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## SEED WHEAT SHOULD BE SOLD FOR LESS THAN \$2.50 PER BUSHEL

SEED WHEAT IN FLOYD COUNTY WILL BE SOLD FOR LESS THAN \$2.50 PER BUSHEL—ELEVATORS WILL FURNISH FARMERS UNDER GOVERNMENT LICENSE

The writer, as local food administrator, has investigated the seed wheat proposition, and has learned from reliable sources, and from authentic channels, that seed wheat in Floyd county will be had at less than \$2.50 per bushel. The elevators will furnish seed wheat under license, and will sell it at government fixed prices.

It has been reported at this office that there are farmers in Floyd county who have wheat on hands and are holding it for \$2.50 per bushel for seed purposes. This will not be permitted and farmers who have to purchase seed wheat are warned not to pay those profiteering farmers \$2.50 per bushel. In commenting on the matter County Food Administrator, Homa Steen, says:

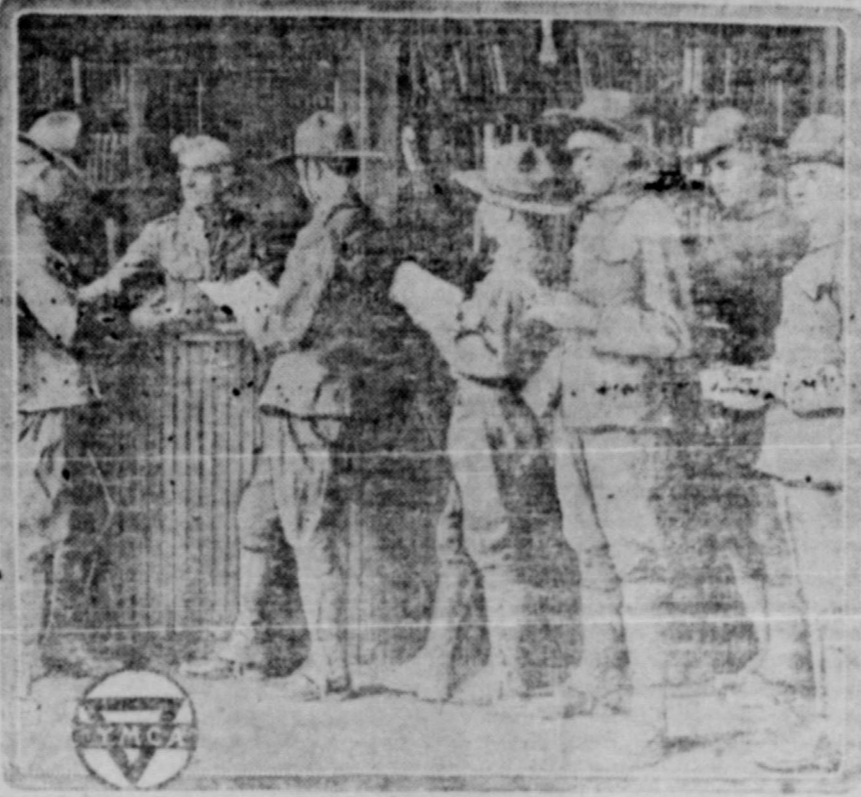
"You can tell farmers and others that the Food Administration is not going to look with favor on profiteering by farmers any more than it does by anybody else and that all reasons point to \$2.50 as too high a price for wheat. Re-cleaned wheat at the elevator in Floyd county is selling around \$2.25, that is it is going to when they get their permit. But there is only about 700 bushels here. It ought to sell around the same price in Lockney and at Floco or less. Farmers at their bins ought not to charge over \$2.15 or \$2.20. That is ample pay for the trouble of weighing it out in small quantities.

"I have been notified by the Houston office that it is necessary to get out and do some requisitioning where unreasonable prices are asked. This I do not want to do, but will, if necessary."

"I have information from a reliable source that the farmers are going to be able to obtain their wheat at less than \$2.50 all right, through the elevators and mills. That is my information. And you might just suggest to any of the high-priced fellows that they had better come down because they will have to come down in order to sell this fall or winter. Frankly, I certainly do dread anything like coercion in a matter like this where it is a straight out test of a man's patriotism, or at least it so seems, to me. But I do not intend to stand back if it comes to a show-down.

As Deputy Food Administrator of Floyd county we wish to notify farmers in this end of the county that they will not be allowed to charge \$2.50 per bushel for their seed wheat. It is just as wrong and unfair and unpatriotic for farmers to profiteer in these matters as any other class of citizens. Farmers are entitled to a fair margin on their products, but are not entitled to go beyond the fixed price by law for their products. Seed wheat is scarce from a home grown standpoint, but there is plenty of wheat in other sections which will be handled through licensed elevators and mills. The farmer that made a wheat failure this year should not be held up on prices for seed wheat, and food administrators will not permit this. If any one knows of storage of wheat in the north part of Floyd county which is being held for \$2.50 per bushel please report the matter to this office.

## FURNISHING BOOKS TO SOLDIERS



The American Library Association and the Army Y. M. C. A. co-operate in their plan to encourage good reading among soldiers. This is a corner of a Y. M. C. A. building in the Southern Department utilized as a library for the soldiers. "Foxy Grandpa" behind the counter is popular with the men, and each of the five hundred books in the little library are passed out on an average of twice each month. "Foxy Grandpa" has another responsibility. He presents a new blank-covered new Testament to every soldier who asks for it, and a surprisingly large number of the men request the little book. In fact, most of the soldiers have made it a part of their equipment. They are furnished free by the Army Y. M. C. A.

## GOOD RAINS REPORTED OVER MANY SECTIONS OF TEXAS

Good rains fell all over Texas Monday night and Tuesday morning, the heaviest precipitation having been reported from Panhandle towns. Even some points in the West Texas drought area were visited by rains, Abilene, Haskell, Anson, Spur and Lampasas reporting about three-fourths of an inch, enough only to afford temporary relief.

Rain fell as far south as San Antonio, Curoo and Brownsville, as far east as Palestine and northwest to Dalhart and Texline, west to Abilene and Spur, the latter getting a .68 inch fall and the former .72 of an inch.

In Lockney and Floyd county good showers fell, and in some parts of the north part of the county heavy precipitation resulted. It remains cloudy for several days, and cool enough for fire at night. The damp weather and showers will be beneficial to growing crops.

## DR. STAPLETON PASSES AWAY

Tuesday afternoon the sad news of the death of Dr. G. J. Stapleton was announced, which took place at his home in the West part of town.

Dr. Stapleton took seriously ill last Friday and was operated on Sunday for appendicitis. He gradually grew worse from the effects of the disease, and his low state of health until death relieved him of his suffering.

The Dr. had been in failing health for several months and had spent the major portion of his time at Mineral Wells the past 18 months. He returned a few months ago apparently much improved in health and resumed his practice here. He was thought to be getting along fine until he took seriously ill as above stated.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Thursday a. m., conducted by Pastor Burnett, and his remains deposited in Lockney cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends followed his remains to their last resting place.

Dr. Stapleton was a splendid man and citizen, and had lived a long and eventful life, following the noble profession of relieving distressed and sick humanity. He was a member of the Baptist church and the Masonic order. He was a noble Christian gentleman and an upright and honorable citizen. He was one of our most highly respected townsmen, and we feel keenly his loss.

Dr. Stapleton was born in Dawson county, Ga., May 7, 1854, died September 3, 1918, aged 64 years, three months and twenty-nine days. He came to Texas when a young man. He was married to Miss Reeder, May 12, 1881. There were born to this union five children, four of which survive him. After the death of his first wife he was later married to his present wife, Miss Laura McSpadden, Nov. 30, 1893. Five children were born to this union, three of which are living. He leaves a wife and seven children to

## FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETS

Floyd county Baptist Association met in Lockney this week with the Baptist church at this place. Delegates from churches throughout the county were in attendance and an interesting program was rendered.

Able sermons were delivered at night. These annual association meetings of the Baptist people are always occasions of much religious enjoyment.

## TEACHERS ATTENDING DISTRICT INSTITUTE THIS WEEK

Floyd county school teachers are in attendance this week on the district teachers institute at Plainview. A splendid program was arranged and delivered each day in addition to the study course. The Institute will close today, and Lockney teachers will return home prepared to take up their labors Monday.

## CARD OF THANKS

Even at this late hour it is appropriate that I extend to my friends throughout Floyd county my thanks for their loyal support during the recent primaries. No man was ever blessed with as staunch and loyal friends as I possessed in this county.

Again thanking you, and with the assurance that I shall always stand for the right, with equal justice to all and special privilege to none in private as well as public matters, and with sincere best wishes for your continued welfare and happiness, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,  
W. B. CLARK,  
County Judge Floyd County.

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## NEXT MONDAY IS SCHOOL DAY IN LOCKNEY, HAVE THE CHILDREN READY

THE SCHOOL FOR THE COMING TERM PRESENTS A BRIGHT OUTLOOK—FACULTY AS SELECTED IS COMPOSED OF CONSCIOUS MEN AND WOMEN.

Monday, September 9th, Lockney Public School will open for the 1918-19 term. The school for the coming term presents a bright outlook. The faculty as selected is composed of conscientious men and women, who have the welfare of the children of this community at heart. Since our last announcement some changes have been made in the teaching force. Mrs. Robins has been selected as Principal of the school.

Monday morning parents should accompany their children to school if it be possible for them to do so, and be present at the opening and beginning of the year's work. Parents of Lockney have always co-operated with teachers in making the school a success, and we feel sure that the same hearty and liberal co-operation will be had in the future as in the past. There is two elements that go into the making of a successful school term, namely, co-operation of parents and pupils and faithful and conscientious work on the part of teachers. One is just as indispensable as the other. There is nothing of more importance to the community than the school. Character building is done in our public schools, and future welfare of society depends upon the kind of character that is built. America can attribute its greatness today to its school system. Looking around us we see nations and peoples that have made no progress in the march of civilization, and its failure is attributed to faulty education. It is said that early impressions are the most lasting and we see the demonstration of this theory in human affairs throughout the world. Germany today is the victim of a false and ungodly education. They have educated in the wrong direction, educated that might makes right, and have lost sight of Chris-

tianity and the principles taught by the Son of Man.

Again, referring to the importance of school work, we would suggest we all stand solid for the betterment of school conditions, and assist and encourage teachers in accomplishing the greatest amount of constructive work during the coming school term. Let teachers become inspired with the thought that great responsibility rests upon them as living examples before the children entrusted to their care and keeping. Be guarded each moment that their examples may be such that will instill in the youthful mind a proper regard for better things of life; that they set before the school Christian examples, and become living example of righteousness. We trust that no teacher will so far forget him or herself as to indulge in frivolous matters in such a way that would destroy their influence in the school and community.

There is another side to this question, and that is the parents side. The writer has always stood by and supported our public schools, and if there is any one thing we have stressed more than the other in matter of co-operation it is the evil effect of parents criticizing teachers in presence of their children. If things don't go to suit you do not talk before your children, and thereby cause them to lose the proper respect and regard for their teacher. Neither is it right to talk publicly of the fault of this or that teacher. If we demand a high standard of the teacher, then we should adopt high ideals and set the proper examples at home and upon the streets. Bearing this in mind, and with united co-operation we may expect to have the most successful school year yet has been taught in Lockney.

## REGISTRATION DAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

On September 12th there will be held throughout the United States, another registration. In pursuant to the law recently passed by Congress and signed by the President, every male between 18 and 21 and 31 and 45 are required to present himself and register for military service to the government of the United States. Registration will be held at each voting box in Floyd county, the presiding officer of elections will hold these registrations throughout the county. The penalty for failure to register is one year in the penitentiary. If you are not certain as to your age you had better make an investigation and be on hand if your case is covered. Ignorance will excuse no man.

This new and additional registration will effect fully three-fourths of our male population when added to the other registration. The estimated number of men to register in the United States is 13,000,000. Ten million men registered June 17, 1917 under the first registration.

Every registrant will be required to make out a questionnaire, which will be furnished by the County Board. This will determine your classification. After which there will be a drawing in Washington to determine the date of your liability to service or order number as it is called.

The War Department has announced that there will be no change from the former plan of registration and classification. Men with dependents or those engaged in necessary industrial pursuits will not be called to service, but will be placed in deferred classes. This does not mean a discharge from liability, but your services to the government deferred for the time. The government will never take married men or those engaged in necessary industrial pursuits unless it becomes absolutely necessary. When you are placed in deferred classes your responsibility to the government does not cease. Under executive orders you are required to engage in some useful occupation during the term of the war. If you get into prohibitive occupation your deferred classification will be revoked and you will be inducted into service. Men within the draft age will not be allowed to remain idle. They must work at some useful occupation other than that prohibited by the government. We mean by prohibitive occupation, such industries and callings that the government has named to be

## CORNELIUS SINGING SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY

Prof. Cornelius Singing Class at the Baptist church will close this afternoon, with a special program tonight. The school has been in progress 17 days and has been largely and liberally patronized. The class has shown wonderful advancement, and the benefits to the town at large is inestimable. All churches in the town were represented and future help to the respective churches will be manifest.

Prof. Cornelius is one of the foremost teachers of voice culture in the South, and it was only through good fortune that Lockney secured his services this summer. Another engagement was cancelled that permitted him to give us his services at this time. The contract has been renewed and he will teach another class here next August. Be sure to go out to the Baptist church tonight and hear some of the best singing you have ever listened to.

## MEETING AT LONE STAR

There will be a series of meetings begin at Lone Star school house the second Sunday in September. Eld. Frank Copeland will do the preaching. Everybody invited to come and help in this meeting, we will do you good. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock the second Sunday, and dinner on the ground at 12:00, and services again at 3:00 in the afternoon. Come and bring a Hoover basket well filled, and enjoy the day.

non-important to the prosecution of the war. Other occupations is liable to be added to the prohibitive list at any time. Therefore it behooves every man interested in these matters, or who is in the draft age, to post himself that he may make no mistake. You can do this by reading the newspapers. Ignorance of Uncle Sam's law does not excuse any man.

The Beacon will handle all matters pertaining to the new draft like it did the first draft. We will publish the drawing numbers in Floyd county when the drawing takes place in Washington and after the County Board has compiled same. We will publish also a full list of registrants in Floyd county. We will also publish every order of the Board in reference to work or fight orders or other matters.













