

BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Advance 2 Miles, Enemy Line Weakens

ONLY TWO TEXANS IN CASUALTIES

The casualty list released for publication today contains the names of only 2 Texans. Private Victor W. Roberts, Brownwood, and Private Williams V. Mason, Mt. Pleasant, both severely wounded. The list contains the names of 275 Americans, divided as follows:

Killed in action 147.
Missing in action 3
Wounded severely 99
Died of disease 7
Died of wounds 1
Died of accident or other causes 4
Wounded, degree undetermined 4

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS MRS. BRIDWELL TEACHER

At a meeting of the school board, held Tuesday morning, Mrs. W. A. Bridwell was elected as a teacher in the local schools and will be placed in charge of the sixth and seventh grades. Mrs. Bridwell had arranged to teach a private primary school, having enrolled all the pupils she could handle, but when offered the place in the public school she decided to accept same and will not teach a private school.

Paul Colter left Ballinger Monday, for Brownwood and will go from that place to Newport News Va. where he will work for Uncle Sam.

J. F. White, of the Truitt country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

PERFECTING PLANS FOR CO-OPERATIVE REVIVAL

The committee appointed to arrange for the revival to begin here next Sunday Morning at eleven o'clock are at work. It has been decided to hold the meeting on the lawn of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, and the seats will be removed from the school campus, as school will begin before the revival closes, and comfortably arranged on the new location. A platform will be constructed and everything arranged in detail for the comfort and convenience of the people who attend the services.

In order to keep down expenses as much as possible, a call has been made for volunteers to meet at the Eighth Street church at six-thirty this afternoon to clean the ground, and lay plans for arranging the seats. And the volunteers will be called again to meet and assist in moving the seats,



Evangelist L. L. Evans

arranging them and building the platform. Members from the various churches are urged to be present at six-thirty this afternoon and again at six-thirty Thursday evening.

The singer, Mr. Geo. P. Bledsoe, will be here Friday and a meeting of all the singers has been called for Friday night, the meeting to be held at the Methodist church.



Singer G. P. Bledsoe

The various committees appointed to take charge of the work, and call on others to assist, are as follows:

Executive Committee

W. A. Francis.
A. W. Sledge.
Pete McGregor.
E. E. Hartman.
T. S. Lankford.
D. F. Eaton.

Music Committee

A. K. Doss.
Mrs. E. L. McAlpine.
Mrs. J. H. King.
Mrs. John Currie.
Miss Maggie Underwood.
Miss Ida Rea Cockrell.

Entertaining Committee

Mrs. C. R. Stephens.
Mrs. Ed O'Kelley.
Mrs. A. W. Sledge.

Finance Committee

R. W. Bruce.
T. S. Lankford.
J. McGregor.

Secretary-Treasure

A. W. Sledge.

Ushers

T. M. Osteen.
Geo. M. Vaughn.
Ralph Erwin.
Robt. King.
C. P. Shephard.
S. P. Hathway.

SEALS JEANS

One of the prettiest home weddings of theseason was on Sunday evening when Miss Katherine J. Jeans, of this city, became the bride of Mr. B. V. Seals, the rites being read at the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeans by Rev. L. L. Gains, pastor of Coleman Nazarine church. Miss Maggie Underwood playing the wedding march. The house was decorated beautifully with ferns. The bride wore a wonderful gown of dutches satin and elaborated pearl trimmings and carried a bridal bouguet of white

PETROGRAD FOOD RIOTS KILL MANY

Amsterdam, Aug., 20.—The situation in Russia is becoming alarming. Reports received here today state that one hundred people were killed and many wounded in food riots which broke out and are continuing in Petrograd. The information received here in dispatches came from Petrograd.

WANTS COURT HOUSE BLOWN UP

Presumably because things did not go to suit him when he came here to attend county court Monday, and found that court had been postponed until Wednesday, Ben Warren, a farmer from the Truitt country, is alleged to have said, "I wish . . . German airship would sail over and blow the . . . thing up." The man was said to be referring to the court house when he expressed himself in such strong terms.

R. L. Williams and son, of the Truitt country, and L. M. Hughes, who lives north of Ballinger, were present and heard the statement. Being Americans, the gentlemen hearing the statement made by Warren reported it to the proper authorities, and Warren was soon peeping through the bars.

The man may have had no intentions of getting in bed when he expressed a desire to see the court house blown up. He may not have made the statement in sincerity, but affidavits support the charge and it will be necessary for him to explain the matter to the satisfaction of the federal authorities.

Runnels county can't get along without a court house. It was built to take care of such cases, and whether the man is guilty or not the necessary steps must be taken to enforce the law under all circumstances, and Uncle Sam has made it known that he does not want the people of this country wishing the Germans any such success as this man indicated in his remarks.

flowers tied with Tulle. The groom was attired in the conventional black. After the ceremony dainty refreshments were served.

The bride's going away gown was blue taffeta and Georgette combination, heavily beaded with cut steel. The bridal couple left for Winters where they will spend this week at the home of his parents. From there they go to Benoit where they will conduct a revival. They have several meetings booked for the coast country, Oklahoma and California. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeans and is a young lady of refinement and culture and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. She is well known in this city as she has preached numbers of times in one of the churches.

The groom is a young man of sterling worth and character, having just entered into the ministerial work of the Nazarine church.

LONDON, (1.30 P. M.) Aug., 20.

—The French troops, attacking on a front ten miles this morning, between the Oise and Aisne rivers, advanced to a maximum of two miles. This advance was reported at nine o'clock according to dispatches received here, and the attack was continuing.

The big French advance is endangering the whole German line along the Aisne front from Sossins eastward and will cause no surprise if the Germans withdraw to Chemis Des Dames.

Every family that wants a better Sunday dinner will serve

Weeks' Ice Cream

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PARIS, Aug., 20.—The French advanced further between the Oise and Aisne rivers last night, taking the village of Vassons, the war office announces today.

Heavy artillerying is in progress on a six mile front between Lassigny and Dreslincourt, and the French will continue their drive successfully.

With each retirement the German lines are weakening, and stores of supplies and prisoners are being added to the allies gains daily.

MORE MOVING TRADE

Dear sir:—

Will you please change my weekly Banner-Ledger from Crews to 2507 Rosen Ave, Ft. Worth, Texas I want to know how things are going at home. Not much crops from Ballinger to Stephenville and nothing extra from there on. Lots of work here and drouth stricken people are coming this way. Quite a lot from Runnels county scattered along the road and seeking work here.

W. S. Alleorn

C. W. Schwatz ordered his paper changed from Crews to Electra.

Joe L. Cooper, who has been getting his mail on route B out of Ballinger, changes his address to Hillsboro.

J. M. Pumphy's Ledger will go to him at Magnet, Texas, instead of Bradshaw, as in the past.

E. G. Bowden has his paper changed from Norton to Hendrietta.

D. D. Rice will receive the Ledger at Aubrey, Texas, instead of at Ballinger.

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Mrs. Vance, and the hostess, Hattie and Juliet Miller.

R. J. Dean and daughter, Harbor, left Saturday.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

Little Miss Louise Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Oliver, left for Talpa, Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Moore, returned to their home in Williamson Co., Monday after a visit to Mrs. A. S. Love and family.

Miss Hattie Love, who had been visiting her brother, Dr. A. S. Love, returned to her home at Georgetown last Friday.

Carl Harrison, came in from Abilene Monday, and will visit his cousin, Mrs. A. S. Love, before returning to his home at Seymour. He had been attending school at Abilene.

Dr. Sam G. Thompson, presiding Elder from Brownwood, passed through the city Monday en route home from Bronte, where he had been to hold quarterly conference.

Miss Eva Watson returned from San Angelo Monday, where she had been nursing her brother and sister, who are sick with fever in that city.

E. J. Handley, of the Norton country, went to Arkansas, Monday.

Mrs. C. L. Steffens returned to her home at Brownwood, Sunday afternoon after a visit to her brother Edwin Day.

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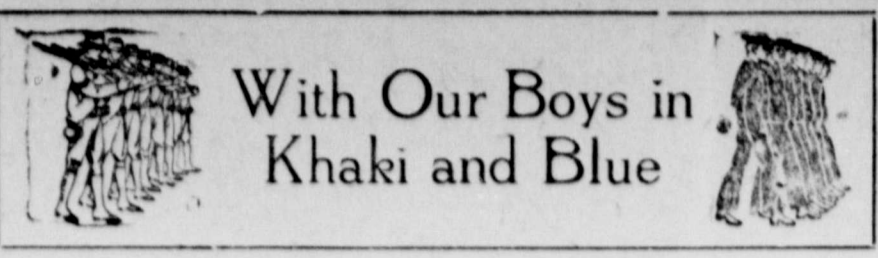
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**With Our Boys in
Khaki and Blue**

Under date of July 29th. Carl Jeanes writes to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes as follows:

"I am enjoying the best of health and getting along as well as any one could expect under just such conditions as now exist over this war stricken world. In fact we are faring O.K. and perhaps much better than we will on some of the long rough rugged trails in this great struggle before it is finished.

We boys are in it to a finish, and since seeing things as they really are and hearing many things we know to be true that we have not seen, we are stired to the depth of our hearts and our blood is brought to a boiling point against the low down enemy we are defeating daily.

We use to think the newspapers were stretching things in some instances but now I see they didn't tell it as bad as it really is and I am fully convinced that the majority of our people of the great U. S. A. do not know the real meaning of war, tho it is possible and very probable they will taste some of its bitter dregs before there is an end to this struggle and we have peace again.

Our boys do not shudder at the thought of terrible happenings as they seem to them and all are ready to face any of it as it comes. They are a fine lot of fellows; in fact our Uncle Sam has hundreds of thousands of men to be proud of. They have no yellow streak down their backs.

I am at present seated in an old Chateau, said to be the home of a countess, and I am sure it is as I

see them here. It is a dear old place to them I guess. They say it is more than 200 years old. It is a beauty and furnished with old time furniture, the best money could buy, and has been here for years and years, handed down from one generation to another, etc. Our office is located in this old Chateau.

You should see and hear me trying to talk French. I have some fun out of it and I am learning enough so I can say some things and can understand quite a number of French words. The people are glad to see us and are always trying to talk to us.

We have a beautiful country here and we could enjoy it so much if it was only peace times and we were in a position to enjoy anything.

Have not received any mail since leaving the states.

Would like so much to get a letter from you all. I hope you all are well and that the long drouth has been broken."

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There are a good many stars in the windows in your town. Some of them are going to be turned to gold by a Hun bullet. Does that make any difference to you?

If you are interested in your county, if you care for those boys, then keep War Savings Stamps in your store and sell them. Tell your clerks to politely suggest the purchase of a War Savings Stamp to their customers.

Try it. You'll see those bonds being sold if you get behind them and try to sell them.

G. Goetz, of the Rowena country was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office, Tuesday. Mr. Goetz has been in this county twenty years and it was the twentieth time he had paid for The Ledger, and he said the drouth was hitting him pretty hard, but he could not get along without the paper. Mr. Goetz says many people have left the Rowena country to seek work, but most of them expect to come back after completing their jobs and it rains here.

Jack McKay and T. F. Bridwell are at home from a prospecting trip through north and east Texas. They visited Bonham, Ft Worth and other places. They report conditions pretty good in some places but dry in most places.

Otis Allen, Svangelist singer, came in Monday from an evangelist tour through the past several weeks.

The Ft. Worth Star-Telegram in making mention of oil developments says, "T. B. Hoffer, north Texas manager for the Humble Oil and Refining Co., has been named as a member of the committee to draft plans for a uniform oil map of the Northwest Texas fields. The committee is still in session." Temple Hoffer was at one time a Ballinger boy, and he is one of those who has gone out from here and made good.

SUGAR AFFIDAVITS.

Mr. Merchant, we are prepared to furnish you sugar certificates to be used in selling sugar for preserving purposes. We have the blanks printed and can supply you in any size quantity. The good rules require that you use these in selling sugar for canning and preserving purposes.

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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.

ROWENA CONTRIBUTES \$32.25 TO SALVATION ARMY

The people of Rowena have reported to County Chairman Estes Lynn the total amount of \$32.25 contributed by that town to the Salvation War fund. Walter Cehumann had charge of the work in Rowena, and considering the conditions of that country, the amount paid is a good offering. Several other points yet to report will raise the amount for the county to about \$675.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO BE THRIFTY

Then you will never have cause to blush for it

Few parents hearts have ever ached over the misdoings of a thrifty child.

Guide your boy and girl out of the path of the spendthrift.

Start an account for them in our bank and teach them the importance of saving.

If you follow our advice you will always be thankful.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

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—L. B. STUBBS

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J. W. Cox and family, of route 5, out of Winters, left from this point for Houston, where they go to remain until conditions in this country improve.

R. F. Baker and Howell Cash, of the Winters country, went to Bay City, Monday to help gather the Gulf coast crop.

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BRINGING BACK MARRIED TEACHERS

"Repeal the married teacher regulation" says Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

"Reports from cities indicate that a few school boards have not yet taken action to abolish the rule barring married women from teaching. This rule did have much to recommend it, and the war has made it impossible of enforcement. Every woman who is a good teacher is needed, and marriage is no bar."

One teacher writes to the Bureau of Education: "I wish to call your attention to a situation which prevails throughout the Middle West and urge your influence to remedy the injustice. As you know most of the large cities will not employ married women as teachers in the high schools. As you also know the War Department has placed in Class 1 all men whose wives are educated to earn a living. Many of these women were teachers in the larger high schools. These positions are now closed to us and we must teach in small towns, several subjects in which we are indifferently prepared, at a small wage, all because we have husbands who are giving themselves in answer to their country's call. Is this exactly fair? Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kans., Topeka, Kans., and many other cities have courteously returned any applications saying they employ no married women."

For the information of school boards that may not have seen Commissioner Claxton's statement of March 8, 1918, appealing to married teachers to return to school, the Bureau is asking that the following paragraph be printed: There are in the country scores of thousands of persons, mostly women, of good scholarship and professional training who have had successful experience as teachers but who have retired from active service. Many of these might render valuable service again in the school. As a means of relief in the present crisis, I recommend that they be called again into active service and that laws, ordinances, and regulations of school boards prohibiting married women from teaching in the public schools be suspended or repealed."

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.

Mr and Mrs. C. E. Riggs, of the Wingate country passed through Ballinger Monday, en route to Bay City, where they will spend the winter.

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.
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WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

JUNIOR SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

What is the Junior Red Cross? It is a department of the American Red Cross belonging to the school children of the United States, through which they can find expression in every form of patriotic service. As President Wilson says, "Learn by doing kind things under their teacher's direction to be the future good citizens of this great country which we all love."

The Junior Red Cross is unity. When a school has once joined the Junior Red Cross it can engage in any form of patriotic service which the government has approved. It can work for war savings; it can plant school gardens; it can engage in salvage work of the raw material board; it can help the Food Administration or the Council of Defense, and all the while be acting as a part of the Junior Red Cross, which has agreed to co-operate with all these branches of the government work.

The Junior Red Cross is efficiency. It can provide you boys and girls with work to do which will be of real service, with opportunities for work which are practical and which lead to definite results, with specifications of articles to make which the Red Cross knows to be useful at this time. You can be sure that your money which goes to the Red Cross will not be wasted.

The Red Cross is conservation. Every sweater that you knit, every box that you make, is just as truly a piece of conservation as money put in the war savings or Liberty bonds. You are helping the government by using your school time in helping to release other workers in other fields of which the government has need.

The Red Cross is morale. In joining it you are joining that great army of citizens which stands back of the boys at the front. You put courage in their hearts and power in their elbows; you make them feel that their country is with them and is something to fight for and die for, if need be.

Can you think of any reason—teachers and boys and girls—why you should not join the Junior Red Cross? Then write to the nearest Red Cross chapter headquarters and have your school join the rest. Make our battle cry come true, "Every School a Red Cross Auxiliary, a Center of National Service."

MRS. E. R. KROEGER,
Director of Junior Membership A. R. C., 1617 Railway Exchange, St. Louis, Mo.

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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.

Rev. E. E. Diggs, passed through the city Monday, en route to his home at Winters, after spending ten days in a revival at Blanket.

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.

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TO EVERY BALLINGER TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER

A copy of the Saturday issue of the Ledger reached me this morning, and have carefully noted the resolution adopted concerning the proposed increase in local telephone rates.

Under the circumstances I feel justified in presenting the Company's side in the matter which I am sure will be given consideration.

That our section of the state is passing through a most critical period needs no special mention here, and our board of directors in fixing the new rates carefully considered the conditions to the end that the company would share with your community the increased expense forced on us during these trying times. Therefore a minimum rather than a maximum raise was authorized.

Now we have at Ballinger a property that is a model in many respects. It is up to date and has rendered the public a reliable and efficient service.

In many ways this utility is different from the average business establishment. For instance, if a merchant finds he is doing business at a loss he can with comparatively small expense move his stock of goods to a more prosperous section. But in the telephone company's case its plant is a fixture and could be dismantled at only a tremendous loss. Besides the fixed charges covered by tax, insur-

ance and depreciation go on without interruption. Again maintenance and operating cannot be reduced below a certain minimum otherwise large losses will result from premature deterioration.

Some one can see that property such as ours is a permanent fixture in this or any other community and is not easily removable to more prosperous sections when business conditions are bad. Therefore it must suffer its loss and wait better times. Yet here again there is a difference. The average merchant during good times turns his capital several times during such a year and can easily make up for losses, but in our case only nominal profits result even in good years. In fact during the Company's life of 14 years it has never made a profit exceeding 10 per cent.

From the present indications there will be no net profit for us during 1918 and not much during 1919 unless conditions improve, and I do not believe our Ballinger patrons will deliberately "shoulder" off on us all the increased expense we have and will be forced to stand on account of the high cost of everything it takes to operate and maintain our business.

It should also be remembered that a large per cent of the increased rentals payed us comes right back into Ballinger trade channels due to the increased wage schedule which will go into

effect on September 1st in the Ballinger office.

Yours truly,
F. W. Gerber, Gen. Mgr.
West Texas Telephone Co.
20 2nd.

"A SPLENDID TONIC"

Says Hixson Lady Who, On Doctor's Advice, Took Cardui And Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago I was..." says Mrs. J. B. Gadd, of this place. "I suffered with a pain in my left side, could not sleep at night with this pain, always in the left side..."

My doctor told me to use Cardui. I took one bottle, which helped me and after my baby came, I was stronger and better, but the pain was still there.

I at first let it go, but began to get weak and in a run-down condition, so I decided to try some more Cardui, which I did.

This last Cardui which I took made me much better, in fact, cured me. It has been a number of years, still I have no return of this trouble.

I feel it was Cardui that cured me, and I recommend it as a splendid female tonic."

Don't allow yourself to become weak and run-down from womanly troubles. Take Cardui. It should surely help you, as it has so many thousands of other women in the past 40 years. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired-out feeling, are all signs of womanly trouble. Other women get relief by taking Cardui. Why not you? All druggists.

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance eliminating and discontinuing two certain tracts or ten acres or more of contiguous uninhabited territory within the city limits of the said city of Ballinger, and adjoining the lines of the said city of Ballinger.

Be it ordered by the city Commission of the city of Ballinger, Texas.

Sec. (1) That it is hereby ordered that two tracts of ten acres or more each, of contiguous uninhabited territory, adjoining the line of said city of Ballinger, and within the corporate limits thereof, be and the same are eliminated and discontinued from said corporate limits, said two tracts being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Field notes of a survey of 10 acres out of S. E. corner J. M. Caldwell survey made for change of city limits.

Beginning at the intersections of the south lines of Colorado Boulevard and the E. or S. E. line of J. M. Caldwell survey No. 367 Thence S. 86-20, W. 1510 feet with the S. line of said Colorado Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard extending to a point 80 feet S. 48-40 E. of the S. corner of the compress lot.

Thence N. 48-40 W. 80 feet to the S. corner of the compress lot in the W. or N. W. line of Hutchings Avenue

Thence S. 21-20 W. 550 feet to the S. Bank of the Colorado river. Thence down said river with its meanders to the E. or N. E. corner Frank Klingler survey No. 428.

Thence N. 30 E. across Colorado river at 200 feet passing the S. or S. E. corner J. M. Caldwell survey at 730 yrs in all to the place of beginning.

Field notes of 10 acres, Elm Creek.

Beginning in the E. line of F. W. White survey 369 880 vs N. 30-00 E. of its S. W. corner at the point where it crosses the east bank of Elm creek.

Thence up the said E. bank of Elm creek to the E. or S. line of the G. C. & S. F. right of way.

Thence S. 62-00 W. with said right of way line across Elm creek 140 feet to the top of West bank.

Thence down creek with its meanders to the N. line of the G. C. & S. F. townsite tract.

Thence S. 60 E. with said townsite tract to its intersection with the west bank of creek.

Thence down west bank of creek to the E. line of F. W. White survey 369.

Thence N. 30 E. 150 feet to the place of beginning.

D&W 1 time.

MANY PEOPLE ACCEPTING WORK

More than twenty-five people left Ballinger Monday afternoon for points in South Texas, where they go to seek employment. Most of these leaving Monday went to Bay City.

On the same train three men left from this point for Newport News, Va., where they go to work in the government warehouse and ship loading docks. These men will be joined by a large crowd Tuesday at Brownwood.

The east bound train carried a special car loaded with men from San Angelo en route to Newport News. A government agent was in charge of these and stated that he had a ticket for 90 and had 80 on the train, and hoped to be able to pick up ten more men at some point between here and Fort Worth.

These men will be concentrated at Ft. Worth and Tuesday afternoon it is expected to ship a solid train load of laborers from that place to Newport News, the men being gathered up over the drought districts.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—Old autos that can't run any more. The older the better. N. Passur. 16-dtf.

FOR RENT—My home on 10th Street. Attractive terms. Mrs. E. L. McAlpine, dtf

FOR SALE—Regal, five passenger auto, or will trade for city property. N. Passur. 8-dtf.

FOR SALE—Scholarship in Draughns Practical Business College, Dallas Texas, good for life time and complete course in shorthand and typewriter course. The government needs stenographers. This is a first class college and we will sell this scholarship at a bargain.

Ballinger Printing Co. dtwf.

FOR SALE—Practically new 6 foot Porcelain bath tub at a bargain. E. Sheppard. 17-3dt.

NORTON DOCTOR OFF FOR FRANCE

Dr. W. W. Mitchell, of Norton, has been accepted for service in the United States medical Corps, and will leave within a few days to report for duty.

It is reported here that Dr. Mitchell will see immediate service on the firing line, having enlisted for overseas duty, and for emergency work on the firing line.

Dr. Mitchell has been practicing medicine in this country for several years, and has many friends who wish him well, and a safe return.

BALLINGER BOY IN FRANCE
Mrs. H. Vandervanter received a message Monday stating that her son Henry, had arrived safely in France.



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