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CHRISTMAS QUIET BUT FULL OF JOY

Season of Greater Joy Than So Many of Our Soldier Boys Are Home Again

This issue of The Reporter is but an indifferent effort, for we, as all, have enjoyed the pleasures of this joyous Christmas. In our society columns many names of returned soldier boys have been mentioned and their presence has added much to the happiness of all.

At the several churches beautiful festivities were indulged in, and the happy, merry Christmas air has universally prevailed.

The Reporter is unable to go into details at this time, but, as the New Year approaches,

May your life be still more sunny Than it has been heretofore;

May your coming joys be greater Than the greatest gone before.

May you know more smiles and laughter.

May your future have in store Bigger blessings than you dream of, And a whole lot more."

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HIGHEST HONORS FOR COL. JAS. C. RHEA

For many years past The Reporter has, with much pride, noted the steady advance of our young townsman, Col. Jas. C. Rhea, as it was marked from second lieutenant, upon his graduation at West Point, to colonel and chief of staff of the Second Division in France. Now he is in command of American forces at Coblenz. Not only so, but he has received three French medals, conferring upon him the high French military honors, among them the Distinguished Service Cross. His parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea, of Midland, hear from him right frequently that all things are well with him, and that his military duties grow more pleasant with the steadily advancing peace plans. Midland rises in a body to do honor to Col. Rhea, a name that honors as well as receiving honor; which, for distinguished service to mankind and for the cause of world democracy, will live in history, and which, best of all, prompts in aged and noble parent-hearts but joy supreme and love untold.

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SOCIETY

By L. G. W., Phone 88

Soldier Boys at Home.

Shakespeare says "all the world loves a lover," but he might more truly have said "all the world loves a soldier," and it is indeed not surprising why these handsome, manly fellows, who now throng our streets should not be the favorites of maidens hearts, and the winners of their bright glances and tender smiles. The Reporter is proud, inordinately so, of each and all of our soldier boys, and while at this glad season, we stop and send a tender, loving thought-message to those who are yet under military control, yet how gladly we welcome those who have already been honorably discharged—fine, manly fellows, all—and are now at home ready to enter upon their duties as civilians. We have tried to obtain the names of all of them; some are only school boys yet, but with valor are doing their bit—others are out on well earned furloughs and will have to again report for duty, but the following have been home for the holidays, stimulating the social life, and making happy the hearts of parents, brothers, sisters, wives, and sweethearts:

Willie Epley
Joe Caldwell
William Connell
Russell Jones
Ben Rubin
Eugene Cowden
Billy Holmesley
Norman Benedict
Henry Wolcott
Tom Patterson
Stacy Allen
Hollis Roberts
Clae Hix
Hulen King
Harry Neblett
Dee McCormick
Oliver Luther
Emmett Cowden
Wendell Anderson
T. Paul Barron
Vernon Grammer
Frank Heard
Herman Spaulding
Ray Hlyatt
Jack Holmesley
Joe B. Johnston
Jerry Clayton
Buster Clayton
Guy Cowden
George Cowden
Ford Crenshaw
Ross Crenshaw
Frank Parr.

If any names have been left off, it is due to a lack of information, and we will be glad to publish them if you will phone them in.

—Mrs. W. C. Cochran, Composer.

"Hold Fast, Tommies, Here Comes Uncle Sam," is the name of a rousing, inspiring patriotic song, composed by our own Mrs. W. C. Cochran and published by the North American Music Co., Chicago. The words have snap and vigor with a good musical setting and a very attractive title page. Every one will want a copy of this late song, which can be procured at the Economy Store.

Miss Annie Maud Aycock, one of our popular society girls, is at home for the holidays from Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Scharbauer left Monday afternoon for Abilene, where they were Christmas guests of Mr. Scharbauer's niece, Mrs. Robert Erwin Rankin.

Mrs. Ella Youngblood left Monday for a visit to El Paso.

Misses Christine and Eunice Allen, who are teaching near Crowell, have arrived for a visit to their home people.

Miss Minnie Moran returned from Silver City, N. M., Tuesday morning to spend the yuletide season with family and friends.

Miss Annie Mae Klapproth, a teacher of Sweetwater, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Klapproth.

Mrs. H. Y. Fleming, of Denton, who has many friends in Midland, is a charming Christmas guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Dawson.

Mrs. S. W. Estes and daughter, Miss Thelma, are spending the vacation days in Monahans with Mr. Aldredge and Miss Iris Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yeakel left Thursday afternoon for a week-end visit to Fort Worth.

Miss Edith Clardy, a student of Draughon's Business College, Abilene, is a holiday guest of her Uncle Mr. C. F. Blackwell, and wife.

Miss Thelma White left Wednesday afternoon for a visit to friends in Hamlin.

We regret to note the illness of Mrs. Elliott Cowden, and hope that her recovery may be soon.

Ned Watson is expected to return next week from Pine Bluff, Ark., after an absence extending since October 1st.

SCHOOLS ENJOYING TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY

On Thursday evening of last week the high school gave its customary Christmas program in the spacious auditorium of the Christian church. Despite the unfavorable weather, practically every high school student was in his place at the appointed hour and the house was comfortably filled with an appreciative audience.

In the rendering of this program the high school fully sustained its reputation for high class exhibitions, and the program as a whole has been said by many to have fully measured up to what the people of Midland have learned to expect on such occasions.

The program in its arrangement and the character of the different numbers is not far different from others that the high school has rendered on the eve of the Christmas holidays, but the "Four Minute Talks on the Red Cross" and the song, "When the Boys Come Home", sufficiently reflect the spirit of the times so that one who might read it ten years hence could easily co-ordinate it with other events.

At a meeting of the Board of Education last Thursday morning it was decided to dismiss school Friday afternoon, December 20, until Monday, January 6, 1919. The announcement of this decision on the part of the Board was greeted with more than the usual amount of joy and appreciation, as it was feared by some that owing to the time lost during the influenza epidemic, the board might not think it best to give the full two weeks for Christmas. Signs and expressions of hilarity and joy were not confined to the students, but were plainly evident among the members of the faculty, especially those of them who live a considerable distance away and who had planned, circumstances permitting, to spend Christmas at home.

May the lives and good health of students and teachers be preserved through the holidays so that all may be present January 6, with a well and seriously formed resolution to do during the coming year more work and better work even than ever before.

The program, referred to above, is too lengthy for publication in the paper we issue this week.

—Pay The President—

Have you seen those new gray walking shoes at Everybody's?

INTERVIEWED BY THE WASHINGTON POST

President M. & N. W. Expressed An Opinion on Possible Disposition of Railroads By Government

Recently President T. J. O'Donnell of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, was a visitor to Washington. The purpose of his visit was to get the M. & N. W. under government control, and in it he succeeded. While there he was interviewed by a reporter for the Washington Post, with the following result:

"The President put up to Congress before he sailed to attend the peace meetings the solution of the railroad problem, and no doubt before he returns Congress will have tackled the job in real earnest and will have begun to realize the size of the problem," said T. J. O'Donnell, railroad man of Midland, Texas, at the Washington. "Owners and security holders held a meeting in New York recently and appointed a committee to wait on government officials to ask for a proper accounting and the prompt return of the roads to private ownership without unnecessary delay. Congress has a difficult problem to solve, and if the correct solution is not forthcoming promptly, it will mean the retirement to private life of several statesmen who live in close districts; to say nothing of the wrecking of hopes and curbing of the ambitions of others. Big interests have got to be reckoned with, as well as the railroad men who do the work. All are voters, and will vote at the proper time. The average business man figures that opportunity is knocking at his door, with local conditions in this country never better, coupled with the fact that the whole civilized world is soon to become his customer.

"What the government is going to do with the roads has been given little consideration.

"The remedy, as I see it, is to return the roads to their owners, Federalize them by giving them a national charter, create the office of secretary of railways, who will be a member of the cabinet, and place the supervision of the lines under the Interstate Commerce Commission, which should also be empowered to fix the value of securities. No new lines should be built unless approved by

LUNCHEON GUESTS AT THE YEAKEL HOTEL

All the ministers of the city, together with their families, were again the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chilton, this time for Christmas dinner. It was a charming affair. The editor of The Reporter and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Yeakel, and we consider it one of the loveliest Christmas festivities we have enjoyed, ever. Mr. and Mrs. Yeakel are ever ideal as host and hostess, but on this occasion they were superb. The dining hall was a dream of beauty, the crowd gay with the spirit of the season, and mirth and joy and Christmas cheer rioted in the glee of "good fellows met together." Fine host and hostess; indeed so, and The Yeakel grows and grows in popularity.

The commission. The railroads should be operated in zones and pooling allowed, a sinking fund created from the gross receipts to be used in paying the fixed charges of financially weak lines. In short, the roads should be taken out from under 44 supervisors and placed under a single Federal supervisor."

Mr. O'Donnell returned last week from his Washington trip, but was this week called to St. Louis on matters of importance, connected with his railroad interests.

—Pay The President—

M. & N. W. AT LAST UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL

Commencing next Tuesday, the Midland & Northwestern Railway will establish a regular service of three times a week, running Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and just as soon as arrangements can be made to get a gasoline motor car for passenger, mail, and express, the same will be installed and a regular daily service will then be inaugurated. The line is now under Federal control and much of the difficulties have been experienced in trying to operate the road will be overcome. Trains will leave Midland at 7 a. m. for Seminole; leave Seminole at 12 o'clock noon, arriving Midland at 4:30 p. m.

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GREETINGS

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Whatever measure of success we have attained has been through the steadfast loyalty of our friends, and for these we are truly thankful.

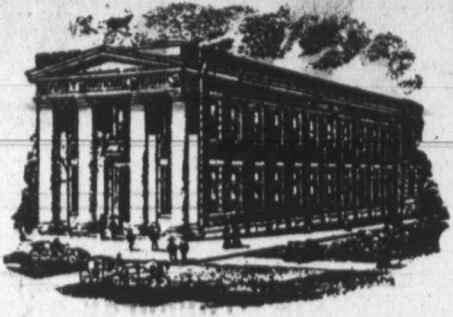
We also have tried to be loyal to our patrons through the distressing period of drouth and war, from which we are happily emerging, and we feel that we can consistently ask for your continued patronage during the good times that are surely coming.

Cordially yours,

The City Grocery

By M. LEVINSON and S. WEINSTEIN, Props.

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FROM THE SOLDIER BOYS

Delaney Ward in the Fighting

St. Mihiel, France, Nov. 24.—Dear Papa: As we are allowed to write and tell where we are on this day, I will try to tell you where we have been and what we have been doing.

First, I am all O. K. and haven't been sick since I came over here. On the 21st I returned from my vacation in Southern France. We went to Aix les Bains, that is close to the Swiss border; sure did have a good time.

We landed safely at Brest on Nov. 12, 1917, and stayed on the boat for three days, then were landed by the French barges, after which they put us on those side-door Pullmans and we rode for three days and two nights and arrived at St. Nazzaire, another sea port. Here we worked on a big dam, helping some marines; stayed there 19 or 20 days, then we loaded on the train again and were on it for two or three days, then we landed in Bourmont, on the Marne river; stayed there 21 days, then were split up, the first Bat. being sent to Pres Lafansch, near New Chateau. We hiked all the way, about 12 kilometers, through snow up our knees, and it was bitter cold. We dug about two miles of ditches, and it was some work. We were there in December and part of January, then we went to Montigny, where we dug some more ditches. That town is on the Meuse river. We went from there to Chateau Villa, where we dug more ditches. These ditches were for water pipe, and we put the water in for hospitals and towns. We then went to Bar Sur Aube, on the Aube river, where lives the French nurse whose picture I sent you. We were there for about a month, and it is a nice town. We went from there to Langres, where we put in one of the largest hospitals in France. It is where I had the job of firing the boilers at the filtering plant. We were five months on the job. Langres is a fairly good sized town and has a great deal of history behind it. We then mobilized and started for the front, going through Taoul and Cournercy, from whence we were "trucked" into St. Mihiel. This is our headquarters. We have been stationed in the Grand Franche district. When we first landed up there some engineers that we relieved told us that Fritz would be over about 9:30. Well, he came at the appointed time and dropped a bomb just across the road from where we slept. The noise was terrific and the concussion put our candle lights out. I have been up in the Argonne and Ballieu Woods, too. One place on the front where we were was a big hill and on the other side was a plain about three miles wide and 10 or 12 miles long. The huns were on the opposite side of this hill from us and every time we shot a blaze of fire would come out of his guns about nine feet long. They

certainly made a noise, but some of our artillery got his range and put his lights out. Every night the shells would come over us and land on a hill above us, close to some artillery, but they never came any closer than 20 yards of our dugouts. We were in gas twice. I was walking a water-line up there one fine morning and I smelled something like mustard gas, so I didn't hesitate to put my mask on and kept going, and when I found two more men with their masks on I knew I wasn't fooled in my surmises.

Well, I can't say that I have been over the top, because the work of the engineers is not in that line, but one time we certainly would have gone over if it had been pulled off that way. But that day the armistice was signed and, believe me, there was a heavy barrage thrown over from both sides till one minute of eleven o'clock, when the firing on both sides ceased. At 11 o'clock the yanks held their guns up in the air, then laid them down and went over the top. The Germans saw them coming and out they came. They were exceedingly friendly and some of them wanted to kiss the American soldiers, but they didn't succeed. We could get anything they had for a cigarette, as that is the first thing they would ask for. Some of them were old men and some were very young, and all were very happy that the war was over, and so are we. We are not working hard now, just odd jobs, such as cleaning streets and hauling wood and grub. We have fine sleeping quarters in an old chateau that went through the war without being hit.

I haven't been to Paris yet, but have been in Nancy, Digon, Lyons, Chantillon, Chambery, Chamberly, and other interesting places. Chambery is near Aix les Bains in the Savoie district. Have been in sight of Metz, Don Martin and St. Maurice.

Our company is to assemble here, I understand, and drill for a while. I don't know when we will start home. Some of the boys are outside shooting German signal rockets and burning the powder. That is about all the amusement we have here as the "JY" hasn't any more amusement now. Believe me, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army played a big part in this war. They were right up where the stunts were being pulled off serving cakes, doughnuts and hot coffee and chocolate to the boys.

When we first came up here in September it was certainly lively; and talk about barbed wire and trenches—there is enough wire to put a fence around the world five wires high. The towns up around the front towards Metz are all in a pile of dirt and the fields are torn up. Some of our boys had the pleasure of drinking some of the Boches' beer and eating the cheese and sauer kraut at a few places where they were driven out. At one place they were driven out and left an unfinished meal with mess kits and cups scattered over the ground.

Well, I must bring this letter to a close. Sorry to say that we didn't get to go to Berlin to pay the Kaiser a visit, but maybe they will want a water line laid from Paris there, then we will get a chance to do it.

Give my best regards to all friends. Lovingly your son,
FRANK D. WARD.

From Sgt. John Francis

Dijon, France, Nov. 25. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Francis—Dear Mother and Dad: I am getting along fine and never felt better in my life. I have just gotten back to my old company, after riding all night in a box car. I am having three square meals a day and have a good place to sleep. I have been on special service up at the front since the first of October; was there when the armistice was signed, and you simply never saw such a happy bunch. It was a sight to see the French and Americans coming back with arms in arm; neither could understand the other, but they all had the same thing in view, and that was to go the limit.

It has been pretty cold over here, and has been raining all the time, but as soon as the fighting ceased it cleared off and has been clear until today, it is misting rain again, but it is not cold. I am getting lots of mail now, but I am afraid you are not getting mine. I have written some of you two or three times a week. I saw some of the boys from home yesterday for the first time—Carroll Florey and Dick Patton; Hugh Hamlett and Horace Dumm from Odessa. They came to our camp for a convoy of Fords. They have been stationed on the front ever since they came over. We are now stationed about two miles from town and I have a permanent pass, so I can go to town every night if I care to. This is a right good town, much better than the average over here, for they are all old, the streets are crooked, but all of the houses are built of stone. I have seen several structures over here that were built in 165 B. C. Of course, this country is far behind the States; they are awfully slow at everything they do, and all of their ideas are so old.

The French aviation officers gave an exhibition flight yesterday and invited all of us out. It was real interesting. The girls are real nice to us and quite a few of them can talk a little English. Of course, I can't tell how much longer I will be over here, but very likely for several months yet. I certainly will be glad to get back home, and I don't think there will ever be a chance to drag me away when I have once gotten back. I have been all over France, and part of England. They are both very pretty countries, but I like France much better.

I am now testing the motors of the aeroplanes before they fly. Well, I must close, as it is growing late. Hope you are all well. Love to all, and remember me to my friends. Your son,
SGT. JOHN FRANCIS.

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know I have come out of this war without a scratch and have been over the top after the Prussian Guards, and believe me, Mr. Watson, we got them right and left, capturing 1482 of Germany's finest troops, the Prussian Guards. On October 31, 1918, we went over the top at 5:30 o'clock and in the afternoon after we advanced capturing prisoners, machine guns, artillery and rations. Our machine guns were in fine condition, and you know how an American holds his ground when he once gains it. On they came at us, throwing machine gun bullets at us by bushels, and zip-zap! at our feet they came, advancing within 75 yards of us, and by that time we had mounted our machine guns and the Prussians began falling like cutting grain with a rowlbinder. This counter attack lasted about an hour and forty minutes, and by that time our artillery had moved up and our airplanes came up and dropped a burst of white flares, and O-o-o-h! our artillery again shook the earth, dropping from 4-point sevens up to sixteen-inch shells into the front lines of the Boche. Well, they retreated—those who were able—about two kilometers that night came. We advanced six kilometers the first day. On the second day, at 6:30 a. m., our artillery again threw over a barrage, cleaning out the Boches from their places of concealment which they had built during

the night. Our barrage lasted until 11 o'clock, and by that time the Boches had retreated to the Escop river, where they had a strong fortress, but in the meantime the Americans of the Thirty-seventh Division of Ohio had released hundreds of Belgian families who had been under German rule for four long years. These Belgian people didn't know what soldiers were pushing the Boche from their country, but they soon found them to be American so ran out of their bomb-proof dugouts and in the midst of heavy fire threw their arms around us boys and kissed us. That was not enough for them to do, so they gave us bread, butter and milk as we passed by in artillery formation after the Boche.

The third day we reached our objective point and there we remained for two days, while in the afternoon of the fifth day the Boche had been sending up observation balloons and their airplanes battling in the air all the time with our planes, he finally got our range, and just at 5 o'clock hell broke loose with Boche artillery just starting at the infantry trenches and rising like a storm, hitting the earth with 3-inch shells every 3 to 5 feet. Our platoon was about fifty yards behind the infantry and the Boche artillery barrage coming right on to us. Our lieutenant gave orders to dig in, so we started digging in. Well, it happened to be my luck to find myself without a shovel, so while I was lying there wondering what to do a sudden thought came to me to use my mess kit lid, so off came my mess kit and I never in my life worked so fast as I did with that lid. In the meantime, before I started to dig in, those big shells were hitting from five to ten feet from me and the concussion would lift me up and slam me down against the ground; but I should worry, and kept scooping up earth with that lid. The barrage lasted two hours and our platoon never lost a man, but several of the boys were buried in holes with their machine guns on top of them. These were soon dug out, and that evening Nov. 4, we were relieved. Five days and nights I never slept a wink.

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Sixth—The Burkburnett-Midland Oil Company will be controlled by the small investor and has no connection or combination with any dominating large oil interests, every dollar of the net returns from the sale of shares will be used for judicious and speedy development and when production is secured, every stockholder will be notified in ample time to attend the shareholders' meeting in order to form a permanent organization and adopt a general policy for future operations, thus making every shareholder an active participant in the future progress of the company.

It is a conceded fact that in the oil world the only man or woman who loses in the oil business is the one who lacks the nerve to play the game. Stop talking about the other fellow's luck—Get in and win and let the other fellow tell of yours.

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 - \$200 in a company producing 1000 barrels daily, 1 well about 200; 4 wells, \$800 per month.
 - \$200 in a company producing 2000 barrels daily, 1 well about \$200; 4 wells, \$800 per month.
 - \$200 in a company producing 5000 barrels daily, 1 well about \$1,000; 4 wells, \$4,000 per month.
- These estimates are based on oil at present price of \$2.40 a barrel, and oil is steadily going up.

THE ORGANIZER OF THIS COMPANY

Col. S. L. McDonald, the organizer of the Burkburnett-Midland Oil Company, is one of the best known oil men in North Texas. His experience in the oil fields and oil business is such that will result in promoting a company that is sure to bring dividends to the stockholders. A practical oil man, he knows the real value of leases, and the best methods of drilling, therefore he is in a position to save the stockholders money.

Invest in a company headed by a practical oil man.

APPROXIMATE VALUE OF OIL WELLS

We have these figures from oil men who know—they are taken as a basis in many large deals made. A well is estimated at \$1,250 for each barrel per day production. For instance—

- A 500-barrel well earns per year... \$ 342,187.50
 - A 1,000-barrel well earns per year... 684,375.00
 - A 2,000-barrel well earns per year... 1,368,750.00
 - A 5,000-barrel well earns per year... 3,421,875.00
- Above estimates are figured at \$2 per barrel.

How many times have we heard the following statement, or one of the same nature? "He sure is lucky—cleared \$500 or \$1,000 on a \$100 investment in the past few months," or "He has made \$50,000 to \$100,000 in the past few months." We all know dozens of such cases, but none can be attributed to LUCK. It is NERVE only, that nerve to risk the capital necessary and nerve to again risk the profits.

The remarkable record of stability in the development of the Burkburnett Pool is without a parallel in the oil business, as with hundreds of companies operating in the field. Not a dry hole has been drilled; not a failure recorded; not a fake company organized; not a share of stock sold below par; not a poor investment has been made.

Nowhere in the United States, or anywhere else that we know of, is there the opportunity to make the tremendous profit on a \$200 investment that you have at your door. Here 50, 100, even 200 per cent profit and better are common occurrences. By buying stock in a company like ours, small capitalization, operating in proven territory, managed by business men who stake their money and reputation, you should do even better, perhaps make yourself independent for life.

Thousands of poor men and women have profited in varying amounts from their small investments at par value as the many companies organized and placed their shares on the market.

December 16th, 1918.
The Burkburnett Pool, which was discovered last spring, when the "Fowler Well" was brought in as a 2000-barrel gusher, at 1,689 feet depth, has developed more rapidly than other fields of record. Within six months more wealth has been produced from the Burkburnett Pool than in any other section of the Mid-Continent Field.

APPLICATION FOR STOCK

Mr. Sam Preston, Secretary-Treasurer Burkburnett-Midland Oil Co., Midland, Texas.
Dear Sir:

Please enclosed find check for \$ _____ for which reserve _____ shares of stock in the Burkburnett-Midland Oil Company for me. The par value of this stock is \$100 per share, fully paid and non-assessable.

Name _____

Address _____

The Wichita Daily Tribune of October 30th, 1918, contained a most interesting resume of the first few months' development made in the Burkburnett oil field. The opening paragraph of this editorial is as true to facts as it is euphoniously poetical:

"Burkburnett is the brightest star in Texas' oil firmament just now. There are many and great rivals to the south, but none of them shine with such brilliancy as the great pool of Wichita County."

The above statement is especially true for the small investor, as the wonderful rich deposits of high grade oil in the Burkburnett Pool are not controlled by the large oil companies. All other rich oil fields are being either largely developed or dominated by the big oil interests.

While this, the richest of all pools in the West Texas oil fields, was discovered but a few months ago, thousands of small investors have laid the foundation for fortunes by purchasing from \$100 to \$500 of shares at par value, as the numerous small companies were organized and their shares offered for sale.

Of the several hundred companies formed and operating in the Burkburnett oil field, not one company has been floated by the large oil interests; the millions of values from this phenomenal field realized in the past six months has been produced by the small capitalist.

Up to date, numerous wells have been brought in producing thousands of barrels of oil daily, dozens more are on top of sand and the casing being set, preparatory to being "drilled in." With scores of rigs drilling towards the sands at the present time and the townsite completely covered with derricks, new development is rapidly bringing in wells close to, but outside, the actual town limits. A number of big wells have been brought in east, north, west, and south of the townsite. Some of the shrewdest oil men in the business have diverted their operations to the lower end of this field, and a string of holes are driving south along the well defined anticline.

In the minds of many there is a well formed idea that the biggest deposit is yet to be encountered, and most any day the announcement of "the biggest gusher" may add new luster to this record-making field.

Thousands are being added to these shares daily, through oil produced and dividends paid and enhancement of shares through development.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTS

The conservative investor desiring to put a portion of his surplus at work to the best advantage for quick, profitable returns, and with the element of risk practically eliminated, should give this proposition earnest consideration, and have the courage to back his judgment by purchasing a few shares of the BURKBURNETT-MIDLAND OIL COMPANY before the opportunity to do so has passed.

THE BURKBURNETT-MIDLAND OIL COMPANY

is an unincorporated Oil Association, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, divided into 500 fully paid and non-assessable shares of the par value of \$100 each.

The net receipts from the sale of shares will be deposited with the trustee in accordance with its Declaration of Trust.

Sam Preston, Trustee; Midland National Bank, Midland, Texas, Depository.

This association agrees to drill a well to the depth of 1,800 feet unless oil or gas in paying quantities is obtained at a lesser depth; said well to be drilled on five acres leased in the middle of Burkburnett production.

Burkburnett-Midland Oil Company
MIDLAND, TEXAS SAM PRESTON, Sec'y.-Treas.

Greetings

May the New Year just dawning bring to each and every one a full measure of happiness and prosperity, is the sincere wish of

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon E. E. H. Morgan by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof in Midland, Texas, on the last Monday in December, A. D. 1918, the same being the 30th day of December, A. D. 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1918, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1405, wherein Kirby E. Nutt is plaintiff and R. E. H. Morgan is defendant, and said petition alleging that during the years 1917 and 1918 the defendant was the owner of the north one-half and the southwest one-fourth of Section No. thirty-six and Block No. 40, Township One North, Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. Survey, and was bound and liable to pay the state and county taxes regularly and legally assessed thereon for said years; that the defendant permitted the taxes thereon for the year 1917 to become delinquent, and that the taxes for the year 1918 became due and payable on October 1, 1918, and that defendant failed and refused to pay the same for either of said years, the taxes for said year 1917, including principal, penalty and interest, amounting to \$76.98, and for the year 1918, the sum of \$24.28. That plaintiff acquired title to said land about the 5th day of November, 1918, and was compelled to pay said taxes, which created a lien on said land. Plaintiff sues for judgment for the sum of \$101.22, and costs of suit.
Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, at office in Midland, Texas, this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1918.
R. E. CROWLEY,
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Midland County, Texas. 9-4t
—Pay The President—
SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas,
County of Midland.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Midland County on the 11th day of October, 1918, by W. J. Sparks, clerk of said District Court, Midland County, Texas, for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and costs of suit, under a certain judgment rendered in said court in favor of J. H. Garrison & Son in a certain cause in said court, No. 1492, and styled J. H. Garrison & Son, a firm composed of W. Y. Garrison and G. F. Garrison, vs. Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, and placed in my hands for service, I, W. E. Bradford, as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did on the 27th day of November, 1918, levy on certain property, to-wit: The roadbed, track, franchise and chartered powers and privileges of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, a railway corporation having its principal office situated in Midland, County of Midland, in the State of Texas, and said roadbed and track extending from Midland, Midland County, Texas, through Andrews County, Texas, to Seminole, in Gaines County, State of Texas, and said railway company operating under and by virtue of a franchise and charter from the State of Texas and levied upon as the property of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1919, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the court house door of Midland County, in the town of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution, I will sell said above described property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Midland & Northwestern Railway Company. And in compliance with law, I give

this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Midland Reporter, a newspaper published in Midland County.
Witness my hand, this 27th day of November, 1918.

W. E. BRADFORD,
10-3t Sheriff Midland County, Tex.
—Pay The President—

Few Escape.
There are few, indeed, who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

—Pay The President—
Town Pasture For Rent or Lease
Forty acres in South Midland, near school building. Has been used by D. M. Trammel, who wishes it no longer. Write us at once, for we are going to rent it. DRS. PARKER, 11-4t Custer City, Okla.

DR. C. H. TIGNER
Dentist
Office
Second Floor
Gary & Burns Building.

Women!
Here is a message to suffering women, from Mrs. W. T. Price, of Public Ky.: "I suffered with painful... she writes. "I got down with a weakness in my back and limbs... I felt helpless and discouraged... I had about given up hopes of ever being well again, when a friend insisted I

Take
CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

I began Cardui. In a short while I saw a marked difference... I grew stronger right along, and it cured me. I am stouter than I have been in years." If you suffer, you can appreciate what it means to be strong and well. Thousands of women give Cardui the credit for their good health. It should help you. Try Cardui. At all druggists. E-73

Christmas Greeting

We wish to express our appreciation for the many kind favors extended to us in the past, and to extend to you the compliments of the approaching season for a very merry Christmas.

The early return of our soldier boys has gladdened the hearts of our fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, and consequently all are ready to swell the Christmas cheer. With the drought broken and the early establishment of a permanent peace the world over, we have promise of a most prosperous New Year.

We feel sure that as reconstruction progresses trade conditions will improve and thus we will be better able to serve our patrons. There are only three more shopping days before Christmas. We are prepared to meet the demands for practical gifts. We are receiving new goods every day and are able to present a line that has not been picked over as is usually the case at thistime.

We wish to thank every one for their generous patronage during the holiday season and to wish each one a happy Christmas.

EVERYBODY'S
J. H. BARRON Proprietor
Midland's Quality Store



Christmas

CHRISTMAS—the season of music. All through the year music should play an important part in your life. But at Christmas it is a hundred fold more vital, for in its harmonies is locked the very spirit of the holiday season. What would Christmas be without the children and their toys? And the grown-ups, for one day children again, how they romp and play and sing with the kiddies. And then the evening, when the family gathers around the fireplace, making merry with tale and song.

The NEW EDISON
"The Phonograph with a Soul"

It will RECREATE for you all the Christmas music that the genius of the great masters has inspired. The wonderful Christmas anthems, and the beautiful little Christmas carols, how they will warm your heart as you sit with your family on Christmas night. And then throughout the year a continuous joy.

The New Edison unlocks the magic doors of the store-house of music; a Christmas fairland that welcomes you in.

C. A. TAYLOR & SON, Dealers

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church
The church will be comfortable, regardless of the weather, for all services Sunday. We owe it to our Creator to meet in His House on His Holy Day for worship. After such a good time as we have had during the holidays let's show our appreciation to God, who is the giver of every good gift, by complying with His command.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship begins at 11:00.
Evening service at 7:00.
O. J. HULL, Pastor.

Christian Church.
Bible school at 9:45. Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Special music at both services and preaching by the regular minister. Order of services: Doxology. Invocation. Hymn 91. Hymn 191. Communion 389. Special by choir. Invitation 593.
Subject for sermon, "Thoughts on the Dying Year," and "Blind Bartimeus."
J. T. McKEISSICK, Minister.

For Croup.
"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.
—Pay The President—
Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company will be held at the general office of the company in Midland, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, January 16th, 1919, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Immediately after adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, a meeting of the board of directors will be held for the purpose of electing a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the company.
T. J. O'DONNELL, President.
Attest: B. C. GIRDLEY, Sec'y.
Midland & Northwestern Railway Co. 11-3t
11-3t Midland & Northwestern Ry. Co.
—Pay The President—
Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley, of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.
—Pay The President—
See that new picture moulding at Basham, Shepherd & Company's; some very handsome patterns to select from.

ONE WEAK SPOT

Many Midland People Have a Weak Part and Too Often It's the Back
Many people have a weak spot. Too often it's a bad back. Twinges follow every sudden twist. Dull aching keeps up day and night. Backache is often from weak kidneys. In such cases a kidney medicine is needed. Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys. For backache and urinary ills. Midland people recommend the remedy.
Mrs. A. B. Hutchison, Midland, says, "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills at times during the past few years and I recommend them to everyone, for they are the best of kidney medicines. I used them for attacks of backache and a weak back. I had dizzy spells and headaches and my kidneys acted too frequently. I got Doan's at the City Drug Store, they always relieved me."
Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Hutchison had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. 9-2t
—Pay The President—
The latest thing in men's suits at Everybody's.

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B. C. Girdley, Sec.-Treas.-Mgr.
MIDLAND, TEXAS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS
FOR SALE—Two good underground gasoline tanks and pumps for filling stations. Western Auto Supply Company. 47-tf
FOR SALE—One adding machine, "American Can," cost \$37.50; good as new. Price now \$15.00. Inquire at post office. 9-2t

FOR RENT
ROOMS—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc. only 1-2 block east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jemison, phone 224. 41-tf

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS
FOR RENT—Four room dwelling, with bath and electric lights, two blocks from Main street. See Mrs. Paul Brown. 9-tf

FOR SALE—A good surry at a bargain. Apply to Mrs. W. B. Elkin, phone 115. 8tf
WANTED—I am back home, now, and again buying hides and furs, paying the highest market price. C. M. J. Stringer, phone 123. 6-tf

\$25.00 PAYS for three months' course in touch typewriting and shorthand. Simplest, safest, most rational shorthand system in the world. Enroll with me now. Miss Barbara E. Bauer, Big Spring, Texas. Phone 60. 11-2t

AN ESTRAY—A Poland China male hog, weighs about 225 pounds. Owner may recover by paying expense. R. O. Brooks, 3 miles north of Midland.

Notice in Bankruptcy.
In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Texas. No. 31 in Bankruptcy.
In the Matter of Wiclif Kerr Curtis, Bankrupt.
To the creditors of Wiclif Kerr Curtis, Bankrupt: Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of December, 1918, the said Wiclif Kerr Curtis was duly adjudged bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the court house in the town of Midland, in Midland County, Texas, within said Western District, on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting. This the 24th day of December, 1918.
BEN PALMER,
Adv. Referee in Bankruptcy.