
2. Christmas Reading—Jewel Tucker.
3. Reading—Philip Walker.
4. Music—Mrs. Cornelius' Orchestra.
5. Reading—Jessie May Adams.
6. Duet—Rev. Self's Little Son and Daughter.
7. Readings—Katherine Corum, Frances Holman, Mammie Jean Hale.
8. Trio—"Holy Night."
9. Reading—Misses Ethel Blair and Vera Nicholson.
10. Reading—Marie Bradt.
11. Male Quartet from Methodist church.
12. Selections—Mrs. Cornelius' Orchestra.

## NO MOVE MADE TO RELEASE McDONALD

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

## MODERN WOODMEN TAKE NOTICE

There will be an important meeting of the Modern Woodmen Saturday night. All members are urged to be present.

J. L. Chatsain.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVES HIGHWAY

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

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

## OIL LEASE MONEY COMES AT GOOD TIME

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

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

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

Here's hoping.

London, Dec. 20.—Premier Lloyd George addressed the house of commons this afternoon and detailed England's war aims in plain terms. "Germany must give security for future peace," said the premier, "and such peace should be achieved by the destruction of Germany's military power and the democratization of the German government. We will continue to fight for the restoration and compensation for all invaded territories. We are willing for the return of German colonies to be determined by an international peace conference, but to be decided in the end by the wishes of the people in such colonies for themselves. Mesopotamia and Armenia should never be returned to German rule and we will hold out for this with our allies."

## AUSTRIANS WILLING TO MAKE PEACE

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—Count Czernin made an address before the Austrian-Hungarian parliament today declaring for general peace. All of Austria-Hungary approves plans for general peace without annexations, territorial or economic, but can not maintain such disinterested war aims if her enemies continue war. The peace talk is based on immediate stopping of hostilities, but will withdraw agreement to peace without annexations if the enemies continue war.

## SINKING OF SUBMARINES INCREASING

London, Dec. 20.—Bonner Law told the house of commons today that the presence of British forces in Persia for the purpose of securing order is not to be constructed as a violation of our pledge to Persia's independence, or evidence of any desire for annexation. Persia can have her independence when she is strong enough to control the internal situation.

## BRITISH TROOPS HELPING PERSIA

London, Dec. 20.—Lloyd George announced today that the number of submarines being sunk is greatly on the increase. The allied destroyers, including the American destroyers are doing effective work in the war zone, and many submarines submerged never to be seen again.

## PLAYING KAISER MAY COST YOUTH ONE EYE

Robert Lee, Texas, Dec. 17.—Little Durwood Lane has decided he will represent the allies in the next "battle" in which he takes part.

In order that the "kaiser" could be captured Durwood volunteered to play the "principal role" in a "battle" on the school ground. He was struck in the eye with a clod of dirt which necessitated an operation being performed. He may lose one eye.

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BROWNWOOD'S INSULT TO CONGRESSMAN BLANTON.

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

"Replying to your request for a speaking date in Brownwood, beg to suggest that Congress is in session and



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matters of grave importance should demand your presence and thought there."

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

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

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

As a result of the congressman's speech in Ballinger the only man in the city who had expressed an hostile feeling towards the administration is in the local jail waiting for the federal authorities to make an American citizen out of him or put him where he will forever hereafter be harmless. A few shallow oil wells has given Brownwood's Chamber of Commerce a money making greed that is causing the Brownwood people to forget that we have a task on hand which requires every man to do his bit.

DAUGHTER GAVE AGED MOTHER VINOL

Now She is Strong and Better Every Way

Pitman, N. J.—"I suffered from a weak, run-down condition so I could not get around to do my usual light duties, for I am 73 years of age and past hard work. My daughter brought me a bottle of Vinol and asked me to try it, and after taking two bottles I have a good appetite, rest well at night and am stronger and better in every way."—Mrs. F. Anderson, Pitman, N. J.

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ONLY A VOLUNTEER.

Why didn't I wait to be drafted And led to the train by a band, Or put in a claim for exemption, Oh! Why did I hold up my hand? Why didn't I wait for the feasting, Why didn't I wait to be cheered; For the drafted men get the credit, While I only "volunteered."

And nobody gave me a banquet, And nobody said a kind word; The grind of the wheels of the engine, Was all the good bye that I heard. Then off to the Camp I was hustled, To be trained for the next half year, And then in the shuffle forgotten, I was only a volunteer.

And maybe some day in the future, When my little boys sit on my knee, And asks what I did in the con-

WARNING AGAINST HALF & HALF COTTON

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

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

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

## NOTICE

Interest Coupons on United States Government Bonds of **FIRST LIBERTY LOAN**, were due and payable 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 Saving and Thrift Stamps. We have on hand a liberal supply of stamps and cards. These will be the most acceptable and appropriate Christmas Gifts.

Every facility of this bank is at the disposal of our government without cost.

### The First National Bank

Of Ballinger

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**LOSES GOOD MILCH COW.**

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

We are making a cut on over half of our stock of Christmas goods to cost and less. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 17-1f.

## FIRE SEASON IS HERE---

More property is damaged by fire in winter season because there is more fire. Very simple. How about the loss in case your property burns? A good policy is to get a policy. Let us write it.

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## Phone Us For Your GROCERIES

We're as close to you as your telephone and we give you the same personal, courteous service that you would get if you came to our store yourself. We have but one price to all.

Ring us up next time you're in a hurry for groceries of any kind and we'll deliver promptly.

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Phones 66 and 77

flit, While his little eyes look up to me I will have to look back, tho' I'm blushing, To the eyes that so trustfully peer And tell him I missed being drafted, I was only a "volunteer."

—Printed by request of Ballinger volunteers in Signal Corps.

**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.

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

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

Geo. Finberg.

**Chamberlain's Tablets.**

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



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### SIX-MONTHS OLD CALF BRINGS \$35,000.00

The milk breeds of cattle are coming to the front. Majestic Ragapple, the Holstein bull calf, less than six months old, was sold to John T. Shannon of Buffalo, N. Y., the other day for \$35,000. — San Antonio Express.

At that rate a half dozen cows would make a man a millionaire in a few years. The great trouble is there are too many \$35,000 calves and not enough \$35,000 calves. Wonder what a choice cut from that calf would set a man back?

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### BALLINGER SOLDIER RELEASED FROM DUTY

Dan Middleton came in Thursday from Camp Travis where he

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

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### NOTICE IN PROBATE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS—  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To all persons interested in the estate of E. D. Jackson, deceased, notice is hereby given that Mrs. Sue Jackson, by her attorney, C. H. Willingham, has filed an application in the County Court of Runnels County, on the 14th day of December, 1917, for probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary thereon, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 4th day of February 1918, at the Court House of said County, in Ballinger, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fair not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Ballinger, Texas, this 17th day of December, 1917.

W. C. McCARVER,  
Clerk, County Court, Runnels County, Texas.

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FOR SALE—My home, a good five-room house, in good repair, large barn, modern conveniences, desirable location. Must sell at once. A bargain. H. F. Smith at Kadford Grocery Co. 15-6d

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FOR RENT—Light house-keeping rooms. See Mrs. J. K. Hutton. 20-3td.

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FOUND—Girl's or small lady's coat. Get same at Ledger office.

### SIMPSON LEARNING TO HELP WOUNDED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It seems that the business men here are getting rich. To buy any thing down here on a Saturday or Sunday, you have to get in the

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You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help.

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waiting line and wait your time out.

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

Your friend,  
Troy Simpson.

#### 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.



When you have a systematic saving plan in operation you are not worried.

### When Sickness Comes

suddenly into the family circle; you don't have to worry about

### How to Pay the Bills.

How different when you have lived up to the limit of your income. While well start an account.

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Jackies C. F. Anderson and H. C. Kenny "Rolling Their Own" Look for the famous muslin sack.

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Just try making a little Genuine Bull Durham with your favorite pipe tobacco

It's Like Sugar in Your Coffee

**BIG DEMAND FOR FARM DEMONSTRATORS**

Never in the history of agricultural industry of this county was the demand so great for the aid of a farm demonstrator than it is at the present time, and has been for the past two or three months. Demonstrator Eaton reports that he has more calls than he can possibly handle at one time, and he is taking them in the order that they come.

Mr. Eaton is going from early morning until late at night, and can only be found in his office a short time on Saturdays. Farmers have profited by the past experience and are losing no time in preparing to conserve the rain fall when the good season does come this way. Mr. Eaton reports that he has terraced more than forty farms recently, and is being called from different points in the county to help the farmers lay out their terrace work. He is working as rapidly as he can and says that he will get to every one who is calling on him just as fast as his jitney will travel and as fast as he can do the work.

The government has at last succeeded in getting the farm demonstration work well under way in Central West Texas. Practically every county in this section of the state is now maintaining the work. Tom Green, Taylor, Coleman all have the work well in hand and Brownwood recently re-

instated the work after suspending it for more than a year. The federal and state government realize fully the conditions that exist throughout this section and also realize that if farm demonstration work counts for anything it will be needed worse during the next twelve months than ever before, and an effort will be made to keep the work going.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**  
Friday, St. Thomas Day—Holy communion 10:30 a. m.

**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.

Come let us show you Missouri-ans. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 17-1/2

**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.

**Careful Spending**

There is nothing that makes money go further than exercising care and thought before spending a dollar.

The best way to exercise this care is to open a checking account, which enables you to keep close track of every dollar paid out.

We cordially invite checking accounts whether large or small.

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS**  
**BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS**

**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.

**GET IT AT**  
**Weeks**  
DRUG STORE

**CHRISTMAS DAY AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

There will be Holy communion and sermon Christmas Day, 9:30 a. m. Subject "Behold, I Bring You Glad Tidings of Great Joy."

This is the day that brings hope and Holy joy to the world. It is hoped that all the members who possibly can will be present. Even if it costs great sacrifice to do so. By this adoration of the New Born King, they will testify their gratitude. All denominations are cordially invited.

W. T. Allan, D. D., Priest in Charge.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Joyce Joiner was six years of age Friday. Her little schoolmates and friends came from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock to help her celebrate the happy occasion. She received many nice reminders of the day. Refreshments were served to Adella Bartlett, Beatrice Boyd, George and Madeline Kerley, Calvin Kirk, Wallace Chastain, Anna Elizabeth and Gains Gustavus, Pat Shepperd, Frank Reese, Estra and Marguerite Parish, Willwood Bridwell, Mildred Street, Mary Edna Dougherty, Stephen Wilson, Francis Happy Gustavus, Dixie Howmann, Turner and Elmo Rhumann, Margaret Martindate, Tom and Walter Guin.

**BORN.**

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

**25,000,000 TOTAL RED CROSS HOST BY XMAS LIKELY**

TEN MILLION GOAL OF BIG DRIVE EXPECTED TO BE DOUBLED, GIBSON PREDICTS.

**BOY SCOUTS TO JOIN WORK**

Merchants in Country Districts to Make Campaign in Automobiles to Win Support for the Army's Right Hand.

"Make Red Cross membership as universal as citizenship," is the new slogan of the Christmas membership campaign committee of the American Red Cross for the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. From the enthusiasm with which the preliminaries of the drive, which opens Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, are proceeding, officials at Washington expect the original figures of 10,000,000 new members to be doubled.

In fact, if there are only 10,000,000 new members added to the 5,000,000 already enrolled officials will be disappointed, according to a message received at Southwestern division headquarters from Harvey D. Gibson, general manager of the American Red Cross. In Gibson's letter he said officials would not be surprised to see the total membership for the nation on Christmas eve reach a total of 25,000,000.

According to John L. Johnston, chairman of the campaign for the Southwestern division, the drive in many counties already is under way, especially in the rural districts.

**3,000,000 Members Wanted.**  
The Southwestern division, under the original quota of 10,000,000 members, is allotted 2,000,000, but Chairman Johnston predicts his division will pass this figure by 1,000,000, apportioned as follows: Missouri, 750,000; Arkansas, 250,000; Texas, 1,000,000; Kansas, 500,000; Oklahoma, 500,000.

Already the headquarters of the Southwestern division membership committee has begun to assume the aspect of a military headquarters. From counties in the division where the Red Cross armies already have "gone over the top" in the big drive messages are arriving reporting progress and asking for supplies.

From counties where the intensive campaign has not begun, but where committees are making detailed plans for their drive, the requests, both by letter and telegram, for supplies, circulars, posters and general information are even more numerous. An extra corps of stenographers is kept busy forwarding information, issuing directions and sending telegrams and letters.

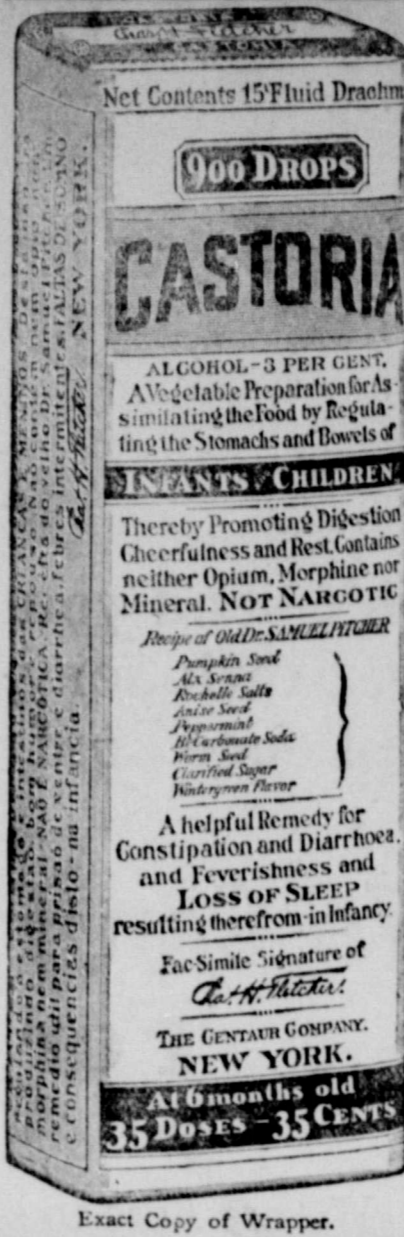
The storeroom at division headquarters carries the similarity to a military base even further. Every mail and express delivery brings parcels and boxes of supplies from Washington, circulars, posters, handbooks, buttons and window cards, the ammunition to be used in the big drive.

**What Service Flag is.**  
One of the most striking emblems of the campaign is a transparent window card, designed as a service flag. A large Red Cross on a white base is the central figure. Smaller crosses for each additional member of the family who becomes a member of the Red Cross can be added to the card. One of these card service flags will be placed in the window of every home where a membership is obtained. On Christmas eve it is planned to have a lighted candle placed behind these flags. If the canvass equals the expectations of Red Cross leaders there will not be a home in the division Christmas eve that does not have one of these flags in the window.

**Boy Scouts Are to Join.**  
Boy Scouts are being organized to gain memberships. School programs, signaling the coming of the holidays, will have an appeal for the Red Cross. The work of the children, Red Cross workers feel, will be an important factor in the success of the membership drive.

In country districts merchants with wide acquaintance among farmers are devoting their time, or have promised to do so, making auto trips throughout the country, stopping at every home and urging every member of the family to take out a Red Cross membership.

In some cities a census is being taken of every block, number of houses and apartments in the block being registered. The squad assigned to a particular block is given a number of service flag cards equal in number to the number of families in the



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Exact Copy of Wrapper.

Every flag a worker leaves in a window is counted as a victory on his score. Every flag he brings back is chalked up as a defeat. In other cities merchants have promised the assistance of their clerks during days of Christmas shopping. Every purchaser will be urged to include a Christmas membership among the gifts for husband, wife, brother, sister, parent or child.

**STARTLING RESULTS IN BALLINGER.**

People report incredible results from pure Lavoptik eye wash. A girl with weak, strained eyes was helped by one application. Her mother could not sew or read because of eye pains. In one week her trouble was gone. A small bottle Lavoptik is guaranteed to help EVERY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eye. ONE WASH startles with its incredible results. Pure aluminum eye cup FREE. Jno. W. Weeks, Druggist.

**AN ORDINANCE**

An ordinance governing the disposition of dead animals, having the same removed to the city dumping grounds, regulating fees to be charged by City for burying same and providing penalties for violations of same.

Be it ordained by the city commission of the city of Ballinger, Texas:

Sec. 1. Every person, firm, corporation, or association of persons, owning or controlling any horses, cattle, mules, sheep, goats, hogs, dogs, jacks, jennets or other animals and, same should die within the limits of said city of Ballinger, shall immediately remove or cause to be removed said dead animal to the city dumping grounds, as provided and designated by ordinance.

Sec. 2. Every person, firm, corporation or association of persons shall pay the said city of Ballinger for services for burying said dead animal on said dumping ground, a fee of \$1.00 for every horse, mule, jack, jennet, hog, sheep, and goat, thereon so disposed.

Sec. 3. Any person, firm, corporation and manager thereof or association of persons, who shall fail or refuse, immediately to remove or cause to be removed any dead animal, enumerated in section One of this ordinance, owned or controlled by him, it or them, and who shall fail or refuse immediately to pay or cause to be paid the said fee of \$1.00 to the said city of Ballinger, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not exceeding \$10.00.

There being no ordinance now covering the burying and fees relating to dead animals, this ordinance shall take effect, from and

after its passage, approval and publication more than one reading, expressly disposed with. 3td.

**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&wif-dh

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