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## Runnels County School Teachers Ask Court to Rescind their Action

As is shown by the following letter, accompanied by the following resolutions, signed by the Runnels county school teachers who are attending teachers' institute at San Angelo, the educational interests of this county have suffered by the action of the Commissioners' Court in abolishing the office of County Farm Agent.

It will be noticed from the letter accompanying the petition, that this question was the one thing considered first by the teachers from this county when they came together in the Runnels county section of the institute Monday morning.

The resolution speaks for itself, and if the court does not comply with the request to reconsider the question when it comes from such source, any progressive citizen can easily observe what the loss will be to our county. The teachers of the rural schools of the county, only, acted on the proposition. While the city teachers are in harmony with the move and most heartily endorse the Farm Agent's work, they felt that they should have no voice in these resolutions.

### Explanatory Letter

"San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 21.  
"Mr. A. W. Sledge,  
"Ballinger, Texas,  
"Dear Mr Sledge: We are sending to your address in this enclosure, a resolution signed by the teachers of Runnels county in attendance at the institute in San Angelo. This resolution is self explanatory but allow me to say that this was the one thing considered first by the teachers Monday morning.

"We hope that our petition will not be in vain, but will be considered by our Commissioners as a true expression from the educational leaders in Runnels county of their belief in the County Agent's work.

"Respectfully yours,  
"G. M. ROBERTS."

### Resolution

"WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Runnels County, Texas, have seen fit to discontinue the work of the County Farm Agent of this County, and

"WHEREAS, the discontinuance of the Farm Agent's work will not reduce the county tax rate, and will save each individual in the county only a half cent a year, and will put an end to educational work tending to improve the grade of live stock and crop seeds, and will cripple Farm Bureau work, and put an end to Boys' Agricultural Clubs, and deprive the farmers of Runnels County of the use of College Station services, and its staff of workers, and result in a general backward step along educational life in agriculture and stock raising.

"NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that we the undersigned school teachers of Runnels County, Texas, disapprove of the action of the Commissioners' Court in this respect, and call on them to rescind their action, and to reinstate the County Farm Agent's department at their ear-

liest opportunity:

John T. Priddy, Victory  
E. F. Beck, Crews  
A. J. Oliver, Puckett  
R. O. McBay, Harmony  
Mrs. J. T. Hays, Elm Creek  
Glenn E. Esmond, Drasco  
Mrs. Roy L. Roper, Norton  
Luther Watson, Norton  
L. M. Roberts, Baldwin  
H. Oliver, Pumphrey  
Ina Todd, Blanton  
Cleo L. Smith, Norwood  
Annie M. Spurguss  
Rearl Gann  
Anna Currie, Franklin  
Rena J. Walker, Dale  
Edith L. Miller, Dale  
Maydell Rushing, Victory  
Pearl Chick, Poe  
Mrs. J. F. Priddy, Victory  
T. J. Justice, Winters  
J. C. Watts, Winters  
Agnes Kavanagh, Offen  
Rose Kavanagh, Offen  
Zaza Chenoweth, Baldwin  
Wynie Greer, Poe  
Ruth Rich, Pumphrey  
Mattie Cooke, Drasco  
Ethel Landrum, Drasco  
Florence Adams, Pumphrey  
Mary Tom Allen, Harmony  
Belle Lee, Millar  
Rosalie Ivey, Maverick  
Blanche Johnson, Maverick  
Ollie R. Smith, Hatchel  
Mamie Barber, Kristoff  
Mrs. Mae Shipp, Dry Ridge  
Callie Stinebaugh, Eagle Branch  
Carrie Alvis, Bethel Dist. No. 6  
Ermine Bull, Bethel Dist. No. 6  
Mrs. Kimble Wood, Runnels  
Clemma Cotton, Red Bank  
Anne Cotten, Brookshire  
Melba Dark, Elm Creek  
Della Alcorn, Kerby  
Ruby Brown, Dietz  
Naomi Easey, Dietz  
P. A. Oliver, Novice  
Ruth Jennings, Old Norton  
Mabel Carter, Crockett  
Della Harding, Crockett  
Grae Haun, Norton  
Katherine Eagan, Ballinger  
Frances Fowler, Crews  
Mary Fowler, Davies  
France, Eagan, Cochran  
Zula Tolson, Wm. Spgs.  
W. G. Jonas, Sweet Home  
E. W. Wooten, Oak Creek  
Howard R. Whipple, Hagan  
Ollie Fagg, Hagan  
Julia Garrett, Blanton.

## EMERGENCY BILL MAY GET THRU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Advocates of the emergency tariff legislation won in a preliminary fight today by adopting a motion suspending calendar business tomorrow so as to give the tariff bill right of way.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Otto Kahn, New York banker, today told the House committee on ways and means that the business of the country demanded a revision of the tax laws in order that the growth and development of the country might continue.

Try Want Ads for results.

## COUNTY LOSES FARM BUREAU

A move to organize a branch of the National Farm Bureau in Runnels county has been blocked by the action of the Commissioners' Court in discontinuing the work of the County Farm Agent in this county.

J. E. Boog-Scott, one of the national committeemen, lives at Coleman, and the counties in this section of the state were getting in line to profit by this organization which is putting on foot a move to pool one million bales of cotton in Texas and sell direct to the spinners.

The United Cotton Growers Association and the American Cotton Growers Association have been merged into the National Farm Bureau, and the cotton section of the bureau is known as the Cotton Growers Co-Operative Association. The wool growers also maintain a branch of the Farm Bureau and are pooling their wool, and selling direct to the spinner at a big saving to the wool growers.

The cotton growers branch of the bureau is composed exclusively of cotton growers, and in other cotton growing states success in pooling cotton has netted a big saving to the cotton growers.

The Farm Bureau has no connection with the government agricultural agencies, but the bureau functions through the county agents, and so far has not organized a branch of the bureau where there is no county agent. Bell county organized a branch of the bureau some time ago and the farmers of that county recently made a big shipment of cotton, and realized a big saving.

In discontinuing the work of the Farm Agent in Runnels county, the move to establish a cotton branch of the Farm Bureau in this county has been checked, and the farmers are again made the losers.

The farmers of this county who are interested in such matters should lose no time in undoing what has been done, and if possible prevent the removal of the County Farm Agent from this county. The cost of \$1,000 per year to maintain the work here is a mere trifle when compared with the benefits, the farmers will receive from the government through its local representative.

The county will lose the \$1,500 yearly aid which it has been getting from the government for this work, and the refusal to cooperate with the State and Federal government in this line of work will have a tendency to prevent the county from getting aid in other lines of work. The county has been very fortunate in getting aid for rural schools and for roads, the State and Federal departments always showing a willingness to meet us more than half way on the progressive development of our county.

The Farm Bureau would be a big boost for the cotton farmers of this county, and we trust that some plan can be worked out for yet perfecting a branch of the organization in this county.

## Says Farm Agent Saved Him \$200

R. M. Davis, of the Crews country, was in Ballinger Wednesday, and while here made inquiry about chances for maintaining the County Farm Agent. "We want to hold him here if possible," said Mr. Davis, "and it don't cost us anything. What we pay does not amount to anything."

Mr. Davis stated that he had never had occasion to call on the Farm Agent but one time, but the one visit and help of the Farm Agent saved him \$200, more than his part of the cost of keeping the Farm Agent would amount to in

a lifetime. "I am certainly sorry our Commissioners abolished the office, and I am going to do what I can to get the Farm Agent to stay," said Mr. Davis.

### BENOIT PEOPLE TO STAGE RABBIT DRIVE DEC. 29TH

Roy and Milton Clayton were here from the Benoit country Tuesday, and were busy advertising a rabbit drive for their neighborhood on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Those who join in the sport are requested to meet at Benoit at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, bringing their guns and lunch baskets. The citizens of the neighborhood will supplement the dinner and dinner will be served at Norwood school house. Everybody is invited.

Be Wise and Advertise—

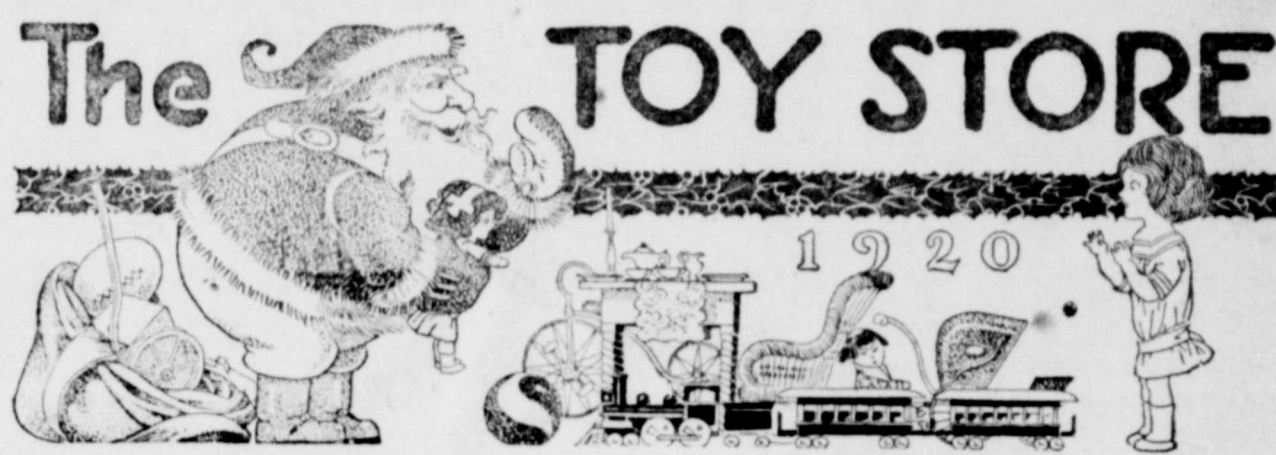
## HATCHEL SOLID FOR CO. AGENT

A petition signed by 38 citizens of Hatchel asking the County Commissioners to reconsider their decision to discontinue the office of County Farm Agent has been received by the office of the Young Men's Business League.

This constitutes practically all of the adult males in that community, showing that the Hatchel people are practically unanimous in their opinion that the County Agent's department is a valuable one in Runnels county's farm affairs.

### HEAVY RAINS NORTH AND EAST OF BALLINGER

Reports received here Tuesday stated that points North and East of Ballinger received considerable rain Monday night. The rain was heavy at Coleman, and extended East to Brownwood, and at some points the rain was accompanied by hail.



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## THE LAND OF TOYS

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## MARKETING PLAN FOR CATTLEMEN

FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—A committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, which the executive committee appointed to draw up a co-operative marketing plan, began deliberations today.

Ralph Harris, of San Angelo, chairman, predicted that the plan finally adopted will be modeled after the Omaha plan.

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26 years ago and my birth was practically a painless one...

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MAY ESTABLISH FARMERS BANK

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—The establishment of co-operative farm banks as a method of assuring credit to the agriculturists...

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation...

Roscoe Demoville is here from San Angelo to be with his father J. A. Demoville, who is quite ill.

DAM MEET WILL PUSH BUSINESS

Following the taking of a referendum vote of the officers and directors of the Colorado Valley Irrigation Association...

In a phone message today to Stuart L. Williams, Secretary of the irrigation association...

An informal application for State aid on this project has been filed with the State Board of Water Engineers...

It is expected that a large number will attend from Ballinger as practically all the farm lands adjacent to this city will be affected...

To relieve rheumatism, sprains, lame back, lumbago or pleurisy, Ballard's Snow Liniment is a remedy of proven merit.

He attributed the wealth of his people to the co-operative marketing associations which he said prevented wide fluctuations in prices.

WILL POOL A MILLION BALES TEXAS COTTON

DALLAS, Dec. 18.—What is probably the biggest co-operative marketing plan in the United States...

One million bales is the goal set for the first year's operations. The amount of money involved in the sale of this cotton is variously estimated...

An examination of Texas law led members of the "Committee of 21" to see that it is necessary to change the law of Texas to enable Texas cotton growers to co-operate in the same manner...

Mr. Aaron Sapiro, attorney for a number of the successful marketing organizations in California, met with the Texas committee and gave the benefit of his experience with co-operative marketing organizations in California...

While Ballinger citizens are working overtime to perfect an ice plant company organization, citizens of San Angelo are out selling stock in a \$10,000 ball club and perfecting plans to get a berth in the West Texas League.

The stock was placed on sale at \$25 per share at a meeting of fans held in the Tom Green county town Thursday...

He predicted that the standard of living in the South would be placed far above the present level upon the successful completion of the new cotton merchandising plan.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney make, 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...

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

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

BROWNWOOD MAN PAINFULLY INJURED

Ira W. Hall, head of the Hall Machinery Company, of Brownwood, and a member of the city council of Brownwood, sustained injuries which made it necessary to amputate his left hand late Wednesday when a small caterpillar tractor which was being loaded on a truck near his home ran off the truck and fell on Mr. Hall...

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets)...

KILLEEN POST OFFICE ROBBED

BELTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Forcing an employe at the points of revolvers to open the vault and safe, two robbers last night about 8 o'clock successfully looted the Killeen postoffice...

The robbery was made known this morning at 7:00 o'clock, when other employes of the postoffice came to their work and found their companion locked in the vault...

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion.

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Advertisement for Castoria medicine, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'CASTORIA For Infants and Children. Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Hathcock in Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA'.

TEACHERS WILL ATTEND ANNUAL INSTITUTE MEET

Twenty teachers from the city schools of Ballinger and 120 teachers from the other schools of the county, will leave Sunday for San Angelo, where they will spend five days attending the annual institute.

Teachers from nine counties will gather at San Angelo Sunday. It is estimated that at least 500 teachers will be enrolled in the institute...

It will be remembered that the joint institute held last year at Ballinger included only Tom Green and Runtels counties. This joint institute was such a marked success...

According to agreements made one year ago, the institute next year will be held at Ballinger. It is not known how many counties will come in then...

Mr. and Mrs. Scott H. Mack received the sad message of the death of Mrs. J. M. Adams, wife of the editor of the Plainview News...

Mr. and Mrs. Scott H. Mack received the sad message of the death of Mrs. J. M. Adams...

Eggs Eggs Eggs and more Eggs or your money back if you feed Martin's Egg Producer.

Eugene Underwood is taking inventory of Weeks' drug store while in Ballinger on a Christmas visit to home folks.

NOTICE

The Parramore pasture of 5000 acres of unimproved land has been subdivided into small tracts and is now on the market at reasonable price and terms.

DEMAND GREAT FOR BABIES NOW

"The demand for babies is greater than I ever saw before," said Rev. W. A. Nicholas, district superintendent for the Texas Children's Home Society...

"We have applications from a number of towns," said Rev. Nicholas, "including Sweetwater, Coleman and Paducah..."

Rev. Nicholas handed the writer a card bearing the name of the Texas Children's Home Society, and giving as its mission "to seek homeless, neglected and destitute children and become their friend and protector..."

Fathers and mothers are slow to give away their babies, and only when death has come, or where circumstances make it necessary to part with the children...

Try Want Ads for results.

Advertisement for Ki-Moids (Granules) for indigestion: 'KI-MOIDS (GRANULES) For INDIGESTION. Dissolve instantly on tongue or in water - hot or cold; do not have to crush. QUICK RELIEF!'

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## LOW FIRE RECORD WILL REDUCE CROP ACREAGE IN THE NORTH

The fire loss for the year 1920 is the lowest on record in this city and the present insurance rate has been cut to the lowest in the history of the city of Ballinger.

This was cause for rejoicing at a meeting of the fire company held Thursday night. In addition to the fifteen per cent reduction for the low fire record, the property owners are scheduled for another cut in the key rate. It is claimed that teaching "fire prevention" in the public schools will bring a reduction of three cents on the key rate while the maintaining of a night watchman will bring a cut of four cents on the key rate. The last two named reductions have not been authorized, but it is expected that the board will give notice in due time.

At the meeting of the fire boys Thursday night it was reported that fire losses coming under their jurisdiction during the present year would not exceed \$2,000. Fires in the rural districts of the county for the year are greater than in Ballinger.

Plans are being arranged for the annual banquet of the local fire company. The banquet will be held at the Central Hotel on New Year eve.

The low fire record maintained here is due to the campaign of education carried on for fire prevention and the efficient work of the fire company. With this good record the people should no let up on teaching fire prevention methods and in supporting the fire company in order that Ballinger may remain in the class of clean towns free from fire and profit by the low insurance rate.

Irregularity in the bowel movement makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c. Sold by all druggists.

## CONTEST SET FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

FORT WORTH, Dec. 18.—The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce today launched a movement to have the Houston Heights high school football champions of South Texas, and the Cleburne high school team, which defeated Abilene yesterday for North Texas honors, meet here on Christmas day and decide the high school championship of the state. It is expected that plans will be perfected for the most interesting game of football among the high schools ever played in the state.

**To Stop a Cough Quick**  
 take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues. A box of GROVES' O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Groves' O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 50c.

Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

## 10,878,265 BALES COTTON TURNED OUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton, exclusive of linters, ginned prior to December 13th, amounted to 10,878,265 running bales, including 198,084 round bales, which are counted as half-bales, and 54,467 bales of American Egyptian cotton, and 1,291 bales of Sea Island cotton, the census bureau announced today.

Ginnings for the same period last year amounted to 9,396,646 bales, including 103,682 round bales, and 27,105 bales of American Egyptian cotton, and 6,232 bales of Sea Island cotton.

Ginnings for Texas up to the above date this year amounted to 3,601,851 bales and Arkansas ginnings amounted to 885,203 bales.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 17.—Crop acreage will be greatly reduced in the Northwest next year, in the opinion of agricultural officials of North Dakota. They differ, however, as to the amount of probable decrease in next year's harvest, and in the degree of importance to be attached to the several probable causes.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan, estimates that the decrease in acreage in North Dakota will range from 25 to 35 per cent. County Agent George W. Gustafson, who is in daily contact with farmers of Burleigh county, believes the decrease will range around 25 per cent.

"Labor is only one factor in the situation," said Commissioner Hagan today. "The most important factor is that the prices for farm commodities this year are so far below the cost of production that the farmer will plant less than the normal acreage next year."

"The price of labor, of course, includes also the cost of boarding farm workers and has a bearing on the cost of thrashing, but costs of farm operations are more important than the cost of labor. I anticipate that the minimum wage of labor this year will be the maximum wage next year."

"All of the factors combined in the cost of production are such that the farmer will not make the investment necessary to handle a large acreage because he will have to go into debt, as the receipts of this year will not carry the expenditures over next year."

Wages paid farm workers this year ranged from \$60 to \$100 a month, with the average about \$70, Mr. Hagan said.

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 A Special prescription for infectious diseases of the urinary tract. Painless, non-poisonous. Package contains all needed. Will not cause stricture.  
 \$1.00 at Druggists or prepaid, enclosing 5c.  
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## CAN'T STOP THE WHEAT INFLOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson is without power under existing laws, to "shut out wheat imports," but "apparently has certain powers under the Lever Act to stop futures trading in wheat," the Federal Trade Commission says in a special report to President Wilson.

The report was made public today at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A bill introduced by Congressman Blanton of Texas, to prohibit for a period of one year the importation of cotton, cotton seed, corn and wheat, flour, etc., is now pending before the House committee on ways and means. Following is the text of the bill:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

"That one year after the passage and approval of this Act the importations of cotton, cotton seed, corn, wheat, wheat flour, oil cake, cattle, sheep hogs, hides, beef, veal, mutton, lamb, wool, mohair, rye, barley, flax, peanuts, oats, vegetable oils, including Chinese nut oil, coconut oil, cottonseed oil, palm oil, palm kernel oil, olive oil, and soy bean oil, and all food substitutes for farm products raised in the United States, are hereby prohibited, and all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby suspended for the time stated in this Act."

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 Money back without question if HUNT'S Salve fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Try a 75 cent box at our risk.  
 John A. Weeks, Druggist

Drs. A. S. Love and O. R. Laster are in the mountains in Southwest Texas shooting big game. They left Ballinger Wednesday and expect to be gone until Christmas.

## It's an Uphill Pull for Polish Boys



Bare feet and tattered clothes, little to eat and less to wear, such is the fate of thousands of children in central and eastern Europe. These boys in Poland are only a sample of the 3,500,000 destitute youngsters that the European Relief Council plans to help through the cold days of the coming winter. To that end eight great organizations in America have merged to form the Council, the chairman of which is Herbert Hoover. Under his leadership the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. have decided to co-operate jointly to raise \$33,000,000 to help the European children over the hill.

## America Means Salvation to These Little Ones



The European Relief Council, which seeks to raise \$33,000,000 at the Christmas season, has been formed for the purpose of throwing the entire charitable energy of the United States into the vital task of providing food and medical assistance to 3,500,000 children in eastern and central Europe this winter. Representatives of eight great relief organizations, working independently, gathered overwhelming evidence that the plight of these unfortunate should take precedence in world charity until they are saved. The co-operating agencies which form the Council are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

## 30,000 YOUNGSTERS VICTIMS OF RICKETS

Of all diseases that are taking a deadly toll among the children of Florida as the result of under-feeding rickets is proving the most serious and widespread menace. Not less than 30,000 children are suffering from this painful affliction, according to official statistics.

To rescue these through providing proper food, clothing and medical attention that otherwise they cannot obtain the European Relief Council, composed of eight leading American relief agencies, is making a joint appeal for \$33,000,000 for the relief of 3,500,000 destitute and suffering European children.

## 1,500,000 POLISH CHILDREN SICK.

One million five hundred thousand children in Poland today need medical attention. Their condition has been caused by hunger and want. To save them the European Relief Council is appealing to the people of the United States for \$33,000,000 to carry on relief work in stricken Europe.

## PLIGHT OF REFUGEE CHILDREN TERRIBLE

One hundred thousand Russian refugees in Poland are absolutely destitute, according to official estimates. The majority of them are women and children. The condition of the latter particularly is pitiful and they will be among the beneficiaries from the \$33,000,000 fund being raised by the European Relief Council, composed of eight leading American relief agencies for a joint appeal in behalf of the millions of little Europeans who can look only to America for the food, clothing and medical care that will make it possible for them to survive the winter.

## CONTRIBUTOR'S EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Contributions to the collection of the European Relief Council for the European children's relief fund are exempt from taxation and may be deducted from income tax returns, according to a ruling that has been made by the office of Internal Revenue in Washington.



WAGON LOADS OF NEED LIKE THIS IN POLAND are a commonplace sight on hundreds of roads in Europe. More than 1,300,000 Polish children received free American meals every day during the height of last winter. This winter the situation will undoubtedly be worse, as it will be in Austria and other portions left economically dazed by war. To prevent the greatest tragedy to children that the world has ever known eight great American organizations, under the name of the European Relief Council, are seeking \$33,000,000 for food and medical assistance.

## OVER MILLION FARMERS FIGHTING LOW PRICES

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Farmers of several farm organizations strengthening their credit. It met here today to decide upon some action to relieve the conditions resulting from a decline in the prices of their products. The delegates declared that the present prices mean bankruptcy and emphasized that the low prices are not due to the law of "supply and demand."

The conference was called by the National Board of Farm Organizations, said to represent sixteen different farm organizations throughout the United States with a combined membership of approximately one and a half million farmers.

The plan suggested for affording avenues of relief included the establishment of national marketing machinery to sell the products and purchase agricultural supplies and the establishment of banking institutions in the various states throughout the country and through the co-operation

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low-spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

Misses Beatrice Nance and Rena Butler came in from Brownwood Friday at noon, where they are attending Howard Payne College. They are at home for the holidays.

**YOUR LAST CHANCE**

December is the last opportunity to get Uncle Sam's Government Savings Securities of the 1920 issue.

Do Your Christmas W. S. S. Shopping Early.

Commencing January 1, 1921, Uncle Sam's new 1921 Government Savings Securities may be obtained through our Bank or the Postoffice. The 1921 securities are 25c Thrift Stamps, \$1 Treasury Savings Stamps, \$5 Savings Stamps and \$25 and \$100 and \$1,000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates. Thrift Stamps bought in 1920 are good in 1921.

"We Co-Operate With Uncle Sam"

**BALLINGER STATE BANK & TRUST CO.**

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

CAPITAL \$60,000 SURPLUS \$12,000

BALLINGER, TEXAS

## Cash vs. Credit

Cash unlocks the storehouse of prosperity, is the mother of economy and enables you to live within your income.

Credit is the open door to extravagance, induces you to live ahead of your income and forms the yoke of bondage.

We are convinced that what little credit we might extend to our customers would tend to work a hardship instead of a favor, so our ambition is to build up a cash system that will prove a blessing to the entire country.

From January 1st, 1921, our business including all our branch stores will be operated on a strictly cash basis. We propose to give the public full benefit of a real economic cash system and our constant effort will be to find the shortest and cheapest route from the producer to the consumer, thereby enabling us to help reduce your living expenses.

To our friends and customers that have been buying from us on short time, we wish to say that we appreciate your liberal patronage and we regard you as the very best class of trade the country affords and we trust that our strictly cash system will not turn you from us but, on the other hand, you may realize that our new policy is greatly to your advantage.

By investigation you will find our prices as low as the lowest (Quality considered) and as a special cash inducement we will allow a 5 per cent discount on all purchases from \$5.00 up.

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