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Change Made in Directorate of State Bank

R. E. L. MONTAGUE SUCCEEDS P. M. FELTON AS PRESIDENT OF LOCAL INSTITUTION

R. E. L. Montague, one of the leading stock farmers and cattlemen of Floyd County, has been elected president of the First State Bank of this city, succeeding P. M. Felton, who has been president of the institution for the past two years and a stockholder since shortly after its organization in 1909. This change was made at a director's meeting held at the bank Wednesday, when S. A. Greer was also elected as a director succeeding T. E. Bowers, of Ralls, who has been one of the principal stockholders in the institution.

The change in the bank management was brought about by the purchase by Mr. Montague, J. K. Green and N. W. McCleskey of the P. M. Felton and T. E. Bowers interests. The other officers of the bank remain the same as before, J. K. Green being retained as active vice president and N. W. McCleskey as cashier. The personell of the board of directors is now: R. E. L. Montague, S. A. Greer, H. L. Puryear, Will I. Allen, J. D. Starks, N. W. McCleskey and Jas. K. Green.

The new president of the institution is one of the pioneer citizens of this section, and holds extensive land and cattle interests in the county being considered one of the strongest men financially in the county. He is a man also of wide personal popularity.

MRS. R. A. CHILDERS HOME; DOCTOR'S HEALTH IMPROVING

Mrs. R. A. Childers has returned home from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she has been the past several months with her husband, Dr. R. A. Childers in a sanitarium there.

The doctor's health is improving and Mrs. Childers is hopeful that he will be much better at an early date and able to return home before many months.

Rev. J. W. Hollums preached Sunday morning at the Baptist church on invitation by Rev. W. B. McDaniel, pastor. Rev. Hollums was visiting here from Denison, the guest of his brother, Jno. A. Hallums.

LYCEUM COMMITTEE OFFERING REFUND ON UNUSED RESERVATIONS

The local lyceum committee Wednesday night disappointed a number of patrons who bought reserved seats for the Hawaiian number down town and who through error were not given their reservations when presented at the door. The committee, through Geo. A. Lider, has issued a statement in which they declare they regret very much the disappointment caused their patrons. The reservations had all been taken when a number of the down-down reserved seat duplicates reached the auditorium.

A refund will be made all holders of unused reservation tickets, who will call at the Floydada Drug Co., or Mr. Lider, the statement adds.

YOUNG MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF SEDITIONARY CONDUCT

Le Roy Tefford, a young man of this county, who has been living in Oklahoma and New Mexico the past summer, was arrested here Christmas Day by Deputy C. H. West on a charge of seditious conduct and is now being held pending an investigation of his activities by the U. S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Tefford has a wife and two or three children. He had been home for only a short time when he was arrested.

MANY SOLDIER BOYS ENJOY FURLOUGH AT HOME

Many of the boys and men Floyd County has furnished to the various branches of the army service are spending the holiday season at home, and others are yet to come during the next several days. Among those who are spending from five to ten days at home are: Paul Foster, Clinton McPeak, Levi Lewis, Arryl Martin, Frank Yearwood, George Graham, Robert McGuire, Jesse McNeely, from Camp Bowie; E. C. Nelson, Jr., from Camp Fort Bliss; Harry Stanley, from Camp Travis. Mr. Stanley had a very short leave of absence from camp, spending less than 24 hours with relatives here. Mrs. Stanley accompanied him back to San Antonio and will visit for some time with him there.

Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Smith left last week for Chico where they have been visiting with Mrs. Smith's parents during Christmas. They will also visit Vernon and other points before returning home.

397 Questionnaires Have Been Issued

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD'S OFFICES ARE CROWDED DAILY WITH REGISTRANTS

The Local Exemption Board for Floyd County had reached the 379th number on the draft last night, this being the last questionnaire issued that date. The board is issuing an average of 52 questionnaires per day and they will very probably be kept very busy the remainder of the next thirty days issuing the questionnaires and passing on the classification claims.

The latter part of last week when the exemption board first began its work the work of the Advisory committee was light. This week, however, they have had to enlarge their quarters and have had to use many more of the board daily than they had anticipated. The first plan was to have four associate members work daily, assigning a day to each set. This has been abandoned to an extent, however, practically every registrant requiring aid in answering their questions. From thirty minutes to three hours each is required to fill out a questionnaire and procure affidavits.

854 questionnaires are to be issued, the exemption board is just a little less than half through this part of their work. They began last night the work of passing on the classification claims, several having been returned to them completed.

MRS. R. C. HENRY HOLDS LUCKY NUMBER IN DRAWING

In the Plush Coat Drawing held Monday afternoon at four o'clock at the Reagan Garage, Mrs. R. C. Henry held the lucky number which was 2-100. It was the second number called. Some four or five hundred people were present with tickets when the numbers were drawn and announced, much interest being manifested in the drawing for the valuable prize given patrons of the garage.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION SUIT ORDERED PUSHED

Comptroller Says Law of 35th Legislature Does Not Help Delinquent Tax Payers

Tax Collector J. A. Grigsby has received the following letter from Comptroller H. B. Terrell, relative to the law passed by the last legislature and on the opinion of the Attorney General on it, which is self-explanatory. It should be read by every tax payer in the state. It is as follows:

"Enclosed herewith is an opinion from the Attorney General with reference to the law passed by the 35th Legislature extending the time until January 31st, 1919, for the filing of suits for the collection of 1917 tax only.

"You will observe from this opinion that it in no wise affects the duty of the Tax Collector in the collection of delinquent taxes of other years, and you are authorized and instructed to proceed in the usual way after the 1st day of February to force the collection of the 1917 delinquent tax on all personal property owned by the delinquent tax payer.

"Use every effort possible to collect all the delinquent tax that you can by the 31st of March, in order to be ready to close your annual settlement for the year and make your report to this Department on time.

"I hope that you will give the opinion your immediate attention and explain to the tax payers at once that the only thing the tax payer can gain by allowing his tax to become delinquent, will be that the County Attorney cannot file suit against his real estate until after January 31st, 1919.

"All costs, penalty and interest will accrue against his property, and it will be the Tax Collector's duty to foreclose on his personal property and collect his tax.

"If you will explain this opinion thoroughly to your tax payers, I think you will prevent a great many tax payers from going delinquent the first day of February, 1918, expecting relief, but which will be in fact a burden.

"You are further advised that this law does not affect any tax whatever delinquent prior to 1917 tax and your County Attorney is compelled under the law to file suit to force the collection of such tax."

W. Z. Hawkins and wife, of Flomot, were in Floydada Monday trading.

METHODIST SERVICES IN DISTRICT COURT ROOM TEMPORARILY

Services of the Methodist church congregation and Sunday school were held Sunday morning and evening at the District Court Room of the court house, and services of this church will be held there temporarily pending receipt of the steel for their new church, which has been delayed. The old building has been removed by the buyer, Jno. L. West.

COAL SHORTAGE MADE LESS ACUTE BY RECENT SHIPMENTS

The coal shortage locally has been considerably relieved by the shipments of this month, which have in practically all cases relieved the immediate shortage and will give a short time in which other shipments enroute may be received and taken up.

Two cars last week and one already this week have been received. All were unloaded from the cars without reaching the dealers' bins, but dealers are of the opinion that the danger of a shortage that would be the cause of suffering has passed. It is said that several cars are enroute here from the mines, owing to the insistence of dealers for shipments and the co-operation of the officials in calling the matter to the attention of the Fuel Administration.

J. H. C. POPE IS VERY LOW WITH PNEUMONIA

J. H. C. Pope, father of H. O. and R. A. Pope, has been very ill the past twelve days with pneumonia at his home in the east part of Floydada, his condition having been critical almost from the day he grew sick.

Hope for his recovery had been abandoned this morning.

C. I. A. GIRLS ARE SPENDING THE HOLIDAYS AT HOME

Misses Coral and Ruby White, Wanda Armstrong, Bernice Henry, Bessie Thompson, Mable Yearwood, are home for the holidays from Denton, where they attend the College of Industrial Arts.

11th DISTRICT HAS PAID MORE THAN 100 MILLION DOLLARS

Steady Stream of Money Necessary For War Purposes Coming to Reserve Bank

The people of the eleventh district Federal Reserve Bank system, have paid into the United States Treasury since June 1 more than \$11,000,000. This does not include remunerations in favor of the Government because of Federal direct or indirect taxation. It only represents the actual amount of cash paid into the Government for the United States Government Bonds, Liberty loan issues Nos. 1 and 2.

More than \$11,000,000 of this sum has been paid into the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas since Dec. 15. These payments represented the second, or 40 per cent, payments on the United States Government bonds, Liberty loan issue No. 2, which became due on December 15. Only \$8,000,000 is now due the Government on second Liberty loan bonds. Payments already are completed on the first Liberty loan bonds.

The payment of the more than \$11,000,000 into the United States Treasury in exchange for United States bonds, is but a part of the steady stream of money into the United States Government which is handled, in the managerial and directory phases, by the Federal Reserve Bank. Special war finance departments are maintained in all of the branch banks of the Federal Reserve Bank. In Dallas the war finance department has separate offices, which are in charge of R. R. Gilbert and Sam R. Lawder, assistant cashiers. J. W. Hoopes, deputy governor, has handled both Liberty loans.

With the cessation in the sale of Liberty loan bonds the war finance department is stressing the importance of war savings certificates and thrift stamps. Treasury certificates of indebtedness are also being handled by the war finance department.

Although the campaign in this district for the sale of war savings certificates and thrift stamps is but of recent inauguration, the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank has already sold nearly \$500,000 worth of the savings certificates and thrift stamps. In view of the fact that the sales so far represent only the minimum and initial purchases of the stamps and certificates, it is believed

Now 2,000 Red Cross Members in County

CHRISTMAS DRIVE NETS 1,471 NEW MEMBERS IN FLOYD CO. FOR RED CROSS

The Floyd County Red Cross now has a total membership of two thousand persons, the Red Cross Christmas drive having netted an additional membership of 1,471. This is 174 per cent of the goal set by the State Director for Floyd County, the tremendous success of the campaign being the result of a spontaneous outburst of patriotism by the people of county under most able direction of Red Cross workers.

At noon of Christmas Day Mrs. Buckingham, secretary of the Red Cross and director of the work in the county in the absence of Mrs. L. V. Smith, chairman, had received notice of 1453 Christmas members, and had pledged that the number required to make up a full membership of two thousand would be reached without fail. The membership includes 312 persons holding membership before the beginning of the drive and 217 junior members consisting of the Floydada High School Auxiliary.

The campaign in this county was one of the most remarkable in the state, according to a statement given out by Hugh E. Prather, chairman of the North Texas Campaign, in which district Floyd was placed for reasons unknown locally. Mr. Prather's statement declared that unusually fine work was being done at ten different points. Floydada was included in a statement with Sherman, Denison, Paris, Waxahachie, San Angelo, Albany, Ennis, McKinney and Denton. Floydada, San Angelo, Albany and Ennis reached the goals set for them first in the state, Floydada reporting 600 Christmas members the first day of the campaign and having far passed the mark set on the third day.

The campaign in the nation was a thorough success, the mark set having been passed. The exact number of Christmas members in this state or for the nation will be tabulated and given during this week, it is thought.

John Splawn Night Watchman

Last week John Splawn was appointed night watchman for the business district of Floydada and has been on the work since that date.

Business firms of the town have contributed to the fund for hiring the watchman, every precaution being taken to lessen the fire hazard. The watchman will be kept on duty indefinitely.

S. C. Rawlings, of Silverton, has moved to Floyd County to make his home. He resides on Route 4.

will assume the crescendo and reach a tremendous figure. Some of the purchasers intend to add certificates to their books weekly, some semi-weekly, some fortnightly and some monthly. Thus it can be seen that taking the figures up to now as representative, the passing of time will make such a purchase recur with regularity and at short intervals. Officials at the Federal Reserve Bank said yesterday that the demand for the thrift stamps and savings certificates is daily becoming heavier.—Dallas News.

HAWAIIAN TROUPE DRAWS RECORD LYCEUM CROWD

Music has charms to soothe most any kind of breast, and more especially if that music be Hawaiian and the breast be that of a Floydada person. This statement is predicated on the record attendance at the lyceum attraction featured by the local lyceum committee Wednesday evening. The High School Auditorium where the evening's entertainment was staged was crowded to overflowing and a number were turned away who were late.

Vierra's Royal Hawaiians were the entertainers. They were applauded at every number and gave frequent encores.

ANOTHER FOOD SURVEY TO BE MADE DECEMBER 31ST

All dealers in food in the United States will be required to make practically a complete inventory and statement of all kinds of food stuffs on hand as of date of December 31. Local dealers received blanks and instructions this week.

The survey is being made by the Food Control Board of the Department of Agriculture, and the dealers will be required to give figures for the same date last year. By means of this survey, used in comparison with the figures of the October first survey, the department will be able to determine the rate of consumption of the food stuffs, as well as the amount and kind now in stock, and it can be determined the relative amount of food reserves now on hand compared with last year.

CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A Christmas tree, with appropriate exercises was a very pleasant occasion for the members of the Sunday school of the Christian church on Christmas Eve.

Judge Mathis, of Plainview, Dead

Judge W. C. Mathis, long a resident of Plainview and Hale county, succumbed to an illness of very short duration Saturday morning of last week. His death was due to neurosis.

He was at one time judge of Hale county and has practiced in the courts of every county of the district.

GARWIN R. JACKSON SPENDS SICK LEAVE WITH HOME FOLKS

Garwin R. Jackson, who is in the Radio Service with Headquarters Company, 345th Field Artillery, now in training at Camp Travis, returned to his duties this week after having spent a short sick leave with his brother, W. L. Jackson and family.

Jackson is recovering from pneumonia. He has been in the National Army since the middle of September. He says he likes army life much better than he had anticipated, declaring that the treatment is excellent in every way at the camps.

Miss Cleo Andrews who attends business college at Amarillo is spending the holiday session with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Andrews, having arrived Friday of last week.

Miss Sabra Thagard, who is teacher of expression in the Duke, Oklahoma, school, is at home for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Addie Thagard and family.

Bran and Cake

Meal and Hulls

FOR SALE BY

A. V. Haynes Gin

Co-Operation

When your personal and business integrity and asset entitle you to credit; when you find the opportunity of legitimate investment attended by profit; when the requirements of your business demand;

the necessary capital is ready

This bank is anxious to assist its patrons in every way toward their financial advancement.

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS



PUT IT IN A GOOD BANK

We offer you every protection a bank can have; safe, sound and under conservative management. If you are not already one of our customers, we want your account.

IF YOU HAVE MONEY WE WANT IT
IF YOU WANT MONEY WE HAVE IT

FLOYD COUNTY STATE BANK
FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Caton-Dodson Dry Goods Company

Wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and will endeavor to merit your confidence and patronage during 1918.

SOUTH OF TRIPLETT'S PHARMACY, :: :: :: ::

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ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN

The following persons have authorized The Hesperian to Announce their Candidacies for the office indicated above their names, subject to the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1918.

FOR CO. AND DIST. CLERK.
Tom W. Deen.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:
Mrs. Addie Thagard.

City's quota of the thrift for the year is \$280,000 and an active campaign has been begun for their sale.

It is particularly pleasing that the Floyd County Red Cross Chapter should have been one of the first four in all the state of Texas to be mentioned as having done fine work in the Red Cross Christmas Drive. It is creditable to the patriotism and love of humanity in the hearts of the people of our county and it is equally a high complement to the energy and resourcefulness of the leaders of the movement. Floyd County is loyal to the core. Floyd County is glad to have the opportunity to show its desire for service. That the libel on West Texas during the earlier part of the year accusing its people of lack of loyalty and enthusiasm is being refuted by these unmistakable front rank records is also gratifying.

RED CROSS

Kirven Progress:

A State official in the north is under indictment for saying that the Red Cross is an organization of graft. He is liable for a \$10,000 fine and twenty years in the pen. Good for him.

And he ought to be kicked heck, west and crooked for additional discipline. The Red Cross is the most hopeful link between the war's barbarities and the world's ancient allegiance to the humanities. The Red Cross is making the condition of the sick and wounded and prisoned tolerable. It is inspiring continued faith in civilized impulses. It is a hospital, a home, a hymn to the stricken; it is a refuge, a landmark, a harbinger to those who are going into the abyss, or coming out. It fertilizes faith in the godliness of God, and its ministrations are reflections of the heart of Jesus Christ. To abuse the Red Cross is to abuse our country. To oppose the Red Cross is to praise the devil.—State Press in Dallas News.

PREPAREDNESS STUFF

S. W. Callen

Little bits of flour,
Little grains of wheat
Make the twelve-ounce bread loaf
Which the world must eat.

Little flakes of corn meal,
Little grains of maize
Will keep an army going
On nothing else for days.

Every flake of oatmeal,
Every little oat
Will help an allied soldier
To get a German's goat.

Tip of bacon,
Little squeal
Of the fighters,
Little wheel.

Beans
Blanket
Sued by

Each sedate old hen
(The kind that make the egg markets,
Not the kind that charm the men)
Make Hindenburg look sober
And trouble in Berlin.

Every little lambkin
Sporting on the hill
Makes "Ich und Gott" come doubtful
From pious Kaiser Bill.
—Kansas Industrialist.

CAMP TRAVIS NEWS

H. R. Cliver, Co. D, 315th Engineer ran in the long distance race (4 miles) at the Regimental Track Meet, December 6th.

In athletics the 345th Field Artillery Infantry is still pulling to the front. The basket ball team that is composed of men from the Infantry in two games played lately with Battery C and with Battery B the Infantry won both of them, the score being twelve to eight and fourteen to three. Among the men that compose the Infantry is a lean, lank lad from Floydada, one Jay V. Daniels who played left guard and who played it well.

Experience of thousands of members of the National Army upon reporting for duty at Camp Travis has developed some "don't's" that may be timely for the second contingent of men selected to serve their country, who will soon leave for training camps. The first one of these is an admonition against overloading with all kinds of personal effects. Some men have brought trunks for which there is no room and place. A suit case is the best thing in which to bring spare clothes and is a good thing to have here in which to keep clothes, whether you bring anything in it or not.

Don't overload with underwear, socks, shirts, etc. Uncle Sam issues underwear and socks and you must wear the kind issued, so that your other articles will have to be disposed of or returned to your home.

Don't wear your best clothes or even your good clothes to camp. It may be several days before your uniform can be issued to you and you will have fatigue duty to do in your clothes. It is best to bring clothes you can give away to the Belgian Relief Society. Your civilian clothes cannot be kept in camp and will have to be sold or sent to your home.

The same thing applies to your shoes. It is not bad however to have some light slippers or moccasins to slip on when you have taken off your marching shoes.

Three bath towels and as many face towels is more than enough. Don't bring a half dozen of each or more. They will be in your way. You will be issued several towels by the government.

Don't wear a good hat, or one that you want to keep.

It is well to bring your shaving and toilet articles. A soap box is almost necessary. An unbreakable mirror is desirable and will last a life time. Shoe brushes or rags will also be needed. A clothes brush would not be out of place, or a whisk broom. Get a "housewife" or some needles, Olive Drab thread and a few bachelor buttons for underwear, etc.

In bringing handkerchiefs the Olive Drab or bandana style give the best service, however a half dozen or more white handkerchiefs could be used.

One or two soft bosom shirts with cuffs attached can be used. They are worn with the uniform blouse together with the standing collar or stock.

Bed clothes
Blanket
Sued by

to bedding summer and winter clothes, overcoats, poncho or rain coat, socks, underwear, woolen shirts, hat, hat cord, belt, barrack bag or laundry bag, comb, brush, soap and towels, shoes, one pair for dress and one for marching and drilling, gloves and leggings.

A mess kit is also issued which includes knives, forks and spoons, plates and drinking cup.

Practically everything desired can be purchased at slightly above cost price from the Exchange operated throughout the camp. The profit of these go to the funds of the various organizations in camp and are used for their benefit entirely.

WHEAT CROP AND CONDITION

The following report of the wheat crop and its condition has been made by the field agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

Winter Wheat—United States: Planted in the fall of 1917 42,200,000 acres, compared with 40,534,000 acres planted last year. Condition December 1 was 79.3 per cent of normal, compared 85.7 last year and 89.3, the ten-year average condition on December 1.

For the State of Texas 1,620,000 acres, compared with 1,725,000 acres last year. Condition December 1 was 57 per cent of normal, compared to 86 a year ago and 87, the ten-year average.

Rye—United States: Planted in the fall of 1917 6,120,000 acres, compared with 4,480,000 acres planted last year. Condition December 1 was 84.1 per cent normal, compared with 88.8 last year and 92.2, the ten-year average condition on December 1.

For the State of Texas 2,000 acres, compared with 2,000 acres last year. Condition December 1 was 50 per cent of normal, compared with 84 a year ago and 87, the ten-year average.

E. M. JOHNSTON,
Field Agent.

\$28,000 GOVERNMENT AID FOR DICKENS CO. ROADS

Judge Walter L. Powell and Clifford B. Jones returned this week from Austin where they had been to meet with the State Good Roads Commission in an effort to secure state and federal aid in road construction work in Dickens county. The Commission allowed twenty eight thousand dollars for the improvement of the Fort Worth-Roswell Highway through Dickens county provided a like amount would be expended by the county, and which was accepted. Other aid was promised provided we do our part, and it is very likely that a sum equal to if not more than the twenty eight thousand dollars already secured will later be given us in the construction of a highway through the county from the south to the north county lines, running through Spur, Dickens and Afton.

As said before, with the aid which will be given us by the state and federal government, in connection with the four hundred thousand dollars already voted by the people of Dickens county, we can and will build throughout the county the finest and most durable system of roads of any county in the state. We are proud of the progressive spirit of the people of this county, and we are glad to call Dickens county our home.—Texas Spur.

TO MY PATRONS AND FRIENDS OF RURAL ROUTE NO. ONE

I wish to take this method of expressing my appreciation for the kind co-operation and courteous treatment which has been shown me by patrons and friends of Rural Route No. 1, out of Floydada, on which I have been serving for the past four years.

I have endeavored to serve you to the best of my ability, and feel that I have been repaid by the many kindnesses received at your hands.

Especially do I want to thank the teachers and pupils of Starkey School for the nice shower of fruit, candy, nuts, cigars, chewing gum, and handkerchiefs given me last Friday when I stopped, as usual, to deliver their mail. They put a box down by my side showing the nice things and the fact that

weekly until a little more than a year ago, when it became a daily route; when first established it had forty-four boxes and now has about one hundred, and during this time the number of pieces of mail has increased from about three to seven thousand per month; and there has also been issued something near fourteen hundred money orders.

Wishing all a glad Christmas and a happy New Year, I am,
Yours respectfully,
J. A. WYMAN,
Rural Carrier Route No. 1.

PRUNING PEACH TREES

By The Plant Pathologist of the State Department of Agriculture

Austin, Texas.—Wide differences of opinion prevail among fruit growers regarding the proper methods to observe in pruning fruit trees. Trees will often be found that bear abundantly with all systems of pruning, and also when no pruning whatever has been done. However, this is no argument against pruning. The most successful orchardists prune their trees habitually, and they usually follow some plan in so doing. The objects to attain in pruning might be summed up in the following:

- 1 To make the tree shapely.
- 2 To open the top and allow entrance of sunshine and air.
- 3 To check a vigorous growth and make trees more stocky.
- 4 To remove interfering, dead, and badly diseased branches.
- 5 To thin fruit, and thereby reduce the crop and its weight on tree, but increase the quality.
- 6 To facilitate spraying and marketing.
- 7 To stimulate growth of fruit buds.

Pruning of trees should be done while the trees are dormant, preferably in late winter or early spring. Give the young tree at planting time a good foundation upon which to build. The tree can be shaped for future life at this time. If the young tree at planting, has strong laterals, cut them back to one or two buds, and the top nearly even with the lateral top. During the dormant period between the first and second year's growth, prune so as to have uniform distribution of limbs, leaving the tree after pruning in symmetrical.

Between the second and third year's growth, the pruning does not differ so much from that of the year preceding; however, as heavy pruning is not necessary, a portion of the succeeding year's wood should be removed.

Peaches are always borne on the young growth of the year preceding. This should be kept in mind while pruning peach trees that have come into bearing. Remove superfluous wood so as to provide for a growth of new wood. If the main branches are long and spindling head them into some extent. If the growth is motley and does not allow sunlight to have access to the leaves, open the top and prune out some of the interior growth. If limbs cross or interfere one with the other, prune off the one that can best be spared. If the tree has limbs badly damaged by insects and disease such as the shot hole borers, or bacterial canker, prune them off, since they prove a hindrance to the welfare of the tree.

In the fruiting season, if the tree is heavily laden with fruit, thinning may be necessary to prevent breaking of limbs. This is merely one feature of thinning, however. There is less fruit after thinning, and consequently the remaining fruit receives more vitality and vigor, and corresponding high quality and flavor. The strain on the tree, from bearing such a heavy crop, is lessened in which case the tree increases in vitality. Pruning is almost indispensable to successful growing. It should not be neglected.

Any further information will be cheerfully given.

NELL D. ZUBER,
Plant Pathologist.

Frank D. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bishop, reached the Great Lakes Naval Training Station Monday of last week, after having enlisted as fireman at Dallas on the Saturday previous. A card to his brother C. D. Bishop, indicates that the climate is somewhat colder in that section of the plains.

FINAL STANDING OF LEADING CONTESTANTS IN THE DOLL CONTEST AT—

Gibson's Racket Store

- MARY ALICE SUMMERVILLE.....38,525
1st Prize, The Big Doll
LUELLE STONE.....21,475
2nd Prize, Large Baby Doll
DEAN SMITH.....12,525
3rd Gold Filled Locket and Chain
PAULINE RUSHING.....11,950
4th Prize, Gold Filled Locket and Chain
SYBLE RUTH MANNING.....11,500
5th Prize, Gold Filled Locket and Chain

Bessie Moore.....9,795	Argerrie Berry.....7,150
Gladys Stagner.....9,790	Hazel Dane.....6,200
Anettia Glover.....9,475	Arie Gamble.....6,150
Rosa Lee Billington.....9,200	Flora Hanna.....5,900
Evelyn Pitts.....8,100	Hatty Price.....5,800
Opal Keasler.....7,325	Trixie Goodman.....5,635
	Vida Savage.....5,550

Each a Gold Filled Ring to be Called For by Contestant

Names of those receiving less than 5,000 votes posted at the store

We thank all the contestants for their work in the contest which we have endeavored to conduct with equal fairness to all.

Gibson's Racket Store

DADDY GRIGGS

Has bought the C. W. Boothe interest in the Griggs & Boothe Grocery Store. He will have first class

Delivery Service

After January 1, 1918, and will be glad to have the patronage of his friends and former customers.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Have that long delayed photograph which you have promised your friends so often, made today. Have it made in our studio, too, where you are certain of the best of service and attention.

RESOLVE TODAY

To call us up and arrange for a setting this week sure!

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Unusually Attractive Prices For High Grade Work

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\$1.75.

E. A. Hopkins

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Any Hour

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—CASKETS—

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Shop*

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treatment courteous. Shallow
Water Steam Laundry repre-
sented.

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**HENRY CLAY PIERCE BEGAN
OIL BUSINESS AT GALVESTON**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 20.—A permit
for the Pierce Oil Corporation to do
business in Texas, which was granted
in the District Court at Austin the
other day, recalls the interesting story
of the oil activities of Henry Clay
Pierce of St. Louis, head of the cor-
poration in question. The record of
the case tried at Austin is really the
story of the oil business in Texas and
of the rise of H. C. Pierce to be ar-
oil magnate of great prominence.

Mr. Pierce came to Texas in 1870,
establishing his business in Galveston.
His stocks of oil were sent to that city
by the shipload. His business was
styled H. C. Pierce & Co. Later, in
1876, H. W. Waters, also of St. Louis,
joined Mr. Pierce in the business and
the firm was styled Waters, Pierce &
Co. This firm did most of the busi-
ness in oils in Missouri, Arkansas and
Texas at that time.

In the meantime the Rockefeller oil
business had been established at Cleve-
land and the first refinery of what has
become the Standard Oil interest was
built in that city. A proposal came to
Waters, Pierce & Co. from the Rocke-
feller interests to join the Standard
Oil Company. The Waters-Pierce Oil
Company was formed in 1878 with
Rockefeller interests holding 40 per
cent of the stock, Pierce and associates
40 per cent and 20 per cent in the
hands of another interest. The capital
stock was \$100,000. This latter inter-
est was later secured by the Rocke-
fellers, thus giving them control of the
Waters-Pierce Oil Company. That was
in 1882. Later the capital stock was
increased to \$400,000. Of this Pierce
owned 1,250 shares while the Standard
Oil interests held 2,750 shares. During
none of this time, according to the
record, was Mr. Pierce pleased with
the control of the Waters-Pierce Oil
Company by the Rockefeller interests.
But in 1912 under the spur of the Fed-
eral Court the Standard Oil interest in
the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was
acquired by H. C. Pierce.

Litigation in Missouri and Texas
over the relations between the Stand-
ard Oil Company and the Waters-
Pierce Oil Co are comparatively recent
incidents of the oil career of H. C.
Pierce. But the decision at Austin,
under the act of the Texas Legislature,
to permit the Pierce Oil Corporation
to enter Texas brings H. C. Pierce in-
to this State with his main organiza-
tion after an absence of approximately
ten years.

The Pierce interests in Texas prior
to this time, since the banishment of
the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, has
been the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Associa-
tion. This association is now to be
merged into the Pierce Oil Corpora-
tion and it is understood the concern
will increase its activities in Texas.
This concern has become a consider-
able factor in the oil business of Ok-
lahoma, where there are indications
that it will engage in production, a
line which has in the past been rather
neglected by Mr. Pierce's interests,
they being refiners and dealers rather
than producers.

It has been announced that the
Pierce Oil Corporation will at once in-
crease the capacity of its refinery at
Fort Worth and add to its interests at
Texas City.

The Hesperian and Dallas Semi-
weekly News, \$1.75.

CARING FOR MEASLES

**Dr. Brenzier of Austin Writes His Son
How Best to Care for Himself**

The following is a letter written by
Dr. N. O. Brenzier, of Austin, Texas,
to his son, now with the army
serving in France. It has much help-
ful advice, which is particularly valu-
able at this time when measles epi-
demics are apt to break out in any
section of the country, as well as in
the army camps, and should be ob-
served by civilians as well as soldiers.
He says:

"We see notices in our papers daily
of many deaths resulting from pneu-
monia following measles, and as you,
if I remember correctly, have never
had 'em, I have a hunch that a brief
discussion on the 'measly thing' may
not come amiss.

"With adults especially measles are
a much more serious proposition than
the public generally understand. It
is not the initial disease that kills, but
it is the aftermath, or as we doctors
call it, the sequela that causes trouble.

"The proper management of a case
of measles from its incipency is the
all important factor, close attention to
which minimizes serious results to
practically nil.

"It is history that measles caused a
much larger percentage of death
among the soldiers of the Civil War
than did any other one disease, and in
innumerable instances, where the pa-
tient survived the acute attack, a train
of troublesome affections followed,
such as weak eyes, weak kidneys,
running at the ears' (purulent otitis)
stomach troubles, and more commonly
weak lungs. It is not unusual at this
day to hear an old vet say, 'I have
had this infernal cough, or I have been
partially deaf or have had weak eyes
or bad digestion ever since I had the
measles in the war,' and many an old-
time civilian dates the beginning of
his chronic ailments back years ago
to the time he had the measles.

"The mistake made in such cases
was due to exposure before conva-
lescence was definitely terminated. The
soldier, for instance, had gotten to feel
quite well and was assigned to guard
duty, got his feet wet or was caught
in a rain or in some way became chill-
ed and took cold when some one of
the above named conditions resulted.

"An attack of measles, especially in
an adult, usually comes on with a
feeling as though one had taken a cold,
watering of the eyes, slight fever, a
tickling cough, some aching of the
muscles and a 'done-up' feeling gener-
ally. This condition keeps up for two
or three days, when, if the patient has,
in the meantime, been careful not to
expose himself, has kept dry and
warm, an eruption makes its appear-
ance, first on the face, then spreads
rapidly over the entire body. This
eruption is not of the military (granu-
lar) or bumpy type, but smooth, scar-
let in color, and confluent (running in-
to each other), giving the skin, espe-
cially that of the face, the appearance
of one great, slightly swollen, red
blotch. The eyes are bloodshot and
inflamed and lids slightly swollen. The
throat is not especially sore, but evi-
dences the eruption over its entire
mucus surface, as well as that of the
roof of the mouth, and there is now
quite a high fever. Great care should
be exercised that the patient is not
exposed to drafts and cold air. A
room properly ventilated and kept at
an even temperature of 72 to 76 de-
grees Fahrenheit is ideal in which to
develop the eruption, for strange as it
may seem to you, the more pronoun-
ced the eruption the better it is for the
patient, as the poison is thus thrown
to the surface and eliminated by the
skin. It is also very important that
the room be darkened and that the pa-
tient uses his eyes as little as possible
for reasons obvious.

"I wish now, my dear son, to ad-
monish you on this very serious sub-
ject, should your camp be victimized
by an epidemic of measles to be con-
stantly on the alert for its first indi-
cation in your own case. Should it
hit you first place yourself under
medical care. Don't think you can
'tough it out,' as is frequently at-
tempted, but go at once to your medi-
cal officer, who will advise you as I
would were I with you. You will, of
course, have excellent hospital care,
good doctors, good nursing, etc., es-
pecially during the fever stage. After
the eruption has been out for three to
five days it will begin to 'pale' and
'Richard will begin to feel himself
again,' and to plan all kinds of stunts
he is going to do in 'a day or two.'
The hospital force has probably, be-
cause of more serious cases demand-
ing their attention, sent you to your
quarters, the eruption has disappeared
so far as the eye is able to discern and
you consider yourself well.

"Now comes the crux of the situa-
tion. You are practically left on your
own resources and must exercise your
own think tank. The fact is, the mem-
branes lining the vital organs of the
body are yet laden with the measles
virus, to get wet or to become chilled
at this time is to make the greatest
mistake possible, and some one of the
disabilities noted in a preceding para-

graph is almost certain to result and
you have made the mistake, made in
the beginning by the Civil War vet,
and is being made now all over the
country as is evidenced by numerous
press reports. Keep dry and warm in
an equitable temperature for ten days
after every particle of the eruption
has disappeared, should be the slogan
of every adult recovering from an at-
tack of measles, yes, ten days. An ex-
cellent adjunct during dequamation
(the peeling off stage) is cocoa butter
melted to the consistency of lard and
just on retiring at night rubbed all
over the body, and rubbing down in
the morning with a towel wrung out
in hot water, observing the oft-repea-
ted injunction to keep warm and allow
no cold wind to strike you. If you
can't procure cocoa butter any un-
medicated oil or ointment—olive oil,
cottonseed oil—will answer the pur-
pose, ordinary lard or oleomargarine
if you can't do better, exercising cau-
tion in not using medicated prepara-
tions. This regime will soften the
skin, open its pores and aid in the eli-
minating process.

"I will add that if through careles-
ness or otherwise the eruption should
suddenly 'go in' and you are still de-
pending on your own resources
hasten to get into a moderate perspi-
ration by drinking nonstimulating
hot drinks, very hot lemonade or hot
tea will frequently reinstate the erupti-
on."

SIX AND A HALF BILLION
POUNDS OF MEAT FOOD

What City and Country Can Produce
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If poultry production is doubled
next year, as is readily possible with
this city and country co-operation, we
will have 6,500,000,000 pounds of meat
food, in the form of poultry and eggs.
This will release almost that many
pounds of other meats,—pork and beef
—for our armies in Europe, and for
the armies and civilian populations of
the Allies.

If we do not produce this amount
of poultry we may find ourselves short
of meat food to just that extent.

It is a patriotic duty of the utmost
importance that every farmer and
every person in town do his part in
producing this increase of poultry,
which will help to win the war. It is
also a profitable proposition for the
average individual. Both town and
farm families will produce, at its low-
est cost, meat food for their own use,
and, by putting up eggs for winter
use will further reduce living ex-
penses.

The poultry will be handled as a by-
product of the farm and back yard,
each flock being large enough in num-
ber to utilize the scraps and waste
from the kitchen and the "pick-ups"
around the place, supplemented by
some fed. But no flock should be out
of proportion to the ground space and
kitchen wastage—not so large that
feed will become, relatively, too costly
an item. The idea is not only to in-
crease our poultry production, but to
do it economically; to do it at very
little cost, by turning the waste of
kitchens and backyards all over the
United States into chickens and eggs.
Fowls are the only medium through
which a good deal of this waste can be
transformed into a valuable food pro-
duct.

MRS. ADDIE THAGARD AN-
NOUNCES FOR CO. TREASURER

Mrs. Addie Thagard, for the past
four years county treasurer of Floyd
County, has again announced for that
office subject to the Democratic Pri-
mary in July of 1918, and has autho-
rized The Hesperian to make her for-
mal announcement through its col-
umns.

In offering for the office again Mrs.
Thagard submits her candidacy on the
record which she has made in the of-
fice and refers the voters to any of
the commissioners who have served
during her incumbency of the office,
as to the manner in which the business
of the office has been handled, and
she will continue to faithfully per-
form the duties of the trust if she be
given the suffrage of the voting citi-
zenship of the county.

RED CROSS AT LAKEVIEW HAS
21 CHARTER MEMBERS

Rev. Wm. Pearn, O. P. Rutledge and
J. A. Grigsby met with citizens of
Lakeview community Friday night of
last week and during the evening or-
ganized an auxiliary of the Floyd
County Red Cross with 21 charter
members.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

December 7th license to marry was
issued by County Clerk Tom W. Deen
to Rollie Martin and Miss Pearl Mal-
low, of Ralls. The couple were mar-
ried at Ralls December 8th by Elder
C. W. Watkins.

Wm. May and Miss Nell Willmon,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Will-
mon, of Sandhill, were issued license
to marry December 13th by County
Clerk Tom W. Deen.

**LIVER DIDN'T ACT
DIGESTION WAS BA**

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved
After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia
Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At
my age, which is 65, the liver does
not act so well as when young. A few
years ago, my stomach was all out of
fix. I was constipated, my liver
didn't act. My digestion was bad, and
it took so little to upset me. My ap-
petite was gone. I was very weak...

I decided I would give Black-
Draught a thorough trial as I knew it
was highly recommended for this
trouble. I began taking it. I felt
better after a few doses. My appetite
improved and I became stronger. My
bowels acted naturally and the least
trouble was soon righted with a few

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Seventy years of successful use has
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member, of every family, at times,
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constipation, indigestion, lazy liver,
etc. You cannot keep well unless your
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working order. Keep them that way.
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LOCKNEY NEWS ITEMS

From the Beacon:
Lockney Granted Royal Arch Chapter
Lockney has been granted a charter for a Royal Arch Chapter. The Masons of this lodge have been endeavoring for a long time to obtain a charter, and it was not until the recent session of the Grand Chapter at Waco that they were successful. A meeting of the chapter will be held in the near future, when work will begin. It is the belief of those interested that a strong chapter will be built up here at Lockney among Master Masons.

Mr. D. C. Lowe attended the Grand Chapter at Waco and was active in the work of securing the charter.

The daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards of the Lone Star community who have been seriously ill for some days with pneumonia are now reported very much improved, and unless something else develops they will soon be able to be up and about.

Mesdames C. R. McCollum, A. R. Meriwether, and mother, Mrs. Dagley, and Mrs. George Meriwether, left Thursday for California where they expect to spend the greater part of the winter visiting with relatives.

Miss Green, one of our teachers in the public school will leave this evening for her home at Floydada, where she will spend the holidays visiting with her parents.

INCOME TAX MAN WILL VISIT ALL TEXAS COUNTIES

Austin, Texas, December 17.—You won't have to figure out your income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers, and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax men will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The government recognizes," Collector of International Revenue Walker said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes, too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the court house at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in the county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

NEWS OF PLAINVIEW

From the Herald:
The idea "Get Members" is being carried with a rush by the local Red Cross. The first day of the membership campaign added 416 members to the books, and the second day the number reached 892.

Three committees were at work in Plainview yesterday, and have been at work today. After today other committees will be appointed to handle this work of soliciting memberships.

Recruiting headquarters are at a booth at Henderson & Perry's office, with a Red Cross nurse in charge, and a corps of workers on the streets.

Yesterday speakers were sent out over the county to talk to the school children, in an effort to have them interest their parents in the Red Cross Christmas campaign. The object was to get the people of the county to organize in this work and to appoint their own committees.

At a meeting at the Ware Hotel at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the Thrift Campaign for Hale County was launched. About 150 Hale County citizens were in attendance. Teachers, bankers, preachers, and representatives from all societies, associations or organizations doing any sort of war work from all over the county were present. R. A. Underwood, county chairman in the campaign, presided. The meeting was opened by a prayer by the Rev. E. C. Boynton. Following him, R. A. Underwood explained the object of enlisting the teachers of the county as being that of putting the matter before the children and through them before their parents. He also explained the system of the Thrift Campaign, and gave a resume of the war work—past, present and future.

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HOME ON FURLOUGH
Paul Foster and Clinton McPeak are home from Camp Bowie on ten-days leave, spending the time here with their parents. Foster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Foster and McPeak is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. M.

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PLAINVIEW OFFERS REWARD FOR ARREST OF TOM DUKE

The city of Plainview offers a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of Tom Duke, convicted at the last term of district court, and given a term in the penitentiary on a charge of burning two buildings at the southeast corner of the square last February. Duke escaped from jail a couple of months ago, and is now at large. This reward was ordered at the regular meeting of the city council Monday night.—Plainview News.

RANGER SERVICE ORGANIZED

The state ranger service has been organized here, with J. C. Rawling as captain. Plainview will be headquarters for this section of the state. Six privates have been appointed to the present time and the force will in time be increased to twenty men.—Plainview News.

A. A. WHYTE HOME FROM VISIT AT OKLAHOMA CITY

County Tax Assessor A. A. Whyte has returned home from a six-weeks visit with a brother at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He will begin the 1918 assessments early after the beginning of the New Year.

The Hesperian and Dallas Semi-weekly News, \$1.75.

THE INTERERED GERMANS

Some purchasers of Liberty Loan bonds, who have read exaggerated reports of the statement accorded by the United States authorities to the German civilians interned in this country, have written to the Treasury Department protesting against the use of any of the money raised by the Liberty Loans in "pampering" these alien enemies.

These interred German civilians are not prisoners of war and are not under the jurisdiction of the War Department or the Treasury Department, but by the provisions of our immigration laws are placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor and comprise officers and crews of the German merchant vessels seized by the United States, and other German civilians. Their deportation, which ordinarily would take place, is impracticable in view of the international situation.

These aliens receive no compensation from the Government except such as is allowed them for work actually performed, and the wages paid them are not exorbitant at all. In fact, if from their labor and other sources they receive more than a moderate amount of money a month, all in excess of a reasonable amount for their care and comfort is withheld from them and placed to their credit in the postal savings banks or some other safe disposal made of it.

The Department of Labor also officially states that these aliens are not allowed an excessive amount of food, but three meals a day of plain but thoroughly palatable, substantial food are given each. There is no waste in these detention camps and the same measures of economy and conservation are being practiced which are being urged upon every American household.

W. F. Cook, who is teaching the Runningwater (Hale County) school this year, is spending the Christmas vacation with friends here.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OPENS AT WHITEFLAT TONIGHT

The Floyd County Baptist Association will hold its Fifth Sunday Meeting beginning tonight with the Whiteflat, Motley County church, of which Rev. G. W. Tubbs is pastor. The session will close Sunday.

Harry Snodgrass is home from Louisiana where he has been the past several weeks on the market with live stock.

Mrs. A. V. Haynes has as guests during the holiday season here father, J. J. McGregor, and sister, Miss Lillie McGregor, who arrived last week from Weatherford.

Price Scott and wife are spending the week in Floydada and in the Harmony Community with relatives. Mr. Scott is teacher this year at Meteor where he has one of the best schools in the county.

Miss Ethel Tubbs who attends West Texas State Normal at Canyon, is home for the holiday season, having arrived Saturday.

Leland Dawson is home from Texas A. & M. to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dawson.

Jeff Ferguson, of Hamilton County, has been here the past several days prospecting.

Maury Hopkins, who attends the State University at Austin, is home on a holiday vacation and visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Hopkins. This is his first visit home since he entered the school in 1914.

PRICE—GOEN

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FRENCH ORPHANS

In response to a movement started by an organization called The Fatherless Children of France, the Scolia Club of the University of Texas has taken under its protective care a French orphan for the period of one

year.

The aim of this organization is the reconstruction of France through the home and by the personal link to create a lasting friendship between France and the United States. It has a committee of over a hundred of the principal citizens of the United States.

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We take this method of expressing our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and patrons for their liberal patronage in the past and solicit a continuance of same for 1918 with the assurance that you will continue to receive the same courteous and efficient service coupled with honest and fair dealing as in the past.

We wish you, OUR FRIENDS, PATRONS and COMPETITORS, one and all, a most successful and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

OUR GUARANTEE is to satisfy and we leave it to you.

TOWN BROTHERS
WARE HARNESS AUTO SUPPLIES

"The soldier's kit, which was so simple a thing in other wars, has had to be increased by a gas mask not unlike the helmet of a deep-sea diver, with a box of chemicals adapted for offering the effects of the various kinds of gas the enemy is known to use.

"When we came into the war we found ourselves prepared with the knowledge, the machinery, and the men to promptly meet the need of gas masks in great quantity and of a superior type. Thus the men who had been on this work of meeting the gases compounded in nature's laboratory were found to have a reserve of knowledge as to what gases will kill and what will choke and what will burn and what will hasten disease, which in a war of cumulative frightfulness would make the United States modestly distinguished if it wished to so shine. As one of the group said:

"We chemists in America have never turned our minds to the destruction of human life. Our work has been constructive—the chemistry of the soil, of cement, of printer's ink, of the by-products from petroleum and tar, of 10,000 things which will make for a longer, a happier life for man. But if the world is to be turned upside down and instead of saving death and disease and making new things that man can use his own ennoblement we are wanted to push forward the work of the destruction of man and all his works we can become rivals of the world in such enterprise."

"This is not the time to present the things done and the things doing these men of the necromantic scenes, but when the day comes for casting up accounts and giving credit their work will not go unrecognized."

Proposals to save coal by closing schools in Northern and Central States during January and February have not been met with favor by the Fuel Administration.

According to new regulations in England, women's shoes must not have uppers of leather exceeding 7 inches, nor of any other material exceeding 7 inches in height.

Cantonments throughout the country are being searched to secure all colored men with technical training now in service for the formation of an artillery regiment at Camp Meade, Md.

Within 12 hours after receiving news of the Halifax disaster the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense had equipped a relief steamer and started it to the scene of the disaster.

The war has called back into service nearly 500 retired officers of the Navy and 138 former officers who resigned to enter civil life, including 22 rear admirals, 18 commanders, and 34 captains.

Late reports on health conditions at Army camps and cantonments show the epidemic of measles to be greatly decreasing. In several camps where measles has extensively prevailed the number of cases of pneumonia has decreased.

Dancing is one form of amusement being provided on a large scale for the men of the Army and Navy. It is one of the ways the war camps community service, under direction of the War and Navy Departments, provides wholesome pleasure for the troops.

Review of "German War Practices."

Some of the blackest pages in all history, comprising a documentary record of "deeds that make one despair of the future of the human race," are found in a book named "German War Practice," which has just been issued at the Government Printing Office by the Committee on Public Information for free distribution. It is edited by Prof. D. C. Munro, of Princeton, and other scholars.

The astounding evidence which this book presents to the jury of mankind is drawn mainly from German and American sources, and includes official proclamations and utterances of the responsible heads of the Imperial German Government letters and diaries of German soldiers, quotations from German newspapers and material drawn from the archives of the State Department which lay bare the story of inconceivable German atrocities.

The purpose of the book is to show that the system of frightfulness, itself the greatest atrocity, is the definite policy of the German Government, so sinister that German soldiers have themselves at times revolted. Individual acts of wanton cruelty and barbaric destruction are cited only to illustrate the operation of the remorseless system.

The book supplements the Bryce report which was the first official survey of the path of horror, ruin, and death left by the German army on the lands of innocent and defenseless people. The book is supplemental also to the official reports by the Belgian Commission and the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, and it reveals more of the damning German war philosophy as expressed in the German White Book and various official utterances, extenuating revolting crimes on the grounds of expediency and the advancement of that "Kultur" which now mocks its own name throughout the civilized world. The humanity of German soldiers was so torn by the system of brutality that they cried out in letters to Ambassador Gerard, one expressing his protest against the slaughter of the Russians in the Masurian lakes and swamps by saying, "There is no God, there is no morality, and no ethics any more; there are no human beings any more, but only beasts."

The illuminating reports of Brand Whitlock, Minister to Belgium, tell of miseries inflicted upon the Belgian people, Mr. Whitlock saying: "One is so overwhelmed with the horror of the thing itself, that it has been, and even now is, difficult to write calmly and justly about it."

Herbert Hoover, writing for this book of his experiences in Belgium, says: "The sight of the destroyed homes and cities, the widowed and fatherless, the destitute, the physical misery of the people but partially nourished at best, the deportation of men by tens of thousands to slavery in German mines and factories, the execution of men and women for paltry effusions of their loyalty to their country, the sacking of every resource through financial robbery, the fattening of armies on the slender produce of the country, the denudation of the country of cattle, horses, and textiles; all these things we had to witness, dumb to help other than by protest and sympathy, during this long and terrible time, and still the same not the events of battle heard of the effects of a grinding heel."

world—but what can never be known is the dumb agony of the people, the expressionless faces of millions whose souls have passed the whole gamut of emotions. And why? Because these, a free and democratic people, dared plunge their bodies before the march of autocracy."

Frederick C. Walcott's description of devastated Poland comprehends the monstrous woes inflicted by the Prussian system upon those defenseless people.

In a statement prepared for the book, Vernon Kellogg said: "I went into Belgium and occupied France a neutral, and I maintained while there a steadfastly neutral behavior, but I came out no neutral. . . . I went in also a hater of war, but I came out a more ardent hater of war; but, I also came out with ineradicable conviction, again, that the only way in which Germany under its present rule and in its present state of mind can be kept from doing what it has done is by force of arms."

The book gives excerpts from the diaries of German soldiers of which these are specimens: "In the night of August 18-19 the village of Saint-Maurice was punished for having fired on German soldiers by being burnt to the ground by the German troops. . . . The village was surrounded, men posted about a yard from one another, so that no one could get out. Then the Uhlans set fire to it house by house; neither man, woman, or child could escape; only the greater part of the live stock was carried off, as that could be used. Any one who ventured to come out was shot down. All the inhabitants left in the village were burnt with the houses."

"A horrible bath of blood. The whole village burnt, the French thrown into the blazing houses, civilians with the rest."

That the reign of frightfulness was the definite policy of the German Government is testified to by an amazing collection of documents and utterances of German officialdom. Herewith are excerpts from documentary proof furnished by German records establishing the truth beyond question:

"As soon as you come to blows with the enemy he will be beaten. No mercy will be shown! No prisoners will be taken! As the Huns, under King Attila, made a name for themselves, which is still mighty in traditions and legends today, may the name of Germany be so sided in China by your deeds, that no Chinese shall ever again dare to look at a German askance. . . . Open the way for Kultur once for all."—From the Kaiser's speech to the soldiers on the eve of their departure for China in 1900.

"Whenever a national war breaks out, terrorism becomes a necessary military principle."—General Von Hartmann.

"The city of Brussels, exclusive of its suburbs, has been punished by an additional fine of 5,000,000 francs on account of the attack made upon a German soldier by Ryckere, one of its police officials."—Baron Von Lutwitz, Governor of Brussels.

"I am thirsty; bring me some beer, gin, rum." "If you lie to me I will have you shot immediately."—These sentences are taken from a phrase-book supplied to German soldiers, according to Minister Brand Whitlock.

"One cannot make war in a sentimental fashion. The more pitiless the conduct of the war, the more humane it is in reality, for it will run its course all the sooner."—General Von Bernhardi.

"The innocent must suffer with the guilty. . . . All this must not in our eyes weigh as much as the life of a single one of our brave soldiers—the righteous accomplishment of duty is the emanation of a high Kultur, and in that the population of the enemy countries can learn a lesson from our armies."—General Von Bissing.

PLACING THE BLAME

When you pay the extra 1 cent stamp on your letter, blame the kaiser.

When you pay the extra Pullman and railroad fare, blame the kaiser.

When you pay from 5 to 50 cents more to go to the movies or to the theatre, blame the kaiser.

When you pay that extra tax on your club dues, blame the kaiser.

When you pay the extra cost for parcels post, your telegram, or cablegram, blame the kaiser.

When you read of homes in Belgium, in Serbia, Roumania, France and Italy devastated by war and the suffering and slaughter on the battlefield, blame the kaiser.

When you read of Zeppelin raids in London, and the murder of innocent civilians, school children at play, the aged and infirm in hospitals or wounded in care of the Red Cross, blame the kaiser.

And when you say your prayers at night, pleading with the good Lord above for all His tender mercies, bear in mind that He has said: "Vengeance is mine. I will repay."—Leslie's Weekly.

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, From Washington, D. C.

Refuse Officers' Course When Chance for Immediate Service Might be Lost.

Soldiers at the cantonments would rather see service at once on the battle lines as privates than go later as officers. In many instances enlisted men eligible for admission to officers' training schools have refused to apply because they feared the work would lessen their chances of immediate active service in Europe.

In one division, with 380 men to be selected for training schools, only 40 would apply. The rumor was abroad in camp that the division would sail before the work at the school was completed, and not until the men were assured that the schools would move with the divisions were the quotas filled.

Only 2 Per Cent of Men Called to Colors Seek Nonhazardous Positions

When men called under the selective service law reach the cantonments they are given, so far as practicable, their choice of Army service. Infantry is most often preferred, Artillery second, Engineer divisions are third in popularity, and quartermasters work fourth.

Investigations so far made by the committee on classifications of personnel in the army, which has the matter in charge, prove that only 2 per cent of the men attempt to secure nonhazardous positions.

Ordnance Bureau Supplies 10.2 Ounces of Leather in Equipment of Infantryman

While the demand for leather for many uses has taxed the productive capacity of the country, the amount used in ordnance equipment for soldiers is singularly small. The equipment furnished an infantryman by the Ordnance Bureau (which does not include the uniform equipment from the Quartermaster's Department) contains only 10.2 ounces.

The largest use of leather in this equipment is in the gun sling, which contains 7 ounces; in the oiler and thong case are 1.5 ounces; bayonet scabbard, 0.7 ounces; pack carrier, 1 ounce.

Postmaster General Inaugurates Censorship of International Mail

The censor's label on an envelope does not imply that the writer or the addressee is under suspicion, but that its examination is thought necessary in safeguarding the Government's interests.

Under authority of the trading-with-the-enemy act censorship of international mail has been established by the Postmaster General. The work will be conducted at New York, the Canal Zone, Porto Rico, and other places where it may be necessary.

Secretary of the Interior Reveals Development of the Science of War

Included in the recent annual report of Secretary Franklin K. Lane is the following: "When the Bureau of Mines was created by Congress five years ago it was hardly to have been imagined that the methods used for the saving of life in the coal mines of the United States would become of such importance to the problem of saving lives."

classes have been organized in the United States for the purpose of training men in the use of the radio and other modern methods of communication."

The Hesperian Want Ad Department

For marble monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 9-tf

We have several good black land farms in Hill and adjoining counties we can trade for good farm or ranch property in Floyd County. If you have anything to offer see us at our office over the First National Bank. 16-tfc. FAWVER & CHRISTIAN

Burrows hauls anything, any time, anywhere. Phone 20 or 165. 29tfc

LOST, Strayed or Stolen—coming two year old, fawn color heifer. Strayed from my place first of August. Reward for return or information. W. A. GOUND. 41-3tc

Price and quality considered we save you money on Building Hardware auto supplies and harness. Come and see for yourself. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

FOR SALE
Buff Leghorn Cockerels. 281 egg strain. Took two first and two second prizes at county fair. Phone 117. Mrs. S. B. McCleskey. 41-tfc

Two sections at a bargain, close in all fenced and cross fenced, 150 acres in cultivation, 8 room house, write or see Wm. F. Miller, Happy, Texas. 40-tfc.

3370 acre ranch, all fenced and cross fenced, 400 acres in cultivation, 7 room house, well watered. Easy terms, price \$17.50 per acre, write or see Wm. Miller, Happy, Texas. 40-tfc.

LOST Red Sow Pig, six weeks old. Finder notify J. M. Ford. 42-2tp

My Farm for sale 2 miles west of Floydada. J. P. Brownlee. 42-2tc

FOR SALE—1916 model Oakland Six in good shape. Small amount cash, balance ten months time. See M. R. Pelphey. 42-2tc

LARD CANS
10 gallons for.....75c
8 gallons, for.....65c
6 gallons, for.....50c
BROWN BROTHERS. 41-2tc

HOUSE MOVING
See W. M. Colville for house-moving. 37-tfc

320 ACRES
First class plains land, 95 per cent tillable, located 12 miles east of Crosbyton, price \$20.50 per acre.

162 acres improved land 3 1-2 miles east of McAdoo, on McAdoo-Dickens road, 90 acres in cultivation, good new improvements, price \$30 per acre. I will take a good residence (as part payment) in Floydada, or one-fifth cash an dgood terms on balance, on the above described property. Come and see it. E. A. Ellis, McAdoo, Texas. 40-3tp

TURKEYS FOR SALE
Battleship bronze. Very best. None better. Toms \$7.50; pullets \$4.50; hens \$5.00. L. D. Hooks, Wellington, Texas, Route 3. 39-4tp

Buy the genuine Rose Auto Pump and your pump troubles are done. Sold and guaranteed by Brown Bros. 41-2tc.

Our stock of groceries is the most complete in Floydada. Our prices are always right. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

FOR SALE
A five year lease on 1 section, of land at \$1 per acre. Will make the price right. See J. D. Beck, Floydada, Texas. 41-tfc.

Transfer and hauling at any time of day. Just phone 81 or 178. Colville Transfer. 6-tf

We are still in the land business on the south side. List your land, with us if its for sale. Hollums & Warren. 39-tfc.

Supreme Auto Oil 50c per gallon, 5 pound cup grease 60c. Brown Bros. 41-2tc.

Reasonable charges, quick service. That's Colville Transfer. Phone 81 or 178. 6-tf

Want a trunk hauled? Just phone Burrows at No. 20 or 165. 29tfc

We appreciate your patronage and treat you right. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

Sands & Maddox will buy your produce and pay the highest market price at all times. 36-tfc

Burrows calls for passengers anywhere in the city. Phone 20 or 165 29tfc.

TOWN LOTS for sale, southwest part of town. Easy terms. See J. D. Price. 41-tf

Let us save you money on Highest grade auto supplies. Brown Bros. 41-2tc.

FIVE PASSENGER FORD, for sale cheap. Allen & Johnson. 39-tfc

Our guarantee is to satisfy and we leave it to you. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

Hauling of all kinds. Burrows does it. 29tfc

For first class shoe and boot repairing bring your work to North Side Repair Shop. O. R. Eastwood. 26tfc

Largest Swift Jewel Compound \$2.00 each. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere. Phone 141. 4tc

Lard cans. See Mitchell Bros. 34tfc

FOR SALE
2 good work mares, 2 good work horses, 2 mule colts, wagon and farming tools. Cash or credit. See F. E. Savage. 42-2tc.

FOR SALE
2 dozen 5 gallon lard cans. See W. P. Daily. 42-1tc

FOR TRADE—Partly improved half-section for good improved section and give difference. See John A. Hollums. 42-2tc

SEE ME for heavy work mares, mules and horses. I have several spans on hand. Jno. A. Hollums. 42-2tc.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS—GUARDAINSHIP

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Floyd State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS—GUARDAINSHIP
THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To All Persons interested in the welfare of J. B. Bishop, Baird Bishop, Eddie Bishop, Tommie Bishop and Bernice Bishop, Minors, Mrs. Jennie Bishop has filed in the County Court of Floyd County, an application for Letters of Guardianship of the Estate of J. B. Bishop, Baird Bishop, Eddie Bishop, Tommie Bishop and Bernice Bishop, which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing the Third Monday in January A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in the Town of Floydada, Texas at which time all persons interested in the welfare of such minors may appear and contest such application should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Floydada, Texas, this 14th day of December A. D. 1917.
(Seal) **TOM W. DEEN,**

Clerk County Court, Floyd County, Texas.
By **LOLA WALLING**, Deputy. 41-3tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County, Greeting:

W. D. Zion, Guardian of the person and of the Estate of Daisy Mary Myers, a minor having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Daisy Mary Myers on the 26th day of December A. D. 1917, numbered 152 on the Probate Docket of Floyd County together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days said final account in guardianship in a Newspaper printed in the County of Floyd you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account of Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do on or before the January Term, 1918, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the Town of Floydada on the Third Monday in January A. D. 1918, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the town of Floydada, this 26th day of December A. D. 1917.
(Seal) **TOM W. DEEN,**
Clerk, County Court Floyd County.

I Herby Certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands
J. A. GRIGSBY,
Sheriff Floyd County. 42-4tc

NOTICE OF FILING ACCOUNT—ESTATES

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Floyd State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of twenty days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

Notice of Filing Final Account—Estates of Deceased
THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the Estate of Mrs. Sarah Day Deceased, J. J. Day, executor appointed to probate the will of Sarah Day, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, J. J. Day, as executor asks to be discharged as such executor and files his final account, of said estate stating that no property has come into his hands since said appointment as executor, but that said will was probated for the purpose of establishing chain of title to certain lands in Floyd County, Texas, and that the inventory as returned was in error in stating that there was now property belonging to said estate for that said lands were divided and settled by the other heirs selling their interest to J. J. Day, just after the death of the said Sarah Day, and that in truth and in fact, all matters were settled, and all that he had to do was to establish chain of title, by probating the will, there being no property at date probating, or debts due from or to the estate which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing the third Monday in January A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof in the town of Floydada, the same being January 21, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said account, should they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this the 21st day of December, A. D. 1917.
(Seal) **TOM W. DEEN,**
Clerk County Court, Floyd County, Texas. 42-4tc

HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN

My pastures on Blanco Canyon are posted and you are warned that trespassers will be prosecuted.
34-cow **THOS. MONTGOMERY.**

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

For December 30, 1917.
Leader Miss Walling.
Scripture readings— Matt. 24:14, Revelations 4:6-7.

China's call and China's need—By Mr. Caudle.

China's appeal is also for mental emancipation and development—By Miss Susie Stanley.

China's call is mute appeal for social up-lift—By Bertha Snodgrass.

China's call is a mighty appeal for spiritual religion—By Mr. Wyman.

China's call is a divine challenge—By Miss Nell Collins.

License to marry was issued December 10th to H. S. Jack and Miss Lizzie Smith.

Mrs. C. W. Mitchell left Sunday for Jacksboro to days with re

Wallace Maxwell is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. J. Maxwell and other relatives.

Hesperian Want Ads Bring Results.

S. E. May and family, of Tell, Texas, are visiting Mr. May's brother, G. R. and family east of town, this week, having arrived last mid-week.

J. A. Moore and son, Claude, left this week for the northwest panhandle with cattle which they will put on winter pasture near Friona.

Hesperian Ad Liners Get Results.

Hubert Seale, who attends Southern Methodist University at Dallas, is home for the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seale.

C. H. Featherston, wife and daughter are visiting during the holidays at Fort Worth and Comanche with relatives and friends.

Rev. J. W. Hollums, of Denison, Texas, and A. L. Hollums, of Anson, visited from Saturday to Monday with their brother, Jno. A. Hollums and family.

The Hesperian and Dallas Semi-weekly News, \$1.75.

Miss Wanda Montague is here visiting with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Montague, during the holidays. She attends Baylor Female College at Belton.

Mrs. Kent Foster and little daughter, spent the Christmas holidays at Clayton, New Mexico, visiting Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kerlin.

The Hesperian and Dallas Semi-weekly News, \$1.75.

R. O. Fields and wife left Saturday for Fort Worth to spend a holiday vacation. They will also visit Austin, San Antonio and other points south and east while absent from home.

J. F. Lewis and wife and Clarence McCaleb and wife, of Vernon, are visiting here with R. G. Lewis and family during the holidays. J. E. Lewis and Mrs. McCaleb are children of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lewis.

The Hesperian and Dallas Semi-weekly News, \$1.75.

T. M. Cox returned the latter part of last week from Marlin, Waco and other points to the east after some weeks absence from home.

Mrs. O. A. Rittenhouse and son, Lorry, are visiting in Angleton, Texas, with Mrs. Rittenhouse's sister. They will also visit relatives in Houston and Galveston before their return home.

Mrs. Ed Johns, Texas, is spending with her mother, and other relatives.

Albert S. Carter left to spend the holidays at the home of his father, W. A. Carter at there.

**LAUNDRY WORK
Cash on Delivery**

BEGINNING JANUARY FIRST, 1918, OUR LAUNDRY BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A STRICTLY CASH ON DELIVERY BASIS

We will ask our patrons to pay each week as the bundles are delivered.

The many small accounts which accrue on account of the credit system and the large amount of time required to make the collections force us to adopt the new system in order to facilitate our business.

We feel sure the change will not greatly inconvenience our many customers and it will be a great aid to us in saving of time, and the new rule will be strictly adhered to.

**Smith & Morris
Tailoring Co., and Laundry Agents
PHONE 100 FLOYDADA, TEXAS**

We wish you all a bright and Prosperous New Year

And take this method of thanking every one of our customers for their patronage in the year passing out. We have had a splendid good business and hope to number you throughout the NEW YEAR as one of our customers to make our business a bigger success than ever, as well as yours.

As to those, if any, who have not traded with us we wish you the same as above and invite you to try us out. Give us a chance to treat you right.

SINCERE GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO ALL

Mitchell Brothers Hardware

P. S. We intend to keep a larger and more complete stock and will be able to serve you better.