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## LETTER RELATIVE TO ONION GRADES AND INSPECTION.

John H. Davis, president of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, sends the following letter to the RECORD for the information of the onion growers of the Cotulla district. It is relative to the new grading and inspection rules for onions and addressed to Mr. Mally, the County Agent for Webb county.

Mr. Davis adds that a meeting has been called to be held in Laredo to discuss this matter with the officials of the Department of Agriculture, but no date has been set. He advises that the RECORD will later be notified of the date, for the information of growers here.

The letter follows:

My Dear Mr. Mally:—

This refers to your kind letter of the 5th which has been read with interest. I will endeavor to get the complete ruling of the Attorney General to you within a few days.

I might say with reference to a few questions that you have propounded that State Inspection will not be put on at any shipping point except where the Commissioner of Agriculture has been asked to install such inspection, but the fact that a station or a shipper would be operating without the services of a qualified State Inspector does not exempt him from the provisions of the Law which requires him to put up and ship standardized goods according to the provisions of the Law, in fact, it seems to me that under the Law no shipper can be ab-

solutely safe until he has qualified State Inspector to certify to his goods before they are shipped.

In the administration of our Standardization Law, we will have in addition to our own men, the co-operation of the men of the Federal Bureau of Markets, who will be stationed in the central markets, to make investigations and inspections of the goods on arrival, and should any shipper undertake to pass out good contrary to the Law he will certainly be tampering with a very dangerous machine. It matters not, so far as the Law is concerned whether the grower sells his goods under contract or consigns them. Violations of the provisions of the Act applies to shippers, growers, packers and shippers' agents, consequently of any of your growers want to make a contract or sell their Onions in the field as they have done heretofore, tell them to go ahead and make their contracts, that their is nothing in the Law that contemplates interfering with the usual practice of growers making their sale.

I will again refer you to Section 5 of the Standardization Law which recites that if at stations where there are more than one shipper operating, and one of them asks for State Inspection, all others are required to come under the Law and pay their pro rate of the expense. This will certainly apply in the Onion fields as well as any other section of the State.

If at points where State Inspection is put on the shipper prefers to sell outright, the inspection will evidently be the same without exception, for the language of the Law is plain, when it refers to shipments, no

mention being made of any particular manner or way the goods may be sold.

Under the Law there is no such grade of Onions as "Field Run," and it will be a violation for any grower, packer, shipper, shippers, agent, to undertake to put up and ship any such a pack, whether it be onions, peaches or any other standardized commodity. The Law provides that if there should be any known edible onions suitable for marketable purposes, that do not come within the meaning of the grades, the same shall be known as "Calls," and may be shipped as such, and as long as the administration of the Law is placed in my hands you may notify or advise your people that I have no other desire or intention than to enforce strict compliance with all of its provisions, while as a matter of course it is unpleasant to have to prosecute any one, but feeling as I do, honor bound to perform the function of this office according to the Law, I have no alternative but to drive ahead to the end that the Law will be properly enforced.

Hoping this will answer your question satisfactorily and that I may be able to make your territory soon, I beg to remain.

Yours very sincerely,

E. W. COLE,  
Director of Markets.

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### MEAT AND ICE

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## FOOD REGULATIONS SOON IN EFFECT IN LA SALLE

People of La Salle county may not have heard much of Herbert Hoover, but they will soon be well informed about the great work this man is doing, and we will be helping him do it.

Albert Strawn has been appointed Food Administrator for La Salle county, and this week attended a meeting of County Administrators in San Antonio. He expects to put into operation within the next two or three weeks the regulations of the Food Administration. During the next ten days he will call together the retail merchants of the county for organization. He has a supply of "Home Cards" which will be placed in every home in the county, telling what they can do and what they are expected to do to help win the war.


There will be two wheatless days in every week, Monday and Wednesday. On these days no crackers, macaroni, breakfast food, or other wheat products must not be used nor cannot be sold by merchants. One meatless day and two porkless days in each week, Tuesday and Saturday. On porkless days no bacon, ham, lard can be bought or used. The same applies to the meatless day.

No hoarding of food will be allowed. Profits will be fixed, restricted amounts.

At the San Antonio meeting one fellow got up and said the regulations was going to hurt business. The gentleman in charge of the meeting replied that a whole lot of people was going to be hurt in this war and quite a few killed. Making money should not be the object of any patriot today. His object should be, Win the War.

For the information of the general public, Mr. Strawn had the following to say relative to the San Antonio meeting, which was held Wednesday.

"Mr. Steele, who is the leader in Food Organization in Texas was the chief speaker before the Food Administrators for the 39 counties and went into important matters. He told us that this war is not merely a matter of men, and insisted that winning the war depended on individual efforts to save our resources. He explained that by our already earnest efforts we have been able to ship and store overseas enough food for 1-2 million men, and said, "we already have 1-2 million men over sea, without scratching a man." Mr. Steele believes that our leader in Food Administration, Mr. Hoover, to be one of the most astute men of the times. On the matter of saving and feeding the men over-sea, we are told that the United States must save because it is too far to go to South America for supplies. Many food orders cannot be explained he said, for the reason it would assist "Berlin." The House Mission to Europe returned with the information that England and France had been and were fighting on their knees—and that they must have food from America to save the day, and that the Submarine had been more successful than expected. Mr. Steele declared that both these difficulties were being fast overcome by America's willingness to assist in the way of saving nothing that could be saved for the purpose of prosecuting the war. It is now conceded that our saving, he explained, would save 88 million bushels of wheat from the garbage can. Accord-



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ing to our plans and the rules laid down by the government, we are not expected to consume more than 70 per cent of what we did last year, we must always use as much substitutes as wheat flour, no merchant can sell in any other way, except exception allowed, per-

more than thirty miles from market to be allowed to buy 30 days supply, and each individual, as well as merchant, is expected to abide by these regulations. "Profits" has been fixed," said Mr. Steele, on only two commodities, which are flour and sugar. On the barrel of flour about 75c or 80c, and on sugar one cent per pound. Sugar and flour to be sold only in fixed quantities, and it was explained that persons making duplicate purchases in case of sugar and bread-stuffs would be violators of the law. In dealing with the meat question, Mr. Steele emphasized the fact that besides Monday and Wednesday being wheatless days, we must observe the Tuesday meatless day and Saturday porkless day. Tuesday meatless day includes pork. This applies to everything having these contents, except chile, which may have a small meat content. Mr. Steele says that if these are not observed we will soon have no wheat flour and no sugar. It will all go to Europe. In order to assist the merchants, we were requested to do all in our power to promote the habit of "paying cash and being our own delivery boys."

## Government Seed at Cost to Farmers.

The Government is furnishing seed to the farmers at cost. County agent F. D. Lown will take your order and get the seed for you. He authorizes the publication of the following prices: Red Top Black Amber, Orange, Red Amber Cane, \$9.25 per 100 lbs. 4 bushels being all one farmer is allowed to purchase. Red and White Mills, Kaffir, \$4.20 per 100 lbs. 6 bushels being all one farmer is allowed to purchase. Feteria, \$6.50 per 100 lbs. 2 bushel being all one farmer is allowed to purchase. Sudan, 20c per pound. 25 pounds being all one farmer is allowed to purchase. Peanuts, \$7.00 per 100 lbs. 15 bushel being all one farmer is allowed to purchase. All seed are f. o. b. Waco Texas.

## Contracts For Castor Beans.

County Agent F. D. Lown received a letter last week from John B. Carrington, Secretary of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, stating that they were ready to sign a contract with farmers of this county for the growing of castor beans for the government. Anyone interested should confer with Mr. Lown at once. The letter follows:

"We are prepared to sign a contract with you for the raising of castor beans under our contract with the United States Government. The following facts are called to your attention:

1. The Government guarantees \$3.50 per 46 pound bushel. From this must be deducted the expenses of handling, which are guaranteed not to be over fifty cents per bushel, and which probably will not be over twenty-five cents per bushel.
2. One bushel of seed will plant fourteen acres. It will cost f. o. b. San Antonio \$6.25.
3. You are required by the United States Government to furnish a bond of \$1.00 per acre as a guarantee of good faith. This bond does not require you to produce any specified amount per acre, but requires an honest effort to do the work.

It has been suggested that the cost of making a bond could better be covered simply by depositing \$1.00 per acre in escrow for the period required by the Government. We will be able to report in a day or two on the relative cost of these two methods. We believe it is probable the money would be required to remain six months in escrow and we could get an arrangement with the Trust Company to hold the \$1.00 at 4 per cent interest for the Government for that period and then return it to you.

Please come to the Chamber of Commerce to close this contract sometime between the 20th and 28th of this month.

JOHN B. CARRINGTON,  
Secretary-Manager.

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Camouflage is used extensively by politicians.

Rain fell over the central part of the state Sunday in sufficient quantities to put a good season in the ground and farmers may soon begin the sowing of seed, as winter is nearing its end.

The Germans are said to be about ready to launch their widely advertised offensive on the Western front. They will make a supreme effort to break through but the allies are no doubt ready to receive them and will give the Huns the warmest reception they have yet had.

Another big damage suit is scheduled to be tried here at the coming term of district Court. It was transferred here from Dimmitt county on change of venue. The case is styled the Valley Wells Truck Growers Association vs Mayhew Lumber Company, and action is for damages for non delivery of onion crates contracted last season. The trial will likely extend over a period of a week or more.

Albert Strawn has accepted the position of Food Administrator for La Salle county and attended a meeting held at San Antonio Wednesday where general instructions were issued to county instructors. La Salle county will have to fall in line with other counties in the matter of conservation of food and the merchants will have to strictly comply with orders regarding the restriction of sales of many commodities, such as sugar, flour, etc. The butcher shops are observing meatless days.

The Government of the United States is doing everything it can to protect the American soldier from vice and has recommended to Governor Hobby that stringent laws be passed at the special session of the Legislature which meets Monday. Col. Jake Wolters is making patriotic speeches over the country but we haven't seen any press accounts of where he advocated the abolition of the breweries and saloons around army camps—majority of which are owned by pro-Germans. Nor do we expect to hear of Jake making any such utterances. On the other hand his cunning handiwork will likely be in evidence to defeat the ten mile dry zone around the military camps.

A great majority of the saloons in San Antonio are owned and run by men of German names, and who before the United States entered the war openly espoused the cause of Germany. If the camouflage was snatched from their hearts today no doubt the same sympathy would be revealed. It is this class principally that are setting up a howl that the closing down of the breweries and saloons would throw thousands out of work. It would be sad indeed to see a lot of those fellows have to get out and go to work and they are not going to do it if can be avoided. The fuel used by San Antonio's breweries would bring comfort to many of the city's poor, instead of misery that the institution has brought many of them.

There is an air of pessimism among the onion growers on account of the enormous amount of old onions still on the markets to come in competition with the Texas crop. It is estimated that there are at present 8,000 carloads of Northern onions in storage, many of these at points where they were grown, because of shortage of cars for shipment. These onions are now being sold at \$1.80 to \$2.50 per cwt., whereas this time last year the price was around 8 cents. Of course many of these onions will never be sold, because they will rot first. As soon as warm weather comes they are done for, but it is evident that the first part of the Texas crop will come in competition with the old stock and the price will not be as handsome as in former years. Yet, this may not result in a great disadvantage, for if the price is not so high more onions will be bought by the trade and they will get out of the way so the movement can continue without congestion. Notwithstanding what might happen to help the situation things do not look exceptionally bright for the Texas onion grower at present. With the prospects of lower prices than last year, the cost of labor is higher.

THE SON.

By Dr. James D. Hughes.

Edward Marcham, the poet, under the unpatriotic title: "I Did Not Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," wrote this stanza:

"O mother, will you longer give your sons To feed the awful hungry guns? What is the worth of all these battle drums If from the field the loved ones never come? What all these loud hosannas to the brave If all your share is some forgotten grave?"

Dr. James D. Hughes, for over thirty years superintendent of Education of the schools of Toronto, Canada, answers this poem. Great significance is given to the answer by the fact that Dr. Hughes own son was killed in battle and lies "somewhere in France."

His answer:

God gave my son in trust to me; Christ died for him, and he should be A man for Christ. He is his own, And God's and Man's; not mine alone. He was not mine to "give." He gave Himself that he might help to save All that a Christian should revere, All that enlightened men hold dear.

"To feed the guns!" O torpid soul! Awake, and see life as a whole. When freedom, honor, justice, right, Were threatened by the despot's might, With heart aflame and soul alight, He bravely went for God to fight Against base savages, whose pride The laws of God and man defied; Who slew the mother and her child, Who maidens pure and sweet defiled! He did not go "to feed the gun," He went to save from ruthless Huns His home and country, and to be A guardian of democracy

"What if he does not come?" you say: Ah, well! My sky would be more grey, But through the clouds the sun would shine, And vital memories be mine. God's test of manhood is, I know, Not "Will he come? but "Did he go?" My son well knew that he might die, And yet he went, with purpose high, To fight for peace, and overthrow The plans of Christ's relentless foe.

He dreaded not the battlefield; He went to make fierce vandals yield. If he comes not again to me I shall be sad; but not that he Went like a man—a hero true, His part unselfishly to do. My heart will feel exultant pride That for humanity he died.

"Forgotten grave!" This selfish plea Awakes no deep response in me, For, though his grave I may not see, My boy will never forgotten be. My real son can never die; 'Tis but his body that may lie In foreign land, and I shall keep Remembrance fond, forever, deep Within my heart of my true son Because of triumphs that he won. It matters not where anyone May lie and sleep when work is done.

It matters not where some men live; If my dear son his life must give, Hosannas I will sing for him, E'en though my eyes with tears be dim, And when the war is over, when His gallant comrades come again, I'll cheer them as they're marching by, Rejoicing that they did not die. And when his vacant place I see My heart will bound with joy that he Was mine so long—my fair young son, And cheer for him whose work is done.

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THINGS THAT WE LAUGH AT

Inanimate Objects, Because of Association, Used by Comedians to Cause People to Smile.

The intrinsic humor possessed by inanimate objects is a study in itself. A person has but to lift up a string of sausages to make us smile. There must be some curious association of ideas, writes Ilob Wagner in the Saturday Evening Post, that has always made of sausages a favorite prop for the comedian. The popularity of spaghetti as a laugh provoker probably lies in the great difficulty of eating it with dignity. Because of some strange chance, lawnmowers and baby carriages are potential of much mirth.

Inanimate objects are not the only facetious things in life; among the fruit and vegetables we find are comedians. We have a complete flora and fauna of comedy that every director is supposed to know. The edible prop comedians are the cabbage, prune and onion; while among the animals, the jackass and the mule get the longest laughs, though I believe the goat takes the strongest.

Why had a stupid director who thought because a Shetland pony offered such a tremendous contrast to a mule he could hitch the two together and get a lot of laughs. It cost a bunch of money to convince this analytical clump that people regard these diminutive horses much as they do beautiful children; they are too sweet and cute to be subjected to the slightest indignity. Sheer beauty is never funny.

OLD CHURCH WITH A HISTORY

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Has Pews Permanently Reserved for Sovereign and Prince.

There are many interesting associations with royalty attaching to the historic church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where the king and queen recently attended a special service. It is not generally known, states a London correspondent, that pews are permanently reserved there for the sovereign and the prince of Wales owing to the fact that it is the mother church of all the royal parishes, and the parish church for Buckingham palace.

Henry VIII built the first church to prevent funerals passing his palace in Whitehall. The present edifice dates from 1726, and its chief claim to architectural distinction is that it possesses the only perfect example of a Grecian portico in London. In the other church some of the children of Charles II were christened.

George I presented it with an organ, which Handel frequently played. Sir Gwynne and Jack Sheppard were in the ancient vaults. It was the present St. Martin's the National Portrait Gallery stands, that the Merry Monarch, on his way to Drury Lane theater, caught his first glimpse of the famous beauty as she was selling her oranges.

Effects of the Sun.

City dwellers and those who do not lead a constant outdoor life should avoid exposing unclothed portions of the bodies to the bright sunlight for a prolonged period. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, German specialists who have investigated the subject say that the damage that frequently follows the popular pastime of lying for hours in the sun on the sand at German beaches is not merely sunburn, but headache and often meningitis. Those who are inclined to be nervous are more quickly affected by undue exposure to the rays of the sun, and the anemic and nervously predisposed city indoor workers are the very persons who are most fond of sun baths. A tanned and vascular skin offers a better protection against the sun's rays, but the city dweller's skin is neither pigmented nor vascular. Instead of being benefited, the nervous are rendered more nervous, and when the summer is over they are tanned, but otherwise in poorer condition than in the spring.

Gold in Montana.

The first discovery of gold in Montana is accredited to a halfbreed Indian, who in 1852 found "colors" in gravel near the mouth of Gol creek, a small stream that rises in the north-east corner of the Phillipsburg quadrangle, and the first workable pieces discovered in Montana were found on this creek in 1862, recites the Geological Press Survey Bulletin. A small quantity of gold was taken out of these gravels by means of sluice boxes on the creek near the present site of Pioneer. The deposit afterward exploited by the Hope mine was discovered in December, 1864, and in 1865 Phillipsburg was founded just south of the mine. Since that time the Phillipsburg district has produced about \$50,000,000 in gold and silver.

Curious Walking Feat.

The most curious walking feat in Scotland dates back to a former century when Sir Andrew Leith Hay and Lord Kennedy did a great walk for a bet of £4,500. Hay said he could walk from Blair hall in Kincardineshire to Inverness in less time than Kennedy. They started off that very night at nine o'clock. In their evening clothes, with their shoes and silk stockings, Sir Andrew took the coach road via Huntly and Elgin. Lord Kennedy, with Captain Ross as umpire, went straight across the Grampians in pouring rain. They walked all that night, all next day, and the following night, and Lord Kennedy got to Inverness at six o'clock in the morning of the third day, and won his bet by four hours.

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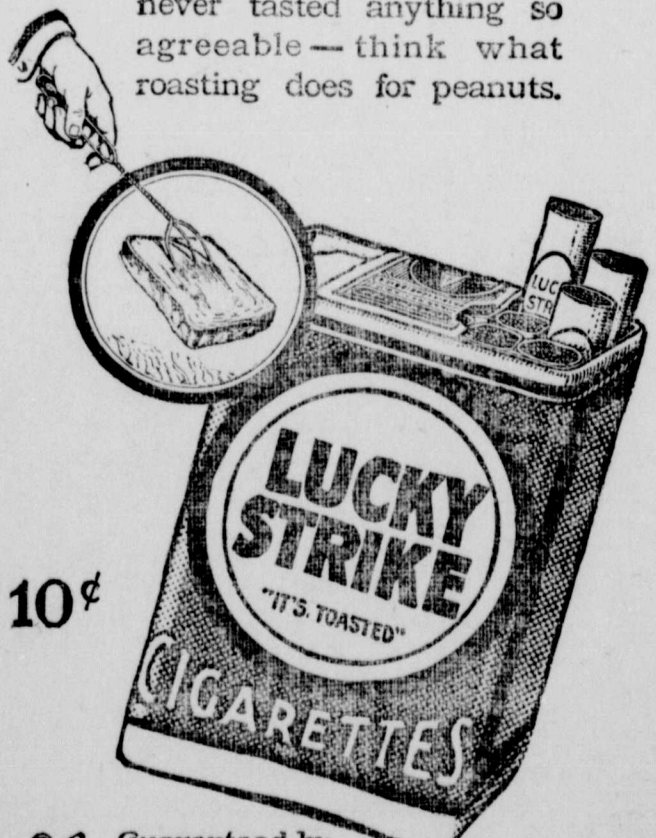
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#### LOOKING DIFFERENT.

Things are looking a little different to what they were last week. The rain made the change. It is funny what a great amount of optimism a small amount of moisture can create.

It is true the rain wasn't sufficient to call it breaking the drought, but it was so much more than we have had in several months that it gives us hope that the drought will break in reality at an early date and that abundant spring crops can be raised.

### GREAT SURPRISE IS AWAITING PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES

MORE AMERICANS WILL BE IN THE TRENCHES BY SPRING THAN PLANNED FOR.

### RED CROSS IS CHALLENGED

Chapters Throughout Southwest Are Urged to Double Their Efforts to Take Care of Brave Soldiers "Over There."

Red Cross chapters of the Southwest are urgently requested by the headquarters of the Southwestern Division, American Red Cross, at St. Louis, to mobilize all their forces and prepare for a surprisingly big drive in the spring.

From all signs and intimations coming from Europe in veiled cablegrams, from persons high in the conduct of the war, and from hints dropped from Washington, the number of Americans who will be in Europe by spring will be a great surprise.

It is admitted, on high authority, that there are thousands more soldiers in France than it was thought there would be. From preparations being made at cantonments and from the numbers now in transit, there will be many thousands more in Europe within a short time. They not only will be in the front line, so present advices point out.

This all goes to show that Red Cross workers will have to double up on their work and provide comforts for our own boys and at the same time continue to aid French, Italians and Servians.

It is up to chapters to inform their members of the necessity for more sweaters, wristlets, helmets, mufflers, hospital garments, surgical dressings, etc. Hundreds of thousands of each of these must be made to take care of the boys in the spring.

The time to start the preparation is now. The chapters realize that it takes lots of time to get all of the necessary articles together, and each one will want to make a good showing when the shipments are made.

Of course, the thousands of American soldiers will need Red Cross nurses to care for them. Forty thousand is the number estimated by the surgeon-general for the near future. The nursing service of the Red Cross offers many inducements and undoubtedly many of the patriotic women of the Southwest will join it, so that they can go to France and help in the fight for democracy.

Unnumberable letters are received showing the gratitude of the boys for

## WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

### BUREAU OF MILITARY RELIEF.

The following is a brief resume of the Red Cross activities in the seven army cantonments located in the Southwestern Division. These activities developed since a trip taken by the field director through camps from October 23rd to November 1st.

Approximately 125,000 sweaters from Washington and from the St. Louis Supply Department have been distributed, almost all among the different camps.

Three hundred and twenty men each at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, and three hundred and twenty men each at Camp Bowie, San Antonio, Tex., have been supplied from our St. Louis house with sweaters, hospital blankets, and socks. Five hundred and sixty-eight sweaters, socks, etc., were sent to the field directors, Camp Bowie, Tex., from St. Louis. This was done in accordance with the regulation.

Several hundred individual requests from soldiers for warm clothing, principally sweaters, have been investigated, and many found bona fide, have been supplied.

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### Young Banker Who Led Red Cross Hosts Thanks Army of Helpers in Southwest

The following statement was issued by J. L. Johnston, chairman of the Christmas Membership Campaign of the Red Cross in the Southwestern Division. Johnston is president of the German Savings Institution of St. Louis, being the youngest metropolitan bank president in the United States. He is thirty-one years old. The statement follows:

As the chairman for the Southwestern Division in the big Red Cross Christmas Membership Drive, I wish personally to thank every worker of the Red Cross who contributed to the success of the campaign.

An hour ago I said so aptly by Louis LaBonte, Publicity Director for this Division, we have shown the Kaiser where true Americans live.

Minimum estimates show that the Southwestern Division obtained 3,250,000 new members between December 17th and December 31st inclusive, leading every other Division in the United States. We were asked to get 1,000,000 new members. It will not be surprising if, when all the returns are in, the figure amounts to 3,400,000. In other words, we obtained nearly three times the number of members for which we were asked by Red Cross Headquarters at Washington.

This tremendous undertaking never could have been accomplished but for the whole-hearted loyalty and support of the thousands already were members of the Red Cross. To each and every one of you I wish to express my sincere thanks. It has been not only a pleasure, but a privilege that I esteem highly, to have been chairman of this campaign.

J. L. JOHNSTON, Chairman Southwestern Division Christmas Membership Campaign

## WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

### CANTEEN SERVICE DEPARTMENT

In the Southwestern Division of the Red Cross, which includes the States of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, there have been organized 37 Red Cross canteens in towns along the main lines of railway travel to render aid of every kind to troop trains.

In large movements of troops delays are unavoidable, and these bodies of men will often suffer from hunger and thirst in spite of the best efforts of the Army, and to give some refreshment to these men is a service the Red Cross is undertaking.

The commander of every troop train is supplied with a list of the towns where Red Cross canteens have been organized, and he is instructed to wire ahead for any service that a canteen can give. The organization of a canteen consists of a chairman and a committee of at least 10 members. Arrangements are made beforehand for the preparation of coffee and sandwiches in large quantities on short notice and their transportation to the station. The average troop train of 500 men will require 60 gallons of coffee. Fruit, cigarettes, etc., are also distributed. Hot coffee is always most acceptable. Although supplied with the Army travel ration, it is often impossible to provide every troop train with cooking facilities, in which case hot coffee is greatly appreciated by the men.

If a troop train commander finds that owing to delay, his food supply is exhausted, he will wire his requirements to a canteen and they will use their organization to supply his needs. In case of serious illness demanding immediate attention, the canteen will have an ambulance at the station to remove the man to a hospital without delay. This service has already been the means of saving the life of more than one of our boys.

Postal cards are distributed to the men to write home. This little attention is much appreciated by them, as the troops are often not allowed to leave the train.

Unnumberable letters are received showing the gratitude of the boys for the favors they have received from the Red Cross canteens all over the country, all of which makes them feel that somebody is interested in their welfare, and does much to cheer and encourage them.

The personal touch of the Red Cross worker is an important factor in maintaining the spirit of the troops, and this is an important duty of the Red Cross.

Too much cannot be said of the splendid enthusiasm that the women of the whole country have shown in this work. When they have been called upon they have responded, whether day or night. It is a service that all women will be glad to render to our boys who are giving so much.

That it's worth while on has but to read the letters from the men. I quote but one:

"On our arrival at M— we were tendered a most hearty reception by the Red Cross. Their kindness in serving us with hot coffee and sandwiches left an impression upon the boys that will never be forgotten. We cherish not only the worth of such a gift, but more than that the fact that the whole nation is interested in our welfare."

We welcome the organization of a Red Cross canteen along any main railroad line, and the undersigned will be glad to furnish information as to just what duties may be expected of them. CHARLES P. PETTUS, Director of Canteen Service, Southwestern Division American Red Cross, 1617 Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Mo.

### AS THEY SHOP IN GUATEMALA

Visiting is Principal Feature of Buying Expeditions, Business a Later Consideration.

"Our own way is always the best way," said a philosopher who understood human nature, and why everybody else does not go our way is a cause of constant surprise. For instance, in shopping.

How would you like to shop in Guatemala? They are a very polite people, and on coming into the store will pass some remark about the weather, and ask how business is. Then comes a string of questions about the health of the proprietor and all his relations and friends; and when all the questions are asked, the proprietor turns around and asks the same questions of you. Then the proprietor gets down to business, and takes down all his stock, which is all examined and priced, and then you say you will go home and think about it.

The next day, you return with the whole family—men, women, children and visitors—all the salutations are repeated, and all the stock displayed again. After two or three hours of this sort of thing, you buy perhaps a yard of muslin, and have it charged to 30 or 60 days' time. This so delights the proprietor, that he follows you to the door, and asks all the questions of your health all over again. It is needless to say that Guatemalan merchants never know to get rich.

### WHAT THUMBS ARE WORTH

Digit Is Estimated to Represent Fully One-Third of the Total Value of the Hand.

One has only to grasp a pen or a tool of some sort to realize that the different fingers are far from having the same value in regard to their usefulness in performing work. The most important, states a writer, is the thumb, for without it seizing or holding would be very imperfect. The hand is no longer pliers, but merely a claw, when deprived of the thumb. It may be estimated that the thumb represents fully a third of the total value of the hand. The total loss of the thumb is estimated by competent authorities as 15 to 35 per cent for the right and 10 to 15 per cent for the left hand, except for workers in art, when 40 to 50 for the right and 25 to 40 per cent for the left hand comes near the value.

The total loss of the index finger causes an incapacity estimated at from 10 to 25 per cent for the right hand and 10 to 15 per cent for the left. The middle finger is less important than the index. The ring finger is least important, and the little finger may be compared to its neighbor, except in the professions in which it serves as a point of support for the hand.

### Kiss Under the Mistletoe

The mistletoe was held in great reverence by the Druids. It was believed to be particularly and divinely healing; in fact, it was given this attribute for centuries. It had special significance as the cause of the death of Balder, the Norse Apollo, who was killed by an arrow made from its branches.

Subsequently Balder was restored to life, the mistletoe tree was placed under the care of Frigga, and from that time until it touched the earth was never again to be an instrument of evil.

The present custom of kissing under the mistletoe is the outcome of an old practice of the Druids. Persons of opposite sexes passed under the suspended vine and gave each other the kiss of love and peace, in full assurance that, though it had caused Balder's death, it had lost all its power of doing harm since his restoration.

### Churches in Queer Places

People at Tunbridge Wells, England, rarely say that it is impossible to do in two places at one time, because they enter the beautiful old chapel in their town they can stand in two counties and three parishes. The chapel stands partly in Kent and partly in Sussex. This is how the problem is worked out. When the clergyman leaves the vestry he comes to the parish of Frant, in Sussex, and he is going to officiate at the altar of the parish of Tunbridge, in Kent. If, on the other hand, he is going to preach the sermon, he walks from the parish of Frant to the parish of Speldhurst on the way to the pulpit in half a minute he can enter the two counties and the three parishes. The members of the congregation, however, have to content themselves by sitting in one county and one parish like ordinary folk.

### Scaled Mount Ararat

Mount Ararat in Armenia is not generally believed to have been the spot where Noah left the ark. Not until 1823 did a mountain climber succeed in scaling its steep ascent. Doctor Parrot, an Englishman, achieved that distinction. For centuries mountain climbers, and the Christian ecclesiastics of Armenia asserted an article of faith, that Jehovah had made the peak his earthly home, and that no human could possibly reach the top and escape divine vengeance. When Doctor Parrot declared that he had accomplished the ascent the priests refused to believe him and their clinging to his attitude of skepticism in spite of the fact that dozens of eyes had seen him stand on the top of Mount Ararat and gazed out over Armenia from an altitude of 17,000 feet.



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Mrs. Loggins and Mrs. James of Devine are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Graham.

J. R. Burnett was in the city from Gardendale Thursday. He left an ad of hogs for sale for the Record. Look it up if you are a prospective buyer.

Miss Kate Burwell has returned from San Antonio where she spent ten days with her sister, Miss Mary Burwell who was ill but is now recovering.

District Court will meet Monday. There is likely to be more people in town for this term than usual, as some important cases are on the docket for trial.

A light drizzle fell this week again, the fall amounting to .17 of an inch. The total rainfall for February here has amounted to nearly one inch and has been very beneficial to the on ion crop.

For Sale—10 shoats, 2 Red Durock Sows, and a few good pigs. J. R. Burnett, Gardendale Texas.

One of our subscribers writes us from Jacksonville, Fla., "Enclosed find \$3 to apply to my subscription account. Keep the Record coming. It is the best paper for its size I have ever read. I always find something interesting in it."

Edwin Atlee, formerly of Cotulla, was elected to the Legislature from the Laredo district in a special election last Saturday. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Woodhull.

John Gilbert came near having a serious accident while on his way home the other evening. He had a piece of pipe on his Ford and going down hill it began to slip. He endeavored to catch it and as he released one hand from the steering wheel the car swerved and plunged off a culvert bridge. Both front wheels of the car were broken, and it was otherwise damaged. John escaped without a scratch, but somewhat scared.

A special patriotic service will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev Myers has extended an invitation to everybody and especially to County and City officials.

Superintendent of the Santa Tomas mines, P. L. Matthews and wife were here for a few hours last week. They brought Miss Madie Daniel over from the mines instead of Mr. Petty as stated. Mr. Petty knowing the roads kindly accompanied them as pilot.

Dr. R. L. Graham returned this week from Athens, Texas, where he went to see a sister who was seriously ill. He says there is considerable fatal illness in North and East Texas at present. His mother, Mrs. Jane Ivey, accompanied him on his return and will visit at his home for awhile. The doctor says he actually saw it rain while he was gone and that it was indeed a pleasant sight. A good rain fell from San Antonio to Palestine.

Mrs. Harry W. Hamilton and little son are visiting in San Antonio.

Privates Geo. B. Newman and Roy C. Newman of La Salle county, formerly of Company C 343d Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Travis, Texas, have been transferred to a Casual Detachment and will probably see foreign service in the near future.

It is of interest to know that Pleas Blair Rogers, who spent several years of his childhood days in Cotulla, and a son of Captain J. H. Rogers, U. S. Marshall of this district, has gained distinction of being promoted to 1st Lieutenant and General Hutchins first aid at Camp Bowie. Young Rogers was taking his first year's work in the University of Texas after graduating from the Wentworth Military Academy in Mo. in Jan. 1915, when the call came from the Texas National Guard to do border service. He with a number of other boys from the University enlisted in October of the same year and were sent to Ft. Sill, Okla., to the School of Musketry for a ten weeks course. In December 1917 he was promoted to the position he now occupies. The letters that this young soldier's friends receive from him indicate he was never more happy nor healthy and never more busy.

Don't forget those China Shade Trees. Now is the time to put them out. F. I. Rock can supply you. Phone 403 R 13

Parent Teachers Association. Program for March 1st. Music—Maurine Dyson Music—Roy Cotulla "Cultivation of a child's taste"—Mrs. S. Cotulla Music—Winnie Masters, "Cultivating a child's taste for Music"—Mrs. W. L. Skinner

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Several weeks before her death she was attacked by a very severe illness. So severe was the attack that not much hope from the very first was held out for her recovery, though all that love and care could do was done yet in spite of it all her spirit passed into the realms of endless day.

The death of this beautiful child deserves more than a mere passing notice. She was one of those happy, joyous little ones sent to remind us that "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Now that she is gone we remember with pleasure the beautiful little life that is no more. In her home she was a sunny isle that gives you glimpses of Heaven. Her short span of life was brightened and beautified by the consciousness of the love of her parents, and death seemed particularly cruel in taking her from them but God knew best. She sleeps at La Motta, near Cotulla with those of her kindred who had gone before. She is sadly missed in her home, but we can spare her to Him who said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life" and "Suffer little Children to come unto Me."

To the heartbroken parents goes out the deepest sympathy and warmest love from friends and kindred who would gladly help them bear their burden.

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PETIT JURY, 1st week.

H. L. Achilles, J. D. Ballard, James Carr, W. G. Barris, E. H. Burris, Wade Hampton, Green Bobo, S. A. Lindsey, E. D. Cohenor, R. A. Carr, J. E. Davis, C. W. Petit, J. R. Dunlap, J. C. Proctor, Frank Rhodes, Wm. Welhausen, R. A. Gouger, O. W. Barnes, O. W. Holman, L. G. Coovert, Jack T. Johns, R. J. Gardner, W. Kampman, G. R. Newman, F. D. Lown, V. C. Rankin R. L. Henrichson, Ned Lann, Ben D. Horton, A. J. Martin, H. B. Miller, M. H. McMahon, J. N. Ramsey, R. B. Robuck, J. D. Neal, J. W. Winslow.

2ND WEEK.

W. V. Angel, A. H. Neal, L. A. Harr, B. J. Pate, J. W. Mathis, Lee Peters, R. F. Moore, F. I. Rock, G. E. McCombs, C. H. Rock, L. J. Ross, W. H. Robbins, James Shull, J. L. Stedham, Joel Youngblood, T. J. Simpson, J. R. Bell, Jr. T. W. Conlan, P. W. Steele, L. H. Watkins, W. L. Shilling, W. A. Tarver, L. B. Giles, Chas. Tarver, R. J. Talbott, Atha Thomas, M. G. Talbot, J. A. Reed, Harry B. Bair, W. H. Johns, H. C. Guinn, W. M. Dyson, John Cotulla, R. E. Britt, P. Shull, E. A. Herman.

W. H. Johns went up to San Antonio yesterday evening. His brother, Albert Johns, of Shafter, is at the Baylor Hospital seriously ill.

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