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PROGRESSIVE CLUB MEETS IN HEDLEY

Last Friday afternoon Hedley had the privilege of being host to a number of the county's most prominent citizens, the occasion being a meeting of the Donley County Progressive Club.

The meeting was called to order in the Pleasant Hour Theatre, the welcome being extended by Rev. Daniel R. Wade in eloquent style.

Then President O. C. Watson of Clarendon in a plain and forceful speech detailed the aims of the organization, clearly demonstrating the benefits to be derived therefrom, and incidentally taking a fall out of the knocker and the cold feet.

Vice President Story made appropriate remarks, and advocated the holding of a Donley County Fair next fall, the entire audience giving expression to their approval of the idea.

Short, snappy talks were also made by County Agent Bennett, W. B. Franklin, Sam M. Braswell, Homer Mulkey, and others.

A membership committee was provided for this district. R. O. McFarling and F. M. Clark were named, they being authorized to appoint a third man.

The meeting here was a big success. Many skeptics went in, were hauled over the coals a few times, and emerged firm believers.

The next meeting will be held at Giles this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Let every man who can attend. And let every citizen of Hedley community boost for the Donley County Progressive Club.

FOR SALE—Five Registered Hereford Heifer (Last Spring) calves; and one male. At a bargain.
J. G. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Simmons and baby have been here the past two weeks from Logan, N. M., visiting friends and relatives. They moved to Logan from Hedley about a year ago, and Mr. Simmons says they are very well pleased there.

GOOD STALK FIELD for a few stock; one mile of Hedley.
J. E. Neely.

J. R. Cox was here Monday from his home near Clarendon. He says crops were fine in his neighborhood the past year, and we understand his own were among the best. He has our thanks for subscription renewal.

LOST—Crank casing off auto, somewhere on Bray road.
Dr. J. W. Webb.

J. A. Carmack was in town yesterday from the Bray community. He left an order with us for the Informer and the Dallas News.

HEDLEY OIL & GAS CO. IS ORGANIZED

Pursuant to a call from a number of Hedley men, a meeting was held in this city Tuesday evening, Feb. 4th. When quite a number had gathered, a motion was put before the house, and sanctioned, that they elect a chairman and secretary to preside over the meeting. J. R. Boston was elected chairman; Z. A. Moore, secretary.

After the election of the two officers, the meeting was opened for discussions on organizing a company and taking leases for the purpose of drilling for oil and gas. After a thorough discussion on both subjects, a motion was put in order and carried that an oil and gas company be organized, and it was unanimously agreed that it shall be known as the "Hedley Oil & Gas Co."

The following officers were elected:

J. R. Boston, President.
W. E. Reeves, Vice Pres't.
F. M. Clark, Sec. Treas.
P. T. Boston, Asst. Sec. Treas.
Board of Directors: W. T. Walker, C. E. Johnson, J. G. McDougal, J. T. Bain, W. I. Rains, S. S. Adamson, and T. R. Moreman.

After the election of the officers, the President of the company appointed all the officers to assist in drafting constitution and by laws for the company, which are to be presented at the next meeting, the date for which has not yet been set.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Sec'y. of Meeting.

LOOK OUT FOR No. 1

The Hedley Protective Association No. 1 has a Constitution and By Laws that say we must pay our dues or assessments within fifteen days from date of notice. So sit up and take notice that the time on the last notice sent you will soon expire.

Also, remember that your present Secretary doesn't carry very much money in stock, and if you are going to expect me to pay your dues and wait on you for the money, you had better see me and go on my note to get the money so I'll be able to pay them. So, look out for No. 1 and your family, and speak a good word for the Association.
D. C. Moore, Sec'y.

BETTER HURRY or my ten acres will be off the market.
J. G. McDougal.

H. M. Crawford was in town Monday from his home on Route 1, and renewed his Informer subscription.

W. A. Armstrong went to Clarendon Thursday to attend District Stewards meeting of the Clarendon District.

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It's time to be thinking of new Farm Implements. We have them. Also complete lines of

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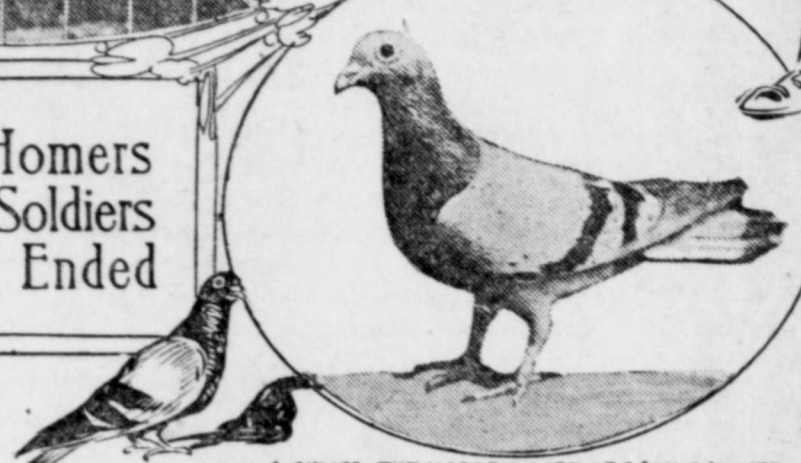
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT.

J. D. SWIFT, Secretary-Treasurer

Pigeons' Part in Winning War
By E.B. Reid

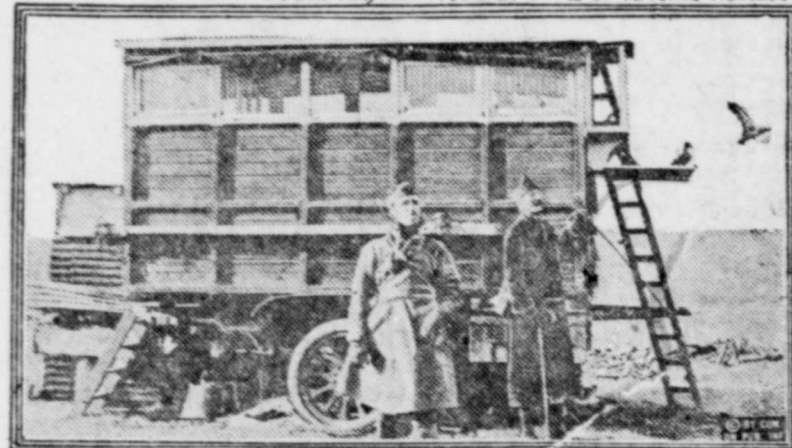


Uncanny Instinct of Homers
Saved Lives of Many Soldiers
During Struggle Just Ended



A SILVER, THE MODERN TYPE OF RACING HOMER

THE records of this war are replete with stories of the courageous work performed by carrier pigeons while saving the lives of our soldiers...



WATCHING FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT

One of the officers of that regiment is now in Washington, and he has promised himself that now the war is over he will have a loft of the best birds he can get...

Carrier pigeons are not only used by the infantry and the navy, but are used frequently by the air service. At the Dunkirk hydroplane station they have an enviable record.

The pigeon's ability to do all of these wonderful tasks lies in its faculty of orientation, that is, its power to know as soon as it is released in what direction its home loft is and to fly directly to it.

Just how the homing pigeon developed this power of orientation is a moot question, but it is certain that it has been cultivated through centuries until now it is almost uncanny.

When we remember the potent power of selection and think of the years and generations of careful breeding and selection which the homing pigeon has undergone it is not so wonderful that they have developed the homing instinct to a high degree.

so nervous that they could not stand still—they were like the hair-spring of a watch constantly preening and ducking and on the move.

Much time is spent in teaching the pigeon all of the tricks which count when the bird is actually racing in competition with other pigeons.

The ordinary pigeon has very little homing ability, whereas the homing pigeon is kept and bred exclusively for that faculty. They are also bred for speed, and every muscle which is used in flight is developed almost at the expense of the other muscles of its body.

At various times in this country the army and navy have decided to use carrier pigeons in their work, but with indifferent success until the recent war.

Homing pigeons were first put on a business-like basis in the army in March, 1917, in the eastern department. In November of that year the pigeon section of the land division of the signal corps was organized.

limiting the necessity of writing the messages. However, the pigeon might have something to say about the matter.

One of the most difficult parts of the work of introducing pigeons into the army service was to instill into the minds of the officers and men the fact that the pigeons are reliable.

Before the late war if you had told a pigeon fancier that you could move his pigeon loft as far as 50 miles and that the pigeons would return to it swiftly and accurately he would probably have laughed at you.

Another innovation developed was the "owl express." There were pigeons at the front that developed the faculty for seeing at night and these were called veritable human night owls.

The sport of racing and breeding pigeons is due to receive an impetus as a civilian sport now that the war is ended, and the progress made under war conditions should not be allowed to lapse.

Kindergarten Helps for Parents
Articles Issued by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education and the National Kindergarten Association

PICTURE BOOKS FOR BABY

By FRANCES JENKINS OLCOTT.
"Buy only the best picture books for my baby!" a mother exclaims.

But will anything do? Baby's brain is eager and alert. He is taking in a stock of ideas to use when he begins to speak and read.

Pictures may be made the beginning of baby's education as well as a delight to him. And what a joy he takes in entering into the life he sees in each bright-colored print!

The picture books listed below are selected from among the best of their kind. Unfortunately many desirable linen books are out of print.

Mother may begin to play with him at choosing objects in the pictures, calling out the name of each object as he points to it.

Baby's First Picture Books.
"Baby's Moo-Cow Book." Indestructible, mounted on boards.

"Baby's Picture Scenery." Indestructible, mounted on boards.

"Big Animal Picture Book." Lined. Chickens, rabbits, camels, giraffes, elephants and tigers.

"Goosey Goosey Gander." Lined. Charming pictures by Mary LeFetra Russell, illustrating familiar nursery rhymes.

"Jungle Book." Lined. Large pictures of tiger, lion, hippopotamus, leopard and other animals.

"One, Two, Three." Lined. Teaches little children to count by means of pictures of animals.

Instructive Picture Books.
"Kindergarten Book of Objects." Lined. For baby to choose from and learn names.

"My Automobile Book." Lined. All kinds of automobiles, for motoring and racing, and including fire engines, autotrucks, autobuses, armored cars, airplane gun cars and Red Cross ambulances.

"My Train Scrapbook." Lined. Bridges and stations in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland and South Africa.

"Book of the Farm." Paper. Farmers shearing sheep, milking cows, haying, etc.

"Book of the Farm." Lined. Rabbits, pigs, horses and other domestic animals at home on the farm.

"Book of the Woods." Paper. Attractive pictures of foxes, deer and other wild animals.

Funny Picture Books.

"Animals at Play." Laughter-making book, picturing the antics of animals of all kinds.

"Nursery Land." Lined. Humorous and live pictures of the Three Little Kittens and Jack and the Beanstalk.

"Three Little Kittens." Lined. Old nursery rhyme of "the three little kittens who lost their mittens."

Santa Claus Lined Books.
"The Night Before Christmas." The famous verses and well-known pictures that have fascinated several generations of children.

"The Night Before Christmas." Same verses with modern colored pictures.

TOUCH-HUNGER.

By PROF. M. V. O'SHEA.

Psychologists say that every child has a hunger for experiences which are necessary for his development.

Many persons who realize that a child must see, hear, taste and smell all the objects around him in order that he may come to understand them do not appreciate that the hunger to touch objects is probably more acute than any other kind of hunger.

What is to be done about it? In the first place, the child should have a great variety of objects as possible to touch and use in his play activities.

Should stand by and see that no harm is done to valuable objects or to the child himself. But if the typical child is permitted to investigate such objects as books and china until he has discovered how they feel and how they are constituted, until his touch-hunger regarding them is gratified, he will be likely to let them alone thereafter unless he needs to use them in some of his games or plays.

STRANGE THING IS MEMORY

Among the marvels of the human machine, memory is, indeed, strangest. The great bewildering fact of memory at all—of the miracle of the brain—is, of course, as far beyond our finite apprehension as the starry heavens.

The lawlessness of our prehistoric apparatus, for example—the absurdly unreasoning system of selection—such things as are to be permanent—how explain these? And why should memory be subject also to that downward tendency in life which forces us always to fight if we would save the best?

It would have been just as easy, at the start, when the whole affair was in the making, to have given an upward impulse. That was not done, but the memory, at any rate, being all spirit, might have been exempted from the general law.

Blood of Apes and Human Beings.
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Doctor Reichert hopes to distinguish between various nationalities by blood tests, to fix race relationship more scientifically than is now possible, and even to trace hereditary traits.

Remarkable.
Billy passed twin girls dressed alike on the street the other day. After staring at them in astonishment a minute, he exclaimed: "Why, mamma, it's the same girl!"

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Sheriff and Tax Collector.

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All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, advertising of church or society doings, when admission is charged, will be treated as advertising and charged for accordingly.

NOTICE.—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Informer will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.

METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday we had 137 at Sunday school. If you are there next Sunday we will make it 150. Bring the entire family; we have a place for every one of you.

Had a fine service at the 11 o'clock hour. We felt the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Next Sunday Rev. A. W. Hall, our presiding elder, will preach for us. Communion service at the morning hour.

First quarterly conference at 6:30 Saturday night.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.; W. A. Armstrong, Supt.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Hall (Lord's Supper).

Preaching at 6 p. m. by Rev. Hall

There is a place and a welcome for you at the little brick church. Cal C. Wright, Pastor.

AUTO FOR SALE—A second hand auto, in good condition. Dr. J. B. Ozler.

NAZARENE CHURCH

The Lord willing, I will preach at the Nazarene church Sunday, Feb. 9th, at 11 a. m. and at 6 p. m., and will hereafter preach each second and fourth Sunday in each month.

Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

If you are not actively engaged elsewhere, come and meet with us. We will appreciate your presence very much and will try to do you good and treat you in a way that you will want to come again. Be sure and be with us next Sunday.

S. L. Wood, Pastor.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—An Overland roadster, in No. 1 good shape. W. T. Walker.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

To the citizens of Hedley, Texas: This is to certify that I, as your Tax Collector, have up to date collected taxes for the City of Hedley as follows:

Realty and Personal Tax.....\$694 71
Street and Road Tax..... 138 00
Poll Tax..... 36 50
Grand total.....\$869 21

Of this amount I have deposited with the First State Bank of Hedley, \$505 88; and with the Guaranty State Bank of Hedley, \$363 33; grand total, \$-69 21.

I find that there is to be collected about \$150 00; and now there is a ten per cent penalty added to all delinquents on the General Fund, while your Street Tax will be \$5 00, or five days work on the streets; of this you may use your own pleasure. I think that we have made a good showing for the small town of Hedley.

The tax books are open for inspection at my office. I invite your careful scrutiny of same.

The official character of this statement is made under oath by and of W. Z. Hoggard, City Tax Collector.

W. Z. Hoggard.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of February, 1919.

W. T. Walker,
City Mayor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A fine increase in the Sunday school last Sunday, but didn't go over the top,—all because you didn't come. Put us over by being on time next Sunday. Last Sunday's preaching services well attended.

Next Sunday at 11 a. m. theme "Reflectors." Special music

At 6 p. m. that old familiar game, "Hide and Seek."

Here's for a great service next Sunday. Boost it up, pray it up, talk it up; throw your club away, get on the job; if you are dead try some lightning oil; get out of the old ruts; put some spizzier ink into your religion and let's put it over. All hit together next; Sunday morning Bring your glad hand with you; some one will need it

Juniors at 2:30 p. m.

Mid week service Wednesday night at 6:30

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45.

Daniel R. Wade.

J. P. Pool made an auto trip the past week to Wichita Falls, Burk Burnett and other points. He also visited his father, S. N. Pool, at Wynnewood, Okla., and brought him back to Hedley for a return visit.

COME ON PATRIOTS!

KNOW THE JOY OF SAVING HERE'S HOW

Let's finish the job.

Let's pay our debts. The Government has spent billions of dollars to save us from ruin and disgrace. We must pay the bill.

Ever know the joy of saving? It's the grandest feeling!

Save now and later be able to buy that "something" you have always longed for.

Carry out your savings pledge if you made one; or make one right now.

Buy of your War Savings Society, or bank, postoffice, store.

Thrift Stamps and
War Savings Stamps.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

Program for next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Song, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Prayer.

Song, "If Your Heart Keeps Right"

Minutes; business announcements.

Roll call and records.

Song, "Must I Go and Empty Handed."

Subject: The Sword of the Lord and Gideon.

Scripture readings, Judges 6: 1-14—Thelma L. man.

A Sad State—Ernest Johnson.

Gideon's Call—Elizabeth Wright.

Gideon's Army—John Cooper

Gideons Battle—Vera Brinson

The Pursuit and Capture—Ila Acord

The Greatest Victory of All—Raymond Dunn.

Sword drill in Scriptures

Song, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Close with sentence prayers.

FOR SALE—Ten acres of good land, at a reasonable price.

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WORK TEAMS

Fourteen Mares—your choice at a reasonable price—NOW. Cash or bankable notes. First come, first served. Frank M. Clark, Hedley, Texas.

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TAKE NOTICE

Positively no hunting or wood hauling allowed on the Word Ranch. Violators will be prosecuted to the limit.

C. T. Word & Son.

Claude Strickland came in Monday night from Camp Travis where he has been in Uncle Sam's service for several months. They have been feeding him well apparently. The Informer joins in welcoming him back to Hedley.

FOR SALE—worth the money—my residence with half block of land. T. M. Strawn.

A letter to R. S. Smith from his wife tells of the arrival of her brother, Marks Justice, at his home in Forreton from army duty on the French front. She says his general health is fine, but his nervous system has been much injured by gas. He was a member of the Rainbow Division and was gassed while in action on the front some months ago.

FARM FOR SALE—100 acre sandy land farm, five miles north of Hedley. For information see U. J. Boston.

WHITE SEED INDIAN CORN for sale. See M. L. Sims.

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SOLDIER LETTERS

The following letter has come from France to S. L. Adamson. It was written by Wesley Adamson's pal, Carl Appling, whose home is at Claude (if our memory serves us right).

At Camp, Nov. 4, '18.
Mr. S. L. Adamson,
Hedley, Texas.

Dear Mr. Adamson:

Although I am a stranger to you, yet you seem like an old friend when I try to write you, for Wesley and myself were almost the same as brothers for over a year, and he has spoken so often of his father and mother to me.

I hardly know how to write to you, sir, but I assure you and Mrs. Adamson of my deepest sympathy, for indeed your loss is scarcely more than mine. He meant so much to me, and no one can fill his place. I will always hold his memory sacred, and I hope to meet you if I ever return to the U. S.

Mr. Adamson, you will find enclosed your M. O. of \$10 that you mailed Wesley at his training camp, but failed to reach him until he reached France. As he never carried a purse, I have carried it for him ever since, and he intended to return it long ago but neglected doing so.

Please let me know if you receive this letter and the M. O. With best wishes to you and Mrs. Adamson, I will close.

Sincerely yours,
Carl W. Appling.
Co. H, 142 Inf., A. E. F.

This interesting letter is from Cecil Williams, in Germany, to his mother, Mrs. D. W. Williams. Coblenz, Germany, Dec 22nd, 1918.

My Dear Mother:

We are settled again, for a short time at least, so I can write a letter now. We have been on the move for nearly a month; have hiked from Sorcy, France, to Coblenz, Germany, a distance of more than 200 miles, and I'm feeling fine now. I was pretty pretty sore when we got here, but am O K now.

Coblenz is on the Rhine river, where the Moselle empties into it. Coblenz is some town, too,—about 200,000 population.

We went out to parade for General Pershing tonight.

Well, mother, of course there is nothing any of us would like better than being at home for Christmas, but this has been a wonderful trip to me. I've seen some wonderful sights that otherwise I never would have seen. On our way we crossed some of the most famous battlefields of this war, and saw what were (before the war) beautiful little villages of France, now absolutely in ruins; not one wall standing in the whole town; and the timber and ground all blown up by shell fire. Then out of that we came into Lorraine, a part of the territory taken from the French by the Germans in 1871. This is a beautiful and very rich territory. We hiked for several days down the valley of the Moselle river; a most all the valley was covered with towns. Then in Deidenhoffen we stopped eight days. (I wrote you from there) Then we came across one corner of Luxemburg, and on into Germany.

I suppose you understand long before now, why we are here (the Army of Occupation) We will be here until Peace is signed, then suppose we will be on our way back to the good old U. S. A., for there is no place in this world like that for us.

Well, mother, this is the first Christmas I ever spent away from home, and of course the first one in Germany, so at least

it will be something new for me. The Y. M. C. A. is going to give candy and cakes, and I think we are to have a payday Tuesday, so I guess we'll have a pretty good Christmas after all.

I guess you're wondering how the German people treat us. Well, the majority of them treat us fine now, since they have their eyes opened to the way they've been fooled and mistreated. In general, they are very friendly toward us. We are in good barracks now and have good beds and plenty to eat, so I hope we stay here until the time comes for us to go back to the States—which I hope will not be later than Feb. 1st.

As it's getting late, I will close for this time. So, goodnight, and lots of love to all.

Your son,
Corp. Cecil E. Williams,
Co. G, 58th Inf., A. E. F.

Another good letter to Mrs. W. A. Chapman from her son, Corp. Carlton Chapman: Villers Vineux, France, January 15th, 1919.

Dearest Mother and All:

I got your letter today, mailed Dec. 17. Every time I start to write it's either just about time for some formation or else something turns up that I only write a little. And still I have been thinking the same as you: That we would be home pretty soon, that my welfare was all you'd care about knowing by mail, and that I could tell you all the news when I get there.

But your letter got next to me today. I'm a pretty good sized kid myself, and soldier as a profession now (only), but I jumped right in the middle of my bed and I'm not at all ashamed to tell you I cried. You're the only one who has ever made me realize anything at all—that I really had anything to live for—so now I'm trying to write you a real long letter and tell you all of the news.

I've told you in three or four letters what we did before we went on the front. I was wounded the second day we were on the front, so nothing very exciting happened to me.

We started toward the front about daybreak. Had already lost two men, we were so close to the line by the Boche artillery; and the nearer we came the more dangerous, naturally; so we scattered, that if a shell came along it would only get two or three. At the time I was in M. G. Co., so I had two boxes of ammunition and two belts containing 500 rounds each—a pretty good load. We started to the trenches just in rear of the front line, and on crossing a little clearing they dropped several big shells on us. One came pretty close to me and killed a corporal just in front of me. I heard the shell coming, hollowed and fell to the ground, flat on my stomach, putting my boxes in front of my head. The shell came over, and killed a boy right in front of me who didn't get down, and a large piece of the shell hit the box at my head. We lay there just long enough for the concussion to subside a little then ran a piece further and another came over. Every time I "flattened out." Finally we got to the trenches; at the time they "almost looked like Home." We stayed in there from about 10 a. m. till after dark; then a runner came over and told us we'd have to move, the Boche were counter attacking and it was their barrage of cannon that held us in one place all the afternoon, falling on us. It was nothing uncommon to have shells or pieces of shrapnel come down on us. We started back to the next bunch of trenches, and I got knocked unconscious when I was on my way to first aid station, gassed. Was sent

then to the hospital at Paris.

Now I'm with Co. H, my old organization.

My love for the whole family has become so magnified. I love you so much, knowing every one of you would do anything for my advantage.

I was real sorry to hear of Wayne's death; just got the news today, written Oct. 21st. I know you all felt very sad about it; especially Uncle Billy, because he seemed to have lots of affection for all his family. It sure makes a hard call, but we must all answer; somewhere, sometime, old and young, rich and poor shall perish alike. I sure sympathize with you all. Wayne was such a smart boy, and he seemed to like me a great deal.

I suppose Mrs. Adamson has got the news about Wesley by now, has she not? I sure hated to hear of it; Wesley was such a good chum. But some of us had to pay the price, and had you been there you would wonder why every one did not have to pay the price. It's a mystery to me how I came through it, but since it's don't care to ever repeat the dose.

You can just bet I love you, and am going to stay "awfully close around"—take it from

Your loving son,
Carlton.
Co. H, 142 Inf.

Another very interesting letter from Leslie Long this week, but we are compelled to hold it over until next week.

Dr. F. B. Erwin

Graduate and Licensed
VETERINARIAN
Inter State Inspector
Memphis, Texas



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We have purchased the business heretofore conducted by TIMS & COOPER. Have spent a week invoicing and arranging the stock, and will be open and ready for business bright and early

Saturday, Feb. 8th

We will carry a full line of DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES, and solicit a portion of your trade.

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NEXT TO POSTOFFICE

Dog Owners Attention!

Unless you want your dog killed, you must pay Tax and secure a Tag RIGHT AWAY.

This is positively the Last Notice.

Fellow Country-Man: Leave you dog at home or tie him when you come to town. We are looking for all loose dogs without tags.

W. Z. HOGGARD
City Marshal

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who are in arrears, or whose subscriptions are about to expire, we ask that you call and pay us, or mail a check to The Informer.

This has been a hard year on us, in some respects—as it has been on lots of others—and we are greatly in need of money to meet pressing obligations.

Accounts that are not paid within the next few days will be placed in a collector's hands, for the reason that we MUST have

the money and haven't the time to leave our office and collect it ourselves.

The Hedley Informer.

WSS
YOU PLEDGED
NOW PAY

A. L. Simmons has our thanks for subscription renewal, also ordering the Dallas News.

METHODIST PREACHER

SEVERELY POUNDED

Last Wednesday night, about 6:30 o'clock, someone rushed up on the front porch of the Methodist parsonage, and before the preacher and his wife and young 'uns could overcome their surprise the house was full up with men, women and children, and each and every one carried a bundle of some kind. They seemed to know just what they were doing, for a line was formed straight to the dining table, where said bundles were deposited. The table was covered with all manner of good things to eat, and the preacher was happy in the anticipation of several more full meals. It sure does make a fellow feel good when he knows he has something to eat in the house. It's strange how the people knew the preacher was getting hungry, but of course anyone can realize he carries no surplus avoirdupois.

After loading the table with more groceries than the Wright bunch knew was in the world, the people all left and not a one stayed for breakfast.

We're thankful for the folks, for the laughs and nods and jokes, for the beans and peas and spuds, for the flour and coffee and duds, for the prunes and sugar and oats, for the 'lasses and pieces of shoats, for the butter and olives and meat, for the peaches and eggs and wheat, for the rice and ribs and chow, for the plums and a slice of cow, for the spirit that brought you here, for our hope to stay another year. Come again some other day when you can spare the time to stay; we would like to see you eat some of this good bread and meat that the folks brought last Wednesday night when they pounded Preacher Wright. (Apologies to Walt Mason).
The Wrights.

Jim Sherman, Member National Collectors' Association, Clarendon, Texas.

WOODMEN BANQUET

The W. O. W. and Woodman Circle lodges enjoyed a delightful social gathering and banquet at Woodman Hall last Monday evening. Several out of town members were present, some speeches were made, and beautiful music was a feature.

Of course the principal feature was the "eats," which we are told were both plentiful and toothsome to the nth degree.

A most enjoyable occasion it proved to be, and everybody had a great time.

FOR SALE—Good feed crusher; new burrs.
J. G. McDougal.

Rural Carrier Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Donley, Texas, to be held at Clarendon on Feb. 8, 1919, to fill the position of rural carrier at Hedley, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Application should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

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MISSION NOTES

Surely God is blessing us and our prayers are being answered. Ten out of eleven officers were present and five visitors, three of whom became members, at our last Monday service. Every one was anxious to learn her duty and do it. It's "team work" that counts. "You win the one that's for you and I'll win the one that's for me, then we'll all work together in all kinds of weather and see what a great Society we will be."

Program for February 10 at 2:00 promptly:

Song, "O, for a Closer Walk with God."

Sentence prayer.

Bible lesson, leader Mrs. T. R. Moreman.

Roll call (everyone answer with Scripture verse) and minutes by Mrs. J. R. Benson, Rec. Sec.

Reading, Christ's Transforming Power—Mrs. Pierce.

Reading, Weight Transformed into Wings—Mrs. Hughes.

Poem, "Myself," recited by Mrs. Hall.

The Church Member's Eight Beatitudes—Mesdames Moore, Turner, Crow, Dr. Webb, Osborn, Jno. Moreman, Adams, Everett.

A letter from Miss Woolsey, a Texas girl in far away Africa—Mrs. Kendall.

Closing prayer. Close promptly at 3 o'clock. Come!

Supt. Publicity.

OVERCOAT LOST—Between my house and Ozark Garage. Hope an honest man found it.
J. G. McDougal.

RED CROSS NOTICE

We have been notified by headquarters that a shipment of goods to make refugee garments will arrive here soon.

All Red Cross members are requested to so arrange their affairs that they will be ready to work on these garments just as soon as the shipment arrives.
Mrs. B. W. Moreman.

FOR SALE—A team of good size work mules.
E. H. Willis.

MRS. WEBB DIES

Mrs. C. T. Webb, daughter of the late G. W. Stallings, died at her home in Dalhart the first of the week and was buried here Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by Rev. D. R. Wade.

She is survived by her husband, C. T. Webb, four children, her mother, Mrs. G. W. Stallings and several brothers and sisters.

The Stallings family lived in this community for several years, and were highly respected by all our people.

The Informer extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Herschel Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Johnson, has returned home from overseas duty, having been a member of a trench mortar battalion on the front in France. He has many interesting experiences to relate. He received only a slight scratch during his soldier life, we understand.

Mrs. Frank Kendall and baby visited Mr. L. C. Jones in Clarendon last week.

Orbie Adamson is at home again, having arrived the past week from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., where he has been stationed for the past several months. He seems to be in fine health, and his friends are glad to have him back.

Dr. F. B. Erwin, Memphis Veterinarian, was in Hedley yesterday. Read his ad in this paper.

For the Convenience of

my Patrons and all needing Veterinary Service, I will be in

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Saturday, Feb'y. 22

prepared to do all kinds of Veterinary work, including Dental and Surgical operations.

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DENTAL NOTICE

Having been unavoidably delayed in reaching Hedley according to my announcement, and having more than I can attend to this week, I will be here next week. So come at once and let's get lined up.

Dr. F. N. Reynolds.

T. E. Johnson, of the Wichita Falls Oil Reporter staff, has been visiting relatives at Giles and friends at Hedley the past week. He has recently returned from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he was in training in Uncle Sam's army.

J. G. McDougal, Rev. D. R. Wade and Rev. Cal C. Wright have been appointed Armenian Relief Fund Committee for Hedley district.

There are on display at the Hedley Drug Co's store a couple of German helmets which are attracting much attention, having just arrived from the European battlefields. They are the property of Miss Susie Patterson and were sent to her by her brother, Edwin.

C. E. Blankenship and family of Goodnight were Hedley visitors the first of the week.

Byron Lewis was here this week from Goodnight.

County Attorney R. H. Beville was in Hedley Wednesday on business in the Justice court.

Jet Brumley and family visited in Memphis Wednesday.

C. O. Thaxton of Giles was in Hedley Tuesday.

Mr. Waller, an old time Donley county citizen, came in from New Mexico this week, and will be in Hedley for a while.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Whereas, the Government has requested that all persons in Donley county, who pledged themselves to the United States Treasury Department to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps of the 1918 series, be notified that they may and are expected to fulfill their pledges through the purchase of War Savings Stamps of the 1919 series, if for any reason such pledgers were unable to complete the commitments by December 31st, 1918.

Therefore, in response to the Government's request, I, W. T. Walker, Mayor of the City of Hedley, Texas, do hereby notify all persons resident in the City of Hedley that they are expected by the Government to complete their pledges to invest in United States War Savings Stamps, if such pledges were uncompleted on Dec. 31, 1918, by purchasing War Savings Stamps of the 1919 series.

Be it further known that War Savings Stamps of the 1919 series may be obtained from post offices, banks and other authorized agents at the price of \$4.12 each during January. War Savings Stamps of the 1919 issue should not be affixed to War Savings Certificates of the 1918 series, nor should War Savings Stamps of the 1918 issue be affixed to War Savings Certificates of the 1919 series. The same thrift stamps and thrift cards used during 1918 remain in use and a thrift card with sixteen thrift stamps thereon, plus 12 cents during January, may be exchanged for a War Saving Stamp of the 1919 issue.

Witness my hand this 20th day of January, 1919.

W. T. Walker,
Mayor.

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