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NEW TELEPHONE TOLL RATES

Effective JAN 21 '19

Announced December 13, 1918
By Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

This does not change the rates or handling of calls within the Local Service Area.]

A new method of computing charges on telephone toll calls (to points outside the local service area) under which all toll rates throughout the United States are placed on a standard basis, becomes effective 12:01 A. M., January 21, 1919.

A brief description of this new method and of its application to the several classes of service offered, is given in this circular.

A more detailed description, showing actual rates to certain toll points and including information with regard to initial talking periods, overtime charges and other features, will be found in the next issue of the Telephone Directory.

"STATION TO STATION" RATE.

When a person makes a toll call without specifying that conversation is desired with a particular person, and the connection is established and conversation held, the "station to station" rate applies.

The rate is determined by the air line distance between toll points and is computed on the basis of 50 for each 6 miles, up to 24 miles, and 50 for each 8 miles beyond that distance.

"Station to station" calls should be made by number wherever Telephone Directory information is available. Where this information is not available at the calling telephone, such calls may be made by giving the teleoperator the name and address of the subscriber at the telephone station.

"PERSON TO PERSON" RATE.

When a person makes a toll call, specifying that conversation is desired with a particular person and the connection is established and conversation held with that person, the "person to person" rate applies.

As this service requires a greater amount of operating effort, the rate for such call is about one-fourth greater than the "station to station" rate.

The "person to person" rate is computed on the day rate between the points involved, whether the call is made during the day or during the night, and the minimum charge is 25c.

No "person to person" call is accepted where the "station to station" rate is less than 15c.

"REPORT CHARGE"

When a "person to person" call is made and the particular person desired is not in or will not talk, or when an exact telephone address of the particular person desired has not been given and he cannot be reached at telephone within one hour, a "report charge" applies.

Such a charge also applies if the calling party is absent when the connection is completed within one hour, or if he refuses to talk.

This charge is to cover compensation for the operating work performed, and is usually about one-fourth of the "station to station" rate.

In any case where a report charge applies, the minimum charge is 10 cents and the maximum \$2.00.

"APPOINTMENT RATE"

When the calling party is making his call appointment at a specified time at which he will talk on a "person to person" basis and the connection is held at the

specified time, the "appointment rate" applies.

The "appointment rate" is usually about one-half greater than the "station to station" rate.

The "appointment rate" is computed on the day rate between the points involved, whether the call is made during the day or during the night, and the minimum charge is 25c.

No appointment call is accepted where the "station to station" rate is less than 15c.

"Report charges" apply under the same general conditions as specified for "person to person" calls.

MESSANGER CALLS

When a call is made on a person to person basis and a messenger is required to secure attendance of the designated person at a public pay station at a distant point, the "messenger call" rate applies.

This rate is the same as the "appointment rate" for the same distance, plus any charge for messenger or service.

The "messenger call" rate is computed on the day rate between the points involved, whether the call is made during the day or during the night, and the minimum charge is 25c.

Messenger charges incurred are to be paid even if desired conversation is not held.

No "messenger call" is accepted where the "station to station" rate is less than 15c.

"Report charges" apply under the same general conditions as specified for "person to person" calls.

STANDARD TOLL NIGHT RATES

The following reduced rates for night service on a "station to station" basis only are in effect 12:01 a. m., Jan 21, 1919.

8:30 p. m. to 12 midnight—about one-half of the "station to station" day rate.

12:00 midnight to 4:30 a. m.—about one-quarter of the "station to station" day rate.

For the purpose of applying night rates, the time of day at the point at which a "station to station" message originates, is used.

The minimum night rate is 25c. Day rate apply on calls made at night when the "station to station" charge is less than the minimum night rate.

COLLECT CALLS

"Collect calls" are calls for which the charges are reversed; that is, are to be collected from the subscriber at the distant station at which the call is completed.

Such "collect calls" or reversed charges are allowed only in connection with "person to person" calls.

The minimum of time is three minutes.

A fee is charged for rates when placing a call.

Has Sparks Thrust Upon Him.

H. H. Sparks, former livestock agent of the Orient road, is one of the few men that gets riches washed off on him. Sparks is an old San Angelo man and served the Orient railroad as livestock agent for years. When the drought hit West Texas and the Orient road, into the hands of a receiver Sparks came to Fort Worth and engaged in the livestock game on this market and later went to Kansas City his old home.

He owns a farm of 244 acres south of Barger in the neck of O'Connell county, where O'Connell, Eastland and Brown united joint. Sparks came into possession of that farm a little more than a year and a half ago. He says the farm was washed off on him. The former owner of the land owed Sparks some money and gave the land to him in part payment of his debt. Sparks has never seen the property.

A short time ago he received a letter from a Houston man offering him \$75 an acre lease money for the property to develop it for oil and gas. All around the place are wells that are producing oil in big paying quantities. The offer stood good so that he immediately came to Fort Worth. "If the fellow had offered me \$25 an acre for the land I perhaps would have taken him up," said Sparks, "but that \$75 an acre offer stunned me, and I came here. I may lease part of the land and retain part. I did not want the land when I bought it, but it was neck or nothing for me, so I took the neck."—Fort Worth Record.

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SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS' CONVENTION.

B. M. Halbert, president of the Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, returned from San Angelo yesterday accompanied by N. H. Eggs, the well-known Angora leader of Junction. While in San Angelo these gentlemen and other members of a committee designated June 25, 26 and 27 as dates for holding the Annual Meeting of the Association in San Angelo this year.

The special feature of the meeting this year, will be the exhibit of sheep, goats, mohair and wool which prizes will be offered for the exhibit of live stock, because of being on a railroad, will be larger than that made Sonora three years ago. On this occasion also will be the auctioning of "Maroo" the Mohairman American Red Cross offering joined 20 or 25 registered yearling does, ten of which have already been mated, the proceeds from which will be donated to the Red Cross on the basis of one-third to the local Chapter, one-third to the San Angelo Chapter and one-third to the Chapter of the purchaser's town. It is expected that the San Angelo Chapter will make a special effort to make this sale a social feature of the meeting because of the one-third interest in the sale.

Those who have donated to the Red Cross are J. B. Stump & Son, Monmouth, Oregon, the billie iron; and the does are from U. S. Grant, Dallas, Oregon, president of the National Mohair Growers' Association.

O. Landrum of Laguna, Texas, secretary-treasurer of the National Mohair Growers' Association. Aubrey Gist of Skull Valley, New Mexico, secretary-treasurer of the Mexican Goat Raisers' Association.

Bob Davis of Rio Frio, Texas, vice-president of the American Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association. The man who gives the best to the Red Cross Stock will win membership in the American Mohair Red Cross," said Mr. Halbert. "Now some of you goat women, and help a good cause. I want at least twenty Angora does to go with the Angora rams, so send in your names at once in order that it may be placed in the list."

Contributors should communicate with Mr. Halbert at Sonora. T. C. Atwood at San Angelo.

STOCK NEWS.

J. S. Allison the stockman and factor in the Wool Grower's Central Storage Co., who is now making his home in San Angelo, was in Sonora Friday on business.

T. B. Adams received at his ranch west of Sonora this week, 10 head of registered Rambouillet ewes he purchased about 30 days ago at \$50 per head from Dan Danks of San Angelo. Bob James bought them down.

G. S. Allison returned Saturday from San Angelo where he closed a deal by which he sold to L. P. Well of Roswell, N. M., the ranch he had near Big Lake for the last few years. The ranch consisted of 23 sections, five of which are leased. The consideration was \$41,000.

SHEEP FOR SALE.

1000 Brood Ewes and 50 Rams for particulars write Gibbs Gleam, Wellington, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwilke are in from the Middle Valley on this week.

Earl and Sam Adams, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Adams of the North Llano referred to in Bientwell's letter, have been heard from since the Armistice.

Capt. Alonzo Rees.

Center Point, Texas, Jan. 29 - Captain Alonzo Rees died at the family residence in this city Sunday night at 10 o'clock. Captain Rees came to this county from Tennessee in 1854 and has lived here continuously since. He has been a leading and prominent figure in all enterprises looking to the advancement and development of this section. Until a few years ago he was closely identified with a number of business enterprises, when his declining health prevented him from taking an active part. His remains were interred here Monday afternoon by the Maroon fraternity.—San Antonio Express.

C. J. Rees, book-keeper for the Sanora Mercantile Co., is a son of Alonzo Rees, referred to above, to whom the News extends its sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rees returned last week from Center Point where they had gone in response to wire notifying them of the serious illness of Capt. Rees.

J. A. Cope returned from a trip to Fort Worth and San Angelo last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pierce entertained a few friends at 6 o'clock Saturday.

A musical programme will be rendered at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Mrs. J. A. Cope returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Menard Saturday.

The amount of taxes delinquent in Sutton county for 1918 is \$2,400, about \$1,000 of which is due by a large firm.

Harvey Walker and Cleve Jones, prominent stockmen of the Middle Valley country, were business visitors in Sonora Friday of last week and made us smile.

W. A. Rogers the vulcanizer and tube and tire repairer at the A. F. Clark garage arrived Sunday from Menard, and is now ready for business.

John Nicks of Osnua who went into the service with the first contingent but who was incapacitated while in Camp Travis, has been discharged and was in Sonora Saturday seeing friends.

In the Court of Justice of the Peace H. B. Balch, precinct No. 1, the case by complaint of the State vs. Willie Wilkerson, alleged violation of the Live Stock Sanitary law was dismissed. The Court holding the complaint was insufficient.

Prof. Jewell Matthews, superintendent of the Sonora school is working hard to make the school do good, thorough work. He has found it necessary to recalculate the pupils, and the parents instead of complaining should be thankful that the proper interest is being taken in their children's education.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church will give a Tea at the home of Mrs. E. E. Sawyer Wednesday afternoon from three to five. A short program will be given and refreshments will be served. Everybody invited. A free will offering will be given at the close. The money to be used by the Society.

Miss Torah Smith, proprietor of the Style Shop, will leave Monday for market. Miss Smith will buy a more extensive line of Women's Ready-to-Wear, Millinery, etc., than formerly and it will be advisable to await her goods before buying spring and summer garments and hats. The new goods will arrive early in March.

The poll tax payments in Sutton county at the close of business in the Tax Collectors office January 31st, 1919, showed that 45 ladies had paid the tax to entitle them to vote. In precinct No. 1, there are 247 including 40 ladies with 11 exemptions, one of which is a girl in precinct No. 2, there is 30, three of whom are ladies. Precinct No. 3, has 15 and no suffrage; The Owensville box or Precinct 4, has only 20 males and one exemption; while Precinct 5, has 20 males and two females. The total vote of the County being only 344 and 1/2 the overs.

The CITY MARKET

Deals in Choice Beef, Mutton & Pork, Buys and Sells Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Etc Buys Dry and Green Hides COOPER & SIMS.

COME ON PATRIOTS!

KNOW THE JOY OF SAVING HERE'S HOW!

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

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

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

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

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

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

This Space is Contributed by THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

We have installed a Long Distance booth and Pay Station at T. L. Benson's office for public use. 55 San Angelo Telephone Co.

Among the prominent visitors to the irrigation convention in Eagle Pass Wednesday, was our old friend, Judge James Correll, of Sonora. He came as a representative from Kinney county, having interests and many friends there.—Eagle Pass Herald

Clyde Mills of Carta Valley sold his ranch and sheep to J. J. Dunkin at \$6 per acre and \$12 a head for ewes. J. W. Cloudt sold about 80 head of steers to Tom Jones of Sabinal at \$35 for twos and \$20 for calves. Russon Shaw had an offer of \$55 for his big steers. See New man sold his steer yearlings to Tom Jones of Sabinal at \$25.00 a pound.—Carta Valley NewsLetter in the Rooksprings Leader.

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Several concerns which have adopted the industrial truck and tractor system of internal haulage have found novel uses for their vehicles. In a government warehouse a platform type truck is being used to pile cork in tiers. With the use of a simple arrangement of block and tackle the loads are placed at the right point with little trouble and labor. The action is similar to a horse hoist but much faster.

"Ah, how do you do, sir?" asked the book agent at the door. "I am introducing 'The Famous Orators and Poets of America,' and—" "I am not making any new acquaintances," interrupted old Gaunt N. Grimm. "G'day"—Kansas City Star.

"I see where Moro girls have been graduated as war nurses." "That's what they want—more—oh, girls!"

"Wilhelm insists on calling himself a count." "I'm glad of it. I have always disapproved of counts."

Hun—I thought you Americans loved peace. Yank—So we do; we love it well enough to fight for it.

Highway Improvement

INTELLIGENT USE OF DRAGS

Benefits to Be Derived From Their Use Not Generally Understood in United States.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) When it is appreciated that of more than 2,000,000 miles of public roads in the United States only about 200,000 miles have been given a hard surface, and of these 200,000 miles approximately one-half are surfaced with gravel, the importance of every effective device for maintaining the same becomes apparent.



Side View of Spit-Log Drag.

Other types of roads becomes readily apparent. It should be observed in this connection that a large part of our total mileage of public roads is entirely unimproved and that the road drag is of little use in improving sand or clay roads which have never been crowned or drained. A much larger part, however, has been sufficiently improved to make the work of the drag effective, and it is unquestionably true that the magnitude of this part is steadily increasing.

Notwithstanding the fact that road drags, made of wood or a combination of wood and metal, have been in use for at least two generations and were described in a text book published as early as 1851, the benefits to be derived from using them are, even now, far from being generally understood. This fact is thoroughly evidenced by the prevalence of very unsatisfactory roads upon which considerably more money is annually expended in hauling materials to fill holes and ruts than would be required to maintain the roads in good condition by the intelligent use of a road drag.

PROTECT ROADS IN WINTER

Water and Not Cold is Cause of Injury to Highways, Even Those of Best Construction.

The department of agriculture calls attention to the fact that water and not cold is the cause of injury to roads in winter, even those of the best construction. It is obvious, therefore, that it is a matter of economy, from every point of view, that roads should be as dry as possible when winter comes on. During the fall the road should be carefully gone over and all ruts and hollows that can hold water solidly filled in to make the water solidly drain quickly and thoroughly. Standing pools at the side of the road should also be drained, as they tend to soak and soften the foundations of the road, which may result in bad "heaving" when a freeze comes.

HIGHWAY MODEL IS UNIQUE

Made to Show Just How Relocation of Roads Better Conditions in Traveling.

The relocation of old roads seems to be something mysterious or unnamable to so many taxpayers that the Pennsylvania highway department has had an unusual model made to show conditions. This model measures six by five feet and was made by a specialist in such work at Washington. It is in relief, with roads, fields, houses, trees and other features of the landscape reproduced to a correct scale. On it are shown three types of poorly located roads frequently found and the proper method of relocating each so as to provide satisfactory grades and connect the terminal points in the most direct manner. The model also shows three types of road construction.

RESTORATION OF OLD PHRASE

Much Has Been Said About "Great Railroad Centers," Now Speak of "Highway Centers."

During the past half century there has been much in the prints about "great railroad centers." A new phrase is gradually but surely coming into use—"great highway centers." It is the restoration of a phrase that is more than 4,000 years old, but it has an entirely modern meaning.

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GERMANY MUST PAY

Cruel Marauders Destroyed Fertile Farms and Fruit Trees.

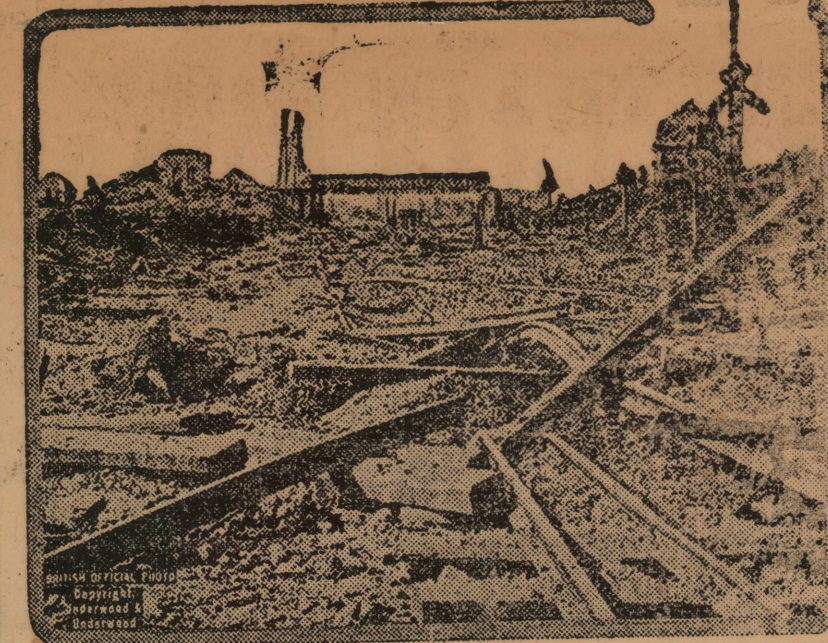
MANY VILLAGES WIPED OUT

Stumps of Orchards and Graves of Thousands of Soldiers Dead All That Remains of Once Flourishing Somme Fields.

By WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

Can the American reader imagine transforming the fertile fields and prosperous villages and towns and cities in states like New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Texas, or any other of the rich agricultural states of the Union into an uninhabited desert?

That is what the Boche did to the Somme country of France. Before the war this section of France was looked upon as one of the most productive sections of the world. It was covered with fertile farms, splendid fruit orchards, thriving villages and towns and prosperous little cities.



An Idea of the Destruction and Devastation Left in the Wake of the Retreating Hun Hordes is Shown in British Official Photograph.

Among its cities and towns were Amiens, Albert, Peronne, Hamel, St. Quentin, Roye, and many, many others that are today but heaps of debris, but which will figure prominently in the history of the great war.

This beautiful valley was interlaced with magnificent roadways, and each roadway lined with wonderful trees, many of them centuries old. Along these roadways stood hundreds of farm villages, each village housing from one hundred to five hundred happy, contented, thrifty people, who tilled the soil of their fertile acres and gathered the fruit of their orchards as their forefathers had done for many generations.

Upon the farms of this valley all of France depended for much of its food-stuffs, for its bread, its meat, its fruit, and year after year these fertile acres and these thrifty, industrious people had met the expectations of France in the matter of food production.

And then came the Boche with his dreams of conquest and of loot, and for four years this valley of the Somme was a battleground, with millions of men struggling backward and forward across it, those on the one side seeking the selfish purpose of world domination and destruction and those opposed, seeking the preservation of freedom and liberty and world civilization.

No Evidence of Many Villages.

The American people, and especially those of the rich agricultural states of the North or South, of the East or West, can look about them at their own happy and prosperous communities and easily picture in their minds the Somme section of France before the war. But it is impossible to picture that same section as it is today. It is impossible to put into words the terrible devastation that has been wrought because of the ambitions and pride of a few men.

Every one of the two or three hundreds of thriving farm villages are gone, the great majority of them gone so completely as to leave no evidence that they ever existed; the material of which they were constructed carted away that it might be used in the construction of the fortifications in the famous Hindenburg line behind which the invaders sought refuge; its cities completely demolished, their magnificent churches and cathedrals, the work of the master builders of centuries ago, ground to powdered stone; the wonderful trees lining the roadways torn to splinters; the people of the valley homeless and scattered to the four winds.

Like many thousands of Americans, I had failed to believe possible all of the things we had been told were the work of the Boche. I had read with considerable reservation the description of the destroyed orchards where the fruit trees were said to have been deliberately cut down. But as I rode for miles and miles and miles over the Somme valley I could not fail to believe what my eyes saw, and there were the stumps of what had once been orchard after orchard from which fruit had reaped her harvest of fruit. Each stump was cut square with a saw, and each stump almost exactly the same height, as though the depredator had measured each with a

yardstick to ascertain the exact place of cutting.

Why Germany Should Pay.

Think of what it would mean should the Boche go through any one of our own agricultural states and commit the same terrible depredations. Would we not say that he should pay? And can we afford to say anything less for the farmer of France than we would say for the farmer of America? No, the American ideals of today, the ideals which the stricken peoples of Europe are striving to make their ideals, demand justice for all wherever and whoever they may be, and America can do no less than demand the same reparation for the French farmer that she would demand for the American farmer, under such circumstances.

There is nothing living today on those Somme fields. There is nothing but stumps and the altered and torn remains of what were once prosperous towns and cities. These and the graves of almost countless thousands of soldier dead—some of them American soldier dead—are all that is left to indicate that man ever assed that way; all that is left to indicate that this great valley was ever more than the desert it now appears.

Boche Must Pay and Pay

Along the edge of the Somme valley runs what is left of the Hindenburg line, designed with all the cunning

a master criminal as a barrier behind which he might hide and bent back his pursuers. But American boys and English boys and French boys broke down that barrier, and they have today arraigned that criminal at the world's bar of justice, where he is being tried for his crimes. The American people are a part of the jury that is trying him, and I have tried to present but a small fraction of the evidence against him.

It is safe to say that the verdict may be left with the American people, with the French people, with the English people, with the Belgian people, and that they will sentence the Boche to pay and pay and pay for several generations until there has been bred out of him and his children that idea that might be right and that he can overthrow the civilization and the freedom of the world to gratify his own selfish purpose.

The crime is greater than the Boche can ever pay for. It is really greater than the world will ever know, and the items in the long account of the criminal record of Germany will never all be recorded.

CAPITAL RENTALS ARE HIGH

Sum Paid by President Washington for Residence Would Not Be Considered Extravagant Today.

Rentals of \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year are not remarkable. There are hundreds of apartments in this city which rent for more, a great deal more, and it is likely that the new constructions in the best apartment-house sections contain no suites as cheap as \$200. When New York was the capital of the nation and Washington the chief executive there were few who paid as high as \$1,000 a year for homes. Records show that George Washington paid \$2,500 a year for the use of the McComb mansion on Broadway while president of the United States. As first citizen of the country it was allowable that he should pay so high rental, but only that president paid anything like that amount. He got a good deal more for his money than the man who pays \$2,500 for an apartment today.

The McComb house was one of the finest homes in the capital. It was built by the best architect in the colonies and best care and no small amount of money were spent in the construction of the house, which was large and had many splendid rooms. It had beautifully laid out grounds and a business standstill was and from a business standpoint was a fine place. It was only a short distance from Federal hall at the northeast corner of Wall and Nassau streets, now the Broadway. Washington extended himself when he paid as rental, although one of the richest men in the colonies.

Superior Waterproof Paper.

A superior waterproof paper, transparent and impervious to fat, may be prepared by saturating good paper with a liquid prepared by dissolving shellac at a moderate heat in a saturated solution of borax. Such a mixture may be colored by the addition of various aniline dyes.

NO TRESPASS.

Notice is hereby given that trespassers on my farm and pasture adjoining Sonora on the east, will be prosecuted according to law. Please tell your friends and relatives of this notice and they will avoid prosecution.

T. L. BENSON, Sonora, Texas, Dec. 1, 1918.

EYES TESTED FREE.

Have your eyes tested and old lenses changed or glasses fitted throughout. Ask me for the new style shellac frames.

T. L. MILLER, Jeweler, 41-1/2 Sonora, Texas.

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RED CROSS MEETS.

The Executive Committee of the Sonora Chapter of the Red Cross meets on the first Monday in every month.

RED CROSS NURSES.

Qualified Red Cross Nurses are desired for instructors in the Red Cross course in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick.

The Division Office is preparing to organize and conduct classes over the whole territory. The communities where there are no resident nurses will be taken care of by visiting instructors.

Those who are willing to act in this capacity will find a large field open to them. A very interesting and profitable piece of work to be accomplished and will thus be able to extend their Red Cross activities.

Any nurse interested in this work will kindly communicate with the Headquarters of the Division, 1000 Poplar Building, St. Louis, Missouri, directing communication to Department of Nursing.

Don't you think it about time Sonora was taking an interest in its own welfare?

Mrs. Will Wilkinson accompanied by J. B. Allison left for San Angelo Saturday on a visit.

R. T. Baker Jr., was a visitor in town this week from his ranch on the Llano.

Ben at San Angelo Saturday February 1st 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Curtis Allison, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kelley and their guests Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brown of Dallas, N.M., returned Tuesday from a visit to San Angelo.

H. H. Dietrich was in from the ranch Saturday. He says the weeds are growing every warm day and early feed is assured.

Spring cleaning should be under taken with the first indication of changed weather. The health of the community should have your first consideration.

Mrs. O. R. Carver of E. Dorado, was here this week visiting the Doctor. Dr. Carver has as yet been unable to secure a residence in Sonora and is a guest at the Commercial.

Fred Smith has bought the E. Dorado water works and garage from the Glascock. He will give the business his personal attention and will make a success of his business.

DENTAL NOTICE

I expect to make Sonora every other month and spend a week or more. I will try to be up the last of February. I will be you know later date.

J. A. McDonald,
Del Rio, Texas.

Ow to the price of feed I am obliged to sell milk at 10 cents a pint 120 cents a quart. I endeavor to keep the cost as low as possible.
Respectfully,
G. W. Puckett,
Sonora, Texas, Jan. 10, 1919.

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EXPECT TIRE & TUBE REPAIRING

Many Years Practical Experience

Your Patronage and a Trial Requested

W. A. ROGERS,

At Clarkson's Garage, Sonora

Notice School Patrons.

In order that the patrons of the school may understand why excuses are demanded for all absences, we quote Section 74 of the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

"Any child not exempt from the provisions of this Act may be excused for temporary absence due to personal sickness, sickness or death in the family, quarantine, severe storm which has destroyed bridges and made the regular means of travel dangerous, or for unusual causes acceptable to the teacher, principal, or superintendent of the school in which said child is enrolled; provided that the excuses are in writing and SIGNED by the parent or guardian of said child; but any case so excused may be investigated by the authorities discharging the duties of attendance officer for the school from which said child is excused."

We have no lawful right to excuse any child between the age of 8 and 14 from school except for reasons specified in Section 74. You will note that all excuses must be in writing and properly signed by parent or guardian. If a child is kept out of school unlawfully the following fines may be imposed: For the first offense, \$5.00; second offense, \$10.00; for each subsequent offense \$25.00. The Department of Education is insisting upon rigid enforcement of the law. When the school officials or attendance officers fail to do their duty, they place themselves in a rather hazardous position. The attendance officers for Sonora, Independent School District are B. W. Hutcherson, Sam I. Merck and the Superintendent of Schools.

All patrons are asked to cooperate in the enforcement of the Compulsory School Law.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

Ors C. Reed a lawyer of Junction was in Sonora a few days this week on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Miller and his wife visited relatives in San Angelo this week.

T. S. Jones of Junction was in Sonora Tuesday wanting to buy goats.

Ground Hog Day was bright, clear and mild in Sonora, so the goat men who expect shearing early are advised to look out.

E. S. Long, the barber, returned Saturday from a month's visit to relatives in Lampasas and San Angelo.

Sam McKee who ranches 25 miles south of Sonora, has put 3 teams on the road trying to get feed hauled from San Angelo. He could not hire it done so is endeavoring to do the work himself.

Glaude Keene has accepted a position with the Sonora Mercantile Co., and will have charge of the dry goods department. Mr. Keene is an experienced salesman and has held responsible positions with leading firms in San Angelo and Fort Worth.

FIRE PROTECTION.

A truck load of gasoline came from Del Rio Friday night about 9:30 o'clock and was stopped by the driver B. J. Young in front of the Sonora Garage repair shop. Mr. Young went to the City Cafe to get supper and in a few minutes thereafter the truck was discovered on fire. The alarm was given and the driver with others threw the barrels of gasoline off the truck and pushed the burning truck away from the gasoline and building. The hose of the Sonora Garage was pulled out and the fire soon extinguished and the fire department connection was made but not used. The upholstery of the truck in the seat of which the fire started, was burned out, but otherwise no damage was done. "What might have been" was commented upon by those assembled but the willingness of the Sonora men to fight fire was again in evidence. However, the thing to be thought of is how to protect our lives and property with less danger. The suggestion the News would make is the purchase by the City of a Chemical fire fighting apparatus. Our men have fought fire with the bucket and we have the best water pressure and hose protection of probably any town in Texas, but the conditions have changed and now is the day of the extinguisher. Demand and necessity has produced the Chemical engine and that is the kind of additional protection against fire Sonora should have. The people have answered the cry of help from the world so why not now give attention to home needs.

Three Scab Ranches.

S. E. Gilbert, has resigned as County Sheep Scab Inspector and his successor will be appointed at the next meeting of the Commissioners' Court. State Inspector Walters says there are now three ranches in the county known to be infected with scab.

Frank Deckger, Notary Public Sutton County, Texas, office with F. L. Benson Agency.

Lieutenant Sammon of Brady, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. J. O. Willoughby in Sabler county since his discharge was in Sonora Saturday. Lieut. Sammons has three brothers in the service. Major Sammons was at Camp Bowie and the other brothers are overseas but the Lieutenant says he was on foreign service at Camp Pike, Ark.

First Lieutenant Pat Plummer recently of Tallaferrero field, where he was in the engineers department, was in Sonora Saturday, visiting relatives. He was the guest of E. S. Long and his brother-in-law B. F. Meckel while here. He has accepted a position with the Gulf Refining Co. and will make Houston his headquarters. My Plummer when he enlisted did not think he would have to fly but all the commissioned men had to go up.

LETTER FROM WILLIE G. ADAMS.

Sanhals, Germany.
Dec 21, 1918.

Mrs. C. F. Adams,
Sonora, Texas.

Dear Mother:—As it has been so long since I wrote you I feel ashamed of myself. Well, I am in good health haven't been sick a day since I came over here, and have been in four big battles and never got a scratch. The first battle at Chateaur, the second was at Vaile, the third at Verdune Front and the fourth at Argone Dead Man's Hill and that was some fight.

Well I guess you thought I was dead by not hearing from me in so long a time. I would like to know where Leslie is and whether he got hurt or not. I don't know when I will get to come home but will be proud when the day comes then I can tell you all about my experience in the Great War. I am on the River Moselle, had a nice trip from France here and have seen lots of the country. The weather has been fine not cold yet, we have good comfortable quarters and plenty to eat, no complaints to make.

With love to all the family,
I am your son,
Pvt Willie G. Adams,
4th Div, 59th Int. Supply Co.

Receives Christmas Box.

Corporal Cal Johnson, Co. D 345 M. G. L., 90th Division writes his father C. Johnson from "Some where in Germany" under date of January 2nd, 1919. Beginning "I will write you a few lines for the first time this year." I received the Christmas package you sent me and you can't imagine how glad I was. The very things I wanted were in the package. I gave the old folks I stay with a bit of the cake and candy and they thought it was the best in the world. Tell all the others that I thank them very much for what they sent.

Papa I said I hate to hear of poor Roscoe's death and know it is hurting sister very much. I am going to see her before I come home if we are mustered out at Camp Travis. Am afraid Sonora won't look natural as there have been so many deaths. I am sorry for all their families, but guess their time had come. I am in good health and getting plenty to eat and a good bed to sleep in and thankful we are not in the trenches this winter. The people here treat us fine and the old woman here thinks the world and all of me. She cooked a big rabbit and good supper for six of us yesterday. The cigarette you sent tastes better than the ones we have been getting over here. I think you can look for me about March, hope so anyway.

HAS LOTS TO TELL.

Oscar E. Merriman, F. R. S. 306, writes to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bud. Merriman and to the family under date of December 23rd, 24th and 30th from Mayen, Germany, that he is well, has fine officers and the best bunch of 160 pals in the service of the U.S.A. They reached Mayen on Dec. 20th, after a five weeks march with rain nearly every day. Mayen is a slate mine town and is sure some place. He likes the Rhine country better than the part of France he had been in but hopes to be back in Texas as soon as possible. He has so much to tell about his trip that he cannot write it all and that the copy of the News he received was such a pleasure that he wants to take one with Steve when he gets back. He hopes all are well and wants his brother Mont to ask his girl to dinner. He was 13 days of the water going over and hopes for a shorter trip home.

We received a card from Pvt Joe Berger, dated Jan. 13th, Nogent, France, stating that he is still alive and enjoying good health.

Lieutenant Walker of Yantis, who has been discharged from the Field Artillery service, was in Sonora Saturday and will make his headquarters at the Exposition Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mosgin of Certs Valley and Chas. Moeglin who recently returned among the wounded from France, were in Sonora a short time Sunday. They had been visiting relatives at McKavett and their sister Mrs. Berry Baker on the ranch. Private Moeglin's injuries are about well, it was a flesh wound in the side.

Phone No. 3, for honest loans of any kind of wood hauling to any part of the county. 51

"The Great Love"

Produced by the supreme dramatic director of the world

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A picture better in every way than "The Birth of a Nation" and with practically the same cast as appeared in that production

Included in the cast are:

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A story gripping in intensity, swift in action, and through it all runs the silver thread of a deathless love—"the great love"—in service for country and the great cause of democracy—the magic hand of the world's supreme dramatic genius, D. W. Griffith, will take you to France in one night.

"THE GREAT LOVE" does not tell of "Overthere" It IS "OVERTHERE"

This great production will be presented at the

HAPPY HOUR THEATRE

Sonora, Saturday, February 22

Afternoon and Night Admission 50 cents

This picture is being shown all over the world at \$2.

Anyone Missing?

FROM OUR LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF CASUALTY REPORTS WE ADVISE THAT NO UNNECESSARY ANXIETY BE FELT BECAUSE OF OFFICIAL REPORT OF 300 MEN MISSING IN FRANCE

These in Sutton county who have not heard from their sons since November 11th will please tell the News

Since filing the above, a letter received Monday by W. L. Aldwell, president of the First National bank of Sonora, from his son Lieutenant Roy E. Aldwell, Head quarters 7th Division, in France, says: "I'll tell you that I found Mrs. Farr's boy and he was all right and with his Company, he had been captured and was returned after the Armistice was signed. I wrote her a letter and had the Red Cross send her a cablegram. I have a telegram in regard to Geo. Murdoch McDonald and am sure I will hear in a day or two about him. If I knew Pumpkin Adams' boys' serial number and his Company and Regiment I could find out about him. The serial number is very necessary, but could do without that. If he has not heard from Earl when you get this letter let me know. If he wants to be may find out through the Red Cross, they do lots of the work here—we have given them assistance in looking up boys that their parents have not heard from. I am anxious to do this for the people at home, so if there is any of them who have not heard from their boys in a long time, I will look them up." The News would therefore suggest that parents or immediate relatives of any soldier in France, living in any of the NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, desiring information to write the particulars to W. L. Aldwell, Sonora and he will communicate with Lieutenant Aldwell in the hope of obtaining information.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, February 15th, 1919

Proceeds for Benefit of School Library.

High School Auditorium

LOST A CHAPERON.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

George Higgins	.....	A. T. A. E.	.....	Frank Decker
Jack Abbott	.....	Tuts Sub-Freshman	.....	Birdrell Davis
Fred Lawton	.....	Camping with Higgins	.....	Fank Eaton
Raymond Fitzhery	.....	Harvard Student	.....	Ben Cusenbary
Dick Norton	.....	Dr. Hill Engineer	.....	Tom Lavis
Tom Crosby	.....	Of Hill Engineer	.....	Hayes Gilbert
Majorie Tyndall	.....	George's cousin, a Smith girl	.....	Sara McMillan
Allice Bennett	.....	Wynon Grimsland	.....	Ylma Savell
Agnes Atabella Bates	.....	Jackson	.....	Peattie House
Ruth French	.....	Girls	.....	Nell Talley
Blanch Westcott	.....		.....
Mrs. Higgins	.....	The Chaperon, George's mother	.....	Rayne Cooks
Mrs. Sparrow	.....	A farmer's wife	.....	Rutha Cooks
Lizette and Manda	.....	George's daughters	.....	Leola McNeil, Mrs. A. McDonald

Act 1. The Girls' Camp at Sherwood, 7 a.m.
Act 2. The Fellow's Camp at Sherwood, 8 a.m.
Act 3. Same as Act 1, 10 a.m.

Places—Sherwood, Maine. Time—Summer Vacation.

ADMISSION 25 and 35 cents.

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"my daughter's pains—"

Every mother who has a daughter will be interested in the following letter. It answers the question that thousands of mothers have been asking for years—"What can I do to relieve my daughter of her severe headaches and periodical pains?"

"I have used DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS for years and they have always given me prompt relief. My daughter who has been a sufferer of periodical pains and nervous headaches has never failed to obtain relief from these wonderful little tablets. We both thank you from the bottom of our hearts for having enabled us to obtain prompt relief from our sufferings. DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS have never failed us and we would not be without them." MRS. WINIFED JONES, Stockton, Md.

For more than 30 years Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills have been relieving suffering women, men and children from tormenting pain—Headache, Backache, Neuralgia, etc. Ask your druggist for them—keep a box always on hand. They contain no injurious habit-forming drug. They give almost INSTANT relief. Cost but a few cents a box.



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SONORA, TEXAS, February 2, 1919.

LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ORDER.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Sutton.

Be it remembered that on this the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1919, at a Special Session of the Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, called for the purpose of determining the nature of the Local Option Election hereinafter ordered by this Court, and held on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1919, at the following places in Sutton County, Texas, for the purpose of determining whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within said Sutton County, Texas under the provisions of Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Articles 5715 to 5730 inclusive.

And the Court having canvassed said returns, and that 141 votes were cast at said election, and that 114 votes were polled "For Prohibition", and 35 votes were polled "Against Prohibition", and that a majority of said votes were in favor of Prohibition.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the sale of intoxicating liquor within said Sutton County, Texas, shall be absolutely prohibited, except for the purpose and under the regulations specified in said Title 28, Revised Statutes of State of Texas, Articles 5715 to 5730 inclusive, until such time as the qualified voters of said County act at a legal election held for that purpose by a majority vote decided otherwise.

It is further ordered by the Court that a copy of this order be published for four consecutive weeks in the Devil's River News, a newspaper published in Sutton County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Sutton.
I, J. D. Lowrey, County Clerk in and for Sutton County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Order made by the Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, Texas, on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1919, as the same appears of record in the Minutes of said Court, in Volume 2, on page 129 and 130.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1919.
J. D. Lowrey,
Clerk of the District Court of Sutton County, Texas.

BUYING AT HOME HELPS

GOOD ROADS

PROPER DRAINAGE FOR ROAD

Side Ditches Should Be Ample Large, With Sufficient Fall to Carry Off Water Rapidly.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The only reason for crowning a road surface is to enable it to shed water, and unless effective means are provided for disposing of the water after it is drained off the surface crowning will be of very little, if any, advantage. The side ditches should be ample large and should have sufficient fall to carry the water away as rapidly as it enters them, and they should



Ohio State Highway, Brick.

have outlets at all convenient points. Cross drains or culverts should be constructed wherever it is desirable to transfer drainage water across the road, and they should usually be provided with end or wing walls to protect the slopes of the embankment. When the material composing the roadbed is likely to be springy, a system of longitudinal underdrainage may be found necessary to secure proper drainage. In constructing a road, of any type whatever, it should be constantly borne in mind the adequate and continually effective drainage is absolutely necessary if the road is to be maintained in good condition.

SAGEBRUSH USED FOR ROADS

Deerweed Is Now Decried as Best Building Material in Western States.

Nobody loves the sagebrush, yet somebody is always trying to uplift it. This is a difficult task since its antecedents are so bad. Nevada, once called a long time because it was called the "Sagebrush State" because it imparted to the ground; prospectors, settlers, stockmen despised it because it encumbered the earth. It was fit only for rattlesnakes to coil in and strike or for coyotes to blend their tawny skins into vantage.

Not long ago an Oregon man cried, "Eureka!" He said that sagebrush was the best road-building material in the West, says New York Sun. Now Idaho claims in the despised weed a source of great wealth and the solution of the problem of potash shortage. "The average acre produces three tons of sagebrush at a cost of \$35. The sagebrush burned in the kiln gives from 25 to 30 per cent potash. The supply is inexhaustible." The Idaho post, who called for a festival to lift the curse from the plant we know so well and should love," may now consider himself even with those who jeered and refused to forsage with him.

OUTLOOK DUBIOUS FOR AUTO

Roads Cannot Stand Wear and Tear They Are Being Subjected To by Heavy Trucks.

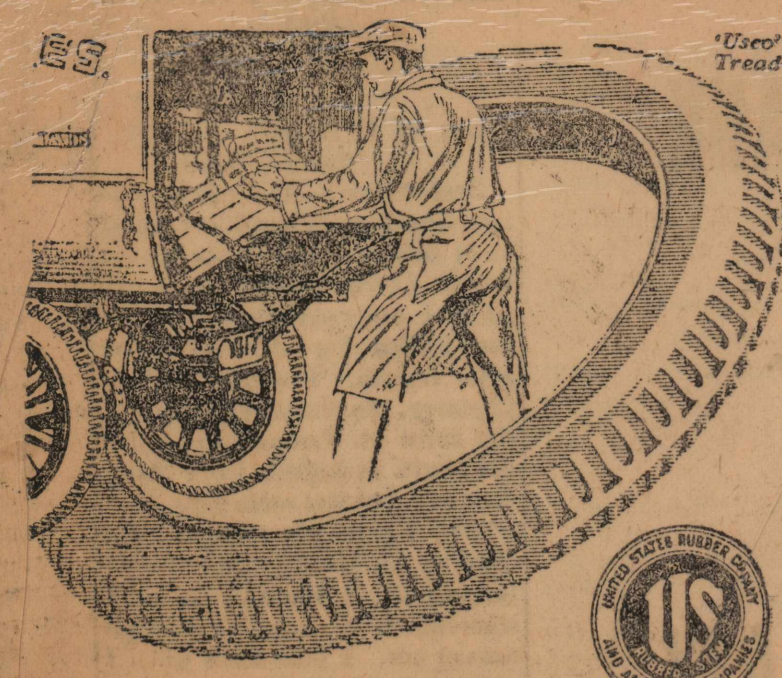
With the shortage of labor for road making and the more general use of the roads for heavy hauling, it is likely that the roads as they exist will not be able to withstand the hard usage, and the outlook is dubious for the automobile. Many industrial companies are making use of fleets of trucks to deliver their goods, instead of subjecting themselves to the uncertainties of the railroad service and the wear and tear on the roads that make use of is more than they can take care of. This, more than ever, makes it evident that there should be some very decided reforms made in the matter of road building. The makeshift repairs which have heretofore been made are not now sufficient, and all new road building work should be made on the most substantial lines.—Chicago Journal.

Dependence on Good Roads.

Every farmer should feel his dependence upon good roads. Whether or not one lives on a public highway he should take an interest in the nearest one to his farm or the road he must use to market his farm, orchard and garden products.

Roads Not Properly Built.
To say that the roads are being over-motored is a confession that the roads are not properly built and maintained.

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SLK AND BIG GUN FIRING

Probability That Chemically Treated Cotton Cloth Will Take Place of the More Expensive Material.

Chemically treated cotton cloth, a substitute for silk, is being tested out by the ordnance department. If found practicable for ordnance use the discovery will offset the double result of meeting a serious shortage in silk and of bringing about a money saving in the ordnance program estimated at between \$25,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

A present millions of yards of silk are required in making the bag which contain the large powder charges used in the firing of heavy artillery. Heretofore silk has been depended upon for these bags for the reason that no other cloth material has been found that would meet the peculiar conditions required. It is essential that not a particle of the bag contain silk remain after the gun is fired. Otherwise a smoldering piece of the fabric might cause a premature explosion when a new charge was inserted.—Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering.

RALEIGH'S TOMB NOT KNOWN

Considerable Uncertainty as to Where Body of Great Englishman Was Finally Laid.

English newspapers have been engaged in a controversy as to the location of the burial place of Sir Walter Raleigh in connection with the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of his birth. Biographers of Raleigh supposed that, after his execution, the body was buried in the church of St. Margaret's.

The London Times, however, suggests that his body was placed there for a short time only, and that Raleigh really was buried at Beddington, in Surrey, where the widow decided that he should rest. Raleigh's head was embalmed and cherished by his widow in a "red leathern bag" to the day of her death. The head was afterward interred in the church at West Horsley, in Surrey.

FOR BETTER ROADS

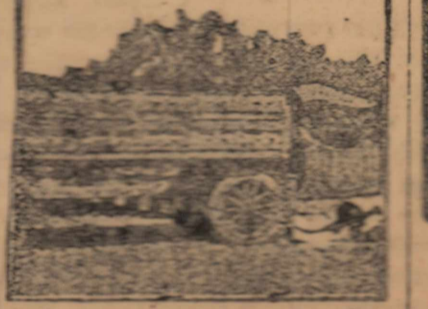
HEAVY STRAIN ON HIGHWAYS

Roads That Stand Traffic in Normal Times Now Called Upon to Withstand Motortrucks.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Apparently the point has been reached where the demands of traffic have exceeded the strength of the average road to meet them. Highways designed to withstand the pounding of ordinary loads, that have stood up under imposts they were intended to sustain, no longer appear to be adequate to meet the present-day conditions. Congestion on our highways, possibly more acute in some sections than in others, has put upon our roads a transportation burden never expected and consequently not provided for by the engineers who designed the highway systems of the state. Roads have been designed with the same care as given to other structures and with the same regard for the purposes for which they were constructed and the burdens they were called upon to bear. Widespread failure is demonstrative of the fact that road cannot carry unlimited loads. Their capacity is limited. If it is exceeded habitually and constantly, they cannot survive.

The products of our farms and of our factories must be moved. The wants of our urban dwellers must be met. But the needs of our country involve in this great conflict are paramount to the needs of single communities, and thus when advances of freight destined to all the greater necessity made imperative the partial closing of our vast system of rail transportation to the smaller, the rail appeared to be in the motortruck and the highway. Single light vans expanded



Motortruck With Load of Farm Produce.

into great fleets, then grew into heavier units that, in turn, developed into long trains. From horse-drawn vehicles with concentrated loads of probably three tons at most, traveling at the rate of four miles an hour, sprung almost overnight the heavy motortruck with a concentrated load of from eight to 12 tons, thundering along at a speed of 20 miles an hour. The result? The worn and broken threads that bind our communities together. The solution? That is the problem that confronts the men who will be called upon to meet the ever-growing demands upon our highways and to make regulations fair to those who pay for their construction and to those who pay for their use.

HAVE ROADS IN GOOD ORDER

Those Heading Surfacting Will Soon Pay for Themselves in Improved Marketing Conditions.

It costs something to put roads in order, to surface those that need re-surfacing, but they will pay for themselves in increased land values and improved marketing conditions. The bad road's cost is never settled. It is like a shoddy piece of goods bought at a high price on installment and worn out before it is paid for, only to be replaced by another of the same sort on the same plan of payment. On a deal of this kind we never catch up with our losses.

SURFACE ALONE APPRECIATED

Public Rarely Notices Drainage and Hidden Features That Tend to Conserve Roads.

The public appreciates only repairs to the surface and rarely notices the drainage and hidden features that conserve a road. One heavy load of lumber hauled in wet weather will undo the work of weeks of faithful work on the part of the repair man.

Plan for Draining Roads.

It is an easy matter to have an agreement so each farmer will drag the road in front of his farm. This would maintain the road till the regular hands could be called out at stated intervals or till the commissioner could make the necessary repairs.

Winter Work for Horses.

Work can be found for the horses in winter—work they can do on somewhat reduced rations. The owner can get his neighbors to join with him on some much-needed road repairing.

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You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . . writes Mrs. Mary E. Vesie, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

ENDED THREE DAYS OF JOY

Private's Feast of Pancakes Abruptly Terminated When Officer Got on to Their Precious Find.

The average soldier "over there" would trade nearly anything short of his shooting finger for a stack of pancakes, according to all reports. What makes the more interesting a letter which Edwin S. Whitaker of Irvington recently wrote an Indianapolis friend, concerning an experience he and some other of the boys of Battery E, One Hundred and Fifteenth Field Artillery, enjoyed.

They had been moving rapidly—trying to keep up with the retreating enemy—when they came on a three-room shack, which had been the shelter of a German officer. They found a kitchen complete, with a quantity of food, ready for preparation, and, best of all, with a lot of pancake flour.

NO RETURNS



"I see by your guest book that we entertained 75 people at our summer cottage last season."
"Well?"
"Well, we've been here a month now and not one of them has taken us to the theater or invited us to dinner in return."

DR. C. R. CARVER,
Physician & Surgeon.
Office with Dr. H. E. Wardlaw,
SONORA, TEXAS.