



Governor Wm. P. Hobby.

W. P. HOBBY TO SPEAK HERE WED.

Governor W. P. Hobby will deliver an address at the Courthouse in this city Wednesday afternoon, June 19. In interest of his candidacy for re-election, Governor Hobby will discuss the issues of the day and will bring a message that every man and woman in Haskell county should hear. This will be your only opportunity to hear the Governor speak before he leaves the state in July. Every man and woman in the county is invited to be present. Don't forget the date, Wednesday, June 19, at 3 o'clock.

TROOPS IN FRANCE FROM AMERICA TO DATE

More than 700,000 American soldiers have been sent to France. Secretary Baker said in a speech to French "Blue Devils" now pouring the country. Baker's last official announcement weeks ago was that more than a million had gone over.

Larry Smith and children, who were making their home with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mullins of town, left for Camp Bowie to join her husband, Larry Smith, who is fighting at the above named camp.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ADVISES ALL WOMEN TO REGISTER

Several weeks ago, Attorney General Loney ruled that in his opinion that part of the law requiring women to register before being permitted to vote in primary elections was invalid as to women residing outside cities of more than 10,000 population.

However he has recently advised that in view of the fact that the law might be held valid as to this provision, in order to be on the safe side and have no such question raised in a closely contested election, it will be best for all qualified women voters over the age of 21 years, whether married or single, to go before their tax collectors at some time between June 26 and July 12 and register in accordance with the provisions of the law. By doing this no question can be raised as to the validity of our votes.

The Free Press desires to suggest to all its women voters to go before your county tax collector at the court house in Haskell as soon as possible after the 26th day of June, and fill out the blank application required by law, and have the collector to register you, and thus be on the safe side. These blank applications must be filled out by each woman, herself, but it will be a very simple thing to do if you post yourselves.

In next week's Free Press we shall print the form of the required blank, and discuss how these blanks should be filled out, for it is a new thing, and we are anxious to assist our readers in every way possible. So whether you expect to vote or not, it will be advisable for you to post yourself on the requirements of the law, and to register so as to be on the safe side, in order that in the event you might decide later that you would like to vote for some State, district, or county candidate, you will be prepared to do so.

So watch for next week's Free Press, and post yourself on how to register and be on the safe side, although you may now think that you will not care to vote. Later you may wish to change your mind, when it will be everlastingly too late.

Mrs. Ollie McLuskey and children of Weatherford returned to her home Wednesday after a visit with her father, J. C. Stewart.

Jesse Adams, who has been visiting his parents on a furlough from Fort Standish, Boston, Mas., left for camp Thursday.

HASKELL SECURES OZARK TRAIL FROM LAWTON, OKLAHOMA, TO EL PASO

Commissioner J. C. Jewellen, B. M. Whitaker and Sam A. Roberts, the Haskell County delegates to the Ozark Trails Convention at Miami, Oklahoma, returned Saturday night very much elated over the success of their efforts at the Convention resulting in the routing of the Ozark Trail from Lawton, Oklahoma, through Wichita Falls, Seymour, Haskell, Abilene to El Paso.

The northern route through Childress, Plainview, and Roswell was also adopted by the convention.

A strong delegation was also present from Seymour and Abilene, to urge the adoption of the southern route.

During the convention Col. Harvey gave it as his opinion that both routes were of sufficient importance to be recognized, and in view of the possibility of trouble on the Texas border both routes would be of vast importance from a military standpoint and that he thought that both routes ought to be recognized at this time without waiting for further inspection, provided the roads should be placed up to Ozark Trail specifications, and reasonable time being granted to get them in shape by the counties along the routes. The vice-presidents with him constituting the locating committee agreed to this and the convention unanimously adopted both routes, conditioned that they be made to comply with the specifications, briefly, as follows: (1) Right of way not less than 60 feet wide. (2) Width of roadway not less than 32 feet including ditches and 24 foot crown. (3) Grades not to exceed 5 per cent. (4) All culverts to be of concrete and

not less than 24 feet wide. (5) All curve turns to be with a radius of not less than 150 feet. (6) Road bed to be properly crowned and drained. (7) Roadway all to be above high water mark. (8) Roadway to have a hard surface, either of sand, clay, gravel or some other suitable road material. (9) People along the route must be enterprising and co-operate with association.

All that is now left is for the people to bring their roadways up to the standard when the Association will properly mark the portions thereof that are brought up to the standard.

W. B. Morris of Seymour was elected as vice president for Texas to succeed Judge C. C. Small of Wellington.

B. M. Whitaker of this city was elected as route manager of the organization for the purpose of pushing the work and organization until the road reaches the standard along the entire route from Lawton to El Paso. In this connection we wish to say that the organization made a wise choice of a manager, as Mr. Whitaker is one of the most enthusiastic road boosters along the entire trail and the work will be well done under his supervision.

The delegates from Haskell enjoyed the trip immensely. Miami is a thriving little city of about 15,000 people, situated in the northeastern corner of Oklahoma in the midst of the largest zinc and lead mining district in the world.

The next annual meeting of the Association will be held in August, 1919, at Roswell, N. M.

HASKELL COUNTY SENDS THREE TO STATE PRISON

Sheriff W. C. Allen returned Monday from Wichita Falls where he carried three convicts and left them in Wichita jail for the Commissioner who will take them to prison. R. L. Lashley, a white man, and two negroes, Claud (Mutt) McFay and Felix Phillips, were the names of the men who were convicted the last term of District court. Lashley goes for the burglary of the Sageron Drug Store and the negroes go for bootlegging.

BABY CARRIED TO COLORADO FOR HEALTH

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Alexander of this city left Wednesday morning for Colorado Springs Colorado, with their baby, who has been sick for several weeks. Many friends and relatives were at the train with a prayer in their heart that the change to cool Colorado would restore the little one back to health. The Free Press joins in this fervent prayer for the parents' and child.

Mrs. F. T. Prater returned from a visit to J. E. Place and family of Rule by the way of this city Thursday to her home. Mr. Place and family accompanied her to the train.

Miss Hettie Treadwell of O'Brien passed through the city Thursday en route to Buford, North Dakota, where she will visit relatives for the summer.

THREE HASKELL COUNTY BOYS RETURN FROM CODY

Only three boys failed to pass the physical examination at Camp Cody, New Mexico, of the 74 that left here on May 29th for the above named camp. Wylie Quattlebaum, Robert L. Creek and Rush L. Thompson returned last week from Camp Cody, being rejected by the Army Physician for service at this time. Quattlebaum and Creek are from Haskell and Thompson is from Rule.

NEWTON THERWHANGER UNDERGOES OPERATION

Newton Therwhanger, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Therwhanger who live at Abilene, was operated on at the Alexander Sanitarium in that city for appendicitis Sunday, and on last report he was getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Therwhanger passed thru Haskell Tuesday en route from Abilene to their home at Weimert and they reported a very successful operation, and were very confident that their son would soon recover.

Mrs. E. V. Griffin left for Stamford Wednesday to attend the bedside of her brother-in-law W. C. Cannon, who is reported very sick. She will probably visit San Antonio and other South Texas towns before her return.

Mrs. J. M. Hinkle of Roberts was in the city shopping Wednesday.

THE BURNING QUESTION: "ARE THEY GUILTY?"

John Oates, B. M. Whitaker, Jno. R. Mauldin, Dr. A. Q. Gentry, C. B. Long, F. L. Daugherty, R. R. English, M. B. Watson, C. M. Hunt and J. F. Posey were indicted for making an assault on the Finny tribe this week. It is alleged that the crime was committed on Tuesday night of this week in the channel of Paint Creek. But on investigation the case was dismissed on the ground of insufficient evidence to secure a conviction.

However, it is rumored that since the case was dismissed other incriminating evidence has been uncovered by old "Shylock" and it is believed that one of the party will turn "State's evidence" before the close of the week, which will clear the matter up. However, it is hoped by their friends, and they have many, that nothing more serious than a case of stomach trouble will develop.

HASKELL COUNTY CATTLE BRING TOP PRICE

R. V. Colbert and Son of Stamford sold from their Haskell County ranch at auction in Kansas City, Mo., on June 3rd, the following cattle at the extraordinary good prices herein mentioned: One cow for \$2,300.00; one male for \$2,500.00; one heifer for \$1,500.00; one male for \$900.00; and one heifer for \$450.00, which makes a total of \$8,350 for the five head. These were all registered Hereford cattle and were the product of Haskell county. Colbert and Son have ranches in Haskell, Jones and other part of the state and have made a success of cattle breeding, which the above figures show without comment.

DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD AT POSEY'S GROCERY

A demonstration of the use of substitutes for the different articles of food will be held at J. F. Posey's Grocery Store next Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22nd. The public is invited to attend the demonstration. Recipes will be given to those desiring them—showing how the different pies, cakes, etc., are made.

N. E. Martin of Sagerton, candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 4, was in the city Thursday shaking hands with friends.

Mrs. G. H. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie, of Votras, were shopping in the city Wednesday.



Rev. P. W. Walthall

REV. P. W. WALTHALL ENTERS Y.M.C.A. WORK

Rev. P. W. Walthall, pastor of the Christian Church of this city, resigned his place and left Tuesday evening for San Antonio where he will take a three weeks course at the Y. M. C. A. Training Camp before taking up the work overseas.

Bro. Walthall was also chairman of the A. R. C. which he resigned also. He was one of our strongest leaders in all our enterprises for the cause of Christ, and we regret to give up this good man but he felt it his duty to go to broader fields, where more good can be accomplished and we bid him God-speed. The prayers of all the good people of Haskell go with him wherever he goes that success may crown his efforts.

FOUR MORE HASKELL BOYS GO TO A. & M. COLLEGE

The local board has received a call for four men to go to the A. & M. College for a special course in mechanics. Those who will probably compose the party are Tom Donohoo, H. A. Lawson, Troy Howell and Harry Ragan. They are expected to report at the A. & M. College the last of the week.

Another call has been made for 15 men to report at Camp Travis during the week of June 24. The list of those who will compose this party has not been made out by the local board.

The Board is now receiving the Questionnaires which were sent to the District Board on agricultural claims.

Mrs. R. E. Malone and little son of McConnell were shopping in the city Wednesday.

BUSINESS MEN PLAN TO HELP FARMERS

At a meeting of the business men Monday afternoon ways and means were discussed for furnishing help to the farmers in getting their cotton chopped. On account of so many of our young men having gone to help whip the "Kaiser" it will be necessary for the business men and every other person who can possibly do so, to go to the fields and help work out the crops. The farmers will not be able to get any help outside of the county and can only look for help from the boys out of school, and what the business men will be able to do.

Every farmer is urged to fill out the blank below and mail or take to J. E. McKee at once, or see him in the Callahan building on the east side of the square, who will file same and will use every effort possible to furnish the desired help. Every person who wants work should also fill out the form and send it or telephone Mr. McKee and he will see that you have something to do.

FARMERS SIGN THIS CARD

What kind of work to be done? _____
Date hands wanted _____
What price will you pay? _____
Location of your farm _____
All farmers who will need help are requested to either mail this card or telephone Mr. McKee at once so that arrangements can be made to furnish help on time.
IF YOU WANT WORK OR WILL WORK, SIGN THIS CARD—
Name or phone number _____
When want to work full time? _____
How much time can you work? _____
When work when? _____
Every citizen who can possibly do so, should sign this blank and hand or mail to Mr. McKee, who will file same and notify you when to go.

BAPTIST WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETS WITH MUNDAY CHURCH

The Baptist Workers' Conference met with the Munday Church on Monday, June 10, and a very interesting program was rendered. Quite a few of those whose names were on the program were absent for various causes but others took their places and most of the program was carried out as planned.

The program began promptly at 10 a. m. with Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Abilene conducting the devotional services.

Rev. C. A. Powell of Knox City made an impressive talk on the subject of Sunday School Evangelism or Evangelism in the Sunday School. Among the many good things he said was that "the Superintendents and teachers should be evangelistic and should be taught evangelism. If this instruction could not be obtained otherwise, good books could be used to supply the much needed knowledge of evangelism."

Rev. J. H. Edmonds of Rule preached a fine sermon on Evangelism. His

discourse was thorough and his argument forceful. His text, "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ", and bringing out by various illustrations the truth of the Scriptures: "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation." He said the gospel should be preached in simplicity, earnestness, love and authority from God for the salvation of the lost every day.

A good dinner was served at noon by the good ladies of Munday and everyone present was well served and there was plenty left after all had eaten. These ladies are to be congratulated on this excellent dinner, which demonstrated the fact that there are good cooks in Munday. This statement will be vouched for by all the visitors.

Rev. L. J. Frost of Weimert took the place of Rev. C. Jones of Haskell and conducted the devotional service at the beginning of the afternoon service.

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SOME HELPFUL ADVICE ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE

In view of the fact that the newly registrants will be called on soon to answer their QUESTIONNAIRES, we are publishing some helpful advice in the following poem.

Please promptly answer, and with care,
The queries in your Questionnaire:
Divorced or single, if wedded tell,
The date when tolled the fatal bell;
Give age, condition, weight and race,
And name each blemish—feet and face,
If lame or halt, knock kneed or blind,
Please fully state before it's signed.

If you've had wives, please state how many;
If not, just why you haven't any;
If living with your wife's relation
Then state who rules the home plantation.
Does ma-in-law pay out house rent?
If so, please state to what extent.
Please answer sir, with utmost care,
'Fore sending in your Questionnaire.

If you've a wife with you to bunk,
State when your clothes went in one trunk;
Here give the total of your hoodle,
And state what's wrong with your poor noodle;
Have you flat feet or wheels in head?
Are your beef cuttle all corn fed?
How have you lived for twelve months past?
If preacher, state where you starved last.

Have you your last year's taxes paid?
Are you supporting man (or maid)?
If so, is she your wife's relation?
(Be careful here with explanation)
Have you trained for war's dread strife,
Aside from battles with your wife?
Can you talk Kansas, French or Greek?
And how much English do you speak?

When all have answered and with care,
The queries in the Questionnaire,
Then Uncle Sam will be much wiser,
And all will help to lick the Kaiser.
Bogers (Ark.) Democrat.

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marlon Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

THE FORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

ONE CENT A DOSE

FOSTER

We have had a fine rain and now everybody has forgotten how dry it was. All the farmers are rushing their planting since the rain.

Earl Kellar, a brother of Mrs. C. T. Kellar, of Lamar county, visited a few days in Haskell county last week. He reports plenty of rain in his section of the county.

The candy breaking given at Nathaniel's Saturday night was enjoyed by the young people.

J. Oates, we are glad to report, is able to sit up and we hope he will be able to be around again.

Richard Wade left for Melrose, N. M., Saturday. We hear he plans to file on land before he is called to the colors.

Miss Ruby Ascock has been quite sick a few days with an attack of appendicitis, but is better at this writing.

V. Jenkins and wife spent Friday with his brother, Roscoe Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and family spent Sunday at the home of Chas. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Colclazier had the misfortune to get one of his work mules cut by the wire Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeely visited at the home of J. J. Oates Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprary of Sprary is visiting in the community for a few days.

Reports that his brother, W. D., who

is very low with typhoid fever, is improving.

RULE, ROUTE 2

This community was visited by a nice rain which was well appreciated by everyone.

Earl Norman and wife of Jud spent Saturday night and Sunday with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Vernone were visitors in Wichita Falls a few days last week, returning home Tuesday.

Albert Logan and family of Pinkerton visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thornberry and family Saturday night.

Miss Viola Warren spent Saturday night with Floyd Norman and wife.

SURGEONS agree that in cases of Cuts, Burns, Bruises, and Wounds, the FIRST TREATMENT is most important. When an EFFICIENT ANTI-SEPTIC is applied promptly there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, BOROZONE is the IDEAL ANTI-SEPTIC and HEALING AGENT. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00, and \$1.50. Sold by Jno. W. Pace & Co.

The Treasury Department looks to the War Savings Campaign to underwrite the entire financial program of the war. Every loan to be floated in the future depends upon how well the lesson of thrift is learned. Are you a good student? War Savings Stamps give the answer.

MITCHELL

Everybody at Mitchell is wearing smiles now. It began to rain Thursday evening and continued to shower up to Saturday, with good indications for more.

The farmers who have their crops up will be glad plowing them, and those who haven't anything up, will begin with full force in finishing planting.

The Mitchell people carried dinner to the church again last Sunday. Pastor Hlster preached two sermons, and then there was singing in the afternoon.

The singing at Mrs. Dennington's Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Butcher spent Friday and Saturday night at Rochester with Mrs. Butcher's cousin, Mrs. Nora Henshaw, who's little boy has the typhoid fever.

A small crowd of young people enjoyed a party at Bob Hambleton's Friday night.

Our community was again saddened by the news of the death of Robert Cummins of O'Brien. "Uncle Bobbie," so called by many of the young folks who were associates with his neices and nephews, formerly lived near Mitchell and was one of our best singers. He was the son of Grandpa and Grandma Cummins of O'Brien. He was their only single child and he will be missed greatly by them. Grandpa and Grandma and all the relatives have our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Lee Price went to Haskell Thursday afternoon to take the county examination for teachers' certificates.

Wenonah.

GAUNTT

We had fine rains last week and everyone is feeling good. It will make the cotton and feed grow and of course the weeds are looking larger too.

Rufus Highmore was called home from Rio Vista last week by the illness of his baby daughter.

John Quick returned home Saturday night from Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Turnipseed from above Rule visited Mr. and Mrs. Turnipseed Sunday.

We had a very good Sunday School Sunday. Bro. Read from Pinkerton preached. He will be here again the second Sunday in July.

Bluebird.

A regular morning operation of the bowels puts you in fine shape for the day's work. If you miss it you feel uncomfortable and cannot put vim into your movements. For all bowel irregularities HERBINE is the remedy. It purifies, strengthens and regulates. Price 50c. Sold by Jno. W. Pace & Co.

The children of Rev. J. T. Means of Waurika, Okla., who have been visiting their uncle and family, Don Means of this city, returned home Wednesday and Miss Bernadine Means returned home with them for a short visit.

A REAL DRUG STORE

Modern conditions require druggists to stock many different lines of goods, and in this we have always kept our stock up to the minute, but never at the expense of the professional part of our business.

While you will find everything at our store, that any up-to-date drug store has, you will also find that in

Prescription Service, Pharmaceutical Specialties, Drugs and Medicines

We have a great many points in our favor—we pay close attention to our drug business at all times—that we may have what you want and give you the very best possible service.

When you need Prescription Work, Drugs and Medicines of any Kind, Phone or Come to Us—We take Pride in Giving You Professional Service.

REIDS' DRUG STORE

"We Know Our Business and Want Yours"

With the Red Cross

Despite the fact that we have had some extremely warm days, numbers of good workers continue to come daily to the local workroom, and there seems to be no lack of enthusiasm. Truly our women have some of the staying qualities which characterize our boys at the front, and for which they receive so much commendation.

Yet when we think of the wonderful good that is being done by the A. R. C., we realize that through this channel comes our greatest opportunities to serve.

The French boys and girls who have been held by the Prussians for three years, in want and terror, are at last being surrendered and in one of our last publications, we are told in thrilling words of how the A. R. C. receives these children, 500 a day, at Evian, Switzerland. Many of them are diseased, all are ragged, dirty and orphaned, and the Red Cross mothers then, feeds them and heats them, then sends them out to homes in France.

Read the story and you will rejoice that we can have even a small part in such work.

Following is a report for May, of the refuge work done by the Auxiliaries of Haskell County Chapter, A. R. C.

JUD—

27 articles.

IRBY-KIRKDALE—

4 dresses.

6 petticoats.

111 articles.

CURRY CHAPEL—

20 petticoats.

100 articles.

GAUNTT—

18 dresses.

17 pinafores.

12 petticoats.

84 articles.

FOSTER—

20 dresses.

19 petticoats.

79 articles.

ROSE—

24 dresses.

31 petticoats.

76 articles.

BUFFALO—

4 dresses.

37 petticoats.

62 articles.

WHITMAN—

21 dresses.

12 pinafores.

82 petticoats.

ROBERTS—

5 dresses.

35 petticoats.

80 articles.

BALLEW—

18 dresses.

4 pinafores.

31 petticoats.

69 articles.

WHITT'S CHAPEL—

7 dresses.

27 petticoats.

42 articles.

These donations were handed in since our last report:

Ross Hamphill..... \$ 2.50

Roberts S. School..... 11.37

Will Piland..... .25

Mrs. Eschberger, (for lodge)..... 8.00

Chairman of the Finance committee gives the following report for May:

Donations & Monthly Pledges.....\$657.73

27 new members..... 27.00

TOTAL..... \$684.73

Expenses for the month, supplies

express, freight, etc.....\$768.31

Money to Loan on Land

We can get you a loan on your land at a low rate of interest and can be gotten at all, and give you the option of paying a part or all of the loan at the end of one year, or end of any year after one year. If you want to get a new loan, or pay off an old loan on your land, it will pay you to come and see us at our office.

Hancock & Co., Bankers & Brokers, 1000 Main Street, Haskell, Okla.

WHITMAN

This community has been blessed with several good rains the past few days. Monday and Tuesday was fair, and everybody is busy.

The crops have already improved very much in appearance and there is quite a little bit of planting to be done just now.

Miss Thelma Flenniken of Haskell visited Miss Wanda Treat last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Perdue visited their son Jim, and family Sunday.

Mrs. John Newsom has just recovered from the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. West visited in the Foster community Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Baker visited her sister, Mrs. Sam Treat and family Thursday and Friday.

Messrs. West, Newsom, Bailey and others went on a fishing trip last week.

They reported a nice trip. Mr. and Mrs. Dolly Laird and son, Morgan, of Grandview are visiting her brother, S. M. Leflar and family.

Misses Audrey Lain and Wanda Treat visited Misses Margaret and May Leflar Sunday.

Mrs. Eli Laird of Grandview is visiting her father, J. B. Bailey and family.

Busy Bee.

Unless your own limit of War Savings Stamps and unless you are buying them to the limit of your ability, you are not performing the functions of a good American and you are letting the best opportunity you ever had for prosperity slip away.

R. P. Glenn returned from a business trip to Fort Worth Monday.

Put a Chip of Patriotism on Your Shoulder June 28



Pledge yourself to buy War Savings Stamps on or before June 28th. It's Patriot's Pledge Day—the day the government will call upon you to give a new pledge of loyalty; new proof of your will to win; new evidence that your dollars as well as your hearts are behind the men facing the Hun on the martyred fields of fair France.

On that day you will be asked to sign a personal pledge to buy WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

National War Savings Day, Friday, June 28th

War Savings Stamps are a direct loan from you to Uncle Sam. Nothing can lessen their value. They're always at par. They pay you well, though that isn't half as important to you as what your money does for that boy—maybe your own—"over there." Back him up. Keep food going to him. Keep a coat on him. Keep his clips full of cartridges. And shoes on his feet. See that he has a "tin hat." Buy W. S. S.—send him over the top with the go-get-'em feeling that comes from knowing that you are pledged to see that he gets what is coming to him.

Get ready to sign your pledge of patriotism on National War Savings Day. And buy W. S. S. until you wonder how you were able to do it.

You'll pay \$4.17 for each W. S. S. on June 28th—and you'll get \$5 for each of them.

National War Savings Committee

This space contributed for the winning of the war by

Hancock & Co.

"It Pays to Pay Cash"

War Savings Stamps Better Than Money In Your Pocket



A \$5 bill in your pocket does not increase in value; a War Savings Stamp does.

War Savings Stamps are "little government bonds" bearing 4 per cent compound interest. They cost \$4.17 now. In five years they will be worth \$5 each. If you wish to cash them in before that time you can do so any time at the post-office with interest.

Pledge yourself to buy War Savings Stamps on or before

JUNE 28TH NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS WEEK

War Savings Stamps can be bought in any amounts up to a thousand dollars. They are so good a security you cannot buy more.

National War Savings Committee

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The Free Press is not run for the purpose of assisting any person or persons in gratifying their political ambition and we have always made it a rule to leave the political wrangles to the office seeker, and if they wanted any space in this newspaper, they could get it by shelling down the cash, as white space is our main stock in trade and we consider it worth real money. However, when it comes to a clean government and the interest of the people is at stake as it is in the present government race we believe it is the duty of every newspaper in the state to defend the good name of Texas and her citizenship. Governor Holtby is the only logical candidate for nomination on the democratic ticket and should receive a handsome majority in the primary election July 27.

Ex-governor Ferguson's own testimony before the senate in the impeachment trial was sufficient grounds for his removal from office, and the records show that his warmest friends who fought for him to the last ditch were forced to obey the oath of their office and vote for his conviction on the strength of his own testimony.

The appearance of German submarines off our eastern coast with the subsequent sinking of a number of small craft is notice to us that the German is becoming desperate and is willing to go to any length to strike a blow at America and her allies. On the surface it might look as if Germany was trying to deter America from proceeding with her overseas war work through the operation of U-boats on this side of the Atlantic, but we cannot believe that the German government is stupid enough to bring their submarine ruthlessness to our very gates with this as its major motive. Germany has had plenty of proof in the past that such acts of frightfulness only serve to strengthen our determination to see the thing through to a victorious end. With a few of our weaker class these sinkings may have a terrorizing effect, but with the great mass of the American people the effect will be just the opposite.

If there are any people in this county who have shown a disposition to find fault with Food Administrator Hoover and belittle the work that he is doing should read and ponder what Victor Boret, the French Administrator, says: "The Allies should be grateful to two men after victory has been obtained. First, to the general who leads the soldiers to win the decisive battle; and second, to Herbert Hoover who rendered it possible for the soldiers to eat so that they might fight."

The establishment of a new world's record in warship construction has been announced by Secretary Daniels. A destroyer was built at the Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, in 17 1/2 days. Guess the only ship-building records to be broken now are American records.

A Haskell man remarked the other day: "It's very strange in these days of substitutes no proxy has been found for the Ford."

The word "American" seems to be taboo in Berlin. The German war office mentioned only "the enemy" in its bulletins of the battle at Cantigny.

A person can think as he pleases, but in these times it is dangerous to give all his thoughts expression.

F. H. Muhle a progressive farmer of Foster was in the city Wednesday on business. He reports most of his crop up to a stand and growing nicely since the good rains in his section. Mr. Muhle favors diversifying your planting on dry years. That is to do some dry planting, and not wait for rain with all your planting. He practiced what he preached this year and he has made a home run with a fine crop prospect for feed and cotton.

From a Soldier Boy to His Mother

The following letter was written by a brother of Sheriff W. C. Allen to his mother, which in our opinion is worth reproduction in these columns:

May 11th, 1918.

Dear Mother:

Tomorrow is set aside for "Mother's Day" and most of the boys have already written to their mothers, but as you know, I am always a little behind everybody else and didn't write in time for my letter to reach you on time.

However, I have been thinking of you just a little more than usual of late on account of the coming of the event and I have a few, or rather a great many things to be thankful for.

And I am not only thankful, but proud, to know that I have a mother still living and praying for me.

I am proud and thankful that my mother is worthy of all the love and respect that I am able to bestow and that you have not lived a life of shame and selfishness to cause me to think that possibly the fellow is right who sneers his duty in this trying time because he thinks or contends that the people are all bad and not worth fighting for.

Aside from the contempt I have for such men I have a deep feeling of sympathy for I almost know that the mother of such a man has not lived right before him and in that case is it any wonder that he comes to such a conclusion?

I would rather any child would never see his mother nor me than to let him see either of us live so that he would lose confidence in people and form the conclusion that there is no use living right.

If he ever sees his mother I hope and pray that she will be living a straight clean life and that he will not have the feeling that I know men must have who know that their mothers are not worth fighting for and dying for, if need be.

I realize more and more that you cannot feel entirely at ease about us boys who are away from you but I believe it would help you to feel more at ease about us if you could realize how your influence follows us and how the thought of you guides our lives and protects us from harm.

I know you feel sometimes that we are so far from you that you cannot do a thing in the world for us and that you are helpless to protect us and shield us from evil and danger, but I want to assure you that no matter how far away, nor how strange the place, your influence, your teachings, pleadings, and advice and examples and your very life is always with us and the way we may seem to forget and ignore it (when I look back over the mistakes I have made it looks an awful lot that way) but nevertheless we keep constantly in mind the effect that our failure or our misfortune would have upon you and it is for your sake that we have avoided many dangers and for your sake and good name that we have pulled just a little harder to live like men.

Harrison is no doubt in the very thick of one of the greatest battles that has ever been fought and we all realize that he is risking his life often and you may feel that he is so far away and all alone as far as we are concerned, but I know as well as I know my own mind that he is heeding your advice and thinking of you and trying just as hard to live like you want him to as he would if you was with him every day.

And I know if his life is demanded that he will meet death bravely and with full confidence that all is well.

I know that the thought of you will not leave him and that he will not ignore your pleadings and will try to come back with a clean record and a clean heart and body.

I can understand better how you feel about your absent children and I wish I could have known in the years past how to sympathize with you and encourage you to bear your troubles.

I understand more why you worried so much and am glad that the other boys stayed near you a great deal more than most boys do and better than I have done.

I always knew that you worried about us but I did not know how you felt.

Now I know and often look back to the many times that I could have lifted a great load from your mind and did not because I did not realize the anxiety I was causing you.

I know now and Harrison knows and the heavy burdens you have borne are not lost if you can only realize that your every sigh has made a light to brighten up the dark places along the path ahead of us and whether we meet in this life or in another there is nothing lost in Nature's great plan and I want you to cheer up and think of the good things in life and of the good that we may do by keeping our eyes on the bright side of life and help the other fellow to see the bright side.

Hoping and praying that you may live happily and with full assurance of my love and consideration of you until I return to you, I am,

Your affectionate son,

Frank.

Mrs. J. E. Ellis Dies Tuesday

After an illness of about ten days, Mrs. J. E. Ellis of this city died Tuesday evening about 9 o'clock. She has lived here about 26 years and has been in poor health for two years before her last illness, which grew worse until Tuesday when the Death Angel came and took her to her reward of faithfulness. The funeral services were conducted from the residence at 4 p. m. by her pastor, Rev. S. B. Hoyt, and Bro. R. E. Sherrill also made a beautiful talk, after which the remains were laid to rest in Willow Cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and heart-broken relatives. Mrs. Ellis was 74 years of age and had lived a consistent christian life since the age of 15 when she was converted and soon after joined the Presbyterian church, to which she ever remained loyal until her death. She leaves a husband and three children, all of whom were present at the funeral. Bro. T. and R. E. Ellis now live at Fort Stockton and the daughter, Miss Minnie lives with the old folks in this city. A brother, R. W. Johnson of Hamilton was also here.

The Free Press extends condolence to the bereaved ones.

R. C. Hardin has sold the Rochester Express to F. M. Greer, an old time newspaper man, who formerly published a paper in that thriving little city. Mr. Greer is well known and is a good newspaper man, and we welcome him back into the game in Haskell county. Mr. Hardin has been appointed postmaster in that city. He took charge of the office a few weeks ago and from the way he handles Uncle Sam's business and acts the part of a gentleman you would never know that he used to be a common newspaper man. Here's congratulations, and may both of them prosper.

By Verden E. Skains, Rochester, Texas.

I am on the road to be your County Clerk provided I get enough of assistance, and as I must go the longest route, I must ask many that are strangers to me for their assistance. Please assist me. I will thank you. I am a Democrat because the party seems to be giving justice to all the same. Could I have a better reason for being a Democrat. Justice is my desire. Jesus is my Guiding Star. I will ever be near by His side.

Verden E. Skains.

Mrs. Owen Tolliver of Baliew, who has been sick for quite a while is now able to visit her uncle, R. P. Glenn and family and other relatives in this city. We are glad to know that Mrs. Tolliver is improving.

TRADE LOCALS

If you want to Buy, Sell or Exchange Anything Anywhere, Place your ad in this column for Quick results.

DRY DAYS are fire days. You had better insure with T. C. Cahill

FOR RENT—100 or more acres of wheat land to plant in row crop to some one with 2 good teams that can run himself. A good deal for some good tenant. See W. I. McCarty, Haskell, Texas.

Quality Ice Cream at th Haskell Bottling Works.

FOR SALE—Fire and Tornado Insurance that insures. T. C. Cahill.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE—To farmers wanting cotton seed. County Agent Kemp wishes to announce that he has some on hand to be sold at cost.

I have a good slightly used Chealey Six, 1917 model, to sell cheap. B. M. Whiteaker.

FOR SALE—A sparkling good 1918 Buick 1918 model. See Jesse Collier, Star Route Carrier No. 4, Haskell, Texas.

FOR RENT—5 room cottage in north part of the city. Good neighborhood. See by phone G. W. Waldrop, Haskell.

POST—Two Thrift Stamp Cards, one card full and the other has \$1.50 in stamps on it. Those cards belong to Little Mary Ellen Barron. Please take them to the Free Press office.

WANTED—Worker in good wages steady work, good living quarters and good board. Can use ten or fifteen men at once. Pay twice each month. Come now or phone at our expense. Texas Cement Plaster Co., Hamilton, Texas. 2tp

NOTICE—There came to my place in the Howard community a bay filly about 4 years old, 15 1/2 hands high in brands, scar on front foot, and is in good flesh. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. J. R. Dinsmore, lte

Notice to Debtors and Creditors The State of Texas, County of Haskell. To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of Ferris A. Price, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Ferris A. Price, Deceased, late of Haskell County, Texas, by A. J. Smith judge of the county court of said county on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1918, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to me at Haskell Texas, at my place of residence and postoffice address, within one year from the 14th day of May, 1918, the date of the Letters of Administration issued to me. If not presented within the year, aforesaid, payment of the same will be postponed until the claims presented within that time are paid.

Witness my hand this 12th day of June A. D. 1918.

R. E. Sherrill,

Administrator of the Estate of Ferris A. Price, Deceased. 24-4tc

J A McDonald of Pimberton was in the city Saturday. He was well pleased with the good rain and says crop prospects are much improved. He came from Grayson county about the first of the year, but he now has a double satisfaction that Haskell is a right.

Announcements

FOR JUDGE, 39th JUDICIAL DISTRICT:—

W. R. CHAPMAN, of Anson.
M. A. HOPSON, of Roby.
A. J. SMITH, of Haskell.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 102nd DISTRICT:

A. H. KING, (Re-Election)

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:—

E. W. LOE (Re-election)
C. A. PETERS
MISS ALLEE IRBY.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE:—

J. W. MEADORS
JAS. P. KINNARD
J. G. FOSTER

FOR COUNTY CLERK:—

EMORY MENEFFEE
M. B. WATSON.
J. F. GARNER.
VERDEN E. SKAINS.

FOR SHERIFF:—

W. C. ALLEN (Re-election)

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:—

CLAYDE F. ELKINS
J. E. WILFONG.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR:—

C. D. LONG
E. F. (Egg) FOUTS
H. H. LANGFORD (Re-election)
LEE NORMAN

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:—

R. J. PAXTON (Re-election)
W. M. FREE

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:—

JESSE B. SMITH (Re-election)
MRS. W. B. ELLIS.

For County Superintendent of Public Instruction:

JNO. K. HUTTO.
MRS. ED ROBERTSON.

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. 1:—

J. M. IVEY (Re-election)
J. W. GAMMILL.

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. 2:

J. C. (Cal) LEWELLEN (Re-election)

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. 3:

A. L. COX, (Re-election)

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. 4:—

JOHN A. FULBRIGHT.
N. E. MARTIN.
P. C. PATTERSON (Re-election)

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:—

(Precinct No. 1)
S. A. HUGHES (Re-election)
R. P. SIMMONS

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER, PREC. 1:—

J. M. (Mike) PERRY
E. L. NORTHCUTT (Re-election)
JESS EDWARDS.

FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1:—

RUSS DEBARD.

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER, PREC. 2:

Chas. Barton.

WEINERT

Miss Mable Pippin, daughter of W. E. Pippin of Lake Creek was taken suddenly ill Sunday afternoon and died Monday. She was buried at the Weinert Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Theo. Jones of Pleasant Valley was in town Wednesday.

Mesdames Gates and Bledsoe of Cottonwood were shopping here Wednesday.

Miss Beuna Gould has gone to Waxahachie to spend the summer with relatives.

Little Lucretia Dickenson of Stamford who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Boyd, has returned home.

Miss V. Swift of Knox City is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Read.

Miss Annie Bennett, of Cleveland, Oklahoma, is spending several weeks with relatives in Weinert, and Haskell.

Rev. Hoyt of Haskell filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

E. H. Kemp, county farm demonstrator, has been in our town quite often lately.

Mrs. Wm. Gilbreath has returned from Haskell where she visited relatives.

Fred Broach of Munday was here Wednesday.

Mesdames Ford and Medley of Pleasant View were shopping here Wednesday.

Wm. Mabry left Wednesday night for western points on business.

The good rains which we have had recently were certainly appreciated by all. The farmers are all busy planting; the streets are deserted, as all the men and boys have gone to the fields.

Rev. J. E. Boyd and wife spent last week in Stamford visiting Mrs. Boyd's mother.

Little Katherine Swift of Knox City is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Oscar Read.

Clifton Faries, an old Weinert boy, spent several days here last week.

G. C. Newsom and family have moved to Leuders, where they will make their future home.

S. P. Black and family left for Fortrolla last week, where Mr. Black has accepted a position as R. R. agent.

Miss M. E. Welch of Abilene has accepted a position with the Wichita Valley at this place as agent. Miss Mary Gould is assisting her.

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North Side of Square

W. H. Murchison

Attorney-at-Law
Haskell, Texas

Weinert Branch A. R. C. has in since our last communication following articles:

- 35 packages 2x2 wipes.
- 14 packages 4x4 wipes.
- 30 packages many tailed bands.
- 9 packages slings.
- 5 sets refugee garments.
- 3 sets baby layettes.
- 10 pneumonia jackets.
- 10 8x12 absorbent pads.
- 8 sweaters.
- 4 pair socks.
- Dennis Chapel
- 32 packages many-tailed bands.
- 30 packages slings.
- 1 package scutetus.
- 2 sweaters.

F. M. Morton reports good his ranch in the Cottonwood city which filled his tanks with make good grass and save the ready growing and will be season to plant all crops not

Jno. A. Fullbright of Saginaw in the city Wednesday looking campaign for Commissioner of

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Sayles were in the city shopping.

Whenever You Need a Good Tonic Take Grove's. The Old Standard Grove's chill Tonic is equally valuable General Tonic because it contains well known tonic properties of Iron and IRON. It acts on the Liver, out Malaria, Enriches the Blood, Builds up the Whole System.

TRANSFER LINE TO ESTER AND RETURN

Jesse Collier, Carrier Star from Haskell to Rochester. Leaves Haskell 10 a. m. arrives at Rochester 11:30. Leaves Rochester 12:30 arrives at Haskell 2 p. m. Packages and Passengers Free. Your Faremore Satisfied. Phone 315.

WHITTS CHAPEL

...rail was enjoyed by every...
Montgomery spent Friday...
Howard community.

Two Girls.

...Man Bitten by Centipede
Hays of this city was bitten on...
arm by a large centipede...

...Wells of this city, while clean-
ing his barn Thursday, found...
a snake in the barn...

...T. W. Webb, a Primitive Bap-
tist of South Texas spent...
night in the city and held an...

...Mary passed through Haskell...
en route to Abilene on a...
trip and to visit Newton Ther...

...R. F. Haley, of Red Springs...
county, who is visiting her par-
ent and Mrs. T. S. Grimsley of...

...Jackson of Rice who has been...
his son, B. L. Jackson of Rule...
through the city Thursday en...

...Johnson of Camp Bowie spent...
a furlough Sunday with his par-
ent and Mrs. T. J. Johnson west...

...Watson of Rule spent Sunday...
daughter and family, Mr and...
E. Walling of the west part...

...McGahan of Hamlin was in...
Wednesday looking for hands...
Texas Cement and Plaster...

...Willie Vazey returned from a...
visit with friends in Wichita...
Wednesday.

...Wall and family and Duncan...
and wife of Rule were visitors...
Monday.

...Sherrill of Temple is here look-
ing for his farms and other business...

...Cleburne is here this week...
after his business affairs and...
relatives.

...Combs, manager of the Haskell...
Company, made a business...
Dallas Wednesday.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS; PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY

For the benefit of those who have been misinformed and for those who have and are trying to misinform others, I give the following full explanation of the dealings with the Haskell County school land since I have been in office, the land had been leased out for 15 years at 3 cents per acre, there being 17,712 acres of it, which only brought \$531 per year into the school funds, in 1911 we leased the land out for 7 cents per acre subject to sale at any time, in the fall of 1911 the Commissioners Court advertised the land for sale under sealed bids, advertising it all over the United States, we received about 25 bids, and the best one was \$5.50 per acre, the court rejected all of said bids, I then took the matter up with parties at San Antonio and succeeded in selling the land at a private sale for \$10 per acre with 5 per cent interest and the court accepted the deal and it was closed on March 1st, 1912, sold to E. L. Perkins of San Antonio, and that gave us 50 cents per acre income from the land, making \$8,856 per year into the school funds of the County, which enable every school in the County to run from one month to six weeks longer than before, in the summer of 1912 Perkins deeded the land to Flynn and Morris of San Antonio, they began to fall behind with the interest payments, and the Commissioners Court cast a tie vote several times to foreclose and take the land back but I thought it best to get all the interest out of it we could and I voted against foreclosure, but at the April term of the Court in 1916, the parties were something like \$8,000 behind with their interest and the Commissioners all concluded it would be best to foreclose under the terms of the deed of trust we held against the land they appointed me substitute trustee and we proceeded to advertise the land and the day before it was to sell the parties paid up a part of the back interest and the Court agreed to give them more time on the balance, in the fall of 1916, Flynn and Morris sold the land to Ira J. Hoover of Iowa, giving him a deed to the land and he gave them second lien notes to the amount of \$52,000, Hoover was to hold their deed and Flynn and Morris hold the notes until Flynn and Morris could get some judgment liens that had been filed at Lubbock, they got them out of the way and several suits that had been filed against them settled up and get the past due interest paid, which I understand would have been about \$60,000 to have cleared it all up. The parties holding the notes sold them to Henry and Groce of San Antonio and used the money in some other way and did not clear the title to the land. 1st of February 1917 came on and they were behind something over \$10,000 with the interest and the Court ordered the land sold under the term of the deed of trust, again appointing me substitute trustee, three of the Commissioners and myself went to Lubbock on the 6th of March 1917 and sold the land and the county bought it in for their own protection, as no one bid the amount the County held against it. On arriving back home we found a bid from Mr. Hoover to buy the land, stating that he would give \$10 per acre for it on the same terms and conditions that the former sale was made to Perkins, provided he could get it in time to save himself with some parties that he had sold a part of the land to under his former contract with Flynn and Morris, the Court passed it over for a few days trying to get other bids on the land but failed, they accepted Hoover's bid, and complied with his request to have the papers in Fort Worth on the 15th of March to close the deal and I, as County Judge went there with them. Upon my meeting there with Hoover he informed me that he could not take the land without getting the \$52,000 of notes at San Antonio out of his way and asked me to give him more time to do that, I told him that it was not my time to give, that I came to do what the Court instructed me to do, I came back home and reported to the Court what he had said, but while in Fort Worth a real estate firm composed of the same Mr. Flynn that had been at San Antonio, and Parker and Pershing, informed me that if Hoover did not take the land they had a man that would give \$10 per acre for it on the same terms and conditions of the Hoover deal. I reported their bid to the Court, the Commissioners were all of the opinion that Hoover was not going to carry out his agreement, and as the war was threatening at that time and the schools were needing the interest, they canceled the sale to Hoover and accepted the other bid which was made by Ed F. Mann, and a forfeit of \$12,000 was put up by Mann, which when the deal was closed was to be used to pay the 1917 interest and all the cost that the County had been out trying to collect past due interest, and a part of the back interest, Mr. Mann demanded that the County furnish him an abstract of the land for his Attorneys

at Amarillo to pass on which we did, on the 23rd of March they called me to Amarillo to close the deal but we did not get it closed until the 27th of March. After closing the deal and all the papers were filed for record I received a wire from Hoover stating that if I would come back to Fort Worth with the papers he would sign them and go home and try to get the money to pay the interest with, I informed him of what had been done; while at Amarillo I met a man by the name of Miller that I learned that this real estate firm had sold some over 13,000 acres of the best of this land to the Mr. Mann that had purchased the entire tract. I did not at that time learn what price they received but later I learned that they received a profit of about \$40,000 on this land. Hoover at once filed a suit at Abilene in the Federal Court asking that the sale to Mann be set aside and that the sale to him be made, and making the County, Mann, Miller, Morris, Henry, Groce, Flynn, Parker, Pershing and myself defendants, and in said suit he alleged fraud on my part and on the part of Flynn and others. A little two by four lawyer at Fort Worth filed the suit for Hoover, the County employed W. H. Murchison and Theodor Mack of Fort Worth as attorneys to represent it. In October, 1917, through the advice of our attorneys a compromise was perfected with Hoover contrary to the advice of his attorney. The County paid \$1,000 of said compromise as they thought it would be cheaper than to make a long fight and pay additional attorneys fees, and Hoover makes the following affidavit with his application to dismiss the case:

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of St. Louis.

Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Ira J. Hoover, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath, did say as follows: "My name is Ira J. Hoover, I am an unmarried man and am a citizen of and reside in the city of Waterloo, County of Black Hawk in the State of Iowa. I am the plaintiff in a certain action in equity pending in the District Court of Texas, at Abilene, styled, Ira J. Hoover plaintiff, vs. Haskell County and Others, defendants. Said suit and action and bill of equity being filed April 13th, 1917, in the office of the Clerk of said Court and being numbered 443 on the Equity Docket thereof. Among other allegations in said original bill of complaint or petition were certain allegations to the effect and in substance: That when the County of Haskell, on the 8th day of March 1917, resold lands involved in said suit (to-wit the Haskell County School Lands) to me as purchaser and directed that notes and deeds of trust should be executed, and the 1917 interest should be paid on the 13th day of March 1917, or as soon thereafter as possible. I was at said time, and at all times thereafter ready, willing and able and in financial condition to make the payments in cash required under the terms of said sale. In this connection I state, under oath, that at no time during the month of March 1917, nor at any time thereafter, nor at the present time, was I financially able to make the cash payment required under the terms of the sale of said school lands of the County of Haskell to me. I further state that on March 14th, 1917, or thereabouts, I told and informed A. J. Smith County Judge of Haskell County, Texas that I did not have the money or funds in my possession or at my command to complete and consummate said sale, but that I would go to San Antonio, Texas, and endeavor to rid said lands of the alleged notes or liens against the same aggregating \$53,136, and in the event I could induce or persuade Gus J. Groos, Ed D. Henry and Will A. Morris, to cancel and release said alleged notes and liens against said Haskell County School lands, I would then endeavor to raise, if I possibly could, the requisite amount of cash to pay to Haskell County, on my purchase of March 1917, for said lands. I further state at said time, I did not recognize that said Morris, Groos, or Henry had any just or valid claim against me, by reason of their breach of contract and breach of faith with me, when some months prior to that time, I had acquired that land, known as the Haskell County School lands, or had attempted to acquire the same from H. C. Flynn in whom the apparent legal title to said lands at the time rested, but who was acting for said parties in his negotiations and trade with me. I further state that on the 15th day and on the 16th day of March 1917, and at no time since could I have raised sufficient moneys or funds with which to pay the County of Haskell the amount that I had agreed to pay for said lands in my contracts with said county. I further state that I was misinformed as to the action, purpose and motive of Judge A. J. Smith, County Judge of Haskell County, and H. C. Flynn with reference to the matters alleged in my original bill of complaint and so far as the said

A. J. Smith is concerned, individually and officially I do now acknowledge that I did him an injustice in making the allegations contained in said bill of complaint, reflecting upon his official or private integrity, and I hereby retract all of said allegations, I further state that I had been misinformed about H. C. Flynn and that I mis-interpreted his motives and actions in said matter and that the allegations in said original bill of complaint, which in any wise reflected upon the integrity of H. C. Flynn were made through inadvertence and mis-informations and, I do now acquit said H. C. Flynn of any improper or wrongful actions in said matter.

Witness my hand in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, this the 3rd day of November, 1917. (Signed) Ira J. Hoover.

STATE OF MISSOURI, City of Saint Louis.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this day personally appeared Ira J. Hoover, who, being by me duly sworn on oath, did say that the matter and things set forth in the foregoing affidavit and statement are true, in substance and in fact.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 3rd day of November, 1917. (Signed) Eugene D. Ruth, Jr., Notary Public, City of Saint Louis, State of Missouri. (My commission expires June 9th, 1918.)

The following is an affidavit from the man that the County sold the land to:

"Respecting the sale of the Haskell County School land by County Judge A. J. Smith on behalf of said County to myself and the re-sale of the same by me to E. W. Miller, I desire to say, that I paid no money or other thing of value to the said A. J. Smith in connection with said deal, I contributed nothing in money or value of any kind for said purpose, and I have no knowledge or information of any moneys being so paid, or of the payment or gift of any money, property or thing of value to the said A. J. Smith in connection with said matters, but on the contrary I desire to say that the acts and conduct of the said A. J. Smith in connections with the entire matter so far as they came to my knowledge and observation impressed me as the acts and conduct of a faithful and conscientious attorney and representative of the County, seeking alone to safeguard and protect the interest of the County. That he nor any one on his behalf either remotely or directly never intimated to me or to my knowledge any desire or purpose to receive for himself any profit or personal advantage out of said sales, or any purpose to act otherwise than in such manner as best to protect the interest of Haskell County.

(Signed) Ed F. Mann."

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Tarrant.

Before me personally appeared Ed F. Mann, who being by me duly sworn, on oath, did say that the matters and things set forth in the foregoing statement and affidavit by him subscribed are true in substance and in fact. Given under my hand and seal of office this the 7th day of June, 1917. (Signed) Theodor Mack, Notary Public Tarrant County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Tarrant.

The following is an affidavit from one of the men that was interested in the sale of said lands.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Tarrant.

Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared J. J. Parker, known to me to be a creditable person, and after being by me duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says: "That I am familiar with the sale of the Haskell County School land to Ed F. Mann of Lubbock Texas, H. C. Flynn, R. S. Pershing and myself were the three real estate men that assisted Mr. Mann in the purchase of said lands from Haskell County, and we sold a part of said lands for Mann to a man by the name of Miller, then of Oklahoma, the sale of said lands to Miller was not made for several days. Mann made the contract with the County. I know of my own knowledge that Judge A. J. Smith knew nothing of the sale

of said lands to Miller until he came to Amarillo to close said deal with Mann. We sold said lands (consisting of something over 13,000 acres) for Mann to Miller at a profit of about \$40,000. Pershing, Flynn and myself shared with Mann in said profit. I know Judge Smith did not receive one cent of said profit, nor any consideration whatever from the sale of said lands. Judge Smith did at all times work for the best interests of his County, and was honest in his dealings for the County. (Signed) J. J. Parker."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th day of May, 1918. (Signed) Kate McGinnis, Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas.

Since Mr. Hoover filed his applications to dismiss the suit, this Fort Worth lawyer claims to be representing some of the defendants. He came out to Haskell and concealed himself one day and attempted to perpetuate a blackmailing scheme on me. Since then there have been parties going around on the streets lying about this matter, and attempting to discredit me before the public, until I felt that the dignity of the office that I hold demand that I give a full statement of the matter. I have put the very best efforts of my life in trying to get this land in shape where it would be of an advantage to the school children of Haskell County, and we are getting more interest out of it now in one year than was gotten in 16 years before I came into office, and still some people are not satisfied. I want to say here once for all, that if any person that circulates a report that any County Commissioner since I have been in office, or myself, have ever received any profit whatever from the sale of said land, is circulating an infamous lie.

We have several times attempted to get the parties to trial on this case and have failed, and at the last meeting of the Federal Court at Abilene I was present and tried to get a trial but the Fort Worth lawyer tried to get the case transferred to Fort Worth and I protested and the Court set the case, but owing to the crowded condition of his Criminal Docket, he could not try it, and I understand that some have even told that the parties took judgment by default against the County, which is another infamous lie, and like all of the others, are only told for political purposes.

Every dollar of the \$12,000 paid when the deal was closed has been accounted for by me as substitute trustee, and the Records in the County Clerk's office at Haskell and the Federal Court Records at Abilene will bear me out in every statement that I have made, and besides there had been so much talk and false statements made that we asked the last Grand Jury to make a thorough investigation of the matter. They did so, and had Mr. Miller of Clarendon, Texas, the man that now owns the land, and the man that bought the 13,000 acres from Mann, before them, together with many other witnesses. I carried all the papers before them, including my final report as substitute trustee, and all orders of the Commissioners Court. Ask any member of the Grand Jury or the District or County Attorney whether it showed to be an honest and a fair transaction.

I am proud that I have been able to accomplish some good for the schools and school children of Haskell county. We sold our school land for a better price and get more interest for it than any County in Texas, besides we stand third of any County in permanent school fund, all brought about from judicial handling of the land. If it had gone on like it was when I came into office it would not have run the schools of this county 30 minutes longer each year, but as it is now it runs them about one and a half months longer and yet there is an element of people that never do anything themselves and try to discredit others for doing.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. SMITH, County Judge.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Haskell.

Before me, the undersigned authority

on this day personally appeared A. J. Smith, County Judge of Haskell County and who after being by me duly sworn on his oath state that the above statement is true and correct, and that the copies of affidavit are true copies of originals held in his possession.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 13th day of June, 1918. E. W. Loe, District Clerk, Haskell County, Texas.

(Political Advertisement)

County Attorney Clyde F. Elkins and family, Mrs. W. L. Norton and W. M. Free visited the Red Cross Workroom at Pinkerton Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Alex Edwards and children returned with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stevenson to their home at Lawn Tuesday.

A. M. Hughes of Fort Worth spent from Sunday until Wednesday of this week with his parents, Judge and Mrs. S. A. Hughes.

F. M. Bentley, Sr., of Denton, came in Tuesday for a short visit with his son Frank, and to look after some business affairs.

Walter Chapman of Austin was in the city last week looking after his campaign for District Judge.

E. B. Crocker left Wednesday for a trip through North Texas and Oklahoma.

J. R. Johnson of Foster passed thru the city Wednesday en route to Kaufman to visit his son Virgil and family.

Mrs. P. P. Roberts and family left Wednesday for Charlie, Texas, where they will make their future home.

Carl Griffin left for a visit with his sister, Mrs. P. O. Bradley of Trinidad, Colo., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robertson returned from Seymour Monday where they had been visiting relatives.

Lee Roy Gamble made a business trip to Munday, Goree and Knox City Monday.

Dr. J. C. Days of Sagerton passed through the city Wednesday en route to Fort Worth on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Winn of Old Mexico are in the city the guest of his brother, D. M. Winn of this city.

Mrs. Mary Winn Smoots of Dallas was here the first of the week the guest of her brother, D. M. Winn and family.

Mrs. Katherine Wolfe of Dallas visited Mrs. C. M. Hunt and Miss Julia Winn the first of the week.

Miss Nellie Winn of Nocona is the guest of relatives and friends here this week.

Mrs. W. J. Medford and children were in the city from the Howard community Wednesday.

Miss Leota White returns from Munday Tuesday where she had been visiting friends for a few days.

Miss Sallie Ballard of Chicago is visiting Mrs. H. S. Post.

E. W. Jones and family of Rule were in the city Wednesday.

Dr. Westbrook and family of Rule were in the city Wednesday.

Dr. A. J. Lewis made a business trip to Benjamin Thursday.

G. M. Thomson made a business trip to Wichita Falls Tuesday.

E. M. Perdue of Foster was in the city Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Bettie Bradford left Wednesday for Wichita Falls and other points in Texas and Oklahoma on a visit to relatives and friends.

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HASKELL BOY WRITES FROM "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

Corporal Lawson H. Riley, writes to his sister, Mrs. C. M. Hunt from "Somewhere in France." The letter is dated April 23. Corporal Riley will be remembered by Haskell people. He left here last summer to join the army. The letter is as follows:

My Dearest Hannah and All:
Just received your letter of Feb. 25th containing the pictures of Orlean and Thelma, which went to Fort Stevens and then followed me over here. The picture is very good of her and bless her heart I appreciate them more now that I am across. I have an art gallery out of the 1st Sigs. office and her little snap shot will go up on the desk along with the rest of my pictures. Makes me kinda homesick to look at the old square and courthouse. I shall never forget the good times I had while in Haskell. We are now in an American camp and am pretty busy all the time, but expect much more work when we get to our base and the men get to training. Have had a little promotion as I am now a Corporal, having been appointed by Capt. Vance "Somewhere on the Way Over." Am in the office and will continue with the same kind of work I have been doing ever since I enlisted in the Army. I think I told you the above before but there is a possibility of some of my letters never reaching you. I have worked pretty steady to be appointed a non-commissioned officer, and am glad that my efforts have not been in vain. We find the customs in France very similar to those we have back in the States, yet there is a marked difference which is very noticeable. I thought England a very pretty country, but France is much more beautiful. The fortune teller has the right dope concerning my coming home, but she is "off" when she thinks I'll be married over in this part of the world. Can't even talk to them, much less marry. Hannah it would amuse you very much to see me trying to converse with the French people. I am learning a few words daily and maybe before long I can "Parlez Vous France". The other evening I ran into a French soldier who could speak German and we got along fairly well. What do you think of an American and French soldier speaking to each other in German? Don't like to do it, but it was absolutely necessary. Ha, Ha. The French people sure have no love for the Boche, and they all notice that the American soldier uses the word Yeh, meaning yes. They think we say Yeh, which is German, and insist that we say "WE" which is French meaning yes. We are quartered in an old Monastery which is many years old.

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The city is full of old abbies, and at Sundown their old bells chime forth. Was walking down the main street the other evening as they began ringing, and it impressed me very much. The streets are all very narrow and the buildings are old and worn down. There are a few up-to-date buildings but they are few and far between. The people in this country are living at least 100 years behind the times. I wonder what they would think if they could see Broadway, N. Y. There are only 5 or 6 automobiles in this city and it has a population of 70,000. Of course there are more machines than that, but no kidding. I haven't seen any more. Tell C. M. he should have one of those French "coiffeurs" give him a shampoo. They have no real barber chairs, and you sit down in an ordinary arm chair and he's off. Sure seems funny, yet they have always gotten along with it, so it is probably all O. K. for Frenchmen but not for Americans. I have thought to myself a number of times. And America comes to Paris for fashions! Believe me, Hannah, no place yet that I have seen can compare with the dear old U. S. A., and they all can rave about their French beauties that want to, but I have some pictures on the desk of "Maid in Americana" that will put them all to shame. The French are a very polite race of people and nothing is too good for us, but myself, along with thousands of others will welcome the day when we can sail back to the land that is so dear to us all. But until the time that the Kaiser and his gang are down and out we will gladly sacrifice anything and there is not a one of us but what are glad we came "over." We expect to leave this camp in a day or two, for our permanent training camp and I will surely be glad when we do get settled once more.

Had a letter from mamma, written on the 21st day of March, and say boy I was glad to get it. Was exactly two months to the day since I had received my mail and I was so tickled to hear from home and that everything was alright. A awfully sorry to hear that sister has been so sick but I can only trust that she's all O. K. now. Had a letter from her also in the same mail, and she said she was feeling pretty good, but thought she could be well soon. She sent me a picture of her, a lady friend and her Aviator Lieutenant, or what ever he is. Yes I was some surprised to hear of Mary's marriage. Hope she got a nice fellow, and that he will not have to come across. I think this affair will be over by August, as the Germans are on the slip now. The Americans are sure giving them "Hell" up on the American front and there are many others just as anxious to get going.

Sure, give my name to Brother Waltheil, tell him I send my kindest regards, and that I go to church out under the trees over here. We have our regimental Chaplain and every Sunday morning at 11 church is held with every man in the regiment attending whose duties will permit. Bro Waltheil

is the ideal type of man for an Army Chaplain, as he gives the kind of talks that don't get dry. I always enjoyed hearing him and liked him very, very much as a man. The service flags of which you speak are in evidence everywhere, and I think they are very nice. So Felix Giese is soon to go, tell him I wish him the best of luck, and also all the rest of the fellows whom I know. Nick Hart is in the Navy, so I understand, and is soon to be sent to some point in Massachusetts. Aunt Manda is all torn up, but by golly she hasn't half to stand what Mamma has. I know I have the bravest Mub in the world, and altho I know she worries about me, so much is to be expected. I try and impress her in every letter not to worry, and if she really knew how well I was getting along she would not.

Mamma said in her letter that Ma and Orlean were coming to visit her soon, and I am so glad for the company that it will afford mamma, and also it will be good for them. I hope Ma gets stuck on the West and she can get C. M. started in that direction because I know there are many good locations west of the Rockies, and let me say right here, if I ever get west of the Mississippi again, I'll never look east again. I'm of the same opinion as one of the fellows in the Battery. "If I ever get back to the U. S. A. and the Statue of Liberty wants to see me she'll have to turn around." More truth than poetry in that. Hope Sis goes out to Arizona, as the trip will probably improve her health and she and mamma can enjoy being together so much. I and you also have always heard of sunny France, well it's a mistake, my fingers are so cold I can hardly write, and it has been that way ever since we landed in the country. Will sure welcome some warmer weather. When we were down in Panama we all wanted cooler weather, but I am not so sure now. Hannah will have to stop for this time, the censor will be getting peeved at me for writing such long letters, and everything I write you understand, has to be censored, but you may write anything you choose. Any photos that you have send me as pictures from home are real life savers. Tell Julia, I have thought of her many, many times, but I have so many to write to and writing conditions in the army are not the most favorable in the world. However, I will drop her a line my first opportunity. The Mess Call has just blown and you should see the fellows pouring out of the building to get into line. Some sight, a couple of thousand hungry Americans! We, I might mention, are having excellent food, just as good as we had in Fort Stevens and you know how we fared there. Sending kindest regards to all my Haskell friends, love to Orlean, Sister, Houx and all, not forgetting my Hannah Virge, I remain,

Always your brother,
Son.
G. T. Seales made a business trip to Monday Monday.

KEEP FAITH WITH YOUR BOY "OVER THERE"

When your boy was so little that all the world was a foreign country to him, he trusted you to take care of him. You sent him to school and to play and on your little errands, and with implicit faith he did your bidding.

Now we have sent your boy or your neighbors boy out into a foreign land, into terrors that he cannot even know—and his faith has not faltered. He knows we will do our part if he does his.

Pledge yourself to buy War Savings Stamps on or before

JUNE 28TH NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS DAY

Saving to help our sons is not to be called by the ugly name of duty or sacrifice. It is love's blessed privilege. Are we keeping the faith? Are we scrimping and saving and giving to help our boys do this thing that humanity has asked of them and to help them come back to us sane and whole? Are we doing not only our bit, but all we can?

NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE

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FARMERS STATE BANK WE SELL WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

JOE BAILEY

We received a light shower Sunday afternoon.
H. D. Billingsley and family visited friends in Goree Sunday.
Mrs. W. B. Arnold has been real sick the past week.
Sam Hanson of Plainview spent Saturday night with his cousins, Misses Earle and Essie Hanson.
Most everybody from the Plainview community and this community attended the play at McConnell Friday night and report an excellent program rendered.
Mrs. Pruitt, and son Elijah, of the Gauntt community visited Mrs. W. B. Arnold Monday.
Miss Flossie Pinkley and brother, Dolphus of McConnell spent Saturday night with Sanford and Misses Pearl and Nellie Shelton.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Campbell of Plainview favored the young folks with a party Saturday night. There was a large crowd present and everyone seemed to be having "the time of their life." Mrs. Campbell had thoughtfully arranged two rooms for play, one being used by the young folks, and the other by the little folks. It was difficult to tell which of the two were enjoying themselves the most. We will long remember Mr. and Mrs. Campbell for this occasion.
A. W. Hanson and family of Plainview spent Sunday with his brother, G. L. Hanson and family.
Oscar Chapman John Hartsfield, Roy Overton, John Kentrel, Dolphus Pinkley and sister, Miss Flossie of McConnell attended the party at Charlie Campbell's Friday night.
Most everybody from this and the Plainview community went to Stamford Saturday to witness the aeroplane flight.
R. B. Shipman and Sanford Shelton were in Sagerton Sunday.
Miss Ora Starr of Haskell spent Friday and Saturday with Miss Ollie Northcutt.
Leonard Ulmer was in Haskell Saturday on business.
Mr. and Mrs. Atley Haralson of the Sunny Side community in Jones county, spent Saturday night and Sunday with A. J. Lewis and family. They were accompanied home by Mr. Haralson's sister, Miss Opal, who will spend several days with them.
Dave Ulmer and baby, Floyd, are on the sick list this week.
Mark and Willie Fee of Vernon and Elmo and Omer Jeter of Center Point attended Sunday School at this place Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Sparkman and Little Roxie Jeter of Center Point spent Sunday with R. B. Grubbs and family.
Mrs. Genia Pinkley of McConnell spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. M. S. Dotson.
Mrs. G. L. Hanson, Misses Pearl and Carrie Coleman, are reported sick at this writing.
Rev. Yates filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at Plainview.
Bro. Hodge of Stamford failed to fill his appointment at this place Sunday afternoon.

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If not providentially hindered, Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Abilene will fill his regular appointment at this place Saturday night, Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night. He will also preach at Center Point Sunday afternoon.
Brown Eyes.
The drought was broken here Sunday evening by a good rain. The farmers were proud to see it but more will be needed soon.
Miss Estelle Moseley spent Saturday night with Miss Ovie Lesley.
A. I. West spent Friday night with his brother, F. A. West of the Whitman community.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Flournoy have returned home after a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Calloway of Wichita Falls.
Jud and O'Brien played ball Tuesday and the game was won by Jud in a score of 12 to 15.
The party given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Moseley Wednesday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.
Miss Rose Bridges of Rhoda visited Miss Bessie Allen Saturday.
W. L. Ray and family attended the singing at Curry Chapel Sunday.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson a fine girl on June 9th.
E. L. Ray and wife visited Mrs. Ray's brother, Bob Lesley of Cottage Hill Thursday.
B. E. Karr made a flying trip to Rule Thursday.
The candy breaking at M. D. Greer's Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd, and all report a nice time.
O'Brien came over and played ball with the Jud boys Saturday and Jud won the game by a score of 10 to 3.
Horace Snodgrass of Mitchell attended the candy breaking here Friday night.

COLLEGE HI

The people are all very busy picking cotton since the good rain last week.
Several of the young people community motored over to Center Point Sunday thinking there was singing. We understand they were singing later on. The people then drove on over to W. near Weibert and spent the night at the home of T. J. M. Mrs. F. Ballard and Bill B. family called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sunday.
Rev. Dorris filled his appointment at this place Saturday and Sunday afternoon.
J. Turner and Walter M. returned from Wichita Falls where they had gone to hunt

HUTTO

Everybody is rejoicing over rains that fell here during week.
Jim Mammonds made a trip to Haskell Monday on business.
Gastino McReynolds returned Camp Cody Sunday evening, been exempted from army service.
Sam Carter, George Willis, Casey ran over to Haskell on business.
J. T. Osborne left Wichita Fort Worth with a carload of Grady (Bud) Rutledge entertaining the mumps this week.
Singing at Mr. Williams night was enjoyed by all present.
T. D. Cummings and family community was called Thursday to the death bed of the Robert Cummings of O'Brien (deceased was very well known community).
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TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

WE ARE PRINTING THE PAPER ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON. WE ARE FORCED TO DO THIS SO WE CAN REACH OUR SUBSCRIBERS IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY. IF YOUR LETTER DOES NOT REACH US ON WEDNESDAY BY NOON IT IS TOO LATE FOR THAT WEEK. WRITE

Catarrh of Stomach Did Not Know It

Mrs. Selena Tanner, Athens, Ohio, writes: "I cannot find words to express my thanks for your kind advice. I never once thought I had catarrh of the stomach. I commenced taking Peruna, as you directed. My stomach continued to hurt me for about two weeks after I began the medicine, and then it stopped. I saw have a good appetite, while before I was nearly starved."
Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

Nearly Starved PERUN Made Me

Lend Your Money as Freely as They Are Giving Their Lives

You don't have to fight, you don't have to die.
But--
Your son does, or your brother who is now across the way--or the kid now in khaki to whom you used to give pennies a short time ago. That money you have laid away for a "rainy day"--wouldn't you give every nickel of it to keep a Hun's knife away from his throat? Well, the Hun is here, and so is the knife, and so is the "rainy day"--it's raining now, raining bombs and shrapnel upon our boys "over there."

June 28th National War Savings Week

On that day the nation will call upon you, not just your neighbor--but you--to pledge yourself to the purchase of a certain number of War Savings Stamps during 1918.

Lend your money as freely as they are giving their lives.

National War Savings Committee

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We cannot eat our cake and feed our Soldiers, too

THE sooner the American people look the facts in the face the sooner the war will be over—and the fewer American soldiers will lie in their graves on the other side of the sea.

The facts are these:

We cannot go on living as we did before the war. We cannot have the comforts and luxuries we used to have.

Do not be misled by the fact that we can raise armies far outnumbering those of our enemy. Our soldiers cannot fight with bare hands and empty stomachs, and we cannot arm and feed them if we go on consuming vast quantities of foods and goods we don't need—if we demand, for our selfish comfort, the labor of thousands of men who ought to be hustling night and day to supply the ships, aeroplanes, guns, ammunition, motor trucks, clothing and food our soldiers **must** have if we are to win this war.

Our country needs the money you thoughtlessly spend for unnecessary things. It needs—desperately needs—the labor employed in making these things. Begin to save now. Save everything you can. And by all means save, by buying U. S. Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps, the **small sums** of money you now spend for things you can get along without.



Go today to any bank, any post office or any store where you see the W. S. S. (War Savings Stamps) sign displayed.

For 25 cents you will receive a U. S. Thrift Stamp and a card to paste it on. The card has spaces for 16 stamps, costing you \$4. When it is full, exchange it—with a few cents additional in cash—for a War Savings Stamp, for which the Government will pay you \$5 January 1, 1923.

These War Savings Stamps are as safe as U. S. Bonds. They are the safest investment in the world because they are backed by the entire resources of the country, and the profit you make on them amounts to 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, on January 1, 1923.

Every time you have money you don't absolutely need buy a War Savings Stamp. Every time you have a quarter you can possibly spare, buy a U. S. Thrift Stamp.

This may seem like a little thing to do, but in reality it is a big thing, a patriotic thing, a powerful thing. For every quarter you can save and lend your country goes to make a soldier comfortable; helps arm and feed him; helps him to fight; protects his life, and does its utmost to cleanse the world from the horrors of German tyranny and despotism.



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Somewhere in France.
March 29, 1918.
Miss Elsie Chamberlain,
Wheeler, Texas.
Since my last letter to you I have had the pleasure to visit Paris. It was on last Tuesday, March 13th, we left the ship for the French metropolis. After an all night ride we landed in the city just after sunrise, tired, hungry, and rather puzzled as to what to do. We were in an unknown town and not able to even speak the language enough to make them understand our desires. However in our feeble way we made a vain attempt that we were in search for the American Y. M. C. A. Having found it we were then among real friends. After being located we at once began to prepare to see the "high points". It was now noon, and immediately after we had done justice to a good real hot American dinner, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., we set out to make a tour of the town. The guide was a man connected with the Y. M. C. A., while the man who drove the car was a Frenchman. It was my good pleasure to sit between them. The first place to see was an archway in one of the streets. Now there are several of these arches. It seems that most of them are in the boulevards, of which there are several. These streets were made by Napoleon removing the wall, which Louis XIV had built to protect the town. The archways were gates at the time, to enter the town through. And when the wall was removed they were left to stand as historical monuments. I can't say the arches are very interesting to me, of course, you know that anything which has history connected with it attracts my attention. After passing two of these arches we came to a statue. It is called the "Statue of the Republic," called so because it commemorates the establishment of the republic. There is some similarity between this statue and the Statue of Liberty, but no comparison in grandeur and beauty. There are a number of carvings on the sides to show some incidents that happened in the 100 year struggle to overthrow the monarchy and establish a republic. A lion stands at the front of the statue as a guardian of the universal suffrage. The Bas-

tile was the next place to visit. It has been torn down, but a tall statue stands in the old place. The present statue is a monument erected in honor of the men who fell in the struggle to overthrow the Bastille. Their names are carved on the walls. Around the place you can see the foundation marks where the old Bastille stood. Near there you can see bullet marks on other buildings made by the storming of the place at the time of the overthrow. O! if those grounds could only tell of the horrors that occurred there! After leaving the Bastille we went to the famous Notre Dame Cathedral. It is a Catholic Church of some historic interest. We had the pleasure to enter the building. There is nothing fine about it except the glass on the inside. The auditorium is in the center and around it where in our modern churches are the Sunday School rooms are many small rooms. In them are buried many of the leading Catholics. Of course there is a small statue erected in memory of each. On the statue is some emblem to represent something of his life. The organ in the church has 6,800 stops. How is that? In one corner is a small place where the flags of the Allied Nations are. People go there to pray for victory. One lady was there at the time. They are no doubt sincere in their prayers. At the door they have the water to dip their fingers in. Oh, yes! I was about to forget to tell you that in this church Napoleon and Josephine were married. On the outside the church is not attractive. We then went to the Temple of Justice. It is more attractive in outside appearance. In this building all the leading trials of France are held. Among them the recent trial of Bolo. He at the time of our debt was confined within the walls awaiting execution. In this building Marie Antoinette was imprisoned. Our guide took us around and showed us a small cathedral in which many of the emperors had worshipped, among them Louis XIV. Because of him being so tyrannical, he was afraid to worship in public and had a small room cut off so he could say his prayers alone. The glass in this building is the most highly prized in the city. It was brought from Venice and they are now removing it piece by piece and storing it away for fear a bomb might destroy it. I have written you very little of what I saw. Will write more soon. Wishing all health and happiness. I am,
Lovingly,
Alvin C. Chamberlain, U. S. S. May.

NOTICE OF ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 29th day of June 1918, at Pleasant Valley school house in Common School District No. 11 of this County, as established by order of the Commissioners' Court of this County, of date the 16th day of May, 1907, which is recorded in Book 1, pages 11, of the minutes of said court to determine whether or not a majority of the legally qualified property tax-paying voters of that district desire the issuance on bonds on the faith and credit of said common school district in the amount of \$2200 the bonds to be of the denomination of \$110 each, numbered consecutively from one to 20, both inclusive, payable 20 years from their date, and bearing 5 per cent interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping a public free school building of wooden material and to purchase a site therefor, and to determine whether the Commissioners' Court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and County and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election. J. R. Mitchell was appointed to hold said election. Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order made on the 12th day of June 1918, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the 12th day of June 1918. W. C. Allen, Sheriff Haskell County, Tex.

After having rain and prospects of making money on the farm it will be business to protect your property by taking insurance on the same. Johnson & Williams.

W. L. Whited, telephone manager, and Judge E. G. Skein of Sagerton were in the city Thursday on business.

For all kinds of insurance, see Johnson & Williams.

J. E. Reddell and family were in the city Wednesday from Rule.

WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETS WITH MUNDAY CHURCH

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Reading a chapter from the book of John and gave a short comment. Religious Literature was discussed by Rev. Joe R. Mayes and the pastor, J. H. McCaulley, who brought out many good thoughts on this important subject. The object of the salvation of the lost is evangelistic and that religious books and papers are helpful to reach and save the lost was fully brought to light by these brethren. Mrs. L. A. Ingram of Munday read an excellent paper on the Ladies Aid, stating that the Aid Societies should be evangelistic with one aim and that of "salvation of souls." Mrs. John Cook followed with a short talk on reports of the different aids. A business session was called and Rev. B. N. Shepherd was elected Secretary to take the place of Rev. A. J. Morgan who resigned, and entered the service of the Government. The Worker's Conference went into summer quarters by a vote until the Second Munday in October when it will meet with the church at Rule. Rev. S. E. Stevenson made a good talk on the mid-week prayer meeting for the church. Nothing is more helpful to the pastor, he said. A praying church is a successful church in winning souls for Christ, and the pastor's work is always made easy by churches who look well to their mid-week prayer meetings. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Joe R. Mayes, and all returned to their homes with hearts full of gratitude to the good people of Munday for their warm welcome given to all on this happy occasion. Rev. J. H. McCaulley has recently

moved to Munday and is now the pastor in charge and we wish for him a successful year in his work.

J. N. Porter of Stamford, who has been General Roadmaster of the Wichita Valley for the past 11 years passed through the city Thursday. He reports improved crop conditions all along his line since the recent rains. He also stated that the McAdoo raise in wages for the railroad workers would soon be put on all over the Valley system, which was looked forward to with much appreciation by the boys doing the work.

W. D. Arden and wife and little daughter of Ennis are visiting the family of J. C. Harvey, living in the east part of the city. Mr. Arden is a progressive real estate man of Ennis and has farm interests here, owning a good farm a few miles west of town.

J. M. Maxwell and family returned Wednesday from Wichita Falls and Electra where they visited their daughter, Mrs. R. Mann. Mr. Maxwell reports lots of rain and mud all through his trip and in many places he was forced to pick his route.

Mrs. D. G. Tidwell of Whitts Chapel was in the city Wednesday and renewed her subscription to the Free Press. Mrs. Tidwell says she can't get along without the Free Press.

Courtney Hunt returned the first of the week from a business trip to Houston and other South Texas points. He reports everything in a flourishing condition in that section of the state.

H. D. Wallace and wife, son of Ed R. Wallace, are paying Haskell a visit during his vacation. He is with the Arlington National Bank, at Arlington.

Notice in Probate THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to be published for ten days in paper of general circulation to be published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in Haskell County, Texas, the return day hereof, a copy of the following notice: THE STATE OF TEXAS. To all persons interested in the sons and estates of Fay Deaver, late Deavers, and Elizabeth Minors, E. C. Couch has filed application in the County Court of Haskell County, on the 13th day of June, 1918, for Letters of Guardianship of the persons and Estates of the said Florine and Elizabeth Deaver, said application will be heard in the County Court on the 1st day of July, 1918, at which time all persons interested in said minors are required to appear and answer said application should they desire to do so. Herein Fall Not, but have your said Court, on the first day of term thereof, this writ, with return thereon, showing how you executed the same. Witness my hand and office at Haskell, Texas this 13th day of June, 1918. R. R. English, County Court, Haskell County. I hereby certify that the above true copy of the original with my hands, W. C. ALLEN, Sheriff, M. S. Edwards, Deputy.

M. S. Shook reports two good crops on his ranch in the northwest corner of the county where the rainfall is very light for the last two years.

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ANY MAN'S SUIT IN OUR
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One Fourth Off

Men's Low Shoes
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