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January 30th, 1918. To the U. S. Food Administration, Washington, D. C. We are glad to join you in the service of food conservation for our nation, and we hereby pledge our support to the work of the United States Food Administration, and agree to carry out its directions and advice to the best of our ability. We further agree to co-operate fully with the Federal Food Administration of our state. The "pledge poster" has been signed and placed in a prominent location in our place of business. *Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack, Ballinger, Texas.* Pledge obtained by W. A. Francis.

Transport Sunk; 210 American Troops are Lost

Washington, Feb. 7.—The troop transport *Tuscania*, with two thousand one hundred and seventy-nine American soldiers aboard, was torpedoed and sunk Tuesday, according to official reports coming to the state department today. The first reports indicate that not more than two hundred and sixty lives were lost. Six hundred survivors landed at Larne, Ireland, dispatches received at the war department this morning state. The names of thirty survivors who landed at Islay, Scotland, have also been forwarded to the war department. The six hundred survivors who landed at Larne are believed to be part of the eleven hundred who are reported to have landed at Biscarra and Larne, in messages received at the war department last night. These dispatches, however, carried no mention of survivors landing at Islay.

The dispatches first received last night only told briefly that British hospital ships were rushing to the scene of the disaster and every means of succor were being used.

LONDON REPORTS 210 LOST

London, Feb. 7.—210 persons were lost when the *Tuscania* was torpedoed Tuesday, it was learned here today. The latest reports received here declared that 2,187 survivors had been landed. The vessel, as was announced here, carried 110 army officers and 2,037 soldiers. Of these 70 officers and 1,935 soldiers are reported to have been saved. Later figures may increase number of officers saved and decrease number of men. In addition to officers and soldiers rescued were sixteen ship officers and 125 members of the ship's crew and three passengers and 32 undesignated.

AMERICA MUST RUSH WAR PLANS

Washington, Feb. 4.—America must quicken its army preparations and not slacken in them on account of the reported labor disturbances among the central powers, Secretary of War Baker declared in an official statement today. According to Mr. Baker's statement this country must not permit any encouraging peace reports from Germany to cause a let up in preparing for pushing the war to a successful end.

J. T. Hudson of the Wilmett country and J. S. Reese of Benoit, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

BIG STRIKE ON THE WANE IN GERMANY

Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—German newspapers received here today report that the general strike in Germany is waning. Military powers have the situation well in hand in some places and strikers have been forced to return to work.

Zurich, Feb. 4.—Many lives were lost in an explosion of a munition depot at Prague, according to brief dispatches received here today.

Paris, Feb. 5.—French aviators made a raid over German lines Sunday that netted them thirteen enemy airplanes. The French shot down the German planes over German territory and returned to the French side.

Geneva, Feb. 5.—The first attempt to assassinate the kaiser was made last night. According to dispatches received here from Berlin, German strikers threw a bomb against the imperial palace last night. The message gives no details and the extent of damage is not known here.

Zurich, Feb. 5.—The war has cost Germany alone one million three hundred thousand dead, and equally as many more have been wholly or partly incapacitated by being wounded. This startling statement was made by a socialist member, Segitz in the Baccarian Diet, according to dispatches received here today.

Zurich, Feb. 6.—According to belief expressed in diplomatic circles here, Germany favors issuing an ultimatum to Russian Masimalists, demanding the immediate acceptance of the teutonic peace terms. Reports received here indicate that such an ultimatum will be issued at an early date and in case Russians refuse to accept proposed peace terms the German army will begin its march on Petrograd.

Local Grocers Pledge Conservation of Food

At a meeting of the grocers and markets, held at the Queen theatre, in Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, February 5, the undersigned were present, and pledged themselves to support our Government, and to help feed and care for our boys in Training Camps and in trenches, by following strictly the instructions of the United States Food Administration.

We are instructed by the United States Food Administration as follows:

"Wheat flour must not be sold to consumers unless at the same time the customer purchases an equal weight of cornmeal, corn flour, corn starch, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, rice, rice flour, oat meal, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soya beans flour, feterita flour and the additional purchase may consist of one or more of said substitute products.

Housewife may use separately or mix."

Mondays and Wednesdays are

wheatless days and either the morning meal or the evening meal, Wheatless every day in the week. Tuesdays are Meatless days—serve no beef, pork or mutton. One Meatless meal every day. Saturday is Porkless day—porkless means absence of pork, bacon, ham lard or other pork products, fresh or cured. We are asking that the public observe the Meatless and Wheatless days, also the Wheatless and Meatless meals, and that you help us in following instructions in regard to sales of meat, fats and wheat flour, and sugar.

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AMERICANS NOW HOLD TRENCHES IN FRANCE

NEWTON D. BAKER
Secretary of War.



Photo © by Lawrence & Poley

Washington, Feb. 2.—It was announced late today that Secretary Baker will soon go to France on a tour of inspection. Mr. Baker is making arrangements to leave his post of duty at home and go abroad to inspect American cantonnements in France and handle affairs of war across the waters. War conditions will govern the length of Mr. Baker's stay in France.

REORGANIZING ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Washington, Feb. 6.—A complete reorganization of the army and navy medical department and public health service will be made. The new organization will bring the three branches under the federal direction of Surgeon General Gorgas, if plans contemplated by Secretary Baker and announced to the senate military committee are carried out.

Chas. Ferguson had business in Rowena between trains Tuesday.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 5.—Repeated German attempts to raid the American front yesterday were defeated by crushing barrage fire from the American artillery. The Germans attempted time after time to approach the American defenses, but each time the American artillery shot forth a heavy barrage fire that crushed the enemy with great death loss.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 3.—A German barrage fire at sundown last night opened the heaviest bombardment of many days along the American sector, the American artillery replying shell for shell as the firing of the heavy guns spread along several kilometers of front. Two Americans were killed and nine wounded during the bombardment and one suffered shell shock.

With the American Army in France, Saturday, Feb. 2.—American troops now are occupying a sector of the Lorraine front in France. This announcement is permitted by the military censors.

The whole American sector is resounding with the boom of guns. Airmen became exceedingly active along the American front on Saturday. Enemy snipers wounded two Americans slightly early this morning. A shift of the wind today cleared away the mist which has hindered aerial operations and other activities for several days. A number of the battle of the air were fought by patrolling planes early this afternoon. In one instance the French aviators defeated an attempt of German fliers to cross behind the American trenches.

London, Feb. 6.—America has inaugurated a unique anti-submarine campaign, which has proven most successful. The announcement was authoritatively made today, but of course the details of the campaign were not made public.

C. R. Smith who lives east of the city on the Colorado, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

PLACED UNDER BOND FOR SEDITIOUS TALK

R. L. McElrath, a timer of Winters, who was arrested Monday and carried to San Angelo and turned over to the federal authorities, was later released on bond, and returned to his home. Wm. Smiley and I. A. Garriek, of Winters, went on the man's bond.

McElrath is charged with making seditious remarks about the American government. Those hearing him reported it to the proper authorities and charges were filed against him. It is alleged that McElrath said he "hoped every boat leaving New York for France would sink, whether it carried goods, guns or soldiers." When arrested he denied making any such statement. Two witnesses will testify to the alleged statement.

ONE DAY OF COURT AT PAINT ROCK

District Judge J. O. Woodward and Attorney Early passed thru Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to their homes at Coleman and Brownwood, respectively, after spending one day at Paint Rock holding court. The February term of district court convened at Paint Rock Monday afternoon and adjourned Tuesday at noon, holding one day. The grand jury returned one case and quit, the docket being cleaned up by the continuing two or three cases.

PETITIONS ARE OUT FOR \$75,000 BOND

The petitions drawn for \$150,000 road bond issue, were changed to read \$75,000, Tuesday and are now being circulated in the county. It is the purpose of those circulating the petitions to have them ready to present to the court next Monday.

After conferring with the commissioners' court those behind the good roads move decided that it was best to only vote a \$75,000 bond issue at this time, and in this way take care of the state appropriation made for roads in this county, and later, if necessary, the people could call another election and vote more bonds.

The commissioners have two statutes under which they can act in calling a road bond election. For the amount of \$75,000 it only requires a majority vote to carry, while for a greater amount than this it would require a two-thirds majority. Those in charge of the good roads work will present figures and facts in order that the people may vote intelligently on this question.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Falteseek, of the Rowena country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to their address for the ensuing six months.

G. W. and J. E. Dean, the irrigation farmers of the Spring Hill country, Will Gallia, of Rowena, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Military Air Route Will Come Through Ballinger

A letter was received in Ballinger several weeks ago stating that Ballinger was in line for securing one of the cross-country aviation routes to be established by the government, and the letter requested that steps be taken to provide a landing place for airships.

Like many other good things offered to us from time to time, it received no attention and nothing more was heard from the proposition until Wednesday when a news item appearing in the papers under a Fort Worth date line announced that the two routes had been mapped out.

One of these routes is mapped to come by Ballinger. Airships are not like birds and can not make safe landings on barb wire fences and eat claw bushes, and while the news item does not say so, it is a foregone conclusion that

about all this city will get out of the new "air line" will be the buzz of the motor and a glimpse of the ship as it sails over a few miles high, unless we get busy and show the birdmen a good place to stop.

The news item says: "The first military air route across portions of Texas to be put into operation this month have been mapped out. One will extend from this city to Wichita Falls, with stops at Paradise, Bridgeport, Chico, Bowie, Bellevue and Henrietta. The route returning will include St. Jo, Gainesville, Whitesboro, Denison and Sherman. The other route terminate at San Angelo, with stopping places at Granbury, Dublin, Comanche, Brownwood, Coleman and Ballinger. Each town on the routes will be advised by wire when to expect the aviators to arrive."

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Castor Bean Growers Should Organize Clubs

College Station, Texas, Jan. 30.—At one time the castor bean was an important crop in certain sections of the Mississippi Valley, but the industry practically disappeared from the United States until revived within the last two or three years by the high price at which castor oil was selling.

In the United States beans are used in quantities only by manufacturers of castor oil. The principal castor oil mills are located at Jersey City, N. J.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Toledo, Ohio, and Grand Rapids, Mich. Not only is the oil one of the most valuable of lubricating oils, but the resultant cake or pomice is valuable as a fertilizer. However, because of its poisonous properties, it is not recommended for cattle feed. Castor beans contain a very poisonous principle and much care should be exercised to keep them from children and animals. Many reports have been received of horses dying from eating the beans and sometimes only one or two are necessary to produce fatal results with children.

Castor beans can no doubt be produced commercially over a large part of the State. Generally, soils which produce good crops of cotton or corn are suitable for the growth of castor beans. Extremely fertile soils favors the growth of stalk at the expense of seed production.

One of the most desirable varieties for commercial planting is known as the Indian or Bombay bean. These beans are oval, and smooth, and shining, with a gray colored background, irregularly marked with brown. They run around 1,200 to 1,500 to the pound. There is a smaller variety commonly grown in Kansas that runs around 2,500 to the pound. The yield varies greatly in different parts of the country, and on different soils. The average yield of the "popper" variety is said to be from eight to ten bushels per acre in Oklahoma and that of the Indian variety, which does not "pop" about twenty bushels per acre. However, as high as thirty to forty bushels per acre have been reported from certain parts of Texas.

How Land is Prepared.

The land for castor beans is prepared much the same as for corn or cotton and the planting may be done with a corn planter, with specially prepared plates. Before planting it is necessary that the beans be placed in warm water and allowed to stand for about twenty-four hours. This is to soften the hard seed coat and insure quick and uniform germination. In general, the time for planting corresponds to that of cotton and varies somewhat according to locality. The rows are usually made about four feet apart and the beans planted about three feet apart in the row, one bean to the hill. In the extreme southern part of the State in very rich soil, the beans are planted as much as five to ten feet apart. Plant three by four feet, with one bean to the hill. A bushel will plant about nineteen acres. Planted two to the hill, a bushel will plant about nine and a half acres. If more than one seed is planted to the hill the weaker plants should be removed when the plants are three or four inches tall.

The crop is cultivated similar to cotton and corn until the plants are large enough to shade the ground. In case the field becomes foul with weeds, some hoeing may be necessary. The usual method of harvesting is to cut off the spikes of seed pods with a knife and throw them in a wagon or box sled; they are then hauled to a shelter of some kind and allowed to dry until the pods will crush easily. The beans pop out of the seed pod when the hulls are fully ripe in some varieties known as poppers. After the beans begin to ripen the field must be gone over every few days and the ripe beans collected to avoid loss. A good way to handle a popper variety is to pile the spikes on the hard ground, fully exposed to the sun and the sides boarded up with plank or cloth, six or eight feet high, to catch the beans as they pop out. The spikes must be turned or forked occasionally, and some protection, such as a tarpaulin, should be provided in case of rain. After the beans have popped out they are gathered up and run through a fanning mill to remove dirt. With the varieties that do not pop, a specially constructed machine is necessary for

threshing. After threshing they are sacked and are then ready for the market.

This office is receiving numerous inquiries relative to the proposal of the Government to contract with farmers or others for the growing of castor beans. The office of the extension work in the South advises that the work relative to this campaign is in charge of the chief signal officer of the army and offers the following suggestions:

In order that the supply of castor oil for aeroplane motors may be assured, the Government is entering into agreements with responsible parties for the growing of a limited acreage of castor beans in the 1918 crop season. These contracts will be made only in plats of 100 acres or more. Farmers individually growing small acreages can club together and appoint one of their number to act as agent in consummating a contract for their total acreage with the Government. The contract price will be \$3.50 for a forty-six-pound bushel f.o.b. the nearest railroad station.

If parties securing the contract from the Government desire to sublet any of their contract, they are at liberty to do so, but they must agree to pay the farmer no less than \$3.00 for a forty-six-pound bushel.

Arrangements will be made by the Government to pay for the beans on delivery on the cars.

As the local stock of seed is inadequate, the Government has made arrangements to supply seed to those making a contract at cost of seed plus transportation charges. This seed may be paid for in cash or out of the first sales to the Government.

The Government needs will require about 100,000 acres of castor beans, and we have information that contracts have already been let for about 60,000 acres and are coming in very rapidly. For this reason, farmers who desire to enter into an arrangement for the growing of this crop in 1918 must act promptly. Parties interested in contracting are directed to address Lieut. Col. Charles Van Way, Signal Corps, Equipment Division, Castor Oil Section, 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C.

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REBELLION IN HELL PROBABLE WHEN KAISER DIES

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G. H. Dierschke, of the Pony Creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

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OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM CAMP TRAVIS

Supply Sgt. Joe H. Brown, has returned to his Company from Hospital where he was confined with a light case of mumps.

Corporal Emil L. James of the 45th Company has been in quarters for the past few days with a severe case of la grippe. But is improving fast now, and it is hoped that he will soon be well enough to take his place with the company.

Camp Travis, Jan. 31.—Corporal Eugene H. Kipp, formerly of Ballinger was transferred from Company "C" 315th Field Signal Battalion, Camp Travis, Texas, to the School of Military Aeronautics, at Austin, Texas, January 18th. Corporal Kipp's change did not take him entirely away from the Signal Corps as the Aviation Section is an important arm of the Signal Corps.

All members of this company hated to lose Corporal Kipp, he being a clean-cut, up-right and valuable man to the company. But here's hoping he will come out a very distinguished person.

When the edged winds of a Texas norther swoop down on Camp Travis, the Majors, Captains and Lieutenants of the Medical Corps in charge of the big Base Hospital may shiver in their quarters at night and have to blow their fingers several times the next morning to keep them warm while lacing up their shoes, but the sick boys in the ward buildings are sure to be cosy and warm. There's plenty of coal and the steam heat pipes go to the quarters of the Medical Corps as well as to the wards, but the orders are to shut off the officers and enlisted attendants when the thermometer goes down, and to let the patients get the full benefit of all the big heating plant can do.

The fact is a Texas or Oklahoma boy who is "sent to the base" as the ambulance men say, ought to have it pretty soft, for the greater part of the enlisted attendants who wait on him are National Army men from Texas and Oklahoma who have been transferred into the hospital service. Many of the trained nurses and medical officers are also from the very town from which their patients come. Major Smith, the Commanding Officer, is himself a Texan.

"I've seen things done here that I never saw done on the outside," said a Medical Lieutenant, in speaking of the care with which the patients are handled. He went on to tell of the means by which the food of each patient is served so as to be hot and appetizing when it arrives. "And it's far better food than we get at our own officers' mess. Always plenty, too."

About Constipation.

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

ARE YOU, OR ARE YOU NOT PATRIOTIC?

Our boys who have gone and will go to the front and give their lives for their country are the only ones who are making the supreme sacrifice. They are doing this that you and I may continue to enjoy freedom, peace and prosperity.

Are you doing what you can to help make their efforts effective? You can at least do your part in helping to conserve the food supply. You can if you will observe wheatless Mondays and wheatless Wednesdays; meatless Tuesdays and porkless Saturdays and save sugar every day.

Is this asking too much that our boys in training camps and in the trenches may have the food they need? I think not. I hope that every family, every individual, every hotel and every eating house in our State will from now on observe these "less days." Be patriotic if the corn bread does scratch your throat. Stop and think what the soldiers are enduring for you, and then ask yourself the question whether you deserve fighting for or not.

R. T. Williams, Chairman Runnels County Food Administration

FARMERS BUYING W. S. S.

John W. Batts, who lives south of the city purchased a W. S. S. card Saturday and is investing his surplus cash in a way to help Uncle Sam in the war.



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STATE AID COMING FOR OUR SCHOOLS

T. L. Cunningham, representing the state department of education, is here this week inspecting the rural schools of this county and passing on applications for state aid for the different schools.

In company with County Superintendent Hagan and Demonstrator Eaton, Mr. Cunningham has been touring the county inspecting the schools. The work will be completed this week and Mr. Cunningham will make his report which will bring state aid to quite a number of the schools.

Up to Wednesday morning every school in the county which had been inspected, came up to the requirements, according to Mr. Cunningham, and he will recommend that state aid be granted to these.

It will be remembered that the schools of this county received several thousand dollars of state money two years ago, and others will be added to the list when Mr. Cunningham's report is made to the state department at Austin.

URGING FARMERS TO RAISE MORE CHICKS

Washington, Jan. 30.—The American hen is strutting forth from the back yard and farm to join the American forces fighting the Germans.

"The hen will win the war," comes from no less a reliable source than the Department of Agriculture.

To this is added an appeal from the Department to the farmers to increase their production of chickens and eggs, so as to save more meat to send abroad, for the use of America's fighting men.

"The hen must take her place among those who are helping to win the war for democracy. The hen, of course, always has shown a willingness to do her duty, and doubtless she is willing now," the Department of Agriculture says.

The stimulus given their farmers to increase the poultry production will result in nation of egg and chicken enthusiasts leaving more meat to embark at Atlantic ports to combat the German howitzers.

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Our Boys in Camp Guests Madames Tucker and Pyburn

Camp Stanley, Jan. 25.
Editor The Ledger:

The job of "writing up" the Reunion of the Rannels county soldiers in the camps around San Antonio has been given to me. The fellows were very anxious to have an account in "our home paper" and if you will favor us with the space, will feel grateful to you.

As stated in the Ledger last week Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Pyburn offered their residence as the reunion grounds and three o'clock Sunday afternoon Jan. 27th, as the time. Promptly at the appointed hour the fellows began arriving, each eager to again elasp the hand and receive a smile in return from a Ballinger soldier. As a bunch of us left the street car in front of the home, Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Pyburn came out on the walk to meet us and Tucker and Pyburn stood on the porch, each with a smile on his face that expressed more words of welcome and joy than could be told in a 500-page volume. Now you folks "back home" may imagine you know how glad we were to be together once more, but you do not. It seemed more like home than anything we have seen since crossing Elm Creek. It was the most congenial, most sympathetic, and happiest crowd that ever assembled. Each one understood what the other was doing and what his utmost wish was and where his thoughts were when "off duty."

Our hostess ushered us into the home and told us to make ourselves at home, and we certainly did. Can you guess what we did for amusement? Well we just talked about home, home, home, and there was hardly a person in Ballinger that was not talked of.

Mrs. Pyburn read a letter to us from the Ballinger Red Cross Chapter, telling us that they were behind us and would keep the home fires burning. At the conclusion of the letter a cheer rang out that could have been heard for blocks around. We were happy to know that our friends at home remembered us.

There were at this meeting seven wives of soldiers, and the only difference in them and the soldiers was that the soldiers had on regulation uniforms and they did not. They are suffering every hardship that their husbands suffer, and their hearts are in the work with as much vim as the soldiers, and they are just as willing to continue their hardships right into Europe if it is needed as the hubby is. So hats off to the wives and give them the praise they deserve.

At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Pyburn and Mrs. Tucker surprised us by bringing in large plates of "home made cookies." This was something a soldier is not accustomed to and needless to say was a fitting climax for such an enjoyable occasion.

We decided to continue these reunions from time to time, whether here, in France, or after the

war. Soon these men who are here now will be scattered over the world, but we hope that as other Ballinger boys come to the camps around San Antonio they will keep in touch with one another in like manner.

There was a touch of sadness in the tone of every soldier as he bade farewell to his friends and thanked Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Pyburn for making it possible for us to meet. For none knew when he would be snatched from his barracks and sent across the pond. However, there was an air of determination among the men to do his best and make the Ballinger folks proud that they had such sons to "loan" to the cause, and all were eager to get at the Boches.

The following were present: Troy Simpson, 21st F. A. Ban. Co. Stanley; Diaz Wood, 21st F. A. Band, Co. Stanley; P. K. Wathen, 343 M. G. Bn.; Eliver Allison, 112 Aero Squadron, Camp Kelly; R. W. Connor, Depot Co. "K." Signal Corps; K. V. Northington, 315 Signal Corps; E. Y. James, 45 Co. 12 F. Bn. W. B.; Edward Spill, Head Detachment Amb. Sect. 315 Sanitary Train; Clyde Allison, Co. 54, W. B.; Boyd Cotton, Co. 54, W. B.; Sidney Hale, Supply Co. 165, W. B.; Houston Eagleton, Q. M. Rep. Shop; Chas. Body, 165th W. B.; Sam Behringer, 343 M. G. Bn.; Bryan W. Beek, 2904 N. B. Ave.; Carl R. Jeanes, 358 Motor Amb. Co.; J. Harold Tucker, Personnel Dept.; J. Martin Pyburn, Base Hospital; Vernon Minchew, Sgt. Leon Springs; Mrs. J. W. Hale, Asst. Soldier; Mrs. Sam Behringer, Asst. Soldier; Mrs. Carl R. Jeanes, Asst. Soldier; Mrs. Edward Spill, Asst. Soldier; Mrs. J. Harold Tucker, Asst. Soldier; Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, Asst. Soldier; Mrs. Vernon Minchew, Asst. Soldier.

You will notice from the above that practically all branches are represented, and there are many other Ballinger soldiers here who could not be present.

Troy and I especially profited by this reunion. We found out that our old friend Vernon Minchew is the S. A. & A. P. agent at Leon Springs, which is about one mile from our barrack. Mrs. Minchew moves out from San Antonio this week, and says she is going to make camp life happier for us. She invited us to her home at anytime to eat a piece of pie or otherwise enjoy a little touch of home life. And by-the-way, she promises to invite some girls out from San Antonio and give us a party. These are the first Ballinger friends we have discovered out here and we are indeed glad to find them.

Your friend,
DIAZ WOOD.

Jim Rogers, one of the prominent stock farmers of Winters was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the coming 12 months.

Farm Demonstrator Works Out Plan to Supply Seed

Demonstrator Eaton and his assistant, Prof. L. S. Bird, are busy working out plans for supplying the farmers of this county with seed for planting spring crops. The word has gone out from the seed dealers and from the government agents throughout the county, that there is a shortage of seed, or at least the supply is not properly distributed and some sections of the county are threatened with a seed famine.

"Our first work was to list all the available seed in this county," said Mr. Eaton, "and we are finding quite a number of farmers well supplied, and with a surplus." Continuing Mr. Eaton said: "We hope to get the names of all those who have seed to spare, the amount they have and the price, and we will post these names and do what we can to get the seed in the hands of the farmers who need them."

The government agents throughout the county is in charge of the seed distribution. The government is at present concentrating seed at Waco, and they will be distributed from that point to the various counties needing seed in car load lots and at actual cost. Mr. Eaton stated that the government had already concentrated quite a lot of seed corn at Waco; this has been graded, sacked and is now ready for shipment. Cotton seed, and all grain, sorghums, including milo, feterita, sudan, peanuts, etc., will be concentrated by the government and sold to the farmers through clubs, commercial organizations and banks at actual cost.

The county agents have been

called on to furnish an estimate on the amount of seed each county will need. Messrs. Eaton and Bird are now making up the estimate and it is very important that the farmers who will have to buy seed get in touch with these men and notify them what they will need in the seed line.

The government is urging that the farmers plant the best seed obtainable, and those who cooperate with the government in the seed distribution can rely on getting the very best seed possible. The seed best adapted to each particular section of country is the kind of seed that will be purchased in that particular locality. In this connection Mr. Eaton urges farmers of this county to plant seed grown here, where the quality is good, and to consume all the home grown seed first.

Merchants to Help Finance Seed Buying.

The local demonstrators are now arranging to call a mass meeting of farmers and business men to meet at Ballinger in the near future, and formulate some plan for handling the seed purchasing and distribution. The banks and merchants of Ballinger have already expressed a willingness to assist farmers in financing the proposition, and the government will no doubt see that the drought stricken sections of Texas gets first attention.

While there is a reported shortage of seed, and seed will no doubt be unusually high, the farmers should not make contracts or pay exorbitant prices until prices have been announced by the government through their agents.

10 CENTS 'CASCARETS' BEST LAXATIVE FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't Stay constipated, headachy, bilious, with breath bad or stomach sour

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from a cold, constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, bad cold, offensive breath and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery.

A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing too.

RETURNS TO BALLINGER TO MAKE THEIR HOME

Miss Francis Truly and brother Tom, came in from Wichita Falls, Wednesday at noon. They will be joined here by their mother, Mrs. P. E. Truly, in a few days and the family will again make their home here. Mrs. Truly will make an effort to secure a suitable place for engaging in keeping a private boarding house. The friends of the family will welcome them back to the city.

Ballinger Iron & Junk Co. will pay you top prices for everything in the junk line. Id&w.

Tom Routh and sister Miss Edna, left Tuesday morning for Glasscock county. Mr. Routh will go to Midland and Big Springs on business while his sister visits at the home of her brother, Kenzie Routh.

Sam and Bill Gray and Joe Vineyard of the Crews country, J. T. Snellgrove and W. W. Paschal of the Norton country, D. E. Cordle, of Hatcher, and T. A. Puckett, of Wilmett were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

F. D. George, advertising and show window man for the Melton Dry Goods Co. is taking a few days off to battle with the measles. Mr. George was getting things in shape for the annual spring White Sale for his firm when the measles caught him.

U. S. DEVOTING MUCH TIME HERE

J. C. Olsen, civil engineer of the extension department of the A. & M. College, is here co-operating with the local farm demonstrators in terracing work. Mr. Olsen is a terracing expert and comes here on account of the great interest being manifested in this line of work by Rannels county farmers at this time. He will probably spend several days here assisting Messrs. Eaton and Bird.

The United States agricultural department certainly is doing its part towards assisting the farmers in this county, of which indicates that the government realizes this one of the best agricultural counties in Texas. The great amount of work being done here by the government and free to the farmers shows that the government realizes the great advantage to be gained by extensive and scientific farming.

The farmers of this county are to be congratulated for the help and attention given them by the agricultural department at this time, when all farm products are bringing such high prices and the opportunities for making money on the farm greater than was ever known before. The government is doing everything possible to furnish seed for planting and the farmer who gets busy now need fear no seed shortage.

We submit the following prices and instructions on seeds:

Sorghums—Red Top Cane, Black Amber, Orange, Red Amber, each \$9.25 per 100 lbs. No order for less than 100 lbs. One farmer can not purchase more than 4 bu.

Red Milo, White Milo, Kaffir, each \$4.20 per 100 lbs. No order for less than 100 lbs. One farmer cannot purchase more than 6 bu.

Feterita \$6.50 per 100 lbs. Cannot purchase more than 2 bu. nor less than 100 lbs.

Sudan 20c per lb., 25 lbs being the limit.

Peanuts \$7.00 per 100 lbs., 15 bu. being the limit to one man. Mebane cotton seed \$1.75 per bu., 25 bu. being the limit to one man.

All these seed are f.o.b. Waco, Texas. P. O. Order or Banker's Cashier Check payable to U. S. Dept. Agr. must accompany all orders. These prices are based on actual cost. We must have the name of every farmer purchasing any of these seed.

Send orders to Frank Clark, U. S. Dept. Agri., Waco, Texas.

We will be in office on Saturdays and Mr. Bird will be in Winters Saturday, Feb. 9th to advise with any farmers who wish to buy seed in this way. He will also be

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

YOU'LL enjoy this real Burley cigarette. It's full of flavor—just as good as a pipe.

IT'S TOASTED

The Burley tobacco is toasted; makes the taste delicious. You know how toasting improves the flavor of bread. And it's the same with tobacco exactly.



in Miles Saturday Feb. 16th for the same purpose. We are glad to answer inquiries.

Yours very truly,
D. F. Eaton, County Agent.
L. S. Bird, Ass't. County Agt.

BALLINGER TESTIMONY.

Home Proof, Here, There and Everywhere.

When you see Doan's Kidney Pills recommended in this paper you most always find the recommender a Ballinger resident. It's the same everywhere—in 3,800 towns in the U. S. Fifty thousand people publicly thank Doan's. What other kidney remedy can give this proof of merit, honesty and truth? Home testimony must be true or it could not be published here. Read this Ballinger recommendation. Then insist on having Doan's. You will know what you are getting:

J. D. Knox, N. Ninth Street, Ballinger, says: "I had such trouble with my back that I couldn't get up or down, owing to the pain and soreness. My sight blurred and I had awful dizzy spells. The kidney secretions also passed too freely and annoyed me a lot. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Weeks Drug Co., and they relieved this trouble and put my back in good shape."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Knox had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

SCHOOL MATES MEET AFTER FIFTY YEARS

A news item of the visit of Capt. Wm. Beek to this city brought together three old school mates of about fifty years.

Capt. Beek was visiting his nephew, Joe Beek, and Col. G. G. Odom read an account of the visitor's presence in the city and called over the phone to ascertain "what William Beek this was." "It is the only one I know anything about," replied Capt. Beek, "Quicker than it can be told Col. and Mrs. Odom and Capt. Beek were together going over the scenes of their schoolhood days in Southern Texas nearly fifty years ago.

It was indeed a pleasant sur-

prise for the three native Texans. Capt. Beek and Mrs. Odom had not seen each other since their childhood days. Col. Odom met Capt. Beek only once since, when Col. Odom made a long ride thru the mountains in Arizona to see his old friend who was lying at death's door, suffering from the wounds sustained when a horse fell on him. Col. Odom said he never expected to see Capt. Beek again, and his surprise was complete when he learned through the columns of The Ledger that his old friends of school boy days was still very much alive.

These pioneer native Texans have been spending much of the time together since their pleasant and surprise meeting, and Capt. Beek says that his accidental meeting with the Odoms and Curries and Wileys is the most pleasant incident of his visit to this city.

Col. Odom went out to his ranch Tuesday, and Capt. Beek will visit here a while longer before returning to San Antonio and later to Arizona.

BALLINGER SOLDIERS IN REVIEW FOR PRES. TAFT

In a letter to his father and mother, Charley Boyd says he is working hard for another promotion, and is making good. "We are going to pass on review for Ex-President Taft tomorrow," said the young man in his letter, "and we have been drilling for it all day and I am sure tired. I wish you all could be here to see us. It would be a grand sight for you. We had a non-commissioned officers examination Thursday and I had to grade all the papers Friday. Only had 200 of them and it took me from early morning until ten o'clock that night. I am the only duty sergeant in the company and they sure keep me on the jump, but I am willing to jump, because I believe I will be made first sergeant in some company when the new draft arrives."

OIL LEASES.

Judge J. W. Powell is offering 25c per acre cash in advance for all Oil Leases he can get in Rannels county near the Coleman county line. His company takes 5 year leases, agreeing to drill a test hole in 12 months, paying 25c per acre cash, one-eighth royalty. Call at his office and make your leases and get your cash.

26-1242w J. W. Powell.

Ballinger Iron and Junk Co.

Highest Prices Paid for Scrap Iron, Brass Copper, Tin Cans, Rags, Hides, Bones and All Size Bags. In fact anything in the Junk line.

Will use only public scales, so you may rest assured you will get full weight. Scrap iron is bringing a good price now, also bones and bags.

Phone Us for Prices.

Ballinger Iron and Junk Co.

L. E. Bair, Manager

8th Street Next to Armstrong the Tailor. Telephone No. 78

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After the war Hooverizing will come natural with you.

No, you't not have pellegra if you eat corn bread. That theory has long since been exploded.

The Boy Scouts should be encouraged in their move to plant a war garden. Boost the proposition.

According to the poll tax rolls there are about six hundred men in this county who are not entitled to smoke candidate cigars. The candidates should make a list of these.

Corn is the original American grain. It saved our pioneers, it will save us. The southern soldiers found it sustaining in the strife between the states. You can help win the war by eating more corn bread, and saving flour.

While workmen in Germany are demanding peace, the American workmen do not want peace until the kaiser is choked off the job. In fact there can be no peace of the American brand until the kaiser's military power is completely overthrown.

SENATOR CULBERSON COME TO LIFE

The News is in receipt of a package of garden seed from Senator Culberson. Much abuse and criticism has been heaped upon the system that permits representatives in Congress to stem the animosities and win the influence and good wishes of their constituents with a free offering of seed, but, as weak is the system is, it has its merits. It permits a statesman, chronically indisposed and in disuse, to resurrect his political life and activity, when, otherwise, he might be totally defunct.—Brownwood News.

BELGIUM SAVED THE WORLD

They say that the war will end soon, meanwhile Germany is stripping the industries of Belgium with unrelenting efficiency—which shows who has won the war if it has been won.—Temple Telegram.

The peace loving nations of the world owe the Belgians a debt they can never pay. Plucky Belgium should be exempt from taxes for a hundred years, and the nations supported by the greedy Huns of Berlin.

FIGHTING THE DEVIL WITH FIRE

Some people express the opinion that our country is drifting toward a monarchy. If we had not been scared so often about such talk when a boy we might get scared now but we simply refuse to throw a fright. True, our government is doing many things now—controlling food and coal prices and assumed charge of all the railroads, but these are all war measures and we believe that any unpresidented person will admit that they are necessary from monarchical governments, not toward them.—Baird Star.

The man who says this country is drifting into monarchy is the man who is not helping to overthrow the monster. No nation was ever more determined to overthrow monarchy than America, and the best people on earth are giving up their life to accomplish that end.

HOBBY AND THE PROS.

We are informed that when the question of locating the West Texas A. & M. college was up for consideration at Austin Governor Hobby in talking privately to his friends said that he was for San Angelo because it was the only wet town of the 23 in the race, and that he would never vote for Abilene because it was the most consummate with-burning prohibition town in Texas. How does this set on the stomachs of those Pros who are so ardently supporting him for governor?—Abilene Times.

Hobby is not running for governor in Abilene, or Taylor county. Fortunately for him that he is not depending on that vote for his election. He will not get a sufficient number of votes in that

is normally dry. Ferguson said more hard things about the pros than Hobby could dream of in a century, and it was the solid dry counties' vote that put Jim on the job. The pros are not much for sticking together when it comes to selecting a man for governor.

EAT WITHOUT FEAR OF INDIGESTION OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

Instant relief "Pape's Diapepsin" ends your stomach distress. Try it!

Wonder what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sick, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented and turned sour; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin to help neutralize acidity and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have dyspepsia. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps the stomach sweetened and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help remember the quickest, surest, most harmless relief is Pape's Diapepsin, which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it stops fermentation and acidity and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Most all the farmers are plowing, getting the ground in condition for 1918 crop. We trust we may soon get a good rain.

Mrs. Duncan has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claud Compton.

Mrs. Allison and daughter, Misses Lola and Lela, spent Sunday at New Home with Mrs. Ingle.

Mr. Dunn and family visited Mr. Webb Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayeoek have left for Harrison county to be at the bedside of his brother, who was very seriously hurt by a tree falling on him.

W. S. Davis is looking for his sons, Sidney and David in this week on a furlough. We will all be glad to see them.

Miss Page, of Ballinger, has charge of our school, as Miss West had to give it up on account of the death of her father.

We have quite a number of new families moved into our midst and we give to one and all a cordial invitation to come to Sunday school, as we need every one.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Miss Maydell Rushing, who is teaching school near Winters, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. O. Brown returned home Saturday from Winters, where she had been for a few days to visit her son, W. H. Brown, and family. All the family were down quite sick with the measles but Mrs. Brown, and we are glad to report they are all improving.

Mrs. Faust, of Fort Worth, who had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pipkin, the past few weeks, returned home Saturday. We are glad to report that Mr. Pipkin who had been very sick for a few weeks with la grippe is able to sit up.

Grandpa Eubank and the children of Mr. Ed Eubank, spent Sunday in Winters visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eubank.

W. E. Brauch, who has been ill since Saturday, we are glad to report, is improving.

Miss Doris Pagles left Tuesday for Meador, where she goes to nurse a patient.

F. T. Rushing in quite sick.

W. E. Brauch and family have moved to their new home, known as the Walker Allen place.

J. W. Noel has moved in the W. E. Brauch home.

UNIFORM NOT PATRIOT

"We have just found the clue to a false report that has caused us a great deal of trouble and caused us to almost do some 'cussing' several times," said R. P. Kirk, local chairman of military affairs Wednesday. Mr. Kirk stated that it was just one of the little things which the board had been accused of and about which they had been called on to give the 'lie.'

From time to time the report that the local board had drafted a section hand into service, sending him to war and leaving his wife and four children living in a tent by the side of the railroad without means of support, reached the ears of the local draft board. Just so many times the board denied the charge, stating that they had not drafted a single railroad man.

A few days ago the board, in some way, learned that a woman, the mother of four small children, was working at a local hotel, and that her husband was in the army. Chairman Kirk got busy and communicated with army officers at the training camps, and in due time he received a letter from a captain in Camp Bowie, stating that such a man was in his company.

Mr. Kirk called on the woman and learned that she was the wife of a section hand who volunteered for service from near San Antonio, where he was at the time employed on the railroad. Mr. Kirk also learned that the woman was the mother of four children, and according to her own story her husband did leave her without support and had not sent her any money since joining the army.

According to the woman's story her husband went to San Antonio, and the next time she heard from him he was in the army. The people where she was living at the time made up money and sent her and her children to this county, where her father lives. She later secured employment here, after helping to pick cotton in the country.

The army officers, in a letter to the local board, states that the man enlisted as a single man, without dependents, but it was later learned through his brother that he had a wife and children.

A short time ago the man secured a furlough and returned to camp at the end of his furlough with the first and second fingers of his right hand shot off, and was discharged from service.

The local board, by a little investigation, has "nailed a lie," and put down a false rumor, but the unfortunate woman must continue to do drudgery in order to keep the soul and body of herself and children together.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

W. S. S. SALES.

The Ballinger State Bank reports the sale of W. S. S. to Miss Bertha Gorman, L. M. Hughes and Q. V. Miller Monday. W. S. S. cost \$4.13 now, one cent more than during the month of Jan, and they increase in cost one cent each month. The stamps will be worth \$5 on Jan. 1, 1923. Buy this month while they are cheaper.

Take your scrap iron, hames, hides, bags, etc., to Ballinger Iron & Junk Co. Id&w.

FIRE BOYS RE-CEIVE \$20 CHECK

As a token of appreciation for the good work in saving his home from complete destruction by fire a few Sundays ago, L. C. Alexander presented the fire boys with a \$20 check. It will be remembered that Mr. Alexander's house caught on fire about church time one Sunday morning, and the top burned off, but the fire boys did good work in saving the building. Mr. Alexander has replaced the roof to the building and is again living at home.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. J. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 3c.

Election is Coming at Once

Representing some of the progressive farmers of this county, Judge A. K. Doss drafted the petitions Monday for a road bond issued election in this county. Quite a number of people from the county were here Monday and called on the county judge to ascertain what steps were necessary to bring about the issuing of bonds to build highways in this county and to meet the requirements of the highway commission rules in order to get the benefit of the \$50,000 recently appropriated for the commission for road building in this county. The parties interested were given the necessary information and the petitions will be circulated and returned to the commissioners' court at its regular February term next week.

The petitions call on the commissioners court to call the election for the purpose of voting bonds to the amount of \$150,000, and to take in the entire county. This will give each commissioner in the county his proportionate part of the road money to be derived from the sale of the bonds, and make it possible for each precinct to share in the state and federal road appropriation from time to time until this county is given good roads throughout each precinct.

That there will be opposition goes without saying, but those behind the move are greatly encouraged over the fact that many of the leading citizens who have heretofore opposed road bond is-

suers are now heartily in favor of the move, and lending their effort to the proposition.

Those who are opposed to the bond issue way of building roads, and who have taken an active interest in the defeat of the propositions heretofore, should wait until the facts to be presented in the coming campaign are given to the public, the cost to the tax payers made known and the details for spending the money worked out, before expressing themselves and launching a move to defeat the issue. When all the facts are made known there will be no reasonable grounds for voting against the issue.

Will Reduce Taxes.

The old argument that a bond issue will increase taxes will not hold good in the coming campaign. The tax payers of this county are already paying 27 1-2 cent road tax. The money being raised by this taxation is not sufficient to meet the state and federal appropriation, and at the same time does not give the county relief from bad roads. To issue \$150,000 road bonds at this time will not only make it possible for the commissioners' court to eliminate this extra road tax, but will be the means of giving employment to people who must have help to get through the present year. We have been assured that the commissioners' court will issue a statement in detail showing that the tax rate will be reduced and the amount it will be reduced.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Adolph Turner by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1918, the same being the 17th day of March A. D. 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1918, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1804, wherein Beulah E. Turner is Plaintiff and Adolph Turner is Defendant; the nature of Plaintiff's demand being as follows:

vs. Adolph Turner, To the Hon. J. O. Woodward, Judge of said Court:

1. Your petitioner, Beulah E. Turner, plaintiff, complaining of Adolph Turner, herein made and styled defendant, respectfully avers and shows to the court that the plaintiff resides, and has for more than six months next before the filing of this suit has resided in said County and state, and is a bona fide inhabitant of said State of Texas, and has been such for more than twelve months next before the filing of this petition.

2. That the plaintiff and the defendant were lawfully married in the county of Denton, in said State of Texas, on the 25th day of April, 1914, and thereafter lived and cohabited together as man and wife until the 26th day of March, 1915, the defendant without cause or provocation left and deserted the plaintiff, and has never since returned to her, remaining away from her and their child with the intention of abandonment.

3. That the defendant has kept the plaintiff in ignorance of his whereabouts, has kept her uninformed as to his health, condition and whereabouts, apparently to evade her and to secrete himself so that she may not call on or trouble him for support or for any aid her lonely and distressed condition, dependent upon her relatives and friends for food and clothing for herself and child, hereinafter mentioned, and wholly without any means of support.

4. That during their married life and living together the plaintiff conducted herself toward defendant as a good and affectionate wife should; administered the household affairs of herself and defendant with such reasonable skill and prudence as she was able, and did and said nothing to cause the defendant to neglect and abandon her and their child, and to use toward her the acts of cruel treatment and neglect hereinafter set out.

5. That plaintiff had every reason to believe and rely upon the facts that defendant would properly treat and care for her, love and protect her, and provide for her welfare, and that he loved her as he induced her to believe before and at the time of their marriage; and especially did she not know or even anticipate in the least that he would so abuse and ill treat her as hereinafter alleged.

6. But so it was, that soon after their marriage the defendant exhibiting a most unusually violent prejudiced disposition, of which she had not known before, began and continued toward her marriage, such acts of cruelty and acts of outrageous conduct toward and against plaintiff, with such willful disregard of her feelings; and so reckless and careless of the results, to plaintiff as to render their longer living to-

gether, even if defendant had not abandoned her, as to render their longer living together unbearable and insupportable, as hereinafter averred in detail.

7. That when defendant left plaintiff as aforesaid, without means of support and she having nothing in the way of property of any kind for her support, was compelled to return to the home of her father in said Runnels county; where she has ever since, and still remains; depending upon her parents for the living and support of her self and child. That on or about the 30th day of September, 1914, the defendant in a spirit of ungovernable rage and jealousy, without cause or provocation, took from the places usually kept by her all the family photographs and photographs of friends theretofore given to plaintiff and which she had carefully preserved and treasured from her childhood, and burned them up, completely destroying them, saying at the time that plaintiff thought more of her family and friends than she did of him; among which photographs was one of her sister, Mrs. Esther Howell, which plaintiff greatly prized and treasured; thereby causing plaintiff great grief; but of which defendant appeared to care nothing, but to show satisfaction for what he had done. That on January 23d, 1915, there was born to plaintiff and defendant a son, Samuel James, who plaintiff has the control and custody of and has had since his birth, and for whose support and maintenance the defendant has contributed nothing.

8. That while in an advanced state of pregnancy with her said child, and only about two months before his birth, and when feeling ill and sick and unable to work, defendant forced plaintiff to pick cotton, to wash and iron, to milk a cow, churn, cook and assist in hauling water in a wagon travelling after water about one and a half miles; from all which she suffered greatly in mind and body. That plaintiff's parents learning of the hard and unusual labor she was compelled by defendant to perform, insisted upon having her to come to their home and stay with them until her child was born; but which request the defendant refused to comply with; although knowing that plaintiff was sick and unable to do the hard work imposed on her; and even up to two or three days before the birth of her child, defendant required plaintiff to assist him in hauling water, when she was not able to do such work, but felt compelled to do so, because of his insistence upon her to do so. That upon the evening of assisting in so hauling water and arriving at home, plaintiff became very sick and nervous; was compelled to go to bed, where she remained for 3 days, greatly suffering, and greatly needed the attention of a physician, which fact the defendant well knew. That he refused to have any doctor or any other help until two days before the baby was born, when by the earnest entreaty of his half brother, Henry Cryer, who remarked to defendant, "For God's sake, don't let her lie here and die without a doctor"; when defendant finally sent for a physician for plaintiff by said Mr. Cryer.

9. That when the baby was only six-days old, and plaintiff was still suffering and weak from the confinement, defendant insisted on plaintiff doing all the work she had been doing, as aforesaid, before her confinement; and even before plaintiff was able to leave the bed in such confinement, she was compelled to wash her baby without assistance; which she was not able to do and to do all other things necessary in taking care of the baby and attending to him, and of which she complained; but which defendant insisted upon her doing without assistance, except for about two days after the baby was born.

10. That defendant was jealous and cross even at her manifest love for her baby. That he unjustly abused and spoke to plaintiff's parents in her presence, and unjustly abused her sister, Mrs. Howell, in her presence without cause; forbade her visiting plaintiff; refused to permit plaintiff to write to her

Sarsaparilla—The Course of Medicine.

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said sister, and in many and studious ways kept plaintiff in a continuous state of torment and unappiness, even when she most needed sympathy and help.

11. Premises all considered, plaintiff prays that defendant be cited in terms of law to answer this petition; that upon hearing plaintiff have judgment of the court dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and that plaintiff be divorced from defendant. That the court decree to her the care and custody of their said child. That plaintiff is not informed, but believes it probable that defendant may be enlisted or drafted in the United States Army. That she be decreed such allowance as the law may allow and the court may award by way of Alimony and attorneys fees, for costs of court and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and Official Seal, at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 30th day of January, A. D. 1918.

MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

A true copy I certify

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff Runnels County, Texas. By J. A. DeMouille, Deputy.

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RECOVERS FROM OPERATION

We are glad to note that A. B. Lankford is able to be on the streets after a serious operation and a month's stay in the local sanitarium. This was the second operation recently and his friends will be glad to know that he is recovering.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for this—the best of all Blood Purifiers. It is in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 cents. Know your Best, Best, Always Relieving. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Routh are entertaining a son at their home north of the city. The young man arrived Tuesday morning.

Rev. A. C. Gustavus, of Arlington, a cousin of W. A. Gustavus Sr., and sons, came in Saturday to visit his relatives a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosecoe DeMouille returned home a day or two ago and he left Monday for San Angelo, where he is figuring on going into business with his two brothers, Bevie and Louie. Louie accompanied Rosecoe to San Angelo where they expect to secure a building suitable for their business.

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Watch my step! What's the use! I go along "right side up" without care, even with corns, because I use "Gets-It," the painless, oil-like-a-banana-peel corn remover. I tried other ways' gators, until I was lise



Corns Simply Can't Stop us, We use "Gets-It" in the face and red in the toes. No more for me. Use "Gets-It." It never fails. Touch any corn or callus with two drops of "Gets-It," and "Gets-It" does the rest. It's a relief to be able to stop cutting corns, making them bleed, wrapping them up like packages and using sticky tape and knives. It removes any corn clear and clean leaving the toe as smooth as your palm. You can wear those new shoes without pain, dance and be frisky on your feet. It's great to use "Gets-It." "Gets-It" is sold at all druggists (you need pay no more than 25 cents a bottle), or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the worlds best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

For The Mother

Maternity is a crisis in a woman's life that should be safeguarded with extreme care. The safe, penetrating external preparation, "Mother's Friend", has been prepared for over three generations, especially for expectant mothers. By its use stretching pains are avoided. The abdominal muscles relax easily when baby is born and this naturally makes for in-

stantly less pain and danger at the crisis. Ask for a bottle at your drug store today and write for interesting free book, "Motherhood and the Baby". Simply address The Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. D, 800 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga. Do not go a single night without applying "Mother's Friend"; it is the greatest kind of help to nature.

RUNNELS' CITIZEN IN DALLAS FOR TREATMENT

Dr. Middleton went to Dallas early in the week, accompanying Ben Parker who goes there for X-ray treatment for an affliction which threatens to be very serious. It will be remembered that Mr. Parker was operated upon at the Winters sanitarium some weeks ago, the surgeons then believing that Mr. Parker's ailment might demand different treatment to that given here. We are all hoping that the X-ray treatment will have the desired results and that Ben will be restored to his

usual good health.—Winters Enterprise.

PASS THE CHICKEN, PLEASE.

W. H. Rodgers tells us of the sale by Mrs. Rodgers of one hen Thursday that brought the total sum of \$1.45. Pretty good for old biddie, even if it is war times. W. E. Hickman, who issued the check in payment for this and others hens, said this was the highest price he ever paid for one chicken.—Winters Enterprise.

Mrs. Mullen returned home Monday at noon from an extended visit to her daughter at Dallas.

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POLL PAYMENTS ARE FEW SHORT OF 1917

A total of 2831 poll tax receipts, including 54 exemption certificates were issued up to the close of business Jan. 31. This is 66 short of last year, and leaves delinquent on the rolls about 600 polls, a little better than 3600 polls being assessed.

The largest boxes in the county are the ones showing decrease, quite a number of the country boxes showing a gain over last year. All the city boxes show a marked decrease.

Tax Collector Chastain reports that less than \$12,000 remains delinquent on the tax rolls, and some of this will be paid by checks received in mails late on January 31st. Checks for taxes reaching the collector's office in late mails on January 31st, saves the penalty for the tax payer, but does not entitle him to a voting certificate unless the certificate is issued and signed by the collector before twelve o'clock on the last day of January.

Following are the poll tax payments by boxes:

No. 1, Ballinger	353	303
No. 2, Hatchel	101	115
No. 3, Benoit	53	49
No. 4, Crews	154	154
No. 5, Token	60	69
No. 6, Truitt	44	48
No. 7, Winters	409	404
No. 8, Antelope	27	39
No. 9, Pumphrey	69	69
No. 10, Wingate	125	142
No. 11, Baldwin	35	46
No. 12, Wilmeth	106	103
No. 13, Cochran	65	64
No. 14, North Norton	76	71
No. 15, Marie	32	30
No. 16, Maverick	60	58
No. 17, South Norton	50	63
No. 18, Pearce S. H.	68	62
No. 19, Brookshire	34	20
No. 20, Miles	283	250
No. 21, Rowena	191	195
No. 22, Olfin	50	51
No. 23, Pony Creek	85	87
No. 24, Ballinger	363	339
Total	2867	2831

City Polls 200 Short. City Tax Collector Lusk says he is ashamed to show his record for 1918 poll tax payments. Only 360 receipts were issued, which is about 200 short of the normal voting strength of the city.

\$1600 School Tax Delinquent. Tax Collector Fitch of the Ballinger Independent District reports about \$1600 uncollected school tax on the rolls at the close of business Jan. 31st. This is about \$900 more than went delinquent last year, and the school needs the money. It is expected that some of this will be paid in time to take care of the present school term.

Chamberlain's Tablets. These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation, they will do you good.

LOST FOUR HORSES
C. E. Trammell, of the Norton country passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from Hico, where he had been to look after a bunch of 38 horses which he and J. E. Handley have on pasturage near that place. He says they lost four good horses during the recent cold weather, and will have to begin to feed the stock unless spring comes soon.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. Glenson, Notary Public.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
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A. & M. COLLEGE URGING GARDENS

T. O. Walton, acting director of the Extension service of the State Agricultural and Mechanical college sends out the following letter to the people of Texas regarding the part which gardens will play in the great war to make the world safe for democracy.

"Soldiers to fight well, must be well fed, and it is the duty of those remaining at home to provide food not only for our soldiers but to help feed the allies. Staple products must go to the front, consequently it behooves us to produce every ounce of food possible, and consume that which is perishable, and in so far as possible, leave the balance for the army. There is no reason why everyone in the small towns and rural communities should not raise a garden. Work the garden during your spare hours, as a part of your contribution to the great cause of democracy. Make the garden an extra production. Many who have been devoting their time to raising of food and feed have been called to the front. We must use all our spare moments to make up for the drain on production which their absence causes. By this means you will not only serve your country, but you will save yourself many a dollar and the garden may prevent your family from suffering for the necessities.

"Think it over and utilize every effort toward the production of every article of food possible for the coming year.
"Raise a few chickens, a pig, calf, goat, sheep, pigeons, or anything else which will make food or feed. Utilize all spare time in this manner. Do not wait. Do not depend on others. Do your part. Talk to your county agent about the matter, and if there is no agent in your county, write to the extension service of the Agricultural and Mechanical college for further particulars.
"The plant industry division of the extension service of the Agricultural and Mechanical college is now preparing a leaflet on "Spring Gardens," giving details regarding plants and dates of planting in different sections of Texas, also other valuable information. This leaflet is for free distribution to all requesting a copy of same."

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SAMMIES GET GOOD CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Day, 1917.
Mr. Jno. A. Weeks, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Friend:
Here it is Christmas and I am waiting to eat a good old turkey dinner. Uncle Sam is certainly looking after us and even though we are away in a foreign land we are better taken care of than any other soldiers in the world.

This country is covered with snow and certainly makes a beautiful sight. The tall spruce and pine trees are about all that looks like Christmas.

We are expecting to get a few packages today, so we have something to look forward to after all. You can't imagine how we enjoy a few letters from home and you can spread the word that about the greatest kindness people at home can do for the boys in the trenches is to write to them as often as possible. Tell some of the bunch to answer a few of my letters and tell me all the gossip.
Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year.

ROY SHARP,
Address: Lt. Roy F. Sharp, Co. K, 167 Inf., American Expeditionary Forces, c/o Post Master N. Y.

RETURN FROM SAN ANTONIO

H. Giesecke and son, Master Herman Jr., returned home Sunday from San Antonio, where he had been to enjoy the birthday anniversary of his mother, and says his mother is very hearty and enjoying splendid health. Mr. Giesecke says he visited the Runnels county soldier boys in camp and says they are a fine looking bunch and all seem anxious to get off to France.

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I am sincere! My medicine does not upset liver and bowels so you lose a day's work.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into sour bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.
When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your

druggist sells for a few cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.
Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children as well.

We Must Go to His Den to Fight the Devil

Where should we go to trial in a case in which our most sacred interests are at stake? In one place only. We should appear in the court where the great issue is on trial.

The welfare of the whole world is on trial in France today. Germany has set out to make herself mistress of the world, just as Napoleon did in his day. Germany must be fought where there is a chance of defeating her, just as Napoleon had to be fought a hundred years ago. When the nations gathered at Leipzig to give him his first defeat, that was the proper place to fight Napoleon. When they came together again to give him his final overthrow at Waterloo, that was the exact place to meet the great Corsican.

It was a home fight for every nation arrayed in arms against him. If any one of them had said, "We will wait until Napoleon comes to our gates or our shores; when he comes we will fight him; until then it is not our fight," that nation would have been contributing to the enslavement of the world by Napoleon, and sooner or later he would have appeared at their gates, and not even the gates of hell could have prevailed against him.

Germany must be fought where her armies are found.
She must not win a foot of territory in this war.

If she does she will be able to point to the war as a victory, and the German people will believe her.

After the war there is only one hope for the future of the world. That hope lies in the German people. In a defeated Germany, the people will sooner or later unseat the Hohenzollerns and the Junkers and take from the hands of that insufferable crew of emperors and murderers the sword with which they threaten the whole world. A victorious Hohenzollern dynasty will hold the German people in the thrall of the triumphs they will claim to have won. The German people are sleep-walkers ravaging the world

under the hypnotic suggestion of the mightiest mesmerist that ever made subject the human mind. They are mad with mob psychology, homicidal mania. The French under Napoleon needed defeat, and received it. Otherwise they would have blighted the whole earth. The Germans need defeat, and they must get it, otherwise they will press down on the brow of humanity a crown of thorns more agonizing than that of Attila the Hun.

Germany must be defeated now in France, and not after she appears at our doors swollen with the pride of victory, and with our present allies flogged into her ranks as her allies.

The great cause is on trial now. At any other time it will be too late. The place is France. Germany is reeling down to defeat. If we add the might of our blows to those of our allies, she will fall. Unless she falls we meet her next, and we may have to meet her alone.

The man who argues that we should await her coming to our shores to attack us has not thought about it, or, if he has thought about it, he either is a fool or he wishes Germany to win. Let us cease listening to the unthinking, to fools, and to traitor. Let us fight this out in France alongside our allies.

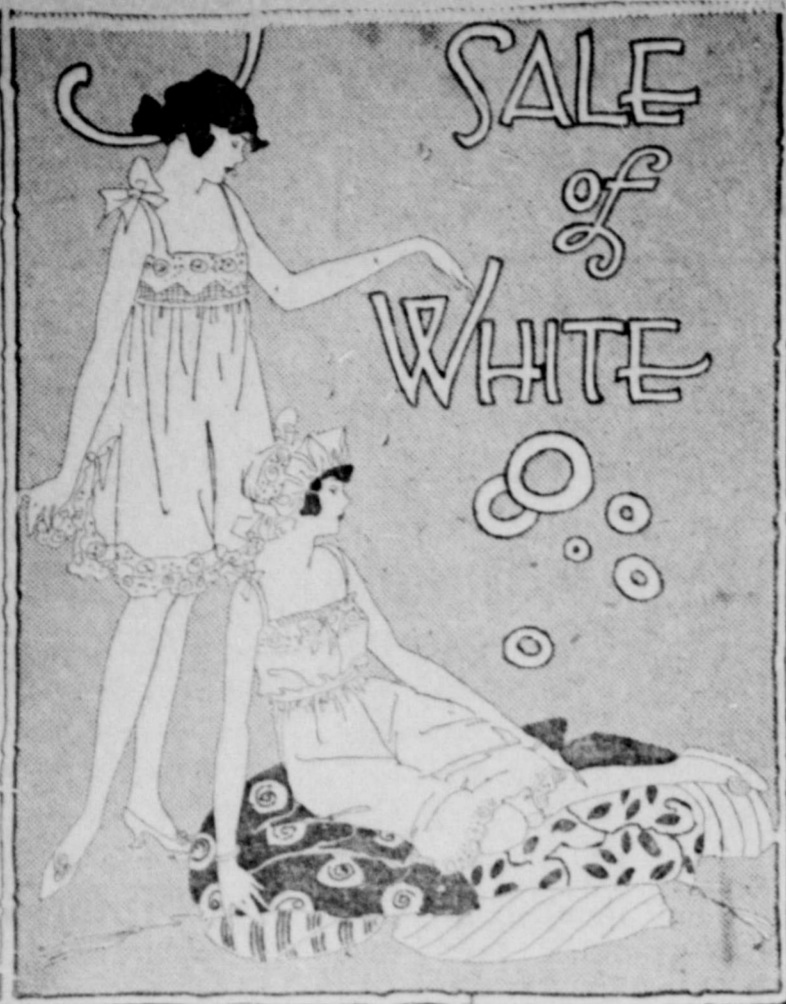
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Market conditions are such that the person who takes advantage of the reasonable prices at which these beautiful white material are being offered, will conserve in an economy that is sound.

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 Hundreds of yards—Normandy Val—
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 for—
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 12 1-2c, 15c and 20c Grades.
 Beautiful Patterns—for all kinds of
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While petticoats are again in demand and we are showing some exceptional values—both lace and embroidery trimmed—

\$1.00 Grades for	89c
\$1.25 Grades for	\$1.13
\$1.50 Grades for	\$1.35
\$2.00 Grades for	\$1.79
\$2.50 Grades for	\$2.23
\$3.50 Grades for	\$3.15

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A most desirable garment because of its practicability—we are showing some special values—

\$1.00 Grades for	89c
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\$1.50 Grades for	\$1.30



Gowns

A splendid assortment of choice styles—nainsook—batiste, crepes—round or square necks—long or short sleeves—

75c Grades for	68c
\$1.00 Grades for	89c
\$1.25 Grades for	\$1.13
\$1.50 Grades for	\$1.35
\$1.75 Grades for	\$1.58
\$2.00 Grades for	\$1.79
\$2.50 Grades for	\$2.25

Drawers

Good quality—splendidly made garments that are full cut—open or closed styles. Read the special prices—

75c Grades for	68c
\$1.00 Grades for	89c
\$1.25 Grades for	\$1.13



White kid—white canvas—well lasted—new spring shipments. Special prices during "White Sale"

White Kid

A beautiful imported white kid—full lavished—9 inch top—width A to E—worth \$15.00—our price \$12.50—special
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Osten cloth—pure white—9 inch tops—welted soles—worth \$6.50—special—
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This sale brings many linens and white cottons as far below their real value. The situation is nothing less than serious, however you know about that, so if you would save—you'll buy NOW and buy liberally. From present indications prices wont be this low again—now's the time to buy.

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36 inch width—extra smooth quality—soft finish for all purposes—extra special—
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Sheets

A good quality—bleached pure white—seamed—full size 81x90—an extra special at—
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Linen Damask

72 inches wide—many beautiful patterns—extra quality and weight—\$1.00 and \$1.25 grades—
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White Quilts

Extra large—full bed size—hemmed ends—honey comb woven patterns—worth \$3.00—special—
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Extra fine—beautiful quality for underwear—a material that is worth 35c—special—
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EXTRA SPECIAL

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 27 inch stripe and check nainsook and underwear crepe—materials that were bought on last year's market—an extra special—"Sale of White" price—
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Check Dimity

Extra wide 40 inches—a good weight for underwear and children's dresses—worth on today's market 35c—special—
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Washes like linen—wears as well—a special good weight for suits and skirts—extra special for—
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The old reliable—free from starch—full width—market price above price quoted—only—
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A finished quality—extra width 40 inches—a grade that is very desirable—extra special—
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A beautiful 40 inch material—very shdpl and desirable for waists and dresses—special—
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A special mercerized grade of good weight—66 inches wide—worth 85c—special—
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\$1.00 Grades for	89c
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\$2.00 Grades for	\$1.79
\$2.50 Grades for	\$2.25
\$3.00 Grades for	\$2.69
\$3.50 Grades for	\$3.15
\$4.00 Grades for	\$3.59

La Camile

High grade front Lace—splendid materials—many models in stock—

\$2.50 Grades for	\$2.25
\$3.00 Grades for	\$2.69
\$3.50 Grades for	\$3.15
\$7.50 Grades for	\$6.73

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FOR SALE—At my place, 6 miles Southeast, down the Colorado River from Ballinger, pigs and shoats. Good stock. W. W. Farmer. Phone 7106 Rural. 28-2td2w-pd.

LOANS

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LOST.

LOST—Brown overcoat, tolerably old, a Star Tobacco and package steel knitting needles, on Ballinger and Paint Rock road. Finder return to Ledger office and get liberal reward. 5-2dlw-pd.

LOST—Pocket book containing three railroad passes, and auto license card, two letters. Finder return to Ledger office or to Jack Pearce and get reward. dw1-pd

LOST—Rim and Lense off auto light. Finder leave at Ledger office or return to J. W. Clampitt. d&w 11.

\$10 REWARD—For return of leather gun case containing extra barrel. Lost on road near Ballinger. Ast Cordill. dlw2

FOUND

FOUND—Shotgun case, containing extra gun barrel. Case was found on Ballinger-Angelo road some time ago. Owner can get same by paying for this notice. d&wtf.

FOUND—One black horse, 14 1/2 hands high, two years old, or older, branded on right thigh. One sorrel mule, 12 hands high, old, branded on right hip. Came to my place three months ago. Owner can get stock by paying expenses. W. M. Harris, Wingate, Texas. dlw3-pd

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS FIRE AT CREWS

The general merchandise store of Sam Gray at Crews was destroyed by fire about two o'clock Sunday night. No one was in the store Sunday and the origin of the fire is a mystery.

Capt. A. D. Talley, who was here from Crews Monday, in commenting on the fire stated that this was the third fire in recent years to occur in the block where this store was located, and all of the burns were surrounded with mystery. Each one of the fires occurred between twelve and two o'clock at night.

Mr. Gray carried a stock of groceries, shoes, notions, etc., and estimates his loss at \$1,000, which was partly covered by \$600 insurance.

Ballinger Lady Doing Her Bit.

"More than a year ago I took a course of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for gall stones, severe colic and stomach trouble and have been entirely well ever since. I have recommended it to many other stomach sufferers, as I felt it was my duty to tell them just how much good it has done me." This is a simple, harmless preparation that relieves the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince, or money refunded. Jno A. Weeks, Druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. Craft, of Brooksmith, who had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. L. Harper, and their son, Shelby Craft and family, the past several weeks, left Saturday afternoon for home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Representative 111 Dist. C. R. STEPHENS. (For un-expired term.) Ed P. EASON.

MANY REGISTRANTS HERE FOR EXAMINATION

Only those registrants coming from a distance in response to notices received for them to appear here for physical examination Wednesday, were examined. Those living in the city and those near by were told to return home and await further call.

Notices were sent out for about 200 men to appear for physical examination, 100 each day for Wednesday and Thursday, when the local board received orders to hold up on this line of the draft work until further orders. The board is expecting new orders every day, and the new forms for making examinations are supposed to be en route now and as soon as these arrive the work will be put under way again and the men recalled.

The local medical board very kindly consented to examine those who came quite a distance, and possibly save them another trip within a few days. If the changes ordered should be such as to call for another examination the men can be recalled, if not that much work will be out of the way.

Trying to Locate Men in Service.
In some cases it has been found that men called by local boards who fail to report have already enlisted in the military or naval service of the United States or in hospital or ambulance units abroad or in the armies of the nations at war with the enemy of the United States. All such persons are in default, but where the attention of the local board or of the Adjutant General of the State is called to the whereabouts of any such person; a full statement of the circumstances shall be included in the report of the delinquency prescribed in section 136 to the Adjutant General of the army, who will decide upon the disposition that is to be made of such case and as to whether the delinquents are to be posted and considered as deserters from the National army. It therefore behooves all persons who have any interest in such men to inform the local boards and adjutants general of the States of their whereabouts.

Jim Johnson and Jim Rogers of Winters, and George Maddox, of the Hatchel country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

R. D. Coleman, of the Miles country came in Wednesday at noon from Dallas to stand his physical examination for the U. S. army service.

A. J. Watson, of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Waco, on a business trip.

A. C. Walter left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Sumner, N. M., on an extended trip.

J. T. McCaughn, the Norton merchant and G. R. Crim, of the Valley Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. W. L. McAnuly and son Ed, of the Maverick country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bates of the Crews - Token country, motored over to Ballinger Monday on a short business trip.

J. W. Borders of the Maverick country, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young, of the Crews country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Tom Vandevanter left Saturday afternoon for Burnet and other points in that section on a business trip.

Banker Hillvard and wife, of Winters, left Saturday afternoon for Marlin Wells, where she will spend a few weeks for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. Nancy Hall, of Windham, who had been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Willoughby and family left for her home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. G. G. Faust of Fort Worth, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pipkin, of South Ballinger the past week, returned to her home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Chapman spent the day with relatives and friends at Wintress Tuesday.

MRS. MORRIS HAS GAINED 20 POUNDS

Friends See Great Change In Her Condition Since Taking Tanlac.

"I have gained twenty pounds or more and anyone who knew the dreadful condition I was in can readily see the wonderful change Tanlac has made in me," said Mrs. N. F. Morris, who resides at 910 East Missouri Street, El Paso, Texas, after using five bottles of the "Master Medicine."

"No one," she continued, "except those afflicted the same way can have but a faint idea of the awful suffering I went through for seven years. I had indigestion, a bad stomach and rheumatism in my back and shoulders. Many a day, and even months at a time, I have lived most altogether on liquids. Occasionally for breakfast I was allowed a glass of milk and a little stale bread toasted, and I got so I couldn't even take that. I couldn't even drink water without it causing me trouble. I was often so sick and nauseated that I felt like I would die and some days there wasn't an hour but what I would have a vomiting spell, and while in this fix I was completely exhausted. The gas on my stomach made my heart beat so fast it seemed like it would jump out of my body and I just had to struggle for breath. I was very nervous, couldn't sleep at night and felt tired and worn-out all the time. I had fearful headaches and, really, I never knew what it was to be free from suffering.

"I spent three months in one hospital and was told my trouble was caused by either gallstones or appendicitis, but I came back to El Paso and kept getting worse. My suffering was so terrible I didn't much care whether I lived or not, and I had become discouraged and down-hearted. Then I went to a hospital and had my appendix removed but I still suffered the same way and became more despondent than ever. My husband and family paid out hundreds of dollars trying to get something to help me, and just to think a few bottles of Tanlac have done more than everything else certainly seems remarkable to me. Tanlac seemed to go right to the seat of my trouble and in a few days I had a good appetite and commenced to gain in weight and strength. My rheumatism and nervousness are gone and I sleep good every night, and my appetite is so great I have to guard myself to keep from eating more than I should. I am still taking Tanlac but I have already gotten so stout and healthy looking that I don't get any more sympathy. I'm talking Tanlac all the time and my friends often speak of how much better I look."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Token by J. W. Bright.

A. E. Neice, who recently moved to our county from Eastland, left Monday for Valera, where he had left his auto truck during the recent severe weather.

Fred Prusser, Ernest Graves, E. M. Burrow and J. R. Harris, of the Hatchel country, M. T. Hensley, J. W. Poole and N. F. Smithson, of the Wingate country were among the visitors in Ballinger on First Monday.

G. L. Thompson of the Hatchel country, shipped out his household goods Saturday to Grand Saline, Texas, where they will make their future home. His family will join him in a short while.

Johnnie Fox Jr., of Pony Creek, who had been holding a position at Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home and we are sorry to note that he had the measles.

L. Ernst of the Winters country was among the number who ordered the Banner-Ledger Monday for the ensuing year.

Alex Yarnell left Monday afternoon for Temple on a short business trip.

E. H. Colburn of the Winters country, was shopping in Ballinger Wednesday and says they are breaking land and going right along with farmwork and says the recent snows put the land in very good shape.

ALL ALIENS MUST REGISTER THIS WEEK

Washington, Feb. 4—Detailed information, including personal habits, and business relations of every German together with his photograph and finger prints will be taken by the Department of Justice in a national registration week beginning today.

A certified card, showing that he has been registered must be carried at all times on the person of German aliens and he may not change his place of residence without first notifying and obtaining the permission of the police or postmaster of the town or city in which he lives.

Earlier plans for the gradual registration of Germans in the United States with those in the eastern section to come first were abandoned when it was intimated that some Germans might avoid registration by moving from one district to another.

The present penalty for violations of any of the provisions of President Wilson's alien proclamation is internment for the period of the war but if a policy suggested by high government officials is pursued there will be a revision of the law in order to make the punishment more drastic.

Before the clock strikes midnight Saturday every one of the German aliens in this country—not including women or children under the age of 14 years, must have registered or will be considered a dangerous person and will be interned. The registration does not apply to Austrians or Hungarians.

In announcing the provisions and requirements for the registration the Department of Justice took care to avoid creating the impression that the government looks on each German with contempt.

"Registrants are not to be treated as persons of evil dispositions," instructions to registrars point out, "and the registration officers are urged to deal with them in a courteous and friendly manner."

Cooperation of police, federal officers, postal employees and private citizens is expected by the department to see that the United States government has accurate information of every German alien within the borders of this country.

Certificates will be issued to registrants only after every item declared has been checked from all possible angles and found to have been correct.

Information so gathered official believe, will be of material assistance in tracing plots against this government and in discovering just which of the Germans here should be most closely watched.

The task of registration is a great one. In cities of 5,000 or more population, as shown by the census of 1910, the chief of police and his assistants will have charge of the work.

In smaller communities and rural districts registration will be conducted by the postmasters, with the postmaster in the largest office in the local judicial districts, which in most cases is the equivalent of a county in charge. It will be his duty to gather the reports and forward them to the Department of Justice. In most cities the work will be done by precincts.

Every German must go to the office of the registrar and make out triplicate affidavit information blanks, and furnish four photographs of himself—one for each of the blanks and one for his certificate. The photographs must bear his signature written across the front and must not be larger than three inches square. It must be on thin paper and have a light background.

Your Five Hundred Muscles.

The five hundred muscles in the human body depend on pure and rich blood for their health and contractile energy which is the ability to labor. If they are given impure blood they become feeble, the step loses its elasticity, the arm its efficiency and there is incapacity to perform the usual amount of labor.

What a great blessing Hood's Sarsaparilla has been to the many toiling thousands whose blood it has made and kept pure and rich! This medicine cleanses the blood of all humors, inherited or acquired, and strengthens and tones the whole system. It is important to be sure that you get Hood's Sarsaparilla when you ask for it. No substitute for it is like it.

Timely Advice

from a bank has often put many a business in a strong position. Such advice is one of the functions of this institution. We are willing at all times to give you the benefit of our experience and cordially invite you to consult with us.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

NO ALIENS HERE; THREE AT ANGELO

The registration of German aliens in America began Monday morning. As far as we have been able to learn this city has no alien enemies within its pale, and all here are supposed to be our friends. The date for registering closes Saturday.

Reports received from San Angelo reports that two men registered in that city as alien enemies on the first day of the registration week, and one other attempted to register, but had to wait until he could have the four photographs of himself made.

Henry Eckert was the first to call on the registration officer at San Angelo. He was informed that he must have the pictures of himself made. Hermann Glogua, age fifty-four and son H. Frank Glogua, age fifteen, were the town German aliens to register with the San Angelo authorities.

All male residents more than fourteen years old, who have not secured their final citizenship papers, are required to register under this act.

YOUNG FRIEND! IF GEORGE WASHINGTON COULD RISE FROM HIS GRAVE.

And see our cities at midnight lighted as bright as day, hear the whirl of the electric car, talk over a wireless telephone, send a message by wireless to a ship far out at sea, examine his own bones with an X-ray, view the snowy fields, sunny plains and canals of Mars through a telescope, take a flight from ocean to ocean in an air ship, cross the ocean in a submarine, get run over by an automobile going ninety miles an hour—but what's the use going back a hundred years? A system of shorthand and bookkeeping twenty years old is of but little use today.

As the steam ship has crowded out the sail boat, as the typewriter, the goose quill pen and pocket watch, so have the famous Byrnes systems of Bookkeeping and Business Training and Shorthand taken the place of the old systems. The reason is plain: these systems cut in half the time and cost of becoming an expert accountant or stenographer; they teach business as well as bookkeeping, they make it possible for the student to graduate and begin earning while the student of other systems is less than half through his course; they give the student a better practical working knowledge, which means a higher salary.

These practical, modern, time-saving systems can be had in this section only in the Tyler Commercial College. You would not think of riding in an ox cart in preference to an automobile. Then why think of studying the old ox cart systems of accounting and stenography when you can get the Byrnes systems which possess such wonderful advantages that they enabled the management of the Tyler Commercial College to build the largest business training school in America, with an annual enrollment of more than 2500.

For free catalogue, address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

R. P. Taylor and A. D. Taylor of the Norton country, Bob Grimes of the Miles country, and W. A. Guin of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

FIRE RISK HERE IS 50 PER CENT BETTER

S. B. Savage, representing the state fire marshal, visited Ballinger Monday on a regular inspecting tour. In company with local Fire Marshal J. P. Martindale, Mr. Savage inspected the business houses, the compress, sanitarium, school buildings and other public buildings, and the alleys, and after he had made the rounds he informed Mr. Martindale that Ballinger was in a class to itself and conditions here with respect to fire risk were fifty per cent better than any other town he had visited.

This is the result of some of the boost for a cleaner city, and is due to the work carried on both by the city and civic league. Especially did Mr. Savage compliment the citizens for the clean condition of the alleys.

Once clean it is easy to create a pride for civic attractiveness, and as the spring is approaching every one should take renewed interest in civic work, co-operate with the city and civic league in making Ballinger sanitary and free from fire hazards.

MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, FROM CONSTIPATION

If tongue is coated, breath bad, stomach sour, clean liver and bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow.

If your little one is out-of-sorts, half-sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without gripping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown ups printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the California Fig Syrup Company.

JUDGE PARISH'S FATHER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

County Judge O. L. Parish returned to the city from the home of his father, W. O. Parish, near Wingate, Monday morning, coming in to open county court. Mr. Parish, we regret to note, is seriously ill. Judge Parish will probably return to his bed side as soon as the docket is called and cases set for trial later.

Mrs. Sam Neese returned home Monday at noon from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Cobb, and family, of Zephyr.



Flavor Purity Economy

You will want to try whole-some Cottolene for "deep-frying," as well as for cakes, pastry and biscuit. For Cottolene instantly browns and crisps the outer surface, and thus seals in the tempting flavors of the food itself.

That's why things "deep-fried" in Cottolene come out deliciously wholesome and easily digestible.

MEAT RECIPES

Meat Croquettes

1 cupful finely chopped meat (any kind)
1 cupful soft bread crumbs
1/2 cupful soup stock or white sauce
1 egg beaten.

Season with salt and pepper and onion juice if desired. When very cold shape the mixture into cylinders; roll in sifted bread crumbs, then beaten egg, then crumbs again. Fry one minute in deep Cottolene, hot enough to brown a bit of bread while you count 49.

Cottolene
"The Natural Shortening"

At grocers in tins of convenient sizes

SELLS HOME AND BUYS BUSINESS

A deal is on in the closing and the title will change within the next few hours which will transfer to W. A. Francis, manager of the Walker-Smith Co., the T. T. Crosson home place on Broadway. C. C. Gilliam is disposing of the place at a very reasonable figure for property in that part of the city, one of the most desirable residence districts in the city.

Mr. Francis had outgrown his home on Tenth Street near the Methodist church and for some time has been casting about for a more desirable and roomy home, and his friends will be glad to know that he has acquired this property.

Mr. Gilliam is not disposing of his home with a view of leaving Ballinger. He expects to purchase another place, one not so large, at an early date, and he will continue to reside here and in doing so become more extensively interested in the tailoring and gents furnishing business.

Forfeits are up and a deal is pending in which Paul Sulak sells to Mr. Gilliam the Scotch Wooden Mills, one of the most successful haberdasher businesses ever established in this city. Mr. Sulak is not selling upon his own volition, but is doing so at the request of Uncle Sam, as he comes with the next call for colors, and is winding up his business with a view of responding to the call.

Mr. Gilliam will take charge of the Sulak business within the next day or two, and Mr. Sulak will leave for Laredo where he goes to dispose of other property interests and will then report for duty at Camp Travis, or whatever camp he is called to when the next draft call comes.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Bilioussness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-FOS WITH PEPSEN**. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

J. O. Cline left Monday morning for Paint Rock, where he is a witness in District court in session at that place this week.

W. B. McCaughey, of the Wingo country, was in the city Saturday to meet his mother-in-law from Goldthwaite and while here left the required amount for the Banner-Ledger and Dallas News for the ensuing year.

Building Material Is High

But it is to your interest to let us figure on the bill, whether large or small. The saving is worth while. We carry a complete stock and can deliver promptly.

Ballinger Lumber Company

A Multitude of People Meet in Union Service

The first of a series of co-operative services recently planned for by the local pastors association, was held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening. The house was filled with people from the various churches of the city, and the congregation was one that brought forth expressions of gratitude from the pastors present. The services were indeed a co-operative service, all the pastors present having a part in the service, and singers from the different choirs rendering splendid music.

Rev. Morgan, pastor of the First Baptist church lead in the introductory part of the service, and after two or three inspiring songs called on Rev. Self, the Nazarene pastor to lead in prayer. Rev. Curry, pastor of the Methodist church, and chairman of the pastors' association, made the announcements, announcing that the next service of the co-operative series would be held next Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. Cunningham, of San Angelo, will be the preacher, for the evening. Rev. Cunningham is coming here to assist in installing the new pastor at the First Presbyterian church, and will make the occasion the co-operative service. Rev. Bates, the First Presbyterian church pastor, preached the sermon, after which Dr. J. H. King, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church lead in prayer.

It was Rev. Bates' first appearance in this city before a mixed congregation, a congregation made up of the different churches of the city, and he expressed his appreciation for the privilege of delivering the sermon on this occasion.

Reading the entire 84th Psalm, and selecting the first seven verses of this chapter as a basis for his remarks, Rev. Bates illustrated in a most practical way how the Psalmist longed for the house of God. The speaker called attention to the fact that the Psalmist began with a cry for the house of God, and plunging at once into the teachings of the lesson selected for his sermon, the preacher painted a picture of the restlessness of man away from the house of God, and compared the satisfied state of all beasts and animals with the unsatisfied state of man, showing that is a misfit in this life and continually longs for the life to come.

While man is restless, Rev. Bates called attention to the lack of interest among Ballinger people for God's house, stating that he had been impressed most sadly by this state of affairs since coming to Ballinger.

"Hundreds care very little for the house of God," said the speaker, "and while I do not want to quarrel with you, I want to ask you if you would cry out like this Jew if you were robbed of the privilege of God's house. Man can call upon God under any and all circumstances, but there is a duty of the Christians to go up to God's house to worship, and there are few who worship God away from His house.

"What kind of an example are you setting for those who come after you? Do you teach your children that they must love the house of the Lord? Religion does not claim the secondary place in our lives; it comes first or does not come at all."

The speaker illustrated how the pilgrims journeyed to the House of the Lord, and how the Psalmist in his restless state saw the hands of pilgrims coming up to worship God, assembling for the yearly feast. He compared man's environment with the environment of the animals of the field and the birds of the air, showing that man is not living for the present alone, is a misfit in the world, living in less real sense than the other creatures on earth, and that this life here is not man's true life, man being the only creature that lives upward and looks to the future.

At this point in his sermon Rev.

Bates emphasized the great blessings of the man who is able to make the journey up to God's house—"Blessed are they who dwell in Thy house, they shall still be praising Thee." "It is the man who is able to make the journey, passing through the valley of weeping, who realizes the blessings of God's house," said the speaker, "and all Christians are traveling the same spiritual road to the house of God. We may have different experiences, but we all travel the same way."

In closing the preacher emphasized the great fact that this is not the real life of man, and that this life means he passage down thru the valley of weeping and thru shadow, and that it is the strength of the Christian man that makes it possible for him to travel thru the valley and on up to the house of God.

GIRLS! HAVE A MASS OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR, SOFT, GLOSSY, WAVY

A small bottle destroys dandruff and doubles beauty of your hair.

Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine your can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and seragry, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

COMPANY RANGERS IS FORMING HERE

A delegation of Rannels county citizens returned from Austin Friday night, where they went to confer with the adjutant general concerning the organization of a company of rangers to be used by the state.

The men were given a hearing and assured that this county would be well represented when the new company was organized. The men making application for the places on the new company are just such type men as the state wants for the ranger services, the delegation being headed by Jim Flynt, with Joe Spoons, Garland McAuley, Chas. Grant, Chas. Meeks, and Martin Frick. Mr. Frick is not an applicant and only went along with the party for company and to assist the boys in any way he could.

While there is a demand at present for increasing the ranger force by organizing another company with from ten to twenty members in this part of the state, the adjutant general's department is somewhat "up in the air" on the matter. No appropriation has been made for taking care of the expenses of such a force, and the recent order of Railroad Dietator McAdoo cutting out all passes, has worked a hardship on the ranger force, and unless that part of the order is modified so as not to apply to rangers, the state will probably have to reduce the present force, as traveling expenses will be too heavy.

In the event the company is organized a Ballinger man has been slated for captain, and it is expected other citizens from here will be selected for the company.

Mrs. Joe Bates and baby of Talpa, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Halstead, left Monday for their home.

PATRIOTIC VOLUNTEERS INSTEAD OF SLACKERS

The local board is attempting to prevent placing many men in the slacker class and before finally reporting as slackers those who have not filled out questionnaires and returned them, the board is publishing a list of the men and requesting the public to assist in locating these men.

It is probable that some of the men whose questionnaires have been returned undelivered are in the service, but the board does not know this, and unless they get a line-up on them the men will be listed as slackers.

Those who know the whereabouts of any of these men will do the board a favor and prove their patriotism to their government by reporting same to the local board at once. With the list given below is the last address furnished the local board, but questionnaires mailed to such an address have been returned undelivered, or the registrant has failed to return the questionnaire:

- Joe Andrews (col.) Ballinger.
- Tom Smith (col.), Rowena.
- Sam Moore (col.), Route 1, Rowena.
- Felipe Torres (Mex.), Coleman.
- John Wesley Thompson (col.), Ballinger.
- Cephus Bolin Wilson, Mineral Wells.
- George Sledge (col.) Coleman.
- Reyes Rodriguez (Mex.), Rowena.
- Miguel Aguiniga (Mex.), Rowena.
- Emmit Gordon (col.), Waco.
- Raymond Henry Richardson, Ardmore, Okla.
- Byron Ward, Winters.
- Telesforo Flores (Mex.), Rowena.
- Margarito Gara (Mex.), Ballinger.
- Chester Quinten Owen, Ballinger.
- Ike House (col.), Ballinger.
- Dan Henderson (col.), Ballinger.
- Henry J. Havlik, Rowena.
- Jesse Wilson (col.), Rowena.
- Tranquilino Bustamantez (Mex.), Ballinger.
- Claud Thomas Clark, Maverick.
- Ben Carter (col.), Rowena.
- Walter C. Rayburn, Crossby, Tex.
- Antry Nunn (col.), Ballinger.
- Jasper Ray Compton, Ballinger.
- Nathan Harvey (col.), Ballinger.
- William Jewell Poe, Wingoate.
- Robert Russell, (col.), Glen Cove.
- Floyd Hallmark, Hereford.
- Merciano Espinoza (Mex.), Marie.
- Ben Elmus Walker, Marietta, Okla.
- Keel Williams, Winters.
- Juan L. Bazar (Mex.), Ballinger.
- James Willie Boalts (col.), Granfield, Okla.
- Carl Ogden Horn, Winters.
- Johmnn McClintock, (col.), Eagle Lake, Texas.
- Lester Young Crow.
- Lola Payos (Mex.), Miles.
- David Paul Davis, Ballinger.
- Charley Sterling Reeves, Ballinger.
- Robert Tilman Jones, Winters.
- Lewis Morgan (col.), Miles.
- Dan Kelly (col.), Ballinger.
- Dolores Oneales (Mex.), Ballinger.
- Douglas Childress, Miles.
- James Arthur Cox, Ballinger.
- Jack Mullin, Winters.
- Roy Howard Sanders, Winters.
- Albert Noel Reed, Winters.
- Carl Lawrence Kreidel, Miles.
- Emil Charles Bredemeyer, North Ft. Worth.
- Amstead Maron Vermillion, Shannon, Miss.
- Frank Jackson, (col.) Ballinger.
- Ulric Price Scott, Ballinger.
- Jim Brown, Miles.
- Henry E. Robertson, Talpa.
- Oscar Birk Campbell, Miles.
- Felix Cortz (Mex.), Reese, Texas.
- Thomas Richard Adams, Ballinger.
- Jose Lujam (Mex.), Miles.
- James Tyler Franklin, Tulla.
- John Wesley Lawrence, Conroe, Tex.
- John C. Gafford (col.), Benoit.
- Elijah Dillard (col.), Winters.
- Bob Tipton Collins, Ballinger.
- Charley Emmett (col.), Bobstown, Texas.
- Monroe Watson Grant, Marie.
- Juan Pena (Mex.), Pony.
- William Henry Henson, Winters.

In publishing a list of the registrants of this county whose whereabouts had never been made known to the local board, and whose questionnaires had been unfilled, we tried to make it plain that it was probable that some of these were in service, having enlisted without notifying the board, and requested that those who could furnish the desired information assist the board in getting a line up on the missing men.

Since the list was published several of the registrants have been located, friends or relatives having notified the board that the men were in the army serving as volunteers, and for this reason their questionnaires did not reach them.

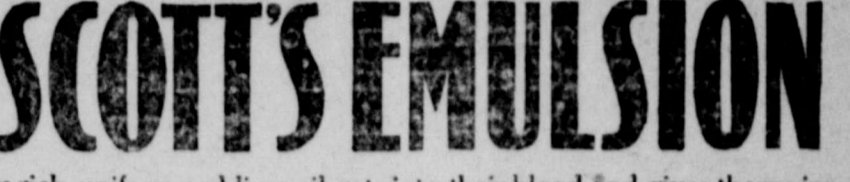
This is just the information the board wants. Chairman Kirk did not state that these men were slackers, and instead of being slackers those who have volunteered are real patriots, having enlisted without being drafted, and deserve credit for their patriotism.

There are probably others in the list of those who have failed to fill out questionnaires who are in the service. If so they are most certainly not slackers, but the board has no way of classifying these men unless they know whether they have enlisted.

Of the seventy-two names published, about one half of them are negroes and Mexicans, and the board will no doubt have difficulty in locating these.

Protecting Your Children

The long, hard school term drains the vitality of growing children and you wonder why they are listless, puny and pale. Every school child will show marked improvement in health and growth if given



Its rich, uniform cod liver oil gets into their blood and gives them vim, snap and zest. It creates strength to resist school sicknesses, overcome pinched faces, sallow complexions and dull eyes. High authorities have established again and again that cod liver oil promotes growth and energizes the body and brain.

The imported Norwegian cod liver oil always used in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 17-15

INVESTING HIS CASH IN WAR SAVING STAMPS

John Arch Stephens is filling up his thrift card with thrift stamps. The young man has filled two cards since the first of the year and exchanged them for War Saving Stamps, and his uncle gave him a third W. S. S. He will soon have the third thrift card filled and when exchanged for a W. S. S. he will have four W. S. S. John Arch is the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Stephens, and is one of the Ledger's carrier boys.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Peck*

TWO ALLEGED ALIENS LIVE IN SAN ANGELO

San Angelo, Feb. 3.—The registration of alien enemies will begin here tomorrow under the direction of Chief of Police Nick Snow. Under the provisions of the President's proclamation calling for the registration of alien enemies, five days will be given those who are classed as such to report to the chief of police, fill out the various affidavits, leave four photographs and secure their registration cards.

A recent investigation of Chief of Police Snow disclosed the fact that thirty persons residing in San Angelo are classed as "alien enemies."

Patrolize—

Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

NOTICE.

We have a car of soft corn coming that is sound and heavy corn. It is frost-bitten and is not suitable for horses but will be fine for hogs. We will sell off the car at \$1.40 per bushel, phone or call on us and leave your order and we will notify you on the arrival of the car. This is to be sound and heavy corn. Ludwig & Taylor, Phone 63. Ballinger. 3d2w

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Reese returned home Monday at noon from Plano, where he had been on an extended business trip.

Mrs. Emma Nash and daughter, Mrs. Fred Moore, and babe, left Sunday afternoon for Weston, Colorado, to visit Joe Nash and family a few weeks.

Save and Invest
in the
Safest, Simplest Security
Buy
War Saving Stamps
issued by the
United States Government

This bank will keep on hand at all times a liberal supply of stamps and will gladly furnish information concerning same.

Every facility of this bank is at the disposal of our Government without cost.

The First National Bank
Of Ballinger
Member of Federal Reserve System.

Who Will Win This Battle?

Your kidneys are the filters of the body. If they become inactive and fail to eliminate the waste matter, they are apt to throw the whole mechanism of the body out of order, thus toxic poisons can accumulate in the system and be as deadly as snake venom.

Besides causing the minor ailments of rheumatism, sciatica, lumbago and backache, neglect of the kidneys is apt to develop into more serious diseases, such as diabetes or stone in the bladder.

Rid the body of toxic poisons—clean the bladder and kidneys and cure the twinges of rheumatism with Anuric and you win the battle of life.

Anuric was first discovered by Dr. Pierce, and has benefited thousands of sufferers as well as appeared and eliminated the ravages of the more serious kidney diseases. Now procurable for 60 cents at any good drug store, or send Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package.

SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS.—I wish to state to those who may have rheumatism that I am 45 years old and have had rheumatism most all my life. In executing my duties as a peace officer of this state in the winter of 1910, I was exposed to some very bad weather, which brought on a very severe attack, in fact, it was so bad that I could not ride horseback, and I was compelled to abandon my duties for awhile. I then began a search for a permanent cure, which I did not find until I learned of Doctor Pierce's Anuric Tablets. I began taking them about 10 months ago and am satisfied that I am cured.

I wish to say in conclusion that I cannot be loud enough in my praise of Dr. Pierce's Anuric.—T. J. ALLEN.

PAINT ROCK PEOPLE COME HERE TO WED

Thursday of last week Mr. J. W. Norman and Mrs. Alice Fultz were quietly married in Ballinger. This was quite a surprise to their many friends in Paint Rock. Mr. Norman is one of the old settlers and one of the most prominent business men of our town. He has been identified with many of the business enterprises of the town and has proven himself successful in every line he has ever tried.

Mrs. Fultz has been living in the Norman home some two years. She is of a quiet and unassuming disposition. Her home was formerly in Arkansas. We join a host of friends here and in this and Rannels county in wishing them happiness and continued success.—Paint Rock Herald.

ELEPHANT MEAT \$4 PER LB.

How would you like an elephant steak at \$4 per pound? Or bruin chops at \$3 a pound? Or if you wanted a chicken how would you like to pay ten dollars for it?

This isn't a warning of what is going to happen in this country. It is what happened at the time of the siege of Paris by the Germans in 1870-71.

People ate—and were glad to eat—things they had never thought of before at that time. Dog meat sold at 60c a pound and rats at 35c apiece.

In the siege of Paris the problem was limited to one city. Now food is a world problem.

If America relaxed her watchful service for a month, Paris would be in danger of a worse siege than that of 1870.

That's why it is necessary for us to observe wheatless and meatless days in this country—to eat other foods.

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

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

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

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

ALL FEED PLACED UNDER U. S. CONTROL

By proclamation of the President which takes effect February 15th, livestock and poultry feeds are placed under the supervision of the U. S. Food Administration in addition to bran, cottonseed products and other staple commodities already so controlled. Alphabetically arranged, the feeds covered by the new regulations are:

Alfalfa, Animal or fish products, or by-products, Baled Alfalfa, Baled Hay, Baled Straw, Barley, Beans, Broom Corn, Buckwheat, Cane Seed, Copra, Corn (ear), Corn (shelled), Dried Brewers Grains, Dried Distillers Grains, Dried yeast grains, Emmer, Feterita, Grains and seed screenings, Hay, Kaffir, Lentils, Linseed Oil Cake, Linseed Oil Meal, Malt Sprouts, Millet, Milo, Oats, Palm Kernel, Peanuts, Peas, Rice, Rye, Sorghum Grains, Soya Beans, Spelt, Straw, Sugar Beets, Sugar Cane, Sunflower Seeds, Tankage, Velvet Beans, Wheat.

With specified exceptions, all persons, firms and associations importing, manufacturing, mixing, processing, storing or distributing these feeds are required to secure license from the U. S. Food Administration for the duration of the war. The exceptions include farmers, gardeners, cooperative associations of farmers and gardeners (including livestock farmers), common carriers and retailers whose gross sales of food commodities do not exceed \$100,000 annually.

The purpose of the control is to prevent speculating and hoarding to stabilize prices and secure distribution through the most direct channels.

STUMEZE Stops Indigestion of Twenty-five Years Standing

J. R. Hendershot, M. D., of Elmdale, Montana, graduated 1894, says: "I have had indigestion for twenty-five years also piles have troubled me for the past three years. Your STUMEZE has stopped it all." STUMEZE, the Master Prescription for catarrh of the stomach, indigestion, dyspepsia, gases, belching, nausea, painful acid stomachs, has many friends and indorses among the medical profession. There is in STUMEZE that direct and immediate help that all stomach sufferers need and appreciate. STUMEZE is for sale and guaranteed by all druggists. Get a bottle today. Be Well!

BROTHER KILLED.

A. F. Aycock, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, left Wednesday for Harrison county in response to a message stating that his brother had been killed by a falling tree. He did not get any further particulars.

TEACHING SURGICAL DRESS CLASS AT WINTERS

Mrs. W. S. Fleming is visiting Winters each Tuesday to assist the Red Cross ladies of that city in organizing a class in surgical dressing work. The Winters Red Cross workers have been doing splendid work with their knitting and are now taking up the work of making surgical dressings.

HERE FOR VISIT AFTER 31 YEARS

Wm. E. Beck, special field deputy United States Marshal for the district of Arizona, is here on a visit to his nephew, Santa Fe Agent J. J. Beck. Before coming to Ballinger Mr. Beck visited his nephew, Bryan D. Beck at San Antonio, and his brother at Brownwood. Bryan D. Beck formerly lived at Ballinger, and sends greetings to his Ballinger friends by his uncle.

Mr. Beck is one of the most picturesque pioneer characters ever to visit this city. In a fight with Apache Indians in Arizona in the early days, his horse was shot from under him by the Indians. He escaped through a cyclone of dust, and afterwards his friends said the Indians ran into a cyclone when they struck Bill Beck, and from that day to this Mr. Beck has carried the name of "Cyclone Bill."

While he has served many years on the border and come in contact with the rough element of foreign population making up the mining settlements of Arizona, Mr. Beck is not of that rough type of men so often characteristic of the frontier, but is of gentle disposition which has often made it easy for him to handle criminals without calling into play force used by other officers.

Mr. Beck was the first man called into service after America declared war on Germany. The day after Congress passed the war resolution he was detailed to guard the Grantie Reef diversion of the Roosevelt dam in Arizona to prevent German sympathizers from blowing up the dam and making 220,000 acres of rich productive land arid. He remained on that job until May 28th when he was sent to mining district of Jerome, Arizona, to help handle the strike situation, and later called on to run down slackers.

The day before he started to Texas on a vacation and visit to relatives he placed thirty-six men in jail at Prescott for failing to register. These men have been sentenced to one year each in the pen. Mr. Beck stated that they called themselves some kind of a Russian sect that were opposed to war.

"I left this country thirty years ago," said Mr. Beck, while talking to a Ledger man, "and I was in Ballinger when there were only about three hundred people here. The change has been wonderful." Mr. Beck stated that he was with a party who drove a bunch of cattle from this country to Arizona thirty one years ago. His father was one of the pioneer settlers of San Antonio.

Mr. Beck will be here for several days visiting his nephew whom he had not seen in thirty years, or since Joe was a little boy. From here he will return to Brownwood and San Antonio and later go back to Arizona where he will busy himself making slackers and foreigners have a little more respect for the greatest flag in the world.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GIBBY'S TASTYNESS CHILI TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. See

PAINT ROCK PEOPLE MOVING TO TARRANT CO.

Mrs. W. E. Midgeley was here from Paint Rock Thursday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weeks, and arranging to leave in a few days for Branford, Tarrant county, to join Mr. Midgeley. Mr. Midgeley has purchased a drug store at Branford, near Ft. Worth, and is moving his family to that place.

BROTHER IMPROVING.

J. F. McMillan returned home Tuesday night from his old home at Zepher where he had been at the bed side of his brother who was seriously ill with pneumonia and we are glad to learn that the young man was better when his brother left him.

BROUGHT HERE FOR AN OPERATION

Mrs. Fulcher, of Eden, was brought here for an operation for appendicitis Wednesday. The operation was successfully performed. Mrs. Fulcher's mother, Mrs. J. M. Stephens, was recently brought here for an operation. J. M. Stephens is a brother of Dr. L. B. Stephens, of this city, and he has been here with his wife and daughter.

WILL PROSECUTE FOOD VIOLATORS

Local Food Administrator Williams is in receipt of instructions from Food Administrator Peden's office at Houston, instructing him to report the names of all those who are refusing to observe the wheatless and meatless days, and to look particular after those who are hoarding food in violation of the rules governing these matters.

In addition to the instructions received by Mr. Williams, it is expected that government authorities will take a hand and call on those who are failing to do their duty along these lines and teach a few lessons that will cause a few of the slackers to stand up and take notice.

We regret to note that some people in this city are ignoring the wheatless and meatless days, claiming a right to eat what they please so long as they have the cash to buy it with. It is just such people as these that the government is going to look after, and will not be very long about it, according to warnings sent out from Washington, and repeated thru the state food administration. The penalty is heavy for hoarding food. You must not purchase or have on your premises at one time more than forty-eight pounds of flour (those living in town), nor five pounds of sugar. People living in the country are allowed to buy twice these amounts.

Hoarding food by consumers is absolutely forbidden, and the violation carries with it a fine of five thousand dollars or two years imprisonment, or both. The grocer has no discretion in the matter of selling cereals in like quantities with flour, and is subject to heavy penalties if he violates this law.

Note the following extract from the food administrator's statement:

"As their part in reducing the consumption of wheat flour the consumers of the country are called upon in purchasing such flour to buy at the same time cereals (corn meal, corn starch, corn flour, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, rice flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, buck wheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soy bean flour, feterita flour and meals). The housewives may use these products separately in making bread, cakes, pastry, or mix them as she thinks best.

The retailers are to sell wheat flour only with an equal weight of these other cereals." The people in this country with plenty can't get the idea of the great food shortage in the far east and the danger of the food problem becoming more serious as the war continues. The army and the people in England and France must have food, or we will fall victims of the kaiser, and then even sour kraut and corn bread will be appetizing to those who at present must have two-story biscuit and tender loin steak three times a day to tickle their taste.

Those who are refusing to observe the food rules should take fair warning and stay out of trouble.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Panna, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son, Paul, caught a severe cold last winter and settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Pane and baby, and Joe Jeanes left Wednesday afternoon for El Centro, Cal., where they will make their future home. They were in company with Mr. and Mrs. Rouse Jeanes, mention of whose departure was in the Ledger yesterday.

They have a host of friends in this section who wish them all happiness and prosperity in their new homes.

W. G. Chapman of South Ballinger was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his son, W. C. Chapman in Tarrant county.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher In Use For Over 30 Years The Kind You Have Always Bought

Stores to Close at Six O'clock; Patriotic Move

The business men of Ballinger, with few exceptions, have entered into an agreement to close their places of business at six o'clock every evening, except Saturdays and First Mondays, beginning Feb. 1st and continuing until September 1st.

As set out in the agreement, the purpose of the closing at this hour is two-fold—to conserve fuel and lights, and give employees an opportunity to plant war gardens. It is to be regretted that the move was not made unanimous, and those who failed to enter into the agreement can not expect to do much business after the other stores have closed, as the impression goes out with this announcement that all business will be suspended at six o'clock.

The public in general is urged to co-operate with the patriotic merchants in observing this order by doing their shopping within time for all goods to be delivered before closing time.

In closing at six o'clock the merchants of this city are only doing a part of what every business house east of the Mississippi river has been ordered to do. All business houses east of the Mississippi are remaining closed every Monday under orders from the government.

Following is the agreement entered into by the patriotic merchants of this city, and the names of those entering into the agreement:

"Conservation is the order of the day. And we are all in hearty accord with the administration at Washington, and in order to do another 'bit,' saving of fuel and lights and giving ourselves and employees an opportunity to plant a war garden, we, the undersigned business men of Ballinger agree to close our places of business at six o'clock p. m. cash day excepting Saturdays and First Mondays, beginning Feb. 1, 1918, and continuing until August 31, 1918. Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack. Ballinger Dry Goods Co. D. Reeder.

- Ballinger Insurance Agency. Asa Cordill. Higginbotham Bros. & Co. The Fair. The Hub. The Ideal Barger Shop. Scotch Woolen Mills. Bank Shop. Miller Mercantile Co. C. C. Gilliam. Ballinger Shop. Cash Market. J. B. Stubbs. E. A. Jenness. U. E. Hartman. Win. Cameron & Co., Inc. O'Kelly & Walton. Schawe Grocery. Ladwig Bros. H. O. Rhodes. Melton Dry Goods Co. T. S. Lankford. Hall Hardware Co. Gustavus Grocery. E. A. Trail. Walker-Smith Co. Cash Mercantile Store. The Globe Store. W. B. Wood & Son. Ballinger Lumber Co. H. H. Hardin & Co. West Texas Grain Co. Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. Jas. E. Brewer.

BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Brown, of South Ballinger are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy born to them Wednesday, Jan. 30th.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kindness shown and assistance rendered us during the last illness of our husband and father. May the blessings of our heavenly father abide with you all during all your dark hours of trial.

Mrs. F. M. Murphy, W. R. Murphy, A. K. Murphy, R. H. Murphy, E. P. Murphy, G. C. Murphy, J. C. Murphy, Mrs. O. L. Parish. d&w-pd

Pat Mapes, the Pony Creek merchant, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and turned in two subscriptions to the Banner-Ledger.

I Recommend Peruna To All Sufferers Of Catarrh— Myrtle St., Beverly, Mass., writes: "I have taken four bottles of Peruna, and I can say that it has done me a great deal of good for catarrh of the head and throat. I recommend Peruna to all sufferers with catarrh. I do not think I ever felt much better. I am really surprised at the work I can do. I do not think too much praise can be said for Peruna." Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

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We believe, as do hundreds and thousands of people that the **BUICK** Valve-in-Head automobiles are the best that money can buy for the price. You don't take any chance when you buy a Buick.

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Giving all our attention to Buick Cars, feeling that as we do in this we are giving you an opportunity to buy **The Best Automobile that Can Be Had.**

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Here Are Some Bargains ---To Close Out Quick

Three Five-Passenger Chevrolets

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One Two-Passenger Chevrolet

Roadster that We Offer at

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We have some second hand Saxon and Chevrolet cars that we will sell cheap. Drop in and see them.

**Good-Year, Racine Horse Shoe and Globe
Tires and Tubes Carried in Stock**

**Higginbotham Brothers
& Company**

Automobile
Department

Ballinger,
Texas

Ballinger's Greatest Store

Save the Fats-Save Food-Save Fuel

Save the Repeated WASTE of Chipped Cooking Utensil

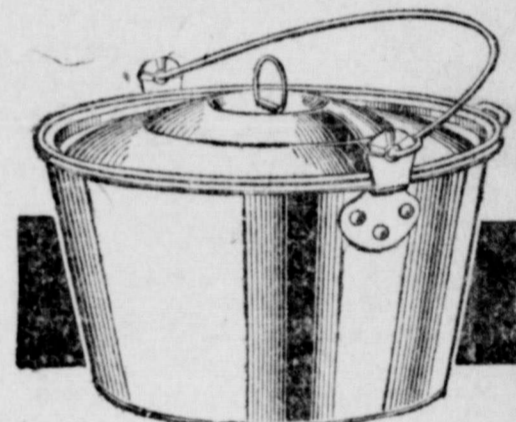
—Yet Have the MOST WHOLESOME FOOD and the Best Equipped Kitchen!

Every Patriotic Housewife will **Want to Know How.** Here are the Facts that Not One Woman in a Hundred Has Ever Fully Realized.



1. "Wear-Ever" Aluminum Cooking Utensils DO NOT REQUIRE GREASE in the bread pans, on the griddle, in the waffle iron, in the cake pans, or for any other service where the ordinary vessel requires grease to KEEP THE FOOD FROM STICKING.
FOOD DOES NOT STICK when cooked in "Wear-Ever" Utensils—if the heat is regulated properly.
This means A GREAT SAVING OF FATS in a year's time.
2. FOOD DOES NOT BURN—except from absolute carelessness—when cooked in "Wear-Ever" Utensils. The heat spreads quickly to every part of the vessel and COOKS EVENLY—requiring little or no stirring. Burned food is a sign of WASTED FUEL.
Think what an ENORMOUS SAVING OF FOOD when food is not burned, or given a burnt taste, requiring it to be thrown out.
The use of "Wear-Ever" Utensils gives daily FIRE PROTECTION to your FOOD.
3. FOOD COOKS MORE QUICKLY in "Wear-Ever" Utensils—SAVING FUEL! Aluminum heats in ONE-THIRD the time of iron (enamelware) vessels, and HEATS ALL OVER the utensil—COOKS FROM THE SIDES of the vessel as well as the bottom.
The food does NOT need to be stirred, killing part of the heat, but USES EVERY HEAT UNIT in the most efficient manner. Thus a LOW FIRE—a small flow of gas—does the best cooking in "Wear-Ever" utensils. That is why "Wear-Ever" vessels SAVE GAS, ELECTRICITY and COAL.
4. No "Wear-Ever" Cooking Utensil HAS EVER BEEN KNOWN TO WEAR OUT! They are practically INDESTRUCTIBLE! They don't chip or crack. When bent by accident, they may be hammered back to form without any hurt at all. "Wear-Ever" Utensils are STAMPED into form—not spun. They have NO Joints or seams to hide dirt or grease. Clean, bright, durable!
Not only MOST ECONOMICAL—but they save the waste of constantly buying metals wanted for other uses.

Use "Wear-Ever" Cooking Utensils as a Practical War Economy



Here are Some of the Articles that directly HELP TO SAVE THE NEEDED FOODS:

- The "Wear-Ever" GREASELESS GRIDDLE for Corn Cakes, Buckwheat Cakes and the like—SAVES GREASE AND WHEAT.
- The "Wear-Ever" GREASELESS BREAD PANS for Whole Wheat, Corn or Rye Bread—bake perfectly without burning.
- The "Wear-Ever" SAUCE PANS—heat quickly ALL OVER—cook from the SIDES as well as the bottom—don't require stirring—SAVE BOTH FOOD AND FUEL.
- The "Wear-Ever" WINDSOR KETTLE—makes the DELICIOUS POT ROAST from the cheaper cuts of meat, SAVES ENORMOUSLY IN FUEL.
- The "Wear-Ever" ROASTER—COOKS AN ENTIRE MEAL AT ONCE—over a single gas jet—without requiring the costly heating of an oven. Meat, potatoes, cabbage and pudding—all cooked in the same economical heat. Makes a perfect OVEN for baking three loaves of bread. Ready, of course, to roast the turkey for great occasions, in its most perfect form.

Scores of other "Wear-Ever" Aluminum Utensils are also here, for every kitchen service.

Save the Fats---Save Food---Save the Fuel---The "Wear-Ever" Way!

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Ballinger's Greatest Store

NORTON PEOPLE PATRIOTIC

Most of the people of the Norton country are quite patriotic. There has been quite a number of liberty bonds purchased, and several hundred dollars worth of W. S. S. purchased at this place.

The managers of the W. O. W. were instructed at the last meeting to purchase two liberty bonds and \$50.00 worth of W. S. S. The stamps were to be purchased at once and the bonds as soon as the next bonds were issued.

Though Mr. Tony Lewis's four-year old girl has been lying at the point of death for several days suffering the pains of pneumonia, we now believe there is a chance for her to enjoy life again.

We have several cases of illness in the country at present, most of them being down with the German

measles and la grippe.

Norton school is progressing nicely. The state inspector visited the school last week and reported everything in first class condition and issued them \$500.00 on the million dollar appropriation. This being all they asked for we feel quite sure that Norton school is managing things according to state ruling.

The patriotic fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and friends, of Norton, instead of meeting you with grief, and a pitiful tale about their sons, loved ones, and friends who are now serving their country to the best of their belief, meet you with a smile and a cheerful thought, that they have a boy or friend who is willing and ready to serve their country.

Three cheers for the mother who says "If I had another, he would march beside his brother."

That's the kind of mothers we need to win this war.

NORTONITE.

GETS CREDIT FOR AN EXTRA MEAL

Judge M. C. Smith, Will Dose, and Mr. Rosser, an oil man from Oklahoma, spent the day in the country Tuesday in the interest of the Winters Oil and Gas Company. Judge Smith says he had breakfast at five o'clock and did without his dinner, and is entitled to credit for Hooverizing on an extra meal. However, we suggest that the food administrator consult Mrs. Smith and see if the Judge didn't take two in one when he returned home, before giving him credit for an extra meal. Judge Smith declined to give out anything concerning the oil development, but those interested are greatly encouraged.

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