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60,000 NEW OFFICERS WILL BE NEEDED

Austin, Sept. 6—Approximately 60,000 new officers will be needed monthly to officer new units and to replace casualties, according to official estimates. The colleges must be called upon to supply a great number.

This current news item from a city newspaper contains one of the reasons for the establishment by the government of the Students' Army Training Corps at the University of Texas and other leading colleges and universities. The supply of trained men, from among whom future officers and soldiers of special service must be drawn, is rapidly being exhausted. Through the new Students' Training Corps the War Department is enlisting the aid of the universities in the work of training these men and is waging a nation-wide keep-the-boy-in-college campaign to urge every young man, between 18 and 21, whose education is far enough advanced to enter college this fall and enlist into S. A. T. C.

W. B. RAY HERE FROM MISSISSIPPI

W. B. Ray came in from his home on the Mississippi Louisiana line Friday. He says he has been learning a good deal about conditions here from hear say and he came back to see for himself. Mr. Ray owns property here and has many friends here and is naturally interested in the country. He reports conditions pretty good in Mississippi, and says his family is enjoying good health.

W. W. Embry, had business this week at San Angelo and returned home Thursday.

EVANGELIST NAMES THREE WORST THINGS

The announcement of Evangelist Evans that he would use as his subject for his Thursday evening sermon, "The Three Worst Things in Ballinger," brought out a large crowd, notwithstanding that the weather was not in keeping with weather for holding out door meetings, and that it was threatening to rain.

While many had no doubt figured out in their minds what they thought the evangelist would name as the three worst things in Ballinger, we doubt whether there was a single man or woman, boy or girl, who guessed correctly and those who came expecting the evangelist to deliver a sensational sermon and make war on some worldliness which is so often attacked by evangelists, failed to get their sensational minds were craving for.

There is nothing sensational about evangelist Evans. He campaigns against sin with a heart filled with love for his fellow man and often says he would gladly give his last drop of blood and lay down his life to save a soul who wanted to be saved, but would not walk across the street to save a soul who wanted to go to hell. He pointed out the awful doom and eternal destiny that awaits sinful man and sinful women, directs them to the better way that leads to a home with loved ones in the glory world, and appeals to sinners to give their hearts to God and live clean Christian lives.

The evangelist used the parable of the prodigal son as his text for emphasizing what he considered the three worst thing in Ballinger. He began by saying that he might name a great many things in Ballinger as the worst things and many people would agree with him while others would not agree with him. He stated that after he had pointed out what he considered the three worst things in this community, that he believed that every man and woman, whether saint or sinner, would agree with him, and he named as the three worst things, "the wasting of God's substance in riotous living," "the wasting of our bodies and physical strength in riotous living," "the wasting of influence in riotous living."

These sins are the bases of other sins, and as illustrated by the parable of the prodigal son leads down to the level of sinful living.

"After all has been said of the parable of the prodigal son' said the evangelist, the parable could be emphasized in two statements in the first place the father did not want the son to go away from home, but in as much as the son had gone away, the father wanted him to come back.

"God did not want man to go away in sin, but in as much as man had gone away in sin, God wanted him to come back and live the Christian life.

"The worst sin in Ballinger is the son against God in talking the substance he has given the people and wasting it in riotous living. There are people suffering here today who wasted their substance in riotous living when we had a bumper crop. Suffering is due to wastefulness.

"There are men and women who are wasting their physical strength, wasting their bodies on the altar of worldliness and on the altar of business. A man ought to be a good business man but it is a sin against God to waste our minds and bodies.

"It is one of the worst things in Ballinger for man to waste his influence. The man who is devoting his influence to dragging down the souls of other men is doing worse than wasting his influence, and the man or woman who waste his or her influence must give an account to God.

The evangelist stated that the boy who did wrong in calling on his father for that portion of the goods which belonged to him. The son turned his back on his father. Man commits sin by turning his back on God. The boy sin-wasted his substance in riotous living. He sinned against himself by wasting his substance the father had given him. The boy lost his home with his father. Man loses his home with God by going away in sin. The boy lost his riches. Peter tells us there is reserved for us in heaven a reward. The boy lost his social position. He was the son of a highly respected Jew. If man wants to lose his standing in this world with the christian people and his position with the saints in heaven let him go in his sin. The boy let his testimony; he could not make the travelers believe that he was the son of a wealthy Jew. Many men and women have lost their testimony even with their own children, and their children have no confidence in their father's and mother's religion on account of the way they live. The prodigal son lost confidence in himself. Sinners say they would come back to Christ and live the better life but they are afraid they can't hold out—have lost confidence in themselves. The son had to be driven back to his father's home by starvation. Many men and women wait to be driven back to God. God must drive them by laying the hand of adversity upon them and by breaking the family circle in this world. These were some of the points brought out in the evangelist's analogy of the prodigal son.

At the close of the sermon practically every man and woman in the large congregation responded to the proposition of approval of the christian life.

Instead of a down town men's service Friday afternoon, the evangelist announced that he would speak to the members of the local cavalry company at five o'clock at the tabernacle. The service will be held in the Eighth Street Presbyterian church tonight. The Washington is not favorable for the no say are to pay back to the Saturday. Violators of circular should be summoned.

FOUR MINUTE MEN TO HELP REGISTER

"Register." That is the message which the forty thousand Four Minute Men of the Committee on Public Information will commence to carry to the people today, at the special request of Provost Marshal General Crowder.

In order that the country may become informed upon the reasons for the purpose of the enlarged draft ages, the press was called into consultation and heartily cooperated to insure. At the same time, arrangements were perfected through National Headquarters of Four Minute Men in Washington to turn this vast force of organized oratory upon the vital topic.

A bulletin of information containing complete statistics concerning the fighting man power of the country was prepared in consultation with the Provost Marshal General's office. An autographed letter from General Crowder to the Four Minute Men explains the urgency of the situation and calls upon this great army of speakers to use their best efforts to meet their part of it.

In this connection, the General says, "We want to inspire every man with the resolution to come forward at the time appointed and do his duty."

"One of the most efficient ways to communicate this inspiration, stimulating the keen sense of duty to be performed, is the oral appeal face to face. This is where we are relying upon the great organization of Four Minute Men. We believe that you can reach effectively the millions of men who are due to come forward in that day co register.

"The original registration brought forward 9,586,000 men. This time our calculations gives us every reason to believe that the number to be included reaches about thirteen million. It will be America's greatest effort to complete its army. Your part will be an important one, and I earnestly invoke your assistance and call upon you to put your best skill into the task."

The Sugar Situation
America exported 140,000,000 bushels of wheat in the closing crop year leaving less than 20,000,000 bushels surplus. We are called upon to exercise like virtue with sugar.

The burden of maintaining allied supplies falls on our resources. No sugar comes from Central Europe none from Java, from Hawaii, and from the West Indies less than usual.

French sugar territory is overrun by German armies; French sugar mills are taken and destroyed.

Submarine sinkings and losses by battle have cost us great stores labor shortage makes inroads on production.

For England the allowance is two pounds of sugar a month; for France, one pound; for Italy, one pound. America seeks to share equally with all who sit at the common table, joined in the common defense.

HEAVY RAINS IN MIDLAND COUNTY

Hugh Campbell returned home Thursday from a trip to the Pecos. He reports having traveled through mud and water from about 20 miles this side of Midland to near San Angelo, and that rains were heavy behind him. Mr. Campbell says that the range condition in the Midland and Odessa country is in good shape, and many cattle are being shipped back to that country.

W. A. Pace, of the Wingate country, had business in Ballinger Friday.

GOOD PLANKS IN THE DEMO. PLATFORM

The state Democratic convention, which adjourned at Waco Thursday, made a record for Democracy. The convention was not only harmonious, but adopted resolutions submitted by the platform committee that puts rotten politics in Texas on notice as to what can be expected in the future. Here are some of the good planks in the platform.

Texas senators and representatives to ask \$50,000,000 for drought sufferers of the state.

New and more adequate blue sky law.

Improve lines transportation to be made public carriers under control of railroads system.

Violation of election laws, no matter where committed, to be tried at seat of government.

Instructing the secretary of the state to refuse to certify the nomination of Archie Parr, in the Twenty-third senatorial district to certify instead the name of D. W. Glascock.

For further purification of the ballot, to make impossible repetition of conditions in Duval Co.

Indorsing report of committee appointed, recommending abolishing of offices and departments designed to save the state \$1,000,000 yearly.

Amend the constitution to permit soldiers, seamen and marines to vote.

Prohibiting teaching of German in public schools and publication of German papers and periodicals.

EASTLAND OIL WELL BURNING

A number of Brownwood parties visited the 6,000 barrel oil well near Gorman yesterday and all came back properly inspired. It seems that the drillers were not expecting the well to come in so soon and of course were not prepared for such a tremendous flow of oil. The big bit had only gone about three inches into the sand when there came a rumbling and rushing of oil and gas, and before those in charge of operation could think twice the whole thing was on fire, having caught from the forge where the tools are sharpened. In the twinkling of an eye almost the big derrick had gone up in flames and little was left of the machinery but twisted mass of steel and iron. The flow as the visitors described it is intermittent coming about every twenty minutes and lasting fully five minutes and growing stronger with each flow. It is variously estimated that the well will yield from 5,000 to 8,000 barrels per day.

The well is located in a draw about a mile and a half from Leon river, ten miles from DeLeon and about eight miles from Gorman. The well ascending to a height of 150 feet can easily be seen from Blanket in this county at night. It is also reported that the glare can be seen from the top of Round mountain near Brownwood.

Plans are being made to extinguish the flames. A number of boilers will be secured and placed in a circle around the well and the steam from the boilers directed on the well. This is said to be the only practical way for putting out a burning well as big as this one. —Brownwood Bulletin.

Birth Announcements can be obtained at The Ballinger Printing Co.

By The United Press
The Americans have reached the Aisne on a broad front, and are now assisting in encircling three sides of the enemy in the great flanking thrust.

Gen. Haig reports that the attempt to cut in behind the Germans along the Aisne is progressing, and only hasty retreat can prevent the enemy from being trapped.

The British are only twelve miles from St. Quentin at nearest point, and are striving for quick capture of the city. The French are also driving for St. Quentin on a front of about sixteen miles north and south of Perrone.

The British have advanced two to three miles, crossed the Somme Offey.

Since yesterday's report the British eight towns, and many have been made all along from Rhemes to Fla.

Paris, Sept. 5—Lander heading, "A Hero pays tribute to the Americans." The taking of the Americans was a brilliant operation by our allies with whom the unit which made had never been under passed only a few weeks paratively calm sector debut it hurled itself division of imperial gun feated it.

"These sturdy youth from Texas habituated to prairie life, tracked the boches like wild beast; they swept villages and machine gunners and charged with bayonets at batteries of 105's killing those serving the battery and capturing the guns.

"Twice an officer of the French general staff had to interfere to modify their ardor, fearing that they might overstep the mark. Even the French zouaves, who are an embodiment of our aggressive fighting, were astonished at such daring."

AMERICAN TRANSPORT TORPEDOED

Washington, Sept. 6—An American transport the Mt. Vernon, formerly a German ship, the Kron Prinz Cecelia, was torpedoed off the French coast but returned to the French port, the Navy announces. No loss of lives are yet reported. The ship was torpedoed two hundred miles off the French coast.

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OUR STANDARD HAS BEEN SET

The mere purchase of a moderate amount of Liberty Bonds, and the payment of taxes without protest does not make up the whole duty of an American citizen today.

Something far deeper, further-reaching in its effect is called for than the lending or giving up of money under the pressure of popular demand or the attention of the tax collector.

We Must Reach a Higher Standard of Living.

We have lived altogether too much for ourselves; for material things. Henceforth our object must be slowly but surely to drive out the thought of self, and to so order our personal and business affairs that our Country, and the Great Cause for which the whole civilized world is fighting shall be our first consideration.

The possibility of bringing the great bulk of our people to such a frame of mind may be thought by some to be an empty dream. Such is not the case. Men used to every luxury that the world can afford, young men just starting out on a successful business or professional career, clerks from the department stores, boys on the farm, street laborers who have hardly learned to use our tongue, young women who might marry well and settle down to a life of comfort—these people in their thousands have seen that glorious vision of America as the Savior of the world, and of themselves as the instruments of that salvation.

Let Us Try to Rise to the Same Level

As have these men and women who have given money, future, life itself, to the service of their country. Let us lend our money to the Government as they have given their lives cheerfully and fearlessly.

Let the requests of our Government which are published widely from time to time be regarded as sacred obligations. The Government has told us that the hardest work we are capable of, economy and sacrifice, are the great needs of the nation. Again, the Government has told us that the additional wealth we produce is needed for national expenditure, and that

We Must Support the Liberty Loans

Just as the soldier persistently and consistently carries out orders, so must we.

It is only by following out the full scheme of the Government for us as individuals that we can do our duty. For instance, the man who has not worked hard, produced more than ever before, economized and saved, will not be able to meet the demands of the Liberty Loan. It is now that we must be producing and saving for our Liberty Loan subscriptions.

Start working, saving, planning now for the Fourth Liberty Loan.

NEW VOTERS FACE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY

Yes! you m'am—the wife of a farmer. You face a life-time of satisfaction or regret for the part you play in this great war.

You have such an influence over what your husband does that the country is looking to you, quite as much as to him to see that the next Liberty Loan is over-subscribed.

You know how your husband consults you about everything, and—between ourselves—how he does pretty much as you say.

Tell him quietly, "I have been thinking about our duty to our Country and I feel we must make a great big sacrifice. We have never really been called upon to do anything for our Country until this war came, and we must respond now. Let's lend every cent we can spare, and can save during the next twelve months. Let's buy all the Liberty Bonds we can. I'll help you do it."

Yes m'am, you can do a wonderful work, and you will do it, won't you?

THUS FAR AND NO FARTHER

Men of Science Baffled in Endeavors to Find the Real Root of All Languages.

The oldest languages known at the present time are the Sumerian, Babylonian (or Accadian) and the Egyptian. The earliest known inscriptions belong to about the fifth millennium B. C., but it is reasonable to assume that these were antedated by many different languages which had a great antiquity. The script of the Sumerian, Babylonian (or Accadian) and Assyrian was the cuneiform. Chaldean, the language used generally as the diplomatic language about the time of Belshazzar, is what we now know as the Aramaic language. Archeology has thrown no light on the subject of the confusion of tongues. Abraham very probably spoke the Aramaic, the language of Aram. In Canaan his descendants apparently used the language of the land, which was that of the Ammonites. This is what we now know as Hebrew. It would seem that the Israelites retained while in Egypt the language familiar to them, but archeology has thrown no light upon the subject. Nothing has been discovered which can be determined as antediluvian. Babylonian legends mention several cities as existing before the flood, and Arabic tradition says Haran was the first city that was rebuilt after the deluge, but archeology has offered no certain data as yet on the subject.

ONLY BIT OF RUINED WALL

All That Remains of Castle That Was the Birthplace of Scotland's Hero, Robert Bruce.

Turnberry castle, on the coast of Ayrshire, Scotland, now but a bit of ruined wall near the lighthouse, was the birthplace and early home of Robert Bruce, whose father and mother "combined in themselves the erudition of Annandale and Carrick or royal lineage—the titles still being retained by the present royal family of the United Kingdom."

In ancient times this old castle was large and strong. In the early part of Bruce's career Turnberry was held by an English force. Bruce through a mistaken signal, came to take the old familiar place, though his men were many too few for the task. Disdaining to give it up, however, he kept up an irregular war, sometimes being driven to refuge in the mountains or even in the wilds of a distant loch.

At length he gathered together enough men to take Turnberry castle, which act was the beginning of his triumphant progress through Ayrshire and Strathclyde, which finally ended with Bannockburn's tremendous victory.

It is hard to realize the old-time importance of Turnberry, now that the visitor must search long before he can come across its few battered remains.

Food Quotas

The man who works hard needs in a day 12 ounces of one or of a combination of the following: Meat, poultry, cheese, dried vegetables, fish or eggs. To vary the above he may count every glass of milk drunk equal to an ounce of any one of the others. The soldier, either in home or military life, must have four pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables in order to keep the bony structure in good condition. He will need the three-quarters of a cupful of fat (this includes butter, oil, the fat of meat eaten or any other fat in the daily diet) to keep him warm and to this group he must add one and one-fourth pounds of bread or cereal and finally, in order to complete the necessary amount of driving power, he must have two ounces of sugar or one-third of a cupful of sirup.

Know Them by Their Laughter.

The far-seeing man with a sense of humor laughs in his throat in spasmodic little bursts. He looks before he leaps. He takes a good survey of a question before committing himself. Neither laughter nor speech escapes easily. He lets them out judiciously. Those who laugh inside, shake their shoulders and go red in the face are generally a good-tempered sort, generous and aboveboard. But look round the corner when you see the man coming who swallows his laugh as though it would defile his lips. If he is your master he will sweat you; if your parent, he will bully you; if your husband, he will make you miserable.

Insure Good Results.

If one is pressed for time a good showing can be made by keeping cool and quietly disposing of one task before beginning another. Hurry and excitement will hinder any cause. But the person who has mastered himself or herself—who remains calm under all circumstances—is the man or woman who does splendid work. Learning to concentrate one's mind upon the duty at hand is, indeed, an effort worth while. Therefore, the man or woman who would spare herself hours of needless worry or excitement should wisely keep her head—in other words, give her best attention to whatever task confronts her.

Small Request.

"Does, would it hurt you much to separate yourself from a little coin?" "Why, no. Here's a nickel. See, I give it to you cheerfully." "Thanks, boss. De good book says it's more blessed to give than to receive. Judging from de way you look an' de way I feel I guess de good book is right."

FILLING HER CLUB NIGHTS

How One Girl Succeeded in Banishing Loneliness Caused by Giving Up Old Custom.

Barbara Carson felt bored as she sat toying with her book under the light of the table lamp after dinner. It was club night for the girls of her set, and she pictured them enjoying the excitement of the lights and the music as she had done every week through the winter.

She had had to admit, however, that the tone of the club-night dances had gradually grown lower as the winter wore on, and she had made up her mind to break away from this group of young people. She wanted to attach herself to persons who were more worth while.

In remaining away tonight she had taken the first step, but she had not realized how hard it was going to be. Just then her mother entered the room and noticed the troubled look in her eyes.

"What is the matter, dear?" she asked. "Has something made you unhappy?"

"No," said Barbara, "not exactly that, but I didn't realize how deadening it was going to be to spend club night at home."

"Aren't you trying to take something out of your life without putting anything else in its place?" asked her mother. "The Bible speaks about our overcoming evil with good. You are trying to overcome it with nothing. You are like the man of whom Christ spoke who had swept and garnished his soul-house and then left it empty. The result was that the old evil spirit came back and brought seven other worse devils with him. And, as Christ tells us, the last state of that man was worse than the first. The man merely had a soul to let. Where he made his mistake was in not getting in some good tenants to take the places of the ones he had turned out. The Italians have a proverb that says that the busy man is vexed with only one devil, the idle one with seven. It illustrates the old saying that, if you want to keep chaff out of the granary, fill it with grain."

"The point of all this is that, if you are trying to break a bad habit, you had better start a good habit to take its place rather than to sit thinking how wretched you are. I would suggest that you start now to make an engagement for every club night during the rest of the season. Give yourself something interesting to do that night; something positive to take your mind in another direction instead of leaving it to revolve on nothing."

"I hadn't thought of it in that way, mother," said Barbara. "I believe you're right. Only the other day Marjorie Sears said she wished some of us girls could get together one evening a week to do some Red Cross work. I believe I'll call up now and ask her to come over and help me make some plans."

That night after Marjorie had gone Barbara said to her mother shyly, "I guess any little blue devil that comes looking for lodgings with me on club nights hereafter will find that I have no room to spare."—Youth's Companion.

Spelled Children.

On a crowded interurban car the day after Christmas there was a jostling, pushing, complaining bunch in the aisle. There was just one woman in the bunch who was not complaining, and she was good to look at, being cheerful, pretty and perfectly clothed, from her russet shoes to the brown hat that topped her gold-brown hair. Her lovely brown suit was coming in contact with all sorts of shabby clothing, but she chuckled, and remarked to the strange woman next to her: "What spelled children we are! Here we are in a warm, comfortable car, fairly flying over the road, and grumbling all the way. I can remember when a trip to Indianapolis meant, for me, a chair in a furri wagon, maybe way back over the hind wheels, and yet, even in zero weather, jolting and jouncing over fifteen miles of frozen road. I never whimpered, I was just glad all through for the chance to take the wonderful trip to the city."

A sheepish grin spread over a number of faces in her vicinity, proving that others could dig up similar memories.—Indianapolis Star.

Greeks in Turkish Territory.

Professor Andreade of the University of Athens, who is a specialist on the extent of Greek citizenship beyond the Greek frontiers—in Macedonia and the other Balkans, in Turkey, Syria and Asia Minor—pointed out the great preponderance of the Greeks in the regions to be evacuated by the Turks if they are to leave Europe. The whole vilayet, or province, of Adana, extending from the Balkans down to Constantinople, he declared, is as much Greek as it is Turk and with the Turk cut it is practically all Greek. "Even Constantinople," he said, "is a Greek city—the largest of Greek cities—with a population of 250,000 Greeks. That gives an idea of the extent of Greek citizenship in all this section down to the straits, which will have to be considered on the basis of nationality and race, when the Turks leave Europe."

Certain to Win.

"How's your boy getting on at the training camp?" "Wonderful. He's applying himself with all the energy he can get. He's getting on so well that he's been promoted to the first class." "People's Home."

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PRICE FOR GINNING OF COTTON IS FIXED

FOOD ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES RATES WHICH MUST BE CHARGED.

Effective July 22, and until further notice, the United States Food Administration designates and determines under special rule 8 the following to be the fair and just charge for ginning cotton:

The price of 30 cents per 100 pounds of seed cotton, plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning picked dry cotton.

The price of 40 cents per 100 pounds of seed cotton, plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning snapped or pulled cotton.

The price of 50 cents per 100 pounds of seed cotton plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning premature, unopened "hollic" cotton.

It has been found impracticable to determine the just and fair charge for the service of ginning long staple cotton, sea island cotton and such other cotton as may require special care, time or readjustment of machinery. However, the charge made for this service must be justifiable in comparison with the standard charge of 30 cents for the ginning of 100 pounds of picked dry cotton.

To Keep Correct Record.

Ginners are to keep a correct record showing the name and address of each party for whom they gin cotton, the amount of cotton ginned in each case, and the actual charge made for such service. They must be in position at all times to furnish detailed information to the United States Food Administration.

It is necessary that ginners perform this service in such a way that the seed cotton shall be cleaned and the lint removed from the seed in an efficient manner. Such foreign substances as are removed from the seed cotton shall not be returned to the seed, but the seed shall be kept in a clean condition. Ginners are not permitted to mix any foreign material with the cotton seed during the time that it is under their control or in their possession.

The charge for ginning shall be the same whether or not the cotton or the cotton seed is purchased by the ginner.

Must Gin Rapidly.

Ginners are to gin as rapidly as possible consistent with good work, all dry seed cotton tendered them, and upon demand they are to return to the owner the cotton and cotton seed ginned by them. If cotton seed is purchased by the ginner, he must be guided by rule No. 5 and circular No. 40.

Ginners are to keep a careful record, showing the name and address of each party from whom they purchase cotton seed, together with the quantity and price paid for same.

Ginners are requested to take notice that the above announcement makes again effective circular No. 41, dated June 22, 1918, except that the above ruling becomes effective July 22, 1918, instead of July 1.

"In issuing these instructions," states Administrator Peden, "we realize that there may be counties in which the prices made effective may be too high or too low, but it will be impossible to arrive at a fixed price that will be fairly applicable to every county, therefore we have decided to fix the prices as above given and in those counties where it can be shown that these prices are not fairly applicable to the business a hearing will be given to determine a fair price for that particular county."

TO HANDLE COTTON SEED FIVE ZONES ARE FORMED

SCHEDULE OF BASIC YIELDS ARE GIVEN.

Effective August 1, in order to better handle cotton seed and its products, the State of Texas has been divided into five zones by Administrator Peden, as follows:

Zone 1 includes all counties east of Fannin, Hunt, Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Houston, Trinity, Polk, Liberty and Chambers counties.

Zone 2 includes all counties south of Liberty, Montgomery, Grimes and Washington counties and east of Fayette, Lavaca, Jackson and Calhoun counties.

Zone 3 is bounded on the east by zone 1 and on the south by zone 2, on the west by the eastern line of Fayette, Lee, Williamson, Burnet, Lampasas, Mills and Comanche counties, and bounded on the north by the southern line of Erath, Somerville, Johnson, Ellis and Henderson counties.

Zone 4 is bounded on the east by zone 1 and on the south by zone 3 and on the west by the eastern line of Comanche, Eastland, Stephens, Throckmorton, Knox, Nottley, Briscoe and Armstrong counties.

Zone 5 includes all counties west of zones 4, 3 and 2.

Basic yields, effective August 1, are as follows:
Yield of 540 pounds of hulls and 145 pounds of lint for all zones. Oil yields, 29, 28, 27, 25 and 25 gallons for zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. Cake yields, 920, 830, 840, 820 and 900 pounds for zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The point of origin determines the zone.

Notice has been sent to all cotton seed crushers of the zone plan, and in addition to the instructions that all mills are to buy seed at market prices. All exporters are to pay back 40 cents for zone 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, or other rule. Violators of circular No. 41 should be summoned immediately.

DESOLATION SITS HEAVILY ON THE WESTERN PLAINS

Silent Caravans Move Out of Drought Areas of Texas, Leaving Parched Land Possessions Behind.

Three years of drought has placed a crown of thorns on the men, women and children of West Texas and without money, some without the very necessities of life, without food for their animals who are drawing them toward greener fields and richer harvests, the caravans of desolation are dragging their way into the cities of Fort Worth and Waco, and men who held high their heads in title and ownership are offering themselves "for sale" that they may sustain their women and children sheltered from the flaming sun by tarpaulins which have not felt the moisture of the skies for so long that the youngest of the caravan never saw rain.

"Heartrending" is the word that has come to Food Administrator Peden from the drought area. Last year the farmers and the cattlemen braved it out. Surely nature, herself, could not be so cruel as to inflict upon them another year a scourge of intense heat and shriveling up of the plains; but this year there is nothing left to challenge a ravage of nature as relentless as the great guns in their devastating of the northern plains of France.

The situation is without the province of man and dollars. Rain has forgotten the plains, no clouds break the intensity of the blue, no refreshment comes in dew, no relief advances in a kindly mist or fog. All that can be done is to help the men and the women and the children as they come into Eastern Texas.

The Silent Exodus.

E. B. Spiller, secretary of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, reported that Fort Worth is crowded with wagons of "expatriates of the plains," and the same intelligence comes from Waco. On one day alone 125 families passed through Brownwood and on another day 110 families passed through Goldthwaite.

On August 17 Administrator Peden wired to Governor Hobby on the situation:

"Drought conditions now prevailing in Western Texas most serious in history of the country. Oldest inhabitants have no recollection of anything approaching it. Ten counties in the Brownwood district will not make an average of 500 bales of cotton per county as against normal production of 15,000 bales. Thousands of farmers and farm hands necessarily seeking other employment, and an average of 250 farmers a day are leaving the district.

"There is no grain crop. If we can get rains in the next 90 days, with proper State and Federal aid, farmers would be able to plant wheat and oats, but they must have this aid."

Similar conditions to that in the Brownwood section are reported to Administrator Peden from the districts Amarillo, and a recitation of these conditions has been wired to Governor Hobby by the three administrators of Brownwood, San Angelo and Amarillo.

Trying to Help Them.

Administrator Peden is deeply concerned over the situation and has placed the facts before H. W. Lewis, chief of the United States employment service for Texas, at San Antonio, as well as directed letters to his county administrators urging that they give the extent of personal relief needed; also that wherever these unhappy families can be placed so as to gain a livelihood that immediate report be made.

PENALIZATIONS BY FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATION FOR TEXAS.

Revocation of the license of the Union Grain Company, Fort Worth for failure to make adjustment on four cars of corn handled for Kemper Mill Elevator Company.

Taylor & Thomas, bakery, Fort Worth, discontinuance of the baking of products other than bread and rolls for a period of thirty days.

Herrie Steam Bakery, San Antonio, discontinuance of baking of other products than bread and rolls until October 1.

Model Bakery, San Marcos, closing of bakery shop for two days.

Barker Baking Company, San Antonio, discontinuance of the baking products other than bread and rolls until October 1, and allotment of flour be fixed at 200 pounds a week.

George H. Ward, baker, San Marcos, place of business closed for two days through failure to use prescribed amount of substitutes.

W. C. Neuse, baker, Kyle, Texas, discontinuance of baking operations for period of one week for failure to use prescribed amount of substitutes.

City Bakery (Frank Kalline, proprietor), San Marcos, place of business closed for one day.

Manhattan Cafe, San Antonio, doors closed voluntarily for two days.

Wolf Bakery Company, San Antonio, license suspended for 30 days.

Frank Kayton, baker, Waco, license suspended for 30 days.

Imperial Bakery, Taylor, closed for a period of one week.

Bell Bakery Company, El Paso, discontinuance of baking products other than bread and rolls for a period of sixty days.

The U. S. Food Administration has revoked the license of J. H. Brooks, Jacksonville, Texas, as a wholesaler and retailer of poultry and eggs, a commission merchant of fresh fruits and vegetables and a retailer of peanuts.

The U. S. Food Administration has revoked the license of the Industrial Transportation Company, headquarters at Waco, Texas, capitalized at \$200,000 and organized to distribute foodstuffs.

Sonora Ranchmen Buy \$234,000 Worth of Land

J. A. Cauthorn was in Sonora Tuesday and reported the closing of the Dobson estate land deal by which several ranchmen in the Sonora country became owners of "individual or railroad" land in their pastures. The purchase is made from the Fidelity Trust Company, and the price for the 72,000 acres is \$2.25 per acre, one-fourth down, balance in ten annual payments at six per cent interest. The ranchmen who had leased the Dobson land for several years being advised that the owners intended to sell, held a meeting a year ago and selected Mr. Cauthorn to represent their interest in case the heirs and administrator at Philadelphia with satisfactory results to all concerned.—Devil's River News.

Diarrhoea in Children

For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears.

New supply National Bank Bond letter heads and envelopes, Ballinger Printing Co.

MRS. DE WEESE COULD NOT STAND

Because of Functional Disorder—Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Oakland, Cal.—"I suffered from irregularities and congestion, so I could not stand on my feet for any long period of time and did not sleep well. The physician who treated me did not seem to help me any and a friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it and before I realized it I was well. I shall recommend your valuable remedy to my friends."—Mrs. L. H. De Weese, 605 Alcatraz Ave., Oakland, Cal.



Every woman at some period or other in her life suffers from just such disturbances as did Mrs. Weese, and if there is no interested friend to advise, let this be a reminder that the famous root and herb remedy has been overcoming these ailments of women for more than 40 years.

If any complications exist, write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for advice. The result of many years experience is at your service.

Preventing tire troubles and looking after the wants of our customers is our business. We study it. We can handle any kind of a job...

Castor Tire & Battery Co. PHONE 650.

What shall I Get for Dinner?

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU ASKED YOURSELF QUESTION?

Day after day, week after week, it is a problem that continually confronting you. When you can think of nothing else, then think of a nice steak or an appetizing roast. We sell them.

The Cash Meat Market

NEW LIFE VIBRATOR

One of the greatest ailments nature ever given to man is the New Life Vibrator.

It stimulates and invigorates the entire system, removes, in nature's own way, the causes of pain, and instantly relieves all affected parts.

It relieves rheumatism and all similar ailments, tones up the complexion and invigorates the body generally. Used in any lamp socket.

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Ice Cream, only 5c.
Milk Shake, 5c.
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Lime-ade, 5c.
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WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT—that our dairy products are the embodiment of purity. Perfect freshness is guaranteed to you on butter, eggs, cream and milk. Buy our dairy products and compare them with the thoroughly unsatisfactory cold storage variety. We charge no more for the best that the market affords.

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BRUCE NOW IN GRAIN BUSINESS

R. W. Bruce, who recently moved to town from his farm south of Ballinger, has accepted a position with the West Texas Grain Co., and is earning a little extra money. We failed to learn what part he would play in the grain business further than to draw his salary.

Good for Billiousness

"Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach troubles and biliousness. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I concluded to try them. I improved rapidly."—Miss Emma Verbryke, Lima, Ohio.

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is the spice of a good meal.
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"Food Will Win the War"

We keep our stock complete, and are ready to help you fight the battles of life with pure, fresh, wholesome food. We can assist you in selecting substitutes for the articles of food our Government is asking you to conserve. You are not urged to eat less, but are at liberty to eat more different kinds of food, and conserve the food that will win the war.

Miller Mercantile Co.

Phones 66 and 77 Auto Delivery

We are co-operating with the Food Administration in conserving

Wheat-Meat-Fats and Sugar.

Don't call for more than you are allowed.

Fall Bells Ring Out--Melton Dry Goods Co. is Ready with the Newest

New Hats--New Suits--New Dresses

"Melton's"
the house of
Highest Quality
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Lowest Prices

To buy merchandise of good quality, substantial and serviceable is the first requisite of shopping sense. To buy merchandise which will meet all of these demands and to buy it well under the customary prices is something that no shopper can afford to overlook.

Very positively we assert that the money spent here will extend the utmost purchasing possibilities. This means to every department in the house therefore urge you come to Melton Dry Goods Co., and save on your fall purchases.

Coats and Suits

Coats and Suits which should be bought now to have ready when needed—New arrivals of Coats and Coat Suits, in Serges, Poplins and Broadcloth material

Suits from the well known New York manufacturers: Jacob, Sperber while the coats bear the famous trade mark Red Fern. Our entire stock bear the reasonable prices for which this house is so widely known. We urge prompt purchasing.

Coats at \$15.00 to \$45.00.

Suits, good range of colors and styles at \$20 \$22.50; \$25; \$35 and \$39.50.

New Silk Petticoats

All Silk and Silk Jersey combinations in all the new Fall Effects—A magnificent showing.

W. S. S.
& Thrift Stamps
Sold Here

The New Autumn Hats are Here

Fashion, Smartness, Savings

Under existing conditions we would not have believed it possible to bring together such good looking ladies' and children's Hats at such attractive prices.

We would have been fortunate had we been able to have them sell at \$1.50 to \$3.00 higher.

In these groups are hats of velvet, panne, combinations of velvet and satin. They are from the turban to big broad effects

See them—the prices are \$3.50; \$4.50; \$5; \$6 and \$7.50.

Showing New Fall Footwear

For men, women and children, black and tan shoes, the principal shades for the season. For men a wonderful showing of the celebrated make of Howard & Foster.

For women Wicket and Gardiner, the country's best foot wear for women.

Mrs. King's for children. The new shoes for children are here and they are worthy of your consideration.

Women's New Hosiery

Women's Silk heavy black and white, at \$1.25 and up

New Corsets

American Lady and La Camille, front lace \$1.00 to \$7.50

New Silks

The new silks are shown in a variety of colorings, in Satins Messaline, Georgettes and Tafetas. Every wanted price. See the wonderful display.

New Woolens

In Serges, Poplins, Plaid Effects, Checks, Broadcloths and many other popular cloths at very attractive prices.

New Blouses

A very complete showing of the new Georgette and Crepe de Chine blouses in dark and light shades from \$2.50 to \$12.50

Blankets
Buy Blankets
Now

They will be hard to get later

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NERVOUS WOMEN

By Friends Advice, Good Advice Along to Others.
"I was weak, all run-down, no appetite, had taken different medicines without benefit. A friend advised me to try Vinol. It gave me a wonderful appetite. I sleep better, have gained in weight and am now strong and well"—Mrs. E. Strey.

We strongly recommend Vinol, which contains beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese phosphates and glycerophosphates for all weak, nervous, run-down conditions and to build up strength after sickness.

TAILOR SHOP CLOSED

OWNER GOES TO WACO
H. I. Armstrong, who has been conducting a cleaning and pressing establishment in this city for many years, has closed his shop and will leave within the next few days for Waco, where he has accepted a position at a salary which pays him more than his business here. His family will follow him as soon as he gets located and secures a home for them. Mr. Armstrong has many friends here who regret to see him leave.

THE IDEAL WIFE

One of the most successful men of this country recently wrote "Whatever I am, and whatever success I have attained, I owe it all to my wife. She has ever been an inspiration and the greatest helpmate of my life." To be such a successful wife should be the ambition of every woman, but how impossible when dragged down by headaches, backache, dragging-down pains, nervousness, and the blues. Every woman in this condition should start at once to build up her system by a tonic of specific powers, such as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for three generations has been restoring American women to health and consequent happiness.

Mrs. A. P. Luekett returned to Miles, Friday, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. E. L. Rasbury. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Edgar Rasbury.

WHY DO ALL DOCTORS PRESCRIBE CALOMEL?

Of all the medicines in the world, doctors prescribe calomel most often and depend upon it most universally. There must be a good and sufficient reason—what is it?

If you will study the doctors' books you will find that the medical authorities prescribe calomel for almost every disease. The reason is that calomel is the greatest and only thorough system-purifier. It makes the liver active, drives out the poisons from the stomach, bowels and kidneys and thereby purifies the blood. Calomel puts the entire system in the most favorable condition for Nature to exercise her recuperative power. Your doctor will tell you that drugs merely assist Nature. That is why he prescribes calomel so often.

The new kind of calomel, called "Calotabs," is refined and purified from all of the nauseating and dangerous qualities of the old style calomel and is rapidly taking its place, for it is more effective than the old style calomel as a liver-cleanser and system purifier. One Calotab at bed time, with a swallow of water—that's all. No nausea, nor the slightest unpleasantness. Next morning you awake feeling fine—with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—fruits, acids or anything. No restrictions of habits or diet. Calotabs are sold only in original, sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Recommended and guaranteed by druggist everywhere. Your money back if you are not delighted.—(Advt.)

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 food rules require that you use these in selling sugar for canning and preserving purposes.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE MAN HERE

A. S. Harris, representing the Government Employment Service, was here for a few hours Thursday. Mr. Harris is field man, having in charge the work of looking after the different labor bureaus and keeping tab on the idle labor, and handles the publicity work for the labor bureau.

W. E. Middleton, the horse and mule buyer, went to Brownwood, on business Thursday afternoon.

Miss Geneva Currie, left for Taboka, Thursday, where she goes to teach school.

Mrs. A. E. Hill received a notice this week that her son, E. E. Hill had arrived safely in France. He was drafted here several months ago.

W. L. Hinds, of Winters, brought an auto load of soldiers' boys to Ballinger Friday, and they left for Camp Travis.

H. H. Hatchford was here from Paint Rock, Friday to meet his mother, who was returning home from a visit to Austin.

E. L. Rasbury returned home Friday from New Mexico, where he had been looking after livestock interest.

Paul Trimmer is at home from Waco, where he went as a delegate to the state democratic convention. He reports a harmonious political gathering, and says that the man who conceives the idea that the women were not posted in matters political are badly mistaken.

We regret to note that J. D. Coulter is ill with typhoid fever. He is getting along as well as could be expected and so far his condition has not been considered serious. His daughter, Miss Elizabeth, who has been quite sick with fever is convalescent.

SPOT CASH PRICES

25 lb. sack Meal	1.35	2 lb. Tomatoes	15
5 lbs. best Peaberry Coffee	1.00	2 lb. sugar Corn	15
6 lbs. Good Coffee	1.00	3 cans Van Canna Hominy	25
25 lb. sack Salt, 35¢ for	30	2 cans Vegetable Soup	25
Best grade Salt Pork Bacon	30	3 pkg. Spaghetti	25
50¢ grade Breakfast Bacon	40	25¢ Pepper Sauce	22
7 bars Ark Soap	25	25¢ bottle Catsup	20
6 bars L. A. Soap	25	2 1-2 lbs. pkg. Comet Rice	29
5 bars Bob White Soap	25	3 cans Black Pepper	25
6 bars C. E. Soap	25	3 cans Allspice	25
5 bars Toilet Soap Cocoa	25	3 cans Cinimon	25
3 long bars Soap, 10¢ for	25	3 cans Red Pepper	25
3 bars Lava Soap	25	25¢ bottle Chow Chow	20
2 cans Tomatoes, 1 1-2 lbs.	25	Bottle Garrett Snuff	24
Pink Beans	10	Glass Honest Snuff	24
Raisins	11	3 pkg. Starch	25
Dried Peaches	12 1-2	35¢ pkg. Tea	25
1 gal. Peaches	60	1 gal. Peanut Oil	1.82 1-2
1 gal. Apples	55	1 gal. Cotton Seed Oil	1.74
25¢ size Apricots	22	10 lb. bucket Soda	70
25¢ size Peaches	22	1 gal. Vinegar	32
35¢ glass Jelly	25	1 gal. distilled Vinegar	52
1 lb. Peanut Butter	28	2 pints Vinegar	25
2 lb. can Peas	15	35¢ Oat Meal	30
\$1.00 can Ribbon Cane syrup	90	2 pkgs. Post Tosties	39
\$1.00 can Sorgum	90	2pkgs. Washington Crisps	34
Cabbage	6	Shinola shoe pol	10
\$1.10 Brooms, heavy	75	25¢ Clif	20
Good Brooms	65	Babl	5
3 doz. Sour Pickles	25	20 M	10
Large size Crisco	1.75	2 ea	35

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good for one more week, beginning Saturday Morning, September 7.

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NEW REGISTRATION CARDS ARE HERE

The local board announced that the new registration cards have arrived and are already for those who anticipate being out of the county on registration day and wish to register now.

Don't trouble the board if you are going to be at home on registration day, but if you are going to be away from home, the law requires that you register and file your card with the local board before leaving.

Parties living in other counties, and who are subject to register can get cards from board and mail same to their local board, after they have filled out and answered all questions.

50 MEN LEA

Forty men entrained here Friday afternoon for camp Travis. The names of these men were published in this paper a few days ago. They constitute this county's quota in a big draft that is being made this month.

Concho county furnished twenty men. They entrained at Paint Rock and came by the way of Miles. Tom Green county furnished about eighty men, and other small quotas were aboard the east bound train Friday afternoon en route to Brownwood, where a special will be made up to take the men from this section of the state to the training camp.

Relatives and friends coming here to see the Rannels county boys brought many people to town Friday. It was perhaps a last good bye for some of the boys, as some of them will no doubt be sent to France without having the privilege of visiting home until after the war, and some will never return if they are put on the firing line.

Mrs. S. C. Parker, and Mrs. James Polk, returned to their home in Bell county, Thursday afternoon, after a visit to Mrs. F. T. Rushing, of South Ballinger.

Walter Turner is here from Borden county, visiting his father-in-law, C. C. Cannonway, and looking after business.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

LOST—My pocket book. Had four checks aggregating \$74.30. E. Shepperd. d 1t.

WANTED—A girl to help with kitchen and house work. Phone 439. 3 3td

FOR SALE—Scholarship in Draughts 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. dwtf.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and whooping cough, but is also pleasant to take which is important when a medicine must be given to children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been in use for many years and has met with much favor wherever its good qualities have become known. Many mothers have given their unqualified endorsement. Wm. Scrugy, Chillicothe, Mo., writes, "I have raised three children, have always used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it to be the best for coughs, colds and croup. It is pleasant to take. Both adults and children like it. My wife and I always felt safe from croup with it in the house. Chamberlain's Remedy contains no opium or other narcotic."

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

Oscar Parson returned home Friday from Houston, and other points in South Texas, where he had been on business for the local oil mill.