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EX-PRESIDENT ROOS-EVELT DEAD

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Jan. 6 .-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, twenty-sixth President of the United States, died at his home on Sagamore Hill early today, will be laid to rest without pomp or ceremony in Young's Memorial Cemetery in this village Wednesday afternoon. He will be buried on a knoll overlooking Long Island Sound, a plot which he and Mrs. Roosevelt selected soon after he left the White House.

In the words of the clergyman who will conduct the funeral ser vice, "America's most typical American," known in every corn er of the earth, will go to his grave as a "quiet, democratic, Christian country-gentleman, beloved by his neighbors."

After prayers at the Roosevelt home at which only members of the family were present, the fun eral / vice will be held at 12: ck in Christ Episcopal . the little old frame struc where, for years, the Colonand his family attended divine worship.

No Flowers or Music

At the request of Mrs. Roosevelt, no flowers will be sent. The altar will be decorated only with laurel placed on it for the Christrias season. Also in conformance with Mrs. Roosevelts wishes, there will no music and no eulgy, but only the simple service e Episcopal Church, conby the pastor, Rev. Geo.

church, founded in 1705. hilt in 1878, will accomoss than 500 persons, so admittance will be by card sued from the Colonel's of-

ing in France.

I for the one who gave his Laney caused their arrest. hid his suffering from the sults: ld, however, in the hope that One, the leader of the gang,

YOUR LIBERTY BONDS

ess you have to

age of patriotism and citizen- them!

d business to hold them.

If you Must Sell et the full market price. Go responsible banker and let

CEDAR WOOD

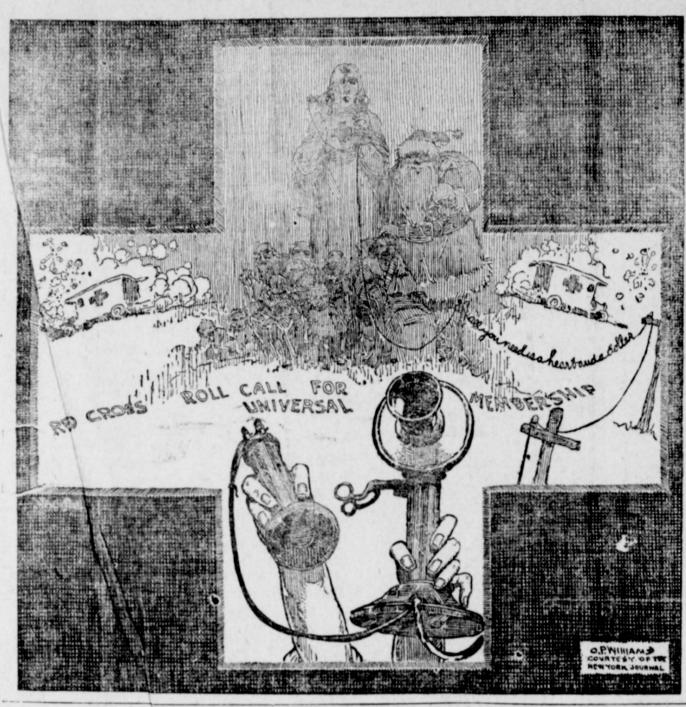
dar wood for sale, at my ch, at \$2.75 per cord. ood days will be Tuesdays Fridays.

C. F. SEARS

your discount by paying Bills on or before Satur-

ffee at G. M. Sharp's.

Dear Reader, You're Wanted on the Phone



These cards, it was said, will THIEVES BROUGHT TO JUS-TICE

New York, and will be giv- As a result of theft at the nly to relatives and intimate Anchor Mercantile Company, and through the energetic effort of FOR RENT-Modern 7 or 8- FOR SALE-Plenty mesquite leved by the physicians who en up at Lubbock. They had been kel Realty Company. nded him to have been hast- operating successfully in their WANTED—A nan with small COTTON SEED FOR SALE coupled with anxiety over began to think they were pretty serious wounds suffered by smooth. Their haul at the Anch- C. M. Largent.

might set an example for is now serving a two year sener fathers and mothers who tence, with charges hanging county, near Sylvester. S. F. bile the past week .- Tom Largi given their sons to the Na- over him for his rearrest as soon as his time is up.

sentence hanging over him.

lease.

ties and privileges over to thieves broke into the home of is interesting from start to fin-W. N. Hall and stole a carpet, a ish. The admission is 10 cents, iberty Bonds will be worth highly prized quilt and a silk and Superintendant F. A.Cary ch more presently and it is dress pattern, and some other hies to see a house full of people. minor articles.

Merkel Store Robbed.

Between Saturday, night and give you information and Monday morning, December 21 ce. Do not sell to just anyone and 23, the place of business of ho may not treat you fairly. A. L. Jobe was entered and a sued by Treasury Department number of articles taken. The reau of Publicity Dallas, Tex. safe was opened and all money found therein taken, except some checks and a small amount of silver. One check for \$3.75 was taken with the cash, and Mr Jobe would count it a great favof if the giver call and make it good, as he feels sure the thieves will not attempt to cash it.

> If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

pounds of Breakfast De- FOR SALE—Typewriter rib carefully compiled this record after th bons at the Merkel Mail office.

CIACCIFIED ANG 1 cent a word for each insertion. OFVOGILLED UND

ain Archie Roosevelt, while or was one too many. They were WANTED—Good second hand chine culled, Mebane cotton seed. e was proud of his soldier town, where, it seemed, even the or seperate. Write paticulars to befre you buy. Call or phone or- through the organization. and their heroism, but he officers connived with them. In II. M. McBeath, Hamby. Tex t2p ders in at once.—J. S. Hughes,

a devoted father and he gri- spite of this Messrs Propst and FOR SALE OR TRADE-\$65. Elair, Texas. Bausch & Lomb view camera, FOR SALE-Good single buggy. for his country, as well as They were billed by the grand with full equiptment. Would R. L Bland. the other who was wounded, jury and following are the re- trade for good violin.—Earl WANTED—Cord wood. Earl Thornton, R.F.D. No. 4. 10t3p Lassiter.

Haynes. 10t2c ent.

family to work with cattle. See Car expected by February 10 10t4p

FOR RENT-Farm in Fisher LOST-Crank for Paige Automi-

The second has a suspended DEACON DUBBS AT TRENT The play, "Deacon Dubbs,"

ds means giving up your ly creditable work. Hurrah for that it has been called for again, us to express our gratitude. We would like to give an outline p, and handing your responsi- While on their visit here the of the play, but time forbids. It

CARD OF THANKS

our Government asks you The third is in the navy and will be given at Trent Saturday to thank our kind friends for the Press Reporter. The chairman earnestly not to sell these is subject to arrest upon his re- night, January 11. It was given service and favors given us dur- appointed the following program days with homefolks at Merkel. Christmas week at the school ing the long illness of our daugh-committee: Miss Ruby Campbell, opart with your Liberty Our fellow townsmen did high auditorium and made such a hit ter and sister, Leola. Words fail Chairman, Mrs. W. A McSpad-ble of Tenn, are visiting at the

May God bless you all. Mr. and Mrs. Thos Smith Mr. and Mrs H. B. Griffith. Rose Norris.

ainstaking care.

RAINFALL IN MERKEL FOR THE PAST YEAR

	The second secon	
	January, snow,	3 inches.
	February, rain,	6 inches.
	March, rain,	
	April, rain,	
	May, rain, 3.	
	June, rain,	
	July, rain,	
	August, rain, 1.9	
	September, rain,	
	October, rain, 3.9	0 inches.
	November, snow and rain, 1.2	
	December rain, 2.	
	Total for 1918	
	T al for 1917 8.0	9 inches.
	To:al for 1916 15.1	
ı	Total for 1915 13.	
	We are indebted to J. J. Stallings for at above record	

PARENTS-TEACHERS CLUB

noon, a large number of parents John Lawler and wife, Jim Ponh Hastened by Grief for Son H. L. Propst and W. H. Laney, a room residence on Oak St., No cord wood at \$2.50 a cord. Five and all the teachers met in the way and wife. All report a fine e death of Colonel Roosevelt nice bunch of thieves were brok-better place in Merkel. See Mer- miles of Merkel. See G. D. Bryfected the organization of a Perents-Teachers Club.

The meeting was called to orfrom Lockhart, the genuine, ma- the purpose of the meeting, going into details as to the many viile, Tenn., is visiting her parquickly traced to their home wind-mill, stand, tank and tower, You will save money to see me things that can be accomplished ents, Mr. and Mrs.A.M.McCright

the work. Miss Annie Laura Smith read a paper on "Needful Playground are real sick with the "Flu". Apparatus and Equipments.

following officers: Mrs. M Arm- holidays with relatives. strong, President; Mrs. T. A. We wish through your paper Treasurer; Miss Emma Houston, homefolks. J. T. Browning. The purpose of ald. this committee is to prepare a place within the next two weeks. ents.

Every one is urged to attend. gain Friday afternoon at 3:30.

A TOWN CLUB NEEDED

It has been suggested that a town club be organized. Many strangers will be expected in Merkel during the next few be taken to give them proper The Merkel Realty Company. entertainment. It has been further suggested that home talent be used largely in affording entertainment. There is no club or meeting place here where a the week. Interest will increase at home. Plans will have to be worked out, and if the proposal finds favor, doubtless further de tails will be published in an early FOR RE sue of the Mail.

OIL MACHINERY HAS **NOW ARRIVED**

Now laugh, you wise guys who have been poking fun at us for having faith in the oil game. We told you it would come and you would turn and wink your eye. We are on to your racket. It is our time to laugh now. The drill machinery arrived and has been hauled to the Sears location. The boiler is here and is being moved out. The casing is expected on every train. The well will be spudded in just as soon as the machinery can be set.

Briefly, this is the oil news for th. week. Interest will increase from now on. It is whispered around that contract has already been let for two more wells, but Senator Boggs says he thinks this is about all the news the Merkel Mail can carry in one issue, and we quite agreed with him. He has joined the tin bucket brigade and has gone to work and says he no longer poses as a press reporter. This consoled us mightily, for we knew if Boggs had gone to work, there surely "was something doing."

Prospects are the brightest yet. We have the utmost confidence in the drilling of a well in every block and that without delay. Business will be so rushing ir a short while all over this section that we will be amazed. At last our time for development is at hand and we veritably believe that better days are in sight.

Here is hoping that all have enjoyed a merry xmas and a happy New Year.

Parties have been enjoyed by the young folks this week at the home of Sinclair Phillips and At 3:30 o'clock, Tuesday after- wife, Walter Smith and wife,

> A. M. McCright was in Merkel Monday.

Fred Dupree of Merkel is quite der by Supt. Parker, who stated sick at the home of Jim Grayson. Mrs. G. N. Wright of Nash-

Miss Mattie Jones received Miss Sophia Howard addressed a telegram Friday that her brothe audience on the social side of ther had received gas burns in Germany.

Earnest McCright and wife

Jess Baker returned home Permanent organization was Tuesday from Hamilton County, effected with the election of the where he has been to spend the

Harlow McCright, who is at-Johnson, Vice President; Miss tending school at Eastland, is Sophia Howard, Secretary and spending the holidays with the

Tom Swafford spent the holi-Misses Jennie and Mary Trimden, Mrs. H. A Sanders and Mrs. home of their uncle, Will McDon-

Miss Florens Cade of Denton Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hammer program to be rendered at the is visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs Ed Henderson. presentation of the High School J. W. Green and wife of Eastservice flag, which is to take land spent xmas with her par-

J. D. Barnes returned from The organization will meet a- Winnsvoro to his home Wednesday night.

Clarence Eoff of Merkel, was out at his place here Sunday.

NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern. This is to certify that J. T. months, and some means should Browning has withdrawn from Merkel Realty Company.

> THAT NEXT HAIR CUT Where? Pates Barber Shop

visiting h

-C. M. I

THE FARMERS STATE

You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Fremium

Capital and Surplus Fund \$65.000.00

urn, who is with the overseas for groceries, please call at my orces. C. R. Hutcheson of Trent, store to see me.-A. L. Jobe. called to make inquiry in behalf of Mr. Abbott. The last heard from the boy was some time beore the signing of the armisice, and a short time ago his name appeared among the wounded. If any one has heard from him directly or through ome of the boys over there it will be counted a great favor if and neighbors for their help and they will confer with Mr. Hutche kindness during the sickness and son or write to Mr. Abbott.

A good remedy for a bad cough lest upon each one of you. s Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

CAN CLEAN OIL SPOTS, TOO

Remember that no job in the cleaning and pressing line is too dificult for me. You oil enthusiasts will have lots of work, but please rest assured that I can and will give entire satisfaction.

Mrs. C. .L. Cash, Cleaning, Pressing and Mending. Phone 124. At Anchor Mercantile Company.

Misses Julia Martin, Louise Warren, Lucy and Nell Tracy, left Wednesday to re-enter Simmons. Miss Ona Faye Bland also entered Simmons after xmas.

Plenty of oats and corn-G M. Sharp.

during the holidays.

Electric Bills on or before Satur- I get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills day the 11th.

G. M. Sharps.

Sweetwater visited his mother, -get Doan's Kidney Pills-the Mrs. M. L. Calvert, last Sunday, same that Mr. Hauk had. Hoster-

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

some bills. Will the power who ., Wil- gave me that chook in payment

> See J. T. Dennis for bulk ribbon cane syrup.

Miss Geneva Brown has returned to school at Belton.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank our friends death of our little daughter.

May God's richest blessings

Mr. and Mrs. Geogre Crow.

W. O. Boney is still making farm loans, better hurry.

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Merkel Readers Are Learning The Way.

It's the little kidney ills-The lame, weak or aching

The unnoticed urinary disord-

That may lead to dropsy and

Bright's disease. When the kidneys are weak, Help them with Doan's Kid-

ey Pills, A remedy especially for weak kidneys.

Doan's have been used in kidney troubles for 50 years.

Endorsed by 50,000 peopleendorsed by citizens of this local-

W. J. Hauk, retired farmer. Arl Sharp visited homefols Anson, Tex., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills always relieve me when I use them. When my kidneys Save your discount by paying are disordered or need attention. and they never fail to benefit me. Another in my family has Plenty of fresh groceries at found just as benefical results from their use."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Jon't W. C. Calvert and family of simply ask for a kidney renedy Milburn Co., Mfgrs.,

STATEMENT

MERCHANTS NATIONAL

BANK MERKEL, TEXAS

As Made & Comptroller of Currency at Close of Jusiness December 31, 1918

RESOURCES

Lans	3154,920.50
US. Bonds and Certificates.	
yar Saving Stamps	406.72
tock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,500.00
ther Real Estate	3,132.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
5 per cent Redemption Fund.	312.50
Cash and Exchange	92,331.72
Total	\$299,562,79

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock\$	25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	33,331.08
Circulation	6,250.00
Due Federal Res. Bank	25,000.00
Bills Payable	6,000.00
Deposits	203,981.71
Total \$	299,562.79

YOUR BANKING BUSINESS IS INVITED

Every accommodation granted in line with good business methods and conservative Banking

J. T. Warren President G. F. West ... Vice President Henry James ____Vice Pres. Thos. Johnson..... Cashier Booth Warren_Asst. Cashier DeVerle Johnson .. Asst. Cash

LOCAL NEWS

Warren McSpadden spent the holidays in Cisco with relatives.

Plenty of oats and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Little Paul Riney, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, has just recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

Mrs. H. Kelley of Maryneal visited Mrs. D. J. Kelley during the holidays.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

E. D. Coats has moved to the suite of offices over the Crown Hardware Company, where he will be glad to have his friends

Highest prices paid for good fressh eggs. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mrs. J. E. Kelley left last Thursday for Abilene where she visited a while before going on to her home in Oklahoma.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Garrett of Douglass Arizona visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett the past week.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance.
GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the what will be a few of the Child will be an perfect that.

apples

Commencing Saturday January 4 10 CENTS OFF

EVERY \$1.00

THAT YOU BUY IN WINTER GOODS OF THE FOLLOWING

Underwear, Blankets, Ladies Coats, Mens Suits, Misses Coats, Sweaters, and all other strictly winter goods

WE WISH YOU A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEW

Wm Cox has received his c charge from the army and returned home.

Just received car of flour. I

Miss Amanda Curtis is j recovering from a very sev attack of pneumonia.

Brer Rabbitt syrup at G. Sharp's

Mrs. J. T. Pue's brother, w is in the army, visited her t past week.

Highest prices paid for go fresh eggs. Metropolitan Bal ery and Cafe.

Mrs. Hattie Boden has return ed to her home in Dallas afte spending the holidays with he mother, Mrs Ada Walker.

Plenty of oats and cowfeed a Bob Martin's

W. N. Hall, who has been ma ing his home in Detroit for sev en months, is back home again He looks natural and seems mig ty glad to be back. He intends t remain a few weeks, Mrs. Ha is still in Detroit. He says it uncertain as to when he wi again make their home here.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and e riching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengt ening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Miss Elsie Sharp left for Ab lene Monday, where she w study music.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howar visited in Dallas during the hol days, while there Mrs. Howay underwent a slight operation is now visiting in Hillsboro.

Colds Cause Grip and Influen LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets re

O. A. HORTON WRITES

Continued from last week Every thing is very high, eggs ne dollar per dozen, any kind of ruit, twenty cents a piece. Sugar, they don't know what it looks like. The cheese are so strong while you eat them.

driven the people from their Americans got after them.

Frenchman bring a Hun down, for a while. it fell right close to me.

e trenches:

A Tonic Laxative

that will remove the bile from the Liver and cleanse the System THOROUGHLY without griping or disturbing the stomach is truly a Perfect Lax-

LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN

is the name of a Reliable and Perfect Laxative which soon relieves Sick Headache, Dizziness, Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, Gas and Piles caused by a Torpid Liver and Constipation. Always use a Laxative in the treatment of Colds, Grip



you have to wear a gas mask French port, in two weeks we happy nights were spent in the and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching We took over a section on the camp near the front. There we are back in the trenches again. erties of Quinine and Iron in a form front last summer and we were spent about five months train- I spent the fourth of July in the acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel stationed in a little village just ing for the work we had beofre trenches, but we celebrated any- its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c. behind the front lines just a few us, but it was not a hard job to way, for our artillery sent over days before the Germans had lick those Germans after the several hundred high explosive across "no man's land" there is

homes and they did not take any In October we got ready to go were celebrating the 4th.

thousand feet, and the huns train and several hard days hik- gave us a good warm meal, and fall, some killed and some woundmachine made a straight shoot ing we got to the front again, with a few hours rest we started ded, but those who are able still for the ground, all in flames, and there we took over a sector, again on our last march to the go forward fighting the enemy. My experiences in the front and believe me it had its right Captain made a little talk in hundred prisoners, and about

When they relieved our division from this front, we were sent a few miles back for a long | When your blood is not in a healthy

no mans land"

needed rest, but the second night the enemys airplaines come over with the enemys airplaines come over with the winter cold. and dropped three large bombs right on us, and the rest of our Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip were on our way to a training wheat fields. A few days and we

thing with them, as they were into the trenches for the first We went back near Paris after lucky to get away alive. The Ger time. We traveled all day and a long ride on motor trucks and slowly trying to keep out of the mans had scattered every thing half the night in some trucks, on the next day after arriving, shell holes and wire entangleall over the place, broken the quit the trucks and hiked about orders came to get ready to ments, which our barrage had beautiful china and pictures, and eight miles, could hear the roar start for the front in thirty minu torn to pieces, At this time the the shells had torn the buildings of the big guns miles away and tes, so they put us on some enemy sure was playing on us which once were happy home it sure makes a fellow think of trucks and we traveled all night, with their macrine guns, high ex and beautiful Cathredrals to home the first time he marches and endless string of motor plosive shells and sharpnells pieces. This was enough to make into the trenches. We were the trukes loaded with French soldi-were bursting all around us, any man with a heart, go mad to first American troops to go into ers, hundreds of large guns and while the airplanes were dropthe trenches. After 10 days we wagon trains were passing us all ping over our heads and the art-This sector was a pretty lively went back to our old camp and night it looked like every thing illery who were putting down a place, the enemy was dropping began drilling again until in in France was on the move, late heavy barrage just in front to shells in our trenches all the January, when we received ord- in the morning we came to a for- break down the wire entangletime, and they also sent gas over ers to pack up and start for the est, stoped there for the day and ments so we could get through, pretty often. I saw some air- front. From then on we were late in the afternoon everything also, blow up their dugouts and plane battles on this front. I going in and out of the trenches was moving forward again, we trenches, and at the same time ave seen as many as forty air- pretty often. The longest that all were tired, hungry and half the large French tanks are just planes fighting in the air at the we were exposed to shell fire, dead for sleep, but all night we ahead of the front wave and are same time, and I have seen many was seventy two days, and we hiked and early in the morning putting machine gun nests out of of them fall to the ground. I saw sure were glad to be relieved we came to another forest and commission, also blowing up the there the cook wagons overtook trench motor batteries. as they were up about twelve Well after a long ride on the this tired, hungry bunch and which was called deaths valley, front, but before starting the At this time we took several After we arrived in this little One of our duties in the trench in the front lines that night, and tured some heavy artillery. We es was to make patrols into "No would go over the top in the could see the enemy retreating mans land", and a fellow just morning at 4 o'clock, and inform to the rear, and then they began has to guess the way on a dark ed us of the big job we were go- to shoot at us point blank with night, if he gets lost he has a ing into in a few hours. Our divi- artillery, which hit one of the hard time finding the way back sion then moved out at dark and tanks and killed ever one except to his line. When the star-shells I will never forget that dark and the officer in charge. A few mingo up and burst we would have stormy night. I never saw so utes after this happened I was to lay flat on the ground for much transportation and so knocked down by a shell and put sometimes the Germans would many men trying to get over out of commission. see us and turn their machine the same road at the same time FOS WITH PEPSIN is a Liquid Digestive axative excellent in its effect on the both as a tonic and as a laxative. It is ood for Children as for Adults. Pleasant Children like it. 50c. and recommended to the public by Paris and recommended to the public b guns loose on us, then we would in all my career It was just of what a man see when he goes hug the ground for sometime. pouring down rain and so dark over the top, and across "No coming back when he went into keep from getting seperated from each other, the lightening was flashing, Fritz was throwing shells over us, and it rained of ranks. After a long and mudy ers Drug Store. old hike we came to the front line trenches, arrived just a few RED CROSS DRIVE COMPLET minutes before the zero hour to go over the top. Our part of the line was in a wheat field, and the in about ten minutes our artil- the record. lery got started and I think every gun that was behind us ed, however, to learn of reports

> earth quake was in progress. Going over the top is nothing summarized as follows: compared with the time you are in the trenches waiting for the ists in this community. It has

durance to fight Colds, G

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHIII TONIC the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic prop-

shell to let Fritz know that we so much excitement that he has not got time to worry.

We started across, going very

A person sees his comrades which he told us we were going three miles of territory and cap-

Thiss is just a very small idea

Your loving son, O. A. HORTON

Joints that ache, muscles that aard all night. We hiked and are drawn or contracted should hiked, tired and sleepy as we be treated with Ballard's Snow were, had now been on the road Liniment. It penetrates to the for five days and nights, and spot where it is needed and rethere was not a man who fell out lieves suffering. Sold by Sand-

ED ON TIME

The Red Cross driev is over. enemy saw us and opened up The membership received in have tried to give you a square with their machine guns, but Merkel and Merkel country acould not do mutch harm, for mounted to 630. This is a fair they were useing indirect fire, average of the entire country. It but in a few minutes their artillis a little below what we hoped lery put a barrage down on our to attain, but ranking, as it does, trenches and then things began with centers that was far better to look gloomy believe me, but favored, we are justly proud of

We are just a little chagrinnopened up at the same time, the that have become current in this earth trembled as though an locality, which we learn from Chairman W. A. McSpadden,

"German propaganda still exorders, for after a person starts been under cover all along, but crops out once and awhile. It has come to my ears indirectly that the local Red Cross workers were being handsomely paid for their services. This is false and the tonuge that started this infamous lie is from a German sympathizer and one who is not a decent subject to live in this patriotic community.

"As local chairman in the Red Cros s drive, I want to say to these Hun lovers-that we do not ant or need your dollar, because your money is not good enough or the Red Cross.

"This local branch of the Red Cross is going to continue to exist and these Hun lovers will nev

er be able to make a dent in it. "To those who have helped in the campaign I wish to thank personnally from the bottom of my heart for their loyalty and upport. It is good to associate with such noble, patriotic hearts. The pleasure you have given me far more than off sets the infamous reports scattered abroad

by hidden Hun lovers. "W. A. McSpadden, Local Chairman Red Cross Roll Call."

Cream meal-G. M. Sharp.

Tuberculosis Experts Sent by Red Cross Will Use Latest Methods.

Included in the unit of medical and ay workers which the American Red Cross has sent to Italy are a number of the leading anti-tuberculosis workers of the country, sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association. nent member of the unit. Others are the Ohio Tuberculosis Association; Seymour H. Stone, until recently secrejary of the Massachusetts Anti-Tuperculosis League; Dr. Gertrude Sturcis, secretary of the New York City Association of Tuberculosis Clinics, and N. A. Nelson, superintendent of the Cincinnati Anti-Tuberculosis League.

These men and women, at the request of the Italian government, will co-operate with that country in applying the latest approved American methods for combating the spread of suberculosis. Some of them will be charged with the establishment of dinics where people of all ages may be examined and treated; others will levote their attention particularly to reventing tuberculosis among chiliren, and a third group will develop ealth publicity and education,

It is to the credit of the anti-tuberulosis campaign in America that it has produced specialists of such international standing that Italy wishes to call them into her service temporarily. But the campaign will be continued lerived not as heretofore from the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, but a special appropriation made by the ed Cross to the National Tuberculois Association. Tuberculosis workers on their side will line up with the Red Cross in its Christmas Roll Call for miversal membership.

CONTEST FOR THE JUNIORS.

A special feature during the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call will be a Junior Red Cross Four-Minute Men Contest on "Why You Should Join the Red Cross." The contest will be simllar to those previously conducted by the Division of Four Minute Men of Committee on Public Information It will be held on Friday, December 20th, in all of the School Auxiliaries, and friends and parents of the pupils will be urged to attend.

Pierce Oil, Gas, Lubricating Corporation

We are grateful for the patron age and support of the people of Merkel and surroundings. We deal, as we expect to do in the future. We have been here several years and expect to stay a ttle while longer.

M. D. Angus, Agent

Mrs. D. S. Whitlow and daughter, Hallie of Temple are visiting Mrs. Whitlow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boney.

Wm Brown, Bill O'Briant, and spending the holidays with his DeVerl Johnson attended a parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bondance given at the Elks Hall in ey, and brother, W. O. Boney Abilene, during the holidays.

EASING THE CARES OF SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

The ten thousand Home Service Sections of the American Red Cross, in their work of looking after the families of the enlisted men, are doing wonders for the morale of the army. Our fighters are not men who are going to worry about themselves, but if they do not get cheerful letters from home, or if anything goes wrong there, they are going to worry, and that delicate thing the army men call morale is going to against this and also to prevent needless suffering and to promote that spirit of neighborliness and kindly aid that binds each community into an organic whole that the Home Service was organized.

Over 50,000 workers are serving on these ten thousand committees, which reach into every corner of the country, however remote. Not a town or village or crossroads that is not within reach of the Red Cross; not a wife or child or mother of a man in service who cannot claim the ready aid of the Red Cross workers.

More than 300,000 families of American soldiers and sailors have been relieved of money troubles, legal difficulties and worries of all sorts by the protecting arm of the Red Cross. If the allowances of allotments under the War Risk Insurance law do not come the matter is at once referred to Red Cross Headquarters, taken up with the proper government bureau and promptly straightened out. If, through the delay, the family finds itself in need of money sums are advanced to tide it over until the allotment arrives. During July over sixty thousand inquiries of this kind were received, and more than a third of these were taken clear through to headquarters before they could be straightened out.

FOR ITALY'S BABIES.

Motherhood in Italy just now is not the joy that it might be, for the poor women are at their wits ends to clothe the children already in the family, not to mention the preparation for the liftle newcomers. Perhaps the most appreciated gifts of the American Red Cross at this time are the layettes which are being given to the mothers of Italy. Each layette consists of twenty-four pieces and includes four bright colored swathing bands, so dear to the heart of the Italian woman. Twenty layettes a week are needed at Chioggia alone.

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e are back on the job this veek, and hope to be every week during the year. Please remember we are at your service al-

Marriages seem to be the order of the day. This weeks society * Become a fresh-air crank and * column is full of them, and the * enjoy life. boys are not back either. Let the good work go on, until neither man or maid find it good to live

With the passing of Ex-President Roosevelt, truly a spectacular spirit has gone to join that innumerable throng that is con- holme, the chief medical officer of the tinually passing into the realms | English public health service, in his beyond. Whether or not we belived as he did, tauly the soul of a great man is gone. We ad- ed States may profit by the experience mire him for his courage, for of other countries Surgeon General his breadth of vision, for his keen insight into the depth of human affairs and for the right- cial precautions at the present time. ousness of his life. He was an advocate of many of the reforms of the day and stood for progress by an attack of influenza are peculiaralways.

Christmas Superstitions in Homes of Our Allies

any quaint beliefs or uncountries across the ocean.

Particularly have the habits of England and France held us; the former latter because of the unquenchable dear memory of Lafayette, and more recently because of that same spirit so gloriously upheld today by France's noble sons. And this holiday time finds us with our eyes turned thitherward for a more poignant reason-for there aren't many homes who cannot claim a father, a son or a brother "over there.'

And it is well to know some of the homely, sweet little superstitions which prevail among the people of our

In England and in Scotland the saying goes that it is unlucky for anybody but a brunette to first cross the threshold on Christmas morning.

To bake bread on Christmas day is praiseworthy, and loaves baked then will never grow moldy. In these times of scarcity of flour, the poor loaves do not stand half a chance to mold!

Woe to the housewife who on this day turns a mattress. It bodes ill luck for the whole year.

A superstition which had its origin form and ill luck indeed not to wish the bees good morning and the complithe hives are decorated with springs Christmas eve. But bees are rather perpetual singers, anyway.

The graceful traditions prevail, in northern England and Wales, that the birds and beasts have some mystic connection with the Nativity. Hence, the farmers and landowners purchase sheaves of oats from little boys who ell them as our boys sell holly. These undles are placed in convenient high

aces in trees and fences, that the ds may partake. The cattle, sheep, ats, and even the pigs, are all given uble the amount of feedings on iristmas morning.

In Lyons, France, at the Foundling ospital, a very pretty custom is to velcome the first baby that arrives with special honors a beribboned cradle, padded basket, soft clothing, citude and a bestowal of gifts, and

eful attention. This is done in expiation of the poor welcome given to a Wee Child of Bethlehem 20 centuries ago, and a beautiful thought it is.

ne provinces in France it is ed bad luck to cross a strange on Christmas day.

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CONVALESCENTS

SPAIN AND ENGLAND REPORT INCREASE IN TUBERCULOSIS AFTER INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

U. S. Public Health Service Warns Public Against Tuberculosis. One Million Cases Tuberculosis in United States-Each a Source of Danger.

Influenza Convalescents Should Have Lungs Examined-Colds Which Hang On Often Beginning of Tuberculosis. No Cause for Alarm if Tuberculosis Is Recognized Early-Patent Medicines Not to Be Trusted.

Beware tuberculosis after influenza. No need to worry if * you take precautions in time.

Don't diagnose your own condition. Have your doctor examine your lungs several times at * monthly intervals. Build up your * * strength with right living, good * food and plenty of fresh air.

Don't waste money on patent * medicines advertised to cure tu- * * berculosis.

Washington, D. C .- (Special.) -According to a report made to the United States Public Health Service, the epidemic of influenza in Spain has already caused an increase in the prevatence and deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. A similar association between influenza and tuberculosis was recently made by Sir Arthur Newsanalysis of the tuberculosis death rate in England.

In order that the people of the Unit-Rupert Blue of the United States Public Health Service has just issued a warning emphasizing the need of spe-"Experience seems to indicate," says the Surgeon General, "that persons whose resistance has been weakened ly susceptible to tuberculosis. With millions of its people recently affected with influenza this country now offers conditions favoring the spread of

One Million Consumptives in the United States.

menace?" was asked. "In my opinion the modern customs are al- it is, though I hasten to add it is disways deeply interested in tinctly one against which the people can guard. So far as one can estimate usual mannerisms of the there are at present about one million cases of tuberculosis in the United States. There is unfortunately no complete census available to show exbecause she is our mother country, the actly the number of tuberculosis persons in each state despite the fact that most of the states have made the disease reportable. In New York city, where reporting has been in force for many years, over 35,000 cases of tuberculosis are registered with the Department of Health. Those familiar with the situation believe that the addition of unrecognized and unreported cases would make the number nearer 50,000. The very careful health survey conducted during the past two years in Framingham, Mass., revealed pose I offer him a cup of coffee." 200 cases of tuberculosis in a population of approximately 15,000. If these proportions hold true for the United States as a whole they would indicate that about one in every hundred per-

constitutes a source of danger to be guarded against." What to Do.

sons is tuberculous. Each of these

In his statement to the public Surgeon General Blue points out how those who have had influenza should protect themselves against tuberculo- in with my child. My husband is at sis. "All who have recovered from influenza," says the Surgeon General, in Devonshire tells us that it is bad "should have their lungs carefully examined by a competent physician. In are getting warm. No? Well, take a fact, it is desirable to have several exments of the season. On Christmas eve aminations made a month apart. Such examinations cannot be made through of green and a bit of red ribbon. "Tis the clothing nor can they be carried also said that bees sing all night on out for two or three minutes. If the lungs are found to be free from tuberculosis every effort should be made to keep them so. This can be done by right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.'

Danger Signs.

The Surgeon General warned especially against certain danger signs, such as "decline" and "colds which hang on."

These, he explained, were often the beginning of tuberculosis. "If you do not get well promptly, if your cold seems to hang on or your health and strength decline, remember that these are often the early signs of tuberculosis. Place yourself at once under the care of a competent physician. Tuberculosis is curable in the early stages. Patent Medicines Dangerous in Tuber-

culosis. "Above all do not trust in the misleading statements of unscrupulous patent medicine fakers. There is no specific medicine for the cure of tuberculosis. The money spent on such medicines is thrown away; it should be spent instead for good food and decent living."

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warm yourself and let me take the

baby. Why! You haven't put his

"He hasn't any," sighed the woman.

And the old man brought the shoes

thich he had looked at the evening

Hour after hour went by, and al-

though many people passed the win-

dow, the Master did not come. When

it grew dark the old man sadly began

to prepare his humble supper. "It was

a dream," he murmured, "Well, I did

before and put them on the child's

feet. They fitted perfectly.

"Wait a minute. I have a pair."

AChristmas Story From the French of De Coppet

> OT long ago there lived in the city of Marseilles an old hope. But he has not come." After shoemaker, loved and hon- supper he fell asleep in his chair. ored by all his neighbors, Suddenly the room seemed full of the who called him "Father Martin," One Christmas eve

Father Martin, who had been reading the story of the three wise men who brought their gifts to the infant Jesus, said to himself: "If only tomorrow were the first

Christmas day and the Savior were coming to this world tonight how I would serve and adore him! I know very well what I would give him." He arose and took from a shelf two little shoes. "Here is what I would

give him, my finest work. How

pleased his mother would be! what am I thinking of?" he continued. smiling. "Does the Savior need my poor shop and my shoes?" But that night Father Martin had a dream. He thought that the voice of Jesus himself said to him: "Martin,

you have wished to see me. Watch

the street tomorrow from morning until evening, for I shall pass your way." When he awoke the next morning, Father Martin, convinced that what he had dreamed would surely take place, hastened to put his shop in order, lighted his fire, drank his coffee and then seated himself at the win-

dow to watch the passersby. The first person he saw was a poor street sweeper, who was trying to warm himself, for it was bitter cold. "Poor man!" said Martin to him-

self. "He must be very cold. Sup-He tapped on the window and called to the man, who did not have to be

urged to accept the steaming coffee. After watching in vain for an hour Father Martin saw a young woman, miserably clothed, carrying a baby. She was so pale and thin that the heart of the poor cobbler was touched, and he called to her. "You don't look

very well." he said. "I am going to the hospital," replied the woman. "I hope they will take me sea, I am sick and haven't a cent."

"Poor thing!" said the old man. "You must eat some bread while you cup of milk for the little one. Come, done it unto me."

We make home-made candy.

Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

Amorillo spent the holidays with

her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Boney.

iene Monday.

holidays

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Miss Beulah Walker, who has

Mrs. Buckner, of Abilene is

Watched the Passersby.

Bible on the table, and his rosy finger

"Whosoever shall receive one of

these little ones receiveth me." "I was

anhungered and ye gave me meat: I

was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I

was a stranger and ye took me in.

much as ye have done it unto one of

the least of these my brethren ye have

. . Verily I say unto you, inas-

showed the old man this passage:

turn: "Have you not seen me?"

maker to all these visions.

visiting Mrs. H. L. Propst. FOR A BETTER SHAVE Pates Barber Shop

Corp. E. Yates Brown spent and Bakery for fresh home-made the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Arl Sharp of San Diago, Cal, risited Mrs. E. L Rogers in Abi- is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp

> Cotton seed meal and cowfeed t Bob Martin's

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharp's.

H. R. Hicks and family, also been attending school in Fort G. L. Shuff, returned from Hurl-Worth, visited homefolks for the ey, N. M., Wednesday night. They will make Merkel their Three pounds of Breakfast De- home again.

> Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding P

MEAT PRODUCERS SUGAR SHOWED DID FULL DUTY

Help to Meet World Fat Shortage.

FARMERS

Government Justified in Stimulation of Pork Production-Sevenfold Increase Over Pre-War Exports.

Through increased production and conservation we will be able this year to export seven times our pre-war average exports of pork products. With the heavy demands added in caring for the millions who have been freed from German oppression, the Department of Agriculture and the ood Administration are justified today in our every action of stimulation of hog production. In the coming year he greatest world shortage will be in fats, and pork will help to save this situation. The efficacy of the policy of stimulated production has built up in this country supplies which will enble us to supply a very large part of he fat deficiency of the world. In peef there must be a shortage in Euope, due largely to limited refrigerator ship capacity. All freezer ships available, however, will be filled by America, Argentine and Australia.

The contribution made by the producers of this country to the war program as applying particularly to animal food products is illustrated by the following

Reports compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs. These figures were compiled to January 1 last.

In this period there was a decrease in sheep of \$19,000 head. The indications are that this decrease will show an increase, according to recent re-

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than 8 per cent, and not more than 15 per cent. as compared with one year ago, with an increase in the average weight.

Following the request of the U.S. Food Administration for an increase in hog production for marketing in the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,600,-000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been The dressed hog products during the

three months ending September 30, is interesting to recall the confider 1917, amounted to 903,172,000 pounds, with which the United States Fo while for the corresponding months of 1918 the dressed hog products totaled 1.277.589.000, an increase of over 374.-000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period for 1917 the records of inspected slaughter of dressed beef showed 1,263,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

Our food Gospel eat less serve less waste nothing

America's Pledge of Food Gave Heart to the Allies In Their Darkest Hour

people whom he had aided during the Whatever is necessary America will day, and each one asked of him in send. That was America's pledge to the interallied food council. And be-"But who are you?" cried the shoecause the American food army had hitherto made good they took heart Then the little child pointed to the and went forward.

> Farm enterprise and much soft corn thereased pork supplies, food conservation increased exports-total shipments doubled.

BY EVENTS.

I do not believe that drastic + force need be applied to main- + + tain economic distribution and + + sane use of supplies by the + great majority of American peo-+ ple, and I have learned a deep + + and abiding faith in the intelli-• gence of the average American • + business man, whose aid we an-* ticipate and depend on to reme- * dy the evils developed by the * war.-Herbert Hoover, August *

Patriot's Plenty

Buy less - Serve less Eat only 3 meals a day Waste nothing Your guests will cheerfully share simple fare

Be Proud to be a food saver

OUR BACKBONE

Increase in American Hogs Will American Willingness to Give Up Luxury Demonstrated Nation's War Conscience.

SAVE SITUATION. STAND WITH THE ALLIES.

By Reducing Consumption People of the United States Averted a Famine at Home in Spite of Low Supplies.

The fact that the people of the United States were able to reduce by more than one-half million tons their July, August, September and October consumption of sugar proves conclusively that their war conscience was thoroughly awakened and that the country as a whole stood ready to folow the injunctions of the Government.

Our normal consumption of sugar in the four-month period beginning with July has been 400,000 tons per month, a total of 1,600,000 for the quarter

In July, when our sugar stringency egan to reach its height, consumption was reduced to 260,000 tons. In August only 325,000 tons went into distribution and in September only 279,-000 tons. In October the distribution fell to 230,000 tons.

If the general public had failed to observe the injunctions of the Food Administration this country would bave been in the throes of a sugar famine before the end of August. Our visible supplies were so low as to bring great anxiety to those familiar, with the sugar situation. They feared that it would be absolutely impossible to reduce consumption to a point where sugar would no longer be a mere luxury in the American diet.

Few accomplishments of the Food Administration will stand forth so predominantly as this reduced consumption of sugar. By it we have been able to bridge over the period of stringency until the new beet and Louisiana cane sugar crops were in sight.

Now the nation is in a position so that if we choose we may return to our normal home use of sugar, and Europe, with the release of ships to go far afield, can maintain its recent restricted rations. If, however, those nations are to increase their use of sugar very considerably it must be by our continued sharing with th through limiting our bwn consun

AMERICAN SPIRIT RELIED ON TO W

In the light of succeeding events Administrator viewed the gloomy or look in July of 1917, when this cou try had been in the war for less th four months and the Germans w steadily sending the western from nearer and nearer to Paris.

"Even though the situation in Europe may be gloomy today," he de clared in a public statement, " American who has knowledge of the results already obtained in every direction need have one atom of fear that democracy will not defend itself In these United States."

LOYALTY IN LITTLE THINGS LAST PROOF OF PATRIOTISM

Americans without murmuring cut their sugar allowance from four pounds a month to three and then as long as need be to two pounds for loyalty's sake.

Food Will Win the World.

America earned the gratitude of allied nations during war by sharing food. America under peace may win the world's good will by saving to



+ DEMOCRACY VS. AUTOCRACY.

"There is no royal road to food conservation. We can only + accomplish this by the voluntary . + action of our whole people, each element in proportion to its + needs. It is a matter of equality + of burden."

The truth of this statement, made by the United States Food-Administrator soon after we en + tered the war, has been born? + out by the history of our ex-+ ports. Autocratic food control + in the lands of our enemies he + broken down, while democrati food sharing has maintained f health and strength of this co"

try and of the Allies.



Walter Jackson, Editor

Cor. Yates Brown Entertained M's. Ergeal B. Meador entertain- popular young men of his section ed with three tables of "42", Friday evening. While the guests all the prosperity and happiness were assembling, music was en- that time can bring. They will re joyed, furnished by the Victrola. side at Blair.

During the games, cream nut candy was served, and at the conclusion, hot chocolate and Angel Food and Devil Food cake.

Mary Reed, Willie Toombs, Pearl member and prospective member Toombs, and Geneva Brown; is urged to be present. Mesdames: Burl Scott, and Hancock; Messrs: D. Grimes, Lytton Howard, Muri Scott, N. Hancock, Bill O'Brient, Don Wright, Wm. S. J. Brown, and Cor. E. Yates

> rdson-Collins Announcement

nd Mrs. J. A. Collins an- all. he approaching marri-

mes-Jones Wedding

friends and acquaintances L. Grimes and Miss Ruby were agreeably surprised to learn of their wedding just ing our neighbors and friends, previous to the holidays. The who so kindly assisted us during ceremony was performed by Rev. the illness and death of our dear Standifer at the Presbyterian wife and mother. church. Other parties in atten- May God's richest blessings and E. Q. Warren.

Mrs. Grimes is a Merkel girl, accomplished and popular, and her friends wish for her a long life full of happiness.

Mr Grimes is a successful busi Country.

ckburn-Tyler Wedding

their has in the Canyon.

The says he is home to like visitors at any time, day or night, and says the knot he ties will last just as long as it would if tied by any one else.

Pee-Pike Wedding.

Just previous to the holidays s. ffering a relapse. the friends and acquaintances of J. R. Pee and Mrs. A. N. Pike except the father. were surprised to learn that they had made their fortunes one. The the bereaved in the loss of the marriage took place at the home girl. of the bride, Rev. W. M. Murrell officiating.

this section a number of years, hoarseness and give Chamberare among our very best citizens lain's Cough Remedy at once. It and have a host of friends who is prompt and effectual. vish em much happiness.

many joys.

Thomasson-Phillips Wedding

22 T. L. Thomasson and Miss call at Sanders Drug Store and Fleanora Phillips called at the pay.—Chairman.. home of A. L. Jobe and were mar ried. Mr. Thomasson is of Abi-lene and Miss Phillips has resided in the Canyon. They will make first moved to Mattoon, I was a their home in Abilene.

and prosperity.

James-Hood Wedding.

riends were present.

in their community and like a different person." st of friends who wish ig and happy life.

Reynolds Wedding. ghes of Blair and Miss

married just previous to the holi

Mrs. Hughes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reynolds. She is an attractive and accomdished young lady, and Mr Hughes is to be congratulated pon winning so great a prize.

Mr. Hughes is the son of J. n. In honor of her brother, Cor Hughes and was reared in this E. Yates Brown, of Camp Travis, section. He is one of the most

We wish for the young couple

B. Y. P. U. Social

The B. Y. P. U. will give a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Those present were: Misses J. S. Swann Friday night. Every

Miss Sharp Entertains

Miss Elsie Sharp entertained last Thursday night in honor of her brother, Arl, who was here Bown; the hostess, and her par- form the camp in California dur-Ir. and Mrs. E. N. Brown, ing the holidays While the guests were gathering, music was furnished by various young ladies. Games were enjoyed by

> The following parties were their daughter, Sarah present: Misses Nell Britton, to Sargeant Earl M. Ruby Hamm, Lula B. Sharp, n of Camp McArthur, Lucille Edwards, Roxie Sharp, it 12 o'clock, at the Stella Pearl Watts, Palace and use, Rev. E. E. Daw- Ida Meeks, Dess Sharp and the hostess. Messrs MiltonPate, Guy Darsey, Lloyd Dry, Clifford Rose and Arl and Kennith Sharp.

> > Card Of Thanks

We take this means of thank-

dance were Miss Eva Williams rest upon each one of you is our pi ayer.

J.C. Horton and Children

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Before using this preparation man of this city and has a for a cough or cold you may wish of friends throughout the to know what it has done for others, Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., cougratulate this estima- writes, "I have found it gives the ple upon their selection of quickest relief of any cough remteners and bid them bon [I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and December 25th, John Black colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., of the Canyon and Miss says "I have used Chamberlain's Kate Tyler of Blair called at the Cough Remedy on esveral occaoffice of Judge Wheeler and were sions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and It is a rstood they will make it has always brought about a

Little Crow Girl Dead

The little nine-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Crow of Nubia died Sunday, January 5, as a result of an attack of influenza. She was down 10 days,

The entire family was down,

We greatly sympathize with

Quick Cure for Croup

Both parties have resided in Watch for the first symptom,

We ongratulate them and If we haven't what you want trust that fe will hold for them we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

If you are behind with your Sunday morning, December United War Work pledge please

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents

"Eight years ago when we great sufferer from indigestion We wish them much happiness and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feel Sunday afternoon, December ir like a heavy weight pressing J. Fay Jones and Miss Kathe- on my stomach and chest all the rine Hood of Truby were marri- time. I felt misearble. Every mor en at the home of Mr. Jones' bro- sel of food distressed me. I could ther, Percy Jones, Elder W. G. ret rest at night and felt tired , officiating. Only a few in andworn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets oung people are highly cured me and I have since felt

> See J. T. Dennis for bulk ribbon cane syrup.

S. A. Coats, who resides at leynolds of Trent were Bells, is here on business.

Why Meat Prices Vary in Different Stores

Prime steers	19.90@20.5
Good to choice steers	17.00@19.8
Common to medium steers	10.75@16.7
Yearlings, fair to fancy	16#00@19.5
Fat cows and heifers	8.36@15.1
Canning cows and heifers	7.25@ 8.1
Bulls, plain to best	6.50@12.1
Poor to fancy calves	6.75@15.7
Western range steers	10.00@18.0

These newspaper quotations represent live cattle prices in Chicago on December 30th, 1918.

The list shows price ranges on nine general classified groups with a spread of \$13.85 per cwt. -the lowest at \$6.50 and the highest at \$20.35.

Why this variation in price?

Because the meat from different animals varies greatly in quality and weight.

Although the quotations shown are in nine divisions, Swift & Company grades cattle into 34 general classes, and each class into a variety of weights and qualities.

As a result of these differences in cattle prices, (due to differences in weights and meat qualities), there is a range of 15 cents in Swift & Company's selling prices of beef carcasses.

These facts explain:

1-Why retail prices vary in different stores.

2-Why it would be difficult to regulate prices of cattle or sbeef.

3-Why it requires experts to judge cattle and to sell meat, so as to yield the profit of only a fraction of a cent a pound-a profit too small to affect prices.

Swift & Company, U.S.A.



Secretary Baker Urges Letters With "Home-touch" For the Boys

WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. Fosdicks

The eyes of the world are upon our soldiers overseas today not more for what they have done than for what they are now called upon to do. Before them lie the tasks of helping to rehabilitate the devasted lands of France and Belgium and of making sure that the victory in which they have so gloriously shared shall be a permanent one.

This means that we may not expect soon to have them all with us here and to greet them face to face. The postponement of their homecoming will be often uppermost as well in their minds as in ours. They will yet meet and must overcome many difficulties without either the incentive or the excitement lent in the past by the activities of war. They need our help and encouragement now perhaps more than at any other time since they left home in order that they may be inspired and strengthened to maintain that fineness of character, manner and conduct which has earned for them such universal respect.

I believe that among all the influences which may be focused upon this object, the strongest and most far-reaching is that which emanates from home letters, and I therefore urge the mothers, fathers, wives and sisters of our soldiers overseas to express themselves earnestly in their letters as their share in seeing that the high standards which America represents both here and abroad shall be constantly upheld.

Cordially yours,

Secretary of War.

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick.

Chairman, Commission on Training Camp Activities.

U. S. HEALTH SERVICE ISSUES WARNING

Increase in All Respiratory Diseases After the Influenza Epidemic Probable.

nfluenza Expected to Lurk for Months. How to Guard Against Pneumonia. Common Colds Highly Catching-Importance of Suitable Clothing-Could Save 100,000 Lives.

Washington, D. C .- With the subsidence of the epidemic of influenza the attention of health officers is directed to pneumonia, bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system B. Y. P. U. at 3:30. which regularly cause a large number of deaths, especially during the winter season. According to Rupert Blue, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, these diseases will be especially prevalent this winter unless the people are particularly careful to obey health instructions.

"The present epidemic," said Surgeon General Blue, "has taught by biter experience how readily a condition eginning apparently as a slight cold may go on to pheamonia and death. Although the worst of the epidemic is ever, there will continue to be a large number of scattered cases, many of God and Job Afflicted, Holland them mild and unrecognized, which will be danger spots to be guarded against." The Surgeon General likened he present situation to that after a great fire, saying, "No fire chief who field. inderstands his business stops playing he hose on the charred debris as soon as the flames and visible fire have dis ppeared. On the contrary, he coninues the water for hours and even lays, for he knows that there is daner of the fire rekindling from smol-

"Then you fear another outbreak of nfluenza?" he was asked. "Not necesarily another large epidemic," said he Surgeon General, "but unless the people learn to realize the seriousness of the danger they will be compelled to pays a heavy death toll from pneumo in and other respiratory diseases.

Common Colds Highly Catching.

"It is encouraging to observe that people are beginning to l rn that ormary coughs and colds re highly atching and are spread from person to person by means of proplets of germ laden mucus. Such droplets are prayed into the air when careless or guerant people cough or sneeze without covering their mouth and nose. It s also good to know that people have carned something about the value of fresh air. In summer, when people are largely out of doors, the respiratory diseases (coughs, colds, pneumoula, etc.) are infrequent; in the fall, respiratory diseases increase; in the in badly ventilated, overheated rooms the respiratory diseases become very prevalent.

Suitable Clothing Important.

tion of colds, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases is carelessness or ignorance of the people regarding suitable clothing during the seasons when the weather suddenly changes, sitting in warm rooms too heavily dressed or, what is even more common, especially mong women, dressing so lightly that windows are kept closed in order to be jurious practice.

Could Save 100,000 Lives.

"I believe we could easily save one hundred thousand lives annually in the United States if all the people would adopt the system of fresh air iving followed, for example, in tuberculosis sanatoria. There is nothing mysterious about it-no specific medicine, no vaccine. The important thing is right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.

Droplet Infection Explained in Pictures. Treasury Department, has just issued a striking poster drawn by Berryman, method of health education. A few years ago, under similar circumstances, the health authorities would have isaccurate bulletin teaching the role of the last named. droplet infection in the spread of respiratory diseases. The only ones who would have understood the bulletin would have been those who already knew all about the subject. The man in the street, the plain citizen and the many millions who toil for their living would have had no time and no desire | iful and loving wife and mother. to wade through the technical phraseology."



Copies of this poster can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church Start the New Year right by getting in Sunday School and attending church services. You wil feel a whole lot better physically than to lie around home all day Sunday, and your conscience wil! be much easier to live with. Try

it this year Sunday School at the regular ten o'clock hour. Preaching at eleven. It is Home Department Day. Home Department Superintendent, Mrs E. A. Campbell will make a report of her work and the sermon will be in keeping with the service.

Juniors at 2:30 p.m. and the

The pastor will preach at seven o'clock in the evening on "The Fool Who Forgot."

Everybody cordially invited to attend all our meetings.

Walter Jackson, Supt. E. E. Dawson, pastor.

B. Y. P.U. Program

Subject—Job. Leader, Ruby Campbell. The Council of the Sons of

Job's Friends and Their Debate and Contentions, Virgie May

Special Music. Job's Struggle and Victory,

Annie Mae Swann. Conclusion and Lesson from Job, Walter Jackson.

Epworth League Program Subject, Consecration All for Christ.

Leader, Mrs. Perminter.

Song. Prayer, Leader.

Song. Consecration, Lorena Dry. Time to Pray, Annie Mae Costephens.

The Prayer Calm, Wallace Bragg.

Alone with God, Lola Armstrong. Song, Be. exiction.

Methodist Church Sunday School promptly act 9:45 be present be on time.

Preaching at 11. "Subject The as people begin to remain indoors, the Worlds Burden Bearer." Subect for the evening hour, "Court ship and Marriage." We made a fine beginning last Sunday for the New Year. Suppose we break the record next Sunday both at "Sill another factor in the produc. Sunday School and church. Everybody come.

W. M. Murrell, pastor.

Mrs. J. C. Horton Dead.

Thursday night, January 2, at 8:30, death visited the home cf J. C. Horton at Blair and took comfortably warm. This is a very in- his wife, aged 52. She was sick about a week, taking the influenza, which developed into pneumonia.

The funeral was held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. E. Dawson officiating.

She is survived by six children: Mrs. Bill Williams and Henry Horton, both of Okemah, Ok .. who received the word too late to attend the funeral, arriving "The Bureau of Public Health, the following morning after burial took place; Mrs. Ruby Rogthe well-known Washington cartoonist, ers of Hill County, Mrs. Alford The poster exemplifies the modern Meeks and Aaron Horton, who reside here, and Rosco, who failed to get word in time to reach sued an official dry but scientifically here. All are still here, except

Mrs. Horton was a woman of fine character, member of the Baptist Church at Blair, loved and respected by all who knew her, a devoted Christian and dut-Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones and friends.

East Texas ribbon cane syrup at G M. Sharp's

Urban Shannon, Mason Pee, Clyde Foster, Willie Tucker, Ver ron Sublett, Sherley King and others have received their dis charge from the service.

Steve Duckett is very low with pneumonia at Breckenridge.Mrs. J. L. Harris left for that point several days ago.

Cor. Brown who spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mis. E. N. Brown, left Tuesday for Camp Travis, by way of Ft. rth and Cleburne.

HOMER L. EASTERWOOD WRITES

Tells Of Surroundings In London.

tracts taken from a letter recen- forget the kindness of Col and tly received by Mrs. Easterwood. Mrs. Clay, their every effort is to She also received a cablegram provide for your continued comfrom him, on the same day it fort and at the same time give was sent, which was Christmas you entertainment, as illustragreetings to her. The extracts tion, Saturday night a dance was are as follows:

ing, the first news from home in though I had missed those prevsixty-five days and you state jously held, by not feeling fit to your first letter from me came in take part, I was in this one and thirty-five, you can sympathize thoroughly enjoyed it. In fact with me in the delay of suspense, one dance is held nearly every and I am overjoyed that you are week and I've been here since well and have escaped the "Flu" Nov. 14th. Many notables were I had worried for reports were here, including some with titles. circulated over here that it was a Duke and Duchess, Army ofraging in the State and only a ficers of every imaginable rank day or so ago had read in an up to General, some very fine Finglish paper a report that over visiting ladies from various 80,000 deaths had occurred in the places, then Mrs. Vernon Castle States from "Flu." In India the was here, two bands from Londeaths have gone into Millions, don and the evening went merrifrom it and England has suffer- ly along until past three in the ed greatly, in the northern part morning. Yes, I danced one with of the country. I understand it is the very noted Mrs. Castle and still very bad, more especially a- must say, she is a wonderful round Manchester where I was dancer and deserves much if not for some time.

time made me refuse to go in to greatly enjoyed the occasion, the dinner tonight and the Medical splendor of the affair of the pre-Officer in charge, noted my ab- sence of so many prominent peosence and came into the billiard ple has not once caused me to fail room to inquire of my good to dream every day and evening health. He had looked all over of my loved ones at home and to the place for me, even climbing wish I was with them. three stairs to my room before On Sunday General Biddle was he found me. My explanation was here to lunch and in the afterhighly satisfactory.

pected to be gone before now, "V. A. D's," they are called, so but I'm still here and may be I had the honor if it be styled here until after Xmas, not that such of lunching at the same tab-I think I need to stay, for don't le with this esteemed man of think I do. Before one can leave Military affairs. He made everyhere orders must be issued one feel very much at ease while through the M. O., to headquarters in the surroundings to lay aside to t issues orders when persons his formal military bearing for ve ist go and these various ord- a few moments and heartily eners come slow. Some men who i v his short stay here. He mothave been here two weeks after ored back to London soon after being ready to go have not got- lunch, then since Saturday, Cap ten their orders yet. I suppose it tain John Jacob Astor has been is all caused by the rush of clear- here with his wife. They are most ing work now being done at sensible people. He has had the headquarters in getting officers misfortune of loosing his right and troops place to meet the new limb so goes about the place on conditions.

feel like this is no hospital at all, well enough he can use a cork it is so unusual, and visitors who limb and not be much the worse. come here say there is none oth- Each night ones shoes are to er in England to compare with it. be placed just out side the door, The place is in the country some where the orderlies can get them 26 miles, the private home and and next morning you again find

all are well cared for.

The home "a mansion beyond my ability to describe" is com- cut up something awful I guess fort in every respect, and far the Censor decided to chop out on the port side of our boat just plainly burnt in its side were the ed that the effects of the charg-

evening here was a surprise. think of it. I also wrote some to happened to be assigned to this what boat we were to make for When I went to my room I found mother, so that is what happen- boat through my own short- in case of an alarm. The next every convenience, a lovely bed, ed to her letter, so I suppose aa dressing gown, nice soft paja- bout half a dozen post cards did mas, an extra sweater and citi- rot reach you at all for believe der of Troops aboard had the breakers were washing over the zens trousers, bed room slippers. me I made some mention on first boat drill called early in our deck, and we were facing the an individual wardrobe for your them that "we met a sub at sea. voyage. I was standing on deck same storm which caused the end personal use, private bath, bed "Poor old sub", thing that is the close by when he asked who a- of the transport Otranto, with light for night reading, in fact way I put it on the card, and everything. The extra sweater knowing what I do now, would and trousers were perfect fits never tried to send them. Sent loat. I promptly stuck up my coast of Scotland. This sad acciand are issued so that one does one to Dee, R. O. Zora, Elma, Dr. not have to be in uniform unless Hollis, Lester, and one to about it down for I regained my sens- the day we sailed and as we nearan occasion demands. This is every member of yours and my only once per day, at dinner, all families. We had opportunity to other meals are unofficial so to get all such things at Manchestord of only having lost but one bed, every morning with papers, here for one just can't think of ing home to friends. getting sick, you are not given you imagine such.

Its a pity every sick and inured man over here cannot come here to convalesce, but as the place can only take care of one Cable Received Same Day Sent hundred officers, the ones who are fortunate enough to be sent here are considered by all other officers who know of the place, as beng "lucky dogs" and I am one The following are some ex- of the lucky ones. I will never held, a masquerade, costumes Monday Dec. 9th. were furnished to those who Three letters came this even- could dance, by Mrs. Clay and

ll of her notoriety. While on the All this mail coming at one subject can say that while I

noon pinned Red Cross Medals In my last letter to you, I ex- on all the Red Cross Sisters, crutches, his leg was amputated After one gets well here they just below the knee and when

state of Col Spencer Clay. His them there all shined and cleanife a former American, Miss ed. Some life this ending up of adeline Astor, the daughter of my spell of "Flu", but after all I liam Warldorf Astor of New guess I went through a test of rk, gave it over as a convales- the funny disease sufficently to t hospital for American Of- entitle me to the pleasant surers. She still remains here, a roundings I am now in. Am sure most gracious lady to the guests, would not have had all these luxand though the place is a Red uries accorded me had it happen-Cross Institution, she takes a ed that I should have been sent personal interest in seeing that to some other place after leaving Manchester.

better attention is given us here that part which told of our subthan I received in either of the marine experience at sea. I boat I happened to be assigned were marked "36 men or more". Aderatic completly out of the might have known it would have to was on the starboard side and The first morning drill did not Being a "Flu" patient, my first been marked out but just did not forward of all other life boats. I amount to much, we just knew charges were both let go about speak and the place has the rec- er as a girl came around to every patient since it opened in Febru- postcards, stamps, writing pads ary, and that poor fellow must pencils ect, so I didn't have any have been almost gone when sent thing else to do and enjoyed writ

Now that it is all over can say time. One thing forgotten, every without fear of a censor that we night I find a hot water bottle had a very thrilling experience, anugly tucked away underneath on a beautiful moonlight night, the cover and there also are my the sea was calm and first detecpajamas, all nice and warm. Can ted the submarine right in the middle of our convoy, and can

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more especially one particular ing had been confined to placid ship's engines running in the

You spoke of my letters being boat safely launched. It so hap-positions we found our boat to be was on the bridge during the sightenedness.

mong that particular small gath- several hundred lives lost when ering around him ever rowed a she went on the rocks off the hand and as quickly jerked dent happened Oct. 6th. I believe

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thank my stars, also, the navy, remembered that my boat row-our safety, for I could hear the U. S. Submarine Destroyer that waters on Clear Fork or the same smooth drumming way I was not treated to a cold Irish P zos. My change of heart came they had been going for some Sea on the night of October 16th. too late however for the Captain eleven days previous. Will always remember that had seen my hand. "You man an night, the day and the hour and oar in my boat, forward, starwill give a clear clean cut ac-board side" was his snappy ord-shock was so great however, the count of it to my last day. It is ers. After picking his crew and Aderatic, one of the largest ships quite different to talk and think giving instructions to other of- in our convoy immediately put about submarines when you are ficers who were to take other out the S.O.S., that she had been on land, and to meet one out in boats he called all his crew for- torpedoed. The reports reachthe briney deep. The sensation ward to our particular boat, ing us were a bit confusing one gets from the two view where he gave more explicit in- about this boat. I later talked points has a very hair raising structions. Now so far as I know. contrast and your first thoughts members of the ship crew at the time and they stoutly mainare whether or not you are going least two or three of them were tained that a torpedo hit them. to be able to get our particular assigned to all other life boats, After they put out the S. O. S., life boat "at least the one you but to ours none of the ship the destroyer which came to our have been assigned to" safely a- crew were assigned. The Captain rescue came back with the wireway from your ship, with that seemed to think that as he was less that they had not been hit one thought, one is content for directing the destiny of the en- but were suffering from effects they are ready to trust to luck tire troop body, he should take of the two depth charges let go about what happens afterwards, more chance than the others, and by the said destroyer. A Mayor the main thing is getting your I think he did. Arriving at our on our ship "The Lancashire," pened that my statesroom was the smallest life boat on the ship, time all this was occurring, report

morning found us hitting it in The Adjutant to the Comman- the face of a heavy sea, heavy es at this stage of the game and ed England we encountered the same disturbances in mid-ocean.

> On this second morning for ourselves. Four men were assign by Sanders Drug Store.

ed to the duty of lowering the boat, five others and I were to get into the boat before it was lowered and cut away the binders and on being lowered to hold the boat away from the ships side while the others were coming over the sides, down the roap ladders and into our egg-shell looking sea tub. We six were admonished in the very strongest language that the safety of our party first depended on us keeping the boat clear of the ship and were told that if we ever let a big wave wash us against the sides of the ship that our boat would be crushed, our chances of escape practically gone. One only had to look at the life-boat? view the size of the waves then breaking over the ship to realize that every word he said was true. Nice thoughts come in ones mind under such circumstances for while going through the drill more than one breaker had cleared the boat and drenched us. More pleasant thoughts came when the captain told his f. L. GRIMES, Merkel, crew that owing to the smallness of our craft, the absence of any ship crew to help us the chances were about ninety to one that we could manage the boat in a very heavy sea. I still believe all he

After drill was over our crew got together, the captain absent, whether the torpedo is and our situation was reviewed, strike what it is aimed each man recited his duties that This should reach we might avoid mistakes. We changed, and is probably found one man in our crew who the censor saw fit to elim had been at sea before, but he from my previous letter. knew nothing of handling a life I saw Marshall Foch in Lone boat. Lucky for us we were not Tuesday from a very close view. called upon, at least I was not, for when our submarine excitement did come I was entertain- tress of the stomach is instantly ing the "Flu" in grand shape. relieved by Herbine. It forces No alarm was sounded calling the badly digested food out of troops to their places, but the the body and restores tone in first depth charge gave us such the stomach and bowels. Sold by a shock, every man who could Sanders Drug Store. got to his place.

A Field Clerk who was in my room at the time this happened United States Government has jumped and ran, telling me he to pay its debts and consequent would return for me if I needed ly expects you to pay that W. to get out. It seemed some thirty S. pledge. minutes had passed before he came back to report that we had The Quinine That Does Not Affect The not been torpedoed, that the Because of its tonic and laxative effect, L. TIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be shock we got was from explod by anyone without causing nervousness of in the head. E.W. GROVE'S signature on gone, I half assured myself of

I do not know just how close we were to the submarine. The with persons who were on her at water. It was said that the forty yards from the Aderatic, so evidently the sub was very close to that ship when the destroyer

got in its work. Whether the Aderatic received a torpedo or not, or whether the shock of depth charges were sufficient, it is an established fact that this big ship made the rest of her voyage with a very bad list. It seemed a popular belief that the submarine must have fired one or more torpedos, but to hit a ship which is sailing in a zig-zag, it is largely guess work

boat drill I found myself hang- Surgeons agree that in case of ing on to any thing I could find Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds nailed down and made my way the first treatment is most imforward to my boat step at a portant. When an efficient antitime. Our fourteen men soon septic is applied promptly, there gathered and we were assigned is no danger of infection and the our positions by the Captain. He wound begins to heal at once. told us in a non-assuring voice For use on man or beast, Borothat as we had no available ship zone is the ideal antiseptic and crew members to help us we healing agent. Buy it now and must in case of need fight it out be ready for an emergency. Sold

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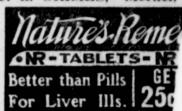
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West Texas is to have a Chamber of Commerce to represent this sec orary misfortunes nation-wide pub tion of the state as a whole, just as | licity a local commercial organization rep- would eliminate this kind of undesirresents a particular city. Represent met in Fort Worth last week and formed the West Texas Chamber Commerce and appointed a committee to raise the necessary ands and complete final organization. The meeting was the most representative West Texas gathering ever gotten together and was attended by more than one hundred leading business men and city builders from every billzing the price of cotton are some part of the western section of the important problems of agricul-

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be incorporated under the laws of Texas at once. Its purpose, as announced in the by-laws which were and develop the agricultural, live- tried judgment of inexperienced per stock, mineral, manufacturing, com mercial and other resources of West for the common good.

ical and will take no part in the election or defeat of any candidate or party. Membership will be open to any individual, firm, corporation or ofganization interested in the devel-

opment of West Texas. Will Raise \$250,000.

It is planned to raise a sum of \$250,000. Membership dues will be based upon the financial ability of the proposed member, with a minimum of ten dollars. Officers will include a president, treasurer, vice presidents and general manager. Each West Texas county will select its own representative to serve on he board of directors. The board of directors shall elect the president, treasurer, and vice presidents from among their own number and shall also select from their number an executive committee of not less than five, which will employ a general manager. The board of directors will be the governing board and will have the authority to carry out the

A committee will start an immediate campaign for funds necessary for preliminary work. This committee consists of H. P. Brelsford of East-Landergin of Amarillo, C. C. Walsh of San Angelo, Brooks Smith of Brownwood, Frank S. Hastings of Stamford, and W. W. Turney of El

unanimously by the meeting follows ed expression of public opinion of the people of this district exemplified itself in the manner in which publicity was given to West Texas during the drouth. This was a matter on which West Texas should have the state and nation gave our temp-The proposed organization publicity.

dependent directly upon agriculture tific cultural methods, systematic marketing and distribution of farm products, assisting the tenant and farm laborer to become home owners, improvement of dairy herds, stature that this organization should consider. There should be some medium for the expression of the comsons. Organized effort is necessary

flood waters in order that excessive rainfall may be utilized for the pro duction of crops. At the present time there is scattered activity along this line but no more general concerted movement exists. There is no more important question than this, and it is a problem in which all West Texas is vitally concerned. Conservation of rainfall is the greatest single need of Texas today.

"One of the first tasks this organization should undertake should be to encourage the full development of our vast petroleum deposits. There will arise in all probability occasions where concerted action on the part of the business men of West Texas will be necessary to protect and defend this vast industry and certainly some central organized body should voice the judgment of the people. "Another matter which is not en-

tirely foreign to the general purpose of this organization is that when there are problems that should be called to the attention of our state and federal governments they would be received more seriously if pre sented by a non-political organization representing all the combined interests of West Texas. This feature alone manifests the pressing need for a central organization, and with such a medium West Texas would become a potent power in shaping the destinies of this great W. L. DILTZ WRITES

Nov. 17. A. E. F.

I'm prompted to write you today by the Stars and Stripes, our weekly paper, published by the A. E. F., who have disignated to-day as a day for all the boys of the A. E. F. to write their Fathers a Xmas letter.

I love you as a Father. I enjoy you as a Buddy and I'm appreciative of the many many good AVERTED EUROPEAN DESPAIR. things you have done for me, the way you taught me to live and With Military Demands Upon Ocean the good advice you have given me. It is true enough that I did not always take your advice, but never-the-less what you have said and done has had its influence all along and has helped me wonderfully to make me a better, stronger man, so let me wish for you a very, very merry xmas, and a happy and prosperous New until the end of the fiscal year we will

whom we must all look and asking Him to take care of you, I will close, expecting to see you States has been that with the cessar a few weeks.

With a heart full of love, I am,

Your son, W. L. Diltz, Jr.

Lurenbourg, Dec 5,1918 Dear Father and Mother:

I'm still feeling fine and dandy and still on my way to the Rhine We are having a wonderfull

rip and seeing some very beautiful country. These people in Lurexpressed itself officially and em-em-bourg were not in the war but phatically before other sections of the Germans took everything that they coul eat of wear away from them so now every thing figured that we had a bare surplus of is so high they can't buy it. Cofable advertising and give West Tex fee \$4.00 per pound, tobacco \$6. atives from fifty West Texas cities as the right of censorship on its own per pound potatoes .25¢ per pound, and clothes are so high they can't think of buying a suit. for a livelihood. Improved and sclen- I wish I had some of the butter you use to fry my eggs in, as it is only worth \$6.00 per pound home-by wheatless days, wheatless here. The people are living on turnips and dry black bread.

This is a very beautiful country, the City of Luxembourg is then British Food Controller, cabled the most beautiful city I have that only if we sent an additional 75,ever seen. I'm sendig you some mon judgment of the people on pictures of it today. I also mailthese vital matters and they should ed a helmet a few days ago, but adopted, will be to foster, promote not be left to chance or to the un- I don't have much hopes of it ple was 85,000,000 bushels safely delivever reaching you.

lays ago and Luther is here with actua me. He got a letter from Emmitt and Jim Brown, written the 14th mess the Merkel bunch came out year's figures will be bettered.

Our next move will be on the Moselle River. I will try to write + ag 'n when we stop.

I must get on the job, take care of your self and write when deception, outlining the principles + you feel like it.

With a heart full of love, I am, Your son,

"Dub"

The liver loses its activity at + vidual initiative of its people + times and needs help. Herbine is interests of the nation with coman effective liver stimulant. It : plete self effacement in the time + also purifies the bowels, streng- + of emergency. Democracy can + thens digestion and restores + yield to discipline, and we can + strength vigor and cheerful : solve this food problem for our + spirits. Sold by Sanders Drug + this way. To have done so will +

Tease Beasely has received his discharge from the army and + to defend ourselves without bereturned home.

Peace Maker flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Alma Wells spent the olidays in Anson.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Mrs. Fred Latham of Houston is sisiting her mother, Mrs. Calvert.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes. weak and lame backs, rheuma- + FIRST CALL TO FOOD ARMY. tism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both | men and women, regulates blad- * that America will render more * der troubles in children. If not of for flag and freedom than king of the ridden people surrender at comsold by your druggist, will be pulsion.—Herbert Hoover, Ausent by mail on receipt of \$1. + gust 10, 1917. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to ++++++++++++++++++++++ perfect a cure. Send for Texas Sold by druggists.

KEPT PLEDGE TO SEND BREAD

American Nation Maintained Allied Loaf Through Self-Denial at Home Table.

Shipping Relieved, World Is Able to Return to Normal White Wheat Bread.

Since the advent of the latest wheat crop the only limitation upon American exports to Europe has been the shortage of shipping. Between July 1 and October 10 we shipped 65,980,305 bushels. If this rate should continue have furnished the Allies with more Again turning to the One to than 237,500,000 bushels of wheat and flour in terms of wheat.

The result of increased production and conservation efforts in the United tion of hostilities we are able to return to a normal wheat diet. Supplies that have accumulated in Australia, Argentine and other hitherto inaccessible markets may be tapped by ships released from transport service, and European demand for American wheat probably will not exceed our normal surplus. There is wheat enough available to have a white loaf at the common table.

But last year the tale was different Only by the greatest possible saving and sacrifice were we able to keep a steady stream of wheat and flour moving across the sea. We found ourselves at the beginning of the harvest year with an unusually short crop. 20,000,000 bushels. And yet Europe vas facing the probability of a bread famine-and in Europe bread is by far the most important article in the diet.

All of this surplus had left the country early in the fall. By the first of the year we had managed to ship a little more than 50,000,000 bushels by practicing the utmost economy at meals, heavy substitution of other cereals and by sacrifice at almost every meal throughout the country.

In January the late Lord Rhondda 000,000 bushels before July 1 could he take the responsibility of assuring his people that they would be fed. The response of the American peo-

ered overseas between January 1 and July 1. Out of a harvest which gave I saw Choc and Rosco a few us only 20,000,000 bushels surplus we

Thus did America fulfill her pledge that the Allied bread rations could be maintained, and already the American and they said the boys in the Ft. people are demonstrating that, with Worth bunch were OK. so I an awakened war conscience, last

Our exports since .. is country + entered the war have justified a + statement made by the Food Ad- + ministration shortly after its conand policies that would govern + the solution of this country's + + food problems.

"The whole foundation of democracy," declared the Food Ad- 4 ministration, "lies in the Indi- + + own people and for the Allies in + + have been a greater service than + our immediate objective, for we + have demonstrated the rightful- + ness of our faith and our ability + + ing Prussianized."

Sending to Europe 141,000,000 bushels of wheat from a surplus of apparently nothing was the outstanding exploit of the American food army in the critical year of the war.

GREATEST OPPORTUNITY WOMEN EVER HAD.

It was given to the women of this country to perform the greatest service in the winning of the war vouchsafed to any women in the history of the wars of the world-to feed the warriors and the war sufferers. By the arts of peace, the practice of simple, homely virtues the womanhood of a whole nation served humanity in its profoundest struggle for peace and freedom.

This co-operation and service + I ask of all in full confidence +

A year ago voluntary food control testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, was a daring adventure in democracy; 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. during the year an established proof of democratic efficienc.



WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING FOR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Fight in the Ranks of the Red Cross Against Pain. Disease and Death.

they were taking-the two thousand first when the city was taken by the and more women who have gone to Austrians, again when it was retaken France for varied services under the by the Serbians, and still again when American Red Cross, and the more it was taken back by the Germans and than nine thousand nurses whom the Austrians together, an American Red American Red Cross has assigned to Cross nurse, Mary Gladwin, worked foreign duty under the United States in the operating room. In that first Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

do; prepared for any emegencies, as of the thousand-bed-hospital and doctor soldiers do; they assumed many and nurse worked together for day strange and unforeseen tasks, as soll and night without stopping, giving to diens do. Literally, they went as each operation an average of six minfighters, against pain, disease and utes, and employing emergencies in-

A "mobile surgical unit" of nursesthose words don't mean very much, city had been taken until all the perhaps, the first time we hear them. But see such an unit follow an army and Austrian doctors came to their up to an advanced post; see how the relief. nurses work with steady hands beside the surgeons as the stretchers with the newly wounded are brought in. See thousands of them in evacuation hoswhere sometimes our men are sent; psychiatry; -all these women who Camps. American women cond harvests of wounded. Then we say these canteens has something of the the words "Our Nurses," as we say "Our Soldiers," "Our Sailors," "Our Marines.'

the Germans were fast advancing, and American doctors remained, who under order of the French government, had sent the patients and personnel and as social workers for trained of their hospital farther back the night before. The artillery was deafening, but the American Ambulance sections kept bringing their wounded can be built, recreation buts for conto Annel. These doctors said that as valescent soldiers. long as the American boys brought them wounded they would operate. Two nurses volunteered from Compiegne, and so in the deserted chateau the ten drivers worked calmly on, while the buzz of aeroplanes shook the organization has grown to a workthe air, and the blasting guns shook ing force of more than 5,000 men and the earth.

They have known very well the risks, Through three takings of Belgrade, capture, when nine thousand wounded They went under orders, as soldiers crowded the wards and halls and yard spired by the desperate need of the moment, they did not know that the stretchers brought Austrian wounded,

Several hundred women are working over there in the American Red Cross canteens. There are about two hundred of these canteens along the pitals, base hospitals, convalescent French and American lines of comhospitals, tuberculosis hospitals; some munication, and the women are workof them in French military hospitals ing under great pressure, feeding thousands of soldiers. The Red Cross see them with their specialized skill is also establishing canteens by miliin head surgery, or fracture work, or tary request at a number of Aviation keep head and hand cool and steady, these stations, comprising canteen and when the ambulances unload great club and reading room. Everyone of because of this, no less than the fa cilities for cleanliness and rest and On the night of March 25th, when refreshment, that the French government has given the responsibility for already within six kilometers of maintaining canteens for both armies Annel, an outpost of Compiegne, two to the hands of the American Red Cross. In large numbers women are going

abroad as hospital hut workers, also, service among the refugees and the repatriated. At each base hospital the Red Cross is equipping, as fast as they

Clerical workers have steadily increased in number for the administrative offices. From that original group of eighteen, which as the first the two surgeons, the two nurses and American Red Cross Commission to France sailed about June 1st, 1917,

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W. O. BONEY

purposes of the organization.

land, Marion Sansom of Fort Worth, J. A. Kemp of W chita Falls, P. H.

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Lukemburg, Nov27.

Dear Papa: I received your letter of Oct.

29h, several days ago, but have been so busy have not had time to write. I am still well and having a swell time.

I noticed in the "Stars and Stripes" that Nov. 24th, was set for all the A. E. F. soldiers to write their Christmas letters.but as I have been moving all the time since then I have had no time to comply until now. I will begin at the time I left the States and tell you a brief story of my adventures since.

I crossed on an English ship "The Karora", and it was a bird. We had fine weather for sailing, and every thing went fine. We arrived in Liverpool, England about September 3rd, and stayed in quarentine there for several days and then were loaded on a t... n and sent to South Hampton to another American rest camp for three days, after which we were shipped across the English Channel and landed at Le Havre, France. We stayed there several dys and then were loaded on some box cars and shipped to a ice tittle town, Remeriment. I liked the town there just fine. We stayed there several days and got a bunch of trucks and motor cycles, and the Batillion was split up and sent out to do line work. I was detailed to go with D. Co., to a small town, (1 would tell you the name of this own, but I am afraid that you would take the lock jaw or something try ing to pronounce it, to tell you the truth I can't spell it) It was a nice place near Gerodimer, and I liked the place just fine. It was in a little valley, surrounded on all sides by high riountains. We stayed there for about a month. I had the best time there that I have had in France. I went to Gerodimer every once in awhile on Sunday afternoon and had some swell times there.

. From Xromrupt we went back to Remerement for three days and then started for the front. had to fight to get to leave then.

taking a trip near "No Man's who have ever been here, and of Land", to salvage wire. We stay- course are a novelty to them. ed in a German Barrack for two | The people have almost gone days and then were sent back to crazy about the American transthe Alsonce Forrest. Stayed portation trucks, motor cycles there for two days and were as- and automobiles. Our cars are si, ned to the Third Army of Oc- way ahead of things here and cupation and started across "No they think that it is something

break. We stayed there for three cordingly. days while the boys in the Comprition of France that had been I was not to spend any money. I held by the Germans for four promised that I would go back years. Stayed in some barracks this evening, but as I am on duty that the Germans had occupied in the Infirmary I don't expect I for a long time. They sure were can keep my promise.

ranged fine. The Germans evitently did not intend that they and a can of tobacco and went should lose possession of them, shopping this morning. I came they had them arranged real back with about a peck of apples. irce and an kinds of furniture in some pairs and a handfull of them. They had built several bar- junk, I did not know what it was, racks and fixed every thing up but took it out and gave it to the for comfortable living.

We left there and went thro another town that had been held here that I can hardly write. One by the Germans, which had not boy is at the piano, while several been shot up at all. It reminded others are trying to dance. Some me of Cincinnati. It sure was a have on rubber boots, others hot beautiful place, about three mil- nailed shoes, and they sure make es from the Belgium line. We pas sed through a portion of Belgium graceful as the animal that is That is the best country that I generally known as the cow. have ever seen, except home. And

passed through there in trucks she never flinched. I never saw

and so never stopped.

We are stationed in a small own in Luxemburg now, about two miles from Luxemburg City, alloted up staires over a Cafe. The people who live here are very nice to us, and it is more like being at home than any place that I have been. They are all the time playing and cutting up with us. We can't speak their language, nor they can't speak ours, but that is no hinderance at all. We know how to make signs and so do they.

I have just gotten back from dinner and have had a tobacco ssue, so I can spit and be happy. got a cut of chewing tobacco and twelve boxes of matches, with three bars of soap.

Soap is as dear here as money there. A person can take a bar i soap or a can of salmons and uy out the town.

The Germans have been here since the beginning of the war, there has been no commerce with other countries, and the peo ple are out of almost all of the necessities of life They have no food, no tobacco, no soap and no clothing. Of course they have a little of each, but it is a little.

I went down to the city of Lux enburg last night and found that it is a fine place. It is laid out more like an American town than most of the European towns The streets are straight and the clocks are nearly the same size those at home. And they have some real street cars there. I bought a bunch of cards there and sent them out. I sent one to aimost every one that I know and to some that I don't know.

They tell me that we are gong to have a big Thanksgiving dressing it. Her mother thanked dinner tomorrow, but I hardly think that it will be a turkey din

who took me down to meet his no doctors here. I told them I traing G. M. Sharp. sister, who is some fine looking would go back tomorrow and regirl. She is well educated, can dress it. It is good practice for speak, English, French, German me and a great help to them. and her native language. I took feet by their fire until about two I guess that I will have to let him the next morning, and almost have it and write more some oth- at Bob Martin's had been in the Alsonce For- They are so interested in the For three days when they American side of the war. We fighting. We celebrated by are the first American soldiers.

Man's Land," toward Germany, grand. They consider every Am-We traveled all night and ar- erican soldier, a boy of gold, and raved in Dun Se Muse about day so charge him for things ac-

The people that I was with panies were repairing lines a- last night would not let me spend round there. Then we started on a cent They said I was their our route again, went through a guest while in the city and that

> I took a pocket full of soan kids on the streets.

> There is so much noise around some noise. They are about as

One of the boys of Co.D., came the people there were sure nice down to the Infirmary this morn to the Americans. They had all ing and asked me to go see a litkinds of American flags that the girl where he stayed. Said they had made, flying from the she was sick. I went along with windows and house tops. I don't him and when we got there we think that I saw a single flag found that it was a little girl athat was made right, but it show bout the size of John D, and she ed their spirit. Some of them on- had stuck a needle under her ly had eleven stars, some thir-thumb nail and it had become een, and some had more. The infected and was swollen up unmost that I saw in any of them til it was as large as mine, and as 32. One large flag that was looked like it was in good shape wing from a chimney and had for blood poison. I got a case of ly one large star and seven surgical instruments and some ripes, but it was intended for jodine, cotton, bandages, and the "Old Glory" and was all went back. She sat down in a right. They had a large Ameri-chair and held her hand as can flag hung from a wire across strady as a piece of iron, while I the street, with all the other al- lanced it. When I stuck the knife lied flags around it, in one place, into it the matter flew about and had a grand reception. We four feet.I know it hurt her, but

SHE KEPT THEM ON THE JOB



such nerve. She said it felt so er time. rach better when I had finished me greatly and I thought she was going to kiss me. They are 51st. Tel. Bn. S. C A. EF France very poor people and can't af-I met a boy in town last night, ford a doctor, besides there are

As the Sgt. wants to use the supper there and warmed my machine for some official letters

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the price of coal. We have very

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er coal without the cash. We

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With lots of love, Your loving son, Roy T. Coats Infirmary

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Mr. and Mrs. Billly Williams and Henry Horton, both of Ok mah, Ok., are visiting J. A.Horton this week.

Cotton seed meal and cowfeed

an's collar, and he blue lips were parted in an ecatic smile which owed the tiny hite teeth. The olden hair blew cross the old an's face, and mehow he did ot resent it, but hen he had held

ot young.

ack through the crowd the little hild said:

"Fank you-you is good."

"Muvver's dead. See?" And she icked up a fold of her black dress

hild, still clinging to his hand. "Curious how surroundings influence one," thought he, "and how the

like a puppet." He asked: "Little one, would you like a "Fat's dat?"

pointing to the dolls

"Let this little girl have anything she wants, miss," said Old Crusty.

delicate pink bloomed in the lit-

Old Crusty's Christmas

OLIVE HARPER

ISTER, Mister! Please hold me up so I can These words came from the lips of a baby of four, blue with cold and quivering with great desire to see the wonderful display of moving toys in the show window of a large This strange request in the childish treble

caused an old man whose face was lined and seamed with hard and unlove wrinkles to stop and loo down. He was about to push the child away, but the little hands were raised with such utter confidence that in spite of himself he actually did lift her in his arms and gradually edge his way nearer the window through the dense crowd. The child looked and looked with staring eyes, as if she could not take in enough of the wonderful procession as it went

around its allotted space. The cold ands clutched tightly at the old

er until the prossion had gone wice around he egan to feel ired, for he was As he turned to make his way

hest heaved with a great sigh, but he did not cry. The old man smiled cracked and grudging smile as the

"I-good? Oh, I don't know."

He started along thinking it time hat the child should be put in charge her parents, but her tiny fingers dung to his hand.

"Where is your mother?" he asked.

"Ah!" said he, suddenly choking. Old Crusty in the neighborhood where he lived alone, and he was also con- And they are very happy. sidered to be a stony-hearted miser. "And my favver, too," continued the

enthusiasm of a crowd communi-

cates itself. I wonder what kind of a Christmas this child will have. Everybody will have something. I wonder where she lives. and if she would

"Why, a-one of

"I dunno. I never touched one." "Let's go inside," suddenly said the old man, some of the unlovely wrinkles disappearing. They went into the crowded store.

The blue eyes shone like stars, and

Thornton Baby Dead

One of the twins of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton died last Mon- week. He was an old and highly the following Tuesday.

Friends and acquaintances years. greatly sympathize with the bereaved parents in this hour of their sad affliction.

Stomach Trouble Cured lets more beneficial than any ing the constipated condition. other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers.

Joe Owens spent the holidays days with G. A Guthrie and f with his wife and babies.

We make home-made candy. son has extensive farming Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery, lests.

and each with white teeth showing between the lips. The child chose the darkhaired one. "Looks like muvver," she said. Her happiness was as complete as that of the young mother who clasps her first-

young lady at the counter was tired

-dead tired, but

the Christmas

spirit was in her

heart and she

handed two dolls,

one dark haired,

the other blonde,

born to her heart. The old man lost some more wrinkles as he watched her ineffable delight. The young lady said gently:

"Perhaps you would like to get your little girl some-ah-shoes and -warmer things?"

"Thank you, miss, she shall have them, for as you say she evidently needs them. But she is not mine." When a big bundle of nice warm

arments and a wonderful pair of red hoes had been made up the man thought she might possibly be hungry. So they made a queer little group at one of the cozy tables. The baby, for she was scarcely more,

"I likes you. Will you take me home, and my dol-"Yes; if you

will tell me where it is," his face softening in spite of himself. But he soon found that the child hall no idea of where she lived, but by degrees he learned that "Muver was tooked in a big box," and she had remai with Mrs. Vilkins. This lady appeared to have several children of her own and she had "told Misser Vilkins that she couldn't be bovvered wiv' Mary, so she tooked me out and I got

As the innocent little lips formed these words Old Crusty said to him-

"Heartless creature-name Marydeliberately lost this lovely child. Tender little thing! I must take her home for tonight anyhow, and look for her people tomorrow."

By the time he had made this resolution the warmth, the good bread and milk and excitement had been too much for little Mary and she lay asleep in the cab which the "miser" had called.

No one claimed a lost girl, and Old

Crusty said daily: "I really must seek her relatives," but he never found them, and it was not long before the little girl called him grandpa, but before that she had kissed away all his ugly wrinkles.





Mexican Rosalis Dead. Mexican Rosalis died last

day a week ago and was buried respected man, having been a Baptist preacher for the past 20

Chamberlain's Tablets

When you are troubled with in digestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They If you have any trouble with strengthen the stomach and enyour stomach you should take able it to perform its functions Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. P. naturally. Indigestion is usually Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I accompanied by constipation and have used a great many diffe- is always aggravated by it. Cham rer t medicines for stomach trou- berlain's Tablets cause a gentle ble, but find Chamberlain's Tab- movement of the bowels, reliev-

> Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wil who have been visiting for a ily, have gone on to their home at Slaton, where Mr



STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I are anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

THEDFORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

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WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORMED

BUSINESS INTERESTS ORGANIZE TO PROMOTE WONDERFUL RE-SOURCES OF WEST TEXAS.

West Texas is to have a Chamber of Commerce to represent this section of the state as a whole, just as | licity resents a particular city. Representatives from fifty West Texas cities met in Fort Worth last week and formed the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds and complete final organization. The meeting was the most representative West Texas gathering ever gotten together and was attended by more than one hundred leading business

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be incorporated under the laws of Texas at once. Its purpose, as announced in the by-laws which were these vital matters and they should adopted, will be to foster, promote and develop the agricultural, livestock, mineral, manufacturing, com mercial and other resources of West for the common good.

The organization is to be nonpolittion or defeat of any candidate or party. Membership will be open to any individual, firm, corporation or ofganization interested in the devel-

opment of West Texas. Will Raise \$250,000.

It is planned to raise a sum of \$250,000. Membership dues will be based upon the financial ability of the proposed member, with a minimum of ten dollars. Officers will include a president, treasurer, vice presidents and general manager. Each West Texas county will select its own representative to serve on the board of directors. The board of directors shall elect the president. treasurer, and vice presidents from among their own number and shall also select from their number an executive committee of not less than five, which will employ a general manager. The board of directors will be the governing board and will have the authority to carry out the purposes of the organization.

A committee will start an immediate campaign for funds necessary for preliminary work. This committee consists of H. P. Brelsford of Eastland, Marion Sansom of Fort Worth, J. A. Kemp of W chita Falls, P. H. Landergin of Amarillo, C. C. Walsh elo, Brooks Smith of Frank S. Hastings of W. W. Turney of El

A declaration of purposes adopted unanimously by the meeting follows in part: "The necessity for concert ed expression of public opinion of the people of this district exemplified itself in the manner in which pub licity was given to West Texas dur ing the drouth. This was a matter on which West Texas should have expressed itself officially and emphatically before other sections of the state and nation gave our temp orary misfortunes nation-wide pub The proposed organization a local commercial organization rep would eliminate this kind of undesir able advertising and give West Tex as the right of censorship on its own publicity

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dependent directly upon agriculture for a livelihood. Improved and sciencultural methods, systemati marketing and distribution of farm products, assisting the tenant and farm laborer to become home own ers, improvement of dairy herds, stamen and city builders from every billzing the price of cotton are some part of the western section of the important problems of agriculture that this organization should consider. There should be some me dium for the expression of the conmon judgment of the people on not be left to chance or to the untried judgment of inexperienced per sons. Organized effort is necessary

"There is a most pressing need for ical and will take no part in the elec- flood waters in order that excessive rainfall may be utilized for the production of crops. At the present time there is scattered activity along this line but no more general concerted movement exists. There is no fine. more important question than this and it is a problem in which all West Texas is vitally concerned. Con servation of rainfall is the greatest single need of Texas today.

"One of the first tasks this organization should undertake should be to encourage the full development of our vast petroleum deposits. There will arise in all probability occasions where concerted action on the part of the business men of West Texas will be necessary to protect and de fend this vast industry and certainly some central organized body should

voice the judgment of the people. "Another matter which is not en tirely foreign to the general purpose this organization is that when there are problems that should be called to the attention of our state and federal governments they would Store. be received more seriously if pre sented by a non-political organization representing all the combined interests of West Texas. This fea ture alone manifests the pressing need for a central organization, and with such a medium West Texas would become a potent power in shaping the destinies of this great G. M. Sharp. state."

W. L. DILTZ WRITES

Dear Dad:

I'm prompted to write you today by the Stars and Stripes, cur weekly paper, published by the A. E. F., who have disignated to-day as a day for all the American Nation Maintained Alboys of the A. E. F. to write their Fathers a Xmas letter.

I love you as a Father. I enjoy you as a Buddy and I'm appreciative of the many many good AVERTED EUROPEAN DESPAIR. things you have done for me,the way you taught me to live and With Military Demands Upon Ocean the good advice you have given me. It is true enough that I did not always take your advice, but never-the-less what you have said and done has had its influence all along and has helped me wonderfully to make me a better, stronger man, so let me wish shortage of shipping. Between July 1 for you a very, very merry xmas, bushels. If this rate should continue and a happy and prosperous New until the end of the fiscal year we will

whom we must all look and askvill close, expecting to see you States has been that with the cessa-

ir a few weeks. With a heart full of love, I am.

> Your son, W. L. Diltz, Jr...

Lurenbourg, Dec 5,1918. Dear Father and Mother:

and still on my way to the Rhine mon table We are having a wonderfull embourg were not in the war but ing across the sea. We found ourthe Germans took everything that they coul eat of wear away from them so now every thing s so high they can't buy it. Coffee \$4.00 per pound, tobacco \$6. per pound potatoes .25¢ per pound, and clothes are so high they can't think of buying a suit. I wish I had some of the butter you use to fry my eggs in, as it is only worth \$6.00 per pound home-by wheatless days, wheatless here. The people are living on meals, heavy substitution of other turnips and dry black bread.

This is a very beautiful country, the City of Luxembourg is then British Food Controller, cabled the most beautiful city I have that only if we sent an additional 75,ever seen. I'm sendig you some pictures of it today. I also mailed a helmet a few days ago, but I don't have much hopes of it ever reaching you.

days ago and Luther is here with actually shipped 141,000,000 bushels. me. He got a letter from Emmitt and Jim Brown, written the 14th and they said the boys in the Ft. Worth bunch were OK. so I an awakened war conscience, last guess the Merkel bunch came out year's figures will be bettered.

Our next move will be on the Moselle River. I will try to write + ag 'n when we stop.

I must get on the job, take + statement made by the Food Ad + ministration shortly after its con + care of your self and write when + ception, outlining the principles +

you feel like it. With a heart full of love, I am, + the solution of this country's + Your son.

The liver loses its activity at + vidual initiative of its people + times and needs help. Herbine is + and their willingness to serve the + interests of the nation with coman effective liver stimulant. It : plete self effacement in the time + also purifies the bowels, streng- + of emergency. Democracy can + thens digestion and restores + yield to discipline, and we can + strength vigor and cheerful solve this food problem for our strength vigor and cheerful solve this food problem for our strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Sold by Sanders Drug + this way. To have done so will +

his discharge from the army and + to defend ourselves without be- + returned home.

Peace Maker flour is the best.

Miss Alma Wells spent the olidays in Anson.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Mrs. Fred Latham of Houston is sisiting her mother, Mrs. Cal-

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Nov. 17. A. E. F. KEPT PLEDGE TO SEND BREAD

lied Loaf Through Self-Denial at Home Table.

Shipping Relieved, World Is Able to Return to Normal White Wheat Bread.

Since the advent of the latest wheat crop the only limitation upon American exports to Europe has been the and October 10 we shipped 65,980,305 have furnished the Allies with more Again turning to the One to than 237,500,000 bushels of wheat and flour in terms of wheat.

The result of increased production ng Him to take care of you, I and conservation efforts in the United tion of hostilities we are able to return to a normal wheat diet. Supplies that have accumulated in Australia. Argentine and other hitherto inaccessible markets may be tapped by ships released from transport service, and European demand for American wheat probably will not exceed our normal surplus. There is wheat enough avail-I'm still feeling fine and dandy able to have a white loaf at the com-

But last year the tale was different. Only by the greatest possible saving rip and seeing some very beauti- and sacrifice were we able to keep a il country. These people in Lur- steady stream of wheat and flour movselves at the beginning of the harvest year with an unusually short crop. Even the most optimistic statisticians figured that we had a bare surplus of 20,000,000 bushels. And yet Europe vas facing the probability of a bread famine-and in Europe bread is by far the most important article in the diet. All of this surplus had left the country early in the fall. By the first of the year we had managed to ship a little more than 50,000,000 bushels by practicing the utmost economy at cereals and by sacrifice at almost every meal throughout the country.

In January the late Lord Rhondda, 000,000 bushels before July 1 could be take the responsibility of assuring his people that they would be fed.

The response of the American people was 85,000,000 bushels safely delivered overseas between January 1 and July 1. Out of a harvest which gave I saw Choc and Rosco a few us only 20,000,000 bushels surplus we

> that the Allied bread rations could be maintained, and already the American people are demonstrating that, with

> + entered the war have justified a + + and policies that would govern + + food problems.

"The whole foundation of de- + + mocracy," declared the Food Ad- + + ministration, "lies in the indi- + + have been a greater service than + + our immediate objective, for we + Tease Beasely has received have demonstrated the rightful-+ ing Prusslanized."

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Sending to Europe 141,000,000 bushels of wheat from a surplus of apparently nothing was the outstanding exploit of the American food army in the critical year of the war.

GREATEST OPPORTUNITY WOMEN EVER HAD.

It was given to the women of this country to perform the greatest service in the winning of the war vouchsafed to any women in the history of the wars of the world-to feed the warriors and the war sufferers. By the arts of peace, the practice of simple, homely virtues the womanhood of a whole nation served humanity in its profoundest struggle for peace and

FIRST CALL TO FOOD ARMY.

This co-operation and service 4 gust 10, 1917.

A year ago voluntary food control testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, was a daring adventure in democracy;



WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING FOR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Fight in the Ranks of the Red Cross Against Pain. Disease and Death.

they were taking-the two thousand first when the city was taken by the and more women who have gone to Austrians, again when it was retaken France for varied services under the by the Serbians, and still again when American Red Cross, and the more it was taken back by the Germans and than nine thousand nurses whom the Austrians together, an American Red American Red Cross has assigned to Cross nurse, Mary Gladwin, worked foreign duty under the United States in the operating room. In that first Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

A "mobile surgical unit" of nursesup to an advanced post; see how the nurses work with steady hands beside the surgeons as the stretchers with the newly wounded are brought in. See thousands of them in evacuation hoshospitals, tuberculosis hospitals; some see them with their specialized skill psychiatry; -all these women who Camps. American women conq the words "Our Nurses," as we say "Our Soldiers," "Our Sailors," "Our

already within six kilometers of American doctors remained, who under order of the French government, had sent the patients and personnel of their hospital farther back the night before. The artillery was deafening, but the American Ambulance sections kept bringing their wounded to Annel. These doctors said that as long as the American boys brought them wounded they would operate. Two nurses volunteered from Compiegne, and so in the deserted chateau the two surgeons, the two nurses and the ten drivers worked calmly on, while the buzz of aeroplanes shook the air, and the blasting guns shook ing force of more than 5,000 men and

They have known very well the risks, Through three takings of Belgrade, capture, when nine thousand wounded They went under orders, as soldiers crowded the wards and halls and yard do; prepared for any emegencies, as of the thousand-bed-hospital and doctor soldiers do; they assumed many and nurse worked together for day strange and unforeseen tasks, as sol- and night without stopping, giving to diers do. Literally, they went as each operation an average of six minfighters, against pain, disease and utes, and employing emergencies inspired by the desperate need of the moment, they did not know that the those words don't mean very much, city had been taken until all the perhaps, the first time we hear them. stretchers brought Austrian wounded, But see such an unit follow an army and Austrian doctors came to their relief.

Several hundred women are working over there in the American Red Cross canteens. There are about two hundred of these canteens along the pitals, base hospitals, convalescent French and merican lines of communication, an the women are workof them in French military hospitals ing under great pressure, feeding where sometimes our men are sent; thousands of soldiers. The Red Cross is also establishing canteens by miliin head surgery, or fracture work, or tary request at a number of Avistion keep head and hand cool and steady, these stations, comprising canteen and when the ambulances unload great club and reading room. Everyone of harvests of wounded. Then we say these canteens has something of the cilities for cleanliness and rest and On the night of March 25th, when refreshment, that the French governthe Germans were fast advancing, and ment has given the responsibility for maintaining canteens for both armies Annel, an outpost of Compiegne, two to the hands of the American Red Cross,

In large numbers women are going abroad as hospital hut workers, also, and as social workers for trained service among the refugees and the repatriated. At each base hospital the Red Cross is equipping, as fast as they can be built, recreation huts for convalescent soldiers.

Clerical workers have steadily increased in number for the administrative offices. From that original group of eighteen, which as the first American Red Cross Commission to France sailed about June 1st, 1917, the organization has grown to a work-

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