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Montdidier Falls; Thousands Taken

Lieut. Ewing Taylor Wounded in Battle

W. A. Taylor received a letter from his son, Lieut. Ewing Taylor, Saturday. The letter was written from a hospital in France, and brought the bad news that Ewing had been wounded while in battle. The letter was brief and said:

Dear Papa:

How are you all by this time? I hope you are well and doing fine.

I am sending you a little clipping of the fight we had. It was fine work. I got a Boche machine gun bullet through my left arm and am now in a French hospital, but will be out within a week or ten days. It is only a flesh wound in the fore arm and does not matter much. We gave them the devil. Wish I could tell you more about it. Another one of my lieutenants in the company was killed. At present I am in a fine hospital and well cared for. Will be ready for action within at least ten days however. I do not receive any Daily Ledgers now.

Write soon, and a long letter and do not worry about me, as I am O. K.

Your son,

EWING.

Wounded, but determined to win. That is the American spirit expressed between the lines in the above letter. Every heart in Ballinger who knows our boys in France are throbbing in sympathy and every mind is offering a silent prayer that they will be spared and win the victory. There is no young man on the front with more friends at home than Ewing Taylor, and while they will regret to hear that he has been wounded

they will rejoice to know that it was slight and that he is before this time giving the huns the devil again, for we are told in press dispatches that the Americans are whipping the Germans at Montdidier, and that is where Ewing is located.

ARE GLAD TO GET SOLDIERS LETTERS

Quite a number of our readers have told us how they enjoyed reading letters from the soldiers in France. As the number of American boys increase in France the more interested the American people become in the conflict, and while the Americans are limited and can not write in detail of activities over there, what they do say is read with interest, and from time to time bits of news are included in the personal letters that creates a demand for more news from the front. These letters are all censored, and we feel at liberty to publish them when we have an opportunity to do so. Of course we reserve the right to cut out anything that is not of general interest, or that might be of more of a personal nature. We will appreciate it if those who receive good letters from France will submit them to us for publication.

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the order of the Eastern Star meets Monday August 12th, promptly at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged and requested to be present and visitors from other chapters are invited.

Mrs. Azlie Toulme Crews W. M.
Georgie L. Singletary, Sec'y.

Thursday
Friday and
Saturday
Salvation Army Day.
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Weeks Drug Store

CHICKEN THIEF HAS CLOSE CALL

F. L. Gerhart, who lives on route 3 out Winters, reports that an attack was made on his poultry yard last Sunday night, but the attack was unsuccessfull and was repulsed when he grabbed his shotgun and put up a strong fight.

According to the report of the attack, the chicken thief or thieves, raided the poultry house about ten o'clock. The alarm given by the chickens caused Mr. Gerhart to hasten to the cry of distress.

The thief had cut the poultry netting and was making good headway filling his sack with chickens, when Mr. Gerhart arrived on the scene. A double barrel shot gun was brought into action, and the thief retreated, leaving behind his sack half filled with poultry.

The sack was the only clue left by which identification could be made, and while Mr. Gerhart declines to give names a prisoner might result.

Most any kind of an old dominicker will bring one dollar at this time, and the chicken thief who can carry on his work successfully is in no danger of poverty, but he is in a business which will cause him poverty in years to come, and is the dirty thief of thieves.

BAPTISTS ARE GOING TO CHRISTOVAN

The Annual Baptist encampment convened at Christoval Friday, and the Baptists of this section and from quite a distance are flocking to that beautiful place by the hundreds. Quite a number of Ballinger Baptists are attending the encampment.

Among those leaving here for that place Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chastain, Jack McKay and family, Elmer Shepperd and family, W. C. McCarver and family. Most of these will return home Sunday night.

NEWSPAPERS INSTRUCTED TO REDUCE THEIR SIZE

Washington.—The War Industries Board today is preparing pledges to be sent paper mills and newspapers assuring drastic economy in the use of the paper, including deduction of 15 per cent of the paper, on week-day editions and 6 per cent on Sunday editions.

The board also has ruled that during the war "no new newspapers shall be established."

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis, of the Truitt country were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

SALVATION ARMY KNOWS CONDITIONS

Estess M. Lynn, chairman of the Salvation Army campaign which was launched in this county last Thursday for the purpose of raising \$2,500 for Salvation Army work on the battle fields, reports that Runnels County will not be able to go over the top with its quota, but that the people are responding liberally, with few exceptions. As is always the case in such matters, some men who are able to help most help less, and in some instances decline to give anything. The cash men are hoarding here when it is needed so bad to alleviate the suffering of American soldiers who are giving their lives for this country will not quench their thirst in hell.

While the country will not reach its quota, this fact will not stand out against the country as a whole as the committee in charge of the work realizes the condition which prevail here at this time, and these conditions have been made known to the Salvation Army headquarters.

Mr. Lynn recently addressed a letter to the brigadier in charge of the Texas work, Geo. Wood, of Dallas, and the following letter came to Mr. Lynn Saturday from the headquarters.

Dear Mr. Lynn:

We have your letter of August 5th, explaining the circumstances in your county and we shall be thoroughly satisfied with anything you and your people give, knowing that you will do the best you can for this cause.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to you for undertaking this work under the existing circumstances and we know that you are doing so from a sense of duty and desire to help us help the boys in France. We thank you for the effort you are making.

GEO. WOOD, Brigadier.

ARCH CREWS PROMOTED TO CAMP PIKE FOR TRAINING

Archie Crews, who has been at home for the past week, received a telegram Saturday calling him back to Fort Bliss, El Paso, and informing him that he had been selected for training in the officers training camp at Camp Pike, Arkansas.

Mr. Crews volunteered and was assigned to duty in the Q. M. C. at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla. He was later transferred to the medical corps and sent to El Paso where he has been doing duty.

He was recommended some time ago for promotion to the officers training camp, but had about given up hopes of receiving the promotion. He was given a furlough and was here for twelve days visiting with his wife and father. His visit was cut short and he left Saturday at noon for El Paso, where he will receive instructions for reporting to Camp Pike.

Arch has many friends in Ballinger who will rejoice to know that he has been given an opportunity to train for a commission, and we predict that he will make good.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith, who lives east of the city passed through Ballinger Friday en route to Lampasas to visit relatives a few weeks.

Paris, Aug. 10.—Laliberte, news paper, declares that Montdidier has been captured by the French and Americans. The reports say the allies have advanced beyond Montdidier, and that the Germans were caught before they had time to escape and thousands of prisoners were captured.

Paris, Aug. 10.—Early war office communique received here today says that the French suddenly attacked south of Montdidier and practically surrounded the city. The new attack was made on a three mile front between Ayencourt and Lefretoy. The French penetrated four miles north and eastward of Favrolles, taking several villages in the first drive, and without checking.

London, Aug. 10.—The American troops are participating in the Picardy drive, the British war office announces. Cooperating with the British they took all objectives, including Morlancourt, where the Germans had made their most stubborn resistance.

News received early in the day says that Montdidier is threatened by the new French who made sudden attack again in the third days drive. Over 24,000 prisoners have been taken in the Picardy drive.

THREE GIRLS ESCAPE FROM GATESVILLE REFORMATORY

Sheriffs of this section of Texas were notified Wednesday by the superintendent of the State Reformatory at Gatesville, to be on the lookout for three girls who escaped from the girls training school there on Monday night. The girls were thought to be heading for Fort Worth. —Brown wood Bulletin.

Preston McKinley, who has been in the saddle and harness business at Miles for several years, has moved to Dallas, where he accepted a position in a saddle shop. We trust he will succeed and some day return here.

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THE STARS AND STRIPES

Through the courtesy of R. B. Creasy we have had the pleasure of reading a copy of the Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Forces, published by and for the soldiers of the A. E. F. in France. The paper is full of news of interest to the public as well as of particular interest to the men men who it is especially edited and published for.

The soldiers newspaper carries American news by cablegram, and the latest orders of the war department and important measures pending and passed in the American congress are featured in the paper. American cablegrams tell of the speedy ship construction being carried on in America, as well as the fight or work order put in force over here. This is no doubt good news to the Americans who are fighting in France.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and 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 \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for sworn testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Miss Shepherd, who has been visiting her grand father, W. B. Fletcher and family at Bronte and her brother Carl Shepherd of our city, left Friday afternoon for Brownwood where she will visit for a few weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Armstrong received a letter Friday from their son, Ervin, who is now serving in the U. S. Navy at San Pedro, Cal., and says he is enjoying army life fine, and the citizens of the city offer the soldier boys many courtesies, and make life as pleasant as possible for them while away from home.

A Bilious Attack.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its function. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

E. M. Jones and family of Talpa motored over to Ballinger Friday and spent the day with Mr. Jones' brother, W. C. Jones and family, who recently moved to Ballinger from Coleman.

Mrs. Florence Ashmore of Comanche, is here visiting her father, W. C. Jones and family.

Horace Murphy and Clarence Routh left Thursday for a trip through the Fort Stockton country in search of grass for their cattle.

Jack Nichols, a life-time Runnels county boy, writes from Lancaster, Texas, for the Ledger to be sent to him at that place. He left Ballinger with his family about a week ago.

Mrs. Kirt Guin of Sweetwater, who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Guin the past week, returned home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Crews and little daughter, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Friday en route east to visit relatives a few weeks.

Elmer Marshall of the Maverick country left Saturday for Miami, Arizona, where he will do ranch work during the fall months.

R. B. Creasy left Friday afternoon for Brenham, where he goes to place one of his largest Gin Saw Filers.

E. D. Futch left Friday afternoon for Corpus Christi and other points in South Texas, where he will buy cotton for a few months.

Clinton Reese, of South Ballinger, left on the afternoon train for Benoit to visit his grand-father, Sam Reese and family a few weeks.

SEVENTY PER CENT FLOUR RULE IS EXTENDED.

The period for the operation of the 70 per cent flour rule governing bakers of all products except bread and rolls which expired July 31 has been extended to August 31. For this reason the United States Food Administration does not wish to issue licenses to new bakers for the manufacture of products other than bread and rolls until September 1.

The Food Administration approves the issuance of licenses to new bread bakers in territories where the population has increased and where there is an actual necessity for an increased bread production. The administration disapproves launching before September of advertising by bread bakers to increase their production.

On account of the 70 per cent sugar rule governing bakers, many small hotels, boarding houses and public eating places will ask for bakers' licenses to permit them to get an extra allotment of sugar for their bakery products. The Food Administration decidedly disapproves of this subterfuge and requests that no applications for licenses be approved by State administrators until the administrators are thoroughly satisfied that the applicant uses at least three barrels of flour and substitutes in his bakery each month and has used this average for the past few months.

Small retail bakers using less than three barrels of flour and substitutes and therefore not under license should observe either on the same basis as licensed bakers, that is to say 70 per cent.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 90c.

**THE FISH INDUSTRY
WILL BE DISCUSSED**

STATE PRICE INTERPRETING COMMITTEE TO BE ORGANIZED.

Food Administrator Has Called Conference of Retailers, Wholesalers and Fishermen to Plan Increase of Fish Consumption.

Thursday, August 15, Administrator Peden will meet with the fishermen, fish wholesalers and fish dealers in a conference in Houston to be held at the Bender hotel. The purpose of the conference is to give the three agents in the transporting of fish from the sea to the kitchen table an opportunity to explain the part each is willing to perform in the task of winning the war; and as a result of the conference a State fish price interpreting committee will be formed, whose function it will be to co-operate with the Fish Department of the Federal Food Administration for Texas.

The Fish Department of the Food Administration has been engaged for several months in making a study of the fish industries along the Texas coast, and recently a remarkable survey was accomplished, beginning at Brownsville and terminating at Port Arthur, by H. Warrach, Jr., a former fish distributor of Port Lavaca. On Mr. Warrach's figures the conference will pivot.

Charles L. Desel, director of the Perishable Department of the Food Administration, is also in charge of the fish section. In a report to Mr. Peden, Mr. Desel states that although the fish industries of Texas have a daily capacity of 200,000 pounds, the average use per day is only 20,000 pounds, or 10 per cent.

Up to Householder.

If Texas, which is one of the chief cattle raising States, expects to perform its fullest duty to the nation in keeping the record clean on shipment of meat products abroad, it is frankly up to the householder to eat more fish as a substitute for meat. The shipment of meats and fats to allied destinations during the fiscal year of 1917-18 was 3,011,100,000 pounds. The prior fiscal year was 2,165,500,000 pounds. With 2,500,000 fighting men in France, and France and England and Italy down to a grain ration so far as their production is concerned, we can expect and must look forward to augmenting the 1917-18 fiscal year by 2,500,000,000 to 3,000,000,000 pounds of meat. Much of this must come from self-denial and from substitution.

More Protein in Fish.

In fuel value meats give more energy to the body than fish; yet on the other hand meats call for more energy to digest, hence the value of the two so far as building up energy offset each other. Fish has somewhat more protein than meats, which is to say, more of the elements which build up the tissues.

Although fish is not as cheap as it might be, it is considerably cheaper than meat and it is most seasonable in the summer and fall, making for a light, wholesome diet.

With the exception of Texans living on the coast, fish has been for years regarded as a special entree and a dish to be had perhaps once or twice a month. The result of this attitude, and also a prejudice against frozen fish and an insistence upon having fish with life "almost" still in them, has contributed as much to retarding the industry along the Texas coast as the State laws, now modified by the federal laws. The administration urges most earnestly that the public buy more liberally hereafter of the stocks of small fish and thus build up an industry which will not only provide a wholesome substitute for meats, but also enrich the State.

Wrong Impressions Exist.

There are at present many absurd statements being made by people totally unfamiliar with the federal regulations governing the fishing industries, and the Food Administration is anxious to correct these wrong impressions.

Fishing is wide open, with liberal exceptions as to small sizes and some of the choice fish; fish traps, pounds and weirs may be used and used continuously. Sunday included, save in restricted areas prescribed by the war department; purse seines, haul seines, gill nets, otter trawls may all be used, provided that they shall not be operated within 500 yards of any other similar outfit or within 500 yards of any established beach, sealing location in operation by any other licensee.

All men may fish and sell of their fish—the only stipulation is that all salt water fishermen must have licenses and these may be had without costing a single penny by applying to the License Division of the United States Food Administration, Washington.

With such liberal jurisdiction Texas should have today a great fish industry; whereas her complete output does not come up to a single pier of the average fishing town along the New England coast.



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

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LEFT FOR ARKANSAS.

Mrs. A. D. Taylor and daughter, Miss Rosa, of the Norton county, left Friday afternoon for Leslie, Ark., to join Mr. Taylor to make their future home in that section. Mr. Taylor shipped out his stock and household goods a week ago.

First Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Evening services on school campus.

H. P. BATES.

E. L. Raspberry returned home Saturday at noon from Kansas City where he had been on a business trip the past two weeks.

J. D. Miller, the Norton druggist was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Uncle Joe Routh, of Andrews came in Friday to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a week or two.

Vivian Colburn of the Winters country passed through Ballinger Friday en route to Milam county to visit relatives during this fall.

Wm. Davenport, who has helped to make Runnels county a good place in which to live, has temporarily left his home here and located at Fate, Texas. He will return with the good rains.

W. S. Caudle and two little sons, of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday. He gave us an interesting letter from his brother-in-law in France, which will appear in next week's paper.

F. M. Steele of the Norton country and E. B. Warmack, of the Oak Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Improve Your Digestion.

"For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them did I find the right treatment. Since taking them my digestion is fine."—Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa.

Judge C. O. Harris and wife, of San Angelo passed through Ballinger Saturday at noon en route home from an extended visit to relatives in Chicago and other points north.

Judge O. L. Parish had business at Rowena between trains Saturday.

Mack Hargroves, who had been herding his sheep in Reagan county decided it was too hot and dry for him and he shipped them out to the Fort Worth market Friday.

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R. Bernhart, who had been with the City Drug Store the past few months, left Friday afternoon to visit his old home at Mason a few weeks.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on over the seat of pain is often more effectual for a lame back than a plaster and does not cost anything like as much.

Louis Wilde of the Colorado country who had been visiting his brother W. H. and W. S. Wilde and his sister Mrs. G. H. Diersche

and family, of the Olin country, left from this point Friday afternoon for his home.

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Mrs. Alfred Luckett, of Miles, came Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rasburry and Ballinger friends a few days.

The Salvation Army Is Helping the Cause of LIBERTY.

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Castor Tire & Battery Co.

Helping the Salvation Army is Helping Our Boys "Over There"

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The Cash Meat Market

Runnels County is Hard Hit—But

Think about Belgium

Remember to Give until it hurts to the Salvation Army War Fund.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday

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Phone 31

TAYLOR COUNTY GETS FIRST BALE COTTON

The first bale of cotton for the 1918 crop was ginned at Merkel in Taylor county, Friday. So far as we know this is the first bale reported in West Texas. Runnels county's first bale is over due—the first bale for previous years having been received about the first of August. The first bale will no doubt be made up from remnants furnished by many farmers and there will be only a few bales to follow the first bale.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.
 FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
 (Seal) A. W. GLEASON,
 Notary Public.

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Aubrey (Speck) Smiehl, writes to his mother from France saying that he arrived safely. Speck is the little Ballinger boy who had to fight the board of examiners all along the line to get in the army where he could fight the huns. He was rejected several times on account of being too small, but finally got in and made his way to France, and we predict that he will tackle the biggest hun on the battle line.

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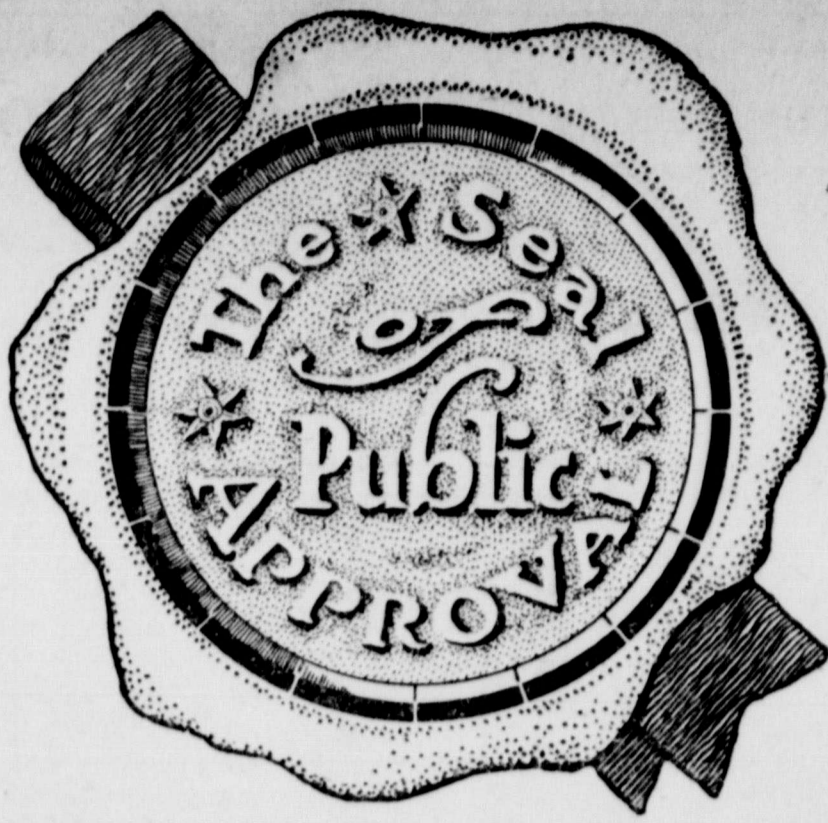
Mr. Cunningham, of Brownwood Auditor for the West Texas Telephone Co., passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home from Winters.

COTTON TO HANDLE.

The Government estimates this year's cotton crop at fifteen million bales. The records show that there is a surplus of cotton, million bales carried over from last year, making nineteen million bales of cotton to be marketed. A great number of men who have heretofore graded cotton have joined the colors. Somebody must take their places in order to handle this enormous crop. It requires from four to six weeks to qualify. If you act quickly, you can be qualified to help handle this year's crop. The A. & M. College of Texas, and the Bureau of Markets of U. S. Agriculture Department has seen fit to establish several cotton grading stations in the state to assist the farmers in having this cotton properly graded, claiming that there will be a saving of from \$10.00 to \$40.00 per bale on the crop. If there is such a difference in grades of cotton according to the Government, surely the young men and women should prepare themselves immediately. When we say women, we say so, based on the fact that there are several women taking our Cotton Classing, now realizing what an opportunity is open to them. The cost of the course is \$30.00, including samples and material for the cotton grading proper, and the average time from four to six weeks.

In order to get in in time to prepare for the coming cotton crop write, wire or phone for information and our free catalogue. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Miss Fannie Hunt visited her sister, Mrs. C. Slayton at Miles this week.



THE First National Bank
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HELP US GET THE NEWS

Please do not be too timid to help the newspaper man give the news. Our local reporter meets all the trains, but in this day of auto travel more people are going and coming by auto than by rail, and we have no way of getting the names of those who come to see you in their auto, or to make mention of your going away by auto unless some one tells us about it. It will be a small matter for you to step to the phone, call 27 and give us the names the parties, and where they are from. We will do the rest, and this will help us to give the people just what the people want to read. It will be a favor to us, and we will appreciate it.

Cure for Dysentery.

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines, Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysentery, and had been given up by the family physician. Some of his neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

Rollie Price is at home from the Great Lakes naval training camp. Young Price has been sick since last January, and on account of his health the government gave him an honorable discharge and sent him home.

Be WISE and Advertise

Mrs. M. D. Carlisle and daughter Miss Kitty R. Carlisle, of Austin came in Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Carlisle, a few weeks. They are mother and sister respectively of Mr. Carlisle.

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Daily Ledger Want Ads

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FOR TRADE

FOR TRADE—New furniture for second-hand furniture. Lankford. 8-d3t.

LOST

LOST—Three keys on string. Return to F. Moutz. 2td-pd

The French Say: "They Shall Not Pass"

Runnels county says: "We Shall Not Fail."

Salvation Army Quota \$2500.00

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For Spring Building

It's time to think about starting the new and repairing the old. We have a fine stock of sheeting, siding, bill stuff, shingles, sash, doors, lime and cement, waiting your needs. Let us figure your lumber estimates and show you where we can save you money.

Ballinger Lumber Company

The Loss by Fire or Tornado of Uninsured Property Means the Absolute Destruction of Wealth.

Hard times makes insurance a positive necessity because then a property owner can least afford to see wealth destroyed.

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30

Ballinger Insurance Agency

Estes Lynn,
Mgr.

Hall Hardware Company Building



**With Our Boys in
Khaki and Blue**



Dear Moher:
This is the first opportunity I have had to write since landing. Have ridden in cattle boats, passenger trains, freight trains, and trucks. Am now in a little village living in an old stone house. Was in England two days in a rest camp there and this the second camp I have been in since landing in France.

There are no people to speak of but the very old ones, and one of the quaintest little places you can imagine, the houses are all very old and a little mountain stream running through the center of the town. The people are at least 100 years behind us and don't suppose they ever saw an electric light or moving pictures.

We are the first American soldiers that have been here.

It isn't like our towns; they do not have any stores, and about the only thing a person can buy is a little wine, and it isn't very good. Haven't seen a ready made cigarette since landing. I am down to Government Issue Bull Durham, and am only too glad to get it.

Our country is so far ahead of this one that I only want to cross the water one more time and that is to come home. Of course it is very beautiful here and as far back as we are you would never know the war was going on. Only wish I could tell you more about what is happening but the censors won't permit it, but can say that I expect to be home much sooner than I did when I started. The American soldiers will make a record that the whole world will remember and believe that it will be so good no other Nation will want to tackle us for some time to come. Wish I could describe how quiet it is here tonight; they all go to bed here at dark and

KEPT HER AWAKE

The Terrible Pains in Back and Sides. Cardui Gave Relief.

Marksville, La.—Mrs. Alice Johnson, of this place, writes: "For one year I suffered with an awful misery in my back and sides. My left side was hurting me all the time. The misery was something awful.

I could not do anything, not even sleep at night. It kept me awake most of the night. I took different medicines, but nothing did me any good or relieved me until I took Cardui.

I was not able to do any of my work for one year and I got worse all the time, was confined to my bed off and on. I got so bad with my back that when I stooped down I was not able to straighten up again. I decided I would try Cardui. By time I had taken the entire bottle I was feeling pretty good and could straighten up and my pains were nearly all gone.

I shall always praise Cardui. I continued taking it until I was strong and well." If you suffer from pains due to female complaints, Cardui may be just what you need. Thousands of women who once suffered in this way now praise Cardui for their present good health. Give it a trial. NC-133

there isn't a sound to be heard. I took a bath in the stream today and you couldn't have made it any colder with ice, though the climate is warm here during the day, but the water is as clear as crystal and comes from springs in the mountains.

Got my first mail today, five letters from you and the oldest one was written June 4th. They were all older than the ones I got at Camp Mills. But maybe you think they didn't look good to me. Will likely get it in bunches from now on, and would appreciate a few magazines and home papers. Have only seen one newspaper since leaving N. Y., and I suppose I will not see another till I get home, and I couldn't read it if I did. I want to stay here as long as the war lasts, but believe me, I will be glad to start back to the U. S. A. when it is over. These old French women do everything in their power to make it pleasant for us, but we can't talk to each other. The old lady where I am staying has fixed everything as home like as possible for me, and I will always have a friendly feeling for the French people and am only too glad we are here to help them out. Will get a good rest here but expect it will get pretty tiresome if we stay too long. Any farm would be lively compared to this place, and to make it all the more lonely there is an old graveyard right in the center of town. I haven't had much sleep lately; have been on the move all the time. Will be very busy for a few weeks now and may not get a chance to write every day, as usual, as I haven't had a chance to do much work since leaving N. Y., and am glad to be busy here as there is nothing else to do and no near by town any better than this one. Will get me some tackle and fish after work a little later. The streams are very pretty here in the mountains, and I imagine fishing would be good. Don't know how soon we will move up to the front, but expect to get several weeks training here. Of all the soldiers I have met, I like the Australians best and hope to be put with them. They are more like our men than any of the others. Will go to church Sunday, that is if the church will hold us. Won't be able to get much good out of the sermon, but my intentions will be good any way. Before many more months will be back to go to our little church and we will appreciate being together more than ever. I always want to be home on Sunday more than any other time, as we were all together always. Don't suppose any of us appreciated very much at the time but we will after this.

Will write every chance I get and when you fail to hear it will be only because the mail has been delayed. No news will always be good news and there is absolutely nothing for you to worry about. I will always be glad that I enlisted and I think that is a sacrifice that every man should make and you should be glad I am able

to do my part. Write to me as often as you can and remember I am always thinking about you, and hope to always see my duty first.

With love,

ROY.

Mrs. D. Reeder received the above letter from her son, Roy Reeder the first news from the young man since he landed "over there." This letter, like many others received from the boys over here, has a ring of Americanism in it that cause fathers and mothers to feel proud that they have a son on the front.

**AMERICAN CAVALRY
CARRIES OUT ORDERS**

Dr. T. A. Rape is in receipt of a letter from his nephew, Tom Rape, in which the young man writes interestingly of things in France.

Tom will be remembered by many in Ballinger. He spent his boyhood days here with his uncle. At the time he enlisted he was in the saddle and leather business and he joined the cavalry as a saddler. He says he is getting along fine in the army, and sends Dr. Rape a picture to prove it, the picture showing him in good health and every inch a man.

In the letter Tom says that he would like to write of war activities, but can't do so, and he suggests that what we read in the papers is true and then some. He enclosed a copy of an order, which bore the mark of the censor certifying that it was a true copy of the order passed by Gen. Gouradson on July 7th, just before the attack was made on the Americans. The order speaks for its self and is published below. Tom says it was carried out to a letter, and those who read of the brilliant manner in which the American cavalry stood their ground and defeated the huns will recall that there was no retreating.

No One Will Retreat

The following order of the day to the French and American soldiers of the Fourth Army was issued by Gen. Gouradson on July 7.

"We are liable to be attacked at any moment. You must all feel that never was a defensive battle begun under more favorable conditions. We are warned and on our guard. We have been strongly reinforced in artillery and infantry. You are fighting on a ground which your incessant work has made into a fortress that will prove impregnable if all the passages are well guarded. The bombardment will be terrible but you will endure it without flinching. There will be strong attacks amid clouds of dust, gas and smoke but your positions and armament are formidable. The brave and strong hearts of free men are beating in your breast. No one will retreat a single step. No one will have any thought but to kill as many of the enemy as possible, until they have had enough of it and this is why your General tells you, "You will shatter this attack," and this will be a great day."

J. M. Joiner left for Dallas and other points in that section where he is figuring on locating.

STORM WRECKS GRAINERY
The little thunder head that formed over a small scope of country west of Ballinger Thursday afternoon brought a little storm that wrecked the grainery on the C. R. Stephens farm on Valley creek, nine miles from Ballinger. A shower of rain accompanied the wind. Mr. Stephens carried storm insurance on his barn, the policy being with the Elmer Sheppard agency, and his loss will not amount to much.

Judge J. W. Powell returned Friday afternoon from Coleman where he had been looking after oil interest the past several days.

C. A. Doose and Walt Allen returned home Friday afternoon from a ten days trip over the Pan handle country and along the Canadian where they had been looking after grass for Mr. Allens cattle, but informed us that they failed to find anything to suit them at any reasonable price.

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