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Next Draft Postponed Until February 15th

Washington, Dec. 28.—Provost Marshal General Crowder announced today that further call for men under the draft system had been postponed until February 15th. Instead of calling for the deferred percentage of the first quota the war department has decided to accept volunteers to make up the shortage, and the next draft, including those who had been examined and not called, will be made up under the questionnaire classification. The work of drafting the next army will begin on February 15th, but details for making the next call have not been announced. It is expected to have all registrants classified before that date and the men will be called from the order in which they are classified.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—Final increments of the first National army assigned to Camp Dodge will not be called but the men in these quotas will be placed under the new classifications regulations according to orders received from Washington today. The orders issued by Provost

Marshal Crowder apply not only to Camp Dodge, but affect all deferred percentages of the first army for which "there will be no more formal call before Feb. 15." "It has been decided there will be no more formal call for deferred percentages of the present quota before Feb. 15. While boards should, until they have enough men, finally classified in class one, send forward promptly men selected under the old regulations to make up deficiencies in calls already made. The result of this decision will be that we shall be able to give the benefit of the new classification system to all men whose order numbers are so late as to place them within deferred percentages of the present call.

"For the sake of composing the public mind, for the convenience of registrants, this information ought to be given widespread dissemination.

"The section referred to, No. 149, relates to the induction into the military service of technical and other experts and of registrants highly skilled in some special line of work."

Gid McAdams of Wichita Falls, who has been visiting relatives at Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon en route home.

J. N. Barbee who has the government contract to build portable houses at Port Arthur, came in Thursday to spend the holidays with his family and Ballinger friends.

ITALIAN EMBASSY IN TIME OF WAR

Washington, Dec. 28.—Keeping in closest touch with the hard pressed Italian armies protecting Venice and the motherland—The Italian embassy force in Washington is burning a lot of midnight oil these nights.

Count C. Macchi di Cellere, the Italian Ambassador, is also High Commissioner for America. With headquarters at the embassy, 1759 R Street, opposite the Perry Belmont Mansion, and close to the late Rear Admiral Sampson's residence—Count Cellere has the job of regulating the immense flow of munitions, and food to Italy.

His right hand man on military needs is General Emilio Guglielmini, who as an active campaigner on the Italian front until last spring. Captain Lamberto Vanutelli, the naval attache, a former African explorer, is with Count Cellere, and has the confidence of Marconi—wireless inventor, in the business of devising anti-submarine apparatus.

The embassy is a luxurious structure. Gold encrusted antique armor—marvelously wrought bronze lamps, and bit of Italian art, decorate the interior.

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF CREWS DIES SUDDENLY

News of the death of John Henry Lewis brought sorrow to many Ballinger friends late Thursday afternoon. Mr. Lewis died at three o'clock Thursday afternoon from pneumonia. He was taken sick Sunday night and many of his best friends did not know he was sick until the news of his death rapidly spread over the county. Mr. Lewis was on the streets of Winters last Saturday and was enjoying his usual good health. Strong and healthy with no thought of being so near death's door, he spent most of Saturday with his family in Winters shopping and preparing for Christmas.

Mr. Lewis was one of the most prominent farmers of the Crews country. He located in that part of the country twelve or fifteen years ago and has been prominent in agricultural, livestock industry and in politics and development of the county. He is survived by a wife and three children, two sons and a daughter. His daughter, Miss Selmer, graduated in the Ballinger High School a few years ago, and later attended the State University, and at the time of her father's death was teaching school in south Texas. The boys were at home with their father. Deceased was one of the most substantial citizens of Runnels county, and the news of his death will be cause for general regret throughout the county.

Friday afternoon at two o'clock the funeral was held and the remains entered in the cemetery at Winters, where a large crowd, despite the freezing weather, gathered to pay respects to a good man and to offer sympathy to the bereaved family.

16 DEGREE WEATHER PROMISED TONIGHT

The weather man seems to be short on rain, but long on cold weather, and his forecast for tonight and Saturday says: "Tonight fair and colder. Cold wave Saturday with temperature from 16 to 20 degrees above zero."

The cold wave promised for Friday made schedule time and greeted the early risers, and the temperature dropped to freezing before breakfast. Not satisfied with that the weather man comes again with another threat that causes the horrors of a coal famine to play hide and seek up and down the spinal column of the man whose duty it is to keep the home fires burning.

MOVING TO BALLINGER.

J. W. Black and family of South Ballinger, moved into the city Thursday and will occupy the F. L. Harper residence on 9th Street near the 9th Street Baptist church.

Mrs. Ruth Adams left Thursday afternoon for Lometa to visit for a few weeks.

MAN WHO MURDERED WOMAN PARDONED

San Angelo, Dec. 27.—John King who was convicted in San Angelo in 1908 for the murder of Katie Ryan and was sentenced to ninety-nine years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary, has been pardoned by Governor Hobby, and is making arrangements to take up his residence in Brownwood. This information has just been received here by friends of the liberated man.

King had served less than nine years of his sentence when given his freedom upon the recommendation of the pardon board. The action of the board was due primarily to King's excellent record, to which attention was called by W. E. Taylor, local attorney, in a petition signed by a number of friends. Judge Taylor represented King in his trial here, and since that time had been active in his behalf. The former San Angelian is a skilled mechanic, and it is understood that he has secured work at Brownwood in the oil fields. His mother and sister reside there.

Details of the killing of Katie Ryan have almost been forgotten because of the time that has elapsed since the murder. The woman's dead body was found in the North Coneho river at the foot of Irving Street, within a block of the main business section. King was arrested on suspicion, and a companion of his on the night the killing occurred turned state's evidence and swore that King had first choked Katie Ryan and had then pushed her limp body into the stream.

At that time, King was a young man about nineteen or twenty years old. Today he is about twenty-eight but is said to be in fair health, despite his long confinement and hard labor.

GOVERNMENT NAMES RAIL ROAD BOARD

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary McAdoo has placed in charge of the temporary operation of the nation's railroads the railroad war board that was appointed to handle the railroad situation some time ago before the government decided to take over the railroads. The existing war board had already put under way plans for operating the railroads during the war, and the new plans will be rapidly put into effect. All railroads went under government control this morning.

J. B. Arterburn left Friday morning for Brownwood to look over the oil fields a few days.

SOLE INHABITANT OF WAR TORN TOWN

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 2. (By Mail).—Preferring to live in a pig pen rather than stay away from the home she had known all her life is the story of an aged Frenchwoman who is today the lonely single inhabitant of a deserted village in the Aisne department of Northern France.

Defying even the French military authorities who have ruled against the return of former inhabitants to the village on account of its proximity to the new German lines, Marie Lozier, 65, picked her way back unaided and finding the pig sty the less ruined part of what had been her home she gathered up odds and ends and put a roof over it. Once settled she refused to leave.

It was here that Miss Mary Virginia Poyton, of Charlottesville, Va., one of many young American women aiding the returning villagers of the Aisne, found Madame Lozier.

"What are you doing here?" the young American girl asked.

"This is my home and I had a right to come," she responded.

"But how did you get here?"

"I just got here, that's all I know."

All the entreaties of the young American women and French soldiers have failed to convince the aged Frenchwoman that she should leave this improvised home in the pig sty. Her determination to live where she has always lived still defies the possibility of German shells and German gas. She has been provided with a gas mask and in the meantime the Civil Section of the American Fund for French Wounded, of which Miss Poyton is a worker, is seeing what can be done about rebuilding Marie Lozier's house and providing her with necessities. With a few pots and pans already provided she is content to live where she is until the home appears above the ruins and then she hopes her daughter, kidnapped by the Germans before they destroyed the village and retreated, and her son, a soldier somewhere in the trenches, will come back to share it with her.

London, Dec. 28.—"The allies purposes in continuing this war are not imperialistic or vindictive, but we must continue to fight for future freedom and peace of mankind," Premier Lloyd George declared in a letter setting forth the aims of the British before the laborites war aim congress now in session. Lloyd George makes it clear that the British will turn a deaf ear to such peace terms as the German government are now offering the Russians.

Paris, Dec. 28.—France is standing strong for terms of peace only as will bring future freedom and permanent peace. France refuses to negotiate any German contrived peace, such as the terms outlined by the Germans for the Russian government. It was declared before the Chamber of Deputies today that overtures from the imperialistic government could not be listened to at this time, and that the French would continue to fight for permanent peace.

American Ignores Proposal. Washington, Dec. 27.—Germany's proposals to the Russian Bolshevik envoys through the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister for a basis of peace, have attracted little more than passing attention here, chiefly because the attitude of the United States government has not changed in any degree since President Wilson solemnly told congress that the word of the present rulers of Germany could not be accepted for anything worth while.

Moreover, officials here think the very conditions imposed by the Teutonic plenipotentiaries stamp their promises of no annexations and no indemnities as insincere.

PETROGRAD BANKS ORDERED CLOSED

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—All the private banks in Petrograd, including some foreign branches, were closed today by order of the Bolshevik government. The closing of the banks created considerable disturbances in finances and business circles.

SAN ANTONIO PROS WANT ELECTION

San Antonio, Dec. 28.—Petitions are being circulated here asking the commissioners court of Bexar county to order an election to vote on prohibition for the entire county early in February. The petitions will be liberally signed and will go before the court at the next session, and there is no doubt but what the election will be ordered.



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Editor

A chicken feed peddler who guaranteed his feed to bring the eggs, now says it is too dry for chickens to lay. The peddler should have guaranteed the rain.

The old political pot begins to simmer and despite the dry weather candidates will begin to sprout with the coming new year. While the war has reduced the number of voters, it is hardly possible that any office will go begging.

If the road builders had a bank full of cash they could not build roads until it rained. It is just that dry in this country. But the commissioners should lose no time in getting the cash ready so double time can be made when the rain comes.

The registrant who comes in Class One under the draft system, has an opportunity to get into service without the red tape process of being drafted. Texas is almost one thousand short in its quota of the first draft and the war department is calling for volunteers to make up the shortage.

After the Red Cross campaign comes the War Savings and Thrift Stamp campaign. It is just one good thing after another. Some people refused to join the Red Cross because it would cost them a dollar. Some people will refuse to buy thrift stamps because they are not Americans, notwithstanding that buying thrift stamps is a game at which you can't lose.

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THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, diabetes, gravel, nerve pain and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. (One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states.) Dr. E. W. Hall, 238 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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"WE KILLED A BEAR."
After the United States gets through with Germany you will hear men who never contributed a cent or did anything to help in the war, strut around and say 'we whipped the kaiser.' It is disgusting to a true American the way some slackers play the game of a leech on the body politic — getting all that their filthy clutches can reach and giving nothing in return, and doing nothing to perpetuate the government that gives them such freedom, but when these disloyal folks come around after the smoke of battle has cleared away and put up the claim that 'we killed the bear,' there should be a house cleaning at home. We have always been opposed to permitting those who refuse to help in the fracas enjoy the spoils.

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.

Porter Murray who had the misfortune to get his hip broken Thursday, is getting along as well as could be expected.

Rev. E. P. Bates returned from Austin, Thursday night, where he went to spend Christmas with relatives and to accompany Mrs. Bates, who was visiting at Austin, home.



Sid Caskey passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon enroute to Kempner, in response to a message telling him of his father's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Massey returned to Ballinger Thursday afternoon from a short Christmas visit to friends at San Angelo.

NOTICE.

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E. A. Holloway of the Norton country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to continue coming to his address for the ensuing year.

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Corn Chops \$3.90 per hundred pounds.
Oats 95 cents per bushel.
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Cotton Seed Meal \$3 per hundred pounds. d&w 1t.

Mrs. J. G. McMillan, of Zephyr, came in Friday at noon to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Clark, and her son, J. F. McMillan and family, a few days.

R. W. Bruce of the Bethel neighborhood, passed through the city Friday en route home from a visit to his brother at Denton.

Paul Best, one of the Ballinger soldier boys, came in from Camp Bowie a day or two ago to spend his vacation with his parents.

Alf Young and Tol Proctor of the Winters country and T. T. Sheppard of Wilmett, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Rev. Francis, the M. E. pastor at Norton, was getting acquainted and transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Words of Comfort For the New Year
By Samuel Gardiner Ayres.



THE hourglass has turned; the last few sands That marked the Old Year now have slipped away. And in his outstretched hand the New Year holds The future of a twelvemonth's span.

Then hail New Year! We bid thee welcome. Thy gifts are many, but not yet disclosed. With thee may come joy or sorrow, pain or loss, failure or success, hope deferred or dreams realized. We bid thee welcome and will try to cherish and improve thy gift of time. We greet thee with a cheer as we undertake our journey in thy care. "Life must march forward in a column of days."

O. J. Hindes of Winters, was greeting friends in the Capitol City Thursday.

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Gentlemen: The Commission again requests that you assist in bringing to the attention of the public the Government's urgent need of Typewriter Operators and for Stenographers and Typewriters, both men and women, caused by the war. Literally thousands are required. All who pass the examination for the departments and offices at Washington, D. C., are practically assured of certification for appointment at salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year. Advancement of capable employees to higher salaries is reasonably rapid. Examinations for the Departmental Service at Washington, D. C., for both men and women are held every Tuesday in 450 of the principal cities of the United States, and applications may be filed with the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., at any time. Those who fail to pass may be re-examined, as many times as they wish until they attain an eligible rating. An examination which results in a failure will help to prepare the competitor for the next.

It is the manifest duty of citizens with this special knowledge to use it at this time where it will be of most value to the Government. Women, who are not prepared to take up arms in defense of the country, may find in this office work an opportunity to help the Government in a practical way. Persons who have not the required training are urged to undergo instruction at once, for the prospect is that demand will continue indefinitely.

By direction of the Commission, Very respectfully, John A. McIlhenny, President, UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Washington, D. C.

Young men who want to go to France and can not pass the physical test, or will not be called as soon as they like, can qualify at once at Draughton's to go as an army stenographer, or if they prefer to serve their country in a substantial and patriotic way without going abroad, they can join at once the Draughton's Special Civil Service Classes guaranteed to qualify in the SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME to stand the test for a position as stenographer or typewriter in the Government service.

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10,000 STENOGRAPHERS and TYPEWRITERS ARE NEEDED.

Spec. to The Dallas News. Washington, — Now that Uncle Sam has the young men of the country in training for military service, he finds that he needs 10,000 typewriters, both men and women, for the departments at Washington. The Civil Service Commission has notified all of its 3,000 boards of examiners that they should put forth their best efforts to secure these urgently needed workers. While examinations are now held weekly in 450 cities, the commission states that arrangements will be made to have an examination held at any accessible place where a small class of applicants can be secured. The entrance salaries range from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year. Promotion is reasonably rapid to those whose services prove satisfactory. No appointments can be made to these or other positions in the Federal classified civil service unless authorized by the Civil Service Commission, under the civil service law. Any information to the contrary is unauthorized. This is a splendid opportunity to serve your country. Full information may be secured from the secretary of the board of civil service examiners at the postoffice in your city.

WOMEN STENOGRAPHERS ARE WANTED FOR CIVIL SERVICE.

Spec. to The Evening Journal. The United States Civil Service Commission has sent out an urgent call for stenographers and typists. War demands of the departments and offices at Washington are severely taxing the resources of the commission, a letter to the Dallas Public Library says. Women are especially desired. All applicants who pass the examinations are assured of certification for appointment. Salaries range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year, according to the proficiency of the individual. Advancement for capability is reasonably rapid, the letter says. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Information and application blanks can be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, or from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at 211 Louis or New Orleans.

ASK WOMEN TO SERVE COUNTRY AS TYPEWRITERS.

By The United Press. Washington, — Dr. Anna Howard Shaw today urged America's girls to take up typewriting in defense of their country. A vital need of the Government at the present time is for stenographers and typewriters, said Dr. Shaw, "and the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense has circulated the State divisions asking them to spread the idea among girls and young women." These jobs pay from \$600 to \$1,200 a year to start and are open to girls from 18 to 20 with good chances for advancement. Examinations are held throughout the country by Civil Service Commissioners every Tuesday. All needed information can be obtained at your local postoffice. Dr. Shaw's circular says: "The commission urges, on the ground of patriotism, that women who are trained for stenography or typewriting, or both, enter upon competitive examinations at once, and that those who have not such training immediately undergo instruction in exactly the same spirit that has moved them to attend classes in first-aid nursing, that is, the spirit of helpfulness."

BUSINESS MEN NEED BOOKKEEPERS AND STENOGRAPHERS

Bankers, Wholesalers, Retailers, Railroads, Corporations of all kinds everywhere need and bid high for great numbers of Bookkeepers and Stenographers. In fact, NEVER before has there been greater OPPORTUNITY for men not subject to immediate call to the colors, for boys under 21 and for ladies of all ages, who have already qualified, or will qualify soon, by taking a course in standard commercial training school like Draughton's in Dallas, where you secure a PRACTICAL EDUCATION IN THE SHORTEST TIME possible, at THE LEAST EXPENSE and under the STRONGEST Commercial School Faculty IN THE ENTIRE SOUTHWEST. Dallas business men and business firms from out of Dallas call on us almost daily for bookkeepers, stenographers and office assistants. Our inability to supply this demand has compelled us to disappoint many. Can't you drop everything else and START NOW? It's the best opportunity you will ever have.

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J. T. Bregant left Thursday afternoon for Comanche county, where he goes to look after some improvements on his farm for a few weeks.

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

Mrs. Cotton Bailey, of Brownwood, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford, and family the past few

weeks, returned home Thursday afternoon.

Henry Vorbeck, one of Ballinger's soldier boys serving Uncle Sam at Camp Bowie, came in Thursday to visit his parents during his Christmas vacation.

H. T. Snodgrass of Midlothian, who has been visiting relatives in this county, returned home Thursday afternoon.

Judge Louis Wardlow, of Sonora, was visiting his parents and greeting Ballinger friends Friday.

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Geo. Eusk of Waco, who spent a few days this week with his parents left Friday for Coleman, where he will visit friends a few days before going on home.

Mrs. Frank Miles of Santa Anna, after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Norwood, and Ballinger friends, returned home Friday morning.

Misses Margaret and Katherine Futch left Friday for Mereta, to spend a few days with their aunt, Mrs. Perkins.

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"WAR ON THREE FRONTS" QUEEN THEATRE TUESDAY

Under the title "War On Three Fronts," the management of the Queen Theatre presents on Tuesday night the famous motion pictures taken by Capt. F. E. Kleinschmidt, during the past two years he has spent on the battlegrounds of Europe.

These pictures are the first actual presentations of warfare at close range shown in this country and portray military activities by land, by sea and by air, in the most graphic manner conceivable. The horrible and yet sublime tragedy of war, is brought fearfully close by means of these films. To mention but one scene: Imagine yourself on the Glacian front, on the Austrian side, less than a hundred feet from the nearest Russian trenches. We get a glimpse of about twenty men standing in a row behind the trenches firing away with grim faces and taut muscles. Presently one of the men falls, dropping like a corpse, behind the line. An officer takes the gun of the man, who is now carried away on a stretcher. One cannot tell whether he is dead or wounded, and does not have much time to guess, for the next instant another man has been hit. His face has the look of agony that one sees in dying animals, but he moves and slowly recovers. A third man is hit, and, holding his hands to his head, steps out of line and sits down, evidently controlling his pain and misery with great effort. A fourth man drops. In less than two minutes four men out of the twenty have been disabled. Presently there is a fierce attack with bayonet and he cameraman has to retire with the rest. There are scenes showing the submarine campaign in the Adriatic Sea, a very dangerous campaign, indeed, portraying in pictures taken at moments of actual danger the terrible risks which the submarine must be prepared at all times to incur. One understands the perils of submarine warfare much better after seeing these films. Death of course lurks on every front and on sea as well as land, but nowhere is death more constantly present than on the U-boat. One can well believe after seeing these films, that the loss of U-boats has been terrible.

The operations of a mine sweeper are shown in most interesting and thrilling detail. Capt. F. E. Kleinschmidt was out on the Adriatic near Grado whitt a mine-sweeping craft when he was surprised by Italian destroyers.

Not less thrilling, though of course entirely different, were the Captain's adventures in the air. He flew over Venice, over the bloody Doberdo Plateau, which now occupies so much space in the news from the Isonzo front, and over Belgrade. His flight over Belgrade after the taking of that famous citadel resulted in some of the most remarkable pictures ever seen on the screen. The pictures were taken from the aeroplane and show the warlike scenes on the Danube and on "War Island" which lies near Belgrade. The effects of the Austrian howitzers on the forts are appalling to behold. Parts of the Serbian campaign are depicted with great realism. There are moments when one has to hold his breath as waves of horror and pity sweep over him, and there are thrills at the sight of heroic charges and no less heroic defence. There was more of a revival of old-fashioned and spectacular war in the Serbian campaign than in any other. The sufferings of the soldiers on both sides are told in eloquent pictures; the simple eloquence of realism. There is a complete series of pictures showing how the captive balloons are used in connection with artillery. All these scenes are not only interesting but instructive as well.

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

F. R. Schwertner, Sr. and son, of the Baker Flat country, motored over to Ballinger Friday to look after business affairs a few hours.

Miss Edie Vaelkel left Friday afternoon for Winters to attend the funeral of Mr. John H. Lewis, who died at his home near Crews Thursday afternoon.

Joe Sommers of Rowena, had business in Ballinger a few hours Friday.

John Dunn of Floydada, who has been visiting relatives in Bell county, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home.

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The Officers and Directors of The First National Bank of Ballinger Extend Christmas Greetings and best wishes for A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Thoughts for the New Year

SHE was the sweet Marjoram of the salad, or, rather, the herb of grace.—Shakespeare.

To be weak is miserable, Doing, or suffering. —Milton, "Paradise Lost."

Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.—Carlyle, "Past and Present."

Honest toil is holy service; faithful work is praise and prayer.—Henry Van Dyke, "Tolling of Felix."

Hapless woman ne'er can say, "My work is done" till judgment day. —St. John Honeywood.

Love prays devoutly when it prays for love.—Hoag, "Hero and Leander."

Just to live is the most important thing in life. To appreciate, to admire, to enjoy, is to possess.

The law of life is love. Love is the one essential thing without which we can only exist.—Benjamin Woodcox.

Smile, smile, smile. Keep that New Year smile on at the year.

Do Not Soil the Leaf. Keep clean that new leaf you will turn over.

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Ashley Tillery of Coneho county, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Friday.

Maurice Crews of San Antonio, who visited his parents and Ballinger friends during Christmas, returned home Thursday afternoon.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall and two sons, of Leedy, Okla., who have been the guests of their brother-in-law, Preston Dunn and family during Christmas, left for home Friday.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—By owner, 1300 acres land, 300 open, balance timber land, covered with wild cane, plenty of water, all fenced, with barb wire. One barn, four tenant houses, \$7.00 per acre. D. F. Merwin, Pinekeyville, Miss. 27-d2w2t-pd.

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LOST.

LOST—Gold ring, engraved with "G" on outside, on streets of Ballinger. Reward for return to R. O. Walton. 28-2d.

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

LOST—Ladie's coat between Crews and Ballinger, Monday. Return to Lloyd Laxson. 26-d3

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LAST WITNESS OF DEATH
OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Hearne, Texas, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Bertha Heninger, a German woman who has made her home in Hearne for the past forty years, and was much esteemed by all who knew her, died yesterday and was buried today at 3:30 p. m. in Norwood cemetery. Mrs. Heninger was the widow of Judge Geo. Heninger, who died several years ago. Mrs. Heninger, up to the time of her death, was one of the few living witnesses of the assassination of President Lincoln, having been in attendance at the performance in Ford's theater the night of the tragedy. She left no living relatives in this country. She was a native of Germany, but left her fatherland in early womanhood.

Mrs. Heninger was related to the Henniger families of the Hatcher-Winters country.



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A WOMAN SEES THE WORLD.

A telegram signed by Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, was recently received by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Doty, assuring them that their daughter, Madeleine Z. Doty, who is on her way around the world for Good Housekeeping, is safe in Russia. The news first came by cablegram from Petrograd. Here is one more proof that even in the midst of war and internal strife, an American woman, traveling alone, is safe.

Miss Doty came into the office of Good Housekeeping one morning and said to the Editor:

"I wonder what they are thinking about—the women in England, France, all the countries that have been bearing the heat and burden and sorrow of the battle these long tragic years!"

"Why not find out?" asked the Editor.

That was how it happened that Miss Doty set off alone on one of the greatest adventures that any woman ever attempted—across America, the Pacific, Japan thru Siberia into the heart of Russia, and by good luck through Scandinavia, England, France and Italy.

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.

HURTS SISTER WHILE CRACKING COAL

The little two year old girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willingham suffered a cut in the head just above the eyes Thursday morning, when her brother accidentally struck her with a hatchet while breaking up coal. The wound was of such nature that it was necessary to place the child under the influence of medicine while the surgeon sewed up the place, several stitches being required. The little lady is getting along nicely, and nothing serious will result.

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.

Miss Mary Phillips who is spending a while at Brownwood on stenographic work during the oil boom, spent a few days at home during this week, and returned to that city Friday morning.

WILL GROSS VOLUNTEERS AND GOES TO KELLY FIELD

Will Gross left Friday afternoon for San Antonio and goes at once to Kelly Field, where he will enlist in the aviation corps of the United States army. Mr. Gross appeared before the local exemption board Thursday and volunteered for service, requesting that he be sent to the nearest aviation headquarters.

Mr. Gross was subject to draft, and was in the first call. It will be remembered that he claimed exemption on industrial grounds as at the time he was called he had quite a lot of cattle on the Gross ranch near Ballinger and these cattle were looking starvation in the face and to have been called into service at that time would have caused him considerable loss. The district board granted the young man discharge, and in the meantime he has disposed of his cattle and arranged his business so he could respond to his country's call.

While Mr. Gross claimed exemption and secured it, he now volunteers and will soon be filling a place on the Kelly field, where there are a number of other Ballinger boys.

IDEALS FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Dr. William DeWitt Hyde.

To weigh the material in the scales of the personal, and measure life by the standard of love.

To prize health as contagious business, wealth as potential service, reputation as latent influence, learning for the light, it can shed, power for the help it can give, station for the good it can do.

To choose in each case what is good on the whole, and accept cheerfully incidental evils involved.

To put my whole self into all that I do and tolerate no single defect, at the expense of myself as a whole.

To crowd out fear by devotion to duty, and see present and future as one to treat others as I would be treated, and myself as I would my best friend.

To lend no oil to the foolish, but to let my light shine freely for all.

To make no gain by another's loss, and buy no pleasure with another's pain.

To harbor no thought of another which I would be unwilling that other should know.

To say nothing unkind to amuse myself, and nothing false to please others.

To take no pride in weaker men's failings, and bear no malice toward those who do wrong.

To pity the selfish no less than the poor, the proud as much as the outcast, and the cruel even more than the oppressed.

To worship God in all that is good and true and beautiful.

To serve Christ wherever a sad heart can be made happy or a wrong will set right, and to recognize God's kingdom in every institution and person that helps men to love one another.

WHAT NEW YEAR'S SIGNIFIES

Time to Resume Another Journey of Life, Starting Out With a Clean Slate.

The need of getting a convenient division of time into days and years which correspond with the movements of the earth and sun is not sufficient explanation of the New Year's festival. That need is wholly mechanical, mathematical, and serviceable. The mood of New Year's is not mechanical, mathematical, or serviceable. It is wholly one of abandon and heedless ness.

It is such because the day represents an accounting and a sponging of the slate. Life needs renewed beginnings. It cannot lead away across unbroken and unmarked plains. It must have its definite steps, its prospects in the intimate future. The traveler must have in thought as he goes along the road a possibility of a comfortable ending of the day at an inn.

We seek constantly a realization of completeness, of a beginning, a middle, and an end. Life, which is formless, must have form given it. It must have its stopping places, where it relaxes by a fire and is genial. It cannot go on traveling without defined purpose, with no objective, with no aims inviting by the light through social windows. It must have objectives in the near prospect.

It seeks a definite and well laid out plan, a scheme, and, therefore, regardless of the need of dividing time into periods which can be used for the material needs of people, it makes periods which satisfy the demand for an objective.

The New Year's festival is an inn which folk reach at the end of a long journey. They sit a while and are merry. They take up their journey again.—Clifford Raymond.

Wholly Up to You.

If 1918 is not the best year of your life, you have only yourself to blame.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mrs. Ed Harbour and children of San Angelo, who had been visiting a few days with her mother Mrs. T. O. Brown, left Christmas day for Bangs and Brownwood, for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, and children of Winters, are spending the week with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Jackson.

Luther Watson came in Sunday from Camp Bowie to spend the holidays with home folks.

South Ballinger is well represented with the new disease that has made its appearance in this county. Jerrell and Ross Black, Carl Eubank, Sterling and Malcolm Layton are able to be up.

T. A. Brown of Michigan, returned home Wednesday after a weeks visit with his mother, Mrs. T. O. Brown.

Miss Ida Ray Cockrell, left Wednesday for Mary Neal for a two weeks visit.

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ROWENA PEOPLE TO DRILL FOR OIL

The citizens have raised \$4,200 to pay for drilling a test well in Rowena territory. There has been no definite arrangements made, but it is thought a contract will be let and drilling started soon. The well is to be drilled somewhere near town.

Brownwood is booming on account of the oil there and Rowena will do likewise should oil be found here. The land owners are urged to co-operate in the move by granting leases to the company.—Rowena Review.



DRYEST YEAR ON RECORD.

The year 1917 has been the driest in the history of the local weather bureau for the past 32 years.

The rainfall this year has amounted to 10.77 inches whereas the average annual rainfall is 25 inches. The 1917 rainfall is lower by 4.29 inches than ever before. The other low record was in 1909, when the rainfall was 14.87.

Of course the year isn't out yet, but it is not likely to drown anybody between now and January 1st.—Abilene Reporter.

Today is the 28th. It must rain fifteen inches in three days if we get the average for thirty-two years. That would only be five inches per day for the three remaining days of 1917, and it would take just that much rain to make it as wet as we would like to see it.

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