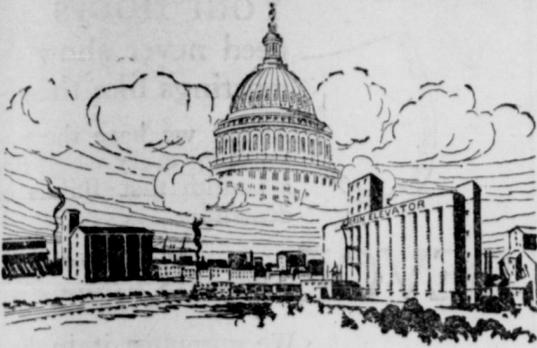


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## Helping Farmers With Their Grain

The Federal Reserve Banking System established by the government stands back of the farmer from the time he breaks ground till his crop is harvested. Special facilities are provided for carrying grain in elevator.

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THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

Doyel Foster who has been in training at Great Lakes Ill. has landed safe in France.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Upham and younger daughter, Fern, returned home Monday after having visited in Hooker, Okla.

and Elkhart, Kansas for about ten days.

Jesse Leadbetter who left here the 25th of April has landed safely over seas.

Miss Lois Bullock left Tuesday for her home near Sabanno.

### Fire

The home of C. M. Stone 13 miles north east of town burned Tuesday. It is supposed that the fire was caused from the oil stove. Mrs. Stone, who was the only person near by, says she had gone out to the well house, and when she came back the house was filled with smoke so that she could not get in to save anything.

J. R. Hindman of Endee, N. M., who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Cooper went home Wednesday on account of the death of his father-in-law.

Mrs. Paschall and Mrs. H. M. Smith went to Alanreed today to assist the ladies at that place in the Red Cross work.

Mrs. Johnston and daughter, Miss Ray of Shamrock spent last week end with Mrs. R. S. Jordan and family.

Frank Faulkner returned Saturday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been for a week or two.

Grand mother Stephens of Hollis, Okla. visited friends and relatives this week.

J. H. Aldous and wife of Shamrock visited C. C. Cook and family yesterday.

Mrs. C. A. Watkins is on the sick list this week.

### Mrs. Cousins Entertains

On June 25th a jolly party of women assembled at the home of Mrs. Cousins each lady taking a specially prepared dish. The occasion being Mrs. Cousins birthday.

At noon a very elaborate dinner was served in the yard under the trees. Each lady tried to see how much she could knit that day for the soldiers.

As each guest took their departure they wished Mrs. Cousins many happy returns of her day.

Rev. Reagan returned Monday from Childress, where he was called to the bedside of his wife last week. Mrs. Reagan has undergone two operations and has been in a very serious condition. Her husband reports that she is very much improved but will be in the hospital for about a month yet. The News joins her many friends in hoping she will be with us again in a short time.

Mrs. Arthur Erwin returned home Friday night from Cisco and other places where she has been visiting for several weeks. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Moss, who will visit with her for a while.

Mrs. R. S. Jackson has returned from Vernon where she attended the funeral of her father.

Jesse Morton and Dewitt Burk went to Pampa Wednesday.



## Honesty Is The Best Policy Besides Being Right.

We could not afford to misrepresent, in the slightest degree, anything that we sell, because we realize that every permanent success is based upon the principle that—

**“HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY”**

## Erwin Drug Company

The *Penall* Store

Miss Jesse Alexander left Tuesday for Hedley where she will visit home folks and friends for about two weeks

Dr. Blackwell and wife of Alanreed were visitors in our city Tuesday.

Miss Robbie Ashby who has been visiting her grand parents in Okla., has returned home.

Mrs. Lela Sherrod and Miss Jennie Sherrod of Alanreed were pleasant callers at the News office Tuesday afternoon.



## Money Mounts Up

if properly handled. To handle it rightly a good banking connection is necessary. An account here, for instance, will prove a very profitable and convenient arrangement for you. We operate under the Guaranty Fund Law of the State of Texas, under which no man ever lost a dollar.

## THE CITIZENS STATE BANK

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W. E. BALLARD, M.  
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Vice President  
CLAY E. THOMPSON  
Cashier  
C. C. BOGAN  
Assistant Cashier

Mrs. G. W. Sullivan and two daughters, Miss Fay and Mrs. Moore left Tuesday for Ft. Worth, where they visit John Sullivan, who is in training at Camp Bowie.

Ray and Joe Loftin of Alanreed were in McLean Monday.

Miss Esta Hurst, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Stockton, left Sunday for her home in Oklahoma City.

Ollie Homel of Camp Bowie is visiting home folks at Alanreed. He was circulating with friends in McLean Monday.

### See Your Local Dealer First

In your search for bargains and savings you can often do best right here at home. Our local dealers frequently undersell the catalog houses and give you just as good values.

And many times they can give you much better quality for the same money you would have to send away. So when you have selected the article you want, go to your local merchant and see what he has to offer.

It takes little effort to do this and may result in real savings—of money, time, trouble and disappointment.

California has a large ranch stocked with Swiss and Nubian goats, the milk from which is condensed and canned. Goat's milk is said to be very rich, and is in demand as nourishing food for invalids. A well-bred milch goat will produce yearly 12 times its weight in milk. A cow produces yearly three times her weight if she is a good milker, but the goat can be depended upon for a steady supply of milk at all times through the year. —Farm and Ranch

Plans are under way, fostered by patriotic organizations, to secure twenty million signatures to a pledge to buy no German made products. The movement is extending throughout the allied countries. Germany's troubles will only be fairly unde way when the war is over.

### A Protective Policy

A colored recruit said he intended to take out the full limit of Government insurance, \$10,000. On being told by a fellow soldier that he would be foolish to pay on so much when he was likely to be shot he replied: 'Huh! I reckon I knows what I's doin'. You-all don't s'pose Uncle Sam is gwine to put a \$10,000 man in the first-line trenches do you?' Exchange

The loafer must go. New York, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia have passed laws which require that every able bodied man, without regard to fortune, shall labor usefully thirty-six hours a week or go to jail. Canada has a similar law.

A shipbuilding yard down at Orange has originated a type of wooden vessel which appeals so strongly to the shipping board that duplicates of the type will be ordered built in large number. These ships will have the maritime distinction of being the largest wooden vessels ever built. The new type of ship now under construction at Orange will register 4,700 tons. The shipping board will increase the tonnage to an even 5,000 in the new vessels of the Texas type. It is a matter of rejoicing that Texas originates a type of ship making a world's record possible. Grand old Texas.—Ft. Worth Star Tel.

Albert Brewer and family of Heald were in town Saturday.

Mrs. E. B. Watson of Gotebo, Okla. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cook this week.

There will be no services at the Presbyterian church Sunday as the pastor will be in Shamrock.

The exact number of American soldiers landed in France up to July 2 was 1 019,115. Of this number 700 000 are fighting troops.

News came to McLean Tuesday morning that A G Richardson, former editor of the McLean News had arrived safely over seas. We wish him a safe sojourn in Europe and trust he may return to his native country safe and sound when this great struggle is over.

Mrs. Ballew and son Houston were in town Saturday.

High winds did slight damage around McLean Saturday.

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Yours in loyalty and low prices,  
Haynes-Mertel Grocery Co.

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Help your Government by laying in your coal early, for they will need the cars later to move war equipments.

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Mrs. L. MOODY, EDITOR  
Miss RENA MOODY, ASSISTANT

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**Announcements**

The following announcements are subject to the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1918:

For Representative, 124th District:

C. W. TURMAN  
H. B. HILL

For County Judge:

T. M. WOLFE  
J. W. TURNER  
I. E. DUNCAN

For County and District Clerk:

W. R. PATTERSON

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

W. S. COPELAND  
S. L. BALL  
W. A. CLARK  
RAWDON BATES  
J. C. RIDER

For Tax Assessor:

A. H. DOUCETTE  
T. H. PHILPOTT  
J. H. SAUNDERS  
J. B. PASCHALL  
MISS RUBY COOK

For County Treasurer:

HENRY THUT  
MISS MARIAM WILSON

For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 5:

J. DEAN KINARD  
C. C. COOPER

Commissioner, Prec. 4:

F. NEWTON

**Ad Infirmitum.**

How can a man  
Bewail his fate  
Who still has time  
To dig some bait,  
And fishing go  
Down sunny lanes  
Where birds uplift  
Their glad refrains.  
—Birmingham Age Herald.

How can a man  
Think life is hard  
When he can seek  
The baseball yard,  
And gloat upon  
Each two-base whack  
And live on pop  
And crackerjack.  
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

How can a man  
Say life is grim  
When golf is calling  
Unto him?  
So long as he  
Can get a dive  
He should be glad  
That he's alive.  
—Detroit Free Press.

How can a man  
Pronounce life drear,  
Women, either  
Declare it serene,  
When he or she  
In such menace,  
Can peck up by  
Playing tennis.  
—Philadelphia Ledger.

How can a man  
Be out of cord  
With life, when he  
Can own a Ford,  
And ride each day  
O'er country roads,  
Kill chickens, ducks  
And dogs and toads.  
—Wilks Barre Times Herald

How can a man  
Say life is punk  
And its rewards  
Are only junk,

When he sits down  
At lunch and hears  
His family play  
On roas'in' ears.  
—Houston Post.

How can man  
Be out with Dame  
Nature when  
A croquet game  
Out on the lot  
Is going well  
And leave this life  
For one in —.

**Two More Editors Get Right.**

C. W. Worwick, who for the past eight years has been editor of the Randle County News at Canyon, has joined the Y. M. C. A. workers for Uncle Sam and will report for duty at New York July 8 for oversea work. He does not say who will take up the pencil in his stead. Mr. Worwick has given Canyon a first class paper and has won the respect and hearty liking of every editor in the Panhandle. He will be greatly missed. But knowing that he is proving his worth and his patriotism, and that he goes to face his duty to humanity with courage and a cheerful spirit that gives "pep" to all that he does and in spite of the fact that we will greatly miss him at home, we are heartily glad that he has taken upon his broad shoulders the load and is going to carry it to Berlin and be with the boys when they "go over the top." God knows that good and true men are needed and no broader field can be found than the Y. M. C. A.. We are glad that friend Worwick is going to help smite the Hun. Glad that he has seen his way clear and has taken the most important step in his life. He takes the best wishes of the entire Panhandle Press with him as he goes forth under the dear old flag.

And right after we got through reading about Editor Worwick, we picked up the McLean News and found that its editor, M. L. Moody, would leave June 25 for Camp Travis, as he is in the draft. Before this he is probably taking lessons in how to make a soldier out of a good editor. His mother and sister will have charge of the paper. A printer will look after the mechanical part of the shop and the editor hopes that the "not so good looking as the editor, will give satisfaction." The McLean News is a splendid paper and is growing better all the time. We have no doubt that the mother and sister who are left behind will keep the sheet up to its present standard and by doing their bit at home, while Mr. Moody is doing his abroad, put the kaiser on the run and prod him to a swifter pace out of Belgium and France and eventually take him hide and hair so that he will look like a bum jitney the next time he poses for Napoleon. In fact, we hope the kaiser will never again have the chance to pose as anything. We are prone to rejoice that another Panhandle editor has joined the colors. A man who has run a newspaper and made good will make a mighty good soldier and the more such soldiers there are in the mighty army of our land, the quicker the war will end and end Germany for all time to come. And another thing. We are highly pleased to know that the women are taking up the work and that "business as usual" will be kept up and "the home fires will be kept burning till the boys come home." — The Higgins News.

Ostrich eggs are being packed in South Africa and sent to London, where it is hoped they can be used for food. One of these eggs is equal to two dozen hen's eggs and will be used in the same way.

**POULTRY WANTED**

I will start a car of poultry at McLean Wednesday, July 10th and will load at Alanreed Tuesday, July 9th at the following prices:

HENS . . . . . 19c per pound  
Roosters . . . . . 13c per pound  
1918 Friers, 1 to 2 1-2 pd. 25c  
Turkeys, all class . 14c per pound

All poultry to be delivered free from feed or nearly so.

Believe me farmer, now is the time for you to clean up your stock and make room for this year's stuff. All roosters should be marketed. It will make you money to do it.

**W. J. KEASLER**

**The Fear of Death**

What is the fear of death? Is it not an admission of a mis-spent life on earth or an expressed doubt of a future life in Heaven?

If every man believes in a Heaven for the righteous, why should any man fear to face death? Wouldn't the certainty of a more enjoyable life in the realms of glory where there is no time, cause every man to long for the last great change which should carry the admittance to never ending joy?

There is a Heaven just as surely as there is a God, and there is a God just as sure as these is light and darkness and life and death. But man is not perfect and is given the intelligence to realize his imperfections. Some men's sins are greater than are the sins of other men, while still other men of small sins—the Apostle Paul for example—count themselves as the most unworthy of all men.

By improving our habits and morals, and putting our trust in God we could to a great extent overcome this fear of death. The incentive should be sufficient to cause all of us who are capable of thinking to make such an attempt, for all of us must die.

Would it not be better to try to attain perfection and die in happiness than to live a life of dread and die in misery.—Exchange.

A quarter of a million women in England are now working more or less regularly on the land, says the London Observer. The great majority are village women who go out from their cottages and work for the farmers. Seven thousand are in the new Land army, which employs women who are recruited for a certain term and sends them wherever they are required.

The women in the land army enlist either for six or twelve months. In case of twelve months they receive two complete outfits free, consisting of a dress, corduroy breeches, strong boots, leggings overalls and hat. They also get for the year one jersey and one mackintosh. They are given four or six weeks free instruction at a training center. Their pay on the farm ranges from \$2 to \$5 a week.—Exchange.

Mr. Callahan and wife from Dumas, motored over Thursday to visit with J. O. Pearce.

**Trade Locals**

O. K. Scratch Feed for chickens. W. J. Keasler.

We have just received a large shipment of congolem rugs, grass rugs, printed and inlaid linoleum. We own this so it can be sold at reasonable prices. Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.

Painting and paper hanging—estimates on any kind of jobs furnished free. S. J. Hodges.

Have you taken advantage of our sale on mens oxfords? We are closing them out at practically wholesale cost. Come and get them. Bundy Hodges.

\$7.00 oxfords now \$5.10; \$6.50 oxfords now \$4.75. and on down the line come and get them. Bundy-Hodges.

Mr. Farmer, if you want pure hand picked red top cane seed, see McLean Hardware Co.

For sale—White iron bedstead, child's size. Also mattress and springs. Mrs. D. B. Veatch.

Wanted—Stock to pasture. 7-6 Mrs. A. A. Christian.

We still have a nice line of furniture while we realize the war is on we also realize that people want nice furniture. Our stocks are as complete as you will find in a country store. Bundy Hodges.

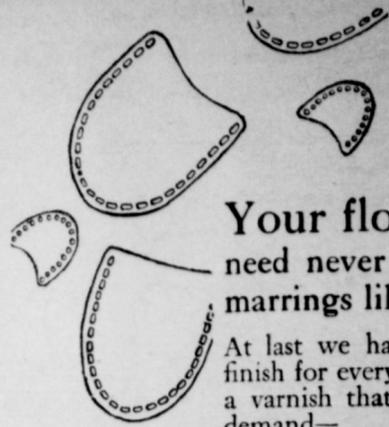
Maize for sale, \$45 per ton. F. G. Stockton. 27 3t

**A Free Guide To Canning.**

Those interested in canning should send for the department of agriculture's bulletin on that subject. It will be sent free on receipt of your postal card request to the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. It tells all about canning fruits and vegetables in glass and tin and how to make many attractive preserves, jellies, and fruit pastes.

Other free government bulletins tell how to dry fruits and vegetables with home made equipment.

S. H. Bundy, S. R. Jones, Sam Hodges and Ross Biggers and their families went out to Hackberry Creek fishing on the 4th. They report a glorious good time and caught lots of fish.



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I will pay a twenty-five dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of any party guilty of tying down any telephone wire or in any other manner tampering with the lines. The state law on the subject is as follows:

Penal code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

McLEAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

**Church Directory**

**Methodist Church.**

McLEAN.—Preaching first, second and third Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school at 10 a. m. each Sunday. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Woman's Missionary Society each Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

ALANREED.—Preaching on fourth Sunday, morning and evening. Sunday school 10 a. m. each Sunday.

HEALD.—Preaching third Sunday 3:30 p. m. Sunday school 2:30 p. m. every Sunday.

CARPENTER.—Preaching on first Sunday 3:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. every Sunday.

GRACEY.—Preaching second Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

ELDRIDGE.—Preaching on fourth Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

B. J. OSBORN, Pastor.

**Baptist Church.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. every Sunday. C. S. Rice, superintendent. Preaching every Sunday morning and evening by the pastor.

Ladies Aid meets on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Floyd, president.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

JOHN F. REAGAN, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church.**

Services every Sunday, morning and evening, except the first Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Arthur Erwin superintendent. The Ladies Aid Society meets every Wednesday at 3 p. m. Mrs. C. A. Watkins, president.

H. M. Smith, Pastor.

**Nazarene Church.**

Sunday school every Sunday morning.

Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

Preaching services every Sunday, S. R. Jones.

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The farmers of the country have in their hands a two-edged sword against Germany—production on the farm and giving financial support to our Government. They are sharpening and wielding this powerful instrument as is seen by their support of the Third Liberty Loan and the increased acreage their farms.

Subscribe for The News



# BIG RED CROSS SALE

Saturday, July 20th on the vacant lot across the street from T. J. Coffey's store.

We earnestly hope every one will contribute something to help make this a success. With your cooperation we'll make a big sale of it. Tell your friends and neighbors about this; every penny goes to the Red Cross.

The McLean Chapter in May and June shipped 10,000 pieces to headquarters. Four auxiliaries have been added to this chapter, which makes it very necessary to keep plenty of material. The Red Cross has got to be financed if we win the war.

## RED CROSS CHAPTER

McLean, Texas.

### What Kansas Did.

Nearly a hundred thousand men in harvest fields.

Something like 100,000 men maybe a few thousands more, or less— are out in the Kansas wheat fields, or will be before June and July have passed, harvesting this year's war winning crop.

Where does this army of harvest hands come from? Well, where does Pershing's army of fighters come from?— from stores and offices and banks and farms and shops, from every trade, every profession, every walk of American life. Just so in Kansas. The army of harvesters comes from the villages and towns and cities—men of every calling, men of every kind who left their town affairs for a few weeks and flocked to farms for precisely the same reasons that their relatives and friends came to the colors—to play a part in winning the war.

Kansas is using as much outside farm labor as could be secured, of course, but that supply is sufficient to fill only a small part of the need. Kansas is doing what every State has done or must do—harvest its own crop with its own labor, for the most part.

Kansas towns have "shut up shop," so to speak, during the heavy period of harvest. Men from towns and cities have left their comfy jobs and professions and are putting in a few weeks of the toughest work they ever did—doing it for sheer patriotism, although, of course, they harvest hand wages—do save a food crop, the

saving of which is as necessary as the holding of a sector on the fighting line.

It is an inspiring picture of patriotism. First the young manhood of a free people freely marching away to fight for the world's freedom; now the home remaining manhood leaving desk and shop and turning to the harvest fields, in order that the fighters, and the civilians sustaining the fighters, may be fed and the fight continue to a victorious end.

It really means that the Allies have won another great battle—that is the true appraisal of this scene in Kansas, where men from every town and city went into physical training classes for a few weeks hardening, and then swept across the grain fields, toiling determinedly—not because of anything under the sun except that they are Americans, and therefore are willing and eager to work until they drop if that will help crush the Hun.

The town women of Kansas volunteered for the harvest army and so did the boys. And they are working—the women peeling potatoes and washing dishes and cooking food for the harvesters; the boys fitting in at every sort of odd job for which they are sufficiently strong or skillful—the men thus being free to devote their entire energy to the actual harvest.

For months the United States Department of Agriculture has advocated for every community and county the policy which Kansas has given state-wide application. The people of Nebraska, Minnesota, North and South Dakota plan similar concert of

action as the harvest swings northward. In every State and for every harvest, or crop emergency, this is the safe and certain and patriotic solution of the farm-labor problem—the utilization of town volunteers to the extent that farm-labor needs may require.

### Attention Women

Remember that tomorrow, July 6th, W. S. Copeland will be in McLean for the purpose of registering the lady voters.

Let every woman who wishes to have a voice in the election of officers for our state and county as well as precinct, be on hand. The registration will be held in Foster & Childress real estate office.

### Picnic

The people of the Presbyterian church with a number of their friends spent most of this 4th of July at Peterson Creek, enjoying their selves in the open air and hot sunshine. Every body says they had a most splendid dinner and spent a very pleasant day.

Messrs. J. W. McAdams and Willie Cash, Miss Cook and the Misses Biggers went to Pampa to the Red Cross ball Thursday night.

Miss Susie Fowler of Amarillo visited M. M. Newman and family Wednesday returning home Thursday.

Miss Estelle Cooper went to Endee N. M. Wednesday.

Buck Cook went to Wellington today.



### Red Cross Column

We have one "Grandma" in town who is worthy of mention for she is certainly doing her "bit" towards supplying the soldier boys with the necessary knit articles.

Grandma Haynes who is 78 years old has knit 15 sweaters, 4 helmets and 18 pairs of socks.

All chapters are under orders just the same as the soldiers are. New rules and regulations for carrying on the Red Cross work is being perfected. We have received our quota for garments and knitting and they expect us to do all that they ask and no more. The work must be done in three months. At the present no changes have been made in the surgical department and we have a bill for 1250 yards of gauze which will be here in a few days.

During the months of May and June our book shows that we have made and sent to headquarters 10,145 pieces, including 9198 surgical dressings, 572 knit articles, 305 garments and 70 comfort kits. The Heald auxiliary furnished of these 156 garments, 61 comfort kits, 35 pairs socks, 5 pairs wristlets, 7 helmets and 8 sweaters.

For some time the work room has been opened on Saturday afternoon but not enough workers come to justify us in keeping it open, therefore during the warm weather we think it advisable to remain closed on this day.

### When You Need a Dray

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An auxiliary has been organized at Steed and they are busy making 1000 slings for the boys "over there". We are anxious to organize more auxiliaries. Everyone should be helping in this great work.

### Over the Top With the W. S. S.

Last Friday afternoon the people of McLean and vicinity assembled at the tabernacle for the purpose of pledging the President. The amount we were required to raise was \$35,000. The men subscribed very liberally, but it took some time to raise this quota. But rather than stop without accomplishing their aim, the men kept adding a little more to their subscriptions, and digging a little deeper, until the amount was pledged.

Grandpa Fort—well known to most McLean people died Wednesday night July 3 at Endee N. M.

W. R. Wise and family went to Clararendon Wed

A ten dollar war tax on town dogs would feed many soldiers and perhaps serve to get rid of a lot of worthless and meddlesome town dogs, and at the same time conserve a lot of food for more useful purposes.

—Panhandle Herald.  
Well said. Dogs are a perfect nuisance in any town. We think McLean people would do well to consider this proposition seriously and clean up the town of all useless dogs.

Clay E. Thompson and wife, C. C. Bogan and wife, J. C. Kinard and wife and Bee Everett and wife went to the Morse ranch yesterday picnicing.

Quite a number of McLean men went out to Price's ranch Thursday and

cattle, and Lumber Co. M' da: b: t

There are differences in people. Some folks are making sacrifices in their eating because it is a matter of have to, and they show by their countenances how reluctantly they comply with the demands of our nation. On the other hand you see people who are doing without sweets, iced tea, and many other things they enjoy, but the same smile of cheerfulness is seen on their faces as was seen there before the clouds of war overhung our fair land. These latter named citizens are true patriots. They are optimistic in the real sense. They can look far enough ahead to see that privation now means permanent peace and prosperity in the future when the military spirit of the Prussian is crushed forever. The government appreciates the men and women who accept the inevitable with good grace, but those who have to be the right thing make it difficult for the war program to move along smoothly and in harmony. —Paducah Post

Its forts and its ships and its shining guns. Its squadrons that sweep the sea. Its all of the circling band of steel that shall keep the home shores free. Its grub and its warmth for the sailor lad, far out on the wintry foam—for the brave jack tar, as he fights afar, its the good old "Money from Home."

Its rifle and helm and its bayonet, its shovel and shard and shell, for the soldier boy in the olive drab, out there on the edge of hell. Its the soaring wings of the whirling planes that battle on high alone. For the lad who is daring "Over There," its the good old "Money from Home."

Its succor and life for a bleeding world, its the glimmer of Peace at dawn. Its the strength of a mighty arm to strike. Its the gleam of a great sword drawn but more than all, its the pledge of love to the lads whom we call "Our Own," to the boys on land, afloat or on high, its the good old "Money from Home."

Miss Riby Cook is canvassing for Tax Assessor, in Alanreed today.

Ye printer of ye Emblem of truth now afflicted with that most wonderful disease of the jaw called mumps, and he is unable to understand just why such punishment should be meted out on him as he has never done anything worse than stick his foot through a form of type leaning against the wall? But he has them (on both sides) whether he was guilty of a justifying offence or not. The printer would not have objected to the lay off except for the fact that he was unable to drink a good soda pop on the fourth without feeling as if his head were set upon the top of a standing collar with an edge of the rip saw model.

Miss Gaynell Wilson, supervisor of the Red Cross knitting department has been advised that the knitting is to be greatly increased in the next three months. We are short of knitting needles and would ask each knitter to furnish her own needles.

One of our visible effects of the war is an increased demand for candy. The American soldier has a sweet tooth, and gives fervent welcome to the packages of chocolates, etc., from mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts which find their way to the front. So clamorous is this demand that a bill has been introduced in the House to include candy in the regular ration to be served to soldiers and sailors.

H. T. Newkirk and wife and their nephew, Russel Long, of Oakwood, Texas are visiting T. W. Henry and family this week. Mr. and Mrs. Newkirk are delighted with our splendid climate and say that to eat and sleep since they have been here is indeed a delight.

Germany is combing her industries for soldiers. This means that every able-bodied man is being sent to the front, and that her factories are fast going to decay. The ruins of Belgium and Northern France will be more easily restored than the ruins of German industry.

**Shows Procedure in Notifying Relatives of Casualties**

Relatives of soldiers named in casualty lists forwarded from France ordinarily are notified within 24 hours after receipt of the lists, according to a statement authorized by the War Department. A "statistical division," with a staff of officers and a corps of stenographers, gives all its time to the maintenance of files of soldiers names and addresses. This division notifies relatives.

A copy of the roster of each contingent sailing to join the Expedition Forces is filed in card index fashion, each card bearing the name of one soldier, his organization, and the name and address of parent or other relative or friend designated by him to be notified in emergency. When a casualty list is received from Gen. Pershing each name cabled from the American Expeditionary Forces is listed with the emergency address on file in the card index. As rapidly as the new list with emergency addresses is built up the telegraph clerks get duplicates. These clerks already are supplied with blank telegrams which require only the relative's address, name of sender, nature of casualty and the date, and filling in the blank spaces they get the telegrams off as quickly as possible. In addition to maintaining the telegraph for the sake of speed the statistical division is supplied with sets of form letters to be filled in and mailed when further details are available.

While relatives are generally in receipt of information within 24 hours after cables are received, delays are sometimes due to clerical errors caused by the fact that names must pass through so many hands in France and in America, incorrect emergency addresses turned in by soldiers, removal of families to addresses other than those listed, and the occasional necessity for calling back to Gen. Pershing to verify a name or to obtain an address. Aside from these four causes of delay the only reason for the failure of relatives to receive word is military consideration. Gen. Pershing may, at his discretion, withhold a casualty list until he is positive it will have no military value to the enemy.

The News man has been asked so many times during the past week when he thought the war would be over. Frankly we know a little less about it than anyone else. There are men who can tell you the exact time. The war will be over when the kaiser is beaten and badly beaten, but we fear that will be a long while off—two years at the least. Personally, we cannot put much confidence in those stories about hunger and hunger strikes in Germany. If Germany was as well prepared for war as the world now believes, she has not yet touched her big food supplies. Production has gone on while the neighboring countries were devastated. It is now stated that Germany has failed to report to the world during the past twenty-five years a large percent of her male births, which being the case, she may have food supplies and men enough to carry on the war for a number of years. But the allies are in the war to stay to the end and to a victorious end. Whether that end is one, two, three or ten years makes on'y a matter of difference in time. Forget about the time 't may take and do all you can to make the time as short as possible. —Randall Co. News

The C. E. Turner and Davis families are visiting Jim Daugherty.

Rev. J. B. Osborn and family spent the day with Rev. Paterson and family at Shamrock last Monday.

**Why We Fight**

No. 6

Because Germany for Years Sought to Undermine Our Government and Our Ideals

By CLARENCE L. SPEED  
Secretary of the War Committee of the Union League Club of Chicago.

We are fighting Germany for the right to live our own lives as we see fit. We are fighting for our laws, our ideals, our homes, our institutions.

"But, how," one may ask, "were all these things threatened by Germany before the war started? It is easy to see how they may be threatened now, for if we are defeated we are lost, but before the war started did Germany menace those things we hold most sacred?"

Let the Germans themselves answer. After you have read the evidence out of their own mouths, you may decide whether or not Germany planned to upset our institutions, our ideals, our very mode of life.

In 1901 the National German-American alliance was formed in the United States. In 1907 it was incorporated by act of congress. Its charter is now being attacked in that same body. One of the objects of the alliance, as officially announced, was "to check nationalist encroachments." In other words, to keep the Germans from becoming Americans. Another object was "to awaken and strengthen the sense of unity among the people of German origin in America."

"This alliance," its preliminary statement of aims concludes, "is pledged to bring its entire organization to the support of any state federation which is engaged in the struggle for any of these objects."

It was pledged, in other words, to have its members vote, not as individuals, but as German controlled units, for or against anything of which they did not approve.

The desire for resisting "nationalist encroachments," was particularly abhorrent to American ideals, because the effort in this country has always been to keep politics free from racial or religious influences. Yet here was a body, proclaiming itself German in origin and thought, seeking to perpetuate this German feeling in the midst of America.

From its very start the alliance sought to foment discord with England. It always spoke of the American press as "the Anglo-American" press, and it carried out a long and well-directed campaign for the introduction of the German language into the schools and its use in civil life.

"The National Alliance," according to an issue of its official Bulletin before this nation entered the war, "is waging war against Anglo-Saxonism, against the fanatical enemies of personal liberty and political freedom, it is combating narrow-minded, benighted know-nothingism, the influence of the British, and the enslaving Puritanism, which had its birth in England."

"The race war which we will be compelled to go through with an American soil will be our world war," said the New York Staats Zeitung in fighting a proposal to amend the New York constitution to make ability to speak and write the English language a requisite for suffrage.

Ludwig Fulda wrote a book, "American Impressions." They were impressions of a German who had studied this nation with a view to seeing it ultimately Germanized. "Germanization is synonymous with causing to speak German," he said, "and speaking German means to remain German."

Wherever there were signs of discontent, of a movement which might tend to disrupt this country, or any other which Germany might find as a commercial rival, the German-American alliance was sure to be on the job. It gave support to the Irish-American societies, because these societies, before the war, were working for the separation of Ireland from England, a matter in which Germany, at that time, could have no legitimate interest. But Germany, even then, was preparing for war, and was doing every possible thing to weaken its coming enemies. A disorganized America, one filled with German reservists, would be in no position to side with her enemies, Germany figured. On this subject the much-quoted Bernhardt wrote:

"Measures must be taken at least to the extent of providing that the German element is not split up in the world, but remains united in compact blocks, and thus forms, even in foreign countries, political centers of gravity in our favor. The isolated groups of Germans abroad greatly benefit our trade, since by preference they obtain goods from Germany; but they may also be useful to us politically, as we discover in America. The German-Americans have formed a political alliance with the Irish; and, thus, united, constitute a power in the state with which the American government must reckon."

With the outbreak of the war in Europe the actions of the German-American alliance became bolder. The campaign for membership took on new vigor.

Can we talk of peace with a Germany, that, even in times of peace, is trying to disorganize our country, foment strife, and destroy our unity, simply because a strong, united nation on the other side of the world is not German? Can we make peace with a country that fills our land with paid emissaries in an effort to make its language supplant our own? Can we talk of peace while a government that considers the world its prey dominates Germany?

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