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EACH COUNTY TO NUMBER AUTOS

With 1919 rapidly approaching the 1918 seals on autos will soon be useless, and must be replaced with a 1919 seal. Hereafter a record of auto seals will be kept in each county by the tax collector.

The state highway commission gave out this information at Austin a few days ago, and called attention to the fact that all registrants will be made by the tax collector in the county where the owner of the car resides.

The seals have not been distributed to various counties, but have been received by the highway commission in Austin, where they are being numbered.

Tax Collector Chastain will receive the seals several days in advance and they will be ready to issue on January 1st. Under the law governing auto taxes, every auto owner must pay his 1919 tax for 1919 get his seal and display it on his car before he can operate the car.

OIL DRILLING CONTRACT CONFIRMED

The report received here Tuesday to the effect that a contract had been closed for the drilling of an oil well ten miles northeast of Ballinger, was confirmed Wednesday when C. Karnesay, of Winters, who went to Fort Worth, returned home. Other messages received by Jim Flynt, Cotton Bailment, and W. A. Tally, who were authorized in the deal as brokers, all confirmed the report late Tuesday afternoon.

The exact location of the well will be determined later, and it is believed will be located a little south and about half way between Winters and Crews.

Drilling is to begin within ninety days and the contract call for oil or a 3,500 foot hole.

TWO FUNERALS AT WINTERS

A. C. Harrison was here from Winters Wednesday, and reports that his town was thrown into sadness again this week by two former citizens of that town having died and their remains shipped back to Winters for burial.

Tom Cummings and Mrs. Boss Green, who formerly lived at Winters, and had moved to other points, died and their remains were buried at Winters Wednesday.

Provisional Government In Germany Gaining Control

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Premier Ebert has decided to form a Socialist army, and will organize the army for work to offset the forces of Spartacus group.

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—The workmen and soldiers executive committee has conceded supreme authority in Germany to the provisional government headed by Premier Ebert. It is believed that this will provide Ebert with sufficient strength to hold down the Spartacus group which is overpowering sentries and collecting their arms.

The workmen and soldiers councils are losing their popularity everywhere, especially in Hamburg where conditions are reported to be fearful. Many citizens in that city are armed for self protection.

In many places in Germany the only food available is horse sausage.

CRUDE ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL BUSINESS MEN

Brownwood officers have been engaged the past few weeks in trying to spot one or two "black hand" artists who are attempting to do a little business among the Brownwood business men.

A merchant recently received a letter through the mails, the wording being in printed capital letters to disguise the handwriting. The writer demanded that the merchant place a certain sum of money in a certain designated place, on the pain of being reported to the grand jury if he refused to comply. It is learned that several merchants have received these black hand letters, and in each case they were immediately handed over to the officers. It is understood the officers, working under a process of elimination connected with their knowledge of the traits and peculiarities of certain local elements, are getting pretty close to the guilty party. Brownwood News.

THREE OUR BOYS IN TODAY'S CASUALTIES

The casualty list released for publication today contains the names of three Runnels Co. boys. Enoch Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson, is reported severely wounded. Samuel A. Hemmeline, of Norton, is reported missing in action. Haley G. Havenhill, of Winters, is reported severely wounded.

Rev. E. E. Diggs, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Winters, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

FARM AGENT HELPS BROWN CO. FARMERS

There has been bought for next spring planting about 6000 bushels of the very best Mebane cotton seed. These are pedigreed seed to be re-cleaned and culled and delivered to Brown county stations in February. They were bought of reliable seed dealers of several years experience at Lockhart, Texas, and to be shipped, subject to inspection and approval.

Despite the fact that the county is overrun with men selling so-called "pure Mebane" cotton seed really first class seed will be scarce at planting time. The officials of the various organizations are far sighted in booking these seed. All farmers should cooperate with the clubs in buying their seed. Their doing so will not only insure them good seed at carlot prices but also help the organization to dispose of the seed they have bought. Orders should be listed now so that if more is needed we shall have time to get them. It cost nothing to list the order and if the seed are not first class in every particular we will not have to take them. Give orders to the club officials nearest you.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The farmers of Runnels county will be in the market for good cotton seed within the next few weeks. They should be prepared to form clubs, and cooperate and take advantage of the help offered by the federal government to the farmers in the drought stricken counties. They will miss the services of a farm agent.

WILMETH MAZELAND NEWS

The recent snow made the small grain take new life and it is now thriving. We are enjoying a few days of beautiful weather, which we greatly prefer, to the past week or two, which has been very severe. Regardless of this, attendance at school has been very good. It will take more than the recent weather to cool the enthusiasm of the school children, for they seem to be very eager for work this year.

Our basketball team is growing better all the while. Come on, all you neighboring teams, we will be delighted to play you a game—and win it too. We also have up the net for volley ball practice and the tennis court is a source of pleasure.

We were very glad to have with us this week as visitors, the Misses Verdine and Ethal McNeil, also Mr. Arch Hood. Nothing could please us more than for the parents to visit the school room more often, thereby showing your interest in the progress of the children.

Miss Reba Hudson went to Winters Thursday to have a pair of spectacles fitted to her eyes, she hopes to be able now to do better school work.

The school teachers, Miss Carrie Wilson, Sarah Branch and Sibyl McIver enjoyed a visit to their homes, going Friday and returning Sunday.

On Friday night Dec. 13 at 7:30 o'clock there will be a program given at the Mazeland auditorium. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone. As this is the last programme given before Christmas, being on the last day before holidays, it is expected to be a good one. A chart play of about twenty minutes will be given; the little folks of the primary room will have a part in some of the numbers on the program. Come and hear them. Last, but not least comes a debate, the subject being: Resolved: "That the ex-kaiser should be killed." You may expect something good. Come and bring your neighbors with you.

Bryant, of Ark. were at noon Wednesday visit the Herring families a few minutes. Bryant is a sister to Williams.

President Wilson And Party Will Land In France Friday

ALL W. S. S. PLEDGES PAID BY CHRISTMAS

Dallas, Dec. 11.—Acting under instructions from Secretary McAdoo the final call for the payment of war savings stamp pledges has been issued. It was announced today by Louis Lipsitz, state director.

All war savings pledges are due for liquidation not later than December 31st.

While December 31 is the last day for the payment of pledges, it is being urged that all pledges be met by Christmas. It is pointed out by Mr. Lipsitz that United States soldiers made good their slogan "Out of the trenches by Christmas" and he urges that Texans make their slogan "All War Savings Stamp Pledges paid by Christmas."

CLOSING LOCAL DRAFT BOARD OFFICE

R. P. Kirk and W. E. Barbee, members of the local draft board, are rounding up the business, and will soon be ready to close the office. They are awaiting the return of papers from the state and district office.

The registration blanks, questionnaires, etc., are to be sealed and packed away, and can not be opened for any purpose without an order from headquarters.

SEEKING FARM AGENT'S HELP ON FEED

Mr. West was here from Miles, Wednesday, and called at The Ledger office seeking help in getting permit to ship feed at half rate. He stated that the farmers at Miles had just made three car loads of feed and were anxious to take advantage of the half rate offered by the government. Mr. West stated that he heard that the commissioners court had fired the farm agent, but thought maybe some other way had been arranged for giving the farmers the benefit of the half rate on freight. We referred him to the commissioners court.

J. A. Patterson, of the Valley Creek country, was here Tuesday, selling his cotton crop, which consisted of about two hundred pounds remnant. Mr. Patterson divided the proceeds with The Ledger man.

While her condition is serious, Mrs. A. K. Doss is reported to be some better today, and those watching over her are hopeful. The physicians announce that if she can hold her own until after tomorrow she may recover.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The steamer George Washington, carrying the Presidential party to the peace conference, passed within view of Ponta Del Gado, the largest city off Azores, yesterday morning, according to dispatches received here from that place today.

The harbor forts of Ponta del Gado fired salutes as the George Washington passed in view.

Brest, France, Dec. 11.—The steamer George Washington, carrying President Wilson and the American delegates to the peace conference at Paris, was reported by the naval wireless as passing the Azores at 1 o'clock this afternoon. All on board were well after the stormy weather through which the presidential lines passed.

The George Washington is expected to arrive about noon Friday. The landing of President Wilson is planned for 3 o'clock in the afternoon and he is expected to arrive in Paris at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. This schedule would leave less than an hour for ceremonies here, which necessarily will be restricted, although the Breton peasantry is gathering from miles around to give Mr. Wilson an enthusiastic greeting.

L. C. Underwood, of Waugete, was here Thursday. Mr. Underwood lives in Commissioners Smith's precinct, and expressed himself heartily in favor of the farm agent, and says that he considered it very unfortunate for the farmers of this county to be without a man to look after the character of work the local farm agent has been doing. There are many others who look at the proposition in the same light.

A. R. Crews returned Thursday at noon from Abilene, where he had been on business.

Joe Morrison is at home from the army camp, where he was in the mechanical school, and was prepared for overseas service when the Germans decided they had all they wanted. Mr. Morrison has not stated what he will do, but he will probably be back on the job at the Higginbotham garage, as he has been offered his old position.

OFFICIAL COUNT GIVES PROS 238 MAJORITY

The returns from the Concho voting box in the local option election were received by County Clerk James B. Keating just as The Standard was going to press, giving ten votes against prohibition and three for. This brings the complete totals to 615 votes for prohibition and 377 against, a majority of 238 votes.—San Angelo Standard.

CAMPAIGN OUTLINED FOR R. C. ROLL CALL

In order to cover the entire town of Ballinger quickly and with the view of distributing the work, Ballinger has been divided into 16 districts. Each district to have a Captain and if necessary captains to select Lieutenants.

The division lines running North and South; Abilene & Southern R. R.—Hutchings Avenue—Santa Fe R. R.—Murrell Street—Snapp Street—Sharp Street.

Running East and West: 6th—8th—13th Streets.

- Districts.
1. C. S. Guin,
 2. A. J. Voelkel
 3. A. R. Crews
 4. B. C. Kirk
 5. Mrs. F. C. Miller
 6. Mrs. J. F. Curry
 - 7* Mrs. Scott H. Mack
 8. Mrs. Sam Behringer
 9. Mrs. C. J. Lynn
 10. Mrs. R. J. Wheeler
 11. Mrs. John Loveless
 12. Miss Ada Allen
 13. W. A. Bridwell
 14. Mrs. A. S. Love
 15. Mrs. F. M. Hale
 16. Mrs. B. M. Smith

If unable to conveniently see captain of your district, any Bank in Ballinger will be pleased to accept your membership dues and turn it in to local committee with your name.

Drive in business portion of city will commence on morning of Monday, December 16th, by men, in residence district on morning Tuesday, December 17th, by ladies.

Gentlemen, make the necessary arrangements so that your wife and children can give their membership dues to the Lady workers and encourage them.

Where larger than one dollar subscriptions are made give the captain of your district list of names in which you desire the membership—one name for each dollar. This is a campaign to obtain as many members as possible at one dollar each.

Place a Red Cross emblem in your window and wear your Red Cross 1919 buttons, both are furnished with membership, at least during the campaign week in order to facilitate the work. Many of our boys are now returning and they are watching these buttons.

A large thermometer giving the daily totals for Ballinger and a clock giving the daily totals for Runnels County will be shown in the First National Bank window during the week.

For information see: Mrs. R. L. Harwell and E. Sheppard, chairman and Assistant for county organization.

W. C. McCarver, chairman for organization rural districts.

R. G. Erwin, chairman for Ballinger organization.

Don't let the burden fall on the workers who have volunteered their services. Be prepared and become a member at the beginning of the campaign. This is our last call for membership for at least one year.

M. F. Tredwell is at home from an extended trip through Oklahoma, Missouri and other states. In the interest of the light and power company with which he is connected. He will be here for a few days before he will know definitely whether he will remain in Ballinger or not. His company may move him to San Angelo.

CHRISTMAS STATIONERY

Why not give a box of nice stationery for a Christmas present. We have just received a shipment of beautiful boxes, the latest in writing material, and the prices cannot be duplicated.

Ballinger Printing Co.

This is the time of all times when you should send a Christmas card. It is a remembrance that is worth while and you can reach more of your friends this way. See our samples now. Ballinger Printing Company.

Willard Storage Batteries in Stock for Every Make Car.

WILLARD SERVICE

Complete Stock of U. S., Racine and Republic Tires. We Must Sell Them

See us for anything for the Auto.

BALLINGER AUTO PHONE 505. Opposit



Victory

They are coming home we are all thankful.

Show your appreciation! Buy some War Saving Stamps and keep your Liberty Bonds.

The Winters State Bank \$300,000.00 Resources

