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OUR COUNTY'S ROLL OF HONOR

Following are the names of the Houston county boys who have given their lives in the service of our country:

John B. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ellis, died in the service November 29, 1917. Member of E Company, 143d Infantry, 36th Division.

Albert D. Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Murray, died in the service December 1, 1917. Member of H Company, 143d Infantry, 36th Division.

Shade Carlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carlton, fell in battle August 1, 1918. Member of D Company, 47th Infantry (regular army).

James O. Ritchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Ritchie, fell in battle September 12, 1918. Member of A Company, 360th Infantry, 90th Division.

Barker T. LaRue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Babe LeRue, fell in battle September 13, 1918. Member of E Company, 360th Infantry, 90th Division.

Corporal Wyatt N. Creath, son of W. G. Creath, died in the service October 14, 1918. Member of C Company, 85th Infantry, 18th Division.

William R. Matchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Matchett, died in the service October 21, 1918. Member of L Company, 131st Infantry, 31st Division.

Norman Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Richards, fell in battle November 4, 1918. Member of I Company, 360th Infantry, 90th Division.

Corporal Thomas H. Sepmoree, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Sepmoree, died November 14 of wounds received in action. Member of E Company, 360th Infantry, 90th Division.

MR. BURLESON'S BOLD ENTERPRISE.

Whatever may be the merit of Postmaster General Burleson's plan to acquire the telegraph and telephone lines and incorporate them into the postal system, there is anything but merit in the plan he has adopted to acquire this extensive property in advance of congressional authorization.

There is no war in progress actually. Yet the postmaster general has seized the property of several competing corporations, upset their operating organizations, changed their tolls, readjusted wage and salary schedules without consulting the owners of the property, and so unifying the business of wire communication that, if congress should refuse to confirm what he has done and later compel the return of the properties to the owners, innumerable obstacles and difficulties as well as confusion would result.

In other words, the bold plan of the postmaster general is to have his recommendation to congress for necessary authority accompanied by a *fait accompli*. That is to say, congress is notified that it may as well adopt the postmaster general's plan, since it already has been put into execution.

It may be that congress will not relish such anticipatory action by the postmaster general, and if any considerable number shall be disposed to withhold consent the Moon resolution will have a difficult path through congress.

What the postmaster general has done is of a usurpatory character, to say the least. It transcends any authority granted in the war authorizations. Not only that, it was intended to go beyond authority and become permanent before congress could even debate the great principle underlying the postmaster gen-

eral's scheme.

It may be that the postmaster general has sounded the philosophy of government ownership and operation of public utilities; it may be that in the present instance he has worked out with great care and skill a practical, economical and efficient co-ordination of wire with mail communication. It may be that what he plans will be a great step forward in public service.

But the people have the right to determine whether they desire to embark upon this kind of socialism. They ought to have time to consider all the reasons which have so deeply impressed the postmaster general, and to hear and examine all the information bearing upon the subject.

And if they should be favorably impressed, they ought to have an opportunity to say to their representatives and senators: "This proposal appears to be good, but you will have still better facilities than we to test its merits, so give it your earnest attention and take such action as you find best for the country."

It is a hazardous undertaking for a cabinet minister to forestall congress as the postmaster general has done. It is not according to one of the co-ordinate branches of the government the courtesy it is entitled to, nor is it respecting the legislative prerogative of which the congress is so keenly jealous.

It will be surprising if congress mutely assents to high-handedness of this character, and very likely in the debates that are to ensue the postmaster general will hear much that will not conduce to his mental serenity.—Houston Post.

AS COTTON GOES OUT GOLD COMES IN.

Judge Ramsey, reserve agent of the Federal Reserve Bank, brings the good news from Washington that there will shortly be a large increase in the tonnage available for the exportation of cotton. What makes this good news is the fact that when we export cotton we import money, and this whether the export of cotton is merely to another State or to a foreign country. There is probably more cotton in Texas just now than ever before at this time of year, and this notwithstanding the season's crop has been extraordinarily small. We have not, therefore, realized the business benefit inherent in the cotton crop to anything like the degree that is customary at this time of year. We shall enter the new year with a larger percentage of the old year's profits in an unutilizable form than ever before. The increased tonnage which Judge Ramsey says will shortly be available will enable us to convert those profits into a utilizable form; that is, we shall be enabled to convert cotton into gold or into an equivalent fluid asset that will course through the veins of commerce and invigorate the whole body of business. Of course a good deal of the cotton that remains in the State has already brought money out of the vaults of the banks and put it into the veins of commerce, but it is money owned in the State, for the most part, so that the operation has not increased the volume of our fluid assets. The advances made to the cotton business have subtracted from the ability of the banks to make advances to other

businesses, so that other industries and enterprises have been held in restraint because of the accommodation given to the cotton business. As the export of cotton increases, as a result of the larger tonnage will begin to repay its borrowings, and other industries and enterprises which have been held in leash because of the inability of the banks to accommodate them will be let loose.

In casting up the business outlook this is an item which deserves to be taken into large account. Usually we enter a new year with but little of the old year's cotton profits unrealized and unspent. It will be different as we enter the new year just ahead. Under the compulsion of circumstances, we have saved a larger percentage of this year's cotton profits, and will have a larger surplus of wealth for conversion into liquid capital. To the revenue of next year's crop, whatever that may be, we shall add a large percentage of the revenue of this year's. Since the world must needs take all the cotton we have in the State, it may be said to owe us more than ever before at this time of year, and to say that there will shortly be an increase of tonnage is equivalent to saying that the world will shortly begin to liquidate its debts to us. When it does, this, the largest spring of our prosperity, will begin to flow more generously.—Dallas News.

FOR A SAFE AND SANE CHRISTMAS.

Even though the armistice has been signed and the peace commission is on the eve of one of the greatest meetings in the interest of mankind, there is no reason why we should become lax in our methods of conservation and law enforcement, for we still have duties to perform looking to the preservation of life and property.

The war has killed and maimed so many of our fellowmen and devastated so much property that we who have not seen it cannot conceive what is before us in doing our utmost to conserve what is left. Let's cut out the fire crackers and Roman candles.

Let us resolve to have a safe and sane Christmas. Instead of burning up our money in fireworks, let's take it and help swell the membership of the Red Cross or donate it to some worthy war charity. Let's either stand for an observance of all the city's ordinances or openly declare our disregard of them all.

Elmer L. Brimberry Writes to His Father.

LaRochelle, France, Nov. 24.
Mr. J. S. Brimberry,
Grapeland, Texas.

Dear Father:
As today is father's day, am writing you these few lines to let you know what has happened to me since I left the good old U. S. A.

I set sail March 30th; landed at Brest, France, April 14th; was stationed at Brest for about two weeks and then went to Bois; and was there about three weeks and went to Aulline, and there is where my work began. I first started to work in the French railroad shops; was given a Frenchman for a partner. Of course I did not know anything about railroad work or anything about the French language, either, so you see it was pretty

hard for me at first, but I soon began to learn.

In this French shop there were about as many women working as there were men. The Frenchmen did not know what to think of us working so hard. One of us did almost as much as three of them. We worked 11 hours a day. I did everything at this place from repairing cars to running a locomotive. I was stationed at this place about three months, and then went to Lyons. I wish I could describe this city to you. There were some of the most beautiful places I had ever seen. Two large rivers run through this place and there are all kinds of old buildings. Some of the buildings were put there in the 13th century, so you can imagine it was some sight to see.

When I was roaming down these streets and seeing all those sights, you can't imagine how I longed for you to be with me and see all this, too. All kinds of statues were carved out of the high walls along the river bank. As luck would have it, I met a French lady who could speak good English and she explained it all to me. I went to a great chateau; it was a summer resort for Kings and Emperors for other nations as well as France. We must have been the first Americans there from the way the French made such a fuss over us. Maybe you have heard of the French naming a great bridge after President Wilson. It is located here, and it is sure a wonderful bridge. I went from Lyons to Dejon. I met a nurse from Austin, Texas, there. She was the first person I had seen from Texas, besides a couple of fellows with me. I went from Dejon to San Agnes, then to Tours, from there to LaRochelle, and have been here about five months.

Elmer Lee Brimberry,
Co. D., 35th Reg., T. C.

To Make American Navy Equal to Most Powerful.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Legislation authorizing increase of the permanent enlisted strength of the navy from 131,000 men to 217,000 was recommended to the house naval affairs committee today by Captain H. Laning, acting chief of the bureau of navigation. This would include 175,000 seamen, 24,000 apprentice seamen and firemen in training, 12,000 in trade schools for training, and 6,000 in the flying corps.

Captain Laning explained that this large increase of men is needed to carry out the policy of the naval bureau of operations, as recommended to the naval affairs committee by Rear Admiral Badger last Thursday, of making the navy of the United States equal to the most powerful maintained by any nation of the world.

A Steam Boiler Explosion With-out a Casualty.

The steam boiler supplying the engine with power to run the peanut roaster of Mike Younas blew up Friday at noon, throwing steam, glass and other debris to all four corners of the store and in between. No casualties are reported, although Mr. R. W. Huff, who was standing at a safe distance, thinks there were some narrow escapes. The engineer, who escaped injury, could advance no cause for the explosion, but thinks the fireman got the boiler too hot. The fireman could not be found by the reporter, but it is believed that he will explain that the steam gauge was registering incorrectly. Happily, there was no loss of human life.

AGREE TO SINKING ENEMY WARSHIPS

American Delegates Resolve on Program and England Promises Support.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The American delegates to the peace congress have resolved to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy warships and resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses. This announcement is made by those in close touch with the American representatives, who, it is added, feel that such a position would result in avoiding contention and materially support President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property.

England, through Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, had previously acquiesced in the American plan to destroy the captured or surrendered warships, and, it is declared, will continue to support the United States, although it is expected that some of the lesser naval powers will demand that the prizes be distributed.

American naval stations will be maintained for at least a year at Brest, Gibraltar and in the Azores to render aid to American merchant ships. The consent of France, England and Portugal has already been secured. The aero and radio stations at these points will be in readiness to respond to calls for aid by American shipping in distress and facilities will be afforded for needed repairs and supplies.

Wounded in Action.

Jim Loftin, nephew of Mrs. Nora Rush, living near Crockett, has been wounded in action on the battle line, according to a message from the war department to Mrs. Rush. Private Loftin began his military training with the 90th Division at Camp Travis, San Antonio, but was transferred to another division for earlier overseas service.

Other Houston county boys reported as wounded in action are Senter Wilkins of Lovelady and Thomas W. English of Kennard. Wilkins was a member of the 36th Division, national guard, training at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, and English of the 90th Division, national army, training at Camp Travis, San Antonio.

Another Houston county boy reported in the casualty list as wounded is Lawrence Sanders, son of S. F. Sanders, who lives near Crockett. It is also reported in Crockett that Aaron T. McCullar, who had been reported as killed in action, had only been wounded and is now in hospital. However, no direct message has been received from McCullar and it is feared that he has lost his life.

Camps Reducing.

Camp Logan and Ellington Field, Houston, are being reduced. Several trainloads of soldiers from Camp Logan, the 57th Infantry, passed Crockett Wednesday and Thursday en route Camp Pike, Ark. On Friday the northbound Sunshine Special carried four extra Pullmans filled with Ellington Field men, some going home on furlough and some on discharge.

Give Christmas Gifts That Are Useful

Useful gifts are good gifts because they answer a double purpose. In the list below you should find a solution of all your holiday problems.

Cameras, Toilet Sets and Cases, Shaving and Smoking Sets, Fine Toilet Articles, Mesh Bags, Ladies' Purses, Perfumes, Traveling Cases, Etc.

Come in and see our line of "Useful Gifts." We assure you that the quality of goods and prices are right.

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PROMPT SERVICE STORE

Local News Items

Pat McConnell is at home from A. & M. College.

C. W. LeGory is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Sue Smith is at home from her school at Hartburg.

A complete and up-to-date abstract. tf. Aldrich & Crook.

Henry Ellis of the Love Field aviation camp is at home on furlough.

Lieutenant Will Collins of Groveton was a visitor here this week.

Phone 4-4 for anything in groceries. Delivery to any part of the city. tf.

Miss Mary Aldrich is at home from Elmendorf, where she is teaching.

Miss Wilma Shivers is at home from Kidd-Key University, Sherman.

Mrs. F. E. Ripley of Taylor visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mrs. Dan McLean has returned from a visit to relatives at Grapeland.

Don't forget the East Texas Garage. We repair automobiles and fix Fords. tf.

Paul Stokes is at home from Southwestern University, Georgetown.

Just received a car of wagons in Bois de Arc and oak fellows at Shivers Bros'. tf.

William Austin is at home from Southwestern University, Georgetown.

Farm wagons in narrow tires, Winona brand, can be found at Shivers Brothers'. tf.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. U. McLarty of Navasota will spend Christmas in Crockett.

Shivers Brothers carry a full line of groceries and do not charge for deliveries. tf.

Ike Craddock of the Naval Training Station, Pensacola, Fla., is here on furlough.

Money to lend on farms. Terms reasonable, money quick. See J. S. French, Crockett, Texas. tf.

For genuine Ford service, see or telephone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service. tf.

Harry Baker of San Francisco and Jo Henry Baker of San Antonio are visiting the old home here.

For Rent—Brick building now occupied by Smith-Murchison Hardware Co. Apply to Geo. W. Crook. tf.

Mrs. M. P. Jensen and son, Arthur, of Galveston are here to visit with relatives and friends.

For genuine Ford service, see or telephone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service. tf.

Have you sent a Greeting Card to every soldier you know? Get your supply from Bishop Drug Company. tf.

Brinson Lundy has returned from A. & M. College, where he was an instructor of automobile mechanics.

Your next visit to Houston will be incomplete unless you visit W. C. Munn Company's Mammoth Store. 10t.

For Sale. Weened pigs from registered Duroc Jersey dam, Sunnybrook Linda, No. 566958; sire, State Fair Model-2nd, No. 206441. tf. B. R. Purcell.

R. H. Janes of Austin is here to visit with relatives and friends.

For genuine Ford service, see or telephone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service. tf.

Friends of Chas. M. Neel will regret to learn that he is ill of pneumonia at the home of his parents in Elkhart.

Mrs. W. J. Wood and children of Onalaska visited their father, Dr. J. B. Smith, in Crockett during the last week.

Sewing Wanted. I would appreciate your patronage. tf. Mrs. Walter Driskell.

W. D. Jackson and family, who have been living west of Crockett, moved during the last week to Van Vleck, Matagorda county.

Miss Louine McLarty, a student of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will spend the holiday vacation with friends in Crockett.

We will have a car load of pure Mebane cotton seed about January first. Get our prices before you buy. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Mrs. Katie Ward, who has been with Mrs. J. P. Hail, has returned to her home in Greenville. She expects to come again to Crockett in the spring.

Edward Suttle, corporal of engineers, who has been in training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, returned Friday to his home west of Crockett.

Ford for Sale. Ford automobile, 1917 model, equipped with Stromberg carburetor and Hassler shock absorbers. It.* E. C. Arledge.

We will have a car load of pure Mebane cotton seed about January first. Get our prices before you buy. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

For Sale. Farm land, in lots of 50 to 350 acres, within 2½ miles of Crockett, lying on both sides of railroad. Address or call on W. B. Page. 2t.

E. C. Curry of Kennard, a member of the Sam Houston Normal Institute's student army training corps, has received an honorable discharge and returned home.

For Sale. Upright Weber piano in first-class condition at a bargain for cash or on terms. Minnie Wall, Crockett, Texas. 4t.

We will have a car load of Mebane cotton seed direct from the grower at Lockhart about January first. The difference in the price of the staple will pay for the seed the first year. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Land for Sale. Parties wanting to buy land for farms see M. Bromberg. His holdings represent all kinds of land suitable for any kind of farming, including a big tract on Trinity river. tf.

S. M. Monzingo of the U. S. Merchant Marine service reached home Thursday afternoon from Philadelphia. Since entering the service he has made several trips to England and France and to South America.

Do not plant any cotton that does not produce a good yield of long staple another year. There is nothing better for Houston county than Mebane. We will have a car for sale about January first. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Miss Delha Mildred Wootters is entertaining a house party of guests as follows: Misses Ruth Warfield, Nodell Jordan and Beth Lundy; Mr. J. L. Sherman. Other friends are present during the evenings and a good time is reported.

Money to Loan

We buy vendor lien notes—Loan Money on long time. Have been doing it for fourteen years with Houston county farmers. We can refer you to a host of farmers we have helped and they now own their farms clear. See us before placing a loan with anybody.

The Firm that Gives Personal Service to Farmers.

WARFIELD BROTHERS

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Died at Austin.

E. T. Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons, living near Porter Springs, west of Crockett, died in a sanitarium at Austin early Friday morning. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

Wounded in Action.

Private Daniel M. Hester of near Crockett is reported by the war department as having been wounded in action on the battlefield. Private Hester received his military training at Camp Travis, San Antonio, and was a member of the 90th Division unless transferred.

B. F. Chamberlain Jr. is at home from Ellington Field and Camp McArthur. First entering the Ellington Field aviation camp, he later secured a transfer to the officers' training school at Camp McArthur, from which latter camp he was honorably discharged following the signing of the armistice.

War Casualties.

Thursday's list of war casualties included the names of Private Ollie M. Wilson of Crockett as missing in action; Private Jim H. Redmond of Grapeland as wounded severely and Private Ethel H. Johnson of Grapeland as wounded. All of these were national army men and, having received their military training at Camp Travis, San Antonio, were members of the 90th Division unless transferred.

Wounded in Action.

Corporal Grady Monk, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Monk of Crockett, has been wounded in action against the enemy, according to a message from the war department to the father in this city. Corporal Monk began his military training with the 90th Division at Camp Travis, San Antonio, but was afterward transferred to the 82nd Division, made up of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee boys. He went overseas with the 82nd Division early in the spring, before the 90th Division was ready for overseas service, and has been in continuous activity since landing in France.

Killed in Action.

Corporal Lonnie Shoemaker has been killed in action on the French battlefield, according to the war department's casualty report. Corporal Shoemaker belonged to the 36th Division and trained at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth. He formerly lived at Percilla, but enlisted in the national guard at Childress.

Returning from Overseas.

A letter from Gee Clark to his brother, Mr. John Clark of Crockett, conveys the information that he is returning from overseas duty and that he is now under quarantine at Camp Mills, N. J. Henry G. Clark, as per his enlistment, received his training as an airplane camp constructionist at Kelley Field, San Antonio, and has since been located at an airplane construction camp in England. The unit with which he has been located is returning for honorable discharge.

The Juniors and the Christmas Roll Call.

The purpose of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call during the week of December 15-23 is to enroll as members of the American Red Cross for the year 1919 all adults and also children whose parents can afford to take out \$1 membership for them. It is hoped that during this period all schools not already organized will enroll as school auxiliaries, thus bringing into the Red Cross all of their pupils as Junior Red Cross members. Any child may become a regular Christmas member by payment of \$1. Upon request of such child, the 50 cents of this membership dues, which is kept in the chapter treasury, will be credited by the chapter on its books as subscribed by junior membership. This sum may be applied toward the enrollment of all schools in the chapter's jurisdiction.

Every child who attends a school which is a junior auxiliary renewal is automatically a junior member and is not required to join again in Roll Call.

Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, Chairman Junior Roll Call.

Greetings to Our Friends

In Wishing You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are only voicing our sincerest sentiments toward those whose friendship we have always so highly appreciated and whose patronage has made possible the greatest year's business in our history.

Crockett Drug Company

The House of Service.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ALL these five small words can say, all are sent by us who wish every good to come your way.

THE REXALL STORE
Baker & Castleberg, Proprietors

JOIN



Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness that America must not forget — there is misery and distress and sickness all over the world. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.



Put your flag in your window



Wear your Button

Will you be wearing your membership button when the boys come home?

Join

Join the Red Cross

- all you need is a heart and a dollar

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Pay That W. S. S. Pledge Before Christmas

TEXAS TROOPS TO BE HOME BY MIDSUMMER

Stay of American Army of Occupation in Germany to Be Comparatively Brief.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Eight of the 13 divisions comprising the American third army now approaching the Rhine, either are National Guard or National Army troops, and there is every reason to believe that they will be on American soil again by midsummer.

General March, chief of staff, announced Saturday that he anticipated no difficulty in getting these units home within four months after peace has been established formally by proclamation. President Wilson in his recent address to congress said the sessions of the conference probably would be concluded by spring, and based on this estimate of the time, General March's statement was accepted to mean that these forces would return during the summer.

90th in Front Line.

The National Guard divisions, the 32d and 42d, and two of the National Army, the 89th and 90th, are now in the front line of Major General Dickman's army of occupation, which was within 20 miles of the Rhine Friday night, according to General Pershing's report. The 28th and 33d National Guard and the 79th National Army are in the second line, constituting the reserve which is occupying Luxemburg and various rail centers

in France, including Montmedy, Longuyon, Etain and St. Mihiel. The 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Regulars comprise the remainder of the advancing army, while the 2nd and 7th divisions are with the reserve.

The estimate as to the possibility that all except Regular divisions will have been withdrawn from France by midsummer is based on General March's reply to a question as to steps necessary to obtain an extension of the enlistment period for men in the army of occupation.

General March's Views.

"The law about the men who were raised in the National Army is that they must be discharged four months after the declaration of peace," he said. "That, I think, also was expected to include men who made voluntary enlistments in the Regular Army. I won't have any difficulty in bringing back from France the so-called National Army divisions in four months after the declaration of peace. It is entirely possible that we will have to ask congress for some modification of the law to provide a longer period for the units which will remain in Europe."

A total of 5325 officers and 125,515 men, General March said, have been specifically assigned for early return by General Pershing. Included in the additional units reported are 1426 officers and 29,381 men, the largest organizations mentioned being the field artillery brigades of the 8th (Regular) and 92d (National Army, negro) divisions, and the 345th and 346th infantry regiments from the 87th (National Army) divisions. The remainder of the list consists largely of motor repair units and auxiliary divisional troops.

Try Courier advertisers.

Private Max Taylor Writes from the Base Hospital.

Somewhere in France, November 17, 1918.

My Dear Mother:

I will write you today—am writing to you all.

Hugh asked me to get him a pair of German ears for a souvenir, but I did not have time, as I was in a hurry, so he must think of something easier to get.

I am living high. Am in the base hospital; was wounded November 11. Am getting along finely. It was a light machine gun ball through the right thigh above the knee — no bones broken, so you see I will be O. K. in a few days.

I hope this will find you all well. How is Dad's health this winter? Hope he keeps well.

I am not wounded badly, so don't worry about me. I will get the best of care.

Hoping to hear from you real soon, your son,

Private Max Taylor,
Base Hospital No. 94.
To Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor,
Creek, Texas.

We now have a fresh supply of oxygen gas. Now is a good time to have the carbon burned out of your engine.

East Texas Garage,
tf. B. J. Mincher, Prop.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Will Prohibit Manufacture, Sale, Barter, Exchange, Traffic, Importation and Exportation.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 11.—A committee of seven well-known Texans was selected by the prohibition conference today to prepare the amendment to the constitution making Texas dry for all time to come when it is adopted by the people. This committee consists of Judge John C. Townes, dean of law at the University of Texas, chairman; W. A. Stedman, Austin; Thomas H. Ball, Houston; M. M. Crane, Dallas; R. H. Kirby, Austin; Mrs. Nannie Webb Curtis, Dallas, and Mrs. Hortense Ward, Houston.

The committee was appointed by M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, who was elected chairman of the meeting on motion of Pat Neff of Waco. Mr. Wolfe is state democratic chairman. The committee is at work drawing the proposed amendment and tonight said another meeting will be necessary to complete its labors; also that it was unwilling to give out the unfinished document. Mrs. Curtis and Mr. Kirby were not present with the committee this afternoon.

In accepting the chairmanship Mr. Wolfe said he would do all he could to further the submission of the amendment as called for by the democratic platform, but that his duty ended there, and others must take up the burden of campaigning before the people, though he would do his full

duty as a citizen in behalf of final adoption.

There was a great deal of discussion as to what the amendment shall carry, but its framing was left entirely to the committee of seven.

Bishop W. N. Ainsworth favored its forbidding the possession of liquor, but Tom Ball and T. S. Henderson of Cameron thought it ought not to be overloaded or jeopardized; that it is possible to put something in it which might conflict with the federal constitution. For that reason much care and attention should be given in drawing the amendment. Colonel Ball presented a tentative draft which omitted the prohibition against possession, and that is the document which is forming the basis of the committee's work. There was some discussion about the inhibition against the gift of liquor and that, too, was left to the committee.

As generally written the proposed amendment will prohibit the manufacture, sale, barter, exchange, importation, exportation and other trafficking in liquor, except for medicinal, scientific, sacramental and industrial purposes. The effort of the committee is to draw the amendment legally so that it will stand every test of the courts, state and federal, and the plan is to push submission through the legislature at the earliest moment so that prohibition by the constitution may be made a reality in Texas at the earliest possible moment.

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tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

CONTRASTS MAN-POWER SYSTEMS

Crowder Claims Selective Service Has Proven Worth in the Present War.

New York, Dec. 14.—Taps to the volunteer system of raising armies in war time by the United States was sounded tonight by Major General Enoch Crowder, provost marshal general, in an address to the retiring members of 1918 draft boards. He earnestly advocated that the selective service system should become the permanent system of raising American armies in the future.

General Crowder declared that the selective service law had enabled the government in this war to register 23,740,000 Americans, put into the field nearly 3,000,000 fighters, and to have in readiness to entrain Nov. 11, when the armistice was signed, 2,000,000 more, all within a period of eighteen months. It would be a "calamity," he said, for to United States to revert to the volunteer system in view of such a successful test of selective service, adding that the American selective service men had shown the valor, aggressiveness and initiative of the most seasoned troops.

The provost marshal general contrasted the draft methods of the United States with those of England and showed how this country had profited by the mistakes made by the British, who, after three years of trial with the volunteer system and the disorganization of industry, were obliged to adopt conscription.

"When the United States war department, in its effort to heed the lesson learned by England, sought the enactment of the selective service act," General Crowder said, "the traditional method of raising armies by the volunteer system was so strong with the American people that it was deemed expedient in the very bill the war department presented to congress for enactment to provide that limited volunteering might go on."

He recalled the great opposition to the draft and how "through the insistence of the president, ably supported by the stalwart and aggressive leadership of Senator Chamberlain and Representative Kahn, in the respective houses, the day was saved."

Referring to the selective service system as the "very essence of democracy," the general appraised the faults of the volunteer system.

"In its very nature it is an individualistic scheme, dependent upon the spontaneous fervor of the people," he said. "It is a system which has an eye only to the raising of armies. Under it the test of patriotism is enlistment in the nation's fighting forces. It takes no account of the industrial life which must be maintained behind the battle front that armies may be fed, clothed and armed."

"It (the volunteer system) had its origin in the days of chivalry, when war was not a business or a contest of industry or mechanics, but a battle of brawn; when armies could live largely upon the country as they advanced, and a nation's fate de-

ecided upon the field of battle. It adheres to the doctrine that the chemist may be permitted to lay aside his research and the trained mechanic his lathe, while the unskilled laborer and the vagrant continue in their unproductive paths. It is the antithesis of the conservation that the selective service promotes."

RHINE CITY IS UNDER CONTROL

Civic and Military Officials Lend Assistance to Americans in Occupation.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The American army marching into Germany has come to a stand on the Rhine. General Pershing's report for yesterday says there was no advance during the day.

Coblenz (by Courier to Nancy), Tuesday, Dec. 10.—Sentries of the American and German armies face each other across the Rhine tonight. From Andernach, below Coblenz, northward to the British lines American forces hold the west bank of the stream. South of Coblenz advanced elements of the American army have reached the river.

It is expected the movement across the Rhine will be well under way tomorrow. The First and Third Divisions have been designated to occupy the advanced positions along the 30-kilometer arc east of Coblenz, constituting the bridgehead stipulated in the Armistice. The 32nd, 90th, Fourth and 42nd will occupy positions in support of the advanced line.

Texans Will Cross Rhine.
The First, Third and Fourth Divisions are of the regular army. The 32nd is made up of national guard regiments from Michigan and Wisconsin; Texas and Oklahoma national army men make up the 90th, while the 42nd is the "Rainbow Division," composed of national guard regiments from Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Georgia, Ohio, Alabama, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, South Carolina, California, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas, Texas, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, Oklahoma, District of Columbia, Nebraska, Colorado and Oregon.

The 32nd and perhaps the 90th will cross at Coblenz and the others will use the bridges north and south of the city. Arrangements have been made to use tugs if necessary to expedite crossing.

Americans Occupy Fortress.
Engineer regiments have inspected all bridges and roads beyond the river, while a commission made up of German army officers and civilians has given every facility for the Americans to collect information as to the territory that is to be occupied east of the Rhine.

Across the river from Coblenz, in the fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, there has been a small force of Germans, but it has been withdrawn and an American force entered the fortress today, following a request to that effect from the German authorities. The German commandant of the place informed the Americans that by tomorrow the entire German army with the exception of small detachments of guards would be nine miles from the Rhine.

Woman Throws Bottle.
A bottle thrown from a window by a woman at an American soldier has been the only overt act of hostility reported since the Americans have entered Coblenz.

The incident was regarded as being so trivial that it was left to the local police to deal with the woman. There has developed, however, within the past 24 hours an unmistakable air of independence on the part of the people, reflecting their conviction that the Americans are going to deal with them much more delicately than have the French or British with the people north and south of the city.

Two Citations Received by Men of Ninetieth Division.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 14.—Copies of two citations by General Pershing praising the work of the Ninetieth Division in the field were received at headquarters of the Southern department today. The Ninetieth is composed of Texans and Oklahomans; commanded by Major General Henry T. Allen, and was trained at Camp Travis, San Antonio. The first citation, dated Oct. 26, signed by Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum, General Pershing's chief of staff, and addressed to Major General J. L. Hines, commander of the Third Army Corps, of which the Nine-

WOUNDED ARRIVE AT SAN ANTONIO

First Members of Texas and Oklahoma Organizations to Return From France.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 13.—Several wounded men of the Thirty-sixth Division, the first members of this Texas and Oklahoma organization to return from France, arrived at the Fort Sam Houston base hospital yesterday evening, together with a number from the Ninetieth Division, which is also composed of Texans and Oklahomans. Units of the Thirty-sixth participated in the fighting on the Champagne front Oct. 7 and 8 last.

According to the former, the artillery of the Thirty-sixth Division was not engaged in any of the fighting, only the infantry and machine gun units taking part. This division was trained at Camp Bowie. The wounded from the Thirty-sixth are: Sergeant Charles LeBlue, 141st Infantry; Private Henry Klapp, 142d Infantry; Private (First Class) Charles L. Stephens, 132d Machine Gun Battalion; Private Arnold C. McLerron, 142d Infantry; Private (First Class) Roscoe C. Burbank, 141st Infantry, and Corporal Luther V. Cypert, 142d Infantry.

Those from the Ninetieth Division are: Private Frank Frasier, 345th Machine Gun Battalion; Private John J. Vojkuoka, 359th Infantry; Sergeant Berthold Salge, 360th Infantry; Private Theodore B. Hall, 359th Infantry; Private Lemuel L. Joiner, 359th Infantry; Private Bert Kent, 359th Infantry; Private John North, 360th Infantry.

The Ninetieth Division is a part, reads: "The army commander directs that you convey to the commanding general, officers and men of the Ninetieth Division his appreciation of the persistent and successful efforts in improving the line by driving the enemy from Grand Carre Fime and the Bois de Bantheville."

The second citation, dated Nov. 1, reads:

"The army commander desires to congratulate the Third Corps and express to you his appreciation of the work done this date. He desires that you express his appreciation to the Ninetieth Division. Please have this information transmitted to all organizations as far as practicable this night."

First American Division Leads Way Into Old Germany.

Coblenz, Dec. 13.—(Delayed.) The American army of occupation crossed the Rhine at 7 o'clock Friday morning. Just before crossing three French divisions were put in to take over the southern part of our sector across the river and one American division, the 3d, composed of Regulars, was sent south to take over part of the French bridgehead at Mainz.

The 1st, 2d and 32d American divisions comprised the force which went over the river this morning. The first crossed over the old pontoon bridge, the 32d and the French using the big Coblenz bridge. It was raining

W.S.S.
Pay Your Pledge

For Christmas give United States government War Savings Stamps—the best gift possible. Your obligation to save and invest is not discharged until your pledge is paid and Texas fighters are brought back.

For your supplies for the holiday cooking call on us. You will find in our store all your wants, fresh, sanitary and at reasonable prices.

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Groceries and Feed—Phone 52.

"The Store Where Your Dollars Go Farther"

U. S. NAVY DOUBLED DURING THE WAR

On November First America Had Seven Hundred and Seventy-Seven War Vessels.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The American navy will number a total of 1291 vessels, including 40 battleships and 329 destroyers, on July 1, 1920, according to a statement prepared by Rear Admiral Griffin, chief of the bureau of

and just getting light when the troops started over, but the American flag was waving and bands were playing.

The people were out to see the first crossing of the Rhine by hostile troops in more than a century. The doughboys marched over in an undramatic manner just as they crossed the Moselle into the fatherland. The aged crest of the Ehrenbreitstein fortress looked down in impotence as the men in khaki went on their way to make sure that Germany could not start the war again.

Christmas Confections



Come to us for your oranges, apples, nuts, raisins, and all needed ingredients for the Christmas cooking. Our stock is large, of the very best quality and at the right prices.

SPECIAL PRICES ON APPLES AND ORANGES BY THE BOX

Arnold Brothers

GROCERIES AND FEED.

WHY IS CROCKETT SO INDIFFERENT?

A HUNDRED AND FORTY HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS WITHOUT A RESPONSE

Two years and nine months ago, after a series of mass meetings and a thorough canvass of the town, the merchants and professional men of Crockett decided to launch, through the Commercial Club, a movement intended to bring about a closer business and social relationship between the farmers and merchants, with a view of mutual advancement. In other words it was to be helpful co-operation.

The cornerstone of the structure to be thus erected was the fulfillment of a promise on the part of the merchants to provide a shipping market for all products in excess of supplying the local demand, so that the farmer could depend upon selling for cash at a fair price any product that he might bring to town in a marketable condition.

Then it was generally understood that the club was to originate and assist in developing industries and activities that might be of value to the community, and especially that might be helpful to the farmers, realizing that he must be made prosperous before the town people could be materially benefited.

A ground floor store room for club headquarters was secured and properly equipped, a paid secretary engaged and instructed to cut loose, with the assurance that the whole town, through carefully selected permanent committees, were behind him to assist in bringing about the needed reforms.

A Good Beginning.

Now you must admit that was a promising send-off. The secretary being an old newspaper publisher, knew the value of publicity through the columns of the home papers, so the proprietors of the Courier and Times were interviewed and all the space needed to keep the citizens of Houston county regu-

COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

Terrible Suffering From Headache, Sideache, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Philpot, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It was right under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days... I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go... I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me.

One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading its testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did, for I began to improve when, on the second bottle... I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful bad health. I will always praise and recommend Cardui." Try Cardui today. 28

larly informed as to the workings of the club was cheerfully donated.

The secretary was expected to do most of the originating, including suggestions as to the best manner of putting these ideas into active operation. Now wasn't it reasonable for the secretary to expect that, when he hit the bull's eye, enough of the citizens would respond to help make the suggestion bear fruit?

How It Didn't Work.

Every week since that start was made, with two exceptions, an article containing one or more suggestions in both Crockett papers, making a total of a hundred and forty appeals to the progressiveness of our citizens, have appeared without a single response. That is, enough of a response to develop energy sufficient to make a try-out. The overall factory proposition is the one exception and we have hopes of securing this industry now that the war is over.

To prove there was merit in at least some of these suggestions we herewith present an editorial from the Houston Post of last Friday in which a number of the ideas that we have most persistently advocated are emphatically endorsed:

"There is need for every town in Texas to enter the new year with the determination to co-operate with the farmers of the community in their every undertaking.

"Co-operation means much more now than it did a few years ago, and results prove that it accomplished much more. In a degree this is due to the farmers themselves. They are finding they can make more money when they enter into the co-operative plans proposed by their town neighbors. Largely the increased results from co-operation come from the fact that town people have proved that their welfare is dependent on the welfare of the farmers about them, and they are more willing than ever to do all in their power to aid in bringing prosperity to the farmer. The Texas town that starts 1919 with a sweet potato drying plant, a community canning plant, machinery and warehouses for handling the peanut crop, and an arrangement whereby the farmer may be assured of a market for whatever he may bring in to sell—that town is on the high road to prosperity."

Could a more emphatic and encouraging endorsement of what the Crockett Commercial Club has been trying to bring about be found than this? Or is there anything more needed to prove that we are on the right track?

We will simply add that every one of the 140 suggestions referred to above has been successfully adopted elsewhere. Why not try a few of the choice ones mentioned in the Post editorial right here. Did any one hear a responsive echo?

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

Fixing quotas has been such a familiar feature of previous campaigns, whether to sell Liberty Bonds or to raise welfare and relief funds, that the failure to assign a quota to Crockett in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is arousing discussion.

The reason given by the local Red Cross Chapter is logical. The Red Cross now is so widely known and so strongly approved that the goal of the Christmas Roll Call is nothing short of "Universal Membership." In other words, the census figures will be Crockett's quota, as they will be for the whole nation.

The week of December 16-23 will see this apparently formidable task accomplished, because there will be an eager spirit of co-operation. More than 22,000,000 present members in the United States will answer "Here," and it is the hope of the Red Cross War Council that treble or quadruple that number will join and so permit a Christmas Eve cable to Europe that the American people are solidly behind the Red Cross.



Christmas Greetings

AS THE GOOD YEAR PASSES AWAY WE WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE AND LOYALTY, AND WE ASSURE YOU THAT IT HAS BEEN OUR PURPOSE TO ELIMINATE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE UNPLEASANT THINGS THAT NATURALLY COME AND GO WITH THE ACCUMULATION OF BUSINESS WORRIES. WE WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE GOOD POSSIBLE FOR THE COMING YEAR.

JAMES S. SHIVERS

Crockett's Big Store

SAYS NEWSPAPERS ARE MOST LIBERAL

Publicity Council at Washington Marvels at Amount of Space Contributed.

Thomas R. Shipp, publicity counsel in Washington for the united war work drive, who has been actively identified with practically every war activity, pays a handsome tribute to the generosity of American newspapers in connection with the promotion of national tasks.

In a statement to Editor and Publisher Mr. Shipp says:

"The greatest contribution to the war by any single class of men has been made by the editors of the United States. If the dollars and cents value alone of the space American editors have given to advance war movements could be computed its aggregate value in money would be staggering. It would far exceed any contribution from any other single industry.

"The space editors have given has not been 'run-of-the-paper,' either. It has been the very best position. If it were limited only to the space given to publicity designed to advance war activities that space alone would run into the millions of dollars. But the newspapers have given advertising space, too, and their business and advertising managers have gone out and had some of their biggest advertisers substitute war advertising for their usual display, when it meant not a cent more to the

paper.

"In the war work campaign with which I have been connected I have been delighted, and yet amazed at the generosity of editors, especially since I know they are literally deluged with a flood of free publicity from nearly every source.

"The war is filling newspaper space; the high price of print paper, high wages and other conditions are cutting space down; every organization closely or remotely connected with war work is grinding out publicity copy by the reams, yet editors have slighted no single worthy war enterprise. On the other hand, they have been imposed upon by unworthy enterprises conducted under the guise of war relief.

"I believe that many government and private organizations are wasting much money in getting out publicity to which it is manifestly impossible for editors to give space, no matter how much they would like to do so.

"This generosity on the part of the press associations and newspapers has been true from the very first of our war publicity, which may be said to date from the organization of the first publicity for the Red Cross. From the start, the demand from editors for stories on the Red Cross work were so numerous that no one should say he 'conducted' its publicity. Our staff was simply kept busy filling orders.

"All this simply proves that the editor and business manager, although hard hit by the war, have given millions of dollars' worth of space. The exact

amount can never be known.

The newspapers have contributed ever since the beginning of the war, and before the war. They have given free the commodity they have to sell—space—which is just as much a commodity as that of any manufacturer. And while they were giving their commodity, they were, as individuals, buying liberty bonds, contributing to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, Y. M. H. A. and other war work, the same as any other citizens."

General Pershing Reports 40,400 Casualties Unverified.

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Pershing cabled the war department today that practically complete reports of deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the department by Dec. 20 and of severely wounded by Dec. 27.

General Pershing said that the number of unreported casualties in process of verification at the central records office of the expeditionary forces Dec. 14 was 40,440. They were divided as follows:

Killed in action, 390; died of wounds, 275; died of disease, 353; accidentally killed, 51; severely wounded in action 39,371. These include all "suspense cases under investigation," the general said.

Do not plant any cotton that does not produce a good yield of long staple another year. There is nothing better for Houston county than Mebane. We will have a car for sale about January first. Jas. S. Shivers.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line.

Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bills.

In case of errors or omissions in legal or other advertisements, the publishers do not hold themselves liable for damage further than the amount received by them for such advertisement.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Courier will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

HISTORY IN THE LONG LEAF PINE BELT.

Passing through the Long Leaf Pine Belt, and overtaking a few boys "just let loose from school," I told my chauffeur to hold up and take them in. To test their knowledge of the glorious history of their country, I asked them who discovered America. The oldest one, in a fine, loud, keen, shrill voice that echoed through the forest, answered: "Col-um-bius!"

The next question I put to him was, "Who was the first president?" Encouraged by his first effort, which I had assured him was excellent, he answered in a tone still more assuring: "Wash-ing-ton!"

"Perfect! Grand! Now, tell me, who is governor of Texas?"

The little fellow, with still greater emphasis, and reaching the highest key of his tenor voice, exclaimed: "Wood-row Wil-son!"

That Long Leaf Pine Belt is a perfect woodland. The person who would tire of it hath no part in the love of Nature, or interest in the study of his own kith and kin. The natives are one hundred per cent Anglo-Saxon, or nearly so. Here they have lived from generation to generation, deviating neither to the right nor to the left, either religiously, politically or socially. Their hospitality is as generous as the beautiful streams that meander through the forests.

The "Old Hardshell" faith in its most primitive form and simplicity still prevails in some sections, and it carries with it the time-honored guarantee of honesty and integrity. I can see now, in fancy, a group of these devoted and staunch defenders of the Inspired Word, as they were gathered that August day, in a lonely grove, far from the "maddening crowd," the interpreter in shirt sleeves, with a pathos and zeal characteristic of the sect, his voice rising higher and higher as he warmed up to the most exalted heights of old-time Hardshell oratory. As he explained the promises to the elect, vouchsafed to them from the foundation of the world, the satisfaction that gleamed in the faces of his auditors was sublime.

I would not, if I could, disturb the faith of these adherents of "salvation by grace, and that not of yourselves, but which is the gift of God," according to the traditions of their church.

But there have come into these regions promoters of strange heresies. They denominate themselves Holy Rollers,

Seventh Day Adventists and Apostolics. They appeal to the lowest order of human intelligence and are found principally about log camps and saw mills. They assume various awkward and unseemly attitudes, going into trances and speaking in unknown tongues. The contortions and antics which they perform, rolling over the ground and jumping up and down, present a scene absolutely ridiculous in the extreme.

Their converts from the ranks of the old settlers are very few, and their influence will disappear as knowledge and enlightenment shall spread among the people. They are more to be pitied than censured, and in after years they will only be remembered as freaks and fanatics, and the future historians will accord them no place in the upbuilding of mankind.

But there are already signs of an awakening force that will soon begin to tell in more audible fashion in the development of the country. I was amazed to find near the edge of the "Big Thicket," the haunts of wild life, such as turkeys, deer and bears, the most progressive school in any rural community in East Texas. It draws its students from a large area, and they are conveyed to and from school in large vehicles made for the purpose. There are certain stations extending miles in the country, where the children are picked up in the morning and delivered in the evening, the wagons running on schedule time. These wagons are supported by subscription and the expense is negligible when divided among all the patrons.

This school teaches, in addition to the common school subjects, manual training and domestic science. The buildings are comfortable, well arranged, thoroughly equipped, and are adequate to the large number of students. The teachers are well trained and alive to the prodigious responsibility imposed upon them. This school is situated at the town of Buna, in the southern part of Jasper county.

The town was originally a saw mill site, the land having been cut over several years ago, and agriculture is now receiving the attention of the citizens whose progress and ambition are now portrayed by the school and well cultivated fields.

A few miles further south, right close up to the "Big Thicket," lived the celebrated bear hunter whose fame extended throughout the confines of the wilderness. His name was Withers. He was a native of Shelby county, but migrated to the Big Thicket when he was yet a young man, some sixty or seventy years ago, and passed to his reward only a short time before my visit to that section. His adventures and thrilling experiences with big game would fill a volume of no mean proportions. He lived in a log hut, and was monarch of all he surveyed. He feasted upon venison, turkey and bear, cultivated a few patches around his dwelling, reared a large family, obeyed what few laws there were, and the only dread he had was that primeval conditions would not continue up to the time when Gabriel's horn should sound the last note for the gathering of the final transportation of the saints to the happy hunting land of the dead. Railroads that

came and saw mills that followed were epochs in his life that marked the ruin and desolation of his country. He never recovered from the poignant grief they visited upon his peaceful, simple life. As I stood by his hut and viewed the surroundings, still the abode of solitude, though within the sound of the long railroad trains, the vicissitudes of the life of this pioneer led me to contemplate the short time when the last wild animal of this wilderness will have paid the debt to gratify the savage lust of the gunman.—R. T. Miller in Rusk County News.

A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

This is the Christmas issue of the Courier and the last issue of the old year. Heretofore it has been the custom of the Courier to miss an issue during the holidays. That custom will be broken this year. We are enabled to get out an early issue this time and to take a brief holiday without missing a single number.

The Courier wishes its patrons, one and all—subscribers, advertisers and other patrons—all the happiness that is justly theirs at this glorious Christmas time. We hope that Santa Claus may not forget one of you, and that your stockings may be filled and overflowing with the best of which the land is plentiful. We wish no less for your happiness at the New Year, and may your prosperity be as abounding as are our desires at this time.

Those calling to renew or subscribe or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since last report are as follows:

Mrs. R. J. Dominy, Ratchiff.
A. J. Morrow, Lovelady Rt. 3.
Sam H. Sharp, Lovelady.
J. R. McIver, Madisonville.
A. J. Pratt, Crockett.
J. M. Pelham, Grapeland Rt. 1.
Ben Janes, Crockett.
George W. Taylor, Creek.
J. P. Brannen, Westville.
Rev. T. M. Buller, Crockett Route 5.
J. C. Wootters, Crockett.
Whit F. Dent, U. S. S. Denver.
W. C. DuPuy, Kennard.
J. A. Beathard, Crockett Route A.
J. E. Allen, Crockett Rt. 1.
Mrs. M. Scarborough, Crockett.
G. W. Ritter, Lovelady.
J. O. Kelley, Crockett Rt. A.
E. C. Cauthen, Crockett Rt. 2.
Brooke-Morris Lumber Co., Crockett.
Dr. S. A. Miller, Crockett.
Miss Nora Goodjion, Christine, Texas.
A. W. Gossett, Crockett.
Leonard Arnold, Crockett.
H. J. Trube, Crockett.
T. J. Waller, Crockett.
J. L. Sherman, Crockett.
Everett Douglass, Crockett.
W. R. Lewis, Crockett.
R. J. Spence, Crockett.
D. F. Arledge, Crockett.
A. W. Ellis, Crockett.
J. S. Arrington, Crockett.
D. R. Baker, Cooper, Texas.
Mrs. L. A. Collins, Crockett.
Miss Lola Janes, Crockett.
Wesley Knox, Lovelady Rt. 2.
Alex Davis (col.), Crockett Route 4.

George Willcox Dead.

Mr. George Willcox, one of Houston county's best citizens and farmers, died at his home near Creath Tuesday morning, a victim of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon and interment followed in the Cedar Point cemetery. Mr. Willcox leaves a family who have the sympathy of a large community in their sad loss. The Courier, together with all others who knew Mr. Willcox, feels keenly the loss of so good a friend and so excellent a citizen.

"THE HOWARDS"

Table Board
\$25.00 per Month

Single dinners 50c
Sunday dinners 75c

RELIEF WORK MUST BE CONTINUED

Enrollment of Members in Red Cross Should Be Nation-wide.

Now that the war is won, many Crockett citizens are asking why the Red Cross is planning to enroll the entire population of the city as members the week before Christmas.

The chairman of the local executive committee of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call organization makes the following reply:

"Starvation, sickness and sorrow did not vanish in Europe when the fighting ceased. On the contrary, the new conditions have revealed greater opportunities for the American people, through the Red Cross, to extend relief. This work is just as imperative in peace as in war, though not so dramatic.

"Besides, Crockett boys in France or in home camps, with millions of other American soldiers and sailors, have a right to expect that Red Cross service will be continued for them in full measure until demobilization is completed. This means the Red Cross must 'carry on' for many months, and the money raised through membership dues will help finance the service."

All that is asked of any adult in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is that he or she shall have "a heart and a dollar." When you multiply these hearts and dollars by the millions of hearts and dollars in the United States, it is evident that a substantial total will be raised if the response to the Roll Call is general.

Children will not be solicited, as they already are represented in the school auxiliaries, or will enroll through the auxiliaries at twenty-five cents a year, but they will be valuable aids in the Roll Call by reminding their parents of the opportunity to register approval of the greatest relief work in the history of the world.

Cotton Shortage.

Only 25,034 bales of cotton have been ginned in Houston county from the 1918 crop up to December 1, according to the figures of E. B. Hale, cotton census enumerator. Compared with 31,078 bales ginned prior to the same day in 1917, the Houston county crop is more than 6,000 bales short this year.

Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution and order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 9th day of December, 1918, by Barker Tunstall, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-seven Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of H. J. Arledge, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5696, and styled H. J. Arledge vs. W. H. Kuhlman et al., placed in my hands for service, I, R. J. Spence as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of December, 1918, levy on

FOR COLDS AND GRIPPE DOCTORS ADVISE

The Improved Calomel Tablet That Is Entirely Purified of All Nauseating and Dangerous Qualities.

Physicians are warning the public against trifling with colds, influenza and grippe. They say that a brisk calomel purgative, preferably Calotabs, the new and improved calomel tablet, should be invariably taken at bed time and repeated the second or third night, if necessary. In the earliest stages, one Calotab is usually sufficient unless the case is particularly severe.

Physicians say that it is a waste of time and is dangerous to experiment with other laxatives, as calomel is absolutely necessary sooner or later. One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with diet, work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your whole system is purified and refreshed. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Recommended and guaranteed by druggists everywhere. Price refunded if you are not delighted. Adv.

certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Situated in Houston county, Texas, being part of A. E. Gossett survey and bounded as follows: Beginning on the South West corner of the original three acres owned by the Crockett Circuit of the M. E. Church South, the same being the North West corner of the H. W. Brunner survey. Thence North, at 69 1-24 varas corner; thence East at 120 varas stake on the east line of said Three Acre tract; thence South 25 1-24 varas intersects H. W. Brunner's North line; thence South 70 west at 128 varas to the place of beginning, containing one acre of land, more or less.

From which the following tract of land is excepted: Beginning at the S. W. corner of said survey, which is the N. W. corner of the H. W. Brunner tract, immediately on the Rusk road or street in the north part of the City of Crockett. Thence North with the said road or street 80 feet; thence E. 120 feet; thence South 75 feet to a corner on the south edge of a street between Brunner survey and this tract; thence south 70 West 120 feet to the place of beginning; and levied upon as the property of W. H. Kuhlman, Mrs. W. H. Kuhlman and Mabel T. Johnson, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1919, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution and order of sale, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Kuhlman, Mrs. W. H. Kuhlman and Mabel T. Johnson.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 9th day of December, 1918. R. J. Spence,
3t. Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

DR. SAM'L A. MILLER

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Greetings



WE WISH TO THANK THOSE

Who have so materially contributed to our most gratifying success through this year, and sincerely hope for your continued patronage during the coming new year.

Best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

DEUPREE & WALLER, Inc.
Furniture and Undertaking

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

To show our appreciation to our friends and the general public, we wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

H. J. PHILLIPS

WE THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

For the liberal patronage you have accorded us this season, and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year, with best wishes for our continued friendship throughout the coming year. ¶ The pleasure that we derive from Christmas is the pleasure we make for others. We hope that the gifts purchased from us will convey the full measure of happiness that the donors anticipated.

Smith-Murchison Hardware Company

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

¶ We take this opportunity to wish for all our many friends and patrons whom it will be impossible to see personally the season's greetings.

¶ We wish you a good old fashioned Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

TOWERY MOTOR COMPANY

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

¶ May your friendships be unbroken, your accumulation of cheerful recollections and affections many, and the coming year bring you health, happiness and prosperity — the best you have ever known.

KENT & TRUBE

TO OUR FRIENDS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

¶ To those who appreciate the values this store has always given, and who have favored us with their patronage throughout the year, we wish to extend to them the greetings of the season. It is our hope that all the people everywhere will have a joyous Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

W. V. McCONNELL
J. W. McConnell, Manager

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

¶ May the dawn of Christmas morning fill your hearts with happiness, and may it last through the years to come, is the wish of

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Crockett, Texas

THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

Prompts us to express to you our appreciation for the bountiful patronage extended to us during the year and wish you and yours

A Very Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year

BROOKE-MORRIS LUMBER COMPANY

Headquarters for Shingles, Lumber, Lime Cement and Brick

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

¶ At this season of good cheer we extend to our friends and customers our very best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and successful New Year. We are indeed grateful for the business given us during 1918, and hope to be able to serve you during 1919.

EAST TEXAS GARAGE
B. J. Mincher

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To our good and loyal friends: It is again our pleasure to extend to you our best wishes and Christmas greetings.

May your holiday season be full of pleasure and your future laden with prosperity, good health and happiness.

EDMISTON BROTHERS

s! Happy New Year!

By Those Who Wish Every Good To Come Your Way



**TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS
AND FRIENDS**

For that which has made possible our friendly relations during the year, we are very grateful. It has given us the opportunity of knowing you better, and the pleasure of working for you. Accept our heartiest expressions of the season's greetings and success for you in 1919.

CALLAWAY
Furniture and Undertaking.

OUR GREETINGS TO YOU

On this great day, fittingly called the "Birthday" of the world, we extend to you and yours our sincere wishes for a happy and joyous Christmas, and our earnest hope that after enjoying the holiday festivities in the fullest measure the New Year will unfold with a bright and prosperous outlook.

A. B. BURTON

OUR HOLIDAY GREETING

The officers and directors of the Crockett State Bank extend their hearty greetings to all depositors and friends and wish for all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The bank takes this opportunity to thank the people for the generous patronage enjoyed during the past year and the bank enters upon the new year with every promise of a prosperous year of business.

CROCKETT STATE BANK

HERE'S MY HAND TO YOU

In the firm grip of friendship, here's my toast to you and those you love. Here's my best wish for your full enjoyment of Christmas and the coming New Year. I thank you for the many favors shown and the liberal patronage given me during the past year.

J. L. ARLEDGE
Tailor



Christmas

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

At this season, when all hearts are beating with the spirit of Christmas and good will toward men prevails uppermost in the minds of the people, we wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank you for the patronage given us during the past year, and feel that our dealings have been mutually beneficial.

DAN J. KENNEDY
Quality Place

OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

By the continued patronage of the people of Houston county we have been enabled to build a business that we are truly proud of. To everyone who has in any way contributed to our success we wish to extend to you and yours the season's best wishes, and hope that you will have a real enjoyable Christmas, and all the blessings that could possibly be crowded into 1919.

**Crockett Grocery and Baking
Company**

**TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND
PATRONS**

We are very happy to again wish our many friends and patrons a Christmas of real joy and pleasure. It is a source of much gratification to express our thanks to our patrons for the splendid patronage they have given us, making this our most successful year.

CROCKETT MOTOR COMPANY
W. E. Robertson

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

To those who have by their patronage enabled us to make the success we have we want to extend today our thanks, and wish for you all manner of pleasures during the holiday season, and a most prosperous New Year.

N. L. ASHER
Shoes and Clothing

YULETIDE GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to give you our thanks for the patronage you have bestowed upon us in the past, and assure you of the warm appreciation of these favors which have helped to make this store's business such a gratifying success. May you be the recipient of a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

E. DOUGLAS

To My Many Friends—

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A BRIGHT NEW YEAR**

Glad I'm living here on earth,
Glad that you are, too.
Half the joy of bein' here is
Havin' friends like you.

A. E. OWENS
County Clerk



Merry Christmas! Ha

All These Five Words Can Say Are Sent By Those Who