

BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Americans are Moving Towards Metz British Now Moving to St. Quentin

"CROUP"

causes lots of worry
Why dont you keep
prepared with
Glescos Croup Remedy

WEEKS

Conserves Sleep

SELLS HIS FARM AND LEAVING COUNTY

A. W. Hardin was in Ballinger from Norton Tuesday, and while here instructed The Ledger to follow him to Abernathy, Hale county, Texas, where he is moving. Mr. Hardin has been living in Runnels county for many years and the county loses a good citizen.

Mr. Hardin had the misfortune to lose his home by fire a few days ago, the fire occurring while a deal was being closed in which he was selling his farm near Norton. After the fire the party to whom he was selling backed out, or did not carry out the deal, and Mr. Hardin booked a losing of \$500 by selling the place for that much less to Homer C. Daniels. Mr. Daniels is county superintendent at Beaumont.

G. B. Nixon returned Tuesday, from Fort Worth, where he had been with a shipment of cattle. Mr. Nixon stated that there were ten thousand head of cattle on the market Monday.

Stanley Cameron returned from eastern points Tuesday, where he had been with a shipment of horses.

Wilson Dictates Reply To Peace Note For Allies

London, Sept. 17—Writing in the Daily News of London, Lord Northcliff says that President Wilson speaks for the allies in reply to the Austro-Hungarian

peace note. The allies will adopt as their reply anything Mr. Wilson says, and endorses the attitude of the American government in outlining war aims.

JUDGE BAUGH PROMOTED

Judge A. K. Doss is in receipt of a letter from J. H. Baugh, in which Mr. Baugh states that he has been promoted from the rank of lieutenant to captain, and from assisting judge advocate to judge advocate. Captain Baugh has been serving as assistant judge advocate for some time. His new duties places him on the highest bench and he will preside over the trial of deserters. His many friends in Ballinger will be glad to learn of his promotion. The change does not take him away from Camp Travis, where he has been since receiving his commission at Leon Springs early in the war.

CARD OF THANKS

To our friends and hers, who during our bereavement extended tender ministrations and so many beautiful floral offerings, we return our heartfelt gratitude. Your sympathy made our loss easier to bear, especially when we think that so many of you loved her and grieved with us. May our Heavenly Father reward you, even as He has comforted us.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Doss.

A FEW OF OUR MOVERS

C. W. Johnson, who left Ballinger a few weeks ago, and went to Eastland, orders his paper sent to Wichita Falls. Judging from the letter written to The Ledger, Bill is back in the printing game.

Jesse H. and A. Y. Crow, formerly of Winters, have located at Cameron, Okla., and order their papers sent to that place.

T. W. Malone's Ledger will go to him at McKiney, Texas hereafter. Mr. Malone has been living east of Ballinger for several years.

BABY CRIB BRINGS THOUGHT OF DUTY

With the American Army in France, Sept. 17—Just outside a shell ruined little village captured early in the offensive by the Americans, a small crib for a baby sits by the road side. It looks lonely. By some peculiar fluke of an explosion, this little bed was blown entirely away from a house struck by a huge German shell, and came down a hundred feet from the ruins, undamaged and upright on its legs. There it rested as Americans flowed by pursuing the Germans.

Finally a doughboy noticed it, and stopped to wonder. "Strange isn't it?" he told a comrade. "That little bed's just the size we've got at home for my kiddie. That's what the Boche would do to our homes, too if we let them get by us. Come on, let's go." And they started on towards the fighting.

Business Men Sing and Shock Wheat

Sixty business men of Worland, Wyo., and the marching song "Where Do We Go from Here, Boys" are held responsible for the expeditious shocking of 200 acres of wheat near Worland in one recent evening. In the afternoon a farmer asked the county agent to furnish 20 volunteers. The county agent called on the Alfalfa Club, which had promised to help out any farmer behind in his work, and 60 men responded. The farmer's 100 acres seemed no job at all to the enthusiastic sixty, so they began singing the song. When they finished singing two other farmers found their wheat had been shocked, and that town help had piled more grain in the balance against the Kaiser.

BREEDING CATTLE TO BETTER RANGE

Washington, Sept. 17—To prevent hundreds of thousands of beef-breeding cattle from being slaughtered and removing from the country's source of meat, the United States Department of Agriculture has begun work, of the same nature as that carried out last year, to aid in the removal of breeding stock from the drouth regions of Texas to good grazing grounds in the Southeastern states the corn belt, and other sections.

An agent at Fort Worth, Texas, cattle market located and grades good breeding cows and heifers being offered for sale in that territory. He notifies beef-breeding specialists in the States where feed is abundant, and farmers who want to buy beef-breeding stock are told by the county agents of the opportunities for purchasing. A 75 per cent freight rate for such cattle has been announced from Texas to points east of the Mississippi river.

MEN TO MOVE BY OCTOBER SIXTEEN

Provost Marshal General Crowder has announced the mobilization of 181,838 new men between now and October 16th. All the states will be called on to fill quotas and Texas' quota has been fixed at 7,941, and these will be sent to Camp Travis.

The provost marshal stated that it may be necessary in many districts to draft men who registered last Thursday to fill this call, but in many districts sufficient men remain in class one made up from previous registrations to fill the call from those districts.

In order to meet this call local draft boards will have to speed up on classifying of the new registrants. The boards will send out questionnaires to those who are more likely to fall in class one first.

NO CLUE TO BURGLARY

The officers have no clue upon which to base an arrest in the burglary case which developed here Saturday night when some one broke into the Jeanes Produce Co., and the West Texas Grain Co. Of course the officers have strong suspicion, but it takes something besides suspicion to warrant an arrest in such cases. There are several suspicious cases around Ballinger and there is something for the authorities to do when it comes to putting into effect the work or fight bill.

G. W. Phillips orders his paper changed from Winters to McKiney.

Judge C. O. Harris was a passenger on Tuesday's west bound, en route home from Brady, where he had been attending court.

With the Americans, Sept 17—The Americans continue to make gradual progress. Advances were made today on the line at the right and left extremities as the Germans fall back toward the Metz fort stronger defenses.

Aerial activities has been somewhat reduced as the result of bad weather, and no scouting has been underway during the last twenty-four hours by the American aviators.

London, Sept 17—Further progress towards St Quentin has been reported by Gen. Haig today. The British also improved their positions in Flanders and north of Lens.

BERLIN SAYS AMERICANS REPULSED

Berlin, Sept. 17—The Berlin war office announces today that the Germans had made successful attacks against the American positions on the west of the Muse and Moselle front. According to the German report the Americans were repulsed in counter attacks.

Admits Jones to Bail of \$10,000
El Paso, Sept. 16—Felix R. Jones was admitted to \$10,000 bail by judge W. D. Howe, 34th district court, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Jones is under conviction and 25 years' sentence for the alleged murder of Thomas Lyons, and has an appeal pending.

Inasmuch as Jones is wanted at Abilene, Texas, on a train wrecking charge and at Dallas on a murder charge, it is doubtful that judge Howe's action will result in Jones's release.

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A. W. Sledge -----Editor

The distance to oil is being shortened daily.

A wet spell would stop travel, but the travelers deserve a rest.

The labor committee has calls for carpenters, ranch hands, house keepers and sulphur mine workers. There's work for all, even the women.

If a company of soldiers are going to remain here they should be placed under discipline. Discipline is necessary, if soldiers maintain American standard.

It is natural for the enemy to want peace when he is getting the worst of the fight. The battle cry of the Americans should be "on to Berlin." We are not ready for peace; we prefer to fight.

Caranza is more favorable and friendly to America than he was a year ago. He may not be honest but we must give him credit for having some sense. There will be no quibbling with Mexico hereafter.

Houston has cut German out of the city schools. German has been one of the popular studies in American schools for many years, all because of the German influence which the American people are now having to combat. Nothing but a specie of German propaganda.

Keeping the home fires burning should be for the comfort of the boys who are giving their lives for the cause and not for the comfort of the drones at home. Too many Americans are slow to realize what their duties at home are, and continue to cuss because they can't make their money buy the luxuries they have long been enjoying. This is a day when all men should be on an equal basis when it comes to dealing out the necessities of life.

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Watoga, W. Va.—Mrs. S. W. Gladwell, of this town, says: "When about 15 years of age, I suffered greatly . . . Sometimes would go a month or two, and I had terrible headache, backache, and bearing-down pains, and would just drag and had no appetite. Then . . . it would last . . . two weeks, and was so weakening, and my health was awful.

My mother bought me a bottle of Cardui, and I began to improve after taking the first bottle, so kept it up till I took three . . . I gained, and was well and strong, and I owe it all to Cardui.

I am married now and have 3 children . . . Have never had to have a doctor for female trouble, and just resort to Cardui I need a tonic. I am glad to testify to what it has done for me, so as to help others."

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DATES FOR EXAMINING CHILDREN

The chairman of the Childs Welfare Committee announces that hereafter the date for making physical examinations will be on the first and third Tuesday in each month from five to seven o'clock.

The examinations will be held at the rest rooms of the Lankford Furniture Store. The fact that some of the doctors have been called into service makes it necessary to hold two examinations each month instead of every Thursday as hereafter. Those wishing to have their children examined should keep the above dates and hours in mind.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surface of the system.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of catarrhal deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All druggist, 75c.

Miss Margaret Wooden went to Brownwood Monday, and will enter Howard Payne College for the ensuing school term.

Mrs. Brumley, one of the nurses in the Halley & Love sanitarium went to her home at Clifton, Monday for a few days visit.

Mrs. E. D. Walker left Monday for San Antonio, where she will visit her son in the army.

T. B. Caginet, who had been here with his wife who is visiting her mother, Mrs. F. M. Hale, left for Houston, Monday afternoon.

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

It is not a myth, but a reality and women may find it in perfect functional health. Women who want to grow old gracefully should guard against all organic weakness and derangements, and at the first symptom of each condition resort to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, nature's own root and herb remedy, to restore health. For three generations women of America have depended upon this successful remedy and have found no other medicine to equal it.

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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.

Miss Pauline Van Pelt, left for Atlanta, Ga., Monday where she goes to enter college for the ensuing school term.

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Mrs. P. L. Crews, of Winters, passed through Ballinger, Monday en route to San Marcos and other points in South Texas on a visit. She was accompanied by her sister Mrs. W. S. Biles, who had been visiting at Winters.

Consult Madame Lilla D. Windsor, Phrenologist and Author, at Central Hotel, until 19th. 13.5pd

Miss Margarte Trail left for Houston, Monday, where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Dave Cohen for a few weeks.

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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.

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J P Kirby and W B. Hodges, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Kirby called at the Ledger office and had The Ledger sent to C. A. Byers at Houston for a year.

Calling Cards, engraved and printed at The Ballinger Printing Co.

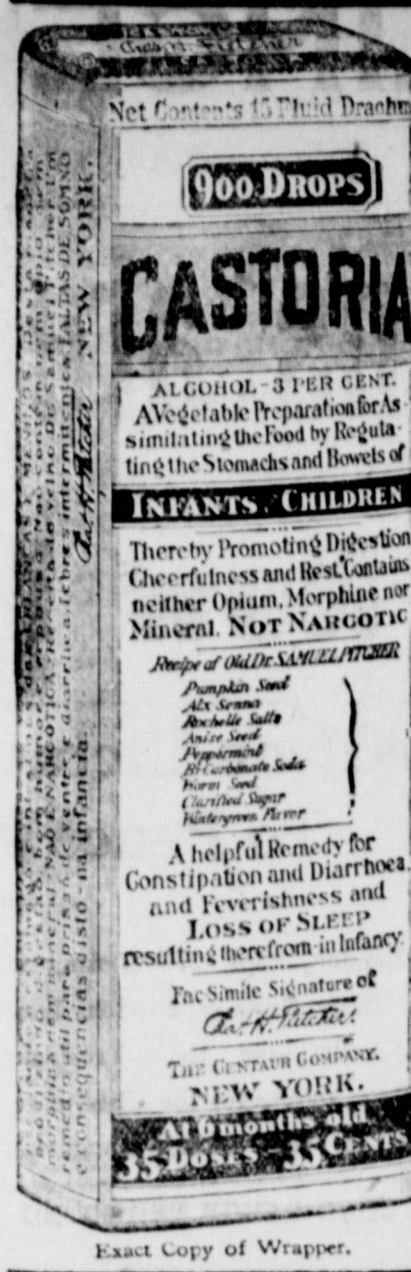
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Commissioner W. D. Meadows, left Monday for Austin, where he goes to confer with the highway commission and road officials regarding road work in this county.

Mrs. W. H. Doss who had been here to attend the funeral of her little grand daughter Mary Belle Doss, returned to her home at DeLeon Monday.

Good for Biliousness
"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 Verbyrke, Lima, Ohio.

I have a few houses to rent. E. Shepperd, agent. 1td

E. L. James returned to army duties at Camp Travis, Monday, after a visit to his wife and Ballinger friends. Mr. James is training a squad of negroes and expects to take them to France.

Misses Mertie and Mildred Watson and brother Russell Watson, neices and nephew of Dr. C. A. Watson, left for Hemphill, Monday, after a visit to their uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hightower, of Winters, were trading in Ballinger Tuesday.

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STATEMENT of Condition

...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Aug. 31, 1918

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$348,806.24
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
U. S. Treasury Certificates	40,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds	20,000.00
War Savings and Thrift Stamps	860.81
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Cash and Exchange	104,116.85
	\$569,183.90

LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	57,851.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Dividends Unpaid	60.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Deposits	384,772.90
	\$569,183.90

The above statement is correct.
R. G. Erwin, Cashier

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

THAT EMPTY PULPIT

And Why Sometimes It Is Difficult to Fill It.

Ladies of the Congregation Have Decided Views as to the Minister Who Is to Be Honored by the Proposed Call.

A charming afternoon in April—one of those days with just enough chill in the air to make the sun feel comfortable when you cross to the sunny side of the street. Just one of those April afternoons when Mrs. Richard Pennington Hall declares she has been scarcely a place all winter and just must get out. Mrs. Hamilton Ross finds herself in the same situation, and they are not alone in their decision.

An hour later, on the main street of the town:

"How do you do, Mrs. Ross? So delightful to be out this lovely day! Yes, just like myself, I feel like I had been shut in so long by the cold weather!"

"Certainly I was there. We must turn out to hear all the candidates for our pulpit."

"No, I really can't agree with you. There was something about him that I did not like. False teeth, you say? Are you sure? I told Richard he had an impediment in his speech! Well, that settles it—let's have a preacher with his teeth growing in his head."

"Of course I'm sorry for Brother Hope if he expected to get the place, but we can't help it! Good-by, yes do come real soon!"

Mrs. Richard Pennington Hall hurries along (she usually hurries at everything) and some few moments later, when grabbing lace at the bargain counter, fortunately comes upon Mrs. William Cotton Adams, who is similarly occupied. Laces at bargain prices are forgotten in the thrill each experiences in a chance for a friendly chat.

"Oh, my dear Mrs. Hall, how do you do? I've just been dying to have a good talk with you. What have you heard about the last minister we had on trial? What do you think of him? Yes, in a way I liked him, but there was something about him I did not like. Did you notice it, too? Yes, he made all his gestures with his left hand. Is he left-handed? Oh, indeed! Of all things. So awkward looking! For my part, I hope we'll not get him. Someone was saying he had false teeth, too. That's too many defects in one man, I say."

"So glad we have had such a nice chat. Oh, we'll hear several more before we decide on the new minister. Heavens! 5 o'clock and time to close. I don't see why they close so early. Goodby, come and see me soon."

Two weeks later: Mrs. James Jordan White boards a Forest avenue car and finds three of the members of her sewing society all going in her direction, so here was too good an opportunity to miss to discuss the new minister.

"Oh, how do you do, all of you? What did you think of last Sunday's supply?"

"Short and fat! Well, I should say so! And wheezy, too! I just said to Mr. White I'd bet he'd be laid up with asthma a good part of the time!"

"You don't mean to tell me the committee intends to bring that Rev. Nathaniel Hopkins of Chicago here on trial!"

"Oh, dear, I've got to get off here and we haven't half finished our chat! Well, if it's the same Doctor Hopkins that I've heard preach, we don't want him! He's lame—I think he has a wooden leg!"

"Goodby, everybody! Come and see me. I do hope we'll finally get a preacher we all like!"—Kansas City Star.

Read Up on Civil War.

One of the peculiar facts concerning the entrance of America into the war the stimulus given to reading and discussion of the American Civil war. The perusal of Civil war histories in England has become almost a mania and more books treating of the great conflict have been sold in England in one year than in America during the last ten years.

The reason is simple: England and the allies generally "want a line" on the American as a fighting man. The Spanish-American war failed as an adequate criterion because we had Spain so hopelessly outclassed from the beginning. But some of the greatest battles in the history of the world were fought in the Civil war. The percentage of death losses in actual but they were higher than that of any other war ever fought. The verdict seems to be that Americans know a good deal about the sanguinary business of killing.

Down Below.

First Mermaid—What on earth is Curly Locks so busy about when it is time for her to be sitting here on the rocks with her golden comb?

Second Ditto—Oh, she's got the Hoover fever from some shipwrecked humans, and she's down in the coral cave putting up jellyfish.



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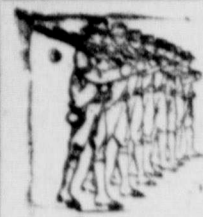
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Camp Perry, Ohio,
Sept. 13th, 1918.

Dear Ralph:

Have thought ever since I have been up here that I would write you and tell you what a really fine place this is and what a fine time I am having. This place is on a peninsula extending out into Lake Erie. It is absolutely nothing more than what its name implies: a firing school. It is the finest target range in the world and by far the most beautiful. In shooting all the bullets hit in the lake. The country is perfectly level and is a sight to see some five hundred targets in use at one time at ranges from the short pistol course to 1000 yards firing. The commandant and all the instructors are out of civilian life and are the crack shots of the world. At present they have the National Ass'n shot here with a team of experts from every state and by the way while I think of it, the man Thompson who used to work for Higginbotham is one of the competitors from Texas, and he has made some good scores. I have fired only twice on the range so far. Once with 22 rifle for practice making 366 out of possibly 400 and ten shots with service rifle at 200 yards, making 43 out of a possible 50. Hope I can keep this up. The first week here is mostly studying the rifle and pistol, you absolutely have to know every screw and rivet by name before they begin to let you shoot. My course lasts till Oct. 4th. don't know where I will be sent then but somewhere to instruct in the rifle and shooting.

My week ends are so few here I hardly know where to spend them. We are only a few hours run from Detroit, ports of Canada Buffalo and Niagara Falls, also Toledo and Cleveland. Spent a few hours in Cincinatti on way up here. Of course we can't go far for Uncle Sam don't pay for week end trips. Last Sunday I was lucky in getting a five hours trip on a submarine chaser. They are built in Port Clinton for the French. It cost about \$200,000.00 and went out on its test trip before being turned over to the French. It cost about \$200,000.00 including four gas engines 220 hp each at \$70,000. was 100 feet long and makes about 21 miles per

Used 40 Years

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The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

hour. In its test it stopped within its length while making 17 knots. We spent five hours out in the Lake on this jaunt and it was great.

Ralph this is some country up here. When you see the many things that are growing at this time of year and the beautiful farms, (a few acres however) it makes a dry country seem worse. I have seen earloads of the finest tomatoes at 3-4 cent per pound and apples peaches and other eatables by the ear load. Things to eat are much cheaper here. Only the things with wheat and sugar, are an equal price, meats are cheaper and butter, most clothes are cheaper too.

Kindest regards to all.

Yours,
Harold.

The above letter is from Harold Tucker to R. G. Erwin.

St. Noyaire, France
August 21, 1918.

Dear Mother:

This is the hottest day I have ever witnessed since I have been in France.

Every morning it is real cool. I am just feeling fine and I hope you are all well. Well it has been about one year just about now since I saw you and dad.

I hope it will not be long before I see you. I believe it will only be a few months until I will see you.

Everything is all in our favor on the front now from what I hear. Everybody in the States must be doing all they can to help us.

With love, your son,
Chris Lee Snell.

France, July 9

Dear Dad and All:

Received your letter. Was glad indeed. Hope all are well. I am fat and fine. I was picked to go to Paris to parade on the 4th of July. I sure had a good time for days and nights. The French treat us fine. We went from the trenches. Our division was picked to send so many men because we had done much good fighting and I was picked out of my company, but I am back at the front now again.

The French named a street after our President on July 4th, and we were the first to march down it in Paris.

Dad, I have got huns enough for us both, and if they get me we have them beat. I am going to get more of them and come back to you safe and sound, so don't worry about me.

Your son,
Sergt. M. T. Justice.

The above letter came to J. D. Justice from his son Marvin, who is a member of the U. S. Marines, and who was in the first company of Americans to shoot into the German ranks. This is the second letter we have had the privilege of printing from this young man.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUILDING STREETS

Commissioner Ira Bird has been supervising the grading of the main business street of Robert Lee during the past week. The work has greatly improved the thoroughfare and affords more accommodation to the traveling public as well as improving the appearance of the street—Coke County News Item.

Of course The Ledger could hardly favor turning the city over to the county commissioners, but in the above news item there is good argument for abolishing the city corporation. If our streets were under the control of the commissioners court the county would have to keep them up, and the county commissioners would no doubt take a pride in building a good road down Hutchings Ave.

Says He'll Enlist; It's Easier.

Ralph McMurray, colored waiter at the Hotel McCurdy in Evansville, received his questionnaire a few days ago.

"What is it?" he asked some of his friends.

"Oh, you just have to answer those questions," he was told.

"Answer these?" shouted McMurray, turning over the numerous pages.

"Nope. I'm going to war instead. Enlistin' is lots easier."

Dr. W. W. Fowler, left for Dallas, Monday afternoon.

A. W. M. Zappe and Kenney Voelkel left for A. & M. College, Monday where they will enter the S. A. T. C. and prepare themselves for army service.

RETURNS FROM SOISSONS BATTLE

This week Brownwood has been giving a warm welcome to Lieutenant Ted Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson, who came in Wednesday morning. His coming was a great surprise to even his parents, who knew nothing of his return until a telegram was received from him when he was leaving Washington for Brownwood. On August 28, Br. and Mrs. Anderson had received a cablegram from him from Brest, France, which said "Well and happy."

Lieut. Anderson has had some very exciting and interesting experiences in the fighting in France. He is one of the twenty-eight who volunteered from Daniel Baker College at the beginning of the war and has been in France serving in the front line trenches for several months.

He was in the fight at Chateau Thierry and Soissons and has fought the Germans face to face. He has had good luck, has had a good taste of the horrors of war, but has come out unscratched.

From Lieut. Anderson's observation, the allies will win the war, but that it is going to take a long time and very stubborn fighting to do it.

After spending his furlough of only a few days in Brownwood, Lieut. Anderson will leave for Camp Mead, in Maryland, where he has orders to report for further duty, that of assisting to train new units for service in France. —Brownwood News.

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Misses Irene Clappett and Vera Nicholson left for Denton, Monday afternoon, and will become pupils in the School of Industrial Arts.

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