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JOHN W. HOWARD IS COUNTY JUDGE CANDIDATE

John W. Howard of the Starkey Community, for sixteen years a resident of Floyd County, has formally announced his candidacy for the office of county judge. In making his announcement Mr. Howard does not make any special statement in connection with his offer as a candidate for the consideration of the voters of the county. His record as a citizen and as a commissioner from Precinct No. 1 are common knowledge and he expresses the hope that they have been such as to merit the support of the majority of the voters.

Should he be elected to the office he will give his very best energies and efforts to the office bestowed on him. His part in the management of the county's affairs for some four years and his financial experiences as a private citizen have fitted him sufficiently that he should make a good record as a judge.

His candidacy is subject to the Democratic Primary, July 27th.

AHNERT HOME AFTER BURYING RELATIVE AT FT. WORTH

J. O. Ahnert returned home Christmas Day after spending a week in Fort Worth where he was called by an announcement that his sister-in-law, Mrs. E. W. Krautter, had died. He spent a week in that city and on the road.

J. T. J. DAWSON RESIGNS AS AGENT FOR SANTA FE

J. T. J. Dawson has resigned as agent for the Santa Fe at Floydada and J. M. Hugres, formerly of Harmleigh has checked in as agent. The change was made on the 28th of December.

Mr. Dawson has been agent here for some years, and the close of his career as agent here rounds out his 27th year in the station service of the railroads as agent and operator.

Temporarily Mr. Dawson is employed with the First National Bank. He said Wednesday that he had made no definite plans for the future outside of the fact that he would remain a citizen of Floydada.

JURY VIEWED RIGHT-OF-WAY ROAD YESTERDAY

The jury of view on the Lockney-Floydada Road, which it is proposed shall run along side the Santa Fe right-of-way between the two towns, spent yesterday going over the route and gathering data for their report which, it is supposed, will be made to the next regular session of the commissioners' court. The jury is composed of Wm. McGehee, Chas. Trowbridge, W. F. Weatherbee, N. T. A. Byars and W. H. Hilton.

Part of the court and a number of other interested citizens spent part of the time with the jury.

The opening of the road along the right-of-way has been a much discussed project for more than a year. The saving in distance, if the project goes through, between the two points will be approximately four miles.

The road is generally considered a highly desirable investment, if its cost to the county can be held down. It is expected to be one of the principal arteries of travel in the county and an important link in the F. F. F. Highway.

Hesperian Want Ads Bring Results.

WILL HAVE AUDIT OF CITY BOOKS AT EARLY DATE

The books of the City of Floydada will be audited at an early date, probably in this month, according to Mayor Boerner, who said Monday that the matter would come up for consideration by the Board of Aldermen at their next regular meeting, which is to be Tuesday of next week.

Following the audit a report of the condition of the city will also likely be published.

Another matter which is under consideration by the city fathers is the publication in pamphlet form of the ordinances of the city.

"We are just now getting back to our starting point," Mr. Boerner said, "and will try to do some of the things that we planned to do but which were crowded out by more urgent needs among which was the water works system and the paving and street crossings matters, as well as the routine of affairs."

GINS RUNNING AGAIN AFTER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The gins of Floydada fired up and resumed ginning Monday of this week, after having shut down for a week to allow their employes a holiday season.

The gins have been keeping fairly busy. The crop is almost harvested, however.

FIRST DRAFT VOLUNTEER GOES TO SIGNAL CORPS

John Westley Teal is the first volunteer among the draft registrants of Floyd County to leave for the training camps under the new regulations, which requires Local Exemption Boards to act as recruiting officers.

Mr. Teal was examined recently by the board and made application for service in the Land Division of the Signal Corps. He was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Wednesday.

EDGERTON & SWENSON BUY SOUTH SIDE BARBER SHOP

S. Edgerton and J. E. Swenson this week bought the South Side Barber Shop from Mr. Ryon and have taken charge. They will re-open the shop for business within the near future.

Both have been barbers in the City Barber Shop for sometime.

NEW ROYAL ARCH LODGE SET TO WORK AT LOCKNEY

A new Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic Lodge is being set to work at Lockney this week. The initial meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. J. D. Starks, high priest of the Floyd City Chapter, has been designated by the Grand Lodge to set the Lockney Chapter to work. He and a number of other local masons spent Tuesday there and Mr. Starks is spending the greater part of the week there.

R. E. L. Muncy is High Priest of the Chapter; J. D. H. Hatcher, King and C. F. Ramsey, Sr., Scribe.

Thurmond Bishop, who enlisted in the quartermaster corps of the army two or three weeks ago has been transferred from El Paso, where he was first sent, to Jacksonville, Fla. In a recent letter to his father, A. L. Bishop, he sends regards to all his friends.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Higgins, December 24th, a daughter.

BAKERY OPERATING UNDER FOOD ADMINISTRATION LICENSE

All bakeries in the United States which use in the manufacture of bread stuffs and pastry as much as ten barrels of flour per month, are required to take out license under the control of the Food Administration. The City Bakery, of Floydada, recently received its license under the new rules.

Among the requirements of the Administration are those that the sugar, milk and shortening content of the flour must meet certain limits. Three pounds of sugar or sugar substitute per barrel of flour is the limit of this commodity to be used.

All loaves of bread are required to be standardized, too. 16 ounces per loaf is the standard set. Mr. Ahnert formerly made a 14 ounce loaf, which sold at ten cents three for twenty-five. It is probable that the price will be made ten cents straight by the bakery, though Mr. Ahnert has not determined definitely as yet. Such a change, it is understood, would not be out of line with the ideas of the food control.

This has also been a busy week with the board in the consideration of claims for deferred classification. 361 persons had been classified last night and have been notified of the classification given them.

The following persons have been placed in the classes indicated:

FLINN- CAUDLE

Mr. Glenn Flinn and Miss Mary Caudle, both of this city, were married Sunday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. M. Lane, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating; and immediately after their marriage the young couple left for Amarillo where they are spending a short time. They will return to Floydada to make their home.

Mr. Flinn is salesman for the Martin Dry Goods Company, where he has been employed the past year. Mrs. Flinn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Caudle. Both have been prominent in social circles of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Beedy left Tuesday morning for Yoakum, Texas, where Mr. Beedy is in a district farmers' Union meeting. They will also visit at Rockport, Texas, before returning home.

Judge B. B. Greenwood and wife returned Monday from Haskell, Texas, where they had been spending several days on a visit with their children.

WALKER SAYS WILL SEND COLLECTOR TO FLOYDADA

Internal Revenue Office suggests that Everyone Commence "Figgerin' Up" Now.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue A. S. Walker, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on a date to be announced later and will remain a reasonable time. He will have his office at some convenient place, and will be there every day during his stay here ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services. Continuing the article says:

"How many income tax payers will there be in this county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know.

"Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this officer to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1 he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you had better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

"The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the officer arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling,) etc. Income includes about

641 QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED; 361 REGISTRANTS CLASSIFIED

The Local Exemption Board yesterday had notice to cease taking draft volunteers until further notice. The order came by wire. No official information was given out by the board, but this order is taken to mean that the cantonments are temporarily filled by the rush of volunteers the past two weeks and is thought to be only temporary.

The Exemption Board had mailed out all questionnaires up to and including 641 last night. The last fifty-two in this list were mailed last night. Friday night the board will reach No. 745, going at the rate of fifty-two per day and will finish mailing out the blanks Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

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The following persons have been placed in the classes indicated:

Class 1.

William Edward Muncy; John Elmer Mickey; William Nelson Anderson; Benjamin Franklin Mudgett; Lloyd Rippey; Lewis Durward Lee Henry Mabe Mobley; Johnnie Lane Baker; Roscoe Oscar Stark; Arthur James Beedy; Arthur Julius Roberson; Jesse C. Alley; Freddie Neal Miller; Henry Martin Baker; Herbert Daws Meredith; M. B. Cavanaugh; Ernest Wells; George Edison Nance; William Floyd Wiggington; James Arthur Maynard; Marvin Jones; Dennis Samuel Furgerson; Archie Allen Adams; Emory Logan Campbell, Ora Phillips; John Turner Hopper; Fred William Krause; James Rivers Willett; Homer Manning Stanley; Zenophile Neff Cardinal; Samuel Ruly Irwin; Jesse Zimmerman; Joseph Phillip Miller; Archie Pradeley Muncy; William Wiley Emert; Ira Suttle Bartlett; Robert Edison Edwards; Sam Hull Phillips; Willard Clide Baker; David Stephen Battey; John Jefferson Smalley; Walter Garland Smith; Charley Walter Dillard; S. Edgerton; William Melvin Terry; Ralph Jordan Childress; Elmer Roy Ferguson; Ephraim Swenny Broyles; Rufus Oliver Lowry; Hubert Elbert Bartlett; Roscoe Vaden Cross; Henry Keaburn Thompson; Grover Thomas Billington; Charley Edgar Mills; Walter Gordon Collins; Ivan McKinley Hess; John Fielding Lewis; James Bishop Wiggington; Jim Alfred McNeely; Leslie Ernest Crabtree; Thomas Michael Goslee.

Class 2.

Guy DeWitt Arterburn; Douglas Eugene Pitts.

Class 3.

Warner Boone Hall; John Christian Schacht; Alvin Nichols; John Watson Maxwell; John Hardy Denney; John Clarence Broyles.

Other registrants, whose names do not appear in one of the above classifications, have either not been classified by the board yet or have been placed in classes four or five. The large percentage of the registrants classified to date have been placed in class four. A number of the men classified in one will have appeals on agricultural or industrial claims. These will be determined by the district board.

MARRIAGES

Mr. W. H. Stribling and Miss Eula Davis, were issued license to marry on December 22 by County Clerk Tom W. Deen. The wedding was held December 27th, Judge E. P. Thompson officiating, at his office. Mr. Stribling is a brother of Reed Stribling of this city. Miss Davis is the eldest daughter of J. J. Davis, formerly of Antelope community.

A. O. Beck and Miss Edna Lyles, were married on December 25th, Rev. M. L. Beck officiating.

W. M. Nickell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nickell of this city, and Miss Mary Probasco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Probasco, of the northeast portion of the county, were married December 23rd. Wm. Pearn, pastor of the Christian church of Floydada officiated.

J. C. Dickey, of Gunter, Texas, is here prospecting and will quite likely make this his home. His family will join him here at a later date.

Mrs. Ernest Fry has returned from Lockney where she spent the holidays with her family.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SEES FUEL ADMINISTRATOR

O. B. Olson, member of the Floydada District School Board, in Dallas last week conferred with State Fuel Administrator Wiley Blair relative to the coal shortage which, it appeared, would possibly make a delayed school term necessary here. The records of the administrator indicated that at that time three loads of coal were enroute to Floydada, a part of which would possibly be available for the use of the school houses here, and, according to Mr. Olson, felt that there would be no immediate need of fear on account of shortage.

At present the schools have a supply for about five or six weeks. During this time it is probable that the situation will entirely be relieved here and a sufficient supply of coal made available for a supply the remainder of the winter and spring. However, should the supply begin to fail Mr. Olson feels sure that the situation can be relieved through the co-operation of the dealers and the fuel administration.

SCHOOL WILL RESUME SESSIONS NEXT MONDAY

The Floydada Public School will re-open Monday, January 7th, 1918, for the spring term.

F. E. SAVAGE, Superintendent.

DISTRICT FARMERS' UNION MEETING AT YOAKUM

A district meeting of the Farmers' Union of Texas, is being held this week at Yoakum, DeWitt County. Several delegates from Floyd County are attending. Among them are John W. Howard, A. A. Beedy, R. C. Smith, J. D. Mince, Geo. L. Fawver, Clark Bolding, J. L. King, J. F. Connor, S. E. Stiles.

COMMISSIONERS ENJOY DINNER AT VIGE SMITH HOME

The members of the Commissioners' Court of Floyd County, including Commissioners Brown, Rigdon, May and W. E. Smith, Judge Thompson and Tom W. Deen, Clerk, enjoyed an excellent New Year's dinner at the Vige Smith home south west of Floydada fourteen miles. Ed Smith, of McCoy, S. E. May, of Tell, brother of the commissioner, and Homer Steen, were also guests at the dinner. The dinner was an excellent one, prepared by the wife and sister of Mr. Smith, and was a thoroughly enjoyable affair.

Before noon the party spent an hour or more in the fields on a short jack rabbit hunt and in the afternoon a party of hunters was also made up.

RIPPY RESIDENCE BURNS

The residence of John Rippey, near McCoy School House, was totally destroyed by fire last Wednesday night, together with its contents. Mr. Rippey and family were absent from home when the fire occurred. The fire was discovered too late for any salvage to be possible, a windmill and tower near the house also being destroyed.

Mrs. O. P. Rutledge and children are visiting relatives in Tahoka, having left Monday morning for that place.

PNEUMONIA CLAIMS VETERAN OF THE CONFEDERACY

J. H. C. Pope, 73, veteran of the confederacy and a citizen of Texas for fifty years, succumbed to an illness due to pneumonia Thursday afternoon of last week at two forty-five. The funeral services and rites were held at the grave side Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral being conducted by Rev. W. B. McDaniel, pastor of the Baptist church, after which the Masonic Lodge took charge burying the deceased with the rites of honor of that organization.

Mr. Pope is survived by his wife and two children, all of Floydada. The children are H. O. and R. A. Pope. He has two brothers and a sister in Tennessee and a brother at Kingsville, Texas. They were notified but did not have time to reach this place for the funeral services.

J. H. C. Pope, who has resided at this place about three months, came to Floydada from Portales, New Mexico, where he had made his home for a short period. Previous to that time since the Civil War he had been a resident of Texas, a period of about fifty years. He was a native of Tennessee, born November 31, 1844, and enlisted in the Confederate Army in that State, serving principally in the West during the campaigns of that struggle.

Deceased was sick for fourteen days during his last illness. His condition was considered hopeless almost from the first. He was in a semi-conscious state for several days before his death.

BOX SUPPER AT MCCOY NETS ALMOST SIXTY DOLLARS

A box supper at McCoy School House Wednesday night of last week, at which the boxes were auctioned off for the Red Cross netted almost \$60 for the cause.

D. F. Payne acted as auctioneer for the occasion.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS MADE FOR COMFORTS AND QUILTS

Many quilts and comforts for the use of the Army at Camp Bowie were turned in to the Red Cross Chapter at Floydada in response to the call of General Grebel, which was in turn given out by the local officials. Mrs. A. P. McKinnon, who had charge of the collection of the quilts and blankets has made the following list of auxiliaries and persons donating quilts and comforts and makes acknowledgement for them and for the hearty and patriotic response made: Center Auxiliary, 21 quilts and blankets. Mrs. Andy Glover, 1 quilt; Mrs. A. J. Roberts, 1 quilt; Mrs. Jennie Fannin, 1 quilt; Mrs. Dora Nolan, 1 quilt; Mrs. J. A. Seale, 1 quilt; Mrs. Sanders, 1 quilt; Mrs. Lowrance, 1 quilt; Mrs. Albert Newell, 1 quilt; Mrs. Tom Steen, 1 quilt; Sandhill, auxiliary, 15 quilts and 15 blankets, 19 pairs of socks and 1 pair sheets; Mrs. Morris collected 13 quilts; Fairview Auxiliary 5 blankets; Mrs. King collected 5 quilts; Baker Auxiliary, 9 quilts and comforts.

ADD MOTOR TRUCK DELIVERY

Brown Brothers last week added a Ford motor truck to their delivery equipment, taking the place of the wagon formerly used.



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

FIRST STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK FLOYDADA, TEXAS

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.

First National Bank
FLOYDADA, TEXAS

BENDERS BIG PRE-INVENTORY SALE

THE GREATEST SALE OF THE YEAR

Our Sales have always proved successful because of the many bargains offered, and because of our many customers using good judgement in thrifty buying. We are today giving you the greatest opportunity of the year to **SUPPLY YOUR WINTER NEEDS AT SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION**, In fact most of our winter merchandise is marked with little or no regard for original cost.

<p>Special Bargains on all Knit Caps. 19c and 25c</p> <p>BLANKETS</p> <p>\$3.45 Washna Woolnap Blankets \$2.75 \$2.95 and \$3.25 Australian Nap \$2.49 \$5.45 Wool Finish Plaid.....\$3.95</p> <p>Men's Ladies' and Children's Gloves 20 Per Cent Off</p> <p>MEN'S UNDERWEAR During Sale Only</p> <p>\$1.25 Values.....\$1.00 \$1.10 Values.....89c \$1.95 Wool Mixture.....\$1.39</p> <p>\$1.50 two Piece Men's Underwear, Special \$1.00</p> <p>Ladies' \$1.50 and \$1.25 Union Suits, Special 95c</p> <p>Ladies' \$1.00 Union Suits Special 89c</p> <p>Boys' All Size Fleece Union Suits, Special 75c</p> <p>Men's Grey and Tan Mixed Work Socks.....8c Big Values' in Children's Coats.</p>	<p>10 Per Cent Off On All Men's Shoes</p> <p>20 Per Cent Off On Ladies' Fancy Dress Shoes.</p> <p>\$1.25 Overshoes.....95c</p> <p>\$1.59 Overshoes.....\$1.19</p> <p>Special Lot of mixed wool Serge Dresses suitable for school.....\$2.25</p> <p>One Lot of Boys' Mixed Suits One Third Off</p> <p>15 Per Cent Off on all Boys' Blue Serge Suits</p> <p>Big Specials on all Caps</p> <p>Big Assortment of Dark and Light Royal Percale, Pre-Inventory Sale 12 1-2 Cents</p> <p>Big Assortment of Best Grades of Outings, Special.....13 1-2c</p>	 <p>Copyright 1917 Betty Walter Dressmakers</p>	<p>MEN'S OVERCOATS</p> <p>\$17.50 Men's Overcoats.....\$11.45 \$15.00 Men's Overcoats.....\$9.45 \$13.50 Men's Overcoats.....\$8.95 One Lot of City Overcoats.....\$3.95</p> <p>MACKINAW</p> <p>\$9.50 Value, Now.....\$6.95 \$8.00 Value, Now.....\$5.95 \$6.95 Value, Now.....\$4.95</p> <p>BOYS' MACKINAW</p> <p>\$6.45 Value, Now.....\$5.45 \$5.95 Value, Now.....\$3.95 \$4.95 Value, Now.....\$3.45 \$3.95 Value, Now.....\$1.95</p> <p>BIG BARGAINS IN MEN'S SWEATERS</p> <p>\$3.95 Sweaters, Now.....\$2.75 \$4.50 Sweaters, Now.....\$3.35 \$2.75 Sweaters, Now.....\$1.85 \$1.75 Sweaters, Now.....\$1.29 \$1.25 Sweaters, Now.....89c</p> <p>100 Dozen 20c Ladies Black Hose, During the Sale.....12 1-2c</p>	<p>Big Assortment of Ladies' Silk Lisle Hose, in Grey, Taupe, and Navy, Special.....39c</p> <p>Lot of Jersey Sweaters at Big Reductions</p> <p>One Lot of Woolen Shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.45 Values at.....89c</p> <p>One Lot of Heavy Winter Shirts 69c</p> <p>HATS</p> <p>Big reduction on all Men's Dress and Staple Hats, including staples at 15 Per Cent Off.</p> <p>BOYS' KNEE PANTS</p> <p>One Lot, Size 16 Only, Big Values, Pre-Inventory Price.....\$1.89</p> <p>Entire Lot of Men's Pants reduced to 15 Per Cent Discount.</p> <p>All Price Corduroy Pants to go at \$2.75</p>
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C. M. Bender Dry Goods Company

NEXT TO STATE BANK THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Limitation of Diversification

State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas.—This world war condition that we are engaged in is a problem not yet solved. Its continuation or date of termination is a guess with everyone. What will be our economical condition in six months or a year from now, no one can tell. What will be the world condition when the war is over is conjecture. We should look as far forward as possible and take the most practical view of things we can figure out.

The farmer, merchant, banker, manufacturer, the industries and labor of all classes, will have the conditions to meet as they arise both before the war closes and after. While all should try to protect their business, they should realize the winning of the war is the fundamental factor of all business. That aside from caring for our business, those things that will aid in winning the war and keeping our business machinery in good shape to rebuild and replenish a depleted world should be considered. Naturally my thoughts along these lines are directed to the farm more than to other things. Not solely because I am more financially interested in Agricultural matters than in the other, but because Agriculture is the foundation of all. If it is guided wrong, the results will be adversely felt by all. If right, all will be benefitted and protected. The farms of the South have been permitted to wear, wash, and run down. Have been forced too near to a one-crop system because their main and dependable crop was sold far below a sustaining price. This condition has prevented diversification of crops, which is so necessary to the preservation of the soil.

Now that the time has come when food and feed crops, (those crops which rest and build up a cotton-sick soil, has become a necessity in winning the war) are profitable, even with a small yield, and the demand cannot be supplied; those crops should be planted in abundance, for the two-fold purpose of profit from the crop and profit in restoring fertility of the soil. This should especially be the case in those sections where a good crop of cotton has been made this year and the people are in financial shape to do what they ought to do. They ought to do it for another reason: It is possible for the farmer to produce a big cotton crop and then it come disaster to price. We cannot pro-

duce a surplus, sell for half the cost of production. This, no producer desires to see. We produced five and a quarter million bales more in 1914 on only two and a quarter million acres more land than we had in 1917. The same yield per acre next year on the same acreage would likely put the bears in control of the market, and every cotton farmer and business dependent upon him thus hurt.

I shall not attempt to say what should be planted to take the place of cotton or to build up and replenish the soil. This should depend on, and be left to the good judgment of each section, community or individual farmer as their condition and environment may dictate.

My experience has been that I had about as soon let my land lay out, as to have it cultivated in a crop not suited to it or to the man cultivating it. There is hardly a farm in the older section of the South that has not got some portion (or all of it) that is not badly in need of renovation, and now seems to me to be a very opportune time, from all angles to do so.

I noticed a few days ago, where Mr. B. K. Legett of Abilene advocated breaking up the land having Johnson grass on it, and letting the stock follow the plow. That they would eat the roots and do well on them. I wish to endorse his suggestion. I did it last year where I was trying to kill the grass. The stock soon learned to follow the plow and hunted for the roots, doing well on them. They will find enough of the roots where the grass is in patches, to aid materially in its extermination, while I am of the opinion it would be beneficial to a meadow. The feed from these roots can be made to help out the feed bill for all kinds of stock materially, where the farm is infested with the grass, thus turning a pest into a profit. As freezing destroys the roots it should be grazed as plowed.

W. B. YEARY,
Assistant to the Bureau of Markets.

NEWS OF LOCKNEY

From the Beacon:
As a result of the Christmas Red Cross membership drive which ended on the evening of December 24th, the total membership of Floyd county is 2000. The membership gain was 1471 new members and a per cent of 174. The Lockney Branch added over four hundred new members to its rolls and now has a membership of over five hundred. The Lockney Branch is the only branch in the county which has...

Baker was in charge of the drive under the supervision of Mrs. Ben. F. Smith, chairman. The success of the drive is due largely to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Baker and assistants.

A Red Cross Rally was held at the Public School Auditorium last Sunday night, participated in by all the churches of the town. Sixty-two members were added at this meeting. The speakers for the occasion were Rev. Burnet, pastor of the Baptist church, and Elders Black and Showalter of the Christian church. They made able and patriotic speeches and thrilled the audience with patriotic emotions. Prof. R. A. Collins acted as chairman of the meeting and delivered a patriotic address preceding the speakers. All church services of the town were dismissed for the occasion.

Child Ran Over by Auto

Last Saturday afternoon the little child of Jim Harper living east of Lockney, was run over by an automobile on the crossing between Reeves Grocery Store and John W. Sams. Fortunately the little fellow was not seriously injured. Medical attention was immediately given it and its parents took it on out home that afternoon.

The party driving the car lived in Briscoe county, and it was one of those deplorable accidents in car driving. The streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers.

Gordie Westbrook was here several days this week on a few days furlough from Camp Bowie where he is training. Gordie says everything is moving along nicely at the training camp. The majority of the boys are very anxious to see some active service, they are tired of training camp life and feel that the sooner the great army is placed in active service the sooner they will end.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. YEARWOOD HAVE PARTY FOR FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yearwood were host and hostess to a number of friends at an informal party Saturday evening of last week, at which were a number of guests, who spent the evening very pleasantly.

M. A. Crum is here on a visit with his sisters, Misses Mollie and Lucy. He is located at Friona in the real estate business.

Louis F. M...

USE HESPERIAN WANT ADS AND GET RESULTS—IT WILL PAY

The Season's Greetings

As we reflect at the close of the year on our business the past twelve months, we like to think of our customers as our friends. We like to feel that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that the success of our business is a reflection of their patronage.

So on the New Year, we extend to you our hearty good wishes with the sincere hope that the coming year will bring for you greater happiness and more prosperity than ever before.

EDWARDS GRAIN & ELEVATOR CO.
FLOYDADA, TEXAS

During his Red Cross address at Lakeview a short time ago Wm. Pearn of Floydada recited the following poem, taken from the Virginia Enterprise which is well worth reproducing:

Well, yes, the kid's enlisted; we expected that, you know,
When he heard the call to colors, of course he'd want to go,
An' we're proud an' glad an' sorry, for the lad's our pride and joy,
An' his mother—well, you know mothers, an' he was our only boy,
An' I—well, there's no denyin'—I depended on the lad,
For he's always been a sight of help an' comfort to his dad;
But I never fully realized how much I'd miss the little scamp
Till I started for the barn alone the morn' he left for camp.
I was feelin' pretty lonesome, an' somehow my eyes were dim,
When I saw some one a standin' there, I really thought was Jim;
But afore I'd time to speculate, my little daughter calls—
"Say, dad, how do you like my bran' new overalls?"
She had the team all harnessed, an' had hitched them to the plow.
"I've tried to do it, dad," she said, "just like Jamie showed me how.
I'm not needed in the house, you know, for mother she has Sue,
An' so I'm goin' to do my bit out in the field with you.

"We've got to send our boys to war, an' feed the people, too,
An' it's up to Uncle Samuel's girls to show what they can do."
Then she climbed up on the tractor an' drove away on that—
My little gal in overalls an' Jamie's old straw hat.
An' sir, you'd be surprised to see the things that gal can do,
An' how she works with might and main to help to put things through.
An' guess we needn't worry, sir, when Uncle Samuel calls,
He can trust his boys in khaki an' his girls in overalls.

WEDDING OF DR. AND MRS. HICKS AT ABILENE DEC. 25th

Dr. Isaac W. Hicks and Miss Adele Ford were married at the home of the bride's parents in Abilene December 25th, and they have returned to Floydada to make their home.

Dr. Hicks has been a resident of Floydada and practicing dentistry here for some four years and Miss Ford taught in the high school here last year and the first term of this year. Both are prominent in social and church circles.

They will make their home in southwest Floydada, where Dr. Hicks now has under construction a very pretty cottage home.

INCOME TAX AGENTS BEING INSTRUCTED AS TO DUTIES

Texas to be Divided into Eighty Districts for the Collection of Taxes

Austin, Texas, Dec. 23.—Internal Revenue Collector A. S. Walker is conducting a school of instruction, his pupils being men who are to act as income tax agents. They will make a tour of Texas for the purpose of explaining the income tax law and aid those persons subject to the income tax in figuring out the tax. Collector Walker will send the agents into every county seat town and some other towns besides to meet the people. The collector hopes to have his class ready for graduation early in the new year, when each agent will be given a certain district to cover.

These agents will be prepared to answer all questions concerning the income tax law. They will also give assistance where needed in figuring out the tax, swear to the return and take the money. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between Jan. 1 and March 1, 1918.

The new law affects many persons who have been exempt. Married persons earning \$2,000 per annum and those single with \$1,000 income must report. The law makes it the duty of the taxpayers to seek out the collector. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to furnish information when the income tax collectors will be around.

Fifty-four new collectors have been appointed for the increased work occasioned by the new law, and these men, together with a number of older deputies, are attending the school.

Lectures are being given by Judge Walker, Income Tax Inspector G. D. Hunt of Dallas, Inspector Brundage of New York, Revenue Agent Drake Ford of San Antonio, Inspector F. B. Kiley of this city and Deputy Parly and Prichert.

All appointments have been made for the new work and the school will last about one week.

The State will be divided into about eighty districts and one man will be assigned to each district. This move has been made necessary because, under the new assessment, many new names are on the income tax roll. The work must be completed by March 1, when reports must be filed with the local officer.

Wm. MOORE, NOT JOHN SPLAWN, NIGHT WATCHMAN

Wm. Moore, not John Splawn, is night watchman of Floydada and Sheriff J. A. Grigsby, did not make the appointment, as indicated in a news item carried in The Hesperian last week.

Mr. Splawn has been appointed deputy sheriff.

R. C. Henry returned last week from a stay of several weeks in Fort Worth, Dallas and Waco.

HEBRON

"With the exception of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Damascus, there is not a city in the Holy Land which holds greater interest for the Bible student than the ancient town of Hebron, whose capture by British forces under General E. H. E. Allenby was announced recently, says a war geography bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society from its Washington headquarters.

"Hebron is a ribbon of a town running along the eastern slope of a narrow valley, above which are terraced vineyards and fruit orchards of great fertility. It is not more than twenty miles southwest of Jerusalem, and in peace times tourists are accustomed to make the journey by carriage in four and a half hours.

"Until captured and pillaged by the Calebites (as recorded in the Book of Joshua), Hebron was known as Kirjath-Arba. It is one of the most ancient cities in the world, having been founded, according to the Book of Numbers, seven years before Zoan in Egypt.

"The name 'Hebron' means 'The Friend of God,' in other words, the city of Abraham. A tree standing in the Russian hospice garden, half a mile from the city, is known as the oak of Abraham. It will be remembered that it was under the oaks of Mamre that the patriarch pitched his tents and he is supposed to have built an altar here in 1920 B. C.

"When Moses sent his spies into the land of Canaan Hebron was one of the cities visited. It was here that David was anointed King over Judah, and that six of his sons were born, including Absalom, who at a later date made this place the headquarters of his rebellion against his father. It was also here that Abner, Captain of Saul's hosts and guardian of Saul's son Ishbosheth, was killed by Joab.

"Hebron was fortified and Rehoboam was re-peopled after the return of the children of Israel from captivity.

"Following the Biblical days Hebron was destroyed by the Romans. It became a place of importance under Moslem rule, not only on account of its commerce, but also because of its connection with Abriham, who is venerated by the followers of Mohammed. During the Crusades it was occupied by the Christians for a short time and became the seat of a Latin Bishop in 1167, but was recaptured by the Moslems under Saladin twenty years later.

"The most conspicuous building in Hebron is the Haram, with its ramparts dating from the Herodian period. Within the inclosure are modern cenotaphs of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca and Leah. These are above the double cavern of Machpelah, which was purchased by Abraham from Ephron the Hittite as a family burial place when Sarah died. The tombs of the patriarchs are covered with richly embroidered green cloths while those of their wives are covered with crimson draperies.

"The population of Hebron is variously estimated at from 10,000 to 22,000, and the number of Jews at from 500 to 2,000. The town was a thriving trading center before the war, the Bedouins finding here an active demand for their bales of wool and camel's hair. The chief manufacture of the community were glass bracelets, leather water bottles and lamps.

"According to medieval tradition Adam, the father of mankind, died in Hebron."

CALLS FOR MOBILIZATION OF ONE THOUSAND BRICKLAYERS

Washington, Dec. 26.—The new draft machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all Governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 bricklayers, urgently needed by General Pershing at once.

Local boards are called upon to examine questionnaires now being returned and report as rapidly as possible on the number of bricklayers of draft age available for service. Only white bricklayers will be taken, either by draft or by voluntary introduction into the military service through local boards. They will be forwarded to the aviation section, signal corps, at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

The order is the first application of the special occupation classification provisions of the new draft regulations. The bricklayers in any board's jurisdiction will be assembled without regard to the men in any other occupation.

General Crowder's letter to the Governors indicates that similar calls for skilled men in other trades are to be expected.

T. A. Christian and family spent the Christmas holidays in Hill County with relatives and friends. Mr. Christian returned home this week.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Mason Riley, of Sandhill, December 30th, a

"ADOPTION" OF SOLDIERS BY AMERICAN WOMEN BEING DISCOURAGED

With the American Army in France, Dec. 24.—The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women in "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war. The practice already threatens to choke the congested mail service and result in the delay in transmission of important matter. Moreover, the censorship regulations forbid the men to correspond with strangers and as this rule is being enforced rigidly it is desired that the people at home refrain from putting men here in an embarrassing position as they feel under obligations to answer such communications.

An example of the interest certain women at home are taking in "adoptions" is an advertisement which reached headquarters, showing the picture of a pretty girl and urging soldiers without godmothers to write to a given address.

M. A. YEARWOOD AND MISS VERTIE LEE CURB MARRIED FRIDAY

Morris A. Yearwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Yearwood, of this city, and Miss Vertie Lee Curb, of Waco, were married Friday evening at five o'clock in Plainview by Rev. E. E. Robinson of that city. Mr. Yearwood met his bride at the train there as she returned from a visit at home and the wedding was consummated shortly thereafter.

Miss Curb is a trained nurse who has been with the Childers Sanitarium for about two years. It was during a serious illness of Mr. Yearwood which necessitated an operation, that the romance began.

Mr. and Mrs. Yearwood will make their home on Virginia Street, where Mr. Yearwood has bought the C. S. Jones residence.

DEFECTIVE MACHINE GUN SHELL HEAD INTERESTING MEMENTO

Tom P. Steen received the past week an interesting memento of war in the form of a defective one pound high explosive machine gun shell cap. The cap was sent him by his nephew, H. W. Steen, who is in one of the naval training camps on the Atlantic and who has recently been in practice on one of the training ships of the navy. The shell cap obtained as a souvenir from one of the manufacturers of shells for the navy.

This shell was one rejected by the government on account of a slight defect. The cap is of the high explosive type used by submarine chasers, torpedo boats, destroyers. It is used in a machine gun which shoots from 50 to 80 of the one-pound shots per minute.

FIRST NEGRO TROUBLE OCCURS IN DICKENS COUNTY

Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock J. W. (Doc) Edwards was fatally wounded by a rifle shot in the hands of a negro. Immediately after the shooting Dr. Standifer was called, giving him medical aid through the night, bringing him to the hospital Thursday morning where he is now merely holding onto life through his strong constitution.

It is said that early in the afternoon the negro and his wife were in the Edwards pasture fighting, the negro beating the woman, when Doc went to where they were to stop the fight, and which he did. The negro lived on the J. M. Foster place, two or three miles distant from the Edwards place, leaving immediately for home where he secured a rifle and returned. In the meantime Doc had saddled his horse and was riding down the road when the negro came across the John Miller pasture to within about two hundred yards of the road, when he opened fire on Mr. Edwards who was standing in the road holding his horse by the bridle reins. The third shot fired by the negro struck Doc in the side just above the hip bone, shattering the bone and passing through both kidneys, the ball lodging just under the skin on the left side. After he fell the negro fired several more shots at him as he lay on the ground, skipping out immediately, going towards Dickens. Poses of men were organized and commenced a search for the negro, finding his gun during the night where he had thrown it down in a field, having used all his shells. Later the negro was captured at or near the Forest place, where it is said the negro was raising a row with other negroes.

This is the first trouble to occur since the negroes were permitted to come to this country.—Texas Spur.

J. M. Hughes and Arryl Martin left the latter part of last week for Fort Worth. Mr. Hughes will spend a short time there visiting relatives, and Arryl will re-enter Camp Bowie, having been at home for a short holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and

Tom B. Triplett spent the latter part of last week at Chico, Texas, visiting with his parents. His brother, Kyle, formerly of this place, also spent a short time at home. He is training at Camp Funston, Kansas.

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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.

M. A. Yearwood.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:
Mrs. Addie Thagard.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
John W. Howard

Sit tight, buddy. It's just two days since you "swore off".

And besides that, remember "they" are just waiting for you to fall off to give you the merry laugh.

And don't expect folks to have too much sympathy with you. Every man who has made 'em since January, A. D. 1, has had the same symptoms.

On the basis of 30 cents for middling cotton 77,000 bales of cotton were sold and delivered on the Houston market on December 27th. The sale was a record on that market, both as to quantity and price.

A holiday season with little or no drunkenness or rowdiness is common report from practically all over the State of Texas. Floydada is no exception, the officers having very little increased work to do to maintain peace.

Texas leads among the states of the nation in number of men in France, according to advice from Y. M. C. A. headquarters with the boys in the trenches and in training in that country. The letter from that source says that all the fellows are anxious to get down to real business.

It is said that the wooden-ship campaign, started early in the year 1917, has just about "fluked." The plans would have all gone well if the timber had been available, but timber was not to be had and now no contracts are to be awarded unless the contractor can show that he has available the material for construction.

A statement given out by the Highway Commission last week stated that cars must be registered with that department for 1918 license by January first. This applies as well to cars registered for the last half of 1917. The tax is annual and must be paid by all car owners and owners of motor driven vehicles.

People of Floyd County generally will watch with keen interest the action of the Commissioners' Court on the proposed road to be opened from Floydada to Lockney along the right-of-way of the Santa Fe Railway. A jury of view spent yesterday on the route and it is to be hoped that they shall complete their findings as to damages, etc., in time for the coming term of the court to take action on the route. There is the possibility that the damages which will be assessed by the jury will prove too high in the opinion of the court and as well the possibility of an adverse recommendation by the jury. Barring these possibilities the route is a greatly needed one, will serve a large

could be opened and will effect a large saving in transportation costs annually. It is a practical necessity in the F. F. F. link across this county and will increase the chances for securing the Ozark Trail by this county considerably.

Practically every newspaper in Texas carrying anything last week on the Red Cross Drive had the "over the top" idea in their leading head on front page. "Over the top" appeals. It has a punch. And the southwestern manager of the Red Cross campaign coined a good expression as relates to Red Cross work when he used it in his press matter. One of the most interesting things about reading various newspapers one after another, as is usual with a newspaper man, is the head lines. One sometimes thinks that character may be read to an extent in this manner,—the character of the head line writer. Little things about headings that go unnoticed many times are indicative of the leaning of the fellow who wrote them. More especially does this seem true as regards originality and "pep" of the writer. One says, "Serious Charge," another "John Doe Held Without Bail," "John Doe Shot," while another will tell all the essentials of the story in six or eight words. But they all, from one end of Texas, to the other, put the Red Cross Drive "over the top". And "Over the Top" was right. "Still and all" it was an unusual occurrence for the same idea to come to so many head line writers of country weeklies on approximately the same day. Americans love a catch word or phrase and the maker of a catch phrase becomes immortal.

Food Administrator Hoover has given out a statement, which is concurred in to some extent by a statement of one of the leading refiners, to the effect that there is apparently an increased consumption of foodstuffs and particularly of sugar in the United States. Mr. Hoover declares that in the cities the consumption of foodstuffs can be checked because of the correct tab that can be kept on cars entering the large centers, but that in country towns and smaller cities and in the country at large it is impossible for the Administration, under any plan found as yet, to keep tab on consumption and thereby place the blame for the waste or unnecessary consumption. Because of the fact that consumption in the United States of any of the food products would hardly be greater than normal among the civil population Mr. Hoover draws the conclusion that the country population is hoarding foodstuffs. This is rather a severe indictment. Hoarding under present conditions, whether of foodstuffs, coal or whatnot, is altogether an unpatriotic act. Under present conditions the man who is unwilling to take "pot luck" with the rest of the nation and our allies is not any better citizen than the man in the draft age who tries to unload his duty for service on the next man by improper methods. However, if you have unthoughtfully been guilty you still have the opportunity to reform. Remember there will be enough wholesome foodstuffs of all kinds to go around if everybody uses good judgment. One of the best ways to bring on suffering is to become a hoarder.

There is some disposition on the part of some people and some newspapers to ask for a delay in the vote for the national prohibition amendment by the legislature until a new election shall have been held and legislators

cause prohibition has been an issue in Texas for twenty years and a very live one for more than ten years and not a legislator now serving that has not been either elected on that issue or instructed by the vote of his people. This being true the vote had as well come now in Texas as to wait longer. The cost will be the same and our opinion is the result would be the same,—the adoption of the amendment. After all the arguing pro and con, Governor Hobby has the say whether or not the question shall be taken up. It seems to be well-established that the governor will or will not call the legislature in session after he receives and goes over the reports of the various "investigating committees," and it is doubtful whether he will then submit the amendment matter. So far as actual results are concerned, even that is a small matter. Three-fourths of the states must ratify the amendment and they have five years in which to do it. Prohibition cannot, possibly be consummated by the legislative route in less than eighteen months and the legislature will be in regular session within less time. The bone of contention is between the anti and those against National Prohibition on the one side and the National Prohibitionists on the other. Actual results will be little affected by the decision reached. We are inclined to the opinion that the measure will carry and there is little doubt about it. National Prohibition is inevitable with five years, and it will not come by states. We are of the state-wide variety (national by states) but we do not believe that National Prohibition is the bugaboo that some people think it will prove; though it does hold dangers to which the rank prohibitionist shuts his eyes when he gets to talking or voting.

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

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

Test Plan to Deliver Army Trucks to Ports Under Their Own Power

Army trucks for use in France are being delivered to the Atlantic seaboard from interior storage depots under their own power.

If the plan is successful, the delivery of the 30,000 war trucks under construction under their own power will release 15,000 freight cars which would be required to transport them by rail. It will also provide adequate opportunity for the training of an effective corps of transport drivers and officers, who will reach France with a minimum of training to be required. Wear and tear of the trucks will be slight compared with the benefits derived from their use.

Registered Men May Still Enlist for Service in the Air

Fliers and balloonists, although subject to the selective service law, may enlist as heretofore upon passing the examination at the nearest aviation examining board. Nonflying officers under 31 years of age are not being accepted, except a limited number of graduates of recognized engineering colleges or others who can qualify as expert engineers. Aerial observers are not now being accepted.

Many in New York Can Not Buy Bread in Pound Lots

The Food Administration changes its rules prohibiting bakers selling less than a pound of bread to consumers, to prevent working a hardship on the poor of New York. These people, many of them foreigners, buy bread from big loaves by the penny and two-penny slice, and have not the money to buy in larger quantities. The weight requirements for baking are not changed.

Rolls are limited to not less than 1 ounce nor more than 3 ounces each.

Theatres for Use by Men in Camps Are Now Completed

The Government "Liberty" theatres at the 16 National Army cantonments are all completed, and in a few performances have been given. The buildings were revised by the War

179 feet long, made of pine boards, unpainted, but faced with heavy building paper, which makes the sides airtight. Complete ventilating systems have been installed and heat is supplied by steam and small stoves.

There are five large entrances and 15 exits, and the theatre, seating 3,000 men, may be emptied in about one minute.

The stage is 65 feet wide. The floor of the auditorium is saucer-shaped and sloping, so every seat provides a clear view of the stage. The seats are benches fitted with comfortable backs, and sections will be reserved so tickets may be purchased in advance. The "smilage" books, soon to be placed on sale, will be good for all these theatres, as well as chautauqua tents.

The motion picture booth, housing two machines, is asbestos lined. The stage has an asbestos curtain. Lighting effects are similar to those of standard city theatres.

The theater is placed on the highest point of ground in each camp, and in many camps the post office, main library buildings, and hostess house are nearby, making a sort of town center where large numbers of men gather each night.

The tower on top of the stage loft, about 75 feet from the ground, serves as a signal tower for wig-wagging.

Police Are Requested to Protect Air-Planes in Absence of Army Guards

Regulations made public by the aircraft board corresponding to those obtaining in Great Britain provide that should a military aviator make a forced landing the public, after ascertaining that the aviator is not injured, shall keep clear of the machine to minimize danger from inexperienced handling of control wires and instruments.

When there is no military post or encampment near the scene from which a guard may be sent the police from the nearest town are requested to provide guard at once. Railroad and steamship companies have been requested to instruct employees to render all assistance to aviators who may be forced to land in remote places or in the water.

Naval Aircraft Factory Covering Three Acres Now in Operation

The recently completed naval aircraft factory covers 3 acres, the buildings being 400 by 400 feet. The keel of the first flying boat was laid 90 days after building work was begun. The plant, with equipment, cost about \$1,000,000.

There is opportunity for employment at the aircraft factory for 2,000 skilled workmen from almost every trade. Women can sew covers on the wings and perform some of the lighter wood working operations, and it is expected that several hundred women will be employed.

Engineer Students May Stay in School to Complete Courses

The next examination through which graduates of approved engineer schools may apply for commissions as provisional engineers, corps of engineers, will begin January 21. Another will probably be held about the middle of the coming summer.

Students in approved technical schools who are considered as rating in the upper third of their classes may enter the enlisted reserve corps, and so enlisted will be permitted to remain on the inactive list until they have completed their college course. When they leave their colleges these students will be called for active service in some branch of the engineer service of the Army or will be discharged to take their chances under the selective service law.

109 German Ships Damaged by Crews Now in Service for the Nation

Sailing under American names in the service of the United States are 109 German ships damaged by their crews prior to their seizure by the government when war was declared. They add more than 500,000 gross tonnage to the transport and cargo fleets in war service for the United States.

There is evidence that a German central authority gave orders to these ships, so that they were operated in less than 10 days of that

my believed much of the damage to be irreparable. In less than eight months all the ships were in service.

The former German liners, sailing under distinctly American names, are now fitted as troop and cargo ships. Each is convertible to a completely equipped hospital ship for return voyage service.

Additional Clerks Required to Distribute Checks to Dependents

Distribution of allowance and allotment checks to dependents of enlisted men of the United States has required an extra night shift of clerks and typists in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. The first checks represent allotments made by enlisted men from their November pay, together with stipulated Government allowances.

Every enlisted man in the military and naval forces of the United States who has a wife and children dependent on him is required to allot for their support at least \$15 a month, but not more than half his pay. To this the Government adds monthly allowances.

Commissioned officers are not required to make allotments, and the Government does not provide allowances for their dependents.

Hoarding, Not Scarcity, Responsible Present High Wool Prices

In a recent statement the War Trade Board declares that no wool shortage exists, either in the world's supply or in the amount on hand in the United States, notwithstanding the increased consumption for military purposes. The clip in most countries has steadily increased since the outbreak of the war.

"The price of wool has advanced in the United States by a percentage greatly in excess of such price advances in other countries," says the statement. "The price in the United States has advanced 200 per cent above the prewar level. The price in England is fixed at 55 per cent in excess of prewar prices."

"Cloth manufacturers (in the United States) have been impelled by fear to carry abnormal stocks of wool, and the contract with dealers and importers for unusual quantities for far forward delivery. Manufacturers of clothing have been infected by a like dread, inciting the purchase of cloth exceeding in volume their reasonable needs."

"The consumption of wool during 1918 will be little if any greater than it was during 1917."

Army Regulations Urge Cordial Relations Between Officers and Enlisted Men.

The following paragraph of Army Regulations is the only rule now existing regarding the relationship between officers and enlisted men:

"Superiors are forbidden to injure those under their authority by tyrannical or capricious conduct or by abusive language. While maintaining discipline and the thorough and prompt performance of military duty, all officers, in dealing with enlisted men, will bear in mind the absolute necessity of so treating them as to preserve their self-respect. Officers will keep in as close touch as possible with the men under their command, will strive to build up such relations of confidence and sympathy as will insure the free approach of their men to them for counsel and assistance. This relationship may be gained and maintained without relaxation of the bonds of discipline and with great benefit to the service as a whole."

Estimates show the government Printing Office will use 100,000,000 pounds of paper, costing about \$4,000,000, this year.

Men working in many coal mines throughout the country voluntarily cut down the Christmas holiday to keep factory fires burning and houses warm.

The heaviest food contracts in history of the world have been let recently to 14 of the great packing houses of the United States.

The War Trade Board is granting no license for the export of commodities containing wool which are necessary for the military or naval uses of the United States.

The Post Office Department has established coastwise parcel-post water routes to facilitate service for the cantonments, which will operate to relieve war time railroad congestion.

The working hours of clerks in the Interior Department Building at Washington have been changed to run from 8:45 to 4:15 instead of 9 to 4:30 to relieve congestion in street railway cars of the overcrowded capital.

The first to weigh on the public scales at Floydada on the morning of the New Year was O. J. Huggins, who hauled feed from near Silvertown to sell on this market. He received \$40 per ton for his maize.

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- Best Galvanized Tubs, No. 1, \$1.10, No. 2, \$1.20, No. 3.....\$1.40
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TEXAS METAL MINING IN 1917

The output of Texas mines for 11 months of 1917 and the estimated output for December, as shown by preliminary figures reported by Charles W. Henderson, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, amounted to \$1,000 in gold, 579,000 ounces of silver, 160,000 pounds of lead, and 20,000 pounds of copper, as compared with \$414 in gold, 653,455 ounces of silver, 49,927 pounds of lead, 99,569 pounds of copper, and

232,388 pounds of zinc in 1916.

The presidio silver mine and cyanidation mill, in the Shafter district, Presidio County, continues to be the principal producing property in the State. Small shipments of silver-copper ore were made from the Allamore Van Horn district, Culberson County, and from the Sierra Blanca district, El Paso County. Several small shipments of copper ore from the deposits in the "Red Beds" were made from Crowell, Foard County, and from Chillicothe, Hardeman County.

R. C. SCOTT
Abstracter
Notary Public and
Conveyancer.
Room 10 First Nat'l
Bank Building

Mrs. Wilson Kimble left Monday for Aledo, Texas, where she will spend some two weeks on a visit with her mother and other relatives. A brother who is a Lieutenant at Camp Travis, was also a guest for a short time at the parental home this week.

C. W. Boothe is salesman for the Pack Cash Grocery, having assumed his duties Friday of last week.

F. P. Gibson spent Tuesday in Ralls on business.

City Deliveries Free

9:00 A. M. TO 4:00 P. M. DAILY

We are pleased to announce that we have added free delivery service in the city, hours being 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. All deliveries will be made between these hours.

Also announce that Mr. C. W. Boothe has accepted a position at this store and will be glad to meet his friends and former customers here and fill their grocery needs.

Our prices will continue to be somewhat cheaper than you usually pay for high grade groceries.

Our policy remains the same,—cash to everybody, no exceptions.

TELEPHONE 142

PACK GROCERY CO.
 West Side Square Floydada, Texas

WE HAVE TAKEN OVER THE
Maxwell Agency
 FOR FLOYD COUNTY

And in a few days will have a full line of cars, which we will be glad to demonstrate at any time.

We will also keep a full line of extras at all times.

Main Garage
 H. O. POPE, Prop. FLOYDADA, TEXAS

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!

The Wilson Photographic Studio
 Phone Floydada, Texas

The Hesperian Want Ad Department

For marble monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 9-1f

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

FOR SALE
 Buff Leghorn Cockerels. 281 egg strain. Took two first and two second prizes at county fair. Phone 117. Mrs. S. B. McCleskey. 41-1fc

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. 40-1fc

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. 40-1fc

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. Pelphry. 42-2tc

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. 41-1fc

We are still in the land business on the south side. List your land with us if its for sale. Hollums & Warren. 39-1fc

Want a trunk hauled? Just phone Burrows at No. 20 or 165. 291fc

Sands & Maddox will buy your produce and pay the highest market price at all times. 36-1fc

Burrows calls for passengers anywhere in the city. Phone 20 or 165 291fc

TOWN LOTS for sale, southwest part of town. Easy terms. See J. D. Price. 1f

LOST—A suit case on the streets of Floydada. Finder please return to Ford Garage and get reward. W. A. Campbell. Lyman Texas. 43-4tp

LOST—A bunch of keys with small wrench attached. Return to W. R. Cope, Floydada Texas. 43-1tc

GOOD SECTION close in, about 1-2 in cultivation, good improvements, fine land, \$27.50. Half cash, balance easy. Other bargains in highly improved farms. See O. R. write R. W. JONES, Silverton, Texas. 43-2tc

Notice of Stockholders Meeting
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank, of Floydada, Texas, will be held at 7 p. m., January 17, 1918, at the office of said bank for the purpose of electing directors for the year of 1918, and the transaction of such other business as may come before them.
 43-2tc JAS. K. GREEN, Secretary.

WANTED—A middle aged lady for chamber maid work at The Daily Hotel 43-1tc

For first class shoe and boot repairing bring your work to North Side Repair Shop. O. R. Eastwood. 261fc

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere. Phone 141. 4tc

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 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.

Hauling of all kinds. Burrows does it. 291fc

LOST
 A suit case on the streets of Floydada Saturday night, finder please return to Ford Garage and receive reward. 43-4tc

FOR SALE
 1916 Model Ford touring car at a bargain. See A. C. Newberry, phone No. 192-F24. 43-1tp.

Wanted—Competent woman to take charge of house; two children; good wages. Apply C. M. Bender

FOR SALE
 Cows fresh in milk. 3 1-2 miles west of Floydada. See H. Martin. 43-3tp.

Jersey milk cow for sale. See Frank Harmon. 43-1f

BOY WANTED
 Boy with wheel who wants to learn telegraphy. Salary \$15.00. Apply at Santa Fe Depot. 43-1fc

FOR SALE—Well improved 480 acre farm, 15 miles S. E. of Friona, located right at school. Price \$18.00 an acre. Also two good half sections 8 miles S. E. of Friona, \$14.00 an acre. Crum & Winn, Friona, Texas. 43-1tp.

Lard cans. See Mitchell Bros. 341fc

FARM LANDS for lease. See Mrs. Fannie Montague. 43-1fc

FOR SALE—Vulcanizing plant and oil business. Will consider some stock as part payment. P. W. Lemons, Lockney, Texas. 43-1tc.

WANTED—Cattle to pasture on land located near Nara Visa, New Mexico. Write R. L. Gray, Nara Visa, New Mexico. 43-2tp

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,
 v5
 Clerk County Court, Floyd County, Texas.
 By LOLA WALLING, Deputy. 41-5tc

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

NOTICE OF FILING ACCOUNT—ESTATES

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

These facts have a distinct connection with the hope which springs eternal in the human breast, when you "catch cold." Faith, hope, and charity all linger in the lap of the tradition, which sends many victims "lickety-click" to the corner pharmacy for pills, powders, or portions in a futile effort to obfuscate the miserable associated with a "cold."

The very character of a cold makes this attempt vain. A cold is an infection not remotely analogous to such a similar infection as measles or typhoid fever.

A few of those, who have had lecturers, writers, newspapers, and magazines tell them for a quarter of a century that drugs will not hinder the progress of typhoid or tuberculosis, have begun to realize the uselessness of non-antiseptic chemicals in the war against such infections.
 Colds, however, have escaped this beneficent application of modern knowledge. Eternally associated as a cold almost always is with vicious little bacterial demons, most persons ill with one, fail nevertheless to understand that it is as much an infection as pneumonia or scarletina.
 Each drop or atomized spray of the watery fluid from the eyes, nose, or mouth, expelled violently with a sneeze, a cough, or otherwise, contains bacteria, which necessarily pollute and scatter themselves through the air "seeking whom they may devour."

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 Notice of Filing Final Account—Estate 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

WHEN SEIZED BY A COLD

Dr. Leonard Keene Hershberg, writing in the Texas Farm and Ranch tells some interesting things as regards "catching a cold" in the current issue of that publication. You are not divine. You are human with the physiological structures which make for greed, envy, anger, resentment, hope and anger.

If you and all others were born equally well as to eyesight, hearing, touch, muscle sense, strength, and self-control—which you and most others are not—the very innate nature of man would quickly do away with most of your equalities and freedom.
 Human nature is, has always been, and doubtless always will be so susceptible to passion, appetite, comfort, ease, self-consciousness, selfishness and vanity that the beautiful dreams of Utopia, everlasting peace, fair and just co-operative societies, Bolshevik communities, and similar heavens-on-earth will perhaps be impossible of existence anywhere outside the mental fancies of impracticable prayer-makers.

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Happily some of us have hides and hair, skin and membranes which have by cold showers, sane and moderate garments, proper food, and sleep

"take cold" easily; whose skin and blood devastate the germs and their kin before you begin to sneeze.

One of the curious prevalent superstitions about "colds" is that a sneeze, a chilly sensation, a tight or full feeling in the nostrils and throat, or burning sensations in the eyes are "signs" that you are surely "going to catch cold."

On the contrary, they are conspicuous symbols or evidence that the bacilli of this infection have already "done their dirty work" and started the "cold."

At this time, there is a common practice to acquiesce in almost any suggestion encountered. The customer will tell you to take this or that. Your cook will insist that you put a few "onions in your shoes," the first relation, who greets you will advise sulphur and molasses; your druggist has his particular specific, while your barber is par excellence the Lord High Executioner of every lost vestige of "cold."

Just as too many cooks spoil the pudding, so many remedies for a cold always with us, means that the is no sure, true, and precise medication or method, which will drive cold to limbo.

There are several families of germs, which are mustered out as a "cold." Moreover, several serious ailments such as tuberculosis, typhoid, bronchitis, and pneumonia exhibit initial symptoms indistinguishable from a "cold."

To trifle with delay, or jeopardize your health by home remedies, druggist combinations, or the well-meaning suggestions of a friend, is to run the risk of a physical disaster of an enduring kind.

Remain at home and rest a few days. Shun aspirin, quinine, whiskey, calomel, belladonna, acetanilid, antifebrin; and send for your family doctor once or twice. This will be the cheapest in the end and save you much future repining and make you avoid Hudibars' fatal philosophy in the lines.

'Tis not amiss, ere ye're givin' o'er, To try one desperate medicine more; For where your case can be no worse, The depar'tist is the wisest course.

McCOY NEWS

Christmas has past and every one has spent a very enjoyable time. Mr. Pharr entertained the people with a party Christmas.

We had a box supper at Thursday night for the benefit of the Red Cross, from which we made \$59.45. We appreciate the interest shown in the Red Cross.

While Mr. Rippy's family was away from home spending Christmas their house caught fire and was completely destroyed. Their windmill also was burned. We understand that the property was covered with insurance. Nothing of any value was saved. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Mr. C. H. Payne's baby is very well and we hope it will recover in a few days. McCoy school was dismissed a few days on account of Mrs. Dye's father being sick.

Mr. Hammit entertained the young folks with a singing Sunday night. Miss Vivian Manning and chum Maggie Huckaby of Floydada were in attendance.

Mrs. W. J. Berry and children Saturday night and Sunday with J. E. Hammit.

The W. O. W's are hauling lumber to build a Woodman hall.

Mr. Dewey Watson from Dimm came in Monday on the evening train for a visit to Floydada.

Mr. G. F. Shipman and family are moving across the canyon one mile north east.

Mrs. J. E. Hammit is on the sick list this week.

Willie Hulsey and Roy Loe have just returned from a visit to Johnson county.

Rev. F. L. Chunn, of Fort Worth, has recently moved to Floydada and will make this his residence.

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

A called meeting of the Floyd County Good Roads Association is to be held Monday night, January 7th—next Monday night. The call for the meeting was issued Wednesday night by the executive committee through Gus Herberg, secretary.

The association has many things to accomplish within the next sixty days. It has an opportunity to co-operate with the Commissioners' Court in the matter of state aid for the F. F. F. Highway, many details for obtaining this aid still remaining to be worked out. The Ozark Trails inspectors are also expected to go over this route in February.

Miss Pearl Miller has been visiting in Plainview and Kress with relatives the past several days.

Fred King, of Roaring Springs, was here the earlier part of

M. A. YEARWOOD IS CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT AND CO. CLERK

M. A. Yearwood, of this city, is a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Floyd County. His formal announcement is in the announcement column of The Hesperian this week.

Mr. Yearwood has been a resident of the county for the past four years. He is an excellent young man and feels sure that he could and would make the county a good official if the people see fit to give him sufficient votes to realize his ambition.

His candidacy is subject to the Democratic primary in July of this year.

He asks a full consideration of his claims for election when the voters make up their ballots at the primary.

FOUR C. I. A. STUDENTS HONOR GUESTS AT HIGH NOON DINNER

Misses Bernice Henry, Mabel Yearwood, Bessie Thompson and Wanda Armstrong were honor guests at a high noon dinner given by Mrs. Tom Triplett and Miss Bertha Snodgrass at the C. Snodgrass home in southwest Floydada Sunday.

Thirty-two guests partook of the dinner, which was served in two courses.

SCHEME ALMOST WORKED

Officials of the Van Zandt National Bank at Wills Point are congratulating themselves that Herbert McAfee, a country boy did not put into complete effect his well-devised plans for defrauding them of \$75,000. McAfee realized \$200 from his scheme, the bank having recovered \$300 after his arrest.

McAfee, who is 21 years old and has spent his life on his father's farm near Byers, Okla., walked into Wills Point a few days ago with \$2.75 in his pocket. He went to the Van Zandt County National Bank, where he met Judge J. G. Kirby, a director, and told him that he wanted to buy a farm of about 1000 acres. He gave the name of J. O. Sneed and claimed to be the nephew of John Beal Sneed, a well known and wealthy West Texas cattleman. Kirby recognized the name, and a young McAfee appeared to be genuine, he accepted his statements.

The bank was looking for a good customer. Cashier T. R. Bacon suggested to McAfee, that he transact whatever business he might have thru the Van Zandt County National Bank. McAfee agreed and said he had a check on the First National Bank of New Orleans which he would like to deposit.

Kirby introduced McAfee to F. V. Hewes who owns a 1000 acre farm near here which is on the market. McAfee visited the farm and bargled over the price, the first day. Next day McAfee went to the bank again and deposited a check for \$75,000 on the First National Bank of Amarillo. As the Sneed is residents of the Amarillo section, this check aroused no suspicion. The bank hailed the deposit a fine business stroke. McAfee announced that he had to purchase two car loads of salt for cattle on his ranch. He said he would go to Grand Saline, 16 miles away to buy the product. He told bank officials he would like for them to honor his check for what ever salt he might purchase at Grand Saline and this was agreed to.

When McAfee reached Grand Saline he called immediately on the national bank there and cashed two checks for \$400 on his account in the bank, which were honored. He returned to Wills Point and purchased the Hewes farm for \$45,000.

McAfee was preparing to cash a check for \$50,000 on his account in the Van Zandt National Bank when the bank officials made an inquiry in Amarillo as to the standing of J. O. Sneed and his account there. The reply came that J. O. Sneed was unknown there and that no such a man had an account at that bank. Police of Fort Worth were notified, McAfee was arrested and brought back to Wills Point. In the meanwhile he had used \$105 of the sum that he had obtained from the bank to buy a new and complete outfit of clothes.

McAfee confessed to police that he tried the swindle merely to see if he could put it through, but he said he was sorry that his discovery was made a day too soon for his convenience.—Southwest Plainsman.

A GOOD FILM STORY

The last episode in what would have been a good film story, was recently enacted in Tucumcari, when Claude and Ross Carter were tried and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$500 each for stealing cattle and the same terms for kidnapping the two sentences to run concurrently.

A series of misfortunes led the Carter boys to kidnap one George Eccles in October 1914 and while one of the brothers held the victim a prisoner in Bull canyon southeast of Montoya, N. M., the other took 40 head of cattle to Kansas City sold them and pocketed the money. He then returned for his brother and they took Eccles to his house, fastened him to a rafter with a trace chain and left him after setting food and water within his reach.

The Carter brothers went to Arizona and wrote back to a friend to go and liberate Eccles after which all trace of them was lost until June when they were arrested and brought to Tucumcari for trial.—Southwest Plainsman.

NO RECOURSE TO ARMY FOR DEBTS OF ITS OFFICERS

Washington, Dec. 27.—Regulations issued today by the War Department deny to creditors of officers of the National Army and the National Guard recourse to the military establishment in seeking adjustment of their claims.

All military authorities are directed to disregard any obligation, transaction, domestic or personal controversy relating to such officers before they entered the service and divisional commanders are instructed that only such matters involving these officers as fall within the provisions of the articles of war are to be considered by them.

All other controversies or transactions must be left to settlement by civil courts.

ENLISTED MEN MAY VOLUNTEER THROUGH LOCAL BOARDS

Provost Marshal Makes Provision for Persons to Enter Service in Army Voluntarily

Information has been given out that drafted men may enter service in the U. S. Army on the voluntary basis under certain restrictions through the Local Boards. The Floyd County Board has had the following detailed instructions as to the manner in which persons may be inducted into service on the voluntary basis. Since receipt of the instructions the board has had telegraphic advices not to accept applications for entry into the ordnance department until further notice:

"1. To provide a flexible system which will permit men to be sent to places other than mobilization camps the following will govern as to the disposition of men applying for induction under Section 150. This section must be strictly complied with in all respects except that men should be sent to places herein as indicated instead of to the nearest mobilization camp. Attention is directed to the fact that no man in the current quota may be voluntarily inducted and that credit for men so inducted will be given on the quota called for next after their induction into military service and not on the current quota.

"2. While registrants desiring voluntary induction into the various branches of the military service hereafter named will be sent by local boards only to the points designated as follows: Aviation Section Signal Corps, to Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. Land Division, Signal Corps, to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Medical Department, to Medical Officers' Training Camp, Fort Riley, Kansas, by local board west of Mississippi, and to Medical Officers Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, by local boards east of the Mississippi. Quartermaster, to Camp Joseph Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida. Ordnance Department, to Raritan Depot, Raritan, New Jersey. Infantry, by local boards of Pacific Coast States to Fort McDowell, California, and by all other local boards to Camp Greene, Charlotte, North Carolina. Organization conditions are such that only white men may be sent to the places named in this order, therefore no negroes will be inducted under Section 150 until further orders. Supply conditions are such that no men at present may be inducted under this method for service in the cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery or engineer corps. Similar conditions at the mobilization camps prevent the sending to such camps of men voluntarily inducted.

"3. In sending men to the places mentioned in this telegram, local boards will prepare three copies of Form 1029 to reach man or group, accompanied by two copies of Form 1010, for each man. One copy each of Form 1029 and 1010 will be sent to the camp with the inducted man and one copy of each of these forms will be immediately mailed to the camp after the man has been forwarded to camp; the third copy will be held by the local board in a separate file until further orders. The Commanding Officer at the camp will accomplish the entries and certificate provided in Form 1029, and on completion thereof will mail one copy direct to the Provost Marshal General and hold the other copy until further orders. In using Form 1029 for voluntary induction as prescribed in this telegram, local boards will write across the face of the first page thereof, in bold red ink characters, the words, "Voluntary," and the word "Infantry, Quartermaster Corps, Medical Department," or whichever word designates the board of the service for which each man was inducted. Where practicable, men should be sent in groups even if it is necessary to delay some applicants as much as a week, but no delay in excess of a week for any applicant is authorized.

"4. The attention of local boards should be emphatically directed to the fact that this method takes the place of voluntary enlistment and that since men inducted under this provision are to be sent for great distances at considerable expense to the Government the utmost care should be exercised in their physical examination and no man should be forwarded to any of the destinations mentioned herein unless it is quite certain that he is physically acceptable for military service and local boards should be enjoined that they are on their mettle to demonstrate their efficiency as recruiting units for our Army.

"5. Transportation from the local board to the destination mentioned herein should be provided as prescribed in Section 170 and meal tickets for the period of time necessary for the journey should also be provided by the local board. Where the journey requires over twenty-four hours, Tourist Pullman transportation may also be provided by utilizing transportation request for Tourist transportation but where Tourist transportation is not available standard Pullman accommodations should be furnished in any instance.

"6. Please communicate these orders to all local boards within your State by mail without delay and without change or elision."

NO WORKING MAN CAN AFFORD TO BE NEUTRAL

Here are some excerpts from an article written by Clarence Darrow, the attorney for organized labor, and issued by the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy:

The war won't cost the poor man a cent. It may cost poor men's lives. But more men will be killed in industry and by such diseases as tuberculosis.

The toll will be upon land and upon capital.

Large parts of big incomes will be taken. They are taking them now.

Labor has more to win than anyone else.

The rich people have been giving up much.

They will come out poorer than they went in.

The rich man will pay nearly all the cost of the war, because he is the only man who has the money to pay.

Wall street never made Germany violate Belgium. Wall street did not tell Germany to sink the Lusitania. Wall street did not bring on the submarine warfare.

Germany or America must win.

No working man can afford to be neutral.

Labor must say what side will have its full support.

Clarence Darrow is one of the most noted advocates of the rights of labor in the United States. He has ever been the champion of organized labor, and as a lawyer he has been the defender of labor leaders caught in the meshes of law and arraigned before the courts of the country. Darrow knows that democracy must win the war or the toilers of the world will be the pawns of the favorites of the reigning autocrats of the universe. The pacifist is a chaser of shadows, says the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, an organization of wage workers founded by Samuel Gompers and the labor chieftains who are affiliated with him. The pacifist must have his paper declarations. He cannot be happy without them. He will make a great fuss if he cannot have them.

If the pacifist can only have a declaration on paper guaranteeing to him the right to do some peculiar thing that he wants to do you can take away from him all of the essential liberties in the world and he will not miss them.

He would contemplate the coming of a German army in serene contentment if before you were driven out by the coming horde you would grant him a license to make a speech calling you names.

The pacifist has something the matter with his eyes. He can see all manner of conspiracies and terrible dangers close at hand, but if you put a few miles between himself and the supreme danger he will refuse to be leive that there is any supreme danger, though you prove it to him by a thousand rules of science.

The pacifist is a chaser of shadows. He cannot see substance.

The pacifist can see a rainbow, but he cannot see a blackjack.

And it is bad when one cannot see a black jack soon enough.—Ft. Worth Record.

"KNITTING NERVES" LATEST AFFLICTION AMONG WOMEN

New York, Dec. 26.—Now it's "knitting nerves," caused by concentration of mind and hand on the needles. Thousands of women in New York are afflicted, according to Dr. Louis R. Wellsemiller, physical director of the West Side Y. M. C. A., who adds that his only patients showing symptoms of the new wartime complaint have been women. Dr. Wellsemiller says that there is liable to be an epidemic of "knitting nerves" unless knitters train to knit properly. He offers the following advice as a remedy:

"Don't hunch over your knitting; sit upright and when your mind tells you you have knitted enough, quit. There are 365 days a year and you can't finish a sweater in a day, no matter how much you love a soldier or a sailor."

Dr. C. P. Christenson, president of the Physiological Research Society, concurred in the predictions of Dr. Wellsemiller. He attributed the nerve scourge to the failure of women folk to comprehend "the vibrations of nerve laws." He continued: "The women are overworking themselves. Knitting has become a craze. Nerves can not stand this strain."

Roy K. Bruner, of Hereford, spent the earlier part of this week here on business and visiting with friends and relatives.

W. I. Boerner, wife and son, Frank; Mrs. E. P. Nelson and daughter, Florence; and Mrs. S. W. Ross and little daughter; returned Monday from San Angelo and Ozona, where they have been visiting with Mrs. J. M. Gargett and family during the holidays. The trip was made by auto cross country.

SAMMIES, CO-EDS, COLLEGE BOYS LEAVE AFTER HOLIDAYS

After having as their guests a large per centage of the soldier boys, co-eds and college boys during the Christmas holidays, relatives and friends have been bidding them adieu for a time during the past three or four days.

The two weeks of holiday making have been full of pleasure for all ages, and reunions of families, parties for friends and informal gatherings of various kinds have furnished much gaiety and enjoyment.

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SOLDIER BOYS ENTERTAINED

On Thursday evening, December 27, Miss Hallie Childress entertained at her home in east Floydada in honor of Bob McGuire and Levie Lewis, who are home from Camp Bowie to spend the holidays. The chosen colors being red, white and blue were artistically carried out

throughout the house. The principal feature of the decoration was the pennant "I Love U. S. A." hanging over the picture of the absent brother, who was not given a furlough.

Patriotic numbers were rendered by Misses Coral White and Kate Butler, after which progressive ruck was the amusement of the evening. Dainty score cards of the U. S. flag were

used. A delicious salad course was served to the following guests: Misses Pearl and Coral White, Mary and Nola Candler, Lola Walling, Sabra Thagard, Kate Butler, and Laura Lin Guimarin; Messrs. Charlie Wilson, Ben Morton, Glen Flinn, J. B. Bishop, E. Morris, Elbert Bloodworth, Lloyd Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Smith, Mrs. Addie Thagard and the honor guests Levi Lewis and Bob McGuire.

HONORING MISS FORD

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Martin, Mrs. F. M. Butler and Miss Kate Butler entertained with a linen shower for Miss Ford, a charming December bride.

Christmas decorations were beautifully carried out. As each guest arrived she was asked to write a word of "advice" to the bride-elect, in a dainty advice book, which was presented Miss Ford by Mrs. H. D. Butler who said "your ship will probably be wrecked many, many times but this little book contains many life preservations." At this moment little Miss Jesse Mae Woods dressed as Santa, entered with a pack containing many beautiful and useful pieces of linen which "he" gave the honoree.

Progressive ruck was the diversion of the evening. Very appropriate score cards of red cupids bearing this announcement "Ford and Hicks, December 25, 1917," were used.

Delicious refreshments were served. The personnel of the party were: Misses Erick, Black, Collier, Moorhouse, Terry, Donnell, Savage, Ivey, McKinnon, Childress, White, Tubbs, Guimarin and little Jessie Mae Wood, Mesdames J. G. Wood, Dane, Standefer, H. D. Butler, and the hostess.

J. S. DUNAVANT SUFFERS INJURY IN WOLF CHASE

J. S. Dunavant sustained injuries about the head Thursday morning of last week that for a time were expected to prove fatal, but his chances for recovery are now considered good. His injuries were due to an overturned car which pinned him beneath it. The accident occurred when he attempted a sharp turn in a wolf chase five miles southeast of Floydada.

Ralph Hartline and two sons of J. S. Dunavant and a son of Roy Dunavant were in the car when it overturned. The boys suffered only minor injuries being thrown clear of the car. Hartline suffered a sprained wrist and a stiff knee.

LEARNING TO FORGET BEAUTY

Difficult Lesson for Woman, Asserts English Writer, in Describing the Aged Queen Alexandra.

"There is no more difficult lesson for a woman to learn than that of learning how to forget that she has been beautiful," writes a clever English woman.

"One afternoon I saw Queen Alexandra driving slowly in her open motor through the gates at Hyde Park corner. For the first time it occurred to me that this rarely lovely queen is now an old woman nearing four-score years of age. Perhaps she had forgotten to be alert, as is her usual custom, or perhaps the heat of the day had fatigued her. But at any rate there was a touch of tragedy in the thought that Queen Alexandra is learning slowly, but surely, that extreme beauty can fade although the charm of personality can challenge the attack of time.

"I fancy it must have been the queen mother's costume that brought this idea most surely before me. She was wearing a mantle or cloak made of some material in shade of iridescent blue spangles with a close frilling of black lace all round the edge. Her hat or bonnet was of the usual royal shape and built of jetted stuff to match her cloak, with a small white egret standing erect in front.

"Under ordinary circumstances one would regard this quaint nineteenth century toilet of the queen mother's as a characteristic conventionality, but somehow on this sunny afternoon it represented to me a sacrifice to the inevitable."

WHY COAT WAS UNBUTTONED

Private, Unable to Speak English, Gives Explanation After His Second Reprimand.

A private of foreign extraction recently appeared at reveille with his overcoat unbuttoned, contrary to regulations, relates a cantonment correspondent. The colonel, who happened to be on the scene, noticed this discrepancy; he called the man out of the ranks, took him to his office and delivered a stern lecture on the necessity of military exactitude. During the admonition the private maintained a dignified silence. When the colonel had finished, he pointed to the door. The man went out.

The following morning he appeared at reveille with his coat again unbuttoned. When the formality was concluded, the captain called him to one side.

"Didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?" he demanded. The private regarded him blankly. "I say, didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?" The man looked at the officer with a puzzled expression. "Me no spik English," he affirmed mildly.

Camera Lenses Wanted.

The United States signal corps has issued an appeal to the owners of all high-grade cameras. The signal corps needs the lenses of their machines for war work. It is known that the United States bureau of standards has solved the problem of manufacturing high-grade optical glass for aircraft camera lenses, but apparently they cannot be produced in quantity fast enough to equip our fleet of airplanes. The United States has always been a great field for amateur photographers, and there are a large number of high-grade European-made lenses scattered about the country. These lenses the signal corps wants to buy. Long focus lenses working at large apertures are the only kind which can be used.

Eyes Made of Rubber.

Everybody knows that eyes were made of rubber. Very few know that eyes are now being made of rubber. This is one of the million results of the war, notes a correspondent.

Glass eyes are always more or less uncomfortable, and frequently unsightly, and it is interesting, therefore when the deformities of war are so serious a subject of consideration, to learn that two French workers, Mme. Lemaitre and Teuillieres, have evolved an entirely new method of replacing a lost eye. By the use of a combination of a hard and soft rubber substance they have achieved their aim and are producing an eye that looks well and feels well.

Revolution Headquarters.

Of all Boston's early taverns none were of more historic interest and none dispensed greater good cheer than the Green Dragon, which stood until recent years when it had to be torn down in order that the street might be widened. The Green Dragon was called a "nest of treason" by the British because of the way in which the spirit of liberty flourished here and the fact that many meetings held for the purpose of furthering the cause of American independence were held under its roof. Daniel Webster called it the "headquarters of the Revolution."

Flavine as Antiseptic Falls.

Flavine, or acriflavine, which has recently been called the ideal antiseptic for use in wounds, is unequivocally condemned by Lieut. Alexander Fleming of the British Army Medical corps, after a series of experiments with its effect upon his own blood, upon microbes and upon pus. The Lancet publishes his experiments in detail, and his conclusions are that strong solutions of flavine have a more destructive action on the blood than on the microbes, and that weak solutions have no antiseptic effect.

BUYS GLASSES FOR BULLDOG

Proud Mistress Discovers Cold Wind Brings Tears to Pet's Eyes and Takes Him to Oculist.

One of the newest features of the high cost of living investigation by federal agents has just been revealed by United States District Attorney Cline of Chicago. He told the following story:

"I dropped into an oculist's a couple of days ago with a friend who had broken his glasses. We found that gentleman, immaculately clad, carefully fitting a pair of glasses on the pug nose of a bulldog with undershot jaw and bandy legs.

"Well, we had to wait. A lady, in handsome furs, held the bulldog by the chain. When the job was done she led it away. I asked the oculist:

"How do you test the vision of a dog's eyes? He replied: 'I didn't test it for vision. You see it was like this—the lady had her dog out motoring. They were riding rather fast and the air was cold.

"She noticed that a little drop of moisture gathered in the dog's eye. It trickled down his cheek. The lady decided that something must be done. So she brought him to me—the glasses are to protect his eyes when he goes motoring."

"How much did she pay for those glasses? I asked.

"Eight dollars," the oculist replied."

HAD SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE

Nurse Who Was Formerly Militant Suffragette Learns Her Soldier Patient Was Former Policeman.

The day approaches when in recognition of the women's generosity in giving their men for the war the men are asked to give women hereabouts the vote, says a British correspondent. Nothing could be more timely, therefore, than to recall the story of what happened in that hospital of our British allies on the coast of Normandy. A kind nurse was bending over the pillow of a wounded man—a big corporal of the Grenadier Guards. She was a dear old lady, the nurse, one who had in her time enjoyed a full share as a militant suffragette. In fact, she had led more than one furious assault on the houses of parliament. Yet here she was lavishing the treasures of her sympathy upon the country's mere fighting men.

"It's odd," she said. "Your face, my good man, isn't a bit strange to me. I can't get rid of the idea that I've seen you many times before."

"I can't deny it, ma'am," sighed the wounded corporal, struggling with a visible embarrassment. "You have seen my face before. But can't we let bygones be bygones? It's true, I used to be a policeman. But that was before the war, ma'am."

Germany Short of Food.

The real food situation in Germany is the important puzzle of the war. The United States food administration has got hold of some figures on the standard German ration for noncombatants, which seem to indicate that the Teutons are in desperate straits. Figured in calories, the food value of this ration is only 10,000. This is not sufficient nourishment to keep a man of 140 pounds from losing weight steadily, even if he does nothing but lie on his back for 24 hours a day. If he has work to do, he will eat up his fat and then his muscular tissue, so much the faster. If the figures received by the food administration are correct and are not supplemented by other rations not mentioned, the civilian population of Germany must inevitably be weakening fast.—Exchange.

Strict Prohibition Law.

Under the act of congress organizing the territory of Alaska, the legislature meets every two years. It did not meet in 1916, but the legislature of 1915 passed a law providing for a popular vote on the liquor question in November, 1916. At that election the people voted by a large majority that from and after January 1, 1918, spirituous liquors should not be manufactured, sold, transported or given away anywhere within the territory. The prohibition law thus to be established by popular vote, notes an exchange, probably will be the most stringent of any in the United States.

Mote and Beam.

Gen. George W. Goethals was lunching in New York recently with a man who complained about his brother's extravagance.

"His latest extravagance is horses," said the complainant. "He bought a pair of coach horses last week for \$6,000."

"Humph!" said General Goethals. "What did you pay for your touring car?"

"E—ten thousand dollars."

"Well," said the general, "don't criticize the team in your brother's eye till you've cast the motor out of your own."

Willing to Hear.

"Miss Willing" began the young man, as he wiped the cold perspiration from his brow, "are you fond of stories?"

"If they are new, Mr. Woody," replied the fair maid, "I simply dote on them."

"But the one I was going to tell you, Miss Willing, is not new," said the young man. "It is, I might say, Miss Willing—or, Clara—the old, old story, but—"

"Oh, never mind, George," she interrupted. "Even if it is a chestnut, I'm sure you'll find it interesting."

SIFTING OUT THE SLACKERS

Hospital Assistant, Threatening to Cook Alive One Patient to Obtain Grease, Reduces Sick Call.

Stories of how to outwit impostors who report sick in order to loaf in hospitals are among the oldest traditions of the medical branches of all auries, says a writer in a medical journal. A fourteenth-century collection of anecdotes shows that the malingerer was known in those days and Cardinal de Bari, who had a hospital at Verceil, found its resources were being exhausted by men of this type. He sent one of his subordinates to investigate. This man, Petrillo by name, who was something of a humorist, dressed himself in the robes of a physician and assembled all the patients for an examination of their wounds. Then he gravely said: "There is clearly but one remedy needed for the cure of ulcers of this character, and that is an ointment made of human grease. This very day I intend, in consequence, draw by lot one from among you, who will be plunged alive into boiling water and cooked for the salvation of all." Seized by fear, all the patients made haste to report themselves recovered from their ulcers, and consequently there was room in the hospital for those who really need care.

Physicians today, by the use of similar ruses, have discovered many "hospital slackers."

FISHING A MECHANICAL ART

Outfit Consists of Net, Rope and Pulley—All Operator Need Do Is to Turn Crank.

Most operations nowadays can be performed by machinery. Time was when the best sport in angling was obtained by the use of a rope, with patience at one end and a suitable bait at the other. The Wide World Magazine gives a revised edition of this plan. Here it is in all its simplicity:

You hang an immense four-cornered net on a rope which passes over a pulley, turn a handle, and drop the net into the sea. After a time, which may vary according to the mood you are in and the quality of the tobacco you are smoking, you wind up the net and look into it. If it is empty, let the handle go a few turns, drop the net into the sea again; contains any fish you draw it and them. In this way you reduce it to a mechanical art. When you up this huge net from the briny and find by the aid of a telescope it contains one tiny, solitary, solitary as was our case—after many successful "casts," you rejoice with unspeakable and call in your neighbors to the feast.

The King's Beard.

An interesting story is told in connection with the Swedish actor rasi, who was called upon to take part of Oscar I in a play under a name at Stockholm, Sweden. The actor was ordered by the director of opera to make up with a full beard but during one of the intermissions he hunted up the director and told that Oscar I never wore such a beard. "What kind of a beard did he have then?"

To this Ferrasi replied, "Ma, and goatee, like Napoleon III."

"How do you know that?"

The conclusive reply was of "From my postage-stamp collection." The change was made and at second performance the public not with astonishment how King had altered the cut of his beard, stamp collectors it is hardly need to point out that Mr. Ferrasi's information by looking up the portrait of Norway, 1856-7.—Christian S. Monitor.

Farming in France.

The French government has taken to supply the depleted of the farmers and to give assistance to the amateur farmer by means of correspondence course, which has been eagerly received. The pupil receives instructions as to a course of reading, the management of a small experiment plot, the carrying out of simple experiments, visits to neighboring farms, etc. The Union of Agricultural Syndicates, which has assumed charge of this work for the government, has appointed a number of "contitors" to supervise the work of pupils in their several neighborhoods. The pupils prepare monthly examination papers and render monthly reports on their work.

Dog on Operating Table.

Mack, a bulldog owned by Mrs. Charles Wright, teacher at the Rulo school, says a Walla Walla (Wash.) exchange, got so many porcupine quills in its mouth and throat during a fight with that animal that it had to be chloroformed and hundreds of quills were taken out with pincers. The dog was protecting chickens owned by its mistress. Mack has successfully fought off badgers, snakes and coyotes which have sought to steal the chickens, and when the porcupine appeared it charged it. Even with its mouth filled with quills it continued the attack.

Win Victoria Crosses.

Since the Victoria Cross was first instituted, sixty odd years ago, as a reward for conspicuous valor in the Crimea, the bestowals have not amounted to a thousand. Five hundred and twenty-two was the number of the recipients before the beginning of the present war, and during the last three years 317 men have been recipients of all de-

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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.

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We assure you that we will always endeavor to comply with the Hoover idea of small profits.

We will continue to pay you cash for your produce and will always pay you all the market affords.

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 "Christian Stewardship."
 Leader—Mrs. N. W. McCleskey.
 2 Cor. 8th chapter, 14th verse.
 "What is Christian Stewardship?"
 To be answered by each member personally.

"25,000,000 men in Moral contact for love of country; How many furnished by all churches for Christian conflict?" Mrs. John Steen, "Voice," for March, 1917.

Tell the story of the woman who dismissed her chauffeur for the support of her missionary—Mrs. Dane, December "Voice," page 374.

"A penny a week to save the world."—Mrs. H. Martin in March "Voice."

Tell what church and where located supports four missionaries and the cost per year—Mrs. John Smith.

The story of the rose, page 71, "Voice" March issue.—Mrs. Maud Henry.

"We are not called to be pools of privileges, but candles of blessing." A pressing need that must be met Mrs. Walter Berch.

Prayer by Mrs. H. E. Smith for Easter consecration in the Kingdom Christ on earth.

I ask that each one who reads this program cut it out and bring it on Monday, January 14th.

We closed out our year's work, met all obligations as follows:

To new church.....	\$250.00
To Conference pledge.....	25.00
Sent to Orphans' Home.....	20.00
box valued at.....	20.00
Obligated ourselves to clothe Albert Downen of the Waco Orphanage for one year. Have sent clothing \$22.00	
Paid corresponding secretary expense fund.....	\$3.00

But these dollars and cents do not represent the greatest part of our year's work. The greatest blessing came from the study, "World wide missions and Peace." This was our greatest year's work. We only wish every member had been in the class. We went through the book twice and were loathe to lay it aside, but will take up for the New Year "An African Trail" with Mrs. Dan Shipley as teacher. Give her your name as a member of the class. We have pledged \$250 toward the new church, \$50 to conference pledge. We are divided into seven captains. Each woman of Methodist church has been chosen for a captain. Many of us are not painted as yet, but we hope to be. We pray for spiritual guidance next year's work.

PRESS REPORTER.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET REPORT IN DETAIL.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 31. The receipts today were 12,000 market strong, following a big price last week, sales today up \$1.50 as compared with last Monday. Hog supply today was 9,000, market strong to 10 higher, top \$16.90. Sheep and lambs today 7,000 market to 40 cents higher, top lambs \$16.50.

Beef Cattle

The best price paid for steers last week was \$13.25, but strictly choice and steers would bring 75 cents more than that. The market here today brought \$12.25, good finished steers being lacking. Shorter grades took on a strong advance of 15 cents in most cases, good cowboys bringing \$8.75, two leads \$9.50, veal calves up to \$13.50. The market during the week is encouraging to feeders, suggests a good market in January and thereafter.

ORN—To Mr. and Mrs. R. C. C. C., January 2nd, a daughter.

ORN—To Mr. and Mrs. C. M. C. C., December 29th, a daughter.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WANTS SEED SUPPLY CONSERVED

T. C. Marks, representative of the State Department of Agriculture, visited Floydada Wednesday of this week, on a tour of the state in an effort to determine the extent of the seed supply for the spring planting. Mr. Marks went over the local situation and is of the opinion that a large percentage of the seed supply in this county has already been sold or contracted. The department is working in an effort to prevent a shortage of seed this spring, especially for the drouth stricken portions of the state, which must be supplied with practically all seed to be planted. The department is also anxious that the people of that section of the state do not be charged too heavily for seed, because of the distress now prevailing in the drouth stricken sections.

Mr. Marks suggests the conservation of all grains and cotton seed that will do for planting this spring.

FAIRVIEW ITEMS

January 1, 1918.—Last week was a week of pleasure in this community, beginning with the Christmas tree Monday night which seemed to be enjoyed by all. The tree was beautifully decorated with many valuable presents.

Tuesday night the Misses Rushing entertained with a party which was attended and enjoyed by a large number of young folks of this and adjoining communities.

Thursday night was the pie supper held under the auspices of the Mothers Club for the benefit of the school. The proceeds were about \$35.

Friday night many of the young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. Nix.

Many changes are taking place; several old residents moving out and new ones coming in.

Mr. Nix of the Center community has bought and is moving to the Lemons place. Mr. Lemons will move to Oklahoma.

Mr. Bullard, of Center has about completed negotiations for and is preparing to move to the place that has been occupied by Mr. Owens. Mr. Owens has moved to Floydada.

Mr. Walding has sold and is leaving, his place being occupied by Mr. Colvin and Mr. Medlin.

Mr. Stovall has sold and is moving to the Center community. His place will be occupied by a Mr. West who is moving from Hamilton.

Others, whose names we have not learned, are coming in.

Mr. Geo. Tibbitts is having a nice five room bungalow built on his section just north of the school house. Mr. E. C. Austin will occupy it when finished.

The school was organized into a Red Cross Auxiliary recently and the pupils are taking a great interest in making a success of their work.

Bro. Joiner attended the fifth Sunday meeting at White Flat last week. There was no preaching services here last Sunday, consequently Sunday school was not as well attended as usual.

Miss Sophia Austin was a Sunday night visitor with the Misses Irwin. As a consequence they were tardy at school Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Rushing are spending New Year's day visiting in Plainview.

The Fairview grocery store seems to be proving a great convenience to the community. It will save many long cold drives to town this winter.

Mr. W. R. Cope was a Quannah visitor Saturday.

B. P. Woody and wife spent a short Christmas week visit in Jayton with relatives.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MAKES ITS REPORT

Total Collections for Half Year More Than Three Quarters of a Million Dollars

Geo. A. Duren, State Highway Engineer, has made the following report for the State Highway Department for the first half year of the commission's business:

Six months ago the State Highway Department began business and today we can report remarkable progress.

The conditions relative to Texas highways on January 1, 1918 are as follows:

Total miles of public roads.....	132,800
Total miles of surfaced roads.....	12,900
Total miles of State Highways.....	12,500
Allolements of State and Federal aid have been made for the construction of State Highways as follows:	
State aid.....	560 miles
Federal aid.....	1575 miles
State highways already surfaced, approximately.....	3000 miles
Improvements done and accounted for.....	5135 miles
Percentage of State Highways improved or accounted for.....	41 per cent.
Total Federal aid granted to date.....	\$2,450,000
(The above is approximate. The exact amount not known until estimates of several counties have been received.)	
Federal aid available to July 1, 1919.....	\$1,753,973.40
Federal aid available to July 1, 1920.....	\$2,923,289.00
will use up all allotment to July 1, 1919 and about one-half of the next year's Federal aid allotment	
State aid granted in 1917.....	\$340,000
Counties granted State aid only.....	9
Counties granted Federal aid only	42
Counties granted both State and Federal aid.....	37
Seventy-nine counties received Federal aid; forty-six received State aid. Number of State and Federal aid projects.....	142
Counties receiving aid.....	88
Counties having no State highway.....	46
Counties having State highways that have not yet received allotment of State and Federal aid.....	120
Total number of counties.....	254

The bookkeeper's general summary on December 1, 1917, shows receipts as follows:

190,207 Automobiles.....	\$791,531.72
3,479 motor cycles.....	5,068.50
1,119 dealers.....	12,004.00
5,156 transfers.....	5,156.00
11,816 chauffeurs.....	23,632.03
22 visitors certificates.....	22.00
190 duplicate seals.....	48.50
Directory.....	85.00
Checks redeposited.....	345.18

Total amount or receipts.....\$837,892.93

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration.....	\$16,831.00
Motor Registration.....	81,939.93
Equipment.....	9,366.07
Engineering.....	8,813.49
Checks issued and charged back.....	639.18
Project No. 1.....	301.55
First allotment to counties.....	342,193.36
Total warrants issued.....	\$460,089.58
Balance in Bank.....	22,253.75
Balance in State Treasury.....	355,549.60

The above report was made in part by the writer at the annual meeting of the State Highway Officials of America held at Richmond, December 4, 5, and 6. The bare statement of the above statistics created the sensation of the convention. The magnitude of the work and the rapidity of progress as expressed by the figures therein was received by many State Highway officials with incredulity and amazement. Although Texas is the last state to create a State Highway Department, yet in this report we show progress equalled by none, which progress has been made possible by the untiring effort of the Commission and every member of the State Highway Department, together with an enthusiasm for highway improvement and the co-operation of the people of Texas, not surpassed in any other States.

PROGRAM

For all day associational meetings, January 8, 1918. At the First Baptist church Floydada, Texas.

10:00 a. m.—Devotional, led by J. A. Weathers.

10:30 to 12:00 m.

1. Address—Christian Education's Contribution to Baptists. By W. L. Tubbs, A. H. Isbell and C. A. Joiner.

2. Sermon—Christian Education in the Bible. By F. C. Dick.

1:30 to 4:00 p. m.

1. This Campaign and How to Win it. By J. T. Burnett, R. E. L. Muncy and F. E. Suttle.

2. Christian Education and The New Day. By J. R. Balch, G. W. Tubbs, and F. A. Suttle.

Speeches confined to 20 minutes each.

3. Organization for the Campaign. Appointment of Leaders, and Arrange for a Rally and a Great Offering in every church in the Association. Led by the Chairman of Meeting.

W. B. McDANIEL, Entertaining Pastor.

NEWS FROM PLAINVIEW

Plainview, December 28th.—J. M. Carter, pioneer citizen of Hale county, died at the home of his son, Mont Carter, in Plainview early Sunday morning, from stomach trouble. The funeral took place at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, Rev. I. E. Gates conducting the service, and interment followed at the cemetery beside his wife who died in 1902.

The deceased was born May 8, 1849, at Stamford, Ky., hence he was sixty-nine years, seven months and fourteen days old at the time of his death.

He moved to Ellis County, Texas, in 1859, where he lived until about 1884, when the family moved to Runnels county. In 1887 he moved to Hale county. At that time there was no such place as Plainview, only four families living inland near the present site. At that time Hale Center was known as Epworth, and later the name was changed to Hale City, and finally to Hale Center. The nearest railroad station was Colorado City, on the T. & P., nearly 200 miles to the south, there being no Amarillo at that time. The first Carter home in Plainview was a sod house, the sod being hauled from Hale Center, there being no broken land nearer.

A. G. Hinn of the Harvest Queen mills, is in Dallas this week attending a conference of the millers of the state relative to the new regulations of the federal food control. Under these regulations, so we understand, after January 1st, the millers will not be allowed to make white flour, but must use three-fourths of the wheat instead of half, as is now done. This will be the means of saving a tremendous amount of wheat for bread.

A local poultry firm on Monday shipped out a carload of drawn jack rabbits.

Hale county more than doubled her quota of 1,326 in the Red Cross Christmas membership drive, by securing 2,776 adult members, besides 1,500 junior members. Also more than \$4,000 was secured in contributions, besides the membership fees. The great drive closed Monday night, and there was great rejoicing when it was found that the quota had been more than doubled.

One hundred per cent of the students in Plainview public schools are now members of the Red Cross. Supt. Webb informs us that 1,079 (all the pupils in the school last month) have

CHEAP HIDES—HIGH LEATHER

According to the official data kept by Mr. W. J. Klinger of the T. L. & D. Co., there was only 10.39 inches of rain in Plainview since Jan. 1st, the least possibly in the history of the county since the white men came here. There were only two rains of more than an inch—in June and October. It is astonishing how good the crops were considering the light rain fall, as a very good wheat crop was raised and enough row crops and other feedstuffs for local needs. Last year the total rainfall was only 16.06. Some years, as in 1911, the rain fall has been as much as 33 inches.

District court will convene Monday, January 14.—Plainview News.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM FOR JAN. 6.

Leader—Byron Clark.
 Christ's presence in the world—Dr. Hicks.

The manner of his presence in the world—Miss Irick.

The meaning of his presence among us today—Dr. Hopkins.

The common failure to recognize his presence—Miss Okler Bagwell.

The reason for our failure to recognize his presence—Mrs. I. W. Hicks.

The consequence of our failure to recognize his presence.—Bro. McDaniel.

Violin Solo—Miss Pearl White.

As strange as it may seem while leather goods—boots, shoes, leggings, saddles, harness, etc.—are selling at from two to three hundred per cent more than prices two years ago, farmers are getting little more for hides than they brought five or six years ago. A prominent hide dealer in Dallas says that for the last five or six weeks it has been almost impossible to sell hides. Although several were quoted last week at cents a pound no buyers in the market centers could be found.

Who is getting the war profit the government and individual paying for shoes and other goods? Is there an underst among speculators to stay out of the hide market?

The public is being told that the country is short of hides. If it be true why are buyers out of the market? Dealers are anxious to buy from farmers if they can readily dispose of their stocks to tanners.

The federal trade commission or some other government authority would render the long suffering public as well as government buyers of leather goods a great favor by investigating this subject. The people want to save to help win the war. How can they do this if speculators are "fleece" them?—Farm and Ranch.

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