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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. THIRD

Strong Faculty of Experienced Teachers Give Promise of Most Successful School Year

Our city public schools will open Tuesday morning September 3rd, for the session of 1918-19, and the indications are that we are to have one of the strongest faculties and one of the most successful terms in the history of the schools. Many of the former teachers, who did not accept promptly in the spring, have since accepted and will be with us again. Vacancies have been filled with teachers who are highly trained, who are specialists in their respective fields and who have been very successful. More definite announcement as to the personnel of the faculty and as to their assignment to grades, half-grades and departments will be made in a later issue of The Reporter. There will be held the usual faculty conference on Monday afternoon, September 2nd, at four o'clock at the high school building.

Two much emphasis can not be placed upon the importance of taking the advantage of an education at this time. Governor Hobby regards the necessity and the importance of supporting the schools so highly that he has offered to ask for a special appropriation of one million dollars in order that the usual per capita apportionment may not be lowered for another year. The following, taken from an editorial in the Dallas News, will show the high premium which is placed upon trained men in the army:

Shutting off all enlistment in either the army or the navy was the only course left open to the government after it became apparent the draft age was to be lowered to eighteen years. Thousands of young men were already impatient about their college courses, desirous of leaving in the middle of their work and going into the army or the navy. Even those parents who had been able to prevail upon the young men to get their education first were left without a shred of argument for delay when the government asked that the draft age be lowered. But the government has again come to the rescue of hard-pressed parental advice by leaving no course open to the young men but to go ahead with their educations until they are called.

On his arrival at a college or university of the first class in Texas the young man will find military instruction under competent officers awaits him. He will find that the faculty is in league with the government to report just what his special ability is. The young man in college is serving his government. Only about 6 per cent of the men of draft age in the United States were college men under the first draft law, and yet that 6 per cent filled more than half of the quota of officers.

In selecting a course it is advisable to consider both the present and future needs of the nation. The world is short of engineers of all kinds—civil, electrical, hydraulic, mining and all the rest; the world is short of chemists, doctors, surgeons and other specialists. Science is at a premium today. Shortly the world is to be remade, politically. Study government.

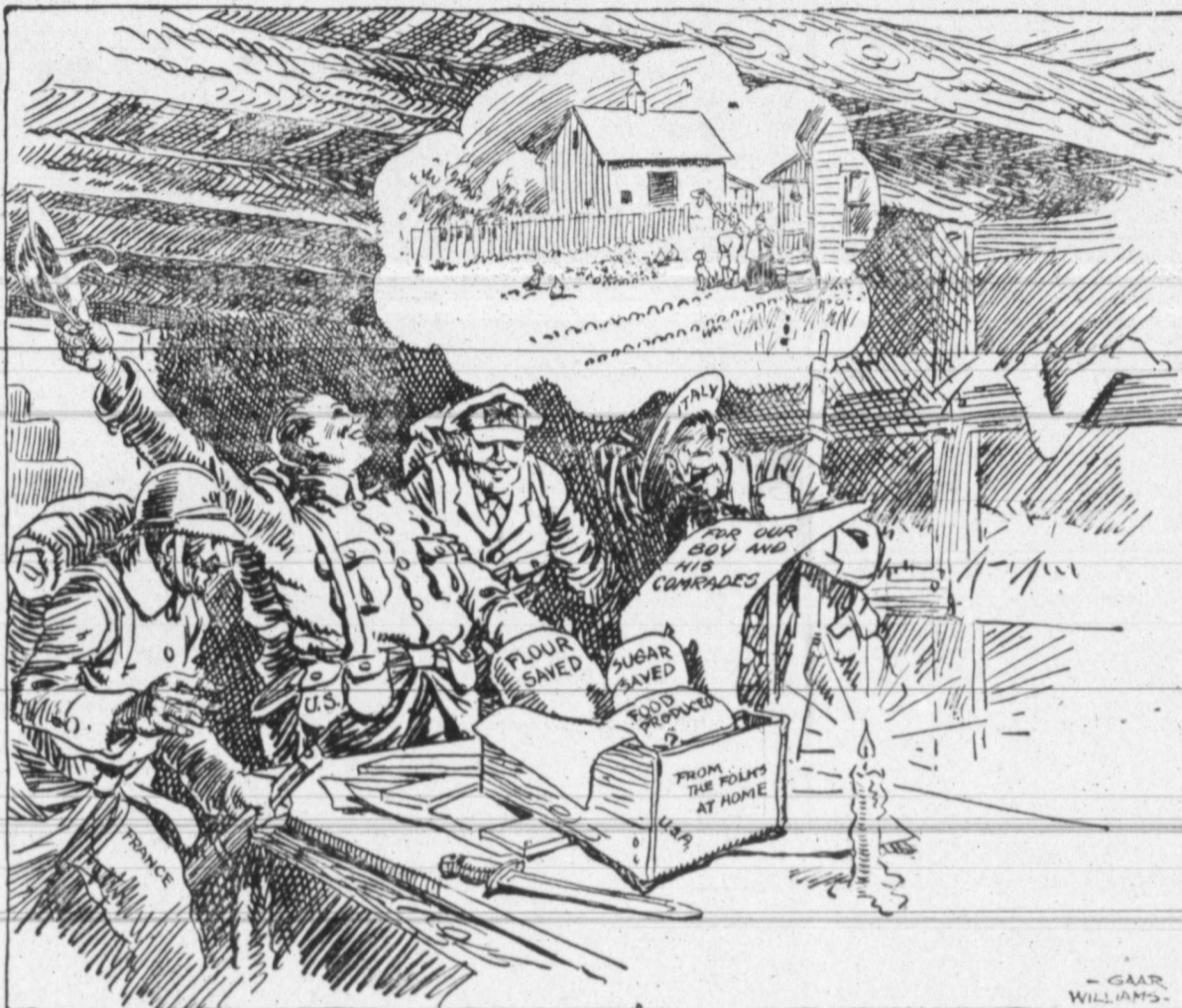
The spirit of young America is impatient. Classrooms and books and professors seem relics of some forgotten age in these stirring times. Yet the young man on arriving at the University of Texas, for instance, will find numerous young professors who volunteered to serve their country and were put to work right there at the university. They are rendering valuable service. They are needed more urgently right there than on the firing line.

There will be in the faculty this year a graduate in physical education, and more tress than ever, if possible, will be placed on this phase of education. There will also be given an opportunity for boys, especially in the high school, to take military training.

Wm. CONNELL ENLISTS IN THE NAVY

Wm. Connell is another one of our Midland boys that has enlisted in the navy and was shipped out last Monday from El Paso to Los Angeles, Cal. He stood a perfect physical examination and left El Paso all smiles to enter the service of his Uncle Sam.

A BOX FROM HOME



Drawn by Gaar Williams, Division of Pictorial Publicity.

Food savings of millions of Americans during our first year of war enabled this government to send enormous food shipments abroad for our fighting forces and the Allied nations. Our savings in cereals—out of a short crop—amounted to 154,900,000 bushels; all of which was shipped to Europe. We increased our meat and fat shipments 844,600,000 pounds. This was America's "box from home" to our army abroad and the civilians and military forces of the Allied nations.

INTERESTED IN THE MIDLAND COUNTRY

John K. Rosson Writes of Our Splendid Cattle and Offers to Serve Our People

In recent correspondence, Jno. K. Rosson, of the Campbell, Rosson & Belden Live Stock Commission Company, makes the following statement to B. C. Girdley, of the Midland National Bank:

"Replying to your favor of the 22nd ult., will say I wish to thank you for the information given with reference to conditions in your section, and am glad to note they are much more favorable than they have been. Hops you will get some good rains before the winds dry the ground very much, as I am especially anxious to see your section of the country prosper. You have the best class of cattle in Texas your citizens seem to take more interest to make them good than other people, and it is always a pleasure to me to recommend my friends to go to that section of the State to make purchases, as I realize that they will get something good and which will develop profitably for them. We shall take pleasure in dropping you a line from time to time, and shall be glad to hear from you when we can serve you or your friends in any way."

This is, of course, a very friendly expression from Mr. Rosson, and will be appreciated by persons interested in the Midland Country. It will no doubt please Mr. Rosson, too, to know that the hoped-for rains have come, covering a very wide scope of the Midland Country and insuring stockmen against the enormous feed bill that they had to bear last winter. Some sections of the Midland Country, it is true, have not been so blessed, but there are vast stretches of the Midland range so well grazed that care for all cattle in this section may be expected. Already stockmen not so blessed with good seasons are calling on their neighbors for accommodations, and not in vain. We anticipate that there will be no range poverty in the Midland Country this season, and little necessity for feeding.

Notice, Market Patrons
Hereafter we will deliver all orders for meat received by 10 o'clock a. m. each week day—only one delivery per day. We must have the cash in every instance—absolutely no credit.
Cash Market, Phone 300.
G. A. Covey, Prop.

NO DELIVERIES MADE BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK

Step Taken by Local Council of Defense to Curtail Expenses as a War Measure

Pursuant to the request of the National Council of Defense made to the State Council of Defense to the Local Councils, it is hereby ordered:

1st. That all merchants doing business in Midland County, and making free deliveries of goods, sold, make such deliveries after one o'clock of each day, and that no goods sold after one o'clock of each day be delivered until the following day after 1 p. m., requiring that no free deliveries be made during the forenoon of any day, and that all goods purchased or ordered after one o'clock of each day be delayed in their delivery until after 1 p. m. of the following day.

2nd. It is further ordered that all merchants and others handling merchandise do not hereafter wrap and tie any goods of any kind which are so packed that they can be delivered without additional wrapping and tying, the purpose of this order being to save both paper and twine, both of which commodities are greatly needed for governmental purposes.

The above and foregoing orders are promulgated to take effect from and beginning with Monday, August 19th, 1918, no deliveries being made in the forenoon of that day.

A cheerful compliance on the part of the public and of the merchants of Midland and vicinity are requested with the above and foregoing orders, and we trust that the orders will be so fully observed that no complaints will be made to Local Council of Defense, necessitating action on their part.
Respectfully,
Midland County Council of Defense.

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Mrs. J. E. Laverty, of Carlsbad, N. M., is in Midland now, a guest of her sister, Mrs. I. H. Bell. She has many friends in Midland who will be pleased to see her. She and her husband lived here twenty-one years ago.

GOOD RAIN OVER VERY LARGE AREA

Season is Sufficient That Abundance of Grass Assured in Parts Effected

It is a little difficult to clearly and accurately define the extent of the rains that fell over portions of the Midland Country this week, and we must be content to generalize, very largely. Our best information, however, indicates that the scope of country covered is about 50 miles wide, extending east from Midland to about half way to Stanton—say 10 miles east of Midland—and west from Midland covering the Monahans country. In length the scope seems much larger extending from the Pecos river far into New Mexico.

Parties coming in from the northwest give very excellent reports, stating that the precipitation was uniformly heavy all the way from Midland to Andrews, Shafter Lake, Seminole, and all scopes of country adjacent and over wide stretches in New Mexico.

Yesterday G. B. Cowden came in from the W. H. Cowden & Sons' Pecos ranch. He states that the rainfall was lighter on their ranch, amounting to .25 of an inch or more to 1.25 inches on the McElroy ranch adjoining, while all the way up the fall was not less than at the Cowden ranch, to the maximum quantity indicated.

J. P. Rankin came in from his ranch near Rankin. His report is a very satisfactory one, it being of heavy precipitations throughout the country adjacent to the town of Rankin and up to Midland.

Southeast, at the Brunson Bros' ranch 25 miles, the precipitation was light, but heavier approaching Midland.

Southwest, west and northwest bring the most satisfactory reports, and stockmen are much encouraged, while farmers, too, have been saved a very material part of the crops that they had almost given up hope for.

In all sections covered by the rains of this week—the precipitations being on Tuesday and Wednesday—range conditions are far better than in most all other sections of the west. Previous to the rain there was much grass though getting very dry, while the recent rains assure almost a bountiful supply for the coming winter, especially so, in the event that more rain falls between now and the 15th of September, that period in which we look for our heaviest precipitations.

There is much encouragement in it all. The stockman will be saved heavy feed bills this winter, and we re-iterate our oft-repeated declaration that the Midland Country, given good seasons, recovers from drought with magic dispatch. We have suffered, are suffering, severely, but not irreparably.

AN EMERGENCY CALL BY THE GOVERNMENT

All available carpenters, with tools to go to Nashville, Tennessee. Pay 55c per hour, 10 hours per day, time and one-half for overtime, double time Sundays and holidays. Will work at least ten hours each day, but get overtime for two hours. All other overtime at the rate of time and one-half. Living quarters good. Transportation and meals advanced, later to be deducted from wages. To leave Abilene at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, 17th.

Also all available common laborers at 3.85 per ten hour day, time and one-half for overtime. Living quarters good, meals and transportation paid, and not deducted later from wages. Leave Abilene 10 o'clock Friday night, go to Newport News, Virginia.

For further information apply to B. C. Girdley, Jax M. Cowden or Moody Logan.

The above was recently shared with me. The above was received by Mr. Girdley only yesterday morning, and too late to do much good by publicity in The Reporter.

J. T. White and family returned this week from their Gaines County ranch, where they spent several days. Mr. White will return to the ranch after a few days.

Markets Confusing

Our buyer is in the markets for Fall and Winter purchases, and however confusing conditions are, our Mr. Dawson can be depended upon to take every advantage.

In the Meantime

Government regulations with regard to groceries keep the ordinary person confused. We make a careful study of everything and can be depended upon to help you. Be assured, too, that at our store you get the very best at the lowest possible price.

Midland Mercantile Company

Grocery Phone No. 6 The Store that Saves You Money Dry Goods Phone 284

