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## MIDLAND IS "OVER THE TOP" WITH THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

The Reporterman waited until this morning to comment on how nobly Midland has gone "over the top" with the Third Liberty Loan. We should not have done this, should not have waited so long, for early this morning it commenced to rain, and it is still raining at 11 o'clock. Judge Ross, of Pecos, who was the principal speaker at the rally in the Christian church last Saturday night, stated that if we raised this Third Liberty Loan he believed it would rain, not that perhaps it wouldn't rain if we failed, and we should have listened to this and have written our comment sooner. Now we can't refrain from looking out the window every minute to see if it still rains, and our comment must of necessity be somewhat confused.

But, it's two wonderful blessings this week—this morning. This morning a fine rain and our honor flag from the government.

We must be brief in this comment, for we are not yet through. We have tonight and tomorrow to push our Third Liberty Loan further over the top, and there are yet a number who have not contributed. The banks are going to stay open tonight and tomorrow night for the cause, and everyone may have the privilege of coming in. It is a glorious privilege, too.

At the rally last Saturday night Judge Gibbs and Tom T. Garrard, Jr. both made excellent preliminary addresses, and we never heard a more beautiful, a more touching appeal than that of Judge Ross. At the conclusion of his address \$30,450 were added to the \$26,000 already subscribed.

Tuesday night we had Dr. George Gilmour, of Dallas, with us. His, too, was a wonderfully strong appeal, and at its conclusion "Uncle Hiliary" Bedford aroused the wildest enthusiasm in a brief, but eloquent address, concluding it with a liberal subscription. From that moment "over the top" was an assured goal. The subscription mounted higher and higher until an additional \$37,500 were subscribed, and the balance was guaranteed by a number of patriots present.

Oh, but it was all fine. God bless Midland people. They feel deeply for our beloved boys "over there," and are going to sacrifice whatsoever may be necessary to secure their comfort, happiness and safety. Aye, God bless and keep the boys, and may we see them come marching home again, triumphant in a victory that has made "the world safe for Democracy," freedom—peace!

### DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT PRICE AUTO CO.

Four Cars Are Practically Destroyed  
While House and Contents Are  
Badly Damaged

Last Saturday the fire alarm sounded again for the first time in ever so long in Midland. It was readily ascertained that the conflagration was in the Price Auto Company's establishment, caused by a match having been struck when some gasoline was being drawn from one car to another.

The flames spread very rapidly, and when the fire engine got on the scene the blaze had spread to all the front of the building and into the roof. The building is nearly fire-proof, but the ceiling, roof and all wood parts were badly damaged. The building was properly insured.

Four cars were practically destroyed. These were those of H. M. Ramsay, Mrs. E. Callaway, Geo. G. Gray and Jno. R. Johnston, while that of M. R. Hill was somewhat damaged. All were insured, we understand, but that of Mr. Ramsay.

The Price Auto Company has not been very seriously handicapped, not sufficiently so to stop them from business, the work shop of the establishment being practically uninjured, and business was resumed the first of the week. They, too, had insurance.

### CAPT. WM. E. WALLACE THE REAL PATRIOT

The following letter, received recently by B. C. Girdley from Capt. Wm. E. Wallace, at Clovis, N. M., is characteristic of our "Cap," characteristic of a real patriot:

"Dear Girdley: They are working the Liberty Loan awfully strong here, and I thought what I subscribed I would take out through the Midland National Bank, and leave it to you as to how much I should take. I want to do my full duty in this matter. As you know better than any one my financial condition and the enormous expense I have been to for the past two years on account of the drouth, I thought you would be the best judge as to the amount I should take. You can set the amount equal to the majority of my friends that are worth about the same as I, or, in other words, about as badly bent as I.

"You will find enclosed signed check in blank. Fill out for 5 per cent of amount you think I should take.

"With best wishes, I am  
Your friend,  
WM. E. WALLACE."

There are not a whole lot of "Cap" Wallaces in the world, more is the pity. Loyal, loyal all around. Midland is his home. Prompted first by the appeal of his country—and the Captain served through the Spanish-American war—he responds, but not every one would have thought to assist his home town, too. He was put down for a liberal subscription and it helped Midland "over the top." This is like him. He thinks, thinks because his heart is right, and his love of home is second only to his love of country.

Midland loves him for this thoughtfulness, as she loves others of her sons and daughters who have proven loyal and true.

### TRICK OF SWINDLERS GETS SOLDIERS' MONEY

Relatives and friends of several soldiers in army camps have been victimized by swindlers who wired or wrote for funds under soldiers' names. In each instance it was requested that money be sent by wire waiving identification, or by mail to general delivery, the customary explanation being that the soldier had been discharged and would have no way of securing identification, nor of getting mail addressed to his company.

The following is a typical telegram, sent to the father of a soldier in a southern camp:

"Have been discharged. Coming home. Going to Atlanta through country tonight. Please wire me \$60 at Atlanta so I may pay for uniform and come home direct. Waive identification as I am not known in Atlanta. Wire cash quick so I can get it tomorrow morning."

Before being complied with, any request for money to be sent under such conditions should be verified by a letter or telegram to the commanding officer of the camp in which the man whose name is signed to the request is stationed.

—W.S.S.—  
John Edwards returned yesterday from a business trip to Fort Worth.

### TRACK LAYING ON M. & N. W. RESUMED

The Midland & Northwestern railway has resumed the laying of steel north of Florey, towards Seminole, and is now about 52 miles northwest of Midland, or within 13 or 14 miles of Seminole. This will be good news to the patrons of this short line, as on reaching Seminole a large territory northwest will be put in touch with the Fort Worth and Dallas markets. The management of this line are the kind of people who do things, in spite of the drouth and war conditions. They have persistently kept hammering away and now hope to have the line completed to Seminole not later than the 15th of June. The T. & P. has promised to complete delivery of steel as fast as labor conditions will permit.

### COW THAT'S HELPING TO WHIP THE KAISER

We read, right frequently, of supermen and super-women, and you don't much believe in 'em. All the same Midland has the one and the only super-cow. She is helping to whip the kaiser. She belongs to W. W. Wimberly, and is a milker—some milker! Here is what she does: She supplies the family with all the milk and butter wanted and enough over is sold to feed her. But that is not all. She furnishes two gallons more each day that is sold to the Yeakel hotel for a dollar, and each day this dollar is turned into thrift stamps by Mrs. Wimberly. This is a record for you. Will some one step up and beat it?

—W.S.S.—  
S. M. Francis returned yesterday from a brief business trip to Fort Worth.

—W.S.S.—  
George Harris returned the first of the week from a business trip west.

Will anyone, now, gainsay that the drouth in West Texas is at last broken? Hardly, we guess. It commenced to rain very early this morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, and at 2 p. m. today is still peppering down, with prospects of keeping at it all day, judging from the dark, lowering clouds. There has been no hard, beating rain, just the steady, soaking kind, for at 2 o'clock this afternoon, notwithstanding that it has been raining for 8 to 10 hours steadily, the government gauge at the home of W. K. Sinclair shows a precipitation of only 1.05 of an inch. We all think we are at last in for a thoroughly good season.

Best of all, it seems that the rain is general. Both the banks have been actively telegraphing and telephoning all morning, and they seem to have heard from all parts of the country, north, east, south and west, for an hundred miles or more. In some sections the rain seems to have been much heavier than at Midland, but nowhere has it been lighter.

Messages come from Lamesa and Seminole north, Big Spring east, San Angelo and Rankin south, and El Paso and intermediate points west, and everywhere the same joyous reports come in.

It seems assured, now, that the enormous feed bills that cattlemen have been paying for so many months will be stopped in a week or ten days, and the rain puts a stop to the movement of cattle to other points for grass. They are happy that they will not need it. Everybody is happy.

Watch Midland come back into her own!

### MEN WANTED FOR EXPORT TRADE OFFICES

The United States Government is looking for men who can take charge of branch offices of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, and men to act as assistants in these offices. Branches are located in the principal commercial cities. The salaries range from \$1,800 to \$3,000 for managers, and from \$1,200 to \$1,800 for assistants.

A noncompetitive examination will be held May 16 in various parts of the country. Applicants will be examined in export-trade technique, promotion of commerce and economic geography, and credit will be given for knowledge of foreign languages. The examinations will be under the direction of the Civil Service.

### A STREET CARNIVAL BY HOME TALENT

Red Cross Benefit is Planned That Promises Profit and Rare Fun and Frolic

There was a rumor on the streets this week that the Midland Red Cross was planning to have a bazaar on the occasion of the coming of Jas. E. Ferguson on May 9th, when he will speak here in the interest of his candidacy for governor. We are very glad, indeed, that this is not true. We should regret very much to see this splendid organization jeopardized by coming in contact with any political situation.

Instead the ladies are planning now a street carnival by home talent, to take place on May 11th, and a big time, an occasion of fun and frolic, is promised. The program is to be opened by a grand parade, participated in by members of the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and others patriotically inclined.

There are to be side shows galore, fortune tellers, fairies—especially fairies—booths, etc., and nothing is to cost over ten cents. It is going to be just a great time, and everybody is going to have a lot of fun at a nominal consideration, and the consideration all goes to provide funds for the Red Cross work, in its several departments.

It is all in a great, good cause, and we are sure every one will lend it every encouragement.

## PAIN

IS NATURE'S WARNING. ONLY WHEN SOMETHING IS AMISS  
DO WE FEEL IT

Don't think that when you "kill" your pain with sedatives or opiates that you are re-establishing your health. HEALTH COMES ONLY BY REMOVING THE CAUSES which have produced disease.

GROGAN WELLS has established its reputation by restoring HEALTH, without drugs, when all other methods have failed.

Stay a week—if you are not highly pleased, your money back for the asking.

OUR NEW SANITARIUM WILL BE READY JUNE 1st. COME NOW.

**Grogan Wells**  
Sweetwater, Texas

## Confidence in Our Friends

DEAR CUSTOMER:

Are you our customer? We think you should be; it is certainly to your interest to be; and we know we want you to be!

Just a few words, now, about the credit of every good man in the country: Had you stopped to think of it? A man without credit is poor, indeed. Take it away from him and you have robbed him of his most valuable asset. Not but what he is able to pay cash, not but what he may be able to write a perfectly good check to cover the entire stocks of the little stores that have combined to discredit him. No, not that. The credit system is the very foundation of American business prosperity, and we want it, want it for the convenience of our wives and children, want it for the convenience of the moment, want it for the right of it, want it for the feel of it, for the sense of it, and for its testimonial to our righteousness and integrity.

There is a real drouth on in this country. We realize it not less than you do. Because of it, though, it is the time to sit steady in the boat. It is an affront to you, no less than a gross injustice, for the little merchant to throw "Cash Only" in your face. "Cheap for Cash" is the hue and cry.

Daily we have people tell us we are selling sundry articles for less than the so-called cash stores; and we know it is a fact. As a business man you know you can buy a whole herd of cattle cheaper than you can buy one cow. At our store there exists a parallel consideration. We buy in immense quantities—you know this—quantities that would overwhelm the little stores here. Now, think this over a bit and try to determine where your best interests can be subserved.

This, friends, is an age of great demands. You especially demand recognition of your sturdy American manhood and honesty. You demand accommodations, favors, courtesies—credit, if you please. You demand, if you are red-blooded, that your credit grow, that the confidence of your fellows shall be enhanced; that where once your credit was good for \$100, it should now be equally good for \$200. It is the plan of life to move, and we do move; it is up or it is down. You are entitled to more credit or less, and the little stores of Midland have declared you worthy of none at all. Can you stand for that? Can you tolerate the humiliation to your wife that her husband's name has been discredited, regardless of the fact that his life has been clean, his dealings square? Do you like it that the outside world shall come to consider that you and all else in Midland has gone to the bad?

You have to tolerate none of these things.

We have this to say to you: Your credit is good at the Mercantile. We want to do business with you, and do it on the legitimate, uplifting, self-satisfying planes of the past, and we are ready to go the limit of sound business procedure with you. Consider us, help us to be your helping friends at a time when all others have black-listed you. We feel that the common disaster of drouth should draw us closer together, should make us comforting friends, striving insistently and unceasingly to cheer each other until the seasons and the good times come again.

Bear all this in mind, friends, for we are conscientious and sincere. You look good to us. We know you—we trust you.

Yours co-operatively and in friendship,

May 1st, 1918.

## Midland Mercantile Company

Grocery Phone No. 6

"The Store that Saves You Money"

Dry Goods Phone No. 284

## This Store is Keeping its Stock Up in Good Shape and You will be Able to Find What You Want Here

### Child's Play Apron 50c

A new number, made of pink and blue Chambray, slip over style, trimmed in white Ric-Rac braid, no buttons, sizes 2,4,6 and 8, a splendid utility garment, and priced for less than the material would cost today. Each..... 50c

### New Bungalow Aprons

of both light and dark Percales in the new summer styles, all of fast color Scout Percales in neat styles, cool and comfortable, all sizes, at each \$1.00, 1.25 and..... \$1.35

### New Tissue Gingham

Five pieces of new Tissue Gingham this week in beautiful patterns, yard wide and a splendid quality, fast colors, the yard..... 50c

### Send the Children Here

for Tennis Shoes, Sandals, Slippers, Hosiery, etc. They get the same attention that would be accorded you in person. This store has but one price and the child gets this price, the same service, at exactly the same price that you or anyone else gets.

### Misses White Ribbed Hose

This week brought a belated shipment of Wayne Pony Hose of a specially good value in misses' white ribbed hose that we shall sell at 25c the pair, altho we could hardly buy it for that price today. As long as they last, all sizes, the pair..... 25c

### A Fair Profit

is all that we want. We are selling the greater part of our stock today for less than we could buy it, but we are making a fair profit over the purchase price, and that is all we want.

## WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

# Wadley-Patterson Comp'y

One Price--The Lowest--For Cash Only

We would like to accommodate everybody, but can not possibly do so. Midland Fuel Company. adv16 tf

Better than three out of every four cars leave the factories on Goodyear cord tires. Let the Western Auto Supply Company put a cord tire on for you the next time that you need a tire. adv20tf

## COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

**Terrible Suffering From Headache, Sideache, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.**

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Philpot, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left side. It was right under my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days... I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go... I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me. One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading the testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did, for I began to improve when on the second bottle... I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful bad health I will always praise and recommend Cardui." Try Cardui today. 78

## WHICH SHALL IT BE LIBERTY OR "KULTUR"?

The most miserable people in America today are those who were presented with the iron cross a couple of years ago and those who WON'T buy Liberty Bonds.

At heart both are German and un-American.

"Kultur" cut the tongues out of grandfathers and grandmothers who refused to betray their Belgian fighting sons to Germany.

"Kultur" turned over to German soldiers the daughters of the people who were only defending their homes and country.

"Kultur" sent the male born of these daughters to Germany to grow up as German soldiers for wars of the future.

"Kultur" bound the hands and feet of fathers and husbands and then buried them in clay, leaving their heads only above ground, so that their eyes could witness the outraging by German soldiers of their wives and daughters.

"Kultur" outraged Serbian womanhood and then drove the poor ruined creatures into the hills to starve to death.

"Kultur" has in this way murdered a million defenseless women and children.

"Kultur" sank the Lusitania with OUR women and children on board.

"Kultur" planned the same "lesson" for America.

Liberty Bonds bought NOW will save you—your children—your home from "Kultur."

—w.s.s.—  
Citation by Publication

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting: You are commanded to summon Mrs. E. C. Dickert and her husband, Mr. Dickert, by making publication

of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, which has been in general circulation for at least 12 months prior, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; to appear at the regular May term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. One, Midland County, to be holden at Midland, in said Midland County on the 27th day of May, A. D., 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 17th day of April, A. D., 1918, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1376, wherein W. J. Moran is plaintiff, and Mrs. E. C. Dickert, joined for form by her husband, Mr. Dickert, are defendants and said petition alleging that heretofore to-wit December 10th, 1914, Mrs. E. C. Dickert was a feme sole, being the widow of Geo. P. Arthur. That she executed and delivered her note in the principal sum of \$70.00 to plaintiff. Said note dated December 10th, 1914, and due November 1st, 1915, bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date until paid with the usual attorney's fee clause. Said note is past due and unpaid to plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$96.25. Plaintiff prays for judgment for principal, interest and attorney's fees being \$96.25 and for relief general and special, legal and equitable. Plaintiff makes Mr. Dickert a party to this suit for form.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, at its aforesaid May term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my official signature, at office in Midland, this 17th day of April, A. D., 1918.

R. E. Crowley, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. One, Midland County, Texas. adv. 29-4t

—w.s.s.—

Do You Enjoy Life?

A man in good physical condition is almost certain to enjoy life, while the bilious and dyspeptic are despondent, do not enjoy their meals and feel miserable a good share of the time. This ill-feeling is nearly always unnecessary. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets to tone up the stomach, improve the digestion and regulate the bowels is all that is needed. Try it. Sold by C. A. Taylor & Son. 1m

## VERSES ON COMING OF MISS MARGARET WILSON

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The verses published below were inspired in the heart and mind of our esteemed old friend, Mrs. C. L. Sterling, by the recent visit of Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson to Ft. Worth. The Reporter is greatly pleased to again hear from Mrs. Sterling and to publish her verses, eulogizing our beloved President's daughter.)

Margaret Woodrow Wilson

Margaret Woodrow Wilson like a benediction came,  
And cheerily sang to the soldier boys  
to cheer them in the game;  
Radiant, courageous, plucky, she talked  
and sang and trilled.  
A veritable queen of song is she, with  
a repertoire amazing,  
Ringing out like a carillon, from floor  
to vaulted ceiling.  
Eastern born is she, though a true  
Cosmopolite,  
Texas schemed to win her heart and  
she agreed all right.

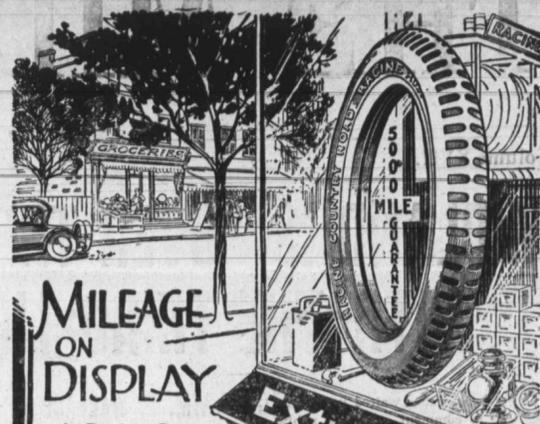
While she sang the old Southern  
songs, like "Down on Suwannee River"  
On the inmost chords of life she touched,  
and set them all a-quiver;  
"Old Kentucky Home" struck deep, 'tis  
a history writ in tears;  
"Dixie Land" brought the house to its  
feet, as it rolled back the tide of  
years.

Recent songs of the war and the times,  
melodious, thrilling, gay,  
On the wings of night their cadence  
rang out till Margaret hastened  
away.

With her she carried our love and respect,  
and our blessing forever and  
aye.

Wilson "pere" is at the head of a  
mighty, a world-wide game,  
L. for Democracy for all it is worth,  
the world is alert at the name.  
Launched he the Ship of State in war's  
wild seething water,  
Strict to the work gigantic he bends,  
asking nor giving quarter.  
On our country's altar he pledges his  
own and the Nation's ALL,  
No faltering now, ye laggards, ALL  
must help to roll the ball.  
—Cynthia Liddon Sterling.  
Aged seventy-seven.

For a Sprained Ankle  
As soon as possible after the injury



## MILEAGE ON DISPLAY

A Racine Country Road or Multi-Mile Cord Tire in our window—on your car—on your neighbor's—is mileage on display. Extra mileage, too, made certain by the many extra tests.

## RACINE Country Road and Multi-Mile Cord TIRES

These extra tests are more than ordinary tests. For instance, all rubber used in manufacture of Country Road or Multi-Mile Cord Tires—must pass a most exacting extra test for fitness. Racine Country Road Tires are Extra-Tested to pay big dividends in excess mileage. Racine Multi-Mile Cord Tires are cord tire quality worthy the name Racine Rubber Company.

## W. H. SPAULDING

For your own protection be certain every Racine Tire you buy bears the name

RACINE RUBBER COMPANY, RACINE, WIS.

is received get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and follow the plain printed directions which accompany the bottle. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. adv 1mt

Some are giving their lives  
The least YOU can do—  
Buy Liberty Bonds

### Do You Sleep Well?

To be at his best a man must have sound, refreshing sleep. When wakeful and restless at night he is in no condition for work or business during the day. Wakefulness is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Try a dose of these tablets and see how much better you feel with a clear head and good digestion. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. adv 1mt  
Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy. It is excellent. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. adv 1mt



## White Lead and Oil Certain Loopholes-

**B**E YOUR white lead and oil mixture ever so pure, it is no more fit to be used as a protective covering for your house than is pure gold suitable for a watch case.

Copper and silver are added to gold, making it an alloy and giving it wearing qualities.

And it is these very same principles that insure the wearability of

## Low's Brothers HIGH STANDARD LIQUID PAINT

To the white lead and oil are added just the right proportions of zinc and such other materials as experience has proved add to the lasting qualities of the paint.

The lead has the covering qualities—the zinc the hard protective properties. And it is so with each of the other ingredients—each one adds something to the paint either in covering, spreading, beauty or durability.

Of even more importance is the right combining of the right ingredients. HIGH STANDARD is so thoroughly ground and re-ground that the oil is completely incorporated with all the other ingredients—a thing utterly impossible with the old hand-mix method.

Come in and let us show you samples of HIGH STANDARD—made up on panels of wood just as you would paint your house.



## Burton-Lingo Company

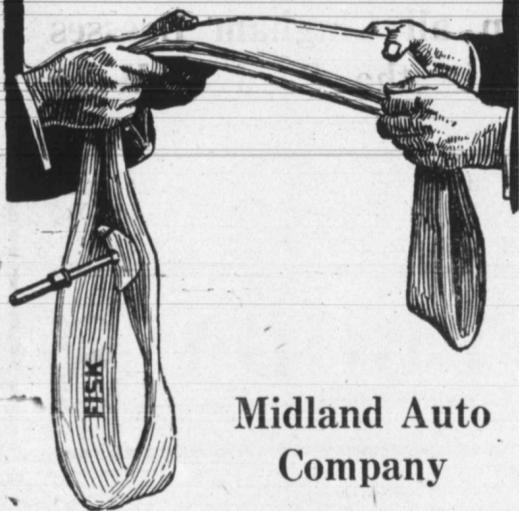
Midland, Texas

# FISK Tubes

Only pure gum tubes will withstand the pull and the wear of ordinary and extraordinary usage.

Such are

**FISK PURE PARA TUBES**  
AND  
**FISK GOLD BOND TUBES**



Midland Auto Company

**Citation by Publication**

The State of Texas  
To the Sheriff of any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to summon R. E. H. Morgan by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the 1st Monday in September, A. D., 1918, the same being the 2nd day of September, A. D., 1918, then

and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 26th day of March, A. D., 1918, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1479, wherein the Midland National Bank of Midland, Texas, a corporation is plaintiff, and R. E. H. Morgan is defendant, and said petition alleging that defendant made, executed and delivered to the plaintiff his certain promissory note for the principal sum of \$380.00, dated Midland, Texas, March 27th, 1917, due and payable to the plaintiff September 24th, 1917, bearing ten per cent interest from maturity, and providing for ten per cent additional if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if collected by suit; that as collateral thereto the defendant placed with plaintiff a vendor's lien note, dated March 10th, 1914, due March 10th, 1917, for the principal sum of \$580.00 bearing 7 per cent interest, and payable to R. T. Lankford, signed R. E. H. Morgan, in

## TO THOSE WHO COULD BUT HAVE NOT GIVEN

Mrs. C. L. Sterling sends us some verses taken from a recent issue of the Fort Worth Record. They were written by Vincent Oswald, and we publish them that they may yet pierce the calloused hearts of those who could, yet have not subscribed to the Third Liberty Loan. God knows there are some in Midland whose hearts are wrung with anguish that they could not subscribe and we are profoundly sorry for them. There are some, though, who could and have not. We are ashamed for and of them. Tomorrow is another day in which you may subscribe—the last. Read this tender sentiment to those "beloved boys of ours":

**Liberty Bonds.**

Oh, boys of ours! now pitting steel against steel  
In that titanic combat in fair France,  
Where Freedom reels before the savage drive  
Of brutal Tyranny! Oh, lads of ours!  
Upon whose brawn and brain and nerve our fate  
Depends, to whose strong arms and gallant souls  
All that we are, and have, and hope, have been—  
Consigned—Oh, boys, whose blood is our blood,  
Whose fate is more to us than our own life,  
We watch with bated breath the flaming hell  
Of that Gargantuan battle whose red maw  
Yawns hungrily to swallow what the world  
Hath gained through centuries of bloody sweat!  
Our straining ears are tensed to catch across  
The sea the roar of guns 'mid which you fight  
And die—for us!

You watch and listen, too,  
Across that selfsame sea, with pulsing hearts  
And tingling nerves, to hear soon how the folk  
For whom you fight pour forth the golden flood  
Without which all your blood were spilt in vain!  
Lo! boys of ours, that golden stream into  
A conquering tidal-wave shall grow; for well  
We know who, breathless, watch your fight, that if  
We do not give—and starve—yea, die!—for you,  
We have no right to live beneath the flag  
You proudly carry—are not worthy of  
Your precious blood, beloved boys of ours!

**Cause of Headache**

By knowing the cause, a disease may often be avoided. This is particularly true of headache. The most common cause of headache is a disordered stomach or constipation, which may be corrected by taking a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets. Try it. Many others have obtained permanent relief by taking these tablets. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. Sold by C. A. Taylor & Son, adv 1mt

Goodyear now equip more new cars than any other make combined. Western Auto Supply Company carry a full line. adv 20-if

which was retained a vendor's lien on the north one-half and the southwest one-fourth of section No. 36, in block No. 40, tsp. 1-north, in Midland and Andrews counties, Texas.

Plaintiff further alleges that there is a credit on said note of only \$25.00 on September 24th, 1917, that the balance remains unpaid, though payment has often been demanded and requested of the defendant, payment has been refused and is still refused, to plaintiff's great damage of \$700.00.

Plaintiff further alleges that said vendor's lien note above described was, by regular transfer, and for value, transferred to the plaintiff, the same being, and retaining a lien on above described land.

Plaintiff further alleges that by reason of the above mentioned facts and allegations that it has a lien on the north one-half and the southwest one-fourth of section No. 36, in block No. 40, tsp. 1-north, in Midland and Andrews Counties, Texas.

Wherefore plaintiff prays for citation of said defendant, for its debt, interest and attorney's fees and costs of suit, and for foreclosure of its vendor's lien on the above described land and premises, and that the same be decreed to be sold according to law; for order of sale, levy, sale and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction of said debt, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, in law and in equity as plaintiff may be entitled to and will ever pray.

Herein fall not but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 9th day of April, A. D., 1918. W. J. Sparks, Clerk, District Court, Midland Co., Texas. adv 27-4t

## HIS BACK TO THE WALL; HELP HIM!



Today Uncle Sam's boys are on the fighting line—right in the midst of the blood and carnage. At this moment good American youths are facing the power-crazed German hordes. Perhaps today a score of our brave lads were killed or wounded. Hundreds we know are facing privations and suffering. Shall we at home limit our interest to pity for them? No—they do not ask or want it. The boys in khaki have gone to their task willingly, most of them enthusiastically. Many of them are volunteers; all of them awaited the call with a ready spirit. The American soldier realizes he is doing a stern duty, and he does it with a will, as he does everything else. When his sense of duty drives him to extra effort, and inspires him to supreme courage, he doesn't give his bit, HE GIVES ALL.

The American soldier, like all red-blooded Americans, hates a traitor, pities a coward, and despises a slacker. Of all our troops now in France, and the millions that are to follow, there will be no cowards or slackers. From the reports of Gen. Pershing we have yet to learn from "over there," of the first deliberate slacker. And now, with all these things in view, it is unthinkable that we, with every energy and every dollar at our command, shall even for a moment hesitate to back the brave boys, many of them personally known to us, to the extreme limit. Liberty and freedom gave us the opportunity to be prosperous and comfortable, and now with our boys at the front, giving their all to preserve to us these privileges, in the name of reason, shall we hesitate to back them, not with a few dollars, given grudgingly, but with our financial life-blood, if necessary? Don't stop to argue and debate about the causes of the war, and how we might have stayed out of it, and listen to pacifists, but look the grim truth in the face: THERE IS A MAD DOG RUNNING AMUCK, AND IT MUST BE KILLED. This rabies-infected animal is biting only your neighbor and his children at present, but it can be here in a week. IF WE FAIL, IT WILL TAKE THE GERMAN FLEET OUT ONE WEEK TO REACH THESE SHORES.

**SNAPPY THOUGHTS**

From Liberty Loan Speeches.

"Gentlemen, I never made a speech in my life and 'aint goin' to now, all I say is—we're in it—let's win it."  
"Don't say you got no money. If you 'aint got none, go borrow some."

"We are going to try William Hohenzollern for murder in this Church next Wednesday. You are summoned on the jury and there will be a heavy penalty if you do not attend."

"A Chinaman went to one of our banks last week and said, 'Me buy Lib'y Bond.' 'What you want to buy one for, John,' said the Cashier, just to make conversation. 'Why no buy?' said John."

"There is only one reason why every man in America should buy Liberty Bonds—should go in rags to do it—should starve himself, if necessary to do it. And that is because it is the right thing to do. What is the difference whether Liberty Bonds pay four and one-quarter per cent, interest or no interest at all? It is the duty of every American to buy them."

"Defeat would mean ruin to the farmer; it would mean taxation to a point which would mean slavery to German masters."

"The war is a 'Family Affair.' The boys who are fighting for us have earned the affection and protection that is due to a son. They have earned the right to the title of 'Our Boys.'"

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### TEXAS SHORT LINES SEEK U. S. CONTROL

President T. J. O'Donnell, of Midland & Northwestern, On Committee to Go to Washington.

In an effort to keep the short lines of railroad in Texas under federal control and thereby retain the benefits of the act of Congress taking over the railroads during the war, representatives of the short lines at a conference in Austin last Tuesday appointed a committee to go to Washington to confer with the national railroad administration and members of congress.

It was the sentiment of the meeting that if the short lines are excluded they will be ruined. The committee consists of Railroad Commissioners Allison Mayfield and Earle B. Mayfield, Ben B. Cain, president of the Gulf, Texas & Western; A. R. Ponder, receiver and general manager of the San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf; H. A. Doison, president and general manager of the Cairo Northern; N. H. Ragland, general manager of the Paris & Mount Pleasant, and T. J. O'Donnell, president of the Midland & Northwestern.

The conference was held with the railroad commission and Mr. Cain was chosen chairman of the meeting. He reviewed what had been done in Washington in behalf of the short lines and said further effort is urgent as the threat has been made to exclude the lines and cause them to face bankruptcy. He asserted that the state needs them economically and that the business enterprises and citizens along the lines could not see them junked or cease operation. They are feeders and serve valuable territory. The President has until July 1 to exclude them. After that exclusion may come by agreement only.

It was explained that exclusion meant the short lines would not receive adequate divisions; that traffic would be diverted from them to government controlled lines; that they would be denied coal, ties and other supplies and materials, besides meeting the increased labor charges. If that happens they would be compelled to go into receivership, to cease operation or sell at a sacrifice to their connecting lines or tear up the track and junk it. Increased rates would not help because automobile trucks would take their business. There are 790 short lines in this country aggregating 30,000 miles with securities of \$1,100,000.

### INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE CONTESTS

Midland Wins First Place in Four Out of Seven Literary Contests in Recent Meet.

An account of the results of the Interscholastic League contests which were held in Midland Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th, should have been given to the press for last week's issue, but was unavoidably delayed and will be given below. In these contests Midland is to be congratulated on having won first place in four out of the seven literary contests in which she entered contestants, besides winning second and third places in the spelling contest.

First place in the senior boys' declamation contest was won by Pope Poole of Big Spring. First place in senior girls' declamation contest was won by Hallie Rhea Jowell of Midland. First place in junior boys' declamation contest was won by Cleve Baker of Midland. The first place in junior girls' declamation contest was won by Miss Neely of Barstow. First place in the spelling contest was won by Estelle Durdin of Pecos. Second and third places were won by J. Wiley Taylor, Jr., and Anna Mae Dublin, both of Midland. First place in senior girls' essay contest was won by Melrose Florey of Midland. First place in junior girls' essay contest was won by Bettie V. Trammell, of Midland. The class A division of the track meet was won by Big Spring, and the class B division by Pecos.

All in all, the interscholastic meet this year was better than ever before, in spite of adverse conditions. More schools took part and competition in the different contests was stronger than ever. We in Midland feel that we are fortunate in having the meet held here from year to year so that our people, and especially all of our children, can witness these different contests. It tends to raise our standard of efficiency.

Those of contestants winning first place in the district, together with Superintendent Lackey and a few relatives and friends, left Midland Wednesday of this week for Austin where the State meet will be held Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th. Midland people await the outcome of these contests with interest.

Leave your order for anything in cut flowers, or floral designs, with Elma F. Graves at the post office. adv

### SOLDIERS GRATEFUL FOR REMEMBRANCES

Midland Citizens Receive Letters of Appreciation From Soldier Boys in France

Among the many packages that have gone forward from Midland carrying comforts and delicacies and words of encouragement to our boys at the front were a number containing tobacco, candy and other luxuries donated by different citizens of Midland and forwarded early in the spring by M. R. Mill, proprietor of the Elite Confectionery. Two of these packages were recently heard from and the expressions of gratitude by the recipients will repay the donors an hundred fold for their thoughtfulness and tender solicitude for the boys.

One of the letters was received by H. N. Garrett and the other by A. C. Francis. They follow:

"Somewhere in France, March 12, 1918.—Dear Mr., Mrs. or Miss H. N. Garrett: How do I know whether I'm writing to a lady or gentleman? But I suppose it makes little or no difference, for I am just as thankful to you, whoever you are, for the remembrance which I received with your compliments.

"You cannot estimate the extent of appreciation, inspiration and encouragement such gifts are capable of bestowing, but greatest of all is the simple knowledge that we, who are 'over here,' are not forgotten by the loyal ones who are doing their and our duty back there—the best place in the whole world.

"This is a wonderfully interesting country, but it doesn't compare with our own home land for beauty. I had the privilege of being in your State about two months prior to my trip across, but my home is in Indiana, so of course I am a bit partial to that particular part of the United States, but here no marks of discrimination are known and we all live as one big family. We have a very fine lot of men in our squadron, representing quite a few of the States. All seem to be quite well satisfied with their work and each is doing his bit manfully, cheerfully and honorably. With the spirit that prevails among the men there can be but one ending to this world crisis, and then we'll find our way back to our native land to build up a dwelling place unequalled in this universe for peace, happiness and contentment, and we'll all be the happier for the sacrifices we have made.

"I would like to tell you of some of the interesting phases of this life, but the rules regarding such are rather rigid, so I'll not attempt to elaborate on that question.

"Again let me thank you for the contribution of tobacco, pipe and cigarettes, and would like also to hear from you. May I?

"Sincerely,  
"CHAS. E. PATE,  
"636 Aero Squadron, Via N.Y. A. E. F."

"France, March 14, 1918.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Francis—Dear Friends: I hope you will excuse me for the liberty I am taking in addressing you as I have. But, to tell the truth, I could not do anything else, nor wouldn't if I could, after receiving your gift to one of the boys 'over there.'

"This gift of yours was very much appreciated for, as you may know, cigarettes are a particular weakness with most of the boys over here—especially good American cigarettes. "I would like very much to send you as long a letter as I could, but as I do not know what would interest you most, I will just tell of the general happenings amongst the boys and a bit about how we get along with our French and also the French people. It all would make a very long story, but to give a good description, as briefly as possible, is about the best I can do for the present. However, I hope I will be able to do a little more in that direction in the future.

"First of all, I will say most of us get along in very good shape with both the French people and their language. We are helped considerably by the fact that the French people are as eager to learn our language and our ways as we are to learn theirs. So you see our desires over here are somewhat mutual. Of course you will find some people here who are contrary to those described above, as you would wherever you might go.

"The climate here is extremely good. While you people in the States were having severe cold and also snow storms, we were enjoying some very good weather. In fact, the weather here reminded me very much of late spring-time back home. Just at present the weather is great.

"I will have to close for this time as I have just about overstepped my limit. So as I am about through I wish to thank you most heartily for

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your gift, which I was lucky enough to receive. Quite a few of the boys here received some of the shipment from the people of your town. I will say goodbye for the present, hoping to hear from you in the future.

"With regards,  
"GEORGE J. MALEK,  
"636 Aero Squadron, A. E. F."  
"P. S. I spent most of last summer in your home state, at San Antonio."  
—w.s.—

### MEETING OF TEXAS FARMERS CONGRESS

Get a Lesson From a Bit of Personal History and Attend at College Station in July.

There was once upon a time a horticulturist who married a young lady school teacher. This school teacher was broad minded but her duties prevented her from knowing all the great advantages that are derived from a life upon the farm.

Last year this horticulturist took his wife with him to attend the Farmers Congress just in order to give her a vacation and the pleasure of the trip, which in itself is a good motive and proper. But he did not realize that so much good would be done.

This wife attended one of the poultry lectures, got interested, met the leading poultry people of the State. From the knowledge and interest gained there, she kept on reading about poultry. As a result she now has started a little business of her own and so far is successful besides getting a great deal of pleasure out of it. The net result is that one more person has been added to assist the great problem of food production of the country.

In addition to getting interested in poultry, she learned much from attending the lectures provided, especially upon the topic of preventing poor health by attending the lectures of Dr. Covington. Then her acquaintance has been broadened from a local neighborhood one, to that of a statewide one, and each statewide person represents the better talent of their own local communities.

This wife is going again this summer, this time not just for the mere trip, but to broaden her field of knowledge and also to find out more details about the matter she is interested in. Then it will be a pleasurable and profitable one, and not an expensive and idle one.

So you men who have not taken your wives before, be sure to take her this time. You will find it worth while. And you men who have never gone before, go this year and start right by taking your wife.

The Texas Farmers Congress will

hold its 21st annual session at College Station, on July 29th, 30th and 31st, to which one and all are invited and urged to attend and especially those persons who are interested in agriculture. Take a lesson from the young lady school teacher who married the horticulturist and gain many valuable things from the Congress while enjoying a pleasant outing at the same time.

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