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## CANNOT VOLUNTEER AFTER NEXT WEEK

All Registrants, With Noted Exceptions, Will Be Held For Selective Draft After Dec. 15th

The local recruiting station of the army is just in receipt of a communication from the Adjutant General stating that after the new selective draft regulations go into effect December 15th no registrant may enlist voluntarily in the military service of the United States. Exception is made in the case of medical or dental students, hospital internes and veterinarians, who will be accepted for the enlisted reserve corps of the medical department.

It is thought that this will materially reduce the number of volunteer recruits obtained for the various organizations of the army. Heretofore many young men, subject to the draft, have arranged to close up their affairs before being called by the draft boards and have chosen to enlist rather than wait for the draft, in this way securing the privilege of enlisting in that branch of the service for which they had a preference or in technical engineer regiments for which previous training had fitted them. Thousands of railroad construction and railroad operating men were secured in this way, as well as many road construction men, carpenters, mechanics, saw mill men, well drillers, miners, quarrymen, surveyors and printers. Regiments of such men have been recruited for immediate service in France building railroads, cantonments and supply bases for the great American armies to be sent there in the spring.

Recruiting officers say that they will continue to accept for enlistment in any branch desired all men who present themselves for enlistment prior to December 15th, provided such men have not been called for examination by local boards or have not been exempted or discharged. It is expected that there will be a rush of registered men to take advantage of this opportunity to pick the branch in which they desire service.

## RANGE CONDITIONS IN UPTON COUNTY BAD

John Gardner was in this week from his place in Upton County. He reports that he has moved practically all his cattle to grass north. Conditions in Upton County are very bad.

## BUSINESS VISITOR FROM HOUSTON THIS WEEK

Claud C. O'Neal, representing the Wilder & O'Neal engineering company, of Houston, was a business visitor this week.

Christian Church Bible school rally at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at regular hours. Special music. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Strangers cordially welcomed. J. T. McKissick, Minister.

## FIFTY-THREE FIFTY AT MILLS SACKED

Maximum Price of Cake and Meal Agreed Upon at Meeting Called by Food Administrator

To The Midland Reporter: Agreement upon a maximum price for cottonseed cake and meal by the Cotton Seed Crushers of Texas and the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas at a meeting by Administrator Peden has met with the indorsement of the Federal Food Administrators of Mississippi and Louisiana and the cottonseed mill industries of those two contiguous states. The action by conferences in the adjoining states means that the territory which will provide relief for the famine-stricken cattle of the West has been enlarged, and that before the ball stops rolling the likelihood is that Oklahoma and Arkansas will take similar action.

Administrator Peden was advised last Monday morning from Little Rock, Ark., that the Federal Food Administrator of that State had called a conference of the cottonseed oil men, to discuss, and if possible, adopt the schedule of prices agreed upon in Houston. The action of Mississippi and Louisiana was made possible through a joint meeting on Saturday at New Orleans of the cottonseed oil mills of Louisiana and Mississippi called by Mr. Jno M. Parker, Food Administrator for Louisiana; and Mr. P. M. Harding, Food Administrator for Mississippi, to consider the suggestions of the Food Administrator at Washington relative to fixing a price on cottonseed cake and meal with a view of limiting such prices for the relief of cattle in the drought stricken sections of the country. The resolution adopted is as follows:

"Be it resolved that unanimous approval is hereby given to Mr. Hoover's suggestion and request that the maximum price on cake and meal in Louisiana and Mississippi should not exceed \$53.50 sacked, for forty-three per cent protein meal and cake, or \$48.50 for thirty-eight per cent protein meal and cake, or \$46.50 for thirty-six per cent protein meal and cake in carload lots f. o. b. at mill points.

"And further, the meeting unanimously expressed the hope that the Food Administration will further stabilize the business by fixing the price on other products, as well as the raw materials and supplies entering into the manufacture of these products, with the view of delivery to the consumer the finished product at the lowest possible cost."

Reduction in the market price of cottonseed cake and meal began in Texas. The Times-Picayune of New Orleans, in recording the conference of cottonseed oil mill men, says: "The immense cut was accomplished by the United States Food Administration without issuing any order or fixing any price. It merely requested the cotton oil mills to adopt the course outlined and the response has been unanimous. Without much unanimity the cut would not be effective. Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi have so far acted. The other

## THE GREAT NEED OF ECONOMY AND SAVING

When we put a million and a half soldiers in the field, we withdraw those men from productive enterprises. They do not while they are actually in training or in service produce anything. They do, on the other hand, consume much. There is nothing more expensive on earth than to support and maintain a great army in the field, especially if it is on the fighting line. The attrition of supplies and everything else is tremendously great when we have a fighting army in the field.

America is the one great remaining storehouse in the world of supplies and credit. We must maintain and make effective as possible our own soldiers and the soldiers of those nations who are fighting for us. We must therefore draw as little as possible upon our common store of supplies and money. The more we lessen our domestic demand, the more we can contribute to the support and effectiveness of our allied armies.

Economy is now a national duty. Such a duty upon the people at home as fighting is upon those Americans who are bravely offering their lives for the honor of America and the preservation of liberty and justice.

states in the cotton belt will adopt the same resolutions at meetings to be held within the next few days.

"The movement started in Texas and was initiated by E. A. Peden, Food Administrator for that State. The long drought which brought hundreds of thousands of cattle to the verge of starvation, and the necessity for saving the cattle not yet sold or removed to other states, was the impetus. Mr. Peden began a quest in various directions for cheap feed; among the feeds obtained being rice straw from Louisiana and velvet beans from several states.

"One of the most important concessions Mr. Peden obtained was reduced railroad rates and more cars. When he turned his attention to higher-priced concentrates, and the cottonseed products were peerless for the purpose. But the price was too high.

The Texas men were called into conference and they fixed the lower price. The concurrence of other states then became imperative, so Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator, was appealed to, and he promptly took a hand."

If this price is too high we don't know that any one is to blame but the cattlemen themselves. It is not a bit of use to set down and howl. Do something. Cattlemen should have attended these meetings, but they didn't. Their representation was left to the oil men themselves—members of the Cattle Raisers' Association who are oil mill owners—and, under the circumstances, we think the treatment has been as much, at least, as could have been expected. We are really very grateful. More than once The Reporter has heard the prediction that this commodity would soar to \$80 and \$90 per ton.

## BERT STRINGER NOW AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

We are very glad to hear from Bert Stringer, another of our brave and patriotic boys. The letter came this morning, and is self-explanatory: "Home Editor and Friend:

"I have been transferred from Great Lakes, Ill., to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. I do not wish to lose the pleasure of reading the newest news, The Reporter, and if it is not too much trouble, I would like for you to change my address to Radio School, U. S. U., Co. J. 8, Cambridge, Mass.

"I am in splendid health and like the navy first-rate. Of course I get blue, so far from home and among people whose ways are different to those I am accustomed to.

"I have been here long enough to get acquainted with many people; and all of them seem to try to make us 'Jackies' feel at home. They have only tried, so far. The nearest to home I ever get is when I open the paper from God's country—Midland.

"I will close, hoping to get The Reporter, and that I may return home after 'Kaiser Bill' gets the rollers put under him. Yours,

"B. R. Stringer, "Radio School, U. S. N., Co. J. 8, "Cambridge, Mass."

That's the spirit. All our boys want to come back home, but only after "Kaiser Bill" gets his. God bless you, Bert, and all our brave boys. May all your dreams come true.

## TO THE PATRIOTS OF MIDLAND COUNTY

Postmaster Taylor has received a supply of war tax revenue stamps which are to be used on all parcel post packages when the postage is 25 cents or more; and also on all legal documents. Call at the post office if you need any.

He has also received a supply of thrift stamps and war saving certificate stamps which are to be sold at 25 cents and \$4.12 respectively.

If you want to help your country by making a small loan and also make 4 per cent compound every three months, call at the post office for further information.

## BUSINESS IS QUIET AROUND STANTON

Capt. Timmons was a business visitor this week from Stanton. He reports business there very quiet. However they haven't anything on Midland in this respect. It was a pleasure to add this gentleman's name to our subscription list.

## HAD NICE VISIT TO RANCH NORTHWEST

O. B. Holt and family, accompanied by Mrs. Holt's sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Pemberton, and her two daughters, Misses Mary and Fannie Glenn, spent last Sunday on Mr. Holt's ranch 25 miles northeast of town. They report a very pleasant outing.

## A MIDLAND BOY IN PHILADELPHIA

Fred Hollingsworth, A Volunteer, Changed From San Francisco to More Important Service

The Reporter had notice three weeks ago that our former young townsman, Fred Hollingsworth, was in Philadelphia, and that he is an active "Sammy" in the naval service. He volunteered over five months ago and went to El Paso, and a letter to us from his father states that he was there examined, passed and was sent right on to San Francisco, where he was in training for more than three months. With some 30 others, he was there chosen, out of several hundred, on account of his size and strength, for greater service and was transferred and sent around through Panama to Philadelphia, at which place he may remain until spring.

Recently the "Dear Home Folks," our former townspeople, J. W. Hollingsworth and family, now of Artesia, N. M., had a letter from him. It was characteristic of the patriotic American boy, bright and cheerful. Among other things he said:

"I am getting along o. k. Our ship may be here until February, March, or April. It seems as though there is going to be quite a war with Germany, and I guess this must be the beginning of the great struggle spoken of in the Bible. I never worry, though. I believe the Almighty will have things right, and if I'm worthy to live, I'll live; if not, you see, I may die. The thing for all of us to do is to watch our steps and to take advantage of every opportunity.

"I may be transferred to another ship any time. Think I would like to b

"Yes, I will be over-joyed when we get the best of the kaiser, and then I'll take a long hop, step and a jump for home.

"Love to all, Fred." This young man has many friends in and around Midland who will be glad to have heard from him and to know that he is so well satisfied. We join others in the hope that he and his comrades may soon "clean up on" the kaiser and soon be home again.

## CLEWIS IS NOW GETTING ALONG NICELY

J. M. Clewis came in this week from Florey. He is here to visit his father, J. W. Clewis, who had his right leg amputated some weeks ago. It is a pleasure to know that the sufferer is getting along nicely, and is likely to be out again pretty soon.

## REPORT NO LOSSES ON RANCH NEAR CARLSBAD

George Weir, a prominent young ranchman from near Carlsbad, N. M., and of the firm, Wm. Weir & Sons, was in Midland this week. While conditions are pretty bad, still there are no losses as yet, and Mr. Weir is encouraged to hope there will not be.

## IN MEMORY OF MRS. MYRTLE CUMMINS

Who, on December the Fourth, Entered Into The Life Immortal—a Wife, a Mother

Myrtle Cummins, aged forty-one years, wife of H. E. Cummins. Swiftly the summons came and swift the transit from earth-life. She was ill only about twelve hours. Three children have been born to them, the first and the third were boys and both died young. The second child, a daughter, grown up to womanhood, and niece whom they adopted and raised, are left to bear a grievous loss in the taking away of a good mother. Mrs. Cummins has lived the greater part of her life in Midland, was left an orphan when quite young. For some years her home was with H. E. Crowley and wife and from their home she was married in 1896.

She lived to serve, to do good, to make a happy home, to be useful and helpful to all who came within the sphere of her influence. As Christ said at one time to his disciples, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these, the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me," even so applied it in her life. She was a consistent Christian, a loyal member of the Baptist church, a worker as well as a believer. We will all miss this cheerful, energetic and useful member of society. In the light of faith in a blessed immortality, in the hope of glad fruition in the promises of God our Father to those who serve and accept him, we will be reconciled, knowing that He doeth all things well, and that our loss is her eternal gain.

Rev. J. C. Burkett, of Abilene, had charge of the funeral service and Mr. Lackey of the music. Sweet and soothing were the songs, uplifting to grief-stricken hearts, and bidding us cast all our care on Him, who careth for us.

Those who heard the thrilling words of Bro. Burkett can never forget the earnestness with which he spoke of life and death, nor the deep significance of the warning lesson.

Let us believe that the soul of this dear one, who has just passed on, was ripe and ready for the Master's call. Truly, beneath all darkling shadows, Christ keeps watch above his own.

Several friends and relatives came from a distance to attend the obsequies. Mr. M. E. Cummins, a brother and daughter, Lily, from Rice, Texas; Mrs. C. H. Ham and daughter, of Dallas and Mr. C. T. Utley, the only brother of the deceased, residing in New Mexico. Many and beautiful were the floral tributes. A friend whispers in my ear, "Tell them she was called the poor woman's friend."

## REPORTS NO LOSSES ON ANDREWS CO. RANCH

Joe Jay, who ranches in Andrews County, was in the city this week, to visit his family. He says conditions are very dry and pretty bad, but there are no losses to date.

### Christmas Gifts

Come to our store and let us make suggestions. We have a nice assortment of gifts to select from. This is a time when you should give something useful. We have them.

### Don't Forget

You will find special values in our Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department. Something new coming to this department almost daily.

### Prompt Grocery Service

We are better prepared to take care of your Grocery business. Phone us your orders and they will have prompt attention.

Grocery Phone No. 6

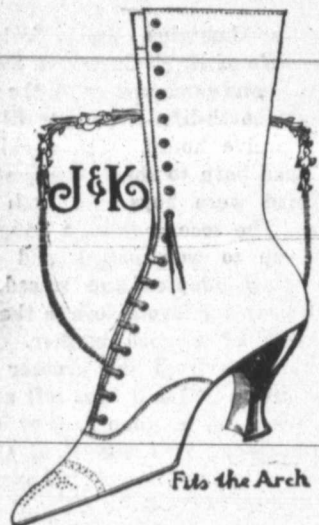
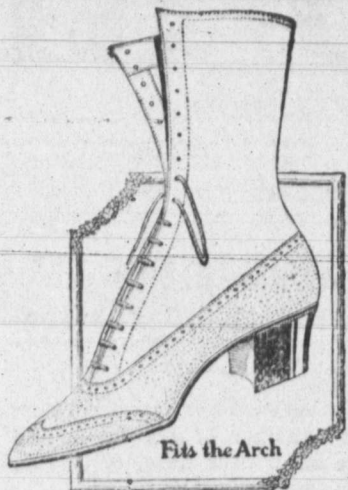
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THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

## THE MIDLAND MERCANTILE CO.

MIDLAND, TEXAS

# Three New Lace Boots This Week



This week brought three of the new shoes that we have been expecting so long and for which so many customers have been waiting patiently and we are glad to say these customers will be well paid for their patience, for

*All three of these  
are Beauties*

**At \$10.00**

A 9 inch. Kahki, all kid lace boot, with covered full Louis heel, sizes 2 to 7 1-2 width A, B and D, the pair **\$10.00**

**At \$7.50**

One dark brown Military heel boot, in a light weight welt sole very soft, flexible and comfortable and one of the most perfect shoes we have seen this season, B and D widths, all sizes from 2 to 7 1-2, the pair **\$7.50**

**At \$6.75**

A beautiful kahki, Military heel boot in a soft, light weight welt sole. One of the very newest boots to be had, widths A, B and D, all sizes 1 1-2 to 7, the pair **\$6.75**

See these new ones in the north window, also note the special value numbers in regular \$10.00 to \$12.50 boots that we are closing at **\$5.00 and \$6.75**

We expect every express to bring two new black boots, two new Military heel boots and a beautiful black pump for the holidays. These may be in by the time you read this advertisement.

## The Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Suits Continues

and this includes the children's coats, the blouses and the remaining numbers in novelty petticoats. And to all of these have been added additional bargains that will prove an incentive to save.

## This Store will Not Cut a Price for You---But

it will sell you, or your youngest child the same merchandise, at the same price that we sell to you and to everyone else, no less, no more, one price to all, that is the foundation of this business and you will appreciate this way of doing business.

## This Store Has No Books--We Sell for Cash Only and Sell for Less

Yesterday a lady said, "Yes, I know I can buy for lots less at Wadley-Patterson's, but we don't always have the money." That's the reason we can sell for less, because we eliminate the expense of doing a credit business, we have the cash to buy where we can buy best and we discount all bills.

## We want your Business on a Basis of Better Merchandise for Less, for Cash.

### Wadley-Patterson Company

One Price—the Lowest—For Cash Only

## OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM CAMP TRAVIS

Our Correspondent Urges Especially That Mothers, Sisters and Sweethearts Write to the Boys

Major General Henry T. Allen, commanding the 90th Division at Camp Travis, believes that the American soldier, if he knows the reason why, will respond to any call that can be made of him. While exacting that kind of discipline that must be had if the lives of the soldiers themselves are to be safeguarded, General Allen typifies in his every action Paragraph 3 of Army Regulations. This paragraph reads:

"Superiors are forbidden to injure those under their authority by tyrannical or capricious conduct by abusive language. While maintaining discipline and the thorough performance of military duty, all officers, in dealing with enlisted men, will bear in mind the absolute necessity of so treating them as to preserve their self respect. Officers will keep in as close touch as possible with the men under their command and will strive to build up such relations of confidence and sympathy as will insure the free approach of their men for counsel and assistance. This relationship may be gained and maintained without relaxation of the bonds of discipline and with great benefit to the service as a whole."

The question of selecting candidates to attend the next training school for officers has been receiving the most thorough consideration of the authorities at both Washington and at Camp Travis. Political influence, personal appeals and all those things that sway the civil population are thrown to the four winds in the plan that has been evolved. The question of what a man was, who was his father and the prominence of his wife's relatives are all ignored. No stone is being left unturned to pick from the soldiers of the selected draft only those who have shown by their work since they have been in Camp Travis those elements of capacity and leadership that officers must have, and who, prior to coming into the National Army, occupied spheres of activity that would tend to make stronger these essentials. In other words, this war is not to be fought by soldiers led by accidents, but by soldiers led by officers who have gone through the mill, as it were, and have emerged therefrom with demonstrated fitness of their capacities to be officers in the American Army.

Just a suggestion to the folks back home. Write to the soldiers now in the army, write often and write all sorts of gossip. True, the soldiers may not write home as often as they should, but then there is a sameness and such a grim reality in their lives here, that, coupled with the tremendous amount of work they are doing with cheerful spirits, they sometimes procrastinate about writing until the days grow into weeks and the weeks roll into months before they are aware of it. But this does not mean that they do not delight in receiving letters from their relatives and their sweethearts. In fact those who know the soldiers best, believe that the sweethearts at home can well afford to do just a little flirting in their letters, if need be, to keep aroused the interests of the soldiers. If such a thing should hurt the conscience of these sweethearts, it can be stated with some room for the assertion, that flirting is a game that two can play at and both win or lose.

If the fond fathers who think their James, (camouflage for army "Jim"), or Henry (ditto for army "Hank") is without a bit of the boy in him, they should come to Camp Travis between 3:30 and 4:30 o'clock any week day afternoon, except Wednesdays and Saturdays. This hour is devoted to games and such games as the boys play would put to rout a case of mulligrubs of the worse kind. Everything from ring around the rosie, to rat and tan, which is played with a piece of rope and a piece of anatomy and a running course, is indulged in. While called play, these games all assist in making supple the muscles, quick the eye and keen the brain and heart for the work that is just ahead of the soldiers at Camp Travis. Anything that will cause soldiers to be just a fifth of a second quicker than the soldier he is warring with is invaluable. The first second may not be so important in a man's life, but it's that last fifth of a second that counts big with a soldier in actual warfare.

"The health of the boys is good. We are quarantined at present on account of measles, but hope to be out in a few days. We are now studying skirmish drill and we have also been issued our rifles so we are beginning to feel like real soldiers.



## For Health's Sake Eat SKOOKUM APPLES

They stimulate the appetite, aid digestion and tone up and strengthen the entire system. Apples are nature's tonic. U. S. Dept. of Agriculture places apples at the head of all fresh fruits in comparative cost of total nutrients and energy.

Dr. Harry E. Barnard, Chairman Food Division American Chemical Society, says: "An apple eaten in the evening will mechanically and chemically clean the teeth and protect them from bacterial ravages."

Apples are one of the most healthful of all fruits—and "Skookum" are the choice of the world's finest apples.

Skookum apples are grown in the great open Northwest in a constant flood of sunshine and fresh air, thus producing the finest quality and most delicious flavor. They are carefully picked and wrapped in tissue. No insects, dirt or germs can reach Skookum Apples. Every Skookum Apple is firm and perfect—no bruised nor decayed spots. So there is no waste.

WALKER-SMITH COMPANY, Midland, Texas

HERE ON VISIT FROM NADINE, NEW MEXICO have visitors in the persons of W. E. Byerley and wife. They come from W. J. Clark and family this week Nadine, N. M.

## Good Service

Means promptness, accuracy, full weight, cleanliness, wholesomeness and a square deal all the time, according to our interpretation, and this is the kind of service we try to give. We appreciate your business.

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Phone 157 A nice line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, delivered promptly to any part of the city.

## GOOD EATS CAFE

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## On A Cash Basis

On and after Nov. 1st all work turned out by the Pliska Shop will be strictly cash when the work is done. The prevailing high price of materials and extraordinary conditions brought about by the drouth, render this move necessary as a measure of self protection. We trust our friends will remember this and not ask us to charge anything. Respectfully,

J. V. PLISKA

## INSTRUCTIONS TO TEXAS REGISTRANTS

Major of Infantry Wires Balance of Texas Quota Not to be Mobilized Before 15th

All persons who are subject to military draft and who registered on June 5th last, are notified that their exemptions have been annulled, that is, those who have been exempted. We have, also, copies of telegrams from the supervisor of the selective service law in Texas, Major of Infantry John C. Townes, Jr., addressed to all local boards, and the information contained in the further correspondence by wire will be of material interest to registrants. The correspondence is between the Adjutant General's Department at Austin and Major Townes, and follows:

1. On November 27th, 1917, this Department sent Provost Marshal General Crowder the following telegram, which was in response to a number of inquiries received by this office from the local boards over the State:

Will the balance of the present quota for this State be inducted into military service before December 15th? If not, will said paragraph apply to remainder of the present quota in that it provides all registrants not inducted into service by that time shall be furnished Questionnaires."

2. In reply the following was received from General Crowder, which is transmitted to you herewith for your information and guidance:

"According to best information available this office balance of quota Texas will not be mobilized before December 15th. Questionnaires will be mailed to all registrants not inducted into service whether previously selected or not."

The following is of interest, too, referring, as it does, to the changes of address of registrants:

1. The following telegram from the office of the Provost Marshal General, addressed to the Governor, has just been received:

"No. 10948. Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, Local and District Boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have

changed their places of abode and post office address to communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered and furnish their present address so that Questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December 15th, will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing the right to claim exemption or discharges. Please request newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing Questionnaires has been accomplished."

2. Please place this advice with all representatives of the press in your locality with request that the same be given as much publicity as possible.

## RANGE VERY DRY BUT NO CATTLE LOSSES

J. Lee Johnson is a prosperous young stockman of the neighborhood five miles northwest of Odessa. He was in Midland this week, and reports that, while the range is extremely dry, they have had no losses to date. We were pleased to add Mr. Johnson's name to our subscription list.



**An Accomplishment---  
Not an Accident**

You have less than one chance in ten thousand of becoming prosperous by chance. It is done by design. The best start is the establishment of a bank account and provision for its growth. Come in and talk it over. We will make the way easy.

RELIABILITY - ACCOMMODATION - STRENGTH & SERVICE  
**THE MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK**  
OF MIDLAND

**THANKS MIDLAND FOR  
A LIBERAL DONATION**

In the recent campaign for the Y. M. C. A. War Work Fund, the quota for Texas was \$400,000. Her donation exceeds \$530,000. Midland's quota was \$500. Our contribution will likely exceed \$600. Rhodes S. Baker, chairman of the Texas War Work Council, has expressed his thanks to Local Chairman B. F. Haag in the following letter:

Mr. B. F. Haag, Midland, Texas.

Dear Sir: On behalf of the other members of the General Committees interested in the Campaign just closing, to raise funds for the Y. M. C. A. war program, as well as in my own behalf, I want to thank you personally and heartily for your help in the campaign. But for the generous co-operation of men all over Texas, it would not have been possible for the campaign to have succeeded so gloriously.

While the success of the campaign proves several things, I think the most significant fact which it proves is that our people, from one end of Texas to the other, feel that our soldiers and the soldiers of our allies are entitled to every encouragement and support in this critical hour, and that the service contemplated in the Y. M. C. A. program is of fundamental value.

I think we are all justified in believing that what we have done will be of very substantial value to humanity, and I want you to know how greatly your co-operation is appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
Rhodes Baker,  
Chairman Texas War Work Council.

**JUDGE FOR YOURSELF**

Which is Better—Try an Experiment or Profit by a Midland Citizen's Experience

Something new is an experiment. Must be proved to be as represented. The statement of a manufacturer is not convincing proof of merit. But the endorsement of friends is. Now supposing you had a bad back. A lame, weak, or aching one. Would you experiment on it? You will read of many so-called cures. Endorsed by strangers from far-away places. It's different when the endorsement comes from home. Easy to prove local testimony. Read this Midland case: Mrs. J. S. Tidwell, Big Springs St., Midland, says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills a few years ago for a weakened condition of my kidneys and they have proven satisfactory in every way. I don't believe there is any better medicine for the kidneys. I gladly advise anyone to get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at the City Drug Store, if troubled by a weak or lame back or other symptoms of disordered kidneys." Price 60 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Tidwell had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 8-2t

**HERE LOOKING OVER  
ESTATE OF FATHER**

R. I. Smith, of Rotan, and brother, C. R. Smith, of McCauley, were visitors to Midland this week. Their business was to look over the estate of their father, H. I. Smith, who died here last August.

Cold weather is coming. Don't crank your head off on that Ford. Coleman & Allen have just installed a special machine for re-charging magnetos, and it does the work without you having to take down your motor. adv 62-tf

**WORK CREDITED  
TO OUR WOMEN**

How They Have Won a Great Victory For The U. S. in The Eleventh Reserve District

The Federal Reserve Bank is much pleased with the work of the women in raising the first two Liberty Loans, and predict that their efforts will be no less effective when the next loan is called for. The bank writes The Reporter as follows:

Women have fought and won a battle for the United States in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, which comprises the State of Texas, the northern half of Louisiana, the southern half of New Mexico, eight counties of Oklahoma, and five counties in Arizona.

Very soon after war was declared, Secretary McAdoo, realizing the necessity of enlisting the women of the country in any movement of national importance, appointed a Woman's Federal Liberty Loan Committee, of which his wife, Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, was elected chairman, being supported by women of national and international reputation. This committee appointed chairmen for the twelve Federal Reserve Districts, and a chairman for every State in the Union. Mrs. E. B. Reppert, of Dallas, was appointed chairman of the Woman's Committee in this district, Mrs. D. E. Waggoner, of Dallas, State chairman for Texas, Miss Alice Bird-sall, of Phoenix, was appointed for Arizona, Mrs. C. B. Adams, of Oklahoma City, for Oklahoma, Mrs. J. J. Shuler, of Raton, for New Mexico, and Mrs. Lawrence Williams, of New Orleans, for Louisiana. These ladies in turn appointed chairmen in 236 counties in the 11th Federal Reserve District. The county chairman co-operated with the men county organizers, and produced results which are gratifying to the government, to the women who gave their time and effort to the cause, and to the people of the country at large.

A conservative estimate of the subscription obtained by women and definitely traceable to their efforts in the Eleventh Reserve District amounts to \$13,121,800. More than half the amount mentioned was taken from actual reports, and the balance estimated carefully from the most reliable data at hand.

In face of the fact that the total subscription in the whole of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District was less than \$3,000,000, above the minimum quota of \$75,000,000, it is not difficult to figure out where we should have stood had the women not raised this \$13,000,000.

Reports have been received of magnificent organizations which have shown not only enthusiasm, but a business like knowledge of modern merchandising methods, which would make a success of any venture whether commercial or national in its object. Stories have poured in showing humorous, pathetic and always interesting phases of the women's work. Amidst such splendid records, it is extremely difficult to single out particular localities or individuals for unusual mention, although it may be interesting to know some of the larger amounts of subscriptions turned in by local committees. A few examples follow:

- Bell County, Texas.....\$ 100,000.00
- Bexar County, Texas.... 685,900.00
- Bowie County, Texas.... 429,000.00
- Collin County, Texas.... 150,000.00
- Johnson County, Texas... 200,000.00
- Dallas County, Texas.... 2,747,150.00
- Ellis County, Texas.... 208,000.00
- Richmond County, Texas... 120,000.00
- Grayson County, Texas... 144,150.00
- Caddo Parish, La..... 250,800.00
- Cochise County, Ariz.... 895,550.00

Many women unused to dealing with huge figures felt that the task of raising so many million of dollars was a hopeless one, and that the little effort which they could put forth would be lost. The reply lies in the record just referred to.

The women in this Federal Reserve District have won a great battle for the United States, and they will win a greater one when the next loan is offered to the public.

**HERE FROM NEW  
MEXICO ON BUSINESS**

Boon Hardin was a visitor this week from near Knowles, N. M. His was the usual report, conditions very poor, as compared to normal.

**COM. W. C. RAYBURN  
MADE SALE RECENTLY**

Commissioner W. C. Rayburn has been in this week from his ranch southwest, and attendant upon commissioners court. He reports a recent sale of cattle, comprising 240 cows and calves to different parties, at prices very satisfactory.



**Do Your Christmas  
Shopping NOW**

Why Not select your gifts from a bigger stock and avoid the crowd of late Christmas shoppers?

Do it Now! and everybody will have a merrier Christmas.

Liberty Bonds accepted as payment for purchases.

**D. H. ROETTGER**

Jeweler  
Taylor's Drug Store

**BETTER CONDITIONS  
REPORTED AROUND JAL**

There are really no good conditions anywhere in this section of the west, though there are occasional spots not so bad as others. R. E. Baird seems to be in one of the favored places. He ranches near the "Jal" range, west of here, was in last Tuesday, and he says conditions are comparatively pretty

good. He thinks his cattle will winter in good shape.

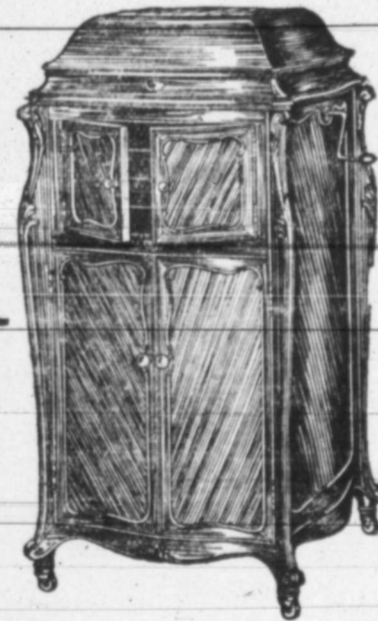
**NOT FEEDING ANY  
OUT AT "5WLS" RANCH**

I. G. Oden, who has been on the Scharbauer Cattle Company's "5WLS" ranch for the past eight months, was in Midland this week. He reports that section one of the favored ones. No feeding out there as yet and cattle in fine condition.

**PROSPECTORS WERE  
HERE FROM PLAINVIEW**

W. J. Dye and E. A. Gilbert were visitors here this week from Plainview. They were prospecting, but did not express themselves to our news gatherer.

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To hear the world's best music is a pleasure everyone enjoys, and the artists who entertain you on the Victrola are the artists every one wants to hear. The world's greatest artists—and they make records for the Victrola exclusively.

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**BASHAM, SHEPHERD & CO., Midland, Texas**



You won't gain anything by putting off longer the building of that house—or shed. The time to build is

**Now, Whild You Think Of It**

We have lost the sale of many a bill of lumber through procrastination on the part of the "should-be" builder. But HE lost the comforts of the new home. Our advice is: Don't procrastinate

THE PLACE TO BUY—  
**Burton-Lingo Company**  
WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD

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FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 1917

### SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

**Methodist Church**  
The following is the order of services for the week:  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Junior League at 2:30 p. m.  
Senior League at 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church**  
Friends of this congregation are cordially invited to any and all of these services on the following Sabbath.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. It is much better for the Sunday School if we will all be on time, so let every member be in his place at 9:45.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.

Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.  
Sermon by the pastor at both hours.  
Prayermeeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
Choir practice, Friday evening at 7:30.  
Wm. H. Foster, Pastor.

**Junior League**  
Leader—Bessie Johnson.  
Subject—Help.  
Reference—Matt. 15:25-30.  
Reference word—Help.  
Song No. 19.  
Scripture reading—Leader.  
Recitation—Viola Puckett.  
Song No. 9.  
Stories—By Leaguers.  
Roll call and response—Secretary.  
Closing song—Selected.  
Announcements and benediction.

**B. Y. P. U.**  
Song, prayer, song.  
Talk—The Christian's Duty to the State—Eleanor Connell.  
Talk—The Christian's Duty to Unbelievers—Bob Scruggs.  
Piano duet—Eleanor and Corrin Connell.  
Talk—The Obligation of the Christian to Live Right—Corrin Connell.  
Talk—Heretics—Eileen Harrison.  
Song and prayer.

We have a visitor this week from Snyder, J. E. Evans. He is paying a visit to his sister, Mrs. Adams.

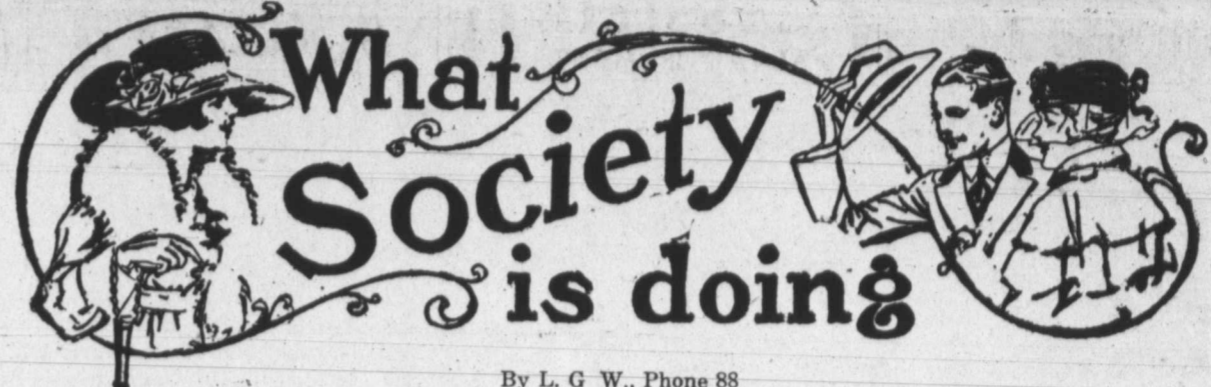
### RED CROSS SUPPLIES TO ST. LOUIS DIVISION

The Midland chapter of the American Red Cross made a large shipment of supplies to division headquarters in St. Louis on Wednesday. Three boxes of hospital supplies and 1 box of one hundred Christmas packages made up the shipment, the following articles being included:

- 102 suits of pajamas.
- 8 dozen huck towels.
- 1 dozen bath towels.
- 2 dozen operating helmets.
- 1-2 dozen operating caps.
- 1 dozen operating gowns.
- 2 dozen operating socks.
- 12 dozen napkins.
- 1 dozen operating sheets.
- 2 dozen pillow cases.
- 9 dozen surgical wipes (knitted.)
- 4 dozen wash cloths (knitted.)
- 6 dozen bed socks.
- 6 dozen shoulder wraps.
- 9 splint pillows.
- 3 dozen bed shirts.

The ladies of Oeessa are helping in this work and sent down the following supplies to be packed and shipped from here:

- 1 dozen bed shirts.
- 1 dozen pillow cases.
- 1 dozen bed sheets.
- 9 suits of pajamas.



By L. G. W., Phone 88

#### Holt—Cowden

The gay whirl of social events for Miss Gladys Holt had no cessation until her marriage to Mr. James Franklin Cowden on Wednesday evening of last week.

It was a beautiful home rainbow wedding and Midland has never had a more brilliant one. The Holt home is so lovely within itself that it needs no other decoration, but for this occasion—the marriage of the attractive young daughter—it was made altogether charming by being tastefully decorated with cut flowers and the brilliant lights were reflected in the gleaming satins and silks of the ladies of the house party. Mrs. W. D. Ellis extended door greetings and other ladies of the Wednesday Club were of the house party and assisted

in receiving and caring for the large number of guests.

One feature that immediately attracted the attention of all beholders, was the artistic picture, which bordered on the classic, made by Misses Geraldine Cowden, Mable Holt, Alma Ellis and Lillie B. Williams, beautifully gowned in little frocks of white tulle over satin, and standing in the wide door-way between the living room and hall holding the maline streamers for the entrance of the bridal party.

As a pre-nuptial solo, Mrs. A. E. Pool, of Big Spring, very sweetly sang "Because," and as the strains of "Mendelssohn's Wedding March" were reverently and sweetly played by Miss Mary Pemberton, the bridal party commenced to slowly descend the flight of stairs. First Mr. Henry Wolcott, followed by Messrs. Percy Mims and Eugene Cowden. The men were followed by the bride's maids who were unusually handsome and wonderfully gowned.

First, Miss Essie Cowden, whose blonde type appeared to a good advantage in a frock of sea green crepe meteor, with train of tulle. Miss Ann Lee Ballard followed, looking lovely in a handsome creation of blue panne velvet. Miss Lula Elkin was gorgeous in a gown of American Beauty Georgette crepe, over silver cloth. Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer, the matron of honor, and who always wears her clothes well, upon this occasion looked queenly in a gold satin model with diamonds. All of the gowns were cut en train and each bridesmaid carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums tied with tulle to match her gown.

Then came the little flower girl, Martha Louise Nobles, carrying a basket of rose petals. She was a cunning little sprig, dressed in a frock of tulle in rainbow colors. She was attended by the ring bearer, J. C. Scharbauer, who looked a veritable little knight, attired in full evening clothes of white satin. Lastly came the girlish bride, who made a charming, a lovely picture in her nuptial robe of heavy satin brocaded in silver, with train of silver cloth. Her veil, which seemed to have been woven by fairy fingers, was fitted to the head with orange blossoms. She carried an exquisite shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and maiden hair fern. She was attended by her father, Mr. O. B. Holt.

The bride and her attendants were met in the living room by the groom, and Mr. Ellis Cowden, his best man, and Rev. J. C. Burkett, of Abilene, who had preceded them through another entrance. The delicate tints of the girls' costumes were brought out by the conventional black suits of the groom and his attendants. The marriage service was read before a setting of American beauty roses, yellow and white chrysanthemums and ferns, arranged to represent an altar.

After felicitations had been given the "newly weds," amidst a shower of tears and rainbow smiles, the guests were invited to the dining room where they were beautifully served to a plate on which were served individual angel food squares with the initials "H. C." rainbow ice cream, glace nuts, salted almonds, and rainbow mints. The dining table was centered by the wedding cake which was indeed wonderfully and beautifully made, and the cutting created much fun among the young people.

The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Ballard, and her guest-book was presided over by Miss Fanny Glenn Pemberton.

This marriage is the climax of a romance begun in school days when just a wee boy and girl they were students in the Misses Mosleys' private school. Since those halcyon days of childhood, Mrs. Cowden has enjoyed educational advantages not only in Texas but also in finishing schools in New York and lastly graduating in National Park Seminary, Forrest Glen, Md., only last June.

Mr. Cowden is a prominent young stockman and the marriage means the uniting of two of the oldest and most prominent families of the West.

They received many handsome gifts thus attesting to their popularity. There were two hundred guests present and among those from out of town were: Mr. Henry Wolcott, T. C. U.; Miss Lula Elkin, T. C. U.; Miss Essie Cowden, Baylor University; Miss Ann Lee Ballard, Fort Worth, who were in the bridal party. Then there were Mrs. George Pemberton, of

Denver, Col., who was attractively gowned in a white crepe meteor; Miss Mary Pemberton, of Denver, Col., silk net, Killarney rose color; Miss Fanny Glenn Pemberton, Denver, Col., silver blue taffeta; Mrs. Pool, of Big Spring, rose taffeta; Mrs. Wechsler, of New York, silver cloth; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rowe, of Dallas, her gown was pink lavender, draped with silver lace.

Besides these there were other attractively gowned women, notably among whom were, the bride's mother, who appeared in a beaded orchid taffeta; Mrs. Half, American beauty velvet; Mrs. Ellis, green satin; Mrs. Blakeney, rose messaline; Mrs. Nobles, dark blue braided Georgette crepe; Mrs. Girdley, champagne Georgette crepe; Mrs. Ellis Cowden, blue Georgette; Mrs. Chancellor, black lace with jet trimmings; Mrs. DeArmond, green satin; Mrs. Watts, black lace.

After the ceremony some time was spent in dancing by the Victrola music. Mr. and Mrs. Cowden are now "honey-mooning" in our leading Texas cities. Her going-away gown was a handsome suit of blue duvyn with grey squirrel trimming, with muff, hat and all accessories to match. Upon their return they will be at home in the beautiful bungalow home which Mr. Cowden has already built and made ready for the coming of his young wife. Many friends unite with The Reporter in wishing that the future life of this couple so young, so hopeful, will ever be only a reflection of the rainbow tints so beautifully reproduced upon their wedding night.

#### Pruitt—Smith

Much interest is centered around the marriage of Mr. B. H. Smith, the genial and popular manager of the Midland Mercantile Company's dry goods department, and Miss Jennie Pruitt, of Ft. Davis, Texas. The happy event was solemnized last Sunday afternoon at 5:30 in Alpine. The ceremony was witnessed by the sisters of the bride, Mesdames Prude and Espey and Mr. Prude. This marriage of Mr. Smith's came in the nature of a surprise to many of his friends, but "all the world loves a lover" and he and his winsome bride are being showered with blessings and hearty felicitations from a host of friends who will wish genuine pleasure accord her a welcome to our little "queen city of the south plains."

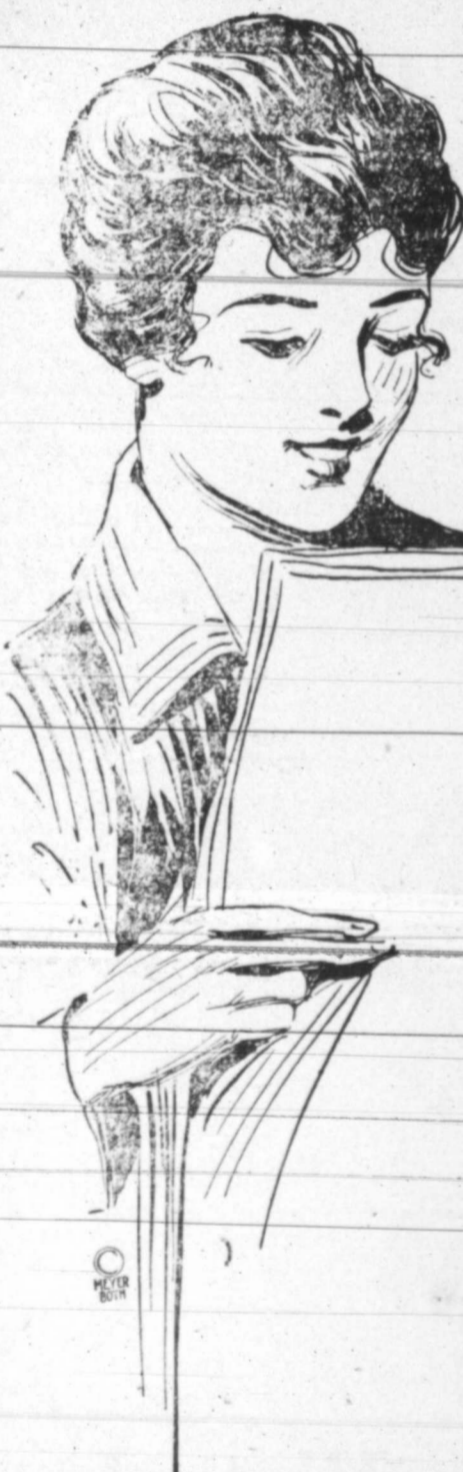
#### Midland Has Distinguished Visitor

Midland has always felt pardonable pride in "Jimmie Rhea," as he is known to old friends and acquaintances, but we all doff our hats to him in recognition of his ability and remarkable career in the military world. His record is so well known that little lustre can be added by repeating it. He is now Lieutenant Colonel Rhea and he thoroughly conveys the military atmosphere. Lieutenant Colonel Rhea has been to San Antonio recently, having been detached to accompany 400 soldiers to Camp Travis, and while in Texas, his home state, he came to visit his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea. Col. Rhea, who is at present stationed at Camp Upton, Long Island, N. Y., has just had a very interesting trip, and one which reflects much honor upon himself. In company with a party of 250, he has been upon an unusually successful mission to Canada, in interest of the Victory Bonds. The party included 12 superior officers, 50 infantrymen, and a brass band, a company of marines and brass band. They had with them a German submarine that took three flat cars to carry and a British tank.

The expense of the journey was born by Canada and our Americans were most wonderfully entertained. They were received in the private home of Sir John Eaton and one function at a club was particularly noteworthy. The place cards had upon one side the American flag, and on the other the picture of the King and President Wilson standing together. What a lovely sentiment, the significance of which "United we stand." All hail to Lieutenant Colonel Rhea; our own Colonel Jimmie Rhea!

A new surgical dressing class will be held Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, beginning Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 2 to 5 p. m., at Mrs. W. W. Brunson's. The class is limited to twenty members and any one interested in this work phone Mrs. J. M. Rankin or Miss Fannie Bess Taylor.

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**Ladies** Your store is, as usual, headquarters for **Big Xmas Bargains** and helpful Xmas suggestions. Read every word of these rare bargains offered below.

## Great Christmas Sale

Every Suit in the Store on Sale

One \$42.50 green Bolony broadcloth suit, size 36.....\$25.95	One 25.00 blue checked suit, size 16.....\$13.50
One \$35.00 dark brown suit, size 42.....\$22.50	One \$27.50 brown checked suit, size 42.....\$19.50
One \$37.50 dark purple suit, size 16.....\$24.50	One \$39.50 medium green suit, size 16.....\$21.50
One \$45.00 Field Mouse grey suit, size 18 \$29.75	One \$35.00 Burgandy suit, size 36.....\$19.75
One \$37.50 green suit, size 38.....\$22.50	One 32.50 dark blue serge, size 36.....\$21.50
One \$37.50 grey Oxford suit, size 18.....\$24.50	One \$35.00 dark blue serge, size 16.....\$19.75
One \$39.50 grey Oxford suit, size 36.....\$24.50	One \$22.50 navy poplin, size 36.....\$17.50
One \$29.50 novelty checked suit, size 16.....\$19.50	One \$25.00 navy poplin, size 34.....\$17.50
One \$25.00 brown novelty suit, size 38.....\$19.50	One \$22.50 dark green poplin, size 34.....\$17.50
One \$35.00 black and white checked suit, size 40.....\$19.50	One \$25.00 medium blue serge, size 40.....\$15.00

### Dresses on Sale as Follows:

One \$22.50 black messaline dress, gold embroidered, size 18.....\$12.00	One \$26.00 Wistaria messaline, embroidered, size 18.....\$18.50
One \$25.00 black tafeta dress, size 36.....\$12.00	One \$35.00 black messaline and Georgette dress beaded, size 18.....\$29.75
One \$25.00 black messaline dress, silver braided, size 14.....\$17.50	One \$35.00 medium blue messaline beaded dress size 36.....\$29.75
One \$25.00 old rose tafeta dress, size 36, \$12.00	One \$25.00 navy messaline dress, size 16 \$19.75
One \$25.00 medium blue messaline dress, size 42, now.....\$15.50	
One \$25.00 Turquoise blue messaline dress, size 42, now.....\$15.00	
One \$28.50 navy messaline and Georgette dress, size 44, now.....\$18.50	

Entire line of serge dresses consisting of 12 dresses, ranging regular in price from \$15.00 to \$26.00, now on sale at from \$11.50 to \$18.75. Range of sizes from Misses 13, 17, 18 up to ladies' 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46.

**Xmas Suggestions**  
We have too many to make mention of them this week---  
**Watch the Window.**

#### Blouses--

A beautiful line of fancy blouses, much reduced during this sale.

#### Petticoats--

A lot of Heatherbloom petticoats included in this sale at from 25 per cent to 33 1-3 per cent less the regular price.

#### Coats--

Our stock consist of 5 coats offered at a bargain during this sale.

#### Corsets

If you find your size and style in this line of Odds we are offering at one-half price, you will get a bargain. Ask to see them.

#### Millinery

All trimmed hats at one-half price; this includes all Misses, childrens and little boys. (Hats make appropriate and useful Xmas gifts.)

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When you have Iron and Bones in carloads talk it over with us, we'll give the best price.

City Grocery  
Phone 222

#### RANGE VERY DRY OUT MONAHANS WAY

Giles Connell, ranchman-merchant of Monahans, was in the city yesterday. He reports the range very dry, but business generally is fair, and no cattle losses up to date.

#### A VISITOR THIS WEEK FROM VAN HORN

A. S. Bean, prominent rancher from Van Horn, was a business visitor to Midland this week. We were very glad to add his name to our subscription list.

Will Gates and son were here this week from their ranch near Shafter Lake. Mr. Gates says his ranch conditions are fair, considering the drought.

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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Rates, five cents per line each insertion. No ad accepted for less than 25 cents. Cash in advance is required of those not having a regular account with this paper.

### FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

TO TRADE FOR CATTLE—One of the best homes in Amarillo. Six rooms, modern, east front; lot 80x140, garage, servant's house, lawn, trees, walks, and one of the best locations in the southwest part of the city. Price \$8,000.00, and will consider good cattle, anywhere above line, that can be shipped and are priced correctly. Gaut-Dees Land Company, Amarillo, Texas. 8-5t

FOR SALE OR TRADE—320 acres of land, being the north 1-2 section No. 6, Block N., certificate No. 503, H. E. & W. T. Railway Co. survey, Upton County, Texas. Address J. W. Clements, Killeen, Texas. 6-4pd

### FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—A scholarship in one of the foremost business colleges of Dallas. It is a life scholarship and good for the combined course, embracing everything taught. Apply at this office. 6-tf

HORSE AND WAGON FOR SALE—A good delivery outfit. See Walker-Smith Company. 5-tf

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—The sweetest toned player-piano we have ever seen; in perfect condition. It will pay you to investigate, whether you want to buy or not. City-Drug Store. 47-tf

WOOD—See W. L. Clark or phone 285 for wood. 40-tf

KILL THE BLUE BUGS—By feeding "Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer" to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the City Drug Store. 6 8t

FOR SALE—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain. Midland Storage Battery Co. 9-tf

FOR SALE—A good second hand kitchen range and a Fuller & Johnson pumping engine. Box 804, Midland, Texas. 9-2-1t

FOR EXCHANGE—Almost new narrow tire 3-inch Peakin wagon to exchange for wide tire 3-inch wagon. Joe Jay, Midland, Texas. 1tpd

### FURNISHED ROOMS

ROOMS—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc., only 1-2 block east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jemison, phone 224. 41-4f

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Good 5-room house. See C. S. Karkalits. 7-tf

### POULTRY AND EGGS

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS—World's champion strain—prize winners in all the big shows—the chicken of the hour. Eggs for hatching after Jan. 1st. Book orders now. Read display ad elsewhere in this issue. See B. J. Harrison at Reporter office, or address Box 191, Midland, Texas. 8-tf

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Saturday, Nov. 24th, between Odessa and Warfield, a 25-high-powered Savage gun. Return to "Chunky" Cowden, at Midland for suitable reward. 8-tf

LOST—A Goodyear casing, 33x4, on rim and inflated. Lost either in Midland or between Midland and my ranch southeast. Inform B. W. Floyd, phone 303-L.

FOUND—Poland China boar hog, probably registered; weight about 300 pounds; has small slit in one ear; small white spot on neck. Owner can have same by paying for this ad and for feed and care of hog. H. A. Moore, 25 miles north of Midland. Phone 339-B. 1tpd

### MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

LOST—One blue, two-year-old pony, \$5 reward. B. F. Smith, Stanton, Texas. 9-2nd

NOTICE TO LADIES—I will make switches, puffs and curls out of combings, no matter how badly tangled. Phone Mrs. Kilcrease, Phone 438.

FOR SALE—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain. Midland Storage Battery Co. 9-tf

### BUSINESS NOTICES

REGISTERED BOAR—A Duroc-Jersey, a fine individual. You will like him. At the old McClure yard. S. H. Gwyn, owner. 9-tf

### HERE FROM CUERO FOR A FEW DAYS

Old friends will be glad to know that our former townsman, Jas. S. Day, arrived in the city last night. He will be here only a day or two, and is out today with W. H. Cowden and sons; Jax and Gib, to the ranch south Mr. Day is in the automobile business at Cuero.

### PRETTY FAIR CONDITIONS AT OCHO, NEW MEXICO

C. P. Rogers, who ranches near Ocho, N. M., was a business visitor to Midland this week. He gives a pretty fair report of stock conditions generally.

## Social Affairs

By L. G. W., Phone 88

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### Complimentary Dinner

Miss Viola Coyle was the charming hostess to a lovely dinner party on Sunday evening in compliment to Mr. N. Y. Henry, who was going to leave the following day for the army, and the foot ball team of Midland College. The foot ball season has just closed. Mr. Henry was the coach of the Herford as they are euphoniously called, and Miss Coyle, the sponsor, so what could be more fitting than that these "soldiers" who have fought so valiantly together on the gridiron should meet together for one last jolly good time. The dinner was so cleverly planned and beautifully executed that it will long be a lovely gem in memory's casket. The team colors, red and white were developed as well as the initial "H," which stands for both Henry and Herford. The place cards were miniature foot balls. The dinner itself was so delicately cooked and served with such taste and elegance that it seemed there was nothing left to be desired. In all things Mundane, however, there is a shadow lurking somewhere, a little heartache behind the smiles, so with these friends. Tomorrow they part and this was the "last time"—there is always a last time.

At the close of the dinner, as an expression of their appreciation and love for Mr. Henry as their coach and ever helpful friend, the team presented him with a handsome wrist watch.

### Mesdames Ellis and Elkin, Hostesses

A dinner party of much distinction and daintiness of detail was tendered the Holt-Cowden bridal party Tuesday evening of last week by Mesdames Elkin and Ellis, in the dining room of the Yeakel Hotel. This popular hotel is noted for its good cooking and service, and upon this auspicious occasion it achieved quite a triumph. Covers were laid for thirty guests. The menu was elaborate and delicious, and the table was literally "a bloom" with beautiful autumnal chrysanthemums. It was a lovely hospitality paid these much feted young people, and many expressions of appreciation were extended the popular hostesses for the beautiful courtesy.

### Lieut. Epley, Honor Guest

Lieut. Homer Epley, though his army career is brief, has already won laurels for himself, was the inspiration of a pretty dance at the Llano Hotel Wednesday evening. This compliment was given him by the Shrimpers, who together with all Midland are happy to pay tribute, and give honor to whom honor is due. There was a large crowd in attendance, the music was good and all seemed to be in holiday spirits. Delicious punch was also served.

Master Stanton Brunson and little Misses Virginia Coyle and Aleene Boone, are three of our "wee-wees" who did not a small bit, but a big "bit" for the soldier boys last week. These little ones, in their patriotic zeal, collected something more than six dollars and sent to the Star-Telegram at Fort Worth, to buy tobacco for our soldier boys. Thus can even the "kiddies" have their share in the world's greatest fight.

Mr. John Cowan, who has charge of the English department in Dr. Powell's Training School in Dallas, returned last Tuesday after a visit to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cowan, and to attend the obsequies of his brother, Mr. Luke Cowan. It is a pleasure to state that Mr. Cowan's young wife will remain with his parents for a visit until Christmas when he will return for her.

Little Miss Norine Haley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Haley, who was operated on last Saturday for appendicitis, is doing nicely and has proven herself a very cheery little patient. She is staying at the home of her uncle, Mr. John Haley.

Mrs. J. Tom White left yesterday evening for Dallas. There she will join her daughter, Miss Thelma, who has been visiting in Collin County and other points for several weeks. Both will return home about the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bridwell, who for the past month have been registered at the Llano Hotel, left Wednesday afternoon for Sweetwater.

Capt. W. W. Lynch, of El Paso, was being warmly greeted by many friends last Saturday and Sunday, having "come home" for a week-end visit.

Miss Reba Nugent returned Sunday from an extended visit to Dallas and Mineral Wells.

## Fall Furnishing Goods

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See Our Windows For New Things for Fall

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Mrs. George Pemberton, of Denver, Col., who has been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. O. B. Holt, left for her home Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Annie Maud Aycock, of Abilene, who was a Thanksgiving guest of Miss Hallie Rhea Jewell, left for her home Monday evening.

Another of our home boys has gone to enlist. Mr. Clarence Ligon, who left today for El Paso. It is urgent we know, but sad never the less.

Miss Lula Elkin, a student at T. C. U., and who was one of the Holt-Cowden bridal party returned to Fort Worth Friday evening.

Miss Nannie Terry, who is teaching school in Nadine, N. M., spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Terry.

Mrs. S. O. Richardson will leave on Sunday for Memphis, Tenn., to have a holiday visit with relatives and old friends.

Miss Essie Cowden returned to her school duties at Baylor University last Friday after a brief visit home.

### CARD OF THANKS

To the good people of Midland whose kindly sympathy and timely assistance have been so magnanimously extended to us in our sore affliction, we desire through the columns of our town paper, to give some expression of our appreciation. The death angel in taking from us our noble and truly devoted son and brother, has filled our home with midnight darkness and our hearts with inexpressible sadness, but the sadness is much relieved by your unbounded sympathy and love. From the depths of our hearts we thank you and most earnestly pray the richest blessings of Almighty God upon you. Sincerely, J. W. Cowan and Family.

S. M. Francis is in Fort Worth this week. He went there with a car load of cows and calves, which were placed on the markets of North Fort Worth.

### AN OLD EYE-SORE IS BEING REMOVED

One of the ugliest sights around Midland has, for 20-odd years past, been the old dumping ground east of town. During all these years a-gone the city has used this spot to dump its garbage, its tin cans, and all sorts of rubbish, mostly of metal and it has ever been an unsightly thing, but the first thing to be viewed in the eastern approach to our town. Now it is all being removed. There is a man here who has agreed to move all this stuff off, and without cost to the city or county. All the old tin cans and metal of whatsoever kind is being loaded into cars and shipped to Arizona. There will likely be ten or twelve cars of it, and we are indeed glad to see it go.

### GONE ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO GRIMES COUNTY

J. W. Grant left yesterday for a business trip to Iola, in Grimes County. He will be absent for some time.

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**PRIORITY GIVEN TO FEED FOR STOCK**

Order Applies to Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri

To The Midland Reporter:

The immediate shipment of rice straw as roughage for cattle in the drouth-stricken areas of Texas has been made possible through a priority order issued on Friday Nov. 30th, by Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of priority commission. The order is a supplement to Order No. 4, making possible the immediate shipment of cottonseed meal and cottonseed cake, now extended to include hay, rice straw, hulls and forage.

The order applies to all railroads in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

The action of the board of priority in thus extending the order is the result of the meeting held in Houston, November 27th, when rice growers and cattlemen agreed on a price of \$15 a ton for rice straw, f.o.b. cars at point of origin in Texas. Administrator Peden states that prices will be correspondingly lower in Louisiana because of the difference in freight rates.

The movement of rice straw to West Texas means the inauguration in this State of a new and undeveloped industry, which not only starts rice straw out on a stable market, but means millions in savings to the rice grower of the south in years to come.

The priority rulings give the following preferences: Livestock and perishable food for human beings, railroad supplies and materials, coal and government shipments and rice straw, roughage and cottonseed products for the cattle country.

Now that quick shipments of rice straw is assured administrator Peden earnestly requests that all rice farmers bale their straw at once, stack it so as to be safe from the weather, or bring under shelter so that it will not suffer deterioration. If this is done there will be no delays in shipping when the cars are procured.

**WAR TALKS**

By UNCLE DAN

Number Six

Billie and Jimmie Will Take Military Training.

"I am mighty sorry, Uncle Dan, that this is your last night with us. Can't you stay longer? We boys are having a peach of a time," said Billie.

"Well, if you get more out of it in the way of pleasure than I," said Uncle Dan, "you are going some."

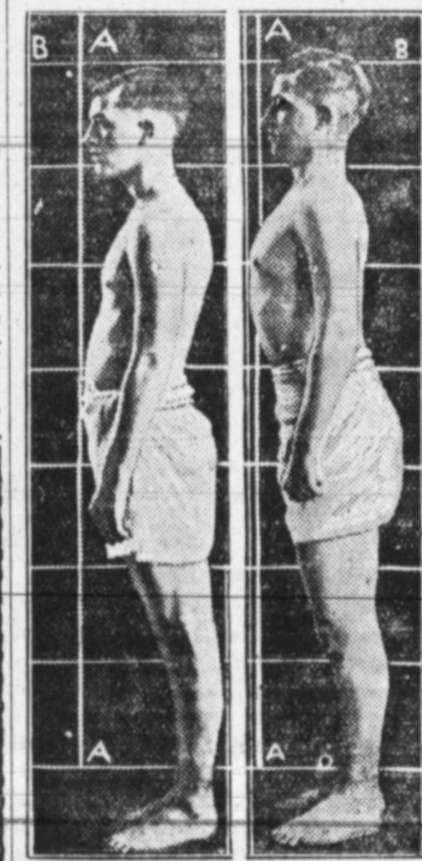
"Billie, I have been talking seriously with your father and mother about sending you to a military academy and they asked me to talk with you about it."

"Whoopie!" Billie screamed, like a wild Indian.

"Now, hold your horses," said Uncle Dan, "and listen to me. You know I sent my boy, Howard, to one of these schools for a year when he was about your age. He was narrow chested, stoop shouldered, rather loose jointed; he had the big head and needed discipline and physical development. He was growing fast and I wanted him to be strong physically."

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "I believe your description of Howard fits me pretty well, eh?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "to be frank I think it does; you need the same thing. Howard did not like it at first. I am told for a few weeks he had 'rough sledding,' but after he found that the only way was to obey orders, he caught the spirit of the institution and liked it. We did not see him for about six months, then he came home for a few days. We were astonished at his appearance. He had gained about 20 pounds in weight, his muscles were as hard as nails, he stood as straight as an arrow, he was courteous, consider-



Note the result of six months of military training. Compare lines A-A and B-B in cut.

ate and manly. His awkwardness had disappeared. The change was wonderful and it was all to the good. Here is a photograph showing 'before and after taking,' and I am sure no patent medicine advertisement could beat it.

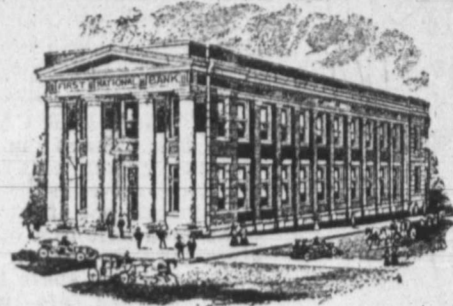
"Well, mother and I were delighted. That was ten years ago, and Howard says the year he spent at the military academy was the best year of his life."

"Now," said Uncle Dan, "with great earnestness, 'when such training does so much good, makes better citizens and at the same time fits a man to defend his country, why should not Uncle Sam furnish this training at the government's expense? The government has the right to call anyone to serve in case of war, and without training, a man is worth nothing as a soldier. Uncle Sam has splendid new training camps that will soon be available for the purpose, therefore, here is double reason why the Chamberlain bill for compulsory military training should be passed at once, so that every boy physically fit may have this training and not leave it for his parents to pay for. On account of the expense, not one boy in 50 can take the training now. I am glad that you can do so. These big crops and big prices, I find, make the farmers rather 'cocky,' and that the best is demanded by them."

Billie was up with the lark the next morning, more excited and enthusiastic than ever. He had a plan. He knew Jimmie owned a colt worth \$100; that he would make almost another \$100 on his potatoes if they turned out well, and that he had from his previous savings, bought a \$100 Liberty bond. Billie's plan was to have Jimmie cash in and go with him. He was disappointed to find that Jimmie would still lack about \$300 of having enough to see him through. His lip quivering, he said, "I'm mighty sorry to leave Jimmie."

Uncle Dan was silent a moment or two, then he asked Billie to go down to the orchard and get him some apples to eat on the way. While he was gone, it was arranged that Uncle Dan and Mr. and Mrs. Graham would advance the money necessary so that Jimmie could go. When Billie returned he was told about it. He ran to the phone and called Jimmie, saying: "Come on over, run just as fast as you can, I've got the greatest news you ever heard of."

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MIDLAND, TEXAS



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Deposits

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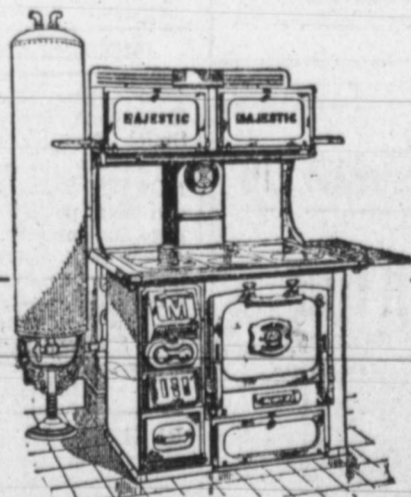
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank at Stanton

In the State of Texas at the close of business on November 20th, 1917.

RESOURCES

Table of resources for First National Bank, including loans, overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, and stock of Federal Reserve Bank.

LIABILITIES

Table of liabilities for First National Bank, including capital stock, surplus fund, and various deposits.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Martin. I, Paul Konz, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

COUNTY CLERK'S QUARTERLY REPORT Precinct No. One, in account with Midland County, Texas:

Quarter Ending October 30, A.D., 1917 To the Honorable Commissioners Court Midland County, Texas, November Term, A. D., 1917.

W. E. Bradford, County Tax Collector, in account with Midland County, Texas, for Assessment under Several Fund, for the year 1917:

Table of quarterly report for W. E. Bradford, County Tax Collector, showing debits and credits for various months in 1917.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Home National Bank At Stanton

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on November 20, 1917.

RESOURCES

Table of resources for Home National Bank, including loans, overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, and stock of Federal Reserve Bank.

LIABILITIES

Table of liabilities for Home National Bank, including capital stock, surplus fund, and various deposits.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Martin. I, J. R. Vance, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Table of case No. 1417, showing various entries and amounts related to the state of Texas.

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Table of financial entries for Willard Storage Battery Co., including various receipts and payments.

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### What NO. 6410 of Condition of the Dud National Bank

Texas, at the close of business on Nov. 20, 1917

#### RESOURCES

Loans	NO	\$544,824.91
Notes and accounts receivable (other than bank acceptances)	41,940.00	502,884.91
J. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	50,000.00	150.00
Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged, 3 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent	4,500.00	7,500.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	333.19	44,460.17
Furniture and fixtures	8,091.27	1,029.75
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,247.28	21,267.19
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	2,500.00	\$39,395.10
Cash in vault and net amount due from National Banks	50.11	39,476.66
Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies (other than above)	1,029.75	
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	3,247.28	
Total of items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18	\$56,828.45	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank, and other cash items	21,267.19	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00	
Other Assets—Advances on live stock	\$39,395.10	
Post office stamps	50.11	
Reserve stamps	31.45	
Total		\$685,440.40

#### LIABILITIES

Check paid in	\$75,000.00
Undivided profits	75,000.00
Expenses, interest and taxes paid	\$20,783.93
Notes outstanding	7,312.18
What is due to National Banks	11,566.75
As due to banks, bankers and trust companies (other than above)	50,000.00
Of items 31 and 32	53,586.40
Deposits subject to check	30,228.62
Checks outstanding	\$83,815.02
And deposits—Demand certificates	311,115.62
And deposits subject to Reserve	50.00
Of deposits (other than for money borrowed)	7,711.99
Total of time deposits subject to reserve	45,000.00
Total	\$863,877.61
Liabilities for re-discounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank	26,181.02
Total contingent liabilities	\$685,440.40

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss:  
I, B. C. GIRDLEY, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
B. C. GIRDLEY, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of December, 1917.  
RALPH M. BARRON,  
Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: W. H. BRUNSON,  
J. R. DUBLIN,  
CHAS. L. SINCLAIR,  
Directors

#### NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company will be held at the general office of the company in Midland, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., on Monday, January 16th, 1918, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Immediately after adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, a meeting of the board of directors will be held for the purpose of electing a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the company.  
T. J. O'Donnell, President.  
Attest: B. C. Girdley,  
Midland & Northwestern Ry. Co.

#### NOTICE THAT PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL CLOSE

This is to announce that the Midland Public Library will be closed to the public after December 8th, 1917, until further notice. The board of directors deem this action imperative, owing to the lack of funds necessary to keep the library running at this time, and also due to the fact that so many of the patrons are engaged in Red Cross work and other activities in connection with the war, and haven't time to patronize the library or assist in the support of same. Those having books out at the present time will kindly return same to the librarian before the date above mentioned.

## N. Y. HENRY GOES TO ENLIST IN ARMY

#### Farewell Reception Given in Methodist Church Monday Afternoon by High School

N. Y. Henry, one of the most popular and most efficient teachers Midland has ever had, resigned his position as head of the English department of our high school to join the army as a volunteer. Mr. Henry, a graduate of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, was serving his third year as head of the English department of the high school and had become one of our most useful teachers, universally loved by pupils, teachers and those not connected with the schools. He heard the call of patriotism, and gave up his feathered nest to become a soldier in the ranks for the cause of liberty.

In honor and appreciation of him as a man, teacher, and Christian gentleman, and out of love for him as a comrade and friend, the high school gave him a farewell reception Monday afternoon. The house was comfortably filled with friends and members of the high school. The program consisted of two songs by young ladies of the high school, a male quartet, two vocal solos by Mr. Henry, and short talks by four students of the high school, Principal J. E. Nelson, Supt. W. W. Lackey, Trustee T. A. Fannin, his college mate, Prof. John Cowan, and his pastor, Rev. J. W. Cowan. Not a dry eye could be seen in the entire audience as with much feeling these talks were made, praising the character, the work and the life of the teacher-soldier. Mr. Henry was much moved as he responded, expressing his deep appreciation of the flowers which had been strewn upon his path on this occasion and of the pleasant associations which he had had in the high school and in Midland.

At the conclusion of the program, Rev. Mr. Cowan in a very appropriate and touching speech presented Mr. Henry with a copy of Whittier's poems from Mrs. Cowan and with a copy of the Bible from himself. Tom Grady, a member of the football team at Midland College, which Mr. Henry had coached, presented him with a wrist watch in behalf of the team in appreciation of what he had done for them. Supt. Lackey then presented Mr. Henry with a handsome kid-lined hand bag from the entire high school as a token of their love and esteem for him.

All in all this was one of the saddest, and at the same time one of the most beautiful ceremonies ever witnessed in Midland. It exhibited the love of a faculty, a student body and a citizenship for one who by character, efficiency, a sweet spirit and great usefulness had won an abiding place in their hearts and lives. It also furnished a splendid example of giving our flowers to our friends while they live and can enjoy them. Mr. Henry will be greatly missed in the high school and in all Midland, but he has answered the call of duty and of patriotism than which he could not do a nobler thing. In the language of our superintendent, he is a gentleman by nature, a teacher by profession, a Christian by practice and a soldier by choice.

Our school board was very fortunate in having in the schools one so well qualified to take Mr. Henry's work. Miss Beaulah Talley, who is a graduate of Southwestern University and who has been teaching English in our schools for the past two years, has been elected to succeed Mr. Henry. Miss Talley is an elegant lady and a very strong teacher, and the wisdom of the school board is to be commended in her selection.

#### MEN ALREADY CALLED CAN STILL JOIN ARMY

Even though men registered for the selective draft have been called by their local boards for examination, they may enlist in any branch of the service between now and Dec. 15th, according to orders received at the local army recruiting station at Ft. Worth last Monday. Men who have been called, however, must present a certificate from their local boards, certifying that such men are not needed to fill out any deferred percentage of the quota of that ward. The orders state that positively no men within the draft age will be accepted after Dec. 15th.

Urgent appeals for the enlistment of skilled mechanics for service in the aviation section signal corps have been received at the army recruiting station. The appeals state that 10,000 men are needed for this branch of service and that an effort will be made to secure them by enlistment before Dec. 15th.

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THE REXALL STORE



### NO. 4368 Report of Condition of the First National Bank

Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Nov. 20, 1917

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$657,139.19
Customers' liability account of acceptance of this bank purchased or discounted by it	10,080.00
Other loans	667,219.18
Drafts unsecured	798.80
Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00
Bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	25,000.00
J. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds) and certificates of indebtedness	50,000.00
Loan Bonds, unpledged, 3 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent	14,750.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	6,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	25,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	25,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	59,724.10
Cash in vault and net amount due from National Banks	342,715.48
Net amounts due from banks and bankers and trust companies	15,351.91
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	358,067.39
Total of items 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18	661.76
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank, and other cash items	661.76
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
Other Assets—Advances on live stock (approximate) only on past due	350.00
Total	\$1,183,471.24

#### LIABILITIES

Check paid in	\$100,000.00
Undivided profits	100,000.00
Expenses, interest and taxes paid	\$34,379.28
Current expenses, interest and taxes paid	7,623.14
Interest and discount collected but not earned (approximate)	26,756.12
Amount reserved for taxes accrued	10,000.00
Circulating notes outstanding	3,078.11
Net amount due to National Banks	25,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than above in 30 or 31)	52,332.78
Total of items 31 and 32	3,209.24
Individual deposits subject to check	871,639.98
Cashier's checks outstanding	902.25
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40	872,542.23
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	554.76
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 41, 42, 43, and 44	554.76
Total	\$1,183,471.24

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss:  
I, W. R. CHANCELLOR, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. R. CHANCELLOR, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Nov. 1917.  
J. W. HAMPTON,  
Notary Public, Midland County, Tex.  
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F. SCHARBAUER,  
C. A. GOLDSMITH,  
Directors

#### THE SLACKER A WEEK FROM NEXT MONDAY

In order that seats may be provided for every one, a matinee performance will be given on Monday afternoon December 17th, at 3 o'clock for the great "war medal" picture, "The Slacker." Prices will be 20 cents plus the war tax. Reserved seats will be sold for the evening performance, the last twelve rows being reserved. Tickets will go on sale Monday December 10th. Prices for evening performance will be announced later. An orchestra of three pieces will furnish patriotic airs.  
Don't fail to see "The Slacker."

#### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. H. E. Cummins and daughters wish to convey to the many friends who administered to them in their late affliction most sincere thanks and grateful appreciation. Thanks, also, for the beautiful floral tributes, and other expressions of sympathy and love for the family and for the one who has passed on.


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**R. R. WAR PROBLEM  
AND ITS SOLUTION**

The Railway Age Gazette Wishes All  
Anti Trust Laws Abolished and  
Restrains Removed

The main thing needed to enable the railways to handle more traffic with their present facilities, the Railway Age Gazette declares in an editorial in its current issue, is legislation repealing the anti-pooling section of the interstate Commerce Act and other laws which prevent the railways from actually operating as a single system. "On the entrance of the United States into the great war," says the Gazette, "the managements of the railways, under government sanction, resolved to operate as a single continental system and created the Railroad War Board to carry out the resolution. Measures have been accomplished as a result of that action but experience has demonstrated that the resolution then adopted cannot be fully carried out and the inability of the railways fully to carry it out is the main reason why the maximum amount of transportation cannot be provided with existing facilities.

"Why are the railways unable to carry out their resolution? Because the anti-pooling section of the act to regulate commerce, the Sherman anti-trust law, and the law empowering the shipper to route his freight any way he pleases, constantly thwart those responsible for the operation of the railways.

"It is agreed by the Interstate Commerce Commission and Railroads' War Board that one of the main things needed to secure the greatest transportation efficiency under existing conditions is to route traffic over the lines of least resistance. But how under existing laws is this to be accomplished? There are many parts of the country in which it would be beneficial for the Railroads' War Board, in the interest of the highest transportation efficiency, to order all competing lines to pool their freight traffic and agree among themselves on some basis for pooling their earnings. The result of a general pooling of freight would be a large increase in the capacity of existing facilities. But any such action is entirely out of the question as long as federal laws absolutely prohibit pooling of either freight or earnings and in addition to give every shipper absolute power to route his own freight. Under existing laws the railways can pool and are pooling their equipment, but they cannot pool

their trackage and other facilities, which would be far more important."

Referring to the list of 525 so-called "non-essential" commodities which has been compiled under the Railroads' War Board, the Gazette says: "It has been said that the railways have recommended or even demanded that the articles in question be excluded from transportation. This is incorrect. They do not recommend, much less demand, that all or any of the producers and shippers of the commodities in question shall be denied transportation. It was their function to furnish the information regarding non-essentials. Any action which may be taken based on this information will be a war measure, and it is strictly the function of the government to adopt such war measures and assume full responsibility for them.

"Meantime, however, the fact that there has been prepared a list of commodities to which it may be necessary to deny transportation is one of great moment. Just about eleven years ago James J. Hill wrote Governor Johnson of Minnesota, a famous letter in which he predicted that if the policy of regulation then being generally adopted were persisted in the development of the railways would be so arrested that they would become inadequate to the demands of the Nation's commerce. The railways are today handling twice as much freight as they were when Mr. Hill wrote his letter and are doing so with only about the same number of freight trains; and yet it is admitted that the time may soon arrive when it will become impossible to move some kinds of freight."

The Gazette says that "the adoption of the following measures is necessary to a solution of the problem of railway transportation during the war: (1) Relieve the railways of the law-made restrictions which now interfere at every turn with their efforts to operate the existing facilities to their maximum capacity. (2) Give the present managements of the railways unstinted encouragement and support in the efforts they are making to render to the government and the public the largest possible amount of useful transportation service. (3) Recognize the fact that as a war measure it is as necessary to let the railways of this country have the labor and the materials and equipment they need as it is to furnish materials and equipment to the railways of our European allies. (4) Grant the advances in rates which are necessary to enable our railways to meet their advancing expenses and taxes and also make such increases in their facilities as are requisite to enable them to support the rising flood of traffic which is being

poured upon them by the government and the public. The adoption of any less liberal, comprehensive and constructive programme will result in national disaster."

The Railway Age Gazette, in other words, would increase the power of the money kings of America; as a matter of fact would put the nation into the hands of Wall Street, and, finally, subjugate the masses and all industries to the dictation of an autocracy that would mount to proportions little less abominable than that which now has turned the world topsy-turvy and which free America has joined forces to subdue. Such is our government's plan. It seems to us that a plan whereby the railways might operate, or be enabled to operate, as a unit would be good; but there'll be no abolishment of anti-trust laws. The railways are precariously situated. They are on trial, as it were, and if they fail to make good, to "deliver the goods," Uncle Sam will do unto them as he has done unto others. There'll be another conscription law passed and the conscripts will be these same railroads. The Reporter is friendly enough to the railroads, all right; but, at the risk of being accused of populist propaganda, we barely hesitate to endorse the promulgations of W. J. Bryan 20 years or more ago, that is, government ownership of railroads, and we hesitate not at all at an endorsement of government control. It looks barely possible, even, that a populist principle may be further necessary, extending to government ownership all public utilities. Who knows?

**STENOGRAPHERS ARE  
PRINCIPALLY WANTED**

Insurance of Sailors and Soldiers  
Creates Demand For All Sorts  
of Clerical Help

The act which provides for Government life insurance for soldiers and sailors has now been in operation a little more than a month. The secretary of the treasury announced on November 17th that up to that date 64,168 applications under the new law had been received, representing insurance in the sum of \$552,993,096. From four to six thousand applications are received each day at the Treasury Department, the amount of insurance applied for sometimes reaching a total of fifty million dollars in a single day.

The law provides that soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses in active service may obtain from the government life insurance in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 at premium rates ranging from 65 cents a month at the age of 21 years to \$1.20 a month at the age of 51 years, for each \$1,000 of insurance.

One of the primary objects of this law is to lessen the tremendous burden of pensions which has followed as a consequence of all American wars.

It is evident that the administration of this new branch of government work is big business in itself. But this is only one of many governmental activities incident to the war which are adding great numbers of clerks, stenographers, and other servants to Uncle Sam's payroll. Literally thousands of stenographers and typewriters have been appointed in Washington during the past few months and thousands more are to be appointed as soon as they are available. The United States Civil Service Commission is holding examinations for these positions weekly throughout the country. Secretaries of local boards of civil service examiners at the post offices in all cities are furnishing detailed information.

There are several young people in Midland who will soon be going off to business colleges, no doubt. We should like to advise with them relative to scholarships. Shortly we shall again be advertising some very reputable schools.

**REPORT RANGE CON-  
DITIONS VERY POOR**

W. S. Coleman and John Barron, ranching in New Mexico northwest from Midland, were in this week to load out with supplies. They report range conditions very poor and wherever there are cattle the feeding will have to be heavy.

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**UNIQUE THEATRE**

On Monday December 17th, "The Slacker," will be presented, matinee and night. This picture will be under the auspices of the Red Cross, and a large crowd is desired. Some special orchestra music will be donated for this occasion, and an unusually entertaining evening is promised. Those who have seen "The Slacker," pronounce it the most remarkable play of its kind that they had ever witnessed.

The two new serials, "The Red Ace" with Marie Walcamp on Monday night and the other serial on Wednesday night are proving to be winners. They both are full of adventure, love and romance. We all remember Marie Walcamp as the heroine in "Liberty," that just closed here a few months ago with such an unusual success. Now we have the opportunity to see this unique performer in another serial which, judging by the first episode on last Monday night, will prove to be far superior to that of a few months ago.

On last Tuesday night Violet Mercereau in a Bluebird production entitled "The Boy Girl," pleased all the admirers of this little screen favorite. She seemed to be at her best in this production and the interest was rife from start to finish.

The management has booked some strong dramas and comedies for the future. You should by all means attend the features on Tuesday and Friday nights, for these nights are set aside for the best pictures.

The coming attraction "American Methods" promises to be something different in military or patriotic productions, and you should keep the date of this production in mind as it is flashed upon the screen nightly, and let nothing keep you from seeing it.

The coming of the new features that are booked for the months of December and January, will be an epoch in the movie world. If you should ask "Why," we can only say for the simple reason that they are something different from the general run of pictures, and nothing will be seen in them that have been worn threadbare with age.

B. C. Girdley, cashier of the Midland National Bank, returned yesterday from a brief business trip to Ft. Worth. He was absent only two or three days.

**HAVE YOU TRIED THE SKOOKUM APPLES**

For some weeks now The Reporter has been advertising "Skookum apples." We don't know what there is in the name, but we have tried out the apples, and we absolutely know that Skookum apples are all right. We've had two boxes of them. They are grown in the great northwest, where there is plenty of fresh air, cold weather and sunshine, and they are delightfully flavored, indeed. Walker-Smith Company, wholesale grocers in Midland, are distributors of this delicious fruit, and we do you a real kindness in advising you to try a box of the Skookum apples.

**CATTLE IN ANDREWS COUNTY IN GOOD SHAPE**

Oscar Bell has a place out in Andrews County. He was in the city this week, on business and reports his cattle in good shape. No feeding yet and cattle fat.

**GOLDSMITH & ELLIS MADE A BIG DEAL**

C. A. Goldsmith and W. D. Ellis were lately partners in a big steer deal. They bought of R. E. Crews, of Gaines County, 1700 coming twos. We did not learn considerations. We regret to hear that Mr. Crews is winding up his affairs, preparatory to leaving this section.

**A PIECE OF GOOD FORTUNE**

In these days of high prices it is refreshing to find one article of nationwide demand that will not cost more than it did last year, and yet will be more valuable than it has ever been.

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**PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES**

**Reporters:**

- Carolyn Caldwell.....High School
- Lenora Whitmire.....Central Ward
- Winnie Ruyman.....South Ward

Revs. J. C. Burkett, Bass and J. M. Perry were visitors of the high school Monday morning. They made short talks which pointed out many beautiful and useful thoughts to the pupils. We always welcome a visit from either Burkett or Mr. Perry and it was indeed a pleasure to hear Mr. Bass for the first time. Miss Grace Carlisle visited us on the same morning.

On Tuesday morning, the high school enjoyed a short talk made by Mr. John Cowan. We all feel a special interest in Mr. Cowan as he was an old friend of our former teacher, Mr. Henry. Mrs. John Cowan also was a visitor on that morning.

On Tuesday afternoon the high school was interested and encouraged by short talks from Col. Jimmie Rhea and Lieutenant Homer Epley. Col. Rhea, who has just returned from a trip to Canada, told us of his trip and of the different kinds of schools he had visited in the training camps and in the Philippine Islands. His talk was enjoyed very much by all. Bro. Cowan also made a short talk. The other visitors of the afternoon were Mrs. J. B. Rhea, Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Walter Rohlfing, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan and Mrs. J. W. Cowan.

The following ladies have been visitors in Central Ward the past week: Mesdames Parks, Steen, Carr, Smith, Wadley, E. P. Cowden, R. W. Cowden, Norwood, Wall, Goldsmith, W. S. Elkin, Frank Elkin, Miller, Girdley, Collier, Stiff, Frank Youngblood, N. W. Ellis, Ben Anthony, Pearl Rankin, J. T. Ragsdale, W. R. Williams, Roy Johnson, J. E. Feeler, F. H. Wilmoth, W. K. Sinclair, S. R. Preston, R. E. Estes, Geo. Elliott, John Edwards, G. H. Coyle, S. H. Gwynn, D. M. Logan, and Misses Rankin, Edna Harris, Laura Bhent, Young, Ernestine and Ray Half.

Vernon Logan is a new pupil in Central Ward.

The following Christmas program will be rendered by the pupils of the grammar school department of South Ward, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 14th, at 2:40 o'clock:

- Christmas song—School.
- Scripture reading—Homer Girdley.

**A Christmas Prayer—Gladys Manning.**

The First Christmas Eve—Jessie King.

What Did Santa Do?—Birdie Bradshaw.

Song—Christmas Carol—School.  
Long—Fore I Knew Who Santa Was—H. B. Dunagan.

Song—Ten Girls.  
The Night Before Christmas—Vannie Richardson.

Much Trouble Before Christmas—Sue Terry.

Silent Night—School.

Has Santa a Middle Name?—Maggie Snodgrass.

Boundary of Christmas—Truett Devaney.

Song—The Star-Spangled Banner—School.

Christmas Song—School.

James Logan is a new pupil in the South Ward this week.

The following ladies were visitors to South Ward this past week: Mesdames H. J. Bedford, J. V. Hobbs, C. D. Adams, E. R. Thomas, R. D. Lee, C. H. Tigner, J. M. King, A. B. Coleman, K. E. Nutt, J. T. McKissick and F. G. Jones.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOODMEN CIRCLE**

Members are requested to be present at the next regular meeting, Friday evening, December 14th, at 7:30 o'clock. This is time for election of officers. It is your duty to be present. There will be initiation of three new members.

Alva Bigham, Guardian,  
Cora Miller, Clerk.

**CONDITIONS ON THE PECOS NOT VERY GOOD**

Not good at all, is the report of J. S. Brown, who was in this week from his ranch down there. The country is very dry and winter feeding will necessarily have to be heavy.

**SHERIFF OF ANDREWS WAS HERE THIS WEEK**

W. R. Rhodes, sheriff of Andrews County, was a business visitor to Midland this week. Reports everything very quiet out there, though in some spots range conditions are fair. Others very bad.

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