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SUBMARINE SINKS U. S. LIGHTSHIP

Washington, Aug. 7.—The Diamond Shoals lightship, off Cape Hatteras North Carolina, was shelled and destroyed by submarines late yesterday afternoon. The navy department announces that the crew in charge of the lightship escaped in boats and made their way to landing safely.

UNIVERSITY BOYS ON BATTLE LINE

Austin, Texas, Aug. 6.—Shortly after the close of the First Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs forty of the young men who had just received their commissions were assigned as officers in the Rainbow Division. Many of these men are graduates of the University of Texas. This detail was confined chiefly to first and second lieutenants. In view of the fact that the Rainbow Division recently won the distinction of defeating the famous Prussian Guards on the Soissons-Rheims salient, the important part which these Texas young men probably played in the great battle will be a source of the deepest pride on the part of the people of this State. All of these young officers, it is stated, were detailed to infantry regiments. After spending three months at Camp Mills, L. I., they were in the early part of November sent across with the Rainbow Division to France. Their first service in the trenches began last February in the Lorraine sector. They remained there until the early part of July, when they were sent to the Champagne sector between Soissons and Chateau Thierry. On July 24 they were removed to the lower eastern side of the salient, where they shortly thereafter came into contact with the Prussian Guards, inflicting a terrible defeat on that crack military organization of Germans.

LEFT FOR CAMP CODY.

Stone Stribling, of The Ledger force, Darby Fox, of the Pony Creek country and Ed Hennecke, of the Rowena country, left from this point Tuesday afternoon for Camp Cody, near Deming, New Mexico, where they will enter the U. S. service.

War Work

is calling many women of our country into commercial and industrial activities.

This releases men for military service. To the women "over here" who are backing up our boys "over there," this Institution would extend every encouragement.

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Germans are Making Desperate Stand Greatest Artillery Battle Now in Progress on New Line

Lieutenant Roy Sharp Wounded In Battle

Lieut. Roy F. Sharp has been wounded in battle in France. A cablegram to his mother, Mrs. Mary B. Sharp, was received Wednesday. The message said: "Wounded in thigh and ankle. Excellent care." The brief message was signed "Roy."

Lieut. Sharp is with the Rainbow Division and this division has been in the thickest of the fight for the past two weeks. As the message was signed by the young man himself, Mrs. Sharp and her daughters are hopeful that the wounds are not serious.

A cheerful letter from Lieut. Sharp came Tuesday and also another one came just as the message announcing that he had been wounded came. The letter received by his sister Tuesday appears elsewhere in this issue of The Ledger.

The news that he had been wounded brings sorrow to his friends, but can not be taken as



Lieut. Roy F. Sharp

a surprise, and out of the great number of boys from this county who are now in France, the worst can be expected from time to time, because war without casualties would not be war.

PEOPLE ARE WARNED TO EXPECT BIG CASUALTIES

Washington, Aug. 5.—Reports of American losses in the great offensive launched two weeks ago by the allies begin coming in today, and the American people are warned to expect what apparently is heavy losses, but when compared to the enemy losses, is light.

The list furnished the war department today contains 407 names, 203 of whom were killed in action. The war department announces that it has another list of 299 names which can not be given out in time for the afternoon papers today, but will be given to the morning papers tomorrow.

The daily casualty report will be heavy for several days, and may increase as the battle rages against the Germans, who are reported to be preparing to make a strong stand north of the Vesle river, and offer death like resistance to the allied.

Notwithstanding the bringing into play by the enemy of large

numbers of machine guns and artillery of heavier caliber, the employment of large numbers of picked troops, including the well tried Prussian guards and the Bavarians; and in spite of the fact that the rains have sent the Vesle out to bounds, and turned the lowlands into quagmires, the Americans and the other allied troops have forced crossings of the river at a number of new points and on the north side of the stream are engaging the enemy.

The latest French official communication, which recently has been extremely modest in chronological gains made by the allies, says that Monday saw only local engagements and that the situation on the battle front is without change. Correspondents with the allied headquarters, however, assert that at several points, between Fismes and Muizon, the French and Americans have taken further ground across the Vesle and have nullified German counter attacks delivered in an endeavor to recoup the losses. Between Muizon and Champigny the Prussian guards and the Bavarians again suffered casualties in their efforts to hold back their antagonists.

CALL MADE FOR NURSES RESERVE

At a meeting of the women committee of the County Council of National Defense Tuesday afternoon, a committee was appointed to give information and solicit aid for the United States Students Nurses Reserve. Mrs. B. B. Middleton was appointed chairman of this work in Ballinger, and the committee will be at the Library each afternoon at four o'clock for the three remaining evenings of this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Young ladies who are interested in this work are urged to call at the Library at the above hour, where they will receive further instructions.

J. W. Jones of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

With French, Aug. 7.—The Aisne-Vesle battle front is a veritable inferno. The stubborn resistance of the enemy has thrown the entire battle front along these rivers into the grasp of a most deadly conflict.

Greater activity than ever before is reported this afternoon and heavy artillery is constantly at work on both the extreme wings of the Aisne-Vesle battle front, where the Germans have concentrated their heavy forces to oppose any flanking movement of the allies, while the allies are pressing hard for further advance. Official reports say that heavy artillery is underway on the whole battle front.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The allied troops have repulsed the German attacks against the Lagrange farm on the Vesles river line, and pushing forward captured Siry Salogne railway station, the war office announces.

West of Montdidier the allies are making progress and advanced today on a two mile front.

London, Aug. 7.—The British launched counter attacks between the Ancre and Somme rivers early this morning and regained all the most important positions lost yesterday southwest of Morlan Court according to official reports from General Haig.

Paris, Aug. 6.—The Allied troops are maintaining their positions on the North Bank of the Vesle river, despite the efforts the Germans to reject them, the French war office announced today.

The French again advanced north of Montdidier, and are occupying the west bank of the Avere river on a three mile front.

With French, Aug. 6.—With the Germans resisting fiercely along the Vesles river, the French artillery on the South bank of the river laid down a terrific fire on the table land. The artillery did effective work between the Vesles and Aisne rivers.

The French are shelling the crossings on the Aisne river, and pushing the Germans back to the north. Enemy artillery hold allies back from general advance on the Aisne, but the French are not suffering severe damage from the fire, and are awaiting the bringing up of heavy artillery to destroy the German machine gun nests before advancing further.

With French, 2:30 p. m., Aug. 5.—German resistance has stiffened all along the Vesle river, and the enemy has entrenched for a desperate stand against further allied advances.

French patrols crossed the river at many points and returning report that the enemy, from all indications, still has large forces on

the river.

The Germans are today employing their artillery freely to harass the allied troops near Muizon (near Rheims) but the allies waged a hotly contested fight, and the Germans were pushed back and the French carried three small forces across the river.

Paris, Aug. 5.—It is indicated by official staff dispatches received here today that the Germans may make a stronger resistance along the Vesle line than has been expected, although the reports say that the allies have established bridgeheads at Fismes, Bazoches and Johnchery, and are moving inward from their flanks north of that line.

The French war office reports that elsewhere a strong resistance has been encountered above the river. At the same time the staff dispatches say that the boche artillery has opened violent fire during the last two days.

The German retreat continues unabated, with the allies everywhere in hot pursuit. Apparently the situation now has resolved itself into a race for the northern bank of the Aisne river by the Germans, who have been evicted from strategic positions along the Vesle river, in the center of the line and directly east of Rheims which seemingly renders necessary that they put the Aisne between themselves and their pursuers as quickly as possible in order to escape further large losses of men made prisoners.

Just how large this bag of captives is at present, cannot be reckoned but unofficial advices from Paris assert that when the figures are made public they will thrill the allied world. General Pershing in his communique says the Americans alone have taken 8,400 prisoners and in addition 133 of the guns.

After hard fighting the Americans and French have succeeded in taking from the Germans the important town of Fismes, once Germany's great ammunition and supply depot, midway on the railway between Soissons and Rheims, while to the east at a number of places along the Vesle river the

French have crossed the stream, driving the enemy northeastward. East of Soissons allied troops have negotiated the passage of the Aisne to the northern bank of that stream, where they are in a position to harass the enemy, as he endeavors to straighten out his line in conformity with that running northwestward.

So fast has been the retreat of the Germans in the center that already some elements of their forces have succeeded in reaching the northern bank of the Aisne and getting numbers of their big guns across with them. All thru the salient towns are still ablaze behind the retreating Germans, and even corn fields have been set afire in order to prevent the allied troops from gathering the ripened corn.

The fighting along the Vesle river was of a sanguinary character as long as it lasted. With the river at Freshet and the Germans unable to ford it, they stood with their backs to it and gave battle for their lives. A majority of them were killed and the remainder were made prisoner. One of the most important maneuvers north of the Vesle was the penetration by the French to the village of La Neuville, which releases the German hold on the northern outskirts of Rheims and seemingly delivers the cathedral city from the German menace.

Conditions on the battle front along the Vesle river between Soissons and Rheims remain unchanged and, relatively speaking, there have been no developments of outstanding importance on the line running from the region of Montdidier toward the English channel. In both regions, however, there is a tenseness which seems to forecast the approaching dawn of big events.

The bad weather, heavy rain-falls, the swollen river and the resultant wretched condition of the terrain with which the allied troops along the Vesle now have to contend, not to mention the necessity of bringing up guns, ammunition and supplies is having more to do with the holding in leash of Marshal Foch's troops than the op

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A Letter from Woodrow Wilson to the Head of the Salvation Army

Washington, November 30, 1917

My Dear Miss Booth:

I am very much interested to hear of the campaign the Salvation Army has undertaken for money to sustain its war activities, and want to take the opportunity to express my admiration for the work that it has done, and my sincere hope that it may be fully sustained.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

The Salvation Army needs \$2500.00 from Runnels County.

Solicitation of funds will begin Thursday, August 8th.

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Get your organs of digestion, assimilation and elimination working in harmony and watch your trouble disappear. NR does it or money back.

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This fact alone explains why sufferers from indigestion, also suffer more or less from headaches, biliousness and constipation.

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and just see how much better you feel. See how quickly your sluggish bowels will become as regular as clock work, how your coated tongue clears up and your good, old-time appetite returns. See how splendidly your food will digest and how your energy, "pep" and "ginger" revive.

Just try it. You take no risk whatever for Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is only 25c a box, enough to last twenty-five days, and it must help and benefit you to your entire satisfaction, or money returned.

Five million boxes are used every year—one million NR Tablets are taken by ailing people every day—that's the best proof of the world. Nature's Remedy is the best, safest thing you can take for indigestion, constipation, biliousness, nervousness, and all the ailments and recommendations associated with these conditions.



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MURDER WILL OUT; SO WILL ROTTEN POLITICS

Houston, Aug. 2.—When called on at the Bender Hotel, where he is stopping while in this city presumably on private business, Jim Ferguson declined to confirm or deny the statement made on the witness stand by L. A. Adoue at Austin yesterday, to the effect that the Brewer, of Texas loaned Ferguson the mysterious \$156,500.

"I don't know anything about Adoue's testimony," said Mr. Ferguson, "and I have no statement to make." The man refused to discuss the report brought to him that evidence had been disclosed showing that he received the money from brewers.

Austin, Aug. 1.—Testimony which is believed to have thrown light on the mystery surrounding the \$156,500 loan to James E. Ferguson, former governor, and which figured largely in his impeachment trial last fall, was given in federal court here today by L. A. Adoue, Galveston brewer, testifying in the cases of Hemming Bruhn, president and Charles Grossman, treasurer, respectively of the Lone Star Brewing association of San Antonio, under federal indictment for falsifying income tax returns, when he told of three notes for \$50,000 each which Ferguson had given brewing interests of the state. The notes were made payable to Ferguson, endorsed in blank, were to bear 5 per cent interest payable on maturity and were not secured, Adoue testified.

Former Governor Ferguson at his impeachment trial and during his recent campaign for re-nomination at the democratic state primary consistently refused to tell the source of the loan, maintaining it was a personal matter.

The first of these notes will be due soon Adoue said while others mature at later dates.

the liquor legislation alone and that is what the brewers wanted," Adoue testified.

"The loan was a friendly one because Ferguson was in trouble," the witness testified.

Asked whether he thought it proper to charge the \$25,000 to the general expense account of the brewing association, Adoue said:

"I think that it should have been charged to bad debts."

The case against C. T. Priest, vice-president of the San Antonio Brewing association, also under indictment for falsification of income tax returns today was set for trial for next Monday.

LIKE AN ELECTRIC BUTTON ON TOES

Tells Why a Corn is so Painful And Says Cutting Makes Them Grow.

Press an electric button and you form a contact with a live wire which rings the bell. When your shoes press against your corn it pushes its sharp roots down upon a sensitive nerve and you get a shock of pain.

Instead of trimming your corns which merely makes them grow, just step into any drug store and ask for a quarter of an ounce of Freezone. This will cost very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn stops the soreness instantly, and soon the corn shrivels up so it lifts right out, root and all, without pain. This drug Freezone is harmless and never inflames or irritates the surrounding skin.

HOBBY'S MAJORITY CONTINUES TO GROW

Returns for governor from 3,785 precinct gave Hobby 397,729; Ferguson, 194,059.

For lieutenant governor from 3,049 precincts give Moore, 77,283; Cowell 60,212; Bailey, 41,209; Henderson, 57,935; Davidson, 92,689; Johnson, 61,690.

For attorney general from 2,961 precincts give Cureton, 151,601; Spoons, 101,245; Woods, 146,358.

For court of criminal appeals from 2,066 precincts out of 4,399, in Texas, give Pippen, 45,857; Pierson 52,275; Martin, 23,720; Lattimore 114,245; Ward, 35,279.

For railroad commissioner from 2,059 precincts give Andrews 66,665; Gilmore 132,134; Rurdleston 65,674.

For Comptroller from 1,996 precincts give Goodlet, 61,304; Terrell 112,547; Mayfield 83,885.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moser, Jr., returned home Thursday from an extended visit with relatives in California. Mr. Moser reports a very pleasant summer vacation.

Kaiser Not Frightened At America's Big Army

Amsterdam, Aug. 1.—The German kaiser issued a proclamation to the army and navy today, declaring that the American army does not frighten Germany. The kaiser said: "The numerical superiority of the American armies do not frighten us. Despite the efforts of the world's greatest naval powers, our U-boats are attacking the vital forces which are steaming across the sea to the aid of our enemies, and we whip the

enemy on sea and on land." London, Aug. 1.—For the first time this year, the allies fresh reserves are now stronger, numerically than those of the German army, although the German armies as a whole are still stronger in numbers. The enemy men are worn out from long siege of warfare while the allied army is being daily strengthened with new troops.

SALVATION ARMY DOING WAR WORK

Just as the Marines have the slogan, "First to Fight," the Salvation Army claims the distinction of being "first in the field," in the hut and similar work behind the lines of the allied armies and at the home camps. It is not generally known that the Salvation Army has great numerical strength in England and has received constant tributes from the highest authorities in all walks of life. Its position in Great Britain has been likened to that of the Young Men's Christian Association in the United States. So when the great war broke out in 1914 the Salvation Army was immediately put on a war basis to assist the government.

Representatives of the organization went with the first contingent to France. With 50,000 members of the Salvation Army volunteering for the British Army there was need for the older officers to be present to look after the spiritual needs and moral welfare of their co-religionists, but the work was started on a big basis and it soon became a matter of record that hundreds of thousands of men of all faiths visited the huts of the Salvation Army in France and Greece every week. And the hut work was inaugurated by this interesting organization.

The statement is made by the executive officers that the army with the red band on the cap was the pioneer in the establishment of the huts which now form such a large part of the welfare work of the soldiers.

Has President's Approval.

Word was flashed back to America and the machinery was started to look after the boys who would be sent to France. Of course, the first move was to get the approval of President Wilson before undertaking anything. This was given readily and he became so much interested in the ensuing movement to raise the necessary fund that he wrote to Evangeline Booth, commander of the United States forces of the Salvation Army, as follows:

"I am very much interested to hear of the campaign the Salvation army has undertaken for money to sustain its war activities and want to take the opportunity to express my admiration for the work that it has done, and my sincere hope that it may be fully sustained."

Little else was needed, but the army had so many friends throughout the country and it had always been so unobtrusive in its activities as far as informing the public is concerned, that it was decided to ascertain the attitude of leaders in the life of the country. In quick succession came the hearty endorsement of Secretary Baker, the Postmaster General who even encouraged the voluntary assistance of letter carriers in the city campaigns; W. S. Gifford, director of the National Council of Defense, and a score or more state Councils of Defense, including that of Texas; many state governors, including Governor Hobby Raymond D. Fosdick chairman of the War Department Commission on training camp activities; Dr. John R. Mott, executive secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association War Council, and many others.

With such a case the leaders of the Salvation Army decided that they were well justified in making an appeal for a national war fund to carry on its work behind the lines in France and at the home frontments, as well as at the seaport towns across the water where American boys would have to remain over a day or more and have no suitable place to stop, especially in France. The mistake that was made was in asking for too modest a sum, i. e. \$2,000,000.

What Has Been Accomplished.

Thus far since the great war started the Salvation Army has the following record.

One hundred and ninety-six huts for religious and social work, and for dispensing comforts to soldiers and sailors.

Three hundred thousand soldiers and sailors attend Salvation Army buildings daily. Many thousands have professed conviction.

One hundred and seven buildings of Salvation Army in United States placed at disposal of government for war relief purposes.

Forty-eight motor ambulances manned by Salvationists under direction of the British Red Cross.

Three hundred rest rooms equipped with papers, magazines, books etc., in charge of Salvation officers.

Seven hundred and twenty Salvation Army officers devote their entire time to religious and social work among soldiers and sailors.

Fifty thousand members of Salvation Army fighting with allies' armies.

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HOBBY FORGES TO RUN COUNTY CONFAB

It is conceded that Hobby delegates are largely in the majority for the county convention which will convene at the court house in Ballinger Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

There are many Ferguson delegates that are expected to come with their minds well made up to submit to the wishes of the people of this county who expressed a preference at the ratio of more than three to one for Hobby when they went to the polls last Saturday.

However, there will be much to do in the way of keeping political history well recorded, and every delegate who was elected to attend this convention should be present. Don't take it for granted that the enemy will pull in and not ask for some recognition, but come and be prepared to give just such recognition as defeat deserves.

County Chairman Krebs will call the meeting to order and if any opposition is to be offered to Hobby control it will develop at once.

THURMAN BOYS SISTER DEAD.

News of the death of Miss Thurman, age seventeen, was received in Ballinger Thursday afternoon. Miss Thurman died at her home near Glen Cove from typhoid fever. She was the sister of John and Ira Thurman, who are well known in Ballinger and who have many friends here who sympathize with them in their sorrow. John Thurman left his work at Big Springs and went to Glen Cove to attend the funeral, but a telegram from Ira, who is in a training camp in California, stated that he could not get a furlough, and could not come to attend the funeral.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

Children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILD TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

UNDERGOES OPERATION SO HE CAN BE SOLDIER.

Edwin Schuhard is in the Halle & Love sanitarium, where he was successfully operated on for hernia. This was an operation which Mr. Schuhard did not have to undergo at this time, but did so in order that he might be made physically fit for service in the army and get in as soon as possible.

Under the ruling of the draft authorities men so afflicted, and who would otherwise come in class one, placed in a deferred class until they can be made fit for service, and when called they will be sent to a base hospital for an operation at the expense of the government.

Mr. Schuhard desired to qualify for service while at home, and not wait until the call came, and he is paying his own hospital expenses, and the patriotic surgeons declined to charge him for the operation. In making this sacrifice and undergoing the suffering at this time Edwin has proven himself a 100 per cent American.

There are about 20 others who were placed in the same class with Mr. Schuhard, and when the final call comes these men will be sent to the base hospital and made physically fit for service. Mr.

You Can't Rub It Away; Rheumatism is in the Blood

Liniments Will Never Cure. If you are afflicted with Rheumatism, why waste time with liniments, lotions and other local applications that never did cure Rheumatism, and never will!

Do not try to rub the pain away, for you will never succeed. Try the sensible plan of finding the cause of the pain, and go after that. Remove the cause, and there can be no pain. You will never be rid of Rheumatism until you cleanse your blood of the germs that cause the disease. S. S. S. has never had an equal as a blood purifier and scores of sufferers say that it has cleansed their blood of Rheumatism, and removed all trace of the disease from their system.

Get a bottle of S. S. S. at your drug store, and get on the right treatment to-day. If you want special medical advice, you can obtain it free by addressing Medical Director, 23 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

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GRACE AND GREASE

By Irvin S. Cobb (Saturday Evening Post, June 22, 1918.)

Right here seems a good-enough place for me to slip in a few words of approbation for the work which another organization has accomplished in France since we put our men into the field. Nobody asked me to speak in its favor because so far as I can find out it has no publicity department. I am referring to the Salvation Army—may it live forever for the service which, without price and without any boasting on the part of its personnel, it is rendering to our boys in France.

A good many of us who hadn't enough religion, and a good many of us who mayhap had too much religion, look rather contemptuously upon the methods of the Salvationists. Some have gone so far as to intimate that the Salvation Army was vulgar in its methods and lacking in dignity and even in reverence. Some have intimated that converting a sinner to the tap of a bass drum or the tinkle of a tambourine was an improper process altogether. Never again, tho, shall I hear the blare of the cornet as it cuts into the chorus of hallelujah whoops where a ring of blue-bonneted women and blue-capped men stand exhorting on a city street corner under the gas lights, without recalling what some of their enrolled brethren—and sisters have done and are doing in Europe.

The American Salvation Army in France is small, but, believe me it is powerfully busy! Its war delegation came over without any fanfare of the trumpets of publicity. It has no paid press agents here and no impressive headquarters. There are no well-known names, other than the names of its executive heads on its posters or on its advisory boards. None of its members are housed at an expensive hotel and none of them have handsome automobiles in which to travel about from place to place. No ministrations overseas were held at home. I imagine it is the pennies of the poor that mainly fill its war chest. I imagine, too, that sometimes its finances are an uncertain quantity. Incidentally I am assured that not one of its male workers here is of draft age unless he holds exemption papers to prove his physical unfitness for military service. The Salvationists are taking care to purge themselves of any suspicion that potential sneakers have joined their ranks in order to avoid the possibility of having to perform duties in khaki.

Among officers as well as a-

cent. At the risk of giving mortal affront to ultradoctrinal practitioners of applied theology I am firmly committed to the belief that by the grace and the grease of those doughnuts those three humble benefactors that day strengthened their right to a place in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Shuhard is beating the government to the job and deserves credit for the speeding up of his physical condition in order that he may be accepted as a volunteer.

To Improve Your Digestion.

"For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them did I find the right treatment. Since taking them my digestion is fine."—Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beck and little son Master J. J. Jr., left Sunday afternoon for Brownwood where they will make their future home. Mr. Beck has been the station master at the Santa Fe for some time, and the family has made many friends in Ballinger, who regret to see them leave our city, but wish them success in their new home.

J. T. Billups, of the Truitt country, J. M. Slaughter of Maverick, and Geo. Holliday, of Hatcher, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Saturday.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* 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.

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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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BIG JOB TO ISSUE SUGAR CERTIFICATES

Merchants, public eating houses and manufacturers of non-essentials are urged to be patient in the matter of receiving sugar certificates. Every effort is being put forth by the Sugar Division to have all certificates for the retail stores in the mails by the first of August, and as soon as these have been disposed of to take up next the certificates for public eating places who are supplied on form C, Bakers in Form D, Non-essentials on Form A and B.

The sugar division is handicapped for workers, every man and woman of the fifteen members of this section putting in overtime to get the certificates out. In addition to these workers every typist and stenographer of all the other departments has been pressed into service of issuing certificates.

E. L. Neville, director of the Grocery Division states that there are approximately 17,000 statements to be attended to from the retail merchants and form E, and that each statement receives an average of 20 certificates of different denominations. The number of public eating houses, approximately 6,000; and the number of manufacturers of non-essentials approximate 4,000.

Certificates for sugar are issued in denominations of from 10 to 60,000 pounds and it is necessary to issue in small denominations so that the holders may buy their

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DEMOCRATIC CON. WAS TAME AFFAIR

The democratic county convention which convened in Ballinger Saturday afternoon was perhaps the most harmonious political meeting ever held in this city.

The convention was the first in the history of the state in which women had a voice.

The convention was made up of a delegation unanimous in favor of the present National and state administrations. There was not a dissenting vote on any question presented to the convention.

It was the first time in many years that the steam roller failed to operate.

The entire proceedings were carried out in less than one hour, with short speeches from Judges W. D. Jennings, of Miles and Judge A. K. Doss, of Ballinger.

E. F. Krebs, county chairman, called the convention to order, and was elected temporary chairman. J. Y. Pearce was elected temporary secretary.

C. P. Shepherd, Geo. Holliday and R. T. Williams were appointed committee on permanent organization. They recommended that the temporary officers be made permanent officers; the report being adopted without opposition.

A motion was adopted authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee on credentials. The men to compose this committee:

Paul Trimmer, O. L. Parish, T. J. McCaughn and Geo. S. Graves. The committee reported as follows:

We, your committee on credentials, find that the following delegates are duly elected and entitled to vote in this convention:

Ballinger, Precinct No. 1: 12 votes, with delegates W. B. Wood, D. M. Baker, Geo. M. Vaughn, Jno. A. Weeks, O. L. Parish, J. Y. Pearce, Mrs. Scott H. Mack, Mrs. J. H. Kipp, Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Dr. E. C. Baskin, C. R. Stephens, C. P. Shepherd, M. D. Chastain, J. M. Garlington, and Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

Hatchel, No. 2: 2 votes, delegates Geo. Holliday, J. A. Davis, and S. D. Williams.

Truit, No. 6: 1 vote, delegates J. T. Billups and J. F. White.

Wingate, No. 10: 3 votes, W. G. Allen and Geo. Miller.

North Norton, No. 14: 2 votes J. D. Good and W. K. Lilly.

South Norton, No. 17: 1 vote, T. J. McCaughn.

Pearce School House, No. 18: 2 votes, L. B. James.

Brookshire, No. 19, 1 vote, T. J. Webb and E. A. Brookshire.

Miles, No. 20: 7 votes, T. E. Davis, L. J. Rhode, J. A. Hancock, Geo. S. Graves, J. S. Mills, W. D. Jennings, J. A. Donaldson, Mrs. E. D. Farmer, Mrs. A. H. Lewin, Mrs. Louella Jennings, Miss Ray Markham, and Mrs. Cora Meadows.

Pony, No. 23, 2 votes, R. W. Bruce, J. J. Fox and Jess Jones.

Ballinger, No. 24: 8 votes, Paul Trimmer, A. W. Sledge, T. S. Lankford, J. L. Chastain, N. J. Wardlaw, W. C. McCarver, R. T. Williams, W. A. Francis, E. L. Rasbury, A. K. Doss and E. D. Futch.

On motion the chairman appointed the following committees:

Resolutions and Platform: S. D. Williams, J. A. Hancock, Mrs. A. H. Lewin and R. W. Bruce. Nominating committee: C. R. Stephens, A. K. Doss, W. D. Jennings, W. G. Allen and Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

By motion Mrs. John McKey was appointed delegate from Marie.

The nominating committee reported as follows:

Delegates to state convention: Paul Trimmer, Geo. S. Graves, A. W. Sledge. Alternates, Mrs. Fannie Johnson, T. J. McCaughn, R. W. Bree.

Delegates to judicial convention: W. D. Jennings, C. P. Shepherd, O. L. Parish.

Delegates to congressional convention: A. K. Doss, J. A. Hancock, Jno. A. Weeks.

Delegates to legislative convention: W. C. McCarver, Geo. Miller, S. D. Williams.

The report of the nomination committee was adopted.

A resolution was offered and unanimously adopted thanking the newspapers of the county for their loyalty and liberal support of the National and State administrations.

The following resolutions were offered by the committee on resolutions and unanimously adopted:

In keeping with the spirit of true American patriotism and loyalty to our government, be it resolved, that we, the representatives of the Democratic party of

Runnels County, Texas, here assembled, go on record as endorsing unequivocally and in the strongest terms at our command, the National and State Administrations in all of their activities.

We believe, and so declare to the world, that no administration in the history of America has done as much for the uplift of humanity throughout the world as the Wilson administration, and we most heartily endorse the war policies especially of our great president, Woodrow Wilson for the speedy and successful way in which our armies have been equipped and safely transported over seas to help win for our allies that freedom and liberty which we enjoy.

Be it resolved, that we endorse the government control of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, and the commandeering of all public utilities and materials where necessary, for the successful prosecution of the far to the end that we may put down German kultur and military domination in Europe.

Be it resolved further, that this convention endorse National Woman suffrage and National Prohibition, and that we endorse the act of the Texas Legislature in adopting the National Prohibition amendment, and recommend that the woman suffrage amendment be adopted.

Resolved, that we endorse the harmonious and business administration of Governor William P. Hobby. Especially do we endorse Governor Hobby in his loyal support of the National Administration in the passage of important war measures.

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Be it resolved further, that we endorse the action of Governor Hobby in calling the special session of the Texas Legislature, and we most heartily endorse the acts of the legislature in the passage of the ten mile zone law, the state wide law and laws passed for the protection of our boys in army cantonments.

Resolved, that we endorse Governor Hobby for extending to the good women of this state limited suffrage, and we go on record as favoring most heartily full and complete woman suffrage and we recommend that the legislature submit to the voters at the earliest possible time an amendment to the constitution granting full suffrage.

Resolved, that we favor a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale and manufacture of liquor in this state, as set out by our governor in the recent campaign, and we recommend that such an amendment be submitted to the voters of this state.

Resolved, that the delegates to the state convention vote as a unit, and they are hereby instructed to vote, and support the Hobby administration in framing its platform.

A. W. SLEDGE,
R. W. BRUCE,
S. D. WILLIAMS,
MRS. A. H. LEWIN,
J. A. HANCAK.

The precincts not given in the credential committee's report were not represented in the convention.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than a half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

DRY WEATHER HITS OLD TIMERS.

Eddie Pape loaded his wagon and left for greener fields Thursday morning. Mr. Pape has been a citizen of Runnels county since the year one. In fact, he has never been a citizen of any other county, but the drouth has proven just a little too much for him. He sold his hogs, chickens, turkeys, some of his cows and loaned some of his milch cows out to his neighbors and will try his fortune elsewhere, for awhile. "I own my place here," said Mr. Pape, "and if it ever rains and the country comes back I am coming back too; if not I am going to stay away." Mr. Pape will prospect for work, leaving Runnels county with Ellis county as his abjective.

Mrs. J. N. Barbee left Saturday for Corsicana, to join Mr. Barbee, where they will make their future home.

COLEMAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEAD

News of the death of John Banister, sheriff of Coleman county was received in Ballinger Friday afternoon. Mr. Banister died at ten o'clock Friday morning, after an illness of only a few hours. He was stricken with paralysis the night before and died at the hour stated above the following morning.

Mr. Banister was serving his second term as sheriff of Coleman county, and on the Saturday before his death he was re-nominated by a majority of nearly four hundred votes over the two opponents and the day he died the Coleman paper came out giving the election results and a card of thanks from Mr. Banister in which he thanked his friends for their support.

Sheriff Banister was popular among the officers of this part of the state and quite a number of them went to Santa Anna Saturday to attend the funeral, the remains being laid to rest just one week from the day upon which the Coleman county people honored him by re-nominating him for the office of sheriff of that county.

For indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN. 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.

WE'RE FEEDING THEM MEAT AND THEY LOOK IT.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The food American army boys are getting now is assuring them fine health.

In the wake of data showing mortality and sickness rates in army camps than in most civil communities, came word today that the average soldier gains nine pounds after entering the service.

Moreover, according to Maj. J. R. Murlin, it is sound flesh that will "stick."

The American soldier's meat ration, 1 3/4 pounds, which is higher than that of his British, French or Italian brother-in-arms, is making him quick on his feet, or, to speak the medical lingo, "gives him quick delivery of maximum energy."

RUNNELS COUNTY CATTLE TICK FREE

Live Stock Inspector Jack Pierce in making his monthly report for July, gives the number of cattle inspected, the number dipped and the number declared free of tick during the month.

During the month herds of cattle were released from quarantine, and declared free from tick as follows:

D. B. Buie, R. A. Bishop, John Curry, Henry Gibbs, W. M. Harris, Robert Herring, S. W. Martin, Henry Martin, J. E. Patton and Geo. Sewell.

There are now only two herds of cattle, numbering 228 head, in Runnels county which are not yet free from ticks. These are being dipped and in a short time will be released and the entire county will be free from tick.

FOUR FAMILIES WANTED.

D. F. Eaton, county agent, says he has a request from an East Texas farmer for four families. Mr. Eaton also says that he has been informed that North Texas and Oklahoma is being over run with laborers, and that he would not advise people to go to that part of the country. The best picking seems to be in West and South Texas, but the people should not go to the expense of making a trip to any section until they have investigated.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schuchard are here from Menard to be with their son, Edwin, who was operated on a few days ago. We are glad to report the young man getting along nicely. Mr and Mrs. Schuchard will remain over a few days the guests of friends.

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In thousands of American homes there is a bottle of the splendid and time-honored remedy, Mother's Friend, that has aided many a woman through the trying ordeal, saved her from suffering and pain, kept her in health of mind and body in advance of labor's coming, and had a most wonderful influence in developing a healthy, lovely disposition in the child.

Mother's Friend relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the ligaments, makes pliable those fibers and muscles which nature is expanding, and soothes the inflammation of breast glands and other soreness. The tendency to nervousness and to morning sickness or nausea is counteracted.

By regular use during the period the muscles expand with ease when baby is born, tension is reduced and the pain and danger at the crisis is naturally less.

Mother's Friend is an external remedy, is absolutely safe and wonderfully effective. It not only allays distress in advance but assures a speedy recovery for the mother.

This splendid preparation may be had at every drug store, and is one of the greatest blessings ever discovered for expectant mothers. Write to the Bradford Remedial Co., Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for their "Motherhood Book," so valuable to expectant mothers, and in the meantime do not fail to get a bottle of Mother's Friend at the drug store and thus fortify yourself against pain and discomfort.

HOW THE WOMEN VOTED IN CONCHO

The election Saturday brought out at least ninety per cent of the legal voters of the county.

More interest was probably shown than in many years. The total vote of the county was about 1,100 fully one-half of which were women voters. At Paint Rock 191 votes were cast and 96 were women. The following is the vote for the governor and the county and precinct offices as well as for congressman and representative:

Governor, Hobby 704; Ferguson 475.
Congressman, Blanton 647; Adkins 284; Blackmon 34; Calloway 75.

Representative, Sackett 520; Parker 416.
County Judge, Howze 714; Hill 345; Simpson 122.

County and District Clerk, Able 376; Dunman 619.

Sheriff and Tax Collector, Kemp 787; Bishop 418.

Tax Assessor, Molloy 651; Willis 533.
Treasurer, Houston 540; Norman 273; Bigham 343.—Paint Rock Herald.

COTTON PICKERS WANTED.

Chas. S. Miller is in receipt of a letter from Joe Hirsch, vice-president of the Corpus Christi National Bank, in which Mr. Hirsch says that Nueces county needs cotton pickers. The letter says in part: "It would be a great favor to us if you could send your people to Corpus Christi, where I can assure them they will get work immediately. Cotton pickers will receive \$1 per hundred. This price has been fixed by the Nueces County Council of Defense. The same price is being paid in neighboring counties. You can absolutely depend upon the people getting work and plenty of it, as our fields are white with cotton. Unless some disaster occurs there will be plenty of work for at least six weeks or two months, as the cotton fields are coming along gradually. If you are put to any expense in getting hands for us the Council of Defense will be glad to pay for it."

HERE IS CHANCE
RENT YOUR FARM.

Dear Sir:
I am thinking of making a trip to your county for the purpose of trying to rent land. I would like to rent a place of 100 or 125 acres, not too far from town and close to school. I will be in a position to finance myself, and can give good references. Do you think I could make a deal for a place if I should come?

Thanking you for reply, I am,
Yours truly,
J. L. ASHFORD,
Route 4, Commerce, Texas.

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

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Germany's offensive turned out to be inoffensive.

The public is patiently waiting for a statement from Jim.

There is a blank spot on the political history of Taylor county.

Be sure you know where you are going before you say good bye.

The new draft bill will take the forty-fives before the eighteens.

The allies have straightened the line and now they will stretch it back to a breaking point.

The poultry growers are killing the goose that lays the golden egg, by shipping too many hens.

The man with confidence in the country and who still holds out hopes for rain, should lay the foundation for a fall garden.

Women are taking the places of men, but the elevator conductorett is not the first woman who ever gave a man a lift.

The man who runs away may come back, but the man who sticks and stays will be here to welcome prosperity.

Gasoline dealers have their heads together and joy riders may have to pay cash in the near future. Joy riding on a credit is bad business.

A Jerusalem hotel advertises that patrons will greatly oblige the management by bringing their own rations. This is what we may have to do with our favorite restaurant if the portions continue to shrink.

Foster, the man with a weather reputation, says 1919 will be a wet year. We object to the delay, but here is hoping that the prognosticator knows what he is talking about.

The co-operative prayer service each Wednesday night grows in interest and increases in attendance. About sixty-five women and thirty-five men, or two to one was the record of attendance last Wednesday night.

What has become of the old fashioned boob who suggested a year ago that Americans of German blood be exempt from the draft? Read the casualty list and see how many names you can pronounce.

The booze famine that has swept over this country has been a great help to the man who has been trying for many years to "swear off." Law makes many men do what they otherwise can't or will not do.

Ballinger is going to be a rough place on the public highway when the road work is completed. If good roads can be built in the country, there should at least be one good street through Ballinger. Bad streets cost more than good streets.

The suggestion that Thomas A. Edison be made wire chief when the government took over the telegraph and phone lines, did not meet with the approval of the operators, because Edison did not know an eight hour day when he saw one.

A glance at the rain record shows a total rainfall for this place since May, last year—fourteen months ago, of 7.10 inches. It has only rained, or sprinkled, to the amount of five inches since last September. A dry subject to refer to, but it is one we can't get off our minds.

A Brooklyn man tried to escape the draft by pleading that he was under indictment for a felony. We now understand what is meant by saying a fellow is so straight he leans backward. Some people are too conscious to go to war and commits a crime to keep from it.

Since the food administration has limited the amount of flour for each consumer per month, we see no cause for requiring the con-

sumer to buy an equal amount of substitutes. If a man can live off his allotment of flour why try to stuff him on something he does not need.

An Illinois woman, whose husband deserted her, called on the draft board of her town and asked the board to find him and make one of the officials, "we find him for some reason ineligible and unable to fight?" "If you find him," replied the deserted one, "and I get in reach of him, he'll have to fight." That woman is one hundred per cent American.

The announcement that boys must have an affidavit from their parents, giving date of birth, before they will be accepted for volunteer service in the army, will bring an end to trouble. Many boys misrepresent their age in order to get in and then the father or mother comes along and swears them out. Uncle Sam says it must stop.

This country has two varieties of citizens who are making themselves conspicuous at this particular time. One is the citizen who is trying to make the world believe that he is going to starve, and the other is the citizen who has heard the call for help from the more fortunate section of the state and is hurrying to answer the call.

Women who wish to participate in the second primary and did not register and vote in the first primary, can do so by registering now. However, if the ladies want to vote and not to go to the trouble of registering, where they live outside of cities of less than ten thousand people, they can do so, as we have met the enemy and they are "our'n."

Salvation Army work launched in Rannels county will be under the leadership of Estes Lynn who has been appointed as chairman of the local Salvation Army War Fund campaign. This is the first call made on this country for aid for this important army of war workers. No organization has done as much for the uplift of man during times of peace, and the war found the Salvation Army ready to respond to every call of suffering humanity. Every able bodied man should contribute to this worthy call.

Ferguson announced in his "For-Ruin" that the fight was not finished, appealed to his friends to stand by their post and that he would be heard from later in dealing with the "illegal" women votes. Ferguson spoke before the brewers did, and he has no doubt changed his mind about the contest. This Ferguson fuss is about the rottenest thing ever pulled in Texas politics, and the man who stays with him now admits that he is heartily in favor of booze domination and rotten politics in Texas. Ferguson's first election was the thing which disgraced Texas, because it has developed that brewery cash did it.

The Northwestern States are hearing that "in Canada they use all the wheat and white bread they want, as there are no restrictions there on the use of wheat." This is one of the daily German lies that are being put out to hamper the Food Administration. The Canadian Food Board is enforcing in Canada the same measures of food control that are being enforced in this country. The Canadians have even gone further than we in licensing retail grocers, hotels, restaurants and eating places, and in prescribing the quality and amount of food that may be served at a restaurant meal.

A citizen of Carey, Ohio, writes to ask whether it is true that "in a Southern training camp, every soldier Catholic or non-Catholic had been ordered to attend a Catholic mass." It is, of course, not true. In their attempts to divide the country in a religious quarrel, the German agents and sympathizers are spreading innumerable stories of this sort, alleging impartially, Catholic disloyalty, governmental discrimination against Catholics or governmental discrimination in their favor. One kind of story is used among Catholics and the opposite kind among non-Catholics. The credence which these stories receive is a thing to amaze mankind.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Bruggs' refund money if PAGO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blood, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

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Had Suffered All Her Life Without Any Relief—Tanlac Ends Trouble.

"I was flat on my back for 8 months and never did commence to get well and feel right until I began taking Tanlac" said Mrs. Inez Arnold of 1530 San Fernando Street, San Antonio, Texas, recently. "Nearly all my life," Mrs. Arnold continued, "I have suffered from stomach trouble and intestinal indigestion. For the past eighteen years, especially, my health has been bad and while I did everything I could, my condition kept getting more serious. I suffered from nervousness, awful headaches and pains in my back and stomach. I could hardly sleep and nearly everything I would eat caused me pain. Sometimes I would get so dizzy I had to sit down to t—lr—d—be—k—f—y—e. When I stooped over I could hardly straighten up again, and I just felt miserable and bad all the time.

"The eight months spell I had alone cost me more than eight hundred dollars to say nothing about what I paid out at other times trying to get relief. I was all the time trying to get something to help me, so my joy can be imagined when I got Tanlac and began to improve. I believe I felt better with my third dose of Tanlac, it just seemed to suit my case exactly, and I kept taking it and improving until now I'm simply feeling fine. I can eat anything I want, sleep soundly and have no trouble in doing all my work. I declare I never felt better in all my life, and I wouldn't take anything in the world for what it has done for me, because I honestly believe it has been my salvation."

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.

HOW IT RAINS HERE IN AUGUST

Twelve years ago it rained twelve inches in August. Out of the past twenty-three months there have been only two months of August in which it failed to rain. This country received no rain in August 1899, 1907 or 1911. Here is a twenty-three year record for August:

- 1895—2.37 inches. 1896—1.47 inches. 1897—2.67 inches. 1898—0.74 inches. 1899—0.00 inches. 1900—4.12 inches. 1901—0.63 inches. 1902—0.62 inches. 1903—2.97 inches. 1904—0.92 inches. 1905—0.17 inches. 1906—11.54 inches. 1907—0.00 inches. 1908—2.44 inches. 1909—2.05 inches. 1910—0.35 inches. 1911—0.00 inches. 1912—1.16 inches. 1913—0.90 inches. 1914—6.20 inches. 1915—4.72 inches. 1916—0.30 inches. 1917—2.11 inches.

Average for the twenty-three years for the month of August, 2.10 inches.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE 16 HOUR CURE. Relief in 16 hours. For Constipation, Biliousness, Headache, Indigestion, etc.

DIED Reubin McShan, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McShan, of the Pony Creek country, died at their home Tuesday night at 1 o'clock from a protracted spell of typhoid fever. The funeral services were conducted at the residence and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger Cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The Ledger joins the many friends of the family in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn the death of their loved one.

GERMAN RECORDS FOUND AT AUSTIN

Austin, Tex., Aug. 5.—Although government officials decline to admit the fact, it has been ascertained that during the last month all records of the German-American Alliance of Texas, stored in this city, have been seized and are now in possession of federal agents.

These records were stored in Austin for safe keeping, but their whereabouts were quickly ascertained and reported to government representatives at San Antonio. They were supposed to contain the plans and plot of a city to be known as "New Berlin" and destined, some day, to become the capital of "the province of Texas."

Whether or not this plot was found, the physical evidences of the plan are said to exist. In Burnet County, in a pleasant valley, stakes and stones mark the streets and sites for public buildings, and the principal thoroughfare in the visionary future metropolis is known as Unter den Linden.

Among the papers known to have been seized by the government is a letter said to have been written by a congressman of Texas, in which he explained to the president of the German-American Alliance of Texas the opinion that he had found a way to make this nation's entry into the war with Germany difficult, if not impossible.

The letter, which was confidential and in pen and ink, is said to have stated that while it was impossible for the Texas congressman to do anything himself, because of the administration's hostility to him, he had arranged with a congressman from Ohio, one who had been a general in the Union army during the civil war, to introduce a resolution which should have the desired effect.

Notice of the plan was given to the president of the German-American Alliance in Texas upon the theory that it would react favorably in a political way, but when the facts became known the result was quite the contrary.

It is explained by government officials that, while the charter of the National German-American Alliance has been declared forfeited by congress, state organizations still exist in Texas and elsewhere and no action leading to an actual determination of the scope of activity is necessary.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. 60c.

COTTON TO HANDLE.

The Government estimates this year's cotton crop at fifteen million bales. The records show that there is a surplus of cotton, million bales carried over from last year, making nineteen million bales of cotton to be marketed. A great number of men who have heretofore graded cotton have joined the colors. Somebody must take their places in order to handle this enormous crop. It requires from four to six weeks to qualify. If you act quickly, you can be qualified to help handle this year's crop. The A. & M. College of Texas, and the Bureau of Markets of U. S. Agriculture Department has seen fit to establish several cotton grading stations in the state to assist the farmers in having this cotton properly graded, claiming that there will be a saving of from \$10.00 to \$40.00 per bale on the crop. If there is such a difference in grades of cotton according to the Government, surely the young men and women should prepare themselves immediately. When we say women, we say so, based on the fact that there are several women taking our Cotton Classing, now realizing what an opportunity is open to them. The cost of the course is \$30.00, including samples and material for the cotton grading proper, and the average time from four to six weeks.

In order to get in in time to prepare for the coming cotton crop write, wire or phone for information and our free catalogue. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

P. B. Reynolds left Monday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

Thirty Day W. S. S. Closed

Our 30 day War Saving Stamp Campaign closed on July 20th and we announce the following winners: Francis Holman, 1st Prize \$5,755.53 One \$5.00 W. S. S. C. A. Dooze, Jr., 2nd Prize \$1,301.80 One \$3.00 W. S. S. Dewey Hathaway, 3rd Prize \$756.39 One \$2.00 W. S. S. Jno. I. Guion, Jr., 4th Prize \$338.92 One \$1.00 W. S. S. Neil McAlpine, 5th Prize \$82.29 One \$.50 W. S. S.

We wish to thank all the boys and girls that took part in this campaign for their faithful work and though all could not win prizes they can have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done something for their country which is what really counts. We shall continue to have stamps for sale and will be glad to furnish them to any who want to buy.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

EXCHANGE OF LIBERTY BONDS.

The issue of registered bonds of the Third Liberty Loan has progressed so far that transfers and exchanges of registered coupon bonds will be made on and after August 1, until August 15th. The registry books will be closed on the later date in order to prepare checks for interest payments on September 15th. Bonds may be presented during such period for transfer or exchange, but such transaction will be effected after September 15 and the September interest paid to whomever was holder of the bond on August 15th.

Coupon bonds presented after August 15th for exchange for registered bonds should have the September interest coupon detached; the registered bonds issued upon such exchange will bear interest from September 15.

LEFT FOR WICHITA FALLS.

Wesley Bomar, of Coleman, came in Tuesday to join his sister, Mrs. D. N. Cox and children, and together they left in the afternoon for Wichita Falls, where they will join Mr. Cox and make home for the present.

UNION SERVICE IS LARGELY ATTENDED

The fact that there were no preaching services at any other church last Sunday evening, brought together a large crowd at the co-operative Sunday night service held on the school campus.

Rev. Bates was the preacher for the evening, delivering a message that was peculiarly fitting to Ballinger at this time, in which a warning was given to the people for their lethargy and indifference in matters spiritual. Several of the churches have joined in planning for a revival to begin on the school campus, on the 24th of this month. The mid-week prayer service is also made a union service, and with a laymen as leader the programs are made interesting.

RETURN TO SOMMERVILLE.

R. L. Boothe, who recently moved from this county to Somerville, Texas, left again Sunday with twelve or fourteen hands who he had gathered near Ballinger, and will work on the camps near that place. Mr. Booth says they can use about 100 men in the railroad work and tie camps, and if as many as twenty-five at a time will notify him he will arrange for their transportation to that point. The hands make from \$2.47 to \$5.00 per day, he reports.

UNVEILING SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

J. A. Patterson, of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday, and requested us, to announce that the Mazeland Woodmen Circle would conduct the Unveiling Ceremonies at the grave of Mrs. J. A. Patterson, at the Norton Cemetery Sunday afternoon, August 11th, at 3:30 o'clock.

C. J. Blackwood and son, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blackwood of the Winters country, were here Monday interviewing oil men with a view to leasing their land. Mr. Blackwood reports that many people are leaving the north end of the county, but that he is here to stay.

J. H. Cook, of the Tennyson country, came in Monday to accompany his daughter, Mrs. Cook and baby, who were en route to their home at Brownwood.

DROUTH PRODUCES CRITICAL SITUATION IN WEST

Before his departure Monday for Menard County, James Callan, president of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association drew a desperate picture of the conditions in the drouthy regions of Western Texas including his own section. Mr. Callan came here for a conference with Food Administrator Pedan.

"Rains must come in 3 weeks or desperate measures will have to be taken." Mr. Callan said The burning hot winds of June and July scorched to death what grass was left; there are scarcely no crops. Cottonseed meal will not save cattle in the drouth section unless rains come to help. The only alternatives will be to ship to grass or sell for meat. Mr. Callan has disposed of all but 2000 head of his own cattle.—Houston Chronicle.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness, nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c.

HOBBY IS LEADING BY 210,962 VOTES

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 5.—Returns from 4,000 from 4,399 precincts in Texas, show Hobby received 420,924 votes for governor in the primary election; Ferguson, 209,962. Lieut. Governor, 3,446 precincts give Moore, 90,310; Cowell, 67,104; Bailey, 44,789; Henderson, 68,410; Davidson, 107,836; Johnson, 97,575.

Attorney general 3,402 precincts give Cureton 178,541; Spoons 115,933; Woods, 117,150. Railroad Commissioner, 2,980 precincts give Andrews, 96,662; Gilmore, 195,699; Hurdleston, 101,582.

Court of criminal appeals, 3,068 precincts; Pippen 66,826; Pierson, 73,441; Martin, 31,227; Latimore, 176,740; Ward, 48,248. Comptroller, 2,910 precincts; Goodlet, 92,020; Terrell, 156,385; Mayfield, 126,705.

NOTICE.

We pay best cash price for Liberty Bonds, we buy and sell stocks, write us MORGAN-YATTER, 1307 Southwestern Life Bldg. 12-4twpd. Dallas, Texas.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Cards have just been received in our city from Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Edith Lelia, to Mr. Harry Davis White, of the 341st Infantry, Regimental Infirmary, July 13th, 1918, at Rockford, Ill., and will be at home August 1st at 6018 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill. Miss Miller has a host of friends in Ballinger, all of whom joins The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for this young couple.

E. H. Colburn of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Come to Colorado!

Grass Cattle Ranches where you buy only a small acreage of deeded land and get a large amount of leased land. Fine grass, plenty of water, all fenced, well located in Colorado. Full information sent free—Address

McWILLIAMS 201 Bennett Building. Colorado Springs, Colorado.



The first care of the Depositor should be the SAFETY OF THE BANK.

The first care of the Bank should be THE SAFETY OF THE DEPOSITOR.

Therefore as members of the Federal Reserve System, while also operating under the

State Guaranty Fund Protection

We offer our Depositors every convenience and safety known to Modern Banking



GERMANS ARE MAKING DESPERATE STAND

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position the Germans are throwing in their way.

The Germans have been shelling heavily the American and French soldiers who have made their way across to the northern bank of the Vesle or delivering heavy counter attacks against them, but everywhere they have met with a stone wall of resistance that has not permitted them to counterbalance their losses of ground.

They also have deluged the southern line of the stream with shells of all calibres, including gas projectiles, and even brought their famous flame throwers into play but all to no purpose. The allies everywhere have remained firm in the ground they have won.

But the Germans have not been permitted by the allies to have a monopoly of the initiative. Where they have thrown shells against the Americans in the Finnes sector, American missiles have been returned with added interest. This particular sector has been a veritable inferno. Gas in large quantities was released against the Americans, who with their gas masks adjusted, were virtually unharmed by the noxious fumes. A kindly switch in the wind at one time turned the gas back against the enemy. The French also have answered the Germans in kind.

During the hiatus in the fighting on the Soissons-Rheims sector the Germans are believed to be moving their bodies northward to positions they have chosen for a stand, and doubtless the German crown prince is endeavoring hastily to re-constitute as well as he may with the forces at his command, the badly shattered armies.

An inkling of what the Germans have lost in men made prisoner and guns captured by the allies has become public through an utterance of the French premier at a session of the ministerial council at which General Foch was made a marshal of France. "Thirty-five thousand prisoners and 700 cannons have been captured," said the premier, who added that Paris no longer was in danger, that Soissons and Chateau Thierry had been re-conquered and that 200 villages had been delivered through the formidable thrust of Foch's men through the Soissons-Rheims battle front.

The French north of Montdidier have crossed to the east side of the Avre river between Braches and Morisel. Here a fairly deep penetration into the German line would become a direct menace to the junction point of the armies of the German crown prince.

NOTICE TO WOOL GROWERS.

Have just received notice that all wool shipments from Ballinger have arrived in Boston, and are being valued by the Government.

Consignees also state that delivery will be rushed and payments in full made as early as possible. Notice will be given when returns are received.

R. G. ERWIN, Secy.

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1,000 UNSKILLED WORKMEN WANTED BY VIRGINIA GOV.

One thousand unskilled workmen are needed immediately for government work in Virginia, according to a bulletin received Tuesday by the United States employment office here. All men without jobs, whether they live in San Angelo or in adjoining towns and counties, should report to Maurice E. Hornish, in charge of the employment bureau in the St. Angelus hotel building, if they want work and desire to help the government.

Transportation to Virginia will be advanced and later will be deducted from wages which the government assures will equal to those paid by private firms for similar work. The men are guaranteed comfortable houses in which to live and other favorable conditions.

FEEL LIKE GIVING UP?

Many Ballinger People on Verge of Collapse.

A bad back makes you miserable all the time—Lame every morning; sore all day.

It hurts to stoop—it hurts to straighten.

What with headache, dizzy spells, urinary weakness,

No wonder people are discouraged.

Who do not know the kidneys may be the cause of it all.

Give the weakened kidneys helpful help.

Use a tested and proven kidney remedy.

None endorsed like Doan's Kidney Pills.

Geo. B. Eskridge, Prop. of shooting gallery, Main St., Ballinger, says: "I had a spell of grip that settled on my kidneys. I suffered so much from my back I could hardly keep going and I had dull, throbbing pains across my loins. My sight blurred and I had dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage. I used Doan's Kidney Pills which I got from the Walker Drug Co., and they strengthened my back and relieved all symptoms of kidney complaint."

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

OVER THE TOP.

We, the members of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church take this method of thanking our white friends who so liberally contributed to us for the purpose of helping to take care of our Association which has just closed.

This was one of the most successful meetings held in the history of the Willow Grove Association, having gone over the top with \$640.00.

W. L. Williams, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

CERTIFIED REPORT OF PRIMARY ELECTION VOTE

State of Texas, County of Rannels, To Hon. V. L. Shurtleff, State Chairman Democratic Executive Committee.

I, E. F. Krebs, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Rannels County, Texas, do hereby certify that in the Democratic Primary election held in Rannels County, Texas, on the twenty-seventh day of July, A. D. 1918. The following candidates for the following state offices received the number of votes respectively set opposite their names, to wit:

For United States Senator: Morris Sheppard, 2901.

For Governor: W. P. Hobby, 2299. Jas. E. Ferguson, 723.

For Lieutenant Governor: W. A. Johnson, 1283. L. M. Bailey, 139. T. W. Davidson, 318. John M. Henderson, 368. S. B. Cowell, 162. John R. Moore, 488.

For Chief Justice of Supreme Court: Nelson Phillips, 3002.

For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: Thomas B. Greenwood, 1873. J. D. Harvey, 801.

For Associate Justice Court of Criminal Appeals: O. S. Lattimore, 1572. R. H. Ward, 314. William Pierson, 477. C. A. Phippen, 330.

For State Treasurer: John W. Baker, 670. J. M. Edwards, 2195.

For Attorney General: John W. Woods, 1138. C. M. Cureton, 987. Marshall Spooner, 613.

For Railroad Commissioner: Clarence E. Gilmore, 1480. C. Hurdleston, 527. John L. Andrews, 615.

For State Comptroller: H. B. Terrell, 1128. Sam H. Goodlett, 499. C. C. Mayfield, 1992.

For Commissioner of Land Office: J. T. Robinson, 2992.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: H. A. Halbert, 1908. Fred W. Davis, 882.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction: Brandon Trussell, 312. W. F. Doughty, 762. Annie Webb Blanton, 1735.

For Representative 17th Congressional District: Joe Adkins, 360. Thomas L. Blanton, 2242. Oscar Calloway, 149. W. G. Blackmon, 107.

For Chief Justice Court of Criminal Appeals, 3rd Supreme Judicial District: W. M. Key, 3013.

For Representative 111 Representative District: C. R. Stephens, 2999.

The above returns are hereby certified to you in accordance with the provisions of law. Witness our hands at Ballinger, Texas, on this 5th day of August, 1918.

E. F. KREBS, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee, Rannels County, Texas.

Attest:—C. R. Crews, Sec. d&w1t.

MERCHANTS TO MAKE THE NEW CALOMEL ONLY ONE DELIVERY A PERFECT SUCCESS

The retail merchants of Ballinger announce the adoption of a delivery system which has been put into effect in other cities, and which should meet with the hearty and unanimous approval of the public.

Elsewhere in this issue the merchants entering into this agreement announce fully the new plan for making deliveries. In short it is this: No goods will be delivered free where the orders are placed after nine o'clock forenoon until the next day, when they will go out in the regular free delivery. Delivery wagons will leave the stores at nine o'clock each morning, and your orders must be in by that hour.

There is a big waste in the old way of delivering groceries and dry goods. The new system will eliminate the necessity for making deliveries of one or two small orders at all hours of the day. The customers can place their orders in the afternoon to be delivered the next morning, or they can place the order before nine o'clock every morning.

As "Jones pays the freight," it is to the advantage of the consumers to co-operate in cutting the cost of deliveries, and this can be done by approving of the new delivery system and placing your orders accordingly.

Ballinger Lady's Operation Not Successful.

"Sixteen years ago I was operated for appendicitis, and later operated again for gall stones. Neither did me any good and I suffered all kinds of torture since. Five years ago I took Mays' Wonderful Remedy and have felt no symptoms or pain since. All stomach sufferers should take it." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes 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.

J. W. Dark, the Maverick merchant, and J. B. Bass, of Norton, Tom Shultz, of Concho county, and S. B. Caperton, one of the merchants of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. J. Yerby, the cotton buyer, left Sunday afternoon to spend his summer vacation with relatives and friends at Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Flewelling, of San Antonio, were the guests of Mrs. Flewelling's sister, Mrs. Mr. Flewelling left Sunday afternoon for home and she will visit a few days longer with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Noyre and children left Saturday afternoon for Modesta, Calif., where they will make their home for the present, and if they like the country, will locate there permanently.

Mrs. S. J. Pieratt, of Santa Anna, and Mrs. Foster Pearson, of Lorinda, Texas, came in Monday at noon to visit Mrs. J. B. Curry and family a few days. They are mother and sister, respectively of Mrs. Currie.

Let Your Dollars Volunteer for The Salvation Army War Fund

Campaign Begins Thursday



LONG NOT LONG ENOUGH.

Minneapolis, Minn. Aug. 6. — "Well, the long and short of it is that you are too short to remain in the Marines," said the U. S. Marine Recruiting Sergeant at the local recruiting station to Warren Tremont Long, of this city, when he attempted to enlist in the Marine Corps.

Long passed an excellent physical examination except that he was too short.

Long was long on patriotism and ambition and wished to go even if it should happen to be for a short while.

"That's the way it goes," he said. "Some little fellow like me who is crazy to go can't make it and some big husky who ought to break his neck to go, has to be almost dragged up to get him to sign up."

Long is long on patriotism and ambition and wished to go even if it should happen to be for a short while.

W. W. Farmer, who had been looking after his irrigation farms east of the city the past week, left Saturday afternoon for the Panhandle country, where he has large land interests.

E. T. Jackson of Brownwood, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger, and returned home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman and Frank Jr., and Ross McKay motored over to Winters and spent Sunday with relatives and report a very pleasant day.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holman and two daughters, Misses and Virginia, and Mrs. R. J. Wheeler, and son, Master Jack, left in Mr. Holman's car Monday to spend a week or ten days in camp at Christoval.

J. L. Walters, one of the pioneer citizens of Concho county, was in Ballinger Monday shipping out his cattle and horses to Denton where he is moving to make his future home.

Mrs. W. H. Doss, of DeLeon, who had been visiting her son, Judge A. K. Doss and family, left for home Monday afternoon, and was accompanied by her little grand daughter, Miss Mary Bell Doss, who will visit her grand parents a few days.

Your Brain Must Have Pure Blood

No more important physiological discovery has ever been made than that the brain requires a due supply of pure blood. It is estimated that this organ receives as much as one-tenth of all the blood that is sent from the heart—a great deal more than any other organ of the body. If the vitality of the blood is impaired, the blood then affords the brain an imperfect stimulus and there is mental and physical languor, sluggishness or inertia.

Pure blood is blood that is free from humors, it is healthy blood, and the term pure blood as it is generally used means blood that is not only right in quality but also in quantity. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure, rich, red blood. This is one of the greatest truths about this great medicine.

J. D. Reynolds of the Maverick country and Ollie Wood, of the Wingate country, S. T. Wood and F. M. Wood, of Mud Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

W. A. Nance and family, Miss Rena Butler and David Gregory left Monday for Christoval, where they go to set up camp and be ready for the opening of the Baptist Encampment on August 9th.

Miss Lolla Batts returned home Monday at noon from an extended visit to her brother, Robert Batts at San Antonio.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Peaches, \$1.50 per bushel at orchard near Ballinger. Rural phone 6904. 2-3tw. pd. R. N. COTTEN.

FOR SALE—An extra fine milk cow has fine heifer calf. Also registered Ramble A Buck. Can be seen at my farm four miles south of Talpa. G. M. SEWELL, Talpa, Texas.

FOR TRADE

TO TRADE—For cheap land in Rannels or adjoining counties. One of the best 80-acre farms in South Texas. Deep well and pumping plant. Will water a number of acres; \$5,000 worth of improvements; price \$8000. Prefer even exchange. A. R. Dillard, Pboardo, Tex., Kleberg Co. 1tw-pd

Calomel Today! Sick Tomorrow! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Don't take nasty, dangerous calomel when bilious, constipated, headachy. Listen to me!

Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea. If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money. If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It is harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.

MANY CHANGES IN RAILROAD CIRCLES MANY CALLS COMING FOR FARM HANDS

J. J. Beck, who has been agent for the Santa Fe at Ballinger for nearly one year, received notice this week that he would be succeeded by C. H. Carringer, of Waco. Mr. Carringer has been commercial agent, with headquarters at Waco, and he has been with the Santa Fe for about 30 years. Mr. Beck will return to the place he formerly held as chief clerk at Brownwood.

The changes are made necessary on account of the consolidation of railroad offices at junction points, and the discontinuance of freight and passenger commercial agents. The railroad companies are trying to take care of the men who have been with the roads many years. In other words, the rule of seniority are being enforced in the employment of men, and consolidation is making it necessary to set many men back.

Mr. Beck stated that he regretted very much to leave Ballinger, as he and his family had made many friends since coming here, and his business dealings with the public have been pleasant for himself and satisfactory for his company. He has made a good agent for the Santa Fe at this place and the public will regret to learn that he has been transferred. Trainmaster Nettleton arrived Thursday at noon and checked in Mr. Carringer, and also consulted with the A. & S. officials concerning the consolidation of the A. & S. and Santa Fe business at this place. It is expected that within the next few days all trains coming into this city will be operated in and out of the Santa Fe station, and the business all handled from the Santa Fe freight and passenger offices.

Shirley Shields, who has been agent for the A. & S. here for some time, was transferred to Abilene the first of the week, where he was given a place in the auditor's office. Since the Wichita Valley has taken over the A. & S. and the general offices are to be moved from Abilene to Fort Worth, further changes will be made and Mr. Shields will probably experience another transfer.

Mr. Bartlett, of Winters, succeeded Mr. Shields at Ballinger, and the consolidation of the two roads here will make further transfer necessary in the clerical force, but these have not been announced.

It is rumored in railroad circles that important changes and the probable cancellation of trains will be made on both the A. & S. and Santa Fe soon. It is rumored that the morning and night train on the Santa Fe will be discontinued. It is also rumored that the A. & S. will operate only one through train each day, and the mixed train every other day.

Railroad officials arriving here at noon Thursday will work out the changes in the freight and passenger stations, and the schedules to be changed, if any, will be announced later.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Currie are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy born to them Monday mornin'.

SARSAPARILLA — PEPsin, NUX AND IRON

The combination of Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepton is one of the happiest because one of the most effective and economical ever made in medical treatment. These two medicines, one taken before eating and the other after, work together, each supplementing the other. They give a four-fold result in blood-cleansing and nerve-building, and form the finest course of medicine. Get them of your druggist today.

\$156,500 LOAN COMING TO LIGHT

The election is over and no doubt many people would enjoy a political rest, and if possible forget the question of \$156,500 which loomed up above every thing else in the campaign. But it seems that the federal government is interested in this question. Read the following from the Houston Chronicle:

"Telegraphing from Washington, where he is engaged as a 'dollar a year' man for the government and is employed in the department of justice, Will C. Hogg of Houston, makes the open declaration that the source of the mysterious \$156,500 which played such an important part in the recent campaign for governor has been discovered. Mr. Hogg accepts full responsibility for the charge that the money came from the office of a 'certain brewer' and he makes the charge openly and unequivocally.

"Two weeks ago indictments were handed down by the federal grand jury in session at Austin, charging that certain funds of certain breweries had been diverted and that earnings of these breweries had not been properly represented in tax statements demanded by the United States government.

"Wednesday at Austin the cases against the officials of these breweries were called for trial and it was currently reported in Houston and elsewhere over the state that developments might be expected shortly which may throw light upon a situation which has, by its mystery, held the concentrated attention of the state for a long time.

"It is now openly stated that sworn declarations have been made by a number of people bearing upon these mysterious transactions and that all was ready to make these declarations public last week. It was, however, determined that no such action should be taken pending the end of the political campaign then reaching its climax.

"The conclusion was based upon the assumption that many people might accept the statement, coming at that time as one made for political effect, whereas it was separate and distinct from any such influence.

"Developments in the case are said to have been rapid. About two months ago a special investigator was appointed to probe into the acts of some of those who had previously been high in Texas of fiscal and commercial life.

"This was done. Some indictments were found and in the scramble for safety, several of those concerned are now openly said to have disclosed further facts. These are the statements which have been sworn to.

"These sworn statements are said to support the charge made by Will C. Hogg in his telegram from Washington, although the details of the transaction have yet to be disclosed. It is, however, declared that these statements are full and complete and that the one fact yet to be discovered is the denomination of the bills included in the packages of money delivered by the messengers. It is further stated that the total amount of money involved will reach approximately \$285,000.

"The charge that a certain brewer or brewers acted as agents for the passage of large sums of money to a definite destination is in accord with statements previously made indicating the activity of the German-American Alliance in Texas affairs.

"German organization in this country contemplated primarily the promulgation of 'kultur,' but this was a complicated and an involved undertaking. It is stated that comparatively few members of the German-American Alliance grasped this real object of the association to which they had pledged themselves.

"According to the sworn testimony offered in the congressional investigation of the German-American Alliance the policy of fighting the onward sweep of prohibition was adopted as a means to hold the Germans of the United States together. Other aims were to be pursued under the cloak of secret diplomacy as political strength was developed.

"Therefore, what is known as the 'bureau of commerce and labor' was organized within the German-American Alliance. Contributing members of this bureau were the brewers and liquor dealers of the land. Percy Adams was at the head of this bureau and admitted under oath that he had ex-

pected more than \$650,000 for political purposes. This, however, was in addition to other sums contributed directly and indirectly as the work was carried on."

Austin, Tex., July 31.—In federal district court here today Henning Bruha and Charles Brossman, president and treasurer respectively of the Lone Star Brewing association of San Antonio were placed on trial on charges of having falsified income tax returns. The indictment charges that returns were not made on \$38,750 which was improperly included under the head of "general expenses" of the association.

C. T. Priest, vice-president and general manager of the San Antonio Brewing association of San Antonio, also under indictment for alleged falsification of income tax returns, will be tried later. It is alleged that \$54,000 was improperly exempted in this case.

Practically all of today was consumed in disposition of motions and selection of a jury and the reading to the jury of the lengthy indictment.

The first witness will be called tomorrow.

LEMONS WHITEN AND BEAUTIFY THE SKIN

Make this Beauty Lotion Cheaply For Your Face, Neck and Hands

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing 3 ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will last a long time. Almost every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck and hands. It is marvelous to smoothen rough and red hands.

VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE AGE PROOF

By the new order received from the war department, all young men under the registration age must bring with them a sworn affidavit signed by their father or mother, or legal guardian, stating the month, date and year they were born. They must have this before they can be accepted at the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, 403 1/2 Austin street, Waco. This order has been issued, because of minors getting into the service, also to avoid unnecessary expense to the government, and to save annoyance to the troops in the field, in subsequent discharge of such men. It is desired that all young men thinking of volunteering to serve their country will bring this affidavit with them, so to save them a lost journey, by having to return home for it. It takes but a little time to have the statement made out by a notary public and signed by the parents.

Men from 18 to 21 years, and from 31 to 40 can volunteer now into the regular army.

No man in the draft age will be accepted as a volunteer.

The following branches are now open to volunteers:

Infantry, cavalry, field artillery coast artillery, medical department and the quartermaster corps for bakers and cooks only.

For further information write or call at the U. S. Army Recruiting Station.

Volunteer today and do your duty to your country.

Cure for Dysentery.

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines, Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysentery, and had been given up by the family physician. Some of his neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

22 STARS ON NEIGHBORHOOD FLAG

Mrs. M. B. Sharp and Mrs. F. M. Hale are responsible for the flying of a beautiful service flag in the neighborhood north and east of Fifth street. The flag contains 22 stars in honor of the boys from the homes in that immediate neighborhood made up of just a few blocks. All of the boys represented on the flag are volunteers and six of them are now in France, and two or three of them have seen service on the battle line.

Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Hale conceived the idea of honoring the boys from their neighborhood and made the flag, and on Thursday afternoon it was raised and is now flying from a pole placed in the center of Fifth street. Within the next few days the members of the families represented by the boys in the service will gather under the flag and a picture will be made of the loved ones at home and a copy of the picture will be sent to each one of the boys.

The following are represented by a star on this beautiful neighborhood service flag; some of the boys being members of the local cavalry troop and are waiting to be federalized and called into service, while the others are scattered all over the world several being on the high seas, others in France and others in cantonments in the United States:

- Kimble Wood.
- Arteak Stuart.
- Will Stuart, (red star).
- Newt Wardlaw, (red star).
- Lawrence Wardlaw.
- R. B. Morgan.
- Roy Sharp, (red star).
- Neal Penn, (red star).
- Thad Thompson.
- Harold Tucker.
- Jno. Futch.
- Clint Penn, (red star).
- James Skinner, (red star).
- Edward Futch.
- Louis Hale.
- Sid Hale.
- Elmer Simpson.
- Dick Thorp.
- Dr. A. S. Love.
- Edwin Skinner.
- Bill Sharp.
- Dr. F. M. Hale.

The red stars represent the boys who are either in France or are on the way, having sailed from an American port within the last few days.

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 MEDICINE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON,

Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

HUMBARD-SITZLER

Rev. H. P. Bates, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, spoke the words Saturday morning that united in marriage Miss Bonnie Lou Setzler and Mr. J. N. Humbard, of Denison, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Creasy. Mr. Humbard is a prominent young business man of Denison and Miss Setzler is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Setzler. The happy young couple left Saturday morning for points in Texas on their bridal tour and will be at home about August 10th in Denison.

The Ledger joins the friends in best wishes for a long and prosperous married life.

TOM GARDNER BACK IN INSURANCE BUSINESS.

Tom Gardner, who recently moved away from Ballinger, has located at New Castle, in Young county, and opened an insurance agency. Mr. Gardner was for many years in the insurance business in Ballinger.

H. Scipp, the one-horse farmer of the Maverick country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

Rheumatism Arrested

If you suffer with lame muscles or stiffened joints look out for impurities in the blood, because each attack gets more acute and stubborn. To arrest rheumatism you must improve your general health and purify your blood; the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is Nature's great blood-maker while it also strengthens the organs to expel the impurities. Scott's is helping thousands who could not find other relief. Scott & Borne, Longwood, N. J.

PSYCHOLOGY HELPS WIN THE WAR SPIRIT

Washington, Aug. 1.—Uncle Sam has been using "applied psychology" to get all the American people to realize that they are in the war up to their necks.

With the actual fighting 3,000 miles away, it was hard to make a prosperous farmer, merchant or lawyer in the west, middle west or even along the Atlantic seaboard realize just how deeply America was committed to this war. And until all the people fully realized that it was an enterprise which might drain the bottom dollar and the last man they would not, so Uncle Sam reasoned, be so grimly in earnest, and so eager to give until it hurt, as if they had the right view of the situation.

Justis Brandeis of the Supreme court is credited in Washington with having given Uncle Sam the psychology "hunch." At any rate it has been used and is being used with good effect.

Last winter when the coal shortage was so acute, there was much talk about a "psychological famine." When folks found they couldn't buy coal, in the United States of America, the greatest coal country in the world, they rather realized they were in a war. And an order was issued that churches must close. When you close a church to save coal, you start a preacher thinking. A good many American preachers figured that if the situation was so serious as that, it was time they began preaching about the war a bit. And today hundreds, even thousands of them, who were not saying much about the fight, simply keeping away from mention of it because they thought it their job to provide a contrast, are dining war and victory into their people's ears, and are proving excellent aids in whipping the war spirit to the necessary fervor.

This is one example. Other orders and moves the people didn't quite understand were partly designed to have the same effect. That they have had it is evidenced by President Wilson's recent statements that the American people are now in thorough harmony on the war, and are in it to a victorious finish.

FREE BOARD FOR CAVALRY TROOP

Captain Stephens, of Troop I, National Guard, announces that he has perfected arrangements for taking care of the members of the troop, who live in the country and those who live in town and do not feel able to board at home.

According to the announcement made by Captain Stephens the boys will be given their meals in town, and a call has been made for coats and blankets, or quilts to be used in bedding the troop.

The coal company is using the third story of the F. & M. Bank building as barracks, and if the good citizens will assist in furnishing a little bedding the company will be well cared for until they are federalized and furnished equipment by the federal government.

The citizens are not called on to furnish money or board, and all that Captain Stephens is asking for is help in furnishing bedding. The meals for the boys have otherwise been provided for. Captain Stephens states that the coats and bedding furnished will be taken care of and returned to the owners when the troops are moved away from here.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 50c.

Mrs. Gray, formerly of our county, came in from the east Thursday and will be the guest of her school mate friend, Mrs. R. A. Dickinson and family a few days.

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.

Meadorville, 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

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. 69

"COMMUNITY HOUSE" FOR CAMP TRAVIS

Camp Travis, Aug. 3.—Just how the boys of Uncle Sam's army should, and can be "mothered," is being demonstrated at the Community House in San Antonio, Texas.

The Community House, situated on one of the most romantic spots of Texas history, directly in the rear of the Alamo, is at the same time in the very heart of the city where it can render invaluable service to every soldier visiting San Antonio. It is, in fact, a great soldier's club where the men are free to go and come at all times, and where their civilian friends are equally welcome. The club house is the old Ord home-stand, remodeled and greatly enlarged but still retaining the broad balconies extending the full length of the house, typical of the great old southern homes. The home-stand faces on Nacogdoches street but the most used entrance is from Alamo plaza by way of a short palm bordered driveway on the south side of the Alamo.

Entering from this side the soldier comes first to a great lobby that would be the pride of any city hotel. Decorated in black and gold, a piano at one side, a virola at the other, a handsome library in one end flanking a great open fire place, innumerable tables where soldiers are playing games or reading magazines and books is the cheerful sight that greets the person entering for the first time. To one side is the "sanctum" of the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith, whose chief purpose in life is to be friends of the "boys," and their success is attested by the constant crowd that surrounds them, seeking advice, information and sympathy.

Adjoining the lobby are three rooms, equipped with desks, chairs, paper, envelopes and ink, all of which are absolutely free to every soldier, while on the walls are prominent signs reminding the men to stop and write to "mother and the folks." On the other side of the lobby are the barber shop and bath rooms. There a man may go and wash up free of charge. The soldiers' look on this place as a sort of paradise. He can get his shoes shined for five cents, he can have his suit pressed for ten cents, or he can press it himself for nothing; he can get a first class shave for fifteen cents and a hair cut for two bits.

The cafe probably is the most popular part of the place. The decorated women's cubs of San Antonio take turn about there serving real home cooked dishes to the men at actual cost. Three may be profiteering by restaurant men, but if that is so the good women of the city have freed the soldiers from any necessity of patronizing them. Good meals at moderate prices on a cool screened in veranda, with music and dancing going on just outside, are things that will give any soldier a feeling of gratitude toward the people of San Antonio.

But the Community House does more than serve merely the physical needs of the soldiers. Its chief purpose is to bring the soldiers in social contact with the good people of the city, and it is succeeding in bringing the men into a "home" atmosphere as nothing else has done. The best women

of the city are invited to the dances that are held each night, except Sundays, on the open air pavilion. No men in uniform needs an introduction, and each man meets whom he pleases. The place is conducted on the principle that the soldiers are gentlemen, and no man who visits there can doubt that they are such. Many a gentlemen's club can not show as high a standard of behavior. The soldiers meet the best women of the city, they become acquainted, they have friends here and as a result they are as careful of their reputation as they are in their home towns. Every soldier will testify that the Community House is doing more good in this particular war than any other agency that touches the soldiers.

As many as 50,000 soldiers a week have made use of the Community House. It is under direction of the War Camp Community Service, a semi-official organization, and it will leave in the hearts of every soldier who has the good fortune to be encamped near this city a warm place for the good people who have really showed their appreciation of him and who have understood that after all he is just the average American "boy away from home and needs a good deal of mothering."

GIRLS! THICKEN AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR AND STOP DANDRUFF

Try this! Your hair gets wavy, glossy and abundant at once.

To be possessed of a head of heavy beautiful hair; soft lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine. It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of abundance, freshness, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and try as you will you can not find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two weeks' use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp.—Danderine is, we believe, the only sure hair grower, destroyer of dandruff and cure for itchy scalp and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

Mrs. Mit Harwell and granddaughter, Miss Fay Harwell, and Miss Olga Spain, of Farmersville, who had been visiting relatives and friends for some time past left for their home Saturday afternoon. Miss Pansy Smith, granddaughter of Mrs. Harwell, accompanied them home to visit in that section a few weeks, with her relatives.

BALLINGER PEOPLE IN SALVATION ARMY

At last the Salvation Army is coming into its own, and at this late hour the world is being made to learn of the great work this army of religious workers are doing on the battle lines of the fight for the uplift of humanity.

We are told that the Salvation Army was the first to render aid to the boys at the front. They are closer to the firing line today than any other relief workers, taking care of both the physical and spiritual man.

In a four minute talk at the cooperative service Sunday night, Scott H. Mack, outlines the campaign which is to be launched here on Thursday of this week, and which will cover a three-day period. The American government has placed its stamps of approval upon the work, and the appeal has gone out to the people at home to furnish the means that the work may be carried on among the boys on the battle line. Estes Lynn has been appointed county chairman of this work, and while we are face to face with adversities at home, the people are not so far down the line but what most every one can contribute, and every one will be given an opportunity to contribute. The plan will be worked out on the basis of the Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. drive, then, the citizenship being subdivided into alphabetical groups and a man designated to canvass each group.

We have been liberal with the Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross. The Salvation Army work is just as important, if not more so, and the people at home will see that the tender hands of the Salvation Army workers are supported in their most worthy work.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Ledger is an article written by Irvin S. Cobb, for the Saturday Post. Read this story and tune your heart for the great work we are now about to put over.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

SUGAR ALLOTMENT MADE FOR TEXAS

As the allotment of sugar for Texas, for the month of August has been definitely fixed at 13,230,000 pounds, and this includes all grades of sugar made from the cane and beet and allotment has been made to various classes) the issuing of certificates to merchants, replacing certificates covering sugar sold for preserving purposes, will not bring a single pound of additional sugar to Texas. Therefore Administrator Peden announces that the Food Administration will not issue additional certificates to replace preserving certificates taken by merchants.

It will still however be necessary for merchants to obtain certificates covering sugar sold for preserving and forward same to the County Administrator so that the Houston quarters may be advised of the amount. This record is for statistical purposes only.

County Administrators are advised that they will undoubtedly be bombarded with inquiries from merchants, stating that they should receive certificates covering the sugar they have sold for preserving purposes; at the same time it is regarded that the issuing of these certificates would be useless labor. The merchant will still be in a position to sell sugar for preserving purposes, as the Food Administration has issued certificates to the merchants to take care of all legitimate demands on them.

Figuring on a basis of 2 pounds per person a month for household consumption, it will take 9,400,000 pounds for this purpose, the population of Texas being 4,700,000. This will leave in the retailers' hands a surplus of 2,080,000 lbs. to take care of certificates, A, B, C, and D and preserving.

Miss Partlaw, of Bartlett, who had been visiting her relatives, W. E. and T. A. Puckett and families of the Wilmett country, and was the guest of Miss Georgia Singletary, a day or two, left for her home Saturday afternoon.

ANGELO CHURCH DROPS GERMAN

The German Evangelical Emmanuel church, whose weekly announcements until recently made up a part of the column in The Standard devoted to that purpose, is no more, just as are German fried potatoes, if the two may be mentioned in the same sentence. The church is still very much alive and doing the same energetic work for the cause of religion as before, but it is doing it under another name, that of the "Evangelical Emmanuel church."

Rev. A. A. Susott, the pastor of the church, said Saturday that the dropping of the word "German" from the name of the church had come about through the action taken recently by the synod of North America, of which the local Emmanuel church is one of the component units. The action was taken, Mr. Susott said, in recognition of the fact that the synod is entirely independent, as it always has been, of any German church or organization and is in fact an exclusively American body, though a large proportion of its members are of German extraction.

Many persons, Mr. Susott said, confused the Evangelical church with the German Lutheran church. There is in fact no connection between them, although the doctrines of the Evangelical church are very similar to the Lutheran doctrines.

With the dropping of the word "German" from the name of the local church, the word is now very seldom met with except in the newspaper mention of the armies that are being "pursued" (as Pershing puts it) by the American armies. And even in that connection, in spite of the homilies preached by the apostles of brotherly love, the word "Hun" is getting more and more common.—San Angelo Standard.

A Bilious Attack.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its function. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

SUGAR FATERS MUST SIGN CERTIFICATES

To All Retailers of Sugar: The sugar situation is becoming more acute. It has become necessary for the Food Administration to limit the sale of sugar to 2 lbs. per person per month.

Undoubtedly there has been some hoarding done in a small way by consumers who have made purchases from different merchants in two to five pound quantities. For this reason it has become necessary to place a check on the households.

You will require each household to sign a certificate, copy of which I will furnish you or you can get them from the Ballinger Printing Co. for 50c per book, or three books for \$1.25. These books of certificate provide for an original and copy of certificate—you will forward to the County Food Administrator at Ballinger, or to Deputy Adams, in Winters, Miles, and Rowena, the original certificate, keeping the copy yourself. They will be carefully checked and if any consumer has purchased in excess of two pounds, per person, per month, they will be severely dealt with.

You should closely watch your sale, for preserving purposes, for unquestionably this has been greatly abused, and it may be necessary to prohibit the sale of sugar for preserving.

You may send your preserving certificate to me every Monday. I do not think however, you will be able to get any additional certificates for preserving.

Yours very truly,
R. T. WILLIAMS,
County Food Administrator.

Miss Kimbrough, of Rochelle, who had been here visiting her sister, Mrs. H. S. Yeager, and family, left for home Saturday afternoon.

LA PERLA

THE DRINK THAT SATISFIES
(NON-ALCOHOLIC)
Is Fit For All Occasions



BECAUSE it quenches the thirst, with the old-time flavor that reaches the spot, and is wholesome and invigorating. Wherever soft beverages are sold La Perla is a prime favorite. At Clubs, Army Exchanges and soda fountains it leads all other soft beverages—because it is snappy, sparkling and tastes good to the last drop.

Try it today—then have a case sent home.
San Antonio Brewing Association
NATHAN PASSUR Agent and Distributor



FACULTY READY FOR EARLY SCHOOL

At a recent meeting of the local school board an order was passed setting September 2nd as late for opening of 1918-19 term of the Ballinger schools. The program calls for nine months school.

In view of the fact that there is some decrease in scholastics, it is probable that the South Ward Schools will not be used, and the work will be concentrated at Central and High school.

Miss Rosa Schooler was elected at the board meeting recently held and her name has been added to the faculty. There is one more vacancy and this will be filled at a meeting to be held this week.

Platt Straley returned from New Orleans, Saturday night, where he went to take a "post graduate" course in the Mergenthaler Linotype school, and is back on the job in The Ledger office. Mr. Straley passed the examination and returned home in time to keep the Daily Ledger out of the ditch, as Stone Stribling, who has been handling the machine for the past two or three months, received notice to report for duty in Uncle Sam's army, and W. C. Shepard, who has been with The Ledger for several months, is a member of the local cavalry troop and may be called out any time. Mr. Straley is now an all-round man, and can fill any position in the mechanical department.

FARMER BRUCE COMING BACK TO TOWN

R. W. Bruce has rented the Dr. L. B. Stephen home on Eighth Street, and will move his family from their farm home south of the city. Dr. Stephens is expecting to be called to training camp, or the border with his cavalry troop, and will take his family away from Ballinger until after the war, and Mr. Bruce and family will move in as soon as the Stephens home is vacated.

KREBS ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

E. F. Krebs was reelected county chairman for the Democratic Executive committee in the recent primary. The name on the ticket was blank, and many names were written in, but Mr. Krebs received more votes than any other man and was declared elected by the executive committee which convened in Ballinger to canvass the returns last Saturday. Mr. Krebs has made a good chairman, serving in this capacity which carries with it much work and no pay, and deserves the thanks of the Democracy of Texas.

RETURNED HOME.

Mrs. C. Jack Green and two little sons, Jack and Gerault, of Amarillo, who had been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coekrell and daughters the past several weeks, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Uncle Johnnie Baldwin, of the Mazeland country, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Freeport, Texas, on a business trip.

LONG WAR DEMANDS FOOD ECONOMY

Thursday afternoon Administrator Peden received the following message from Herbert Hoover, U. S. Food Administrator, transmitted by cable to Washington, and from Washington to Texas:

"Joint resolution of the Food Controllers of the United States, France, Italy, and England, resolved that while the increased production of the United States renders it possible to relax some of the restrictions which have been born with peculiar hardship upon all our peoples, yet it is absolutely necessary that rigid economy and elimination of waste in consumption and handling of food stuffs, as well as increased production, should be maintained throughout the European allied countries and in North America.

"It is only by such economy and elimination of waste that the transportation of the necessary men and supplies from North America to the European front can be accomplished, and that stocks of food-stuffs can be built up in North America as an insurance against the ever present danger of harvest failure, and the possible necessity for large and emergency drafts to Europe. We cannot administer the food problem on the basis of one year's war. We must prepare for its long continuance if we are to insure absolute victory."

VOLUNTEERS FOR HER HUSBAND

Sweetwater, Aug. 5.—An example of how whole-hearted the good women of the country are standing behind the Government in the present war was shown at the office of the Local Board in Sweetwater this morning. A lady from Blackwell appeared before the chairman T. O. Cowan to tell him that she and her two children were not in the way of her husband going to the army and fighting for the Government when his services were needed. The husband and father of this family being a farmer had an agricultural claim and also claim for dependents on account of having a wife and two children. His agricultural claim was not allowed but he was placed in class four on account of dependent wife and children.

His wife understood the matter thoroughly but wished the board to understand that when her husband's time came that she and the two children would not be in his way, and that she wanted him to go. She was willing to bear the responsibilities of the home alone that her husband might go out in defense of his country.

Dr. Gustavus, wife and little son, returned home a day or two ago from a business trip to points in North Texas, and the Doctor reports crops good in that section.

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Auto Delivery



With Our Boys in Khaki and Blue



Miss Jewell Teague of the Wingo country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to San Antonio to join her husband, who is in the U. S. army at Camp Travis.

Mack Bales and Marcos Guin, of the Hatchel country, left Monday for Abilene, where they will be examined for the U. S. navy.

Jack Singletary and James M. Brandon volunteered for U. S. army service and left Wednesday afternoon for Austin to enter the mechanical school at the State University. They are the first two from this county of the 1918 volunteers to leave our county.

Chester Q. Owen, who had been visiting his parents, near Hatchel the past few days, left Thursday afternoon for Philadelphia to join his ship in the U. S. navy.

Mrs. M. W. Webb, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Rich at Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to Austin to join her husband who is serving in the U. S. army at Camp Mabry.

Mrs. Caughron, who lives on Judge Willingham's farm just across the river, was in the city Thursday and had just received a letter from her son, Jas. Melvin Caughron, who is enjoying army life at Camp Travis, being among the number who recently left from Ballinger to join the army.

Ernest Gaston writes from New York for The Ledger to be sent to his new address in France. Mr. Gaston has been receiving The Ledger at Camp Mills, and as Uncle Sam is sending him across the pond, he says he wants the paper to follow him as it will be like a letter from home.

Mrs. F. L. Farmer left Monday for Fletcher, Okla., to join her husband who is serving Uncle Sam in the U. S. Army at that point.

Ed Spill writes from Somewhere in France and says he is getting along nicely. Ed sailed some time ago. He says he had a pleasant trip over, the soldiers receiving the same treatment and services given first class civilian passengers.

Wert Bayles, of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Rock Port, to work in the U. S. ship yards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fox and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mapes, of the Pony Creek country, came in Tuesday to accompany Durby Fox, who left in the afternoon to enter the U. S. service at Camp Cody.

A card from Washington announces the safe arrival of Bill Holland in France. Bill was a member of the Camp Bowie bunch of boys, who sailed some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams are just in receipt of the notice that their son, Sergeant Pat Williams had arrived safely in France, and was ready to get on the firing line at any time the call is made.

LETTER FROM BRYAN LUSK.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lusk are just in receipt of a letter from their son, Bryan, who is now safe in France, and he writes he is enjoying splendid health and that army life over there is pleasant enough so far, and they are being well taken care of in every respect. He gives the advice that many others might heed and that is not to worry if you do not hear from your boy as often as you would like, for no news is good news, and if anything were wrong the government would notify you at once.

NEW TOP SERGEANT.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike C. Boyd are

Undertaking Goods Licensed Embalmers

Motor Hearse and Ambulance

T. S. LANKFORD

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in receipt of a message telling of the promotion of their son Charles Boyd at Camp Travis to the position of Top Sergeant of his company. Charlie is a live, wide-awake young man and very enthusiastic in army duties and has deservedly risen from the lower ranks to this important position, and if untiring efforts and close application to his duties, we predict and hope to see him go higher before the war is over.

LEFT TO JOIN NAVY.

Forrest Vanlandingham left from this point for Dallas, where he will join the U. S. Navy. Forrest has been with his father on the farm the past few years, and at one time was among the force at the Ledger office, and we feel sure he will make Uncle Sam a good soldier.

LETTER FROM

FRANK WILKE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke are just in receipt of a letter from their son Frank and also a picture showing him at work in the gun school of instructions at Camp Funston. Frank says they are likely to move soon to New Jersey or to some point in Georgia. Frank has become quite an expert in all the parts of a gun and can put them together even though he is blind folded at times to see how expert the men are in assembling all the parts even if they are in the dark. We are glad to report Frank progressing and working good in this department.

France, July 10.

Dear Sis:— Happened to get hold of a piece of paper, so will write you. Am getting along fine, except for a few inconveniences, such as no place to sleep, not getting to pull my clothes off since July 3rd, a little rain, much artillery (all French and American) and the fact that we are to have only two meals today. The rations did not come up for some cause.

Really though, I had breakfast at 9:30 and dinner at 4:00 p. m. makes it all right.

Wish you could see my sleeping place now: two shelter shovels and some tar paper keeps the rain off of Lieut. Moore and myself. We have grass on the ground and four blankets and two rain coats, and as we sleep in our clothes it really doesn't sleep so very badly. We work at nights and sleep all day, if we can and want too.

Our division has been cited one in orders and if we get another we will all be decorated. Some class, don't you think?

There is absolutely nothing to write, it seems, except that everything seems to be getting on fine. Had another letter from Will Stuart, and it is a funny thing that there is no way to find out where a fellow is over here.

Got two papers yesterday dated May 18th and 24th. They were surely interesting. I can keep up with a great deal of news from the papers.

We have surely hiked about lately and have seen quite a bit of France. This part is the worst we have been in as it seems such poorland, nothing but clay everywhere. The hills are all out up with trenches and all one can see is row after row of white clay with little patches of green in between doing some washing for.

The last move we made was at 10:30 p. m. I was in bed and only had time to roll up my bedding and hike. It was not to the rear either. I had an old French woman doing some washing for me which of course I had to leave. Now I only have what I have on, one towel and a rain coat. My bedding roll is somewhere in the rear. Gee, but we are a dirty bunch, but expect to clean up in a few days. Can just imagine how a clean pair of socks will feel. I am sending you a copy of the citation which you can put in my scrap book. Hope we can get another one soon, and may be a decoration. Haven't had a letter from home in about a week, but can keep on expecting them tho for I know they are on the way.

Will write every chance I have, and do not worry for I am getting along fine.

Love to all, ROY

The above letter came Tuesday to Miss Maggie Sharp from her brother Lieut. Roy F. Sharp, Lieut. Sharp is a member of the Rainbow Division, and those who have been reading the newspapers during the past weeks know something about where the Rainbow Division is and what valient work that bunch of American boys have been doing. This letter was written about the time the Allies launched their offensive, and no doubt Lieut. Sharp has been in the thick of the fight since writing the above.

June 27, 1918.

Somewhere in France.

Dear Elmer:

Our first mail came yesterday and I know you can not imagine how we celebrated. I never saw as many happy soldiers before in my life. I got an even dozen and I sure spent a good afternoon reading them. It was the first news of any kind we had had from the states since we left.

Mamma said in one of her letters that some of you had wired me at the camp I was last in and the wire was returned. I guess that must have been about the time I left there. The whole trip was wonderful and if I could only tell you our route you would understand why it was so good, but of course I can't mention that. We traveled by every means known to man except by airship, and our eating was about the same, but on top of all I arrived here feeling better than ever and had gained about ten pounds. We have traveled several days by train since we arrived overseas, and the things I've seen have been wonderful to me. Some of the scenery along the mountains is absolutely indescribable. In some places trains that were pulled by one engine before, were cut into and three engines were put on each section. We wound around the edge of high mountains and from one side and looked almost a mile below you could see a beautiful smooth valley with a small river winding along thru the mountains, so pretty that I thought such things only existed in the imagination of artists. And roads, oh, boy, if you could only see them. Just wide enough for a wagon or a car, with grass growing right to the roadbed, and the trees along both sides so even that you would think they were painted there, big trees that overlap the top. No matter where you find them, they are the same. And the fields and meadows everywhere and always a hedge fence as pretty as you see around our yards at home. We have been traveling ever since we left except a day here and there in some rest camp and when we were in these camps it was my good fortune to go on a few sight-seeing trips and I will never forget them. I saw things that impressed me so I will remember them always. In one place we went through an old cathedral and from the minute I came in sight of it I was simply bewildered. The architecture was wonderful and as I entered the inside and found myself first in what I would call the big auditorium, and began to learn its history I forgot myself until I had to leave. I heard bits of history about it that unless you were placed in the same circumstances that I was you would not believe. I saw statuary that you can't even believe when you see it, and even though it has stood (and is still in us), since about 1100 and its history dates back as far as 190, still new things, that have never been noticed are discovered almost every year. As I stood in the back part of the cathedral among the tombs and statues of kings, noblemen, and great conquerors, you can not imagine how I felt. In coffins along the wall within my touch was resting the very bones of kings I had read about and thought as a myth. It will sure be pleasure to tell you about these things some day for when you see such things and learn so much about me all around me and tell you one, so of course I am looking forward to the day when I can get you all around me and tell you some of my experiences. There

are things far more interesting than there, but they are of such a nature that I can not mention them.

Mother wrote me that you had joined the cavalry. I hope you all the success you can possibly have and I am sure you will get along fine.

I am doing fine here. Our camp is the best I have ever seen and we are by far better fixed than we ever were over there. There is a little village close by by I rarely ever go there. You can buy beer, wine and champagne and other kinds of drinks and all you want but I am not having anything to do with such things. I am trying hard to live a better life than I ever have before, for after all there is only two crowds to run in, one is Christians, and the other is not. One way drags you down lower and lower, and the other elevates you and I am determined that when I return to my home I will be a better man physically and morally than when I left.

You will have to just guess how many temptations there is here, but I am determined to keep myself clean and to spend part of my time trying to get the other fellow to go straight.

You will have to pass this letter around the family and let it do for all for if I were to write you each one separately it would be almost a carbon copy, so please let them all have it and it sure would be fine if they all would answer it with a separate letter, for believe me, a fellow sure likes to get mail over here. Also show it to my friend Sledge, for somehow I think of him a great deal and believe I have missed him most next to the home folks. As soon as I can I will try and write him a long letter. Give my regards to all my friends and try and find time to write me some of the news.

Your brother,

TROY.

Mrs. Troy Simpson, 21st F. A. Band, American Expeditionary Force, via New York.

In a letter to his wife, Carl Jeanes writes from France as follows:

"Just a short letter from a soldier by over here to my wife over there, many thousand miles between you and I tonight. Did you realize that it is really so, and when you are sleeping I am up and going and thinking continually of you. There is some seven or eight hours difference in time and possibly between seven and eight thousand miles from you, and we are still not to our journey's end. I do not know when it will be, though the end of the journey will come before long.

"Well, it is rain, rain, and it keeps raining. Though they say this section of the country has been badly in need of rain, the grass and crops are looking real well.

"At the end of this journey we may find some real hard training and I suppose we will, and again we may be experiencing some real service, so which every it is, I will not be allowed to write, but let come which ever it may be we are ready to fall in line and fight to the end, or to fall doing our best, trying to bring this great struggle to an end.

"I did not before coming here, neither do the people of the U. S. A. who have not seen or have not been told, do not begin to realize the horribleness of war. I can't write things I have seen or things I know are really the truth, but I can say it is horrible and will also say that it is still not over, and we boys or at least a part of our division, will taste many of the bitter dregs before the thing is settled.

"In marching through some of the cities, one especially since arriving in this land, thousands and thousands of people, men, most of them old or crippled, women and children were lined up on the streets as we passed, waving the flags of the Allies and lots of the grand old flags of the U. S. A., and while many little boys, Paul's and Herman's size fell in by us and laughed and talked with us holding us by the hand—calling us Sammies. We in turn placed an arm around their necks and marched on and as I was marching on in this manner, I heard



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COUNTY ORGANIZED FOR SALVATION WORK

The Salvation Campaign in this county will be under way early Thursday morning. The county has been organized with a chairman in each precinct, and every one will be given an opportunity to have a hand in this work. The chairmen are as follows:

- Estes Lynn, Chairman.
- Ennis A. Shepperd, Winters.
- J. W. Robinson, Miles.
- Walter Schuhmann, Rowena.
- T. J. McCaughan, Norton.
- J. L. Strube, Olfen.

The Ballinger campaign for funds will be conducted by Messrs A. J. Thorp, Carl Guin, D. C. Underwood and Will McCarver who will begin a solicitation of funds on Thursday. These gentlemen will be ably assisted by the local letter carriers who have volunteered their services, as permitted by the postmaster general, to aid in the distribution of subscription envelopes along their routes. They will also be assisted by the young ladies of the Cavalry Auxiliery.

Mr. Jas. Parnell is to lend valuable assistance with the advertising.

Make up your mind now just how much you are going to help in this work and be ready to meet the committeemen with a smile. Of all the offerings you have made to the war work none will be of greater value to the cause than what you give to the Salvation Army cause.

ALL CHILDREN LOVE

"SYRUP OF FIGS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give it when feverish, cross, biliousness, for bad breath or sour stomach.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, indigestible food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative" they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

HELP YOUR GOVERNMENT.

By conserving leather. To you good shoe repairing means economy, comfort. Quality work with Quality Material is our specialty. Don't forget we repair Auto Buggy Tops in the best manner and on short notice. Shoe repairing a specialty—W. C. Drennan at the bat.

EBB CATHEY, Hutching Ave., Ballinger. 11-d&w-1f.

CANNING CLUB.

Quite a number of the members of the Runnels County Canning club met at the office of Mrs. Gene Cameron Monday and made cottage cheese and canned tomatoes, and other vegetables, during the day. Several citizens called during the day and tested the cheese and canned goods, and pronounced them excellent.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on over the seat of pain is often more effectual for a lame back than a plaster and does not cost anything like as much.

F. Blumintritt, of the Miles country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

The French Say; "They Shall Not Pass"

Runnels county says: "We Shall Not Fail."

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