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## FIRST MIDLAND BOY TO DIE IN SERVICE

Son of Our Esteemed Methodist Minister Passed Away in Naval Hospital Wednesday

Luther, abbreviated to "Luke" by friends and loved ones, son of our much-loved Methodist minister and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cowan, died last Wednesday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock, a sufferer of rheumatism. He passed away in the naval hospital at Algiers, just across the river from New Orleans, to which place he had but recently been moved from a hospital at Galveston.

For Luke was a sailor-boy; a big, fine, lovable sailor-boy, he was, too, and a member of the U. S. navy in the Atlantic fleet, in various departments of which he had served for more than four years. He had served four years in the navy prior to our declaration of war with Germany, and had received an honorable discharge. When his country called, though, his big, patriotic heart led him immediately back to his post, and he was ever anxious to enter active service against the world-scourge, the Kaiser.

That he failed to realize his ambitions, that death has called him all too soon, lessens not at all the love, honor and esteem in which he has ever been and in which his memory will ever be lodged in the hearts of countless friends.

He was in Midland several months ago, prior to his re-enlistment, and his lovable, sunny manner of meeting folks just won him friends on every hand. Midland will do him all the honor she can, for the remains have been shipped here for interment and are expected to arrive tonight on No. 3.

And every heart in Midland is touched with the deepest sympathy for the anguished parents, sisters and brothers. These good people, God's children, know well the One Source of comfort, and need no word of reference thereto; but all the human sympathy, all kindnesses and loving attentions that are earthly possible, Midland, all of Midland, stands eagerly, affectionately ready to bestow; and, as stated above, when his poor body arrives tonight, there will be no lack of fond friends to bear it to his father's house, to the church, and finally to the silent little city on the hill just north of Midland, where already sleep so many of ours that are so loved and honored; and the mound that will be made, to bathe it with tears and cover it with beautiful flowers.

Yes, Luke was a fine fellow, indeed. He was 27 years of age the 15th of last month, and that he should be taken just in the midst of his virility, when he could have been and was so anxious to be much to his country, and when he was such a pride to loved ones and friends that he should be taken now! It is of course, but one of the inscrutable mysteries of Providence, and—hard as it may be to believe it—it must be well.

A brother, John, of Dallas, may accompany the remains to Midland. A sister, Mrs. L. S. Evans, of Birmingham, Ala., has been notified, but cannot come. Loving messages, though shadowed by deepest heartache, have come from her and her husband to the father, mother and sister here. There is yet another brother who could not at present be found.

Funeral services will probably be arranged tomorrow.

Ah, indeed yes, Midland will honor her first to die in our country's glorious cause; for so did Luke Cowan die, not less than had his ship been destroyed by torpedo or in battle upon the seas. All honor to him, yes, and as he sleeps in the arms of Jesus, anguished hearts may yet smile and blinding tears be brushed away, in that where he is, all is bright and all is well; and that in a few brief years

## HOMER EPLEY WINS FIRST LIEUTENANCY

The First Midland Boy to Claim an Honor as High by Actual Hard Work

Since war was declared by the United States Against Germany many of our Midland boys have been variously honored. We have a captain or two, some lieutenants, and other lesser and non-commissioned officers of which to boast, and we are just proud of all of them. Our esteemed young friend, Homer Epley, son of our townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Epley, though he is not the higher officer of any, has outstripped all in hard work and promotion therefor.

Three months ago, in company with other young friends, he went to the officers' training camps at Leon Springs, and offered himself to the service of his country. The Reporter felt that he would make good; "but," remarked a young man who had been there and knew conditions, "it takes a real man—SOME MAN—to stand that grilling, killing physical torture. Not only that, but you go against the best, absolutely the best, physical and mental manhood in the world, and to make it through, even securing the lowest possible commission, you've got to go some!"

Even at that we had confidence in young Epley. He is all that is required, physically and mentally, a magnificent specimen of young manhood, and Midland is just a whole lot proud of him.

Now he is coming home; only for a few days, though, on leave of absence awaiting orders to join his company and enter actively into military service—for the other day he was commissioned a First Lieutenant. Isn't that fine? Isn't that just something to swell the hearts of his parents with pride and to cause his sisters, his friends, and his—sweetheart, maybe—to be fonder than ever?

And Midland is coming to honor him. He will be here some ten or twelve days, and there'll be something doing for him, we don't know just what, yet. He is expected to arrive tomorrow. And he has accomplished a lot. Of course we have Lieut. Col. Jimmie Rhea, who has seen twenty years of military service; we have Capt. W. W. Lynch, who has seen more or less service; Second Lieutenant Oliver Fannin, who also won his spurs by the hard knocks at Leon Springs, and we have others, and we are proud of them, just as proud as can be; but Lieut. Homer Epley is in the limelight now, and as we have honored them in the past and do homage to them all the time, so shall we honor this last one, who has so greatly honored himself.

a home-coming and a gathering of loved ones will be heralded in the joyous songs of angel bands. But, yet, is the mystery a mystery, after all? "One by one, we are gathering home!" And the hope of it, and the joy of it!

## ACCIDENT RESULTED IN A PAINFUL INJURY

Jno. M. Cowden and son, Claud, familiarly called "Chunky," were out for a chicken hunt Wednesday. Out beyond "C" headquarters the former Mr. Cowden was out of the car for some shooting. Chunky remained in the car. Just how his gun came to go off is not quite clear. Anyway it did and Chunky lost two toes as a result. He was hurried to town and a physician found it necessary to amputate a third toe. The accident has been very painful, but the sufferer is getting along all right and will be out again, pretty soon, not much the worse for the loss of these members.

## H. N. GARRETT SUFFERS OF PTOMAINE POISONING

A Midland physician was called to Monahans last Monday, answering a call to see our townsman, H. N. Garrett, who was there on business and had been stricken suddenly ill. He was brought to Midland and his condition all week has been extremely critical. He suffers of ptomaine poisoning, the result of having eaten some canned goods, beans or sausage, we understand, as a lunch. Yesterday his condition was slightly improved. This morning there was a decided improvement. Throughout the week friends have kept in hourly touch with his condition, anxious to know the slightest change and hoping all the time to hear of improvement. That improvement has at last come about is a great pleasure to these friends and a relief. He is yet under the care of a physician and trained nurse.

## BACK FROM EXTENDED STAY AT CORPUS CHRISTI

B. F. Whitefield, manager of the Midland Mercantile Company, returned this week from an extended visit, with his family, at Corpus Christi. Mrs. Whitefield and the children continue down there and likely will until spring. Mr. Whitefield reports a lot of pleasure, fishing and enjoying the delightful sea atmosphere.

## WILL HAVE TO BEGIN FEEDING VERY SOON

Geo. Yates, ranching near Shafter Lake, was in Midland the first of the week. Reports no losses but that he will have to begin feeding right away.

## WONDERFUL SHOWINGS OF MIDLAND BANKS

The Reporter calls the attention of its readers to the statement of the First National Bank, published elsewhere in this issue. It is a remarkable statement. But a little more than \$70,000 is lacking to show a million individual deposits subject to check, while the totals run far over a million. It is one of the subjects The Reporter expects to comment upon in its Special Good Cheer Christmas Edition, to be issued Dec. 14th. We suppose the Midland National's statement will be in next week, and we expect it to be a good one, too. Our special edition comment will no doubt include both statements under one heading.

## CAKE THAT WAS MADE IN THE HOOVER STYLE

Guess it may be called that. At least it was reported to us as having been compounded in the most economical style, no butter, lard or compound being used. Just tallow. It was made by Mrs. Wm. Cox, and by "Aunt Kate" McClintic she sent a large piece to the Reporter man. It was good, it was just as fine as any, and we were unable to detect its economical composition. The Reporter offers its compliments and its thanks, right heartily. It was all the Thanksgiving cake we had.

## NO STOCK LOSSES IN WINKLER COUNTY

Richard Waddell came in this week from his place in Winkler County. Reports range conditions not very good, but there are no losses up to date.

### To Win This War We Must Jail German Spies

Will You Give a Dollar to Help Put Them All in Jail?

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## MUSICAL PROGRAM BRILLIANT SUCCESS

An Event Monday Night More Delightful Than Ever Before Witnessed in Our City

So was the universal verdict of all who attended, and the Baptist church last Monday night was crowded to capacity by persons eager to see and hear, after having read the announcement as it appeared in The Reporter last week and seeing the beautiful program that had been arranged and printed prior to the occasion.

The Reporter feels incompetent to make adequate comment. Space, too, forbids a mention of each number separately, and to mention one without all would be an injustice, for not one number was rendered other than in the manner of artists. The several choruses, the several quartets, the duets, the solos, instrumental and vocal, every feature, every detail, passing in brilliant and absorbingly interesting succession, left no room for a moment of dullness, crowded the two hours to a fullness of pleasantness and aesthetic charm. As a result of it Midland is the more proud of the Midland Choral Club. It is an institution that stands away to the front in our city, and we have reason to be proud of it little less than our splendid church organizations, our enviable reputable schools, and our college.

Supt. W. W. Lackey, of the city schools, is its director, and he and those who assist him in its splendid successes from time to time, and these include its whole membership of 60-odd, put the same indefatigable energy into it that has brought the Midland City Schools into prominence in educational circles in Texas second to none other in the State.

We re-iterate, it would be a pleasure to comment separately upon each number rendered on this occasion, for each was altogether worthy of high praise, and each participant may take upon himself or herself such pleasurable satisfaction as comes to one who has well performed and has elevated the minds and hearts of a mass of hearers.

The Club feels that its success, attributable generally to the talent and persistent energy of its members, is little less so to the liberality of its patrons, both those who pay and those who lend encouragement with an attentive presence.

Midland will pleasantly look forward to another program, anticipating that it will be no less charming than the one of Monday night.

## MIDLAND BOYS IN ARMY MAKING GOOD

We have a brief communication this week from Camp Travis, which gives some fine news of Midland County boys. The communication says:

Neal Staton, of Midland, is a member of the Cossack Riding Team, of the 2nd Company Military Police, Camp Travis, and by his skillful riding is making good at the sport.

Midland County is well represented with two more men in the 2nd Company Military Police and all of them are making good. The roll is as follows: Neal Staton, Geo. H. King and James H. Norred.

M. E. Cole is now working in the Regimental Canteen, and is temporarily relieved from drilling. Army life is agreeing with every one, and all hope that we can see foreign service in the near future.

Mrs. Walter Jerden visited her sister, Mrs. Brooks, in Pecos this week.

## INSURING THE BOYS OF ARMY AND NAVY

An Explanation of The Law Passed Last Congress—Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance

The Congress of the United States at its last session enacted a most unique and a most important bit of legislation. It is popularly known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance Law. Every family in Texas is directly and vitally interested in the army now in training and that will hereafter be mobilized. There is hardly a family in the State that has not one or more members enrolled under the stars and stripes as a soldier of freedom.

The government of the United States, under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance Law, proposes to insure its splendid soldiers against total disability or death while fighting the nation's battles. Insurance is offered by the government to soldiers and sailors, which insures them against total disability and death, at absolute cost. Every man in the service has it within his reach to provide himself with insurance against death or total disability. This insurance is offered by the government. The government of the United States is the insurer.

Policies may be had for as small a sum as \$1,000, or as much as \$10,000, and at a minimum of cost. A policy for \$10,000 will cost the soldier at the age of 25 the sum of only \$6.60 per month. For younger soldiers the cost is relatively smaller and is, of course, more for older soldiers.

If a soldier who has equipped himself with a \$10,000 policy, should die in the service, the government will pay the beneficiary named in the policy and chosen by the soldier, the sum of \$57.50 each month for 240 months. If the soldier, after so equipping himself with such a policy, should become totally disabled, the government will pay him \$57.50 a month.

Not only does our government offer insurance to its soldiers. But should any of its men lose their lives in line of duty, it will compensate his wife, or his child or his widowed mother, for the loss they have thus sustained. Or should the soldier become either totally or partially disabled in line of duty, the government will compensate the soldier for his injury. This compensation is paid in addition to the insurance.

The same law provides for allotments of pay by the soldier, by which he can provide for his family while he is away from home, and our government will pay such family in proper cases a like sum of money as an allowance. In other words, the soldier allots a part of his pay to his family and the government pays an allowance to them under restrictions contained in the law.

By this law our government proposes to see that the soldier is adequately taken care of in event of his injury or death in the service, and that his loved ones also are not allowed to suffer for want.

The Division Insurance Office of the Ninetieth Division stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, under the direction of Captain Luther Hoffman of the 359th Infantry Regiment, is giving out the press of this State a series of articles on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Insurance Law, to the end that every man now in service and that may hereafter be in service, as well as his relatives, may know what this splendid law means to them.

This series of articles will appear each week in this paper in installments.

J. C. Patton was in Monday from Shafter Lake to load out with supplies. Reports the range pretty bad in most places.

## Quality and Price Talk for Themselves

- ☑ Come to our store and be convinced that we can save you money, when you consider quality.
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- One 35.00 Green Broadcloth Suit, size 16, for.....\$21.50
- One \$34.50 Dark Green Burilla Suit, size 36 for.....\$22.50
- One \$31.75 Pekin Blue Burilla Suit, collar and pocket's trimmed with Karama fur, size 18 for.....\$18.75
- One \$29.00 Navy, all-wool Poplin Suit, size 38, for.....\$19.75
- One 37.50 Taupe Broadcloth Suit, beautifully embroidered in self color, size 38, for.....\$26.75
- One 28.50 Navy Poplin Suit, size 38, for.....\$19.85
- A \$27.50 Belgin Blue Broadcloth Suit, size 16 for.....\$24.85
- A \$24.75 Brown all-wool Poplin suit, size 40 for.....\$17.85
- A size 36 Black Broadcloth Suit, that originally was a \$45.00 Peach color suit, but on account of getting soiled, we have had this dyed a black. A wonderful bargain to the first wise buyer. It goes for \$16.50
- A \$32.50 Navy, all-wool Poplin suit, in a size 37, stout. A wonderful suit for a small figure, at \$23.50
- A size 42, in a \$17.50 grey Oxford cloth suit for.....\$13.95
- One 28.75 light brown Burilla suit, size 36 for.....\$19.85
- A \$24.75 dark brown Burilla suit, size 38, for.....\$17.75
- A beautiful suit in a size 16, Burgandy broadcloth that was originally priced at \$37.50, to close for \$26.75
- One, size 40, green all-wool Poplin suit, was \$22.50 for.....\$16.75
- A size 36 green Poplin suit, same as above, for.....\$16.75
- A \$27.50 Navy Poplin suit, size 14, for.....\$19.85
- One black Gaberdine suit, that was originally priced at \$32.50, in a size 38, priced for this sale at \$24.75
- One Navy all-wool Poplin suit, size 44, that was priced at \$24.75, now.....\$17.85
- A \$35.00 Bergandy broadcloth suit, size 18, for.....\$23.75
- A \$27.50 Brown broadcloth suit, size 36, for.....\$18.75
- A \$33.50 Navy Poplin suit, size 42, for.....\$21.85
- One \$42.50 Taupe Gaberdine suit, size 40, one of the handsomest suits we have had this season for \$27.50
- One size 43 stout, dark brown, all-wool Poplin suit that was priced at \$33.75, for.....\$21.96
- A size 16, Russian green Poplin suit, trimmed with Karama fur, was priced at \$21.50, for.....\$15.75
- One size 42 black serge suit, originally priced at \$34.75, offered during this sale at.....\$17.85
- A \$25.00 dark brown Burilla suit, size 38, for.....\$18.50
- One \$25.00 grey Oxford cloth suit, size 38, for.....\$17.85
- 7 suits that ranged in price from \$13.75 to \$17.50, sizes 34, 36, 38 and 40, choice of the lot.....\$9.00

**Special--to Close**

- Five childrens' serge dresses, size 8 to 14, that were priced at \$4.00, offered to close, during the sale, each.....\$2.85
- Two large Misses' serge dresses (16 to 18 year size) that were priced at \$5.85, to close.....\$3.95
- Four serge dresses that were priced at \$6.00 and \$6.75.....\$3.95

**Children's Coats, Sizes 2 to 12, to Close**

- Seven childrens' coats that were \$4.50, to close for.....\$3.15
- Three childrens' coats that were \$4.00 to close for.....\$2.85
- Two childrens' coats that were \$4.75, to close for.....\$3.35
- Eight childrens' coats that were \$5.85, to close for.....\$3.95
- Five childrens' coats that were \$2.50 to \$3.25, for.....\$1.95
- Two childrens' coats that were \$5.50 to close for.....\$3.65
- Four childrens' coats that were \$7.50 to close for.....\$5.35
- Four childrens' coats that were \$10.50 to \$11.75, choice.....\$7.95
- One \$8.35 child's coat, to close for.....\$5.65
- One \$12.50 child's coat, to close for.....\$8.85
- One \$15.00 child's coat, to close for.....\$10.50

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**CONVERTING FIRST LIBERTY LOAN BONDS**

The Right of Conversion Granted—How Conversion is effected—The New Bonds, Etc.

By the terms of their bonds, which are contracts with the United States, holders of bonds of the First Liberty Loan (and of interim certificates therefor), have the right to convert such bonds (or certificates) at par into an equal par amount of bonds bearing a higher rate of interest, should the United States before the termination of the present war issue any bonds bearing a higher rate of interest. This right of conversion is to be exercised within such period and under such rules and regulations as may be made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Secretary McAdoo has prescribed the terms and conditions governing the conversion of such 3 1/2 per cent bonds of the First Liberty Loan into 4 per cent bonds. The official regulations constitute Treasury Department Circular No. 93 (Liberty Loan Circular No. 8), which the Treasury Department will send on request to any bond-holder or any citizen.

Bonds of the First Liberty Loan may be converted into 4 per cent convertible gold bonds of 1932-47, the terms of which will be identical with the bonds of the Second Liberty Loan, except that they will have the same dates for payment of interest, the same date of maturity of principal, and the same terms of redemption as the bonds of the First Liberty Loan.

The inconvenience of adjusting interest upon conversions will be avoided if the holders of bonds of the First Liberty Loan, who desire to convert, effect such conversion either as of November 15th, 1917, by presenting and surrendering their holdings on or after November 8, and up to and including November 15th, 1917, or by making such conversions as of December 15th, 1917, by presenting and surrendering their holdings after November 15th and on or before December 15th, 1917, will necessitate payments to the United States to adjust interest. The details of this interest adjustment are all set out and tabulated in Treasury Circular No. 93 (Liberty Loan Circular No. 8).

The right to convert bonds of the First Liberty Loan into these new bonds must be exercised if at all on or before May 15th, 1918. Though bonds may be presented for conversion on or before November 8th, 1917, no 4 per cent bonds will be delivered until November 15th, 1917. Bonds of the First Liberty Loan which are not converted in the exercise of the present conversion privilege will still have the right, if any bonds should later be issued by the United States Government during the war bearing a higher rate of interest. Failure to exercise the conversion privilege within six months from November 15th, 1917, affects only the present conversion privilege and not any later privilege of conversion which may arise.

Holders of bonds of the First Liberty Loan who desire to convert into 4 per cent bonds must present and surrender their bonds, either coupon or registered, to any Federal Reserve Bank or at the Treasury Department in Washington. Holders of interim certificates for bonds of the First Liberty Loan desiring to convert must present and surrender their interim certificates only to the Federal Reserve Bank by which such interim certificates were executed.

The bonds and certificates so presented and surrendered for conversion must be accompanied by requests for conversion duly filled out and signed by the respective holders on blank forms prescribed by the secretary of the Treasury. Form 1019 to be used for coupon bonds or interim certificates and Form No. 1020 for registered bonds.

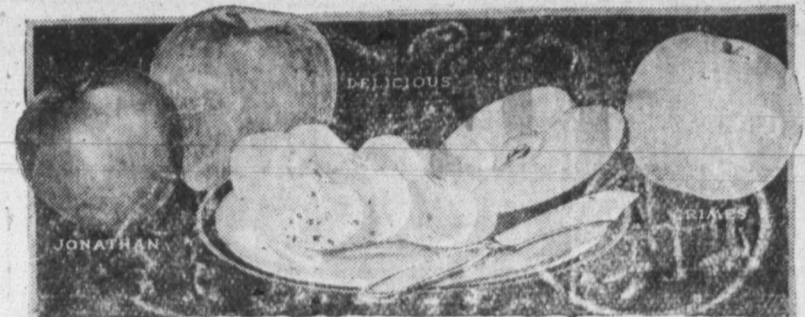
The registered bonds also must be assigned to the secretary of the Treasury by the owners filling out and signing the form of assignment on the back of the registered bonds according to instructions thereon set forth. Copies of such forms of requests for conversion may be obtained at any Federal Reserve Bank or at the Treasury Department and are represented in Treasury Circular No. 93 (Liberty Loan Circular No. 8).

Subscribers to bonds of the First Liberty Loan who have received neither definite bonds nor interim certificates and who have purchased their bonds on installment plans or otherwise through banks or other agency of such desire.

The 4 per cent convertible gold bonds of 1932-47, which is the technical name for the bonds issued upon conversions, will be delivered directly at the time of the surrender of the bonds or interim certificates, or mailed or expressed to the owners at the addresses given on the requests for conversion. Holders of interim certificates may have their bonds delivered to them without expense, as they have relieved the government of the expense of issuing and delivering definite bonds. Holders of coupon bonds will receive their new bonds without expense if delivered directly to them, or the bonds will be sent to them by express at their risk and expense. Registered bonds will be delivered in person or mailed to the registered owners.

Holders of interim certificates should specify the denominations of the bonds desired. Holders of bonds will receive bonds of the same denomination as the bonds surrendered for conversion. Registered 4 per cent bonds will be issued only upon conversions of registered bonds or, if requested, upon conversions of interim certificates.

**A BABY GIRL BORN TO THE FARROWS THIS WEEK**  
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### HOW MONEY GOES ROUND IN A CIRCLE

"There won't be any money left in the country if they keep on asking for these loans."

How many times do you hear such a remark made about the Liberty Loan? Perhaps you may have even thought something of the sort yourself.

To a man not used to finance the thought is a very natural one.

Let us think this thing out.

In the first place, practically all of the money subscribed to the Liberty Loan stays right here in the country, and a good deal of it stays right in the locality from which it is originally subscribed. So this talk about "draining the country," and about there being no money left in the country," is sheer nonsense.

Let us see how this works out.

We will suppose that you are a farmer, or cotton grower, that you have purchased a Liberty Bond and you are paying by installments spread over several months. Now, until the government actually needs your money it leaves it on deposit at some local bank which is acting as a government depository—maybe your own bank.

Now by the time you have paid the last installment on your Bond, it is quite likely that the money paid in as your first installment has been used by the government to pay for your own cotton or grain, and you will be returning this very same money to your account, or to apply on your purchase of another Liberty Bond.

"But," you say, "how about those millions and millions of dollars loaned to our allies? Does not this money go out of the country?" It does not. Practically all of the money which goes to our allies is lent with the clear understanding that it is to be used for the purchase of goods in this country. Thus you will see that seldom do we actually loan our allies any money at all, but we loan them goods which you produce and for which you are paid.

In subscribing to the Liberty Loan you are practically putting capital in-

to your own business.

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For its own food, the government is trying to make you richer, wealthier than ever you were before.

Have you any "kick coming?"

#### A NEW SUBSCRIBER FROM MONAHAN

Al H. Garrett came over from Monahan last Monday, accompanying his father, H. N. Garrett, who was taken very suddenly and seriously ill. We shall hope to give a favorable account of Mr. Garrett at a later writing. Young Mr. Garrett is an old-time Midland boy, who for years has been in the mercantile business at Monahan. We were pleased to add his name to our subscription list at that place.

#### NOT FEEDING ANYTHING OUT NORTH OF JAL

T. E. Davis ranches twelve miles north of Jal, N. M. He was in Midland this week on business, and reports range conditions better than in some sections of the country, they not having had to feed anything yet. He also renewed a subscription to The Reporter.

#### WANTS TO BUY ONE HUNDRED YOUNG MULES

We have a new subscriber this week in D. B. Boyer, who came here last Tuesday from Oklahoma. He is a mule buyer and was in the market for 100 head, ranging in ages from three to six years.

## SATAN ABDICATES THRONE OF HELL

Biting Letter From His Satanic Majesty to His Favorite Pupil and Successor

Louis Syberkrop, of Creston, Iowa, has acquired fame as author of a satire on Kaiser Wilhelm. Requests have come from Secretary Daniels and Mr. Roosevelt for copies of Mr. Syberkrop's article. It follows:

The Infernal Regions, June 28th, 1917.  
 To Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of all Germany and Envoy Extraordinary of Almighty God.

My Dear Wilhelm:  
 I can call you by that familiar name for I have always been very close to you, much closer than you could ever know.

In the days of Rome I created a roughneck known in history as Nero; he was a vulgar character and suited my purpose at that particular time. In these modern days a classic demon and efficient supercriminal was needed, and as I know the Hohenzollern blood, I picked you as my special instrument to place on earth an annex of hell. I gave you abnormal ambition, likewise an over-supply of egotism, that you might not discover your own faults. I twisted your mind to that of a madman with certain normal tendencies to carry you by a most dangerous character placed in power; I gave you the power of a hypnotist and a certain magnetic force, that you might sway your people. I am responsible for the deformed arm that hangs helpless on your left, for your crippled condition embitters your life and destroys all the impulses that might otherwise cause me anxiety, but your ambition that squelches all sentiment and pity; I placed in your soul a deep hatred for all things English, for of all nations on earth I hate England most; wherever England plants her flag she brings order out of chaos, and the hated Cross follows the Union Jack; under her rule wild tribes become tillers of the soil, and in due time practical citizens; she is the great civilizer of the globe, and I hate her. I have planted in your soul a cruel hatred for your mother, because she was English, and left my good friend Bismarck to fan the flame I had kindled. Recent history proves how well our work was done. I broke your royal mother's heart, but I gained my purpose.

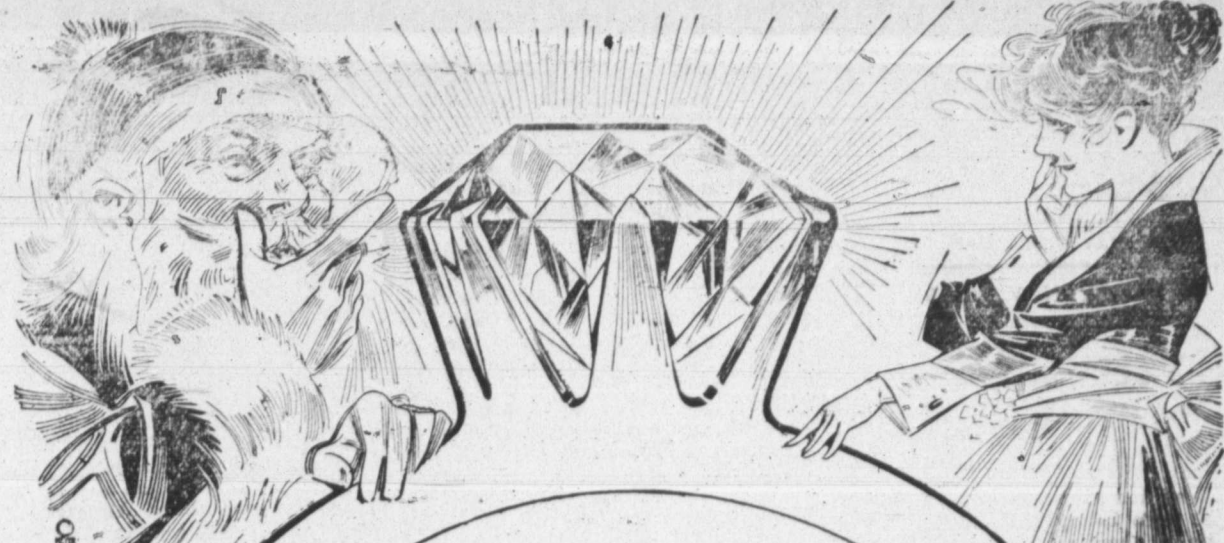
The inherited disease of the Hohenzollerns killed your father, just as it will kill you, and you became the ruler of Germany and a tool of mine sooner than I expected.

To assist you and further hasten my work I sent three evil spirits, Nietzsche, Treitschke and later Bernhardi, whose teachings inflamed the youths of Germany, who in good time would be willing and loyal subjects and eager to spill their blood and that of your chestnuts, yours and mine; the spell has been perfect—as you cast your ambitious eyes toward the Mediterranean, Egypt, India and the great Dardanelles, and you began your great railway to Bagdad, but the ambitious archduke and his more ambitious wife stood in your way. It was then that I sowed the seed in your heart that blossomed into the assassination of the duke and his wife, and all hell smiter when it saw how cleverly you saddled the crime onto Serbia. I saw you set sails for the fjords of Norway, and I knew you would prove an alibi. How cleverly done, so much like your noble grandfather, who also secured an assassin to remove old King Frederick from Denmark, and later robbed that country of two provinces that gave us many an opportunity to become a naval power. Murder is dirty work, but it takes a Hohenzollern to make a way and get by.

Your opportunity was at hand; you set the world on fire and bells of hell were ringing; your rape on Belgium caused much joy, for it was the beginning, the foundation of a perfect hell on earth, the destruction of noble cathedrals and other "infinitesimals" art was hailed with joy in the infernal regions. Murder is dirty work, but it takes a Hohenzollern to make a way and get by. Your treachery toward neutral nations hastened a universal upheaval, the thing I most desired. Your undersea warfare is a master stroke, from the smallest mackerel pot to the great Lusitania you show no favoritism as a war lord you stand supreme, for you have no mercy; you have no consideration for the baby clinging to its mother's breast as they go into the deep together, only to be torn apart and leisurely devoured by sharks down among the corals.

I have strilled over the battlefields of Belgium and France. I have seen your hand of destruction everywhere, it's all your work, superfluous that I made you. I have seen the fields of Poland, now a wilderness fit for prowling beasts only; no merry children in Poland now, they all succumbed to frost and starvation. I drifted down into Galicia, where formerly Jews and Gentiles lived happily together; I found but ruins and ashes. I felt a curious pride in my pupil, for it was all above my expectation. I was in Belgium when you drove the peaceful population before you like cattle into slavery; you separated man and wife and forced them to hard labor in the trenches. I have seen the most fiendish rape committed on young women and those who were forced into maternity were cursing the father of their offspring, and I began to doubt if my own inferno was really up to date.

You have taken millions of dollars from innocent victims and called it indemnity; you have lived fat on the land you usurped and sent the real owners away in starvation. You have killed and robbed the people of friendly nations and destroyed their property. You are a liar, a hypocrite and a bluffer of the highest magnitude. You



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are a part of mine, and yet you pose as a personal friend of God. Ah, Wilhelm, you are a wonder. You want only destroy all things in your path and leave nothing for coming generations.

I was amazed when I saw you form partnership with the impossible Turk, the chronic killer of Christians, and you a devout worshiper in the Lutheran church. I confess, Wilhelm, you are a puzzle at times. A Mohammedan army commanded by German of-

ficers, assisting one another in massacring Christians is a new line of warfare. When a Prussian officer can witness a nude woman being disemboweled by a swarthy Turk, committing a double murder with one cut of his saber, and calmly stand by and see a housefull of innocent Armenians locked up, the house saturated with oil and fired, then my teachings did not stop with you, but have been extended to the whole of the German nation. I confess my Satanic soul

grew sick and there and then I know the pupil had become the master. I am a back number, and my dear Wilhelm, I abdicate in your favor. The great key of hell will be turned over to you. The gavel that has struck the doom of damned souls since time began is yours. I am satisfied with what I have done; that my abdication in your favor is for the very best interest of hell—in the future. I am at your majesty's service. Affectionately and sincerely, Lucifer H. Satan.

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LET'S GET THIS THING STRAIGHT

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When you buy a bond you do it with the idea of lending the money to your Government for just as long as you can conveniently, without hurting yourself or your business. When you cannot lend this money any longer, remember just two things—as long then sell your bond to some one else, as you hold the bond and the Government has the use of the money, you are doing a sensible, patriotic act, and drawing a 4 per cent interest. When you pass the bond to some one else, you have ceased to help your country, you have placed your responsibilities as an American citizen upon somebody else's shoulders, and have given up the safest investment in the world.

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "Peter's Great Confession."

Christian Church Bible school meets at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Womanhood's Duty to Christ." Matters of importance are to be considered and a full meeting of the membership is urged.

Baptist Church Rev. H. C. Bass, pastor of the Baptist church at Lancaster, will be here over Sunday and will preach at both the regular hours in the Baptist church. He is said to be a very fine preacher, and it is hoped a large congregation will be out to hear him.

SOME INTERESTING NEWS FROM MIDLAND COLLEGE

The Pecos-Midland College games of basketball between the girls and foot ball between the boys, were played on Thanksgiving Day. Over 50 students from the little alfalfa city came over. They were championed by Prof. Hayden and Miss Dyer. They were a splendid body of young people. The results of the games were 8-8 and 60-0 in favor of Midland. The basketball game showed up decidedly better than on former occasions. Last night a banquet was given in honor of the visitors and 75 or more were present. The day passed off very pleasantly.

Pres. Jones was in one day this week but left for Waco early Thursday morning.

Several visitors were here for the games Thanksgiving.

Miss Baldwin dined with Prof. and Mrs. Thompson Thursday.

The second term opens Monday. Several ought to enroll. The courses offered are standard.

Prof. Walker King, representing the State Department of Education, was a visitor this week. We enjoyed his visit very much.

WILL NOW MAKE HOME ON RANCH

Marvin Spaulding and family left last Monday for the "T Bar" ranch, 35 miles northwest of Pecos. Mr. Spaulding goes to take charge. He was a recent member of the W. H. Spaulding & Sons Cadillac agency.

Herman Spaulding, the youngest member, also sold his interest to his father and is in school at Simmons College, Abilene, and Mr. Spaulding is thus the sole owner. We regret that these young men are no longer with us but wish all concerned the best success in their several pursuits.

SOLD BULLS TO PARTIES AT VALENTINE

Ruth & Bedford have lately sold 110 head of bulls to parties at Valentine, and shipped same this week. The price was \$50 around.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THANKSGIVING

Give Programs Wednesday Afternoon in Honor of the Day and Have Holiday Thursday

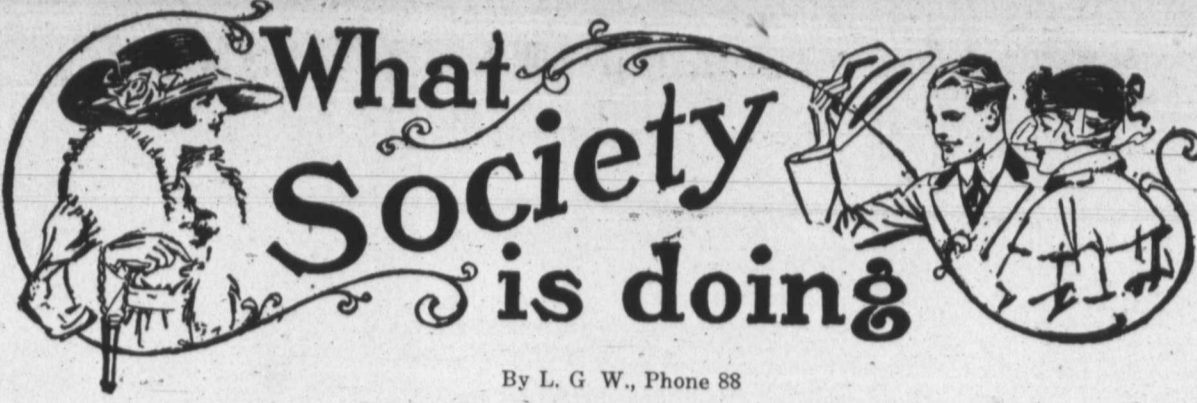
All the rooms and departments of our public schools observed Thanksgiving Day with appropriate program on Wednesday afternoon, enjoying a holiday on Thursday and today. In last week's issue of The Reporter appeared the programs for the high school and the South Ward grammar school departments. Following are the other programs by rooms:

Central Ward W. P. Goar's Room Song—Thanksgiving Day—Class. Piano solo—The Two Larks—Margaret Caldwell. Declaration—Our Flag—Cleve Baker. Late War News—Carroll Coyle. Violin solo—America First—Lady Connell. Local News—Arthur Vest. Art Exhibition—Henry Wisdom. Poem—Lines to a Waterfall—Class. Song—The Star-Spangled Banner—Class.

Miss Randle's Room Song—Gold Old U. S. A.—Room. Origin of Thanksgiving—Ester Shumate. Poem—Death of the Flowers—Room. President's Proclamation—Elsie Barron. Readings—First Thanksgiving Day, and Seein' Things at Night—Seth Ingham. Song—Soldiers' Chorus—Room. Readings—Pumpkin Pie, and A Ride for the Pumpkins—Mabel Holt. The One Hundredth Psalm—Room. Poem—The American Flag—Room. Song—Harvest Song—Room.

Miss Graves' Room Song—Good Old U. S. A.—Room. Poem—Love of Country—Room. President Wilson's Thanksgiving Proclamation—Virginia Coyle. Story of Thanksgiving—J. Wiley Taylor, Jr. Reading—Willie Ramsay. The Hundredth Psalm—Room. Reading—Jack Edwards. Song—America—Room. Misses Green and Harris' Rooms Song—America—Room. How Thanksgiving Day Came About—Velma Winborne. A Secret—Bill Tucker. Ready—Earl Ray. Is He?—Joe Wisdom. The First Thanksgiving Day—Walter Elkin. A Thanksgiving "T"—Dorothy Johnson. The Prim Lacie Maid—Drotha Johnson. Thanksgiving Song—Elizabeth Smith and James Miller. The Little Pilgrims—Six children. One of the Pilgrims—Mary Francis Norwood. After Thanksgiving—Six Children. Thanksgiving Gifts—Elizabeth Smith and Barron Wadley. In Pilgrim Times—Eight children. The Little Pilgrim's Story—Dora Wall. The Little Pilgrim Maid—Ruth Norwood. Song—Thanksgiving Day—Room. A Pilgrim Boy—Robert McKissick. In 1621—Roy Jones. Thanksgiving—Concert—Fifteen children.

South Ward Miss Smith's Room Song—Thanksgiving—Room. Psalm C—Room. Quotations—Pupils. Origin of Thanksgiving—Thalbert Thomas. Readings on Thanksgiving—Gladys Inman, Geo. Kirk Davis, Clyde Jerden. Song—Thanksgiving—Room. Readings on Thanksgiving—Junie Tucker, Wallace Wimberly, Ruth Parrish. Landing of the Pilgrims—Room. Song—Thanksgiving—Room. Readings on Thanksgiving—Bill Hale, Jean Smith, Geo. Buchanan. Song—America—Room. Miss Davis' Room One Hundredth Psalm—Room. Welcome Thanksgiving—Glendora Crosssett. Ted's Story of Thanksgiving—Walter Cobb. Thanksgiving—Minnie Warren Pemberton. A Turkey Jingle—Sam Norris. Thanksgiving Hymn—Room. A Thanksgiving Diary—Viola Barker. The School-boy's Vision—Albert Norwood. A Thanksgiving Dinner—Seven Children. The Pie—Zelma Hill. A Song of Our Flag—Room. We Thank Thee—Maggie Wright. Thanksgiving—Otis Locklar. Thanksgiving Time—Harry Hedges. The National Birds—Marvin Beauchamp. Thanksgiving Song—Room. A Thanksgiving Prayer—Mary Pleonor. Thanksgiving Day—Oliver. A Turkey Hunt—John Wisdom. Thanksgiving Day—Room. Miss Hill's Room Song—We Need You—Room. Reading—The Best of All—Bush Jones. Readings—Come Little Leaves—Kitta Belle Wolcott. Reading—November Leaves—Hilliard Terry. Reading—Thanksgiving's 'a-Comin'—Lucile Leach. Thanksgiving Exercise—Five Boys. Song—Thanksgiving—Room. Quotations on Thanksgiving—Ruby Moore, Lillie Nixon, Ernest Locklar, Roy Clark, Pearl Wimberly, Jackie Floyd, Ida McKinney. Reading—The Best Way—Paul King. Reading—Thanksgiving Day—Mary Lou Edwards. A Thanksgiving Exercise—8 girls. Reading—Giving Thanks—Viola Cauble. Song—Thanksgiving Day—Room.



What Society is doing

By L. G. W., Phone 88

"My turkey, 'tis of thee, Sweet bird of cranberry-e." Sang the Lady of the Decoration, and even if some of us did not have this delightful emblem of American prosperity and plenty upon our Thanksgiving board we have much to be thankful for and are taking for our "memory verse" "To make the most of all that comes my way and the least of all that goes."

Many Social Affairs in Honor of Miss Gladys Holt, Bride of the Week With innumerable ante-nuptial festivities fairly crowding her engagement book, charming Miss Gladys Holt, has been engulfed in a veritable whirl of social courtesies during the past ten days. One of the most brilliant of these many lovely events was just Saturday afternoon, when in response to handsomely engraved invitations Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer's attractive home was thronged with guests from three 'till five o'clock. The Scharbauer home, which is indeed lovely, upon this festive occasion, was tastefully decorated in handsome yellow and white chrysanthemums and made a wonderfully pretty setting for the elegantly gowned women who formed the house party.

The door greetings were extended by Mrs. Homer Rowe, of Dallas, while in the receiving line, stood Mrs. Scharbauer, Misses Holt, Ballard, Cowden, and Elkin. Mesdames Wechsler and Hall further extended the courtesies by inviting the ladies, upon the stairs where they were received by Misses Frank Luther and Ola Epley. Mrs. Geo. Elliott received in the sun parlor where Misses Mable Holt and Lillie B. Williams served the most delicious punch. Mesdames Maurice Bludworth and Ellis Cowden were hostesses in the music room and entertained the guest with an Edison program. Mrs. DeArmond next ushered the callers into the softly lighted dining room where at a beautifully appointed table, Mesdames Holmesy and Gibbs poured coffee and tea. Mesdames Blakeney and Girdley, assisted by Misses Geraldine Cowden and Alma Ellis, very deftly served a luncheon course. The honoree, who at each of her parties has been becomingly and tastefully costumed, upon this occasion wore a little French gown of hand embroidered blue taffeta.

Complimentary Dance One of the pretty pre-nuptial events of the past week was the dance given at the Llano Hotel last Saturday evening, complimenting Miss Gladys Holt and Mr. Frank Cowden. It was a lovely courtesy extended by the young men friends of the honoree. In this time of war and grief, music strikes a responsive chord in all our hearts, so the hosts for the joyous occasion had an orchestra imported from Abilene, which afforded a delightful accompaniment to the air-tripping dancers. There were quite a number of young ladies and matrons, with their escorts, so the assemblage was a large and happy one. The punch was unusually delicious and altogether the dance was noted one of the most delightful events of the season's festivities.

The F. S. M. Girls Hostesses Miss Gladys Holt has been a much fated young lady and many affairs have been given in her honor since her engagement was announced. One of the most charming of these was the Club party, given by the F. S. M. Girls, Monday afternoon at the home of Miss Lois Patterson. For the occasion the Patterson home was beautifully decorated with our national colors and a profusion of chrysanthemums. "500" was the diversion and at the close the honoree herself received the Club pin. One feature of the afternoon, around which the most interest centered was the presentation of the Club gift, a handsome coffee set in the gold-Pickford china.

Choral Club Concert The Choral Club sang, to a large and appreciative audience Monday evening in the Baptist church auditorium. During these days of war and stress our hearts need an "attuning" and music is always a delightful panacea for troubled hearts and minds. The program was versatile and well rendered, showing diligent practice upon the parts of the members and the director, Mr. Lackey. The success of the concert was largely due to the efficient accompanist, Miss Frank Luther, and to the interest and liberality of many patrons.

Mr. Luther Cowan is the first one of our boys to come back a "silent tribute" to his sense of right. On this Thanksgiving Day and during this weary period of waiting, how almost overwhelming has seemed the burden laid upon this heart-broken father, mother, brother and sister—waiting yes waiting for the home coming of their noble son and brother, a patriot, a loyal son of America, who has given his precious life in responding to its call, the simple call of duty. There is always a light in this weary world, and what a comfort to the Christian loved ones to know that Luther had not only enlisted under the banner of our country but also under the arms and insignia of the God of Battles, who alone can assuage their grief.

The Holt-Cowden nuptials which have kept society on the qui vive for the past two weeks was solemnized last Wednesday evening at the beautiful home of the bride's parents. It was truly a brilliant affair and merits a much more elaborate account than we can give at this late hour, so we will withhold that and also the dinner party tendered them Tuesday evening by Mesdames Ellis and Elkin until our next issue.

Mr. N. Y. Henry, whom we all regard as one of our "home boys" will leave Monday for Dallas to enlist in the army. While we esteem him for going as one of our fine American young men at the call of his country, yet we regret inexpressibly to lose him. Mr. Henry has always been so responsive to the call of his church, his profession and in the social life, that he will be sadly missed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan arrived last night from Dallas to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. Luther Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, of Deming, N. M., arrived this week to be the guests of Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. Laura Wright.

Mr. Mat Armstrong is in El Paso to be a Thanksgiving guest of his father.

Mr. J. R. Storey, of "Everybody's," will leave the first of the coming month to take a position in the store of the Copper Queen Mining Co., at Bisbee, Ariz.

Miss Annie Maude Aycock, of Abilene, arrived Tuesday night to spend Thanksgiving, the guest of Miss Hallie Rhea Jowell.

We are sorry to report Mrs. C. P. Benedict quite ill this week.

Miss Lois Young, of Cleburne, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Ben Anthony.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Reporter. Carolyn Caldwell, High School. Arthur Vest, Central Ward. Howard Hendricks South Ward.

Mesdames Bob Currie, J. T. Ragsdale and Sam Preston visited classes in the High School this week. Mrs. Ben Anthony, Miss Young, of Cleburne, Miss Annie Maude Aycock and the seventh grade have been visitors of the opening exercises of the High School this week.

The high school enjoyed a short talk by Mr. King, college inspector for the State Department of Education, Monday afternoon. He was accompanied by Mr. Thompson, of Midland College. A group of primary pupils entertained the High School Wednesday morning with songs and recitations.

The highest average in the High School this month were as follows: First, Carolyn Caldwell with an average of 98; second, Ruby Willis, with an average of 95.4. All the rooms of Central Ward had Thanksgiving programs Wednesday.

The highest averages in Central Ward for the past month are as follows: First, Lenora Whitmore, with a monthly average of 98 1-3; term average, 95 1-2; second, Arthur Vest, with a monthly average of 96 1-2; term average, 94 1-2. Miss Randle's room won the banner with plus 17 points.

Mrs. Ben Anthony and Miss Young, of Cleburne, were visitors in Central Ward this week. The Thanksgiving program rendered by the pupils in the grammar school department of South Ward was attended by the following ladies: Mesdames H. H. Hooper, H. B. Dunagan, C. A. Stark, John Price, Anderson, J. C. Thomas, J. M. King, C. C. Foster, S. C. House, J. D. Cowden, C. Davie, D. M. Trammell, R. T. McCarter, J. O. Dismuke, V. R. Dockray and Miss Mabel Anderson.

Emogene Davis is a new pupil in South Ward this week. The highest averages in South Ward for the third month are as follows: First, Florence Manning, monthly average, 94 2-3, term average 92 2-3; second, Georgia Kirk Davis, monthly average, 93, term average 91. Miss Smith's room won the banner with a total of 8.

SPECIAL Christmas Edition

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**GUESTS OF DR. AND MRS. C. G. McCALL**

W. C. Singleberry and wife of Wister, Okla., were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. G. McCall. They left for their home yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Singleberry are the parents of Mrs. McCall. We were pleased to add their name to our subscription list.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE WAS WELL ATTENDED**

One of the largest, if not the largest, crowds that has ever attended a Thanksgiving service in Midland was present yesterday at the union service held in the Baptist church at 10:30 a. m. In the absence of Bro. Cowan, our Presbyterian minister, Rev. W. H. Foster conducted the services. Rev. J. T. McKissick, of the Christian church preached an interesting Thanksgiving sermon. Others who took part on the program were J. H. Barron, who read the scripture lesson, J. Harvey Clark read the Governor's proclamation, R. T. McCarter read the President's proclamation and the choir rendered a beautiful Thanksgiving anthem. Miss Lydie G. Watson, piano, and Ned Watson, violin, played the beautiful Meditation from the opera Thais. The whole service was interesting from beginning to end. An offering was taken for the poor and some \$25 were received.

**EXPENDITURES WILL BE BELOW ESTIMATES**

A feeling of relief was experienced throughout the country at the statement of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in Baltimore before the Investment Bankers' Association on November 14, that the actual expenditures of some of the departments of Government were much less than the estimates the departments submitted in July last, and that the task of providing for the expenses of the Government for the fiscal year is not regarded by the Treasury Department as one which will in any way strain the capacity of the resources of the United States.

The secretary said in part: "Vague and unfounded apprehensions seem to exist in the public mind as to the extent of the financial requirements of the United States during the current fiscal year. It may be helpful to the country to know that these requirements have been greatly exaggerated, and that in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury there is no reason whatever for apprehension on this score. This opinion is based upon the latest estimates of our financial needs. The splendid success of the Second Liberty Loan shows that the people are fully determined to support the war and are prepared to make such sacrifices of luxuries, pleasures, comforts, and conveniences as may be necessary." The secretary explained that his optimistic statement was based upon actual figures in hand.

**SHERIFF BRADFORD BROUGHT IN PRISONER**

Sheriff W. E. Bradford returned from Fort Worth yesterday morning, where he was called by our young townsman, W. C. Woodruff, who gave notice that he had arrested Tom Wren, charged with forgery and jumping bail. Young Mr. Woodruff is a deputy sheriff and arrested Wren as the latter got off a train at the union depot. The prisoner is now safely in the Midland County jail, where he will likely remain until his trial comes up. Incidentally, we rise to remark, it is the rarest occasion that a prisoner permanently escapes the clutches of the law when Sheriff Brad and his deputies get on his trail.

**ANOTHER BIG HIT COMES ON DECEMBER 17th**

"The Slacker" is American patriotism crystallized and put into motion picture. It shows the struggles, hopes, fears, joys, sorrows of those who go to war, and those who stay behind. It is the mouthpiece of the nation. Emily Stevens, one of the most brilliant actresses this country has ever known is the star. She is well known to Metro patrons. William Christy Cabanne is both author and director. He is the man who first directed Douglas Fairbanks in pictures, and the man who directed Arthur James' great moral pantomime, "One of Many." With the assistance of a capable cast and excellent photography, these have combined to make a patriotic drama that is simply irresistible. Unique Theatre, December 17th, benefit Red Cross. adv

**J. D. CLEWIS SHOWS DECIDED IMPROVEMENT**

Many friends will rejoice to know that J. D. Clewis, who had his leg amputated some three weeks ago, resulting from a bad break and the setting in of gangrene, is now much improved. He suffered much and for many days his condition was alarmingly critical. He now steadily improves and his physician announced this morning that the sufferer would likely pull through without further operations.

**OFFERS INTERESTING RANCH PROPOSITION**

N. Costa is here from Roswell, N. M. He is a prominent ranchman of that place and is here to offer for sale an excellent ranch and cattle outfit. Persons interested may find him at the Gilmore rooming house, today and tomorrow. Also an advertisement of his proposition appears in our classified columns. Mr. Costa offers a very fair consideration, is more than willing to show what he has for sale, and it may be to the advantage of some coveman to look into it.

**RANGE INDIFFERENT IN GAINES COUNTY**

T. J. Harwell and T. E. Hughes, cowmen from near Seminole, were in the city the first of the week. Report the range in Gaines County tolerably good in spots, but mostly pretty bad.

J. W. Owens was in this week from his place near Eunice, N. M. He reports the range poor, but no losses to date. He will soon begin feeding.

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**CENTRAL WEST TEXAS INSTITUTE**

Farmers to Have Big Meeting at Big Spring Next Week, December 5th and 6th

The Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute will hold its fifth annual session at Big Spring next week, December 5th and 6th. We have been requested to publish the following officially authorized program: Wednesday, December 5th—Morning Session

Convene 10 a. m., called to order by the president, R. Cordwen. Invocation by Rev. W. L. Neill. Address of Welcome—R. D. Matthews.

Response to welcome—J. W. Neill. 11 a. m.—Message by president. General discussion by the delegates. Appointment of committees. Wednesday, December 5th—Afternoon Session

Convene 1:30 p. m., called to order by the president. "Preparation of the Soil and Moisture Conservation"—J. W. Neill. 2:20 p. m.—"Terracing in West Texas"—L. G. Sumral, agricultural agent San Angelo National Bank.

3:00 p. m.—"Dry Farming"—J. E. Mundell, director station. 3:40 p. m.—"Marketing Cotton"—W. B. Yearry. 4:30 p. m.—Round Table Talks on the Work of the Local County and District Farmers' Institute and topics by delegates present. Wednesday, December 5th—Evening Session

Convene 7:30 p. m., called to order by the president. "Relation of the Department of Agriculture to the Farm"—Hon. Fred W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture. "How to Destroy the Wild Animal Pests"—by local board and expert talent, general discussion. Thursday, December 6—Morning Session

Convene 9:00 a. m., called to order by the president. "Legislation for the Farmer"—Hon. E. R. Bryan, Midland. 9:40 a. m.—"Money in Hog Raising"—R. L. Poe, Cisco. 10:10 a. m.—"Marketing"—J. A. Kinard, Big Spring, and F. Blumtritt, Miles. General discussion by delegates. Thursday, December 6th—Afternoon Session

Convene 1:30 p. m., called to order by the president. "The Relation of the Merchant to the Farmer." "What Winter Crops Shall We Plant?"—W. C. Calvert, County Demonstration Agent, Nolan County; W. A. Dulan, County Demonstration Agent, Mitchell County; T. G. Marks, State Department of Agriculture. Local subjects of interest will be discussed by various speakers. Discussion by Delegates. Report of committees. Adjournment.

**Business Session**

All speakers are requested to discuss the subjects as briefly as possible without sacrificing valuable time. The speakers are well posted on their respective subjects. We invite everybody to come and bring your wives and children.

One or more sessions will be held at the Experiment Station Farm, one mile north of the city, if transportation can be arranged for.

**OUR MARKET REPORT FROM KANSAS CITY**

Kansas City Stock Yards, Nov. 26, 1917—Cattle receipts were 25,000 head, market steady to weak on steers, steady to strong on butcher stuff and stockers and feeders. Hogs today 9,000 head, market 5 to 10 lower, top \$17.80. Sheep and lambs today, 8,000, market steady to weak, best lambs offered \$17.00.

**Beef Cattle.**

All the markets had good runs of cattle today, 91,000 at the five leading markets, as compared with 53,000 at same points, same day last year. There was nothing to stimulate trade, with the near approach of Thanksgiving, but packers have large requirements, and steers were wanted, though under pressure of the liberal run at all points prices were steady to weak today. No good fed steers were offered, some short fed steers up to \$13.25, caked steers up to \$12.50, range steers \$8.50 to \$10.50. Butcher cattle sold quickly at strong prices, following their big advance of last week, best native cows \$10.50, range cows \$6.50 to \$9.00, canners \$5.25 to \$5.75, calves strong, best veals \$12.

**Stockers and Feeders.**

A large number of fat coated Iowa men arrived today in search of feeders, to consume soft corn, and as more soft corn is coming to the surface every day in other localities, demand for feeders was heavy, and prices stronger—steers—steady to strong, \$10.50, range cows \$6.50 to \$9.00, canners \$5.25 to \$5.75, calves strong, best veals \$12.

**Hogs**

A good run of hogs at most points today gave buyers another chance to get a concession, and prices are off 5 to 10 cents. Competition was keen for the moderate run here, and best heavy hogs brought \$17.80, only 5 cents below best price last week. Best medium weights sold at \$17.70, best light \$17.50, bulk of sales \$17.30 to \$17.65. Pig prices took a sudden drop after Wednesday last week, because of lack of support to the market by immune stock hog men, best pigs today around \$16. However, country demand for immune stock hogs is insistent, and pig trade at the stock yards must continue healthy, with a recovery of prices immediately. A large percentage of the fat hogs now coming have just completed service in hogging down fields of soft corn.

**Sheep and Lambs**

Local lamb prices have been running above Chicago recently, because of light receipts of well finished lambs. Nothing choice is here today, best lambs \$17, a large number of feeding lambs available at \$16.25 to \$16.75. Half fat lambs do not sell well, and feeders are advised not to ship them to market until better finished. Fed yearlings sold at \$14 today, wethers worth \$13, fat ewes \$11.75.

**HEALTH HINTS FOR TEXAS PEOPLE**

Suggestions by The Committee on Sanitation and Medicine Texas State Council of Defense

Preparedness—Keep the workmen well.

Do you know that many Texas communities have an unusually large amount of typhoid fever and malarial chills and fever, as well as other preventable diseases? Do you realize that these conditions reduce the productive power of the farmers and factory workers, thus retarding our agricultural and industrial progress, and actually preventing us from producing our full share of food and war munitions for the soldiers?

A little town in East Texas that is manufacturing lumber for the urgently needed war ships had so much malaria last year that many of the workmen were continually sick or in poor health, with the result that the mill could run only half the time. This year systematic measures have been adopted to prevent this sickness and keep the workmen well, and the mill is now operating at full capacity.

Protection of the public health is the foundation stone of national preparedness. It is also an important factor in all business and commercial activities. What are you doing in your community to protect the health, and thereby increase the productive power of the farmers and industrial workers? Preventing unnecessary sickness will help win the war. Are you doing your share?

**PRETTY GOOD REPORT NORTHWEST OF JAL**

E. F. King was in Midland this week from his ranch 15 miles northwest of Jal, N. M., and reports conditions in his section pretty fair. We were very glad to enroll his name as one of The Reporter's new subscribers of that section.

**WILL GO TO HOUSTON FOR BALANCE OF WINTER**

O. P. Buchanan and family and Geo. Leach and family leave tomorrow, in their cars, for Houston. They expect to spend some months there, probably be gone until spring.

**POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR VISITED MIDLAND**

L. H. Lyons, U. S. postoffice inspector, traveling out of Greenville, was in Midland this week. He found affairs with Postmaster Taylor and his efficient corps of helpers in good shape, and so approved.

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**REPORT "JAL" RANGE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE**  
Jno. Sullivan was here Tuesday from the "JAL" range. He reports range conditions pretty poor. Grass is very short and scarce, and the country is awfully dry.

**CONDITIONS ABOUT COLORADO CITY VERY BAD**  
Judge R. H. Looney was a distinguished visitor this week, from Colorado City. He reports conditions there extremely bad, both from range and agricultural points of view.

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## 2,000,000 CATTLE ARE STARVING IN TEXAS

There are enough cattle starving to death in a strip of land the size of Germany in Texas to feed all the United States soldiers in France for two years.

That is the way the livestock problem in Texas is characterized by Charles McCarthy, special representative of Herbert Hoover who returned recently from an investigation of the cattle conditions in Texas. There are 2,000,000 head of cattle starving to death in Texas, and our cattle raisers are asking help from our Government. What if these same cattlemen had planted one hundred acres of peanuts to every section of grass land in Texas, the story would have read like this: There are 2,000,000 head of sleek, fat cattle in Texas ready for market, which will net the Texas cattle raisers many millions of dollars. Some may argue that it has been too dry to raise peanuts, or anything else where these cattle are starving.

Well, let's see: is Mineral Wells, Dublin, Comanche, DeLeon, Cisco, Rising Star, Cleburne, Brownwood and Stephenville in the drought belt? Yes, Well, they are making from ten to 25 bushels of peanuts, and from one-half to a ton of hay to the acre, and taking the minimum of this yield, which is ten bushels of nuts, and one thousand pounds of hay per acre, and on a hundred acres this would be thirty thousand pounds of nuts and one hundred thousand pounds of hay. That amount would have kept two hundred head of cattle from starving, and two hundred head of cattle is about all a section of grass land will carry.

The Texas Peanut Works is being organized to build one hundred warehouses scattered over the State at different concentrating places where railroad facilities are ample for the purpose of locating seed nuts to the surrounding country, in order to make Texas a peanut growing State, and a centrally located factory to manufacture all the by-products of the peanut, and one of these by-products will be peanut meal and cake, also ground peanut hay, and will be kept in these one hundred warehouses for distribution for the convenience of the stockmen of Texas.

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The statement of a manufacturer is not convincing proof of merit. But the endorsement of friends is. Now supposing you had a bad back, A lame, weak, or aching one, Would you experiment on it? You will read of many so-called cures.

Endorsed by strangers from far-away places. It's different when the endorsement comes from home.

Easy to prove local testimony. Read this Midland case: Mrs. J. S. Tidwell, Big Springs St., Midland, says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills a few years ago for a weakened condition of my kidneys and they have proven satisfactory in every way. I don't believe there is any better medicine for the kidneys. I gladly advise anyone to get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at the City Drug Store, if troubled by a weak or lame back or other symptoms of disordered kidneys."

Price 60 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Tidwell had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 8-2t

J. T. Cullins, the piano tuner, will be in Midland within the next twenty days, and requests all who have pianos to be tuned, to please wait his arrival.

## COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

**Terrible Suffering From Headache, Sideache, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.**

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Phillips, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It was right under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days... I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go... I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me."

One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading its testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did, for I began to improve when on the second bottle... I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful bad health. I will always praise and recommend Cardui. Try Cardui today. B 11

## WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Five

Jimmie and a German Boy Clash—Must Do Three Things to Save Country.

It was a warm evening, so Uncle Dan went out to a lawn seat under the spreading branches of the great tree that suggested the farm's name of Oak Hill. Billie and Jimmie had been looking for him, so Uncle Dan was captured by the boys on short order.

"Say, Uncle Dan," Billie began. "We had a red-hot argument at school yesterday with Carl Newman. Carl said that German schools were miles ahead of our schools and that no one could come up to the educated German. Well, Jimmie got hot under the collar and handed it back to him good and plenty. Jimmie said if their education taught them to torpedo Lusitania, sink hospital ships, murder hundreds of women and children, make slaves of the Belgians, poison wells, destroy fruit trees and commit all sorts of crimes, then we did not want that kind of education here. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan? I told Jimmie you spent a lot of time in Europe and knew all about schools, so give us your opinion."

"Well," replied Uncle Dan, deliberately. "The German schools are very thorough; they furnish exceedingly valuable and practical instruction. The industrial training given there is probably the best to be found. The schools as a whole, however, in my opinion, appeal to the head only, and never to the heart. The aim and trend is to make the individual blindly subservient to the Prussian plan of world domination; they teach that it is the destiny of Germany to rule the world, and that to the glory and advance of Germany, in this plan, all things must give way; that the kaiser as head of the state, can do no wrong if he carries forward the plan of world control. Some of the greatest teachers and preachers even defend and justify her heartless crushing of Belgians and the many other atrocious crimes she has committed in this war. Think God, our American education reaches both the head and the heart. It is an education with a soul, and we must maintain the high ideals we have fixed. In a word, in Germany, the people are taught that they exist for the government, while here the government exists to serve the people."

"Just wait a minute," interrupted Billie. "Say that over again slowly, so I can write it down."

Uncle Dan, smilingly, complied. Billie exclaimed: "Now, we will hand that out for Carl to crack. Carl, you know," continued Billie, "has a very smart father who keeps him posted on the German arguments. Carl said our government was only an experiment anyway; that it would not last twenty years, and that it might burst up any old time. Jimmie asked him if Germany was so mighty good, why they did not go back there to live."

"Our government will go on forever, won't it, Uncle Dan?"

"Now," said Uncle Dan, "you are raising a big question, and one that has troubled me for years. Our government is still in the experimental stage; in fact, it is the greatest experiment ever undertaken, and if popular government is to be successful, a few things must be done, otherwise, to paraphrase the great Lincoln, the government of the people, by the people and for the people, will perish. It is my firm conviction," said Uncle Dan, "in a very impressive manner, that if our country is to go on, as we hope and pray, we must very quickly do at least three things, and I will name them in the order of importance as it appears to me:

"First, adopt compulsory universal military training of all young men physically fit before they reach the age of twenty years.

"Next, require that every foreigner who comes here to live must, within a reasonable time, say a year, declare his intention of becoming an American citizen and take the necessary steps to do so, thereby, from that moment, assuming all the obligations of citizenship of our country, and that means he must defend our flag upon equal terms with our native born, and if he is not willing to do this, he should be sent back from whence he came."

"That's the stuff," exclaimed Billie. "And, finally, enact such legislation as will make voting compulsory. Popular government is based upon the participation of all and the rule of the majority, and democracy cannot continue and be successful unless we live up to the spirit of the institution."

"The first step, however, is the passing of the Chamberlain bill for universal military training. If you will get the leading citizen, and especially the editor of your paper, to write personal letters to your congressman and both senators, urging their support, it will help enormously."

"I see by the morning papers," said Uncle Dan, "that the Rotary clubs of the entire country, the liveliest, most efficient organization to be found, have unanimously decided to get back of the Chamberlain bill and give it loyal and enthusiastic support. They will work with the Universal Military Training league to accomplish this important piece of legislation, which will do more than anything else to make us a real nation with a common viewpoint, bring us back to sane living, and teach us the patriotism of service."

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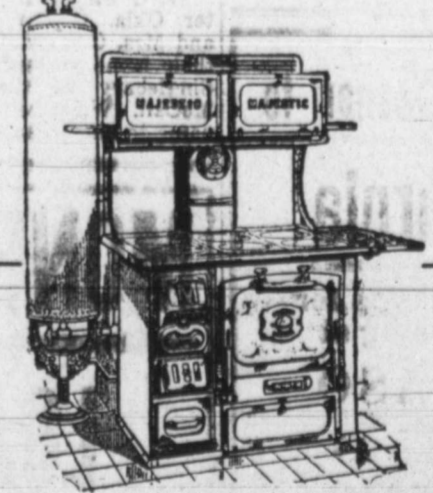
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**PRESIDENT ASKED FOR \$50,000,000 TO FIGHT DROUGHT**

The Cotton Seed Crushers and Stockmen met in Houston on November 15th in conference with Dr. Chas. McCarthy, personal representative of Hon. Herbert Hoover, the national food administrator, and Hon. E. A. Padon, federal food administrator for Texas. The success of the meeting is assured for cotton seed products at Texas ports awaiting export has been ordered back into the drought stricken areas to sustain the live stock. Commissioner C. O. Weinert of the Markets and Warehouse Department prevailed upon Dr. Chas. McCarthy to attend the meeting at Austin, called by Gov. Hobbs, at which time the question of food, feed, seed and credit for the farmer to make a crop and the stockman to preserve his herds were represented as absolutely necessary for the salvation of the drought stricken sections. Dr. McCarthy endorsed fully the plan of Weinert, who took the initiative in this all important matter.

President Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D. C., on Thursday a great meeting of business and stockmen and state officials was held at Houston to consider ways and means for helping the cattle raisers in this drought stricken area. It is estimated that the drought which is afflicting 150 out of 250 counties of Texas is an area about the size of Germany. Two million head of livestock are involved, besides an estimated money loss on grain and forage already of \$200,000,000 and more than that already sustained on livestock and cotton. The drought in this section is so severe that this region in despair and unless quick help comes a large portion of the stock will be slaughtered. For months the federal department of agriculture has been taking large numbers of cattle out of this territory, but now there is a great part too weak to be moved. The national disaster is so time when food is so scarce that the time when the war can be testified to by all state officials, the United States department of agriculture, the state chambers of commerce, the cattle raisers' association, the farmers' associations and the state food administration. It cannot be exaggerated.

At the meeting called together this day by Governor Hobbs, respectively ask you to take immediate action. At least \$50,000,000 are wanted at once as a war measure to save the situation, to help the farmers remain on the land, to provide food, feed, labor and credit. We respectfully suggest that this be made a revolving fund for crop and livestock mortgage loans and be carefully guarded and administered by a special committee appointed by you with the aid of state and county administrative officials. We respectfully request an act of the legislature calling for national assistance at this time, but feel that it is a patriotic duty which as men we cannot shirk. We respectfully submit that you are justified in making this emergency appropriation, as it is as truly a war measure as any other which can be undertaken by the government. We do not have to point to you that food is necessities and that the government must not hesitate to use any reasonable means to save the amount of munitions. We submit that the time for action has come. The conditions are fully known and quick action is now needed to save the situation. We respectfully submit if this request is not needed greater calamities will surely result and incalculable costs and discouragement to production will result.

The above telegram to the President was based on the following resolution adopted by the commissioner of Warehouses and Markets E. C. Weinert, and which was unanimously adopted by the conference:

"Whereas, The drought condition prevailing in more than 150 counties in Texas, embracing practically all of west Texas, south and north and a large part of central Texas, has extended for a period of a year or more, thereby preventing the farmers and stockmen residing in the drought-stricken areas from raising food for humanity and feedstuff for their livestock, for the winter, and rendering the pastures of Texas wholly barren and unproductive;

"Whereas, Many hundreds of thousands of acres of the most fertile land has been and will have to be abandoned on account of no feedstuff for the work stock of the farmers and for want of adequate credit and labor; and

"Whereas, There are more than several million head of livestock in the drought-stricken area now without feed and without pasturage for the winter; and

"Whereas, To prevent a national calamity it has become necessary that the farmers and stockmen of those sections of the state have immediate relief therefore, be it

Resolved, First, that it is the sense of this committee that the federal government take immediate steps through its food administrator, Hon. Herbert Hoover, or otherwise, to relieve the condition existing in this state at this time, and that the federal government be requested to commandeer all feedstuff now in the hands of syndicates, speculators and large holders of hay, grain and other feedstuffs, and to place a maximum equitable price on same which will enable our farmers to produce the food and feed so much needed to keep starvation from our doors and help win the war.

"Second, that the federal government be requested to place at the disposal of the food commissioner, or some other competent authority, the sum of \$50,000,000, or so much as may be required to be loaned to the stock raisers, farmers and ranchmen in the drought-stricken area of this state, for the purpose of purchasing feedstuff to carry their stock through the winter and to enable them to make a crop during the year 1918; such money to be loaned to the farmers, stockraisers and ranchmen on such terms and conditions as may be under the prevailing conditions be expedient and just.

"Third, that in order that the distressing conditions existing in this state may be relieved immediately, the resident of the United States or those in power be requested to render what assistance that may be needed to secure the proper transportation facilities in order that the railroads supply sufficient rolling stock to transport feedstuff for the livestock that is now in a starving condition.

"Fourth, that the governor of Texas be requested to appoint a suitable committee to confer with the federal food administrator for Texas and also with the federal food administrator at Washington for the purpose of adopting rules and measures providing for the immediate and future relief of the drought-stricken areas; that such committee also be authorized to confer with Hon. William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, with reference to taking steps and adopting such measures as in his wisdom he should deem necessary to provide relief for the farmers, ranchmen and stock raisers of the drought-stricken area and to provide them with sufficient feed to enable them to carry their stock through the winter and to raise a crop next year.

**Report of Condition of the First National Bank**

At Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Nov. 20, 1917

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$657,139.19
Customers' liability account of acceptance of this bank purchased or discounted by it	10,080.00
Total loans	667,219.19
Overdrafts unsecured	798.80
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$25,000.00
U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and pledged	25,000.00
Total U. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds) and certificates of indebtedness	50,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged, 3 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent	14,750.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, pledged to secure U. S. and other deposits, 3 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent	14,750.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	6,000.00
Value of banking house	25,000.00
Equity in banking house	25,000.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	59,724.10
Cash in vault and net amount due from National Banks	342,715.48
Net amount due from banks and business and trust companies	15,351.91
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18	358,067.39
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	661.73
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
Interest earned but not collected (approximate) on past due paper, about	350.00
Total	\$1,183,471.24

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	100,000.00
Undivided profits	\$34,379.25
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	1,623.14
Interest and discount collected but no earned (approximate)	15,000.00
Amount reserved for taxes accrued	3,076.11
Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
Net amount due to National Banks	52,532.78
Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than above in 30 or 60 days)	3,209.24
Total of Items 21 and 22	55,742.02
Individual deposits subject to check	\$71,233.25
Cashier's checks outstanding	992.25
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits subject to check, items 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30)	872,542.23
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	554.75
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 31, 32, 33, and 34	554.75
Total	\$1,183,471.24

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss:  
I, W. R. Chancellor, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. R. CHANCELLOR, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Nov., 1917.  
J. W. HAMPTON,  
Notary Public, Midland County, Tex.  
O. B. HOLT,  
P. SCHARBAUER,  
C. A. GOLDSMITH,  
Directors.

**STRONG POSITION OF MONEY MARKET**

A Recent Review of The Financial and Business Situation by Chicago National Bank

The Liberty Loan operation has brought several million new people into the financial enterprise of the war. This has been an immense achievement, since, to a large portion of the population, war has been a rather remote affair. No Government loan was ever better marketed than this \$3,000,000,000 issue has been and with a splendid organization intact, it will be a relatively easy matter after this to get close to the final investor. The success of this offering reflects the willingness of the American people to back their government to the limit, when the things which are dear to decent men and women are at stake, says the First National Bank of Chicago in a recent review of the financial and business situation.

The money market has stood the test of this great loan extremely well. The ease with which the large payments incident to the loan itself have been made, and the financial readjustment that it has caused shows how well adapted to American needs the amended Federal Reserve Act really is. There has been a veritable stampede of State banks and trust companies into the federal reserve system, whose resources have been enormously strengthened by this increased support. This is very important and means that the time is apparently not far distant when the solidity, strength and usefulness of the federal reserve system will approach the cohesion represented by the much older banking system of Europe. It is evident that national banks and State banks will co-operate in the mobilization of the country's gold reserve and in creating a rediscount market in the United States. This greater cohesion will be of lasting benefit to the whole people and must be considered among the most extraordinary achievements of the abnormal money market conditions created by the war.

Business in the West will be probably further enlarged in consequence of the new government buying made possible by the successful sale of the second Liberty Loan. Immense contracts will be given out for war material, food-stuffs and other supplies. All this buying makes for better business, not alone in the industry directly affected, but in kindred industries and other widely separated communities.

The government order is still, therefore, the dominating factor in the business situation, and since it represents many strong governments, the total business covered is probably greater than that represented by any similar buying movement that has taken place in the United States. There has been a renewed inquiry for iron, and it is reported that Russia has given out orders for 25,000 cars. Some branches of business are still a good deal unsettled by the uncertainties of the price-fixing campaign and by the action of various consumers in withholding orders until conditions are more stable. Steady liquidation of high grade securities has forced within the month severe declines in average prices for

savings bank bonds. This selling has been prompted by the desire of investors to subscribe for the second Liberty Loan and prepare for the enormous payments which will be forthcoming under the new tax laws. In the course of this selling many of the best known investment bonds in the market have declined to new low levels for the European War period. Similar selling of seasoned dividend shares have forced very drastic declines in the prices of such stocks. The net result of these selling movements has been to place the securities market in a very strong technical position and to cause a general scaling down of speculative accounts.

This movement has been the most serious that the market has witnessed since the heavy liquidation encountered in the early days of the war and has represented a pretty thorough readjustment in anticipation of the increased burdens of the war markets. It is probably true also that some of this selling has represented the liquidation of various foreign governments. At this lower price level, high grade railroad, municipal and corporation bonds are selling nearer a parity with the better known foreign war issues. This drastic readjustment of security prices presents an extraordinary opportunity for the discriminating investor, who wishes to secure safety of principal as well as a liberal income return. There have been few occasions within the memory of men now living when high grade bonds could be purchased on as favorable a basis as that provided by the prices now prevailing. The success of the second Liberty Loan has strengthened the position of the bond market, and it is probable that some new financing may be taken up later on, provided the granting of such loans will be helpful to the war program. Inasmuch, however, as the nation's chief business is the winning of the war, it is evident that the Government must be the favored borrower until an honorable peace has been achieved.

**"THE SLACKER" STAR A NATIVE AMERICAN**

Emily Stevens, star of Metro's special production of "The Slacker," written and directed by William Christy Cabanne, is mounting steadily higher in the artistic firmament. There is not on the American stage a young woman of more brilliant achievements, or greater promise for the future. And "The Slacker" places her at the zenith of her powers. It is fitting that Miss Stevens should be chosen to play the leading role in this super photodrama of patriotism, for she comes of fine old American stock. Emily Stevens is a niece of Mrs. Fiske, the celebrated actress, and the daughter of Robert E. Stevens and Emma Maddern, also prominent players. She made her debut on the speaking stage with Mrs. Fiske, playing the part of a maid in "Becky Sharp," and she remained in her aunt's company several years, playing and studying stage technique. Under the auspices and for the benefit of the Red Cross, "The Slacker" will be shown in Midland December 17th, at the Unique.

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**UNIQUE THEATRE**

Were you there last Monday night to see our boys, our Texas boys, our Midland boys, in camp? Well, they were there all right; big, stalwart, robust, healthy fellows they were, and all Midland felt proud of them. Proud of them for the reason that no other State in the Union can send to the front such big fellows; proud of them for the reason that there was not a sad, homesick looking one in the whole bunch. Standing one of these Texas fellows beside one of the gallant little Frenchmen it would look like the lion and the mouse. With all of Germany's "sheerin" apparatus, you could take one of our Lone Star boys and put him in front of a krauter and he would make the dust fly in a retreat. On this same evening Fatty Arbuckle in Mr. Rough-house, was shown and an L-Ko and Joker comedy also, thus making up a whole evening of laughter.

On Tuesday night a brilliant Bluebird photoplay was shown, starring Ruth Stoneham in L. H. Hutton's drama, "The Sainly Sinner." Miss Stoneham, as Jane Lee, the pretty daughter of a wealthy stock broker, played a most artistic and unique part. She was supported by a very clever cast, and the play was a decided hit.

The Red Cross benefit last Friday night, netted the ladies of the Surgical Dressing Class some \$70 or more, to which they are very thankful to the public. The play was Mary Pickford in "The Little American," and if any one present did not enjoy this patriotic drama with this unique star at the head, he or she doubtless are abnormally wrong or are devoid of patriotism. Some special patriotic music was given and Mayor Leaverton made an appeal in behalf of the Surgical Dressing Class, and this helped to bring them some more financial aid by our loyal citizens.

When you want to find out just who are really patriotic in Midland, just start something of a patriotic nature, something that is in truth and act patriotic, and you will see our people respond by the hundreds.

We have a serial that is starting now and will be shown every Wednesday night, and this promises to be a hit from beginning to end. Start in with the first installments and don't miss a one, for by that means you will keep up your interest. Many other attractions are billed as mentioned in last week's write-up, so we have an interesting winter's program in store for us.

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I offer a few choice young cockerels from the 1917 Grand Championship mating of Charles G. Pape, Fort Wayne, Indiana, for quick sale at \$20 to \$35 each. This pen was headed by Jupiter II, a cock bird that was never defeated in the show room, and conceded by many competent judges to be the grandest Minorca ever produced. My birds are good counterparts of this wonderful sire.

**Eggs For Hatching**

On and after January 1st, I will offer a limited number of eggs for hatching at \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00 per setting of fifteen. These eggs will sell readily at these prices in the North and East, or wherever this famous breed is well known, but I prefer for the present to sell locally in order to introduce this superb strain in my home community. Those desiring eggs should book their orders now to insure getting them, as the supply will be limited.

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### Community Co-operation

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If you have children to educate, if you are interested in local, social or religious affairs, if you own—or expect to own, a home or other property, in your community, a few minutes' thought will convince you that it is decidedly to your best interest to patronize your local stores at all times, provided investigation proves that you can do so to as good advantage as elsewhere.

I realize that there is a certain class of merchants—and they are still represented in many towns and cities—who will not handle standard products and who expect buyers to pay exorbitant prices for unknown goods of doubtful quality and origin, merchandise on which they can exact wide margins of profit.

This class of "storekeepers," however, represents a comparative minority and is fast going the way of the prehistoric dinosaur and the nearly extinct mossback farmer who don't have to read anything about farming.

Villages, towns and communities develop in accordance with the amount and quality of effort put forth by their citizenship, and progressive right-living people have long since learned that it is neither profitable nor pleasant to live in non-progressive communities. In nearly every locality are fathers and mothers whose sons and daughters have been forced to leave home in order to secure profitable employment that should have been afforded locally.

If you live on a farm you want good roads, schools, churches, telephone service, mail delivery and a convenient market in which to dispose of your products and from which to supply your wants.

If you live in a town you want, in addition to the above, good streets and sidewalks, wholesome amusement, those things that go to make a community worth living in.

These advantages are the natural outcome of, and are limited to, the growth and condition of your locality, which is in turn dependent upon the extent of local trade activities.

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOODMEN CIRCLE

Members are requested to be present at the next regular meeting, Friday evening, December 14th, at 7:30 o'clock. This is time for election of officers. It is your duty to be present. There will be initiation of three new members.

Alva Bigham, Guardian, Cora Miller, Clerk.

#### SPENT THANKSGIVING WITH SON IN MIDLAND

S. T. Eason and wife came over from Big Spring yesterday and spent the day with their son, G. W. Eason. Their visit resulted in a very delightful Thanksgiving occasion.

### MINISTER DENOUNCES CHAIN LETTER BUNCO

We like a comment made recently by Rev. W. S. Huggett, of Sierra Blanca. He made it through Hudspeth County News. We heartily endorse all he has to say in denouncing chain letter practices; we endorse it and give it further publicity, and feel that other newspapers can profitably give space to it. Rev. Huggett writes:

"I suppose that a good number of the residents of Sierra Blanca have received one at some time or other and have felt that there may possibly be some little good done in complying with the request contained to pass it on to a number of other friends in collecting money or in uniting in a form of prayer.

"With regard to the 'collecting' of money, it undoubtedly has occurred to some that this was an easy way in raising a good sum in small amounts. During the Spanish-American war I received one asking for the amount of ten cents, with a request that I should pass it on to three of my friends and not break the chain. The series was to reach 100. Each of the letters I sent out was to bear the same number, thus the one to reach me was number 10; others with me had received the same number. How many do you suppose had received this number? No less than 19,833 persons, that is supposing the chain had not been broken by any of the recipients. I worked that sum out to 25 series and the amount of money that would have been collected ran into the billions.

"Now, there has been received through the local post a chain letter (this is the second one) in the form of a prayer, with both a promise and a threat, combined with a request to send nine others unsigned.

"Neither promise nor threat deserves notice, but it is suggested in some quarters that this is a part of German propaganda to flood the mails and so cause a congestion that would result in disorganization, and thus indirectly further the cause of the enemy. Be this so, or otherwise, it seems to me that no right thinking person would permit themselves to be the victims of such a piece of folly as the chain letter nuisance perpetrates."

#### VISITED EXTENSIVELY AT POINTS EAST

Frank Hardin, prominent rancher at Knowles, N. M., was in Midland this week, on his return from a visit to Terrell and other points east. He did not give any very flattering reports of conditions generally, except where good crops were made, and those counties so blessed were not very many. He left Wednesday morning for his home at Knowles.

#### GOING TO SEMINOLE TO MAKE HIS HOME

Geo. N. Johnson, of Snyder, was here this week, on his way to Seminole. He goes there to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Evaly Nelson.

### OPPORTUNITIES IN FEDERAL LAND BANK

A Communication That Offers Relief to Midland County Land Owners No Less Than Others.

(The communication we are publishing herewith, from Judge J. D. Cunningham, of the Federal Land Bank, Houston, known to many of our readers personally, was originally addressed to the Dawson County News, and latterly to The Reporter. It presents possibilities that should interest land owners in this section and we very gladly give it publicity in full):

Houston, Tex., Nov. 26, 1917.

The Midland Reporter:

I recently received a letter from a Dawson County citizen asking me to induce the Federal Land Bank to come that way. The letter was handed the president of the bank and he says:

"The bank has always been ready and willing to accommodate Dawson County, that when the inspector for the Federal Land Bank reached Lamesa for the purpose of inspecting lands offered for loans that some of the members of the local association at Lamesa thought that on account of the drought then prevailing Dawson County would not get the valuation that it was entitled to and prevailed upon the appraiser to wait until a rain came." So it is not the fault of this bank that Lamesa and Dawson County is not now receiving the benefits to be derived from cheap money, but if there is any blame to be attached to any one it is some other than this bank; the correspondence of the appraiser shows the above to be facts.

Big Springs and Colorado Associations took the appraisal that was given to each of them and each of these associations have been accommodated in every instance where they have furnished a merchantable title to this bank. Inspectors have been exceedingly liberal considering the times and the prospects. A loan value of \$10 per acre in some instances has been granted along the Texas & Pacific R. R. Company, in one of the Associations just named; but the average valuation is about \$6.00 per acre loan value. When one considers the fact that the loan can be made for 36 years and the rate of interest is 5 per cent, it ought to be considered as a blessing to any country to have the privilege offered.

This bank, at present, is inclined to be liberal in its definition of a farmer; if one is in charge of and overseeing his farm or ranch, though he may hire help to run the same and pay a part of what is raised as wages he is considered as eligible for a loan. Unbroken land used as a ranch is being considered as a good collateral and the stock raiser as a stock farmer. Why more stock farmers are not taking advantage of this system is because they have not tried; the writer knows many stock farmers who are now paying eight and nine percent interest for their money that could better their condition by asking the great beauty in these loans is the plan adopted by the bank to enable the borrower to wipe out his mortgage in a given number of years from the date at which the loan is made; it is done by adding 1 per cent to the interest which sum is paid on the principal each year until the entire principal is paid. It is called "amortization." Three per cent interest paid semi-annually on any amount borrowed will pay the interest, 5 per cent and will, in 36 years, extinguish the entire mortgage; this is demonstrated by tables which can be furnished free of charge by the Federal Land Bank, at Houston, Texas, or the Federal Farm Bureau, at Washington, D. C., as either one of these places will take pleasure in giving the information desired.

Owners of school land have now about thirty years in which their contracts will mature with the State. At that time, as the law now stands, they must patent their land. In 33 1-3 years they will have paid out as interest, at the rate of 3 per cent, the amount which they originally gave for their land and then owe for it besides; if their land has a loan value now of \$7.00 per acre one can borrow the money and patent his land and by paying the same amount as they now pay as interest twice instead of once a year, they will have had the use of the money for 36 years and at the end of that time their land will be patented and the entire sum of money borrowed will be paid back. If one thinks that 36 years is too long to owe a debt on his farm or ranch, he is given the privilege, after 5 years from the date of the loan, to pay back at any period of interest-paying time as low a sum of money as \$25 or any multiple of that number greater than \$25 which he might want to pay. It is one of those kind of contracts payable on or before after 5 years have expired.

These banks are the greatest blessing that have come to the land tiller and stock farmer.

Yours very truly,  
J. D. Cunningham.

P. S.—Now a word of encouragement to you and me and all those who have been voting our way for many years; there is a question as to who originated this system of money lending called "amortization." But there is no question that we never had 5 per cent money until we had Democratic rule; and this system was given to us by a Democratic administration. There may be a question as to who first thought of the power and capacity of a reserve bank, but we never had a sound money system until we had Wilson for president.

There may be a question as to the cause of financial panics, but we never had a man with foresight enough and courage sufficient to prevent one in prosperous times until we found McAdoo.

This postscript is written without

# Thanksgiving Time

We are deeply thankful for all the old friends and customers who have continued with us, and for the new ones who have joined us during the year. We are thankful for the phenomenal business we have enjoyed this season and for the appreciative attitude of our many customers towards our merchandise and our service.

## But—

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# EVERY BODY'S

Midland's Quality Store

the knowledge of the bank or any of the officers of the bank.  
Yours very truly,  
J. D. C.

The attention of our readers generally is especially directed to the above closing postscript. We are utterly, unapologetically disgusted with the little-minded, microscopically narrow fellows—occasionally including women—who sometimes offer criticism of Wilson. He is the biggest man of his age—of any age—and beside him his critics are less than the insect that finds hiding upon the body of and makes life miserable for a flea.

Frank Prothro, we learned this week is now in California engaged in shipbuilding. He will probably be absent for several months.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY SPENT IN HUNTING

Large numbers of our sportsmen spent yesterday in hunting, and most all of them had fine success. The luckiest, or most successful, reported to us was from the fire boys, who, we understand, bagged 138 birds, chickens and quail.

#### REPORTS STOCK DOING NICELY AT GRANDFALLS

J. C. Bryan was a visitor this week from the Grandfalls neighborhood. He reports stock doing very nicely there. Our readers will remember that to be an excellent alfalfa section, many crops being raised there through irrigation.

#### JUDGE S. J. ISAACKS IS WITH US TODAY

Some one reported to us that our esteemed former townsman and friend, Judge S. J. Isaacks, now of El Paso, and a member of the law firm, Jackson, Isaacks & Lessing, is on our streets this morning. We suppose he'll drop in to see us. He'd better. Incidentally this firm has been retained in the prosecution of Felix Jones, in the great Lyons murder trial.

#### WILL LEAVE FOR RANCH NEAR ROSWELL

Gordon Reiger leaves this week for the ranch they have secured near Roswell, N. M. He expects to be there during the next six months.

## Santa Claus says "Everybody seems to want a Victrola"



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