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## DISTINCTION LIST FOR THIRD MONTH

Total Enrollment of 506, Monthly Attendance of 468, and 162 On Distinction List

The third month of the present session of our city schools closed Friday, December 6th, 1918, with a total enrollment for the term of 506, a monthly attendance for the third month of 468, and with 162 pupils making averages of 85 or better for the month.

There were only 22 tardies for the entire month, and the following rooms averaged 95 or more in attendance for the month:

Miss McKee's room, 96.73 per cent.  
Miss Green's room, 96.57 per cent.  
Mr. Nelson's room, 95.36 per cent.  
Miss Boyce's room, 95.11 per cent.

**Spanish Teacher for High School**  
It is a matter of congratulation to her many friends and to the high school that Miss Nellie Elkin, one of Midland's brightest and most highly accomplished young ladies, has accepted the position of Spanish teacher in the high school. Miss Elkin is a graduate of Midland College and of T. C. U., receiving the B. A. degree from the latter named institution. She has taught one year in one of the best schools in Texas for two years in Midland College and one term in the Wichita Falls high school, resigning her position as head of the Spanish department in the latter school to accept the same position in our high school. Wherever she has taught she has met with excellent success and comes to us a teacher of the best equipment, of special training for her special work, and of successful experience.

Below are given the names of those pupils in the city schools, together with their averages for the third month, who made grades of 85 or more for the month. The numbers after the names in the high school department indicate the number of courses carried by the different students respectively:

High School	
Summa Cum Laude (90 or more)	
Carolyn Caldwell, 5	98
Thelma Estes, 5	96.5
Lena Whitmore, 5	96.25
Bryan Hull, 5	96
Grace Terry, 5	95.5
Ruth Terry, 5	95
Margaret Caldwell, 5	95
Quinnie Cordill, 5	94.45
Rebecca Underwood, 4	92.2
Marion Allen, 5	92
Roy Stark, 5	90.45
Magna Cum Laude (85 to 89)	
Frederick Whitfield, 5	89.35
Lillie Pliiska, 4	89.2
Clifford Heath, 5	89.25
Betty Trammell, 5	89.25
Annie Lee Brown, 4	89.14
Roxey Nugent, 5	87.45
Gladys Buchanan, 4	87.14
Eileen Harrison, 5	87
Lois Hutchison, 4	87
Tennie Lee Bradshaw, 4	86.14
Winnie Runyan, 4	86.14
Frances Miller, 5	86
Angelo Benton, 5	86
Jessie King, 4	85.34
Herman Klapproth, 5	85.35
Fayette Clark, 4	85.14
Faye Taylor, 5	85.15
Delia Forester, 4	85
Grammar School—Central Ward	
Summa Cum Laude (90 or more)	
Oriel Horton	96.56
J. Wiley Taylor	96.12
H. B. Dunagan, Jr.	95.23
Evellin Estes	94.56
Georgia Kirk Davis	94.12
Thalbert Thomas	94.13
Josephine Skeen	94.15
Margaret Callaway	94
Jennie Elkin	93.45
Sue Terry	93.12
Truman Nance	93.16
Margaret Frances	93
Maurine Tigner	92.45
Barron Wadley	92.25
Jean Smith	92.16
Myrtle Whitmore	92
Virginia Hale	91.45
Clarice Hull	91.35
Jack Patterson	91.35
Berlice Norwood	91.18
Louise Karkalits	91.16
Emily Flanigan	91
Drotha Johnson	91
Mary Frances Norwood	91
Robert McKissick	90.45
Elizabeth Smith	90.45
Martin Bradford	90.23
Junie Tucker	90.23
Lucile Dowdy	90.12
Thomas Jefferson Potter	90.25
Velma Puckett	90.25
Benjamin Anthony	90.15
Ruth Norwood	90.15
D. W. Brunson	90
Fred Girdley	90
Ralph Hearrell	90
Ora Mae Parks	90
Magna Cum Laude (85 to 89)	
C. W. Hearrell	89.56
Charles Watson	89.13
Rebecca Brumby	88.56
Fannie Floyd	88.56
Gladys Inman	88.56
Lucile Thomas	88.36
Wesley Henry	88.12
Harwell Whitmore	88.25
Virginia Coyll	88.13
Urtzel Whitmore	88.15
Tommie Smith	88
Annie Lee Brunson	87.56
Maggie Heron	87.12
Melba Baker	87
Eulalah Beacham	87
Jewell Moseley	87
Minnie Rita Hutchison	86.23

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## HOME MERCHANTS VS. MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Now That Prosperity Bids to Dwell Again With Us, Enters Mail Order Bum

Recently we had a Winona Mills agent here. He got some fat orders. So will others of his ilk. Had you noticed, though, the conspicuous absence of these parties during our recent months of death-adversities? He wasn't on hand. He always lets the home merchants look after things in times like these, times when money is scarce and hard to get, times when there is "not much doing;" but, gaily he sails in when the sun shines again. Following is an old line of argumen- that will continue to hold good:

"Every dollar sent out to mail order houses, is gone from that town and community forever; whereas, if that money was spent with your local merchant, it would circulate locally and benefit your community, and chances are that part of it would eventually find its way back to your own pocket."

"Your local merchant is constantly solicited for a contribution to aid churches, charitable institutions, etc., and in addition pays city taxes, and is always willing to assist in the rebuilding of your town, as it is such co-operation that builds it up, and fulfills the duties of citizenship."

"How much do mail order houses contribute to any charitable institutions, the education of your children, the upbuilding of your town to make it a better place for yourself and family to live in, or give employment to your citizens?"

"Such acts they never were guilty of. The only interest they have in your town and community is what money they get out of it, which makes that town just so much poorer."

"If your local merchant could do business on the same cash basis as mail order houses, have the use of your money ten to fifteen days before you receive your goods, and sustain no losses at the end of the year from bad accounts, they would not only compete in prices, but could undersell them."

## FIFTH LOAN TO BE LAUNCHED IN APRIL

Judge DeArmond Visited in El Paso Last Week to Confer With Authorities

Judge J. M. DeArmond returned Sunday night from El Paso, where he had been called, together with Liberty Loan Chairman from New Mexico, Arizona and West Texas, for a meeting with Lewis B. Franklin, director of the Liberty Loan division of the Treasury Department at Washington, and J. W. Hoopes, deputy governor of the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas. Judge DeArmond had the following to say relative to results of his trip:

"This meeting was called at the request of Mr. Franklin for the purpose of getting at first hand the conditions prevailing in this Southwestern country, in order that the government might intelligently and justly fix the quota to be placed upon us when the fifth Liberty Loan is offered."

"Mr. Franklin stated that the Southwest had made an enviable record in patriotism, that achievements of this part of the country will stand up with those of any part of the United States, in spite of the fact that business conditions here were at a low ebb, and that the government realized that it had made tremendous demands on this section of the country, and in view of the splendid response heretofore made and the further fact that we were still suffering from the drought of the past two years, the government intended to deal easily with us in the fifth loan."

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"Some are more fortunate than others in the possession of worldly goods, and do not have to look to local merchants for assistance, whereas there are many not so fortunate and go to him for accommodation, and he sometimes has to wait months for his money, and in many instances they fail to meet their obligations at all. Such conditions have forced many a merchant into bankruptcy."

## NEWS NOTES FROM MIDLAND COLLEGE

Several Programs Rendered and Others Prospective Have Created Much Interest

Mr. W. A. Vest, of Monahans, was a visitor at the College Wednesday. Miss Lena Holland, member of the piano department, returned from Brownwood Tuesday morning, after being detained there a week after the holidays by influenza.

The Wilsonian Literary Society impersonated the Pershing Society Tuesday morning at the chapel hour. Mr. George Davis, of Benjamin, and Miss Sammie Favor, of Knox City, have entered school since the last report. Miss Iris Estes has also entered and will be graduated from the college department in May. She is also taking the business course.

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The college management is highly appreciated by the students, moral and financial, which they have received from citizens of Midland during the present session. First, a substantial sum was donated and expended to receive an S. A. T. C. unit for the college. These citizens not only gave their money but they went out in person to something over 25 different counties and canvassed western towns for students. It was not possible to secure the required number of students. Later, various citizens of the town donated to a maintenance fund to help the college through its most trying year. Now that the war and drought have released their hold on business conditions and the situation of coming back to normal, the college is profoundly thankful for the co-operation of the community and wishes to thank each one individually for any helpful word and every dollar employed in the college interest.

## HAS LEASED THE SOUTH CAMP PASTURE

Jim Whittington, of Amarillo, was a visitor to Midland last week, shipping to South Camp of the "C" ranch, via the M. & N. W., 2000 yearling heifers. Mr. Whittington has secured from Elkin Bros. a lease on the South Camp pasture.

## AFTER AN ABSENCE OF THIRTEEN MONTHS

C. E. Smith, yet a citizen of Midland, was with us last week, after an absence of thirteen months. He is a ship-carpenter at Beaumont, and related some very interesting facts relative to his new work. His wage is 80 cents per hour with time and a half over-time and double on Sunday. One Sunday he made over \$23. He expects to return to Midland so soon as the government releases him, or has no further need of his services.

## RABBITS PROPOSED TO INCREASE SUPPLY

Meat Shortage is World Wide and Texas Industrial Congress Suggests Economic Help

The Reporter has rather frequently suggested that the Belgian hare would greatly help out the worldwide meat shortage. We are glad to publish the following supplemental argument recently offered by W. C. Barrikman, secretary of the Texas Industrial Congress:

"Much interest is being manifested throughout the State in raising Belgian hares for a family meat supply. The Congress is receiving many inquiries daily as to how to grow these and other varieties of domestic rabbits. It is only within the past few years that the value of the hare as a meat producing animal has become generally known, and it is a matter of general surprise when people learn that a good breeding doe will produce 300 pounds of meat in a year."

"The doe should not be bred until she is at least eight months old. The buck should be a good one, as in breeding we look to him for color and to the does for size and shape."

"After breeding, the doe should be placed in a hutch where she is to raise her family. They may be expected in 30 days from the time of service. A nest box in a secluded spot as possible should be placed in the hutch. It should have a cover so that the top can be removed and the young rabbits examined after the doe has littered. Not more than four litters of eight or ten rabbits should be raised a year."

"The young rabbits grow very rapidly, and double in size in a very short time. Their care is not difficult. The mother doe takes nearly all of the responsibility, but she needs an extra allowance of food, and it should be of a milk producing kind."

"As soon as the young rabbits come out of the nest box they should be fed bread and alfalfa hay. When they are six weeks or two months old they should be weaned. Rabbits should be fed regularly as other animals, two a day. They should not have much grain at a time than they will clean up in half an hour after feeding. If possible, alfalfa hay should be kept before them all the time. They are cleanly in their habits, and are fond of almost all vegetables. Oats and hay, however, form their main supply. Plenty of fresh, clean water should be kept before them at all times."

"Almost any kind of building that is reasonably warm in winter will answer for shelter. If possible, however, the rabbits should have a grass runway, and it should be protected from dogs by poultry netting. Especial care should be taken to make the hutch rat-proof, as rats are extremely destructive to young rabbits."

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK GLOOMY IN TEXAS

Oklahoma Also Comes in For Calamities Predicted by U. S. Chamber of Commerce

Presumably, and in the minds of the people of Texas, conditions were never more promising. Especially is this so in West Texas, where seasons were never better. This despite weather forecasts to the contrary. In his forecast published Jan. 7th, Foster says:

"It is too early for the government to be alarmed about having to pay the farmers a billion dollars bonus on the 1919 wheat crop. Let Australia and South America sell their grain at low prices. I advise American farmers to hold their products for the present. I believe that before 1919 crops are matured we will have the greatest demand ever known in this country for farm products, particularly for grain and cotton. I believe that much of the winter grain crop, now in excellent condition, will be plowed up in the spring, and farmers should begin to think it over as to what spring crops should be planted and sown where the winter grain crop will have been killed. That question, of course, will depend on the crop weather following May 1st."

In a previous forecast, published about a month ago, Foster was even more gloomy, predicting that the rains are gradually leaving North America for South America. Aiding and abetting these foreboding predictions the United States Chamber of Commerce gets out a bulletin every week, says the Dallas News in a recent editorial, which purports to show the crop outlook and business conditions in the several states of the Union, and the position of Texas and Oklahoma is far from flattering. The bulletin uses text and map, the office of the map being to illustrate the text. The map presented by the current number of the Chamber's bulletin is interesting. It is interesting because it shows the conditions to be "good" in something like twenty-nine of the States; "fair" in fifteen or sixteen of them, and "poor" in only two of them. It is particularly interesting because of the further fact that Texas is the only State which, almost in its entirety, is pictured as being in the midst of a "poor" condition, facing poor prospect. Oklahoma, to be sure, is painted in colors almost as dark, but "fair" is applied to it, much larger part of Oklahoma than of Texas. One gathers from this map which the United States Chamber of Commerce has just promulgated, that there is a little island of present and prospective prosperity down in the vicinity as one would guess, of Navasota or Hemstead, surrounded on all sides by a condition of poor business and poor prospect. What makes this part of the Chamber's map particularly interesting is, of course, that the report it makes is so radically at variance with the notions which we in Texas had formed.

The fact is, continues the News, we believe, that business conditions in Texas are better than they ordinarily are at this season of the year, and few people would think it an exaggeration to call them "good." What would make them good if all other causes were lacking is that Texas has a larger quantity of cotton on hand than ever before at this time of year, and cotton which commands a higher price than was ever obtained for any crop. As to the crop outlook, it was never more promising at this season.

The Chamber's bulletin recognizes that Texas has a larger acreage in wheat than ever before, but it makes no note of two other facts, one that the conditions of the crop is unprecedentedly good, and the other, that it is assured of a price more than twice the normal. More important still, a drought that lasted as long as three years in some parts of the State has been ended, so abundantly ended that the season in the ground is everywhere probably better than any that can be recalled. On the whole, Texas contemplates the present with confidence, and the bulletin of the United States Chamber of Commerce utterly misrepresents both the fact and the prospect.

Substantiating the brighter predictions of the News, The Reporter offers that even if no more rain fell in this western section before May, our prospects are fairer than for many years past. There is now sufficient moisture in the ground to insure early grass and to bring up early crops. With May rains, or even June or July rains, we are absolutely all right, and despite all the gloom that may be predicted, 1919 makes an early bid, rosy-hued indeed, that before it closes West Texas will have come again into its own.

## CATTLE WERE NEVER IN FINER CONDITION

J. J. Williams and wife were in the first of the week from Seminole. Mr. Williams stated that his cattle were never in better condition at this season of the year. He is feeding only 38 cows with young calves, out of 800 head on his ranch six miles north of Seminole. Nor does he expect to increase the number very materially, for his grass is fine and sufficient to last until spring, when grass is sure to come early on account of the fine season now in the ground.

# Wadley - Patterson Company's January Clearance Sale

## Will Continue Another Week---to Saturday, the 25th

### All Winter Merchandise Must Go. Don't Wait. Buy What You Need Now

#### Remember

Everything is not on sale, we are disposing of every dollar's worth of Winter Merchandise, seasonable merchandise that we can but staple goods are not reduced, for we are selling them now for less than we can buy them for.

#### In the Ready-to-Wear

The exceptional business in this department the first week makes us want to clear out every possible item from this stock and to this end we have reduced the prices on positively every article in this department.

Find what you want, the price is the least and last thing to consider at this Clearance Sale.

One lot genuine Heatherbloom Petticoats in plain and floral designs, each \$1.85

One lot of waists, values up to \$4.50 in Voiles, Organdies and Novelty materials, choice of the lot \$1.85

One lot of waists, values \$1.50, choice of the lot .95c

Every Skirt, every Coat, every Dress in the house, at Clearance Sale. Only a few left, but every one a bargain.

Children's Gingham Dress at less than the material is worth. Sizes 6 to 16 in dresses that are worth \$2.85. Clearance Sale, each \$1.90

#### A Big Saving on Shoes

All Odd Lots. All Broken Sizes. Men's, Boys, Women's, additional lots have been thrown into this sale since the first week, to clean out the stock thoroughly.

Two styles in a man's Gun Metal Lace Shoe, one in a medium dress toe and the other in a wide roomy toe. Genuine Goodyear Welts. Worth not less than \$5.00 the pair today. To close, the pair \$3.95

One lot of Boy's Gun Metal shoes, good, heavy, serviceable soles, some buttons, some laces. Sizes up to 6; a splendid school shoe, to close, the pair \$2.45

A few sizes left in Ladies Colored Kid Boots, the finest shoes that has ever been sold in Midland, worth \$12.50 the pair. Grey, Brown and Field Mouse colors. Choice, the pair \$9.75

A table of every pair of odds and ends in the house, values up to \$7.50 mostly, small sizes, 2 2 1-2, 3 and 3 1-2. If you can find your size, take them at, the pair \$3.95

No goods sent on approval from The Ready-To-Wear Department. All sales final in this department, on account of the very limited stock.

This does not apply to any other department other than THE READY-TO-WEAR.

#### Dress Goods

All Serges, all Wool Suitings, Poplins, etc., go in this sale to close. Staple Gingham and such goods are not reduced, for we are selling them now for less than we could buy them, but throughout the stock all odds and ends, short lengths, etc., will be tagged to close at reduced prices.

\$1.00 values in French and Storm Serge to close, the yard .80

\$1.25 values in French and Storm Serges, the yard .95

\$1.50 all wool Serges to close, the yard 1.20

\$2.00 all wool French Serge, 48 inches wide, the yard 1.60

\$2.35 all wool Poplins, 44 inches wide, the yard 1.85

65c Plaid Suitings reduced to .45

40c Plaid Suitings reduced to .50

35c quality yard wide Cotton Poplins, the yard 22 1-2c

65c quality Silk Poplins reduced to .48

\$1.25 quality yard wide Silk Poplins reduced to .95c

35c quality fancy Poplins reduced to 22 1-2c

All odds and ends tagged to close at reduced prices.

You will certainly appreciate the values that this store offers you in this Clearance Sale. It is a time to practice economy and thrift.

ALL MAIL ORDERS GIVEN PROMPT ATTENTION. Write us what you want. Even if it isn't on sale, we will give you better values than you can get elsewhere.

#### Bargains from Every Department

Men's blue and striped Overalls, all sizes, the pair \$1.95

Boys' Overalls, stripes, sizes 5 to 15, the pair 1.20

Boys' Overalls, solid blue, sizes 5 to 15, the pair 1.25

Ray Stockings, black or white, sizes 5 to 8-1-2, the pair .40

Big rolls Quilt Cotton, each .75

Palm Olive Soap, the cake .10

40c quality extra heavy unbleached Canton Flannel .30

35c quality Bleached Canton Flannel .35

Children's genuine E. Z. Union Suits, each .90

One lot Ladies' black cotton Stockings, the pair .12

One lot genuine Heatherbloom Petticoats, each 1.85

One lot of Men's heavy black cotton Sox, the pair .20

Boys' \$1.25 Union Suits, sizes 12, 14, 16, the suit 1.00

Boys' \$1.00 quality Union Suits, sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, each .90

One lot Men's heavy Flannelette Shirts, worth \$1.75, each 1.25

Floral designs in extra quality feather ticking, the yard .55

Floral designs in 60c quality quilt Sateen, the yard .45

3 pieces flowered quilt calico, worth 25c the yard .19

3 pieces yard wide quilting Prints, worth 35c the yard 22 1-2c

Every piece of Curtain material, all Cretons, all fancy Sateens, reduced for this sale.

#### It's Winter Goods You Want

and this is the merchandise that's on sale at this Clearance. You will get your dividends right now in the saving that you make on these goods. No chance. No waiting.

#### Men's and Boys' Clothing

Men's and Boys' pants Mackinaws, Overcoats, Suits, at this Clearance Sale prices.

Boy's extra quality, corduroy Knickerbocker school pants, sizes 7 to 18, the pair \$1.55

Only a few boy's suits left. All on sale, including the Marx-made corduroy suits, at \$5.85

Men's \$3.50 all wool Pants, to close \$6.45

Men's \$6.75 Pants, offered to close at, the pair \$5.35

Men's \$6.00 Pants at this sale, the pair \$5.15

Men's \$5.85 Pants offered at, the pair \$4.95

Men's \$5.00 Pants, the pair \$3.85

A few good numbers to close at \$2.75 to \$3.15

#### Overcoats

Only a few left, both boys' and men's, just about half what any store would have to pay for them today. Pick quick. They are bargains supreme. MEN'S AND BOYS' MACKINAW-SUITS DON'T WAIT, THEY'RE BARGAINS.

#### Draperies, Scrims, Etc.

Lace Curtains, Cretonnes, Sateens, to close at this Clearance Sale.

One lot White Marquessette Curtains with lace insertion that were \$3.25 the pair, have been reduced to, the pair \$2.15

One lot Cream Marquessette Curtains with lace insertion, have been reduced to, the pair \$2.65

One lot Ecru Scrim Curtains with lace insertion, have been reduced from \$2.75 to, the pair \$1.80

One lot White Scrim Curtains with lace insertion, have been reduced from \$1.65 to \$1.05

These lots have from four to six pairs to the lot.

Beautiful designs in floral sateen for quilts, reduced from 60c the yard to 40c

Three Pound Quilt Cotton, the roll .75c

### Prove that their fighting was worth white

Prove to those boys that they have fought and WON. Prove to them that the HOMES THEY FOUGHT FOR ARE REAL HOMES—not like those of France and Belgium which they could only AVENGE.

Let the HOME BUILDINGS SMILE A WELCOME. Do not permit a sagging gate or a leaning porch to bring back recollections of those days and nights of horror in RUINED FRANCE.

PAINT—REPAIR—REMODEL—IMPROVE—Make good for those boys who have made good on their part. Let them look at buildings that are WORTH WHILE BEING FOUGHT FOR.

Let's make it a real "HOME-COMING," not a "Shack Visit!" They saw enough of that over there. They fought for us—we can surely build for them.

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Are recognized as one of the supreme strains of Standard-bred poultry, built upon the best blood lines to be found in America; are unexcelled for type, color, vigor, and marvelous egg production. Now booking orders for EGGS FOR HATCHING FROM GRAND MATINGS

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#### HERE FROM EL PASO ON PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS

Attorney E. M. Whitaker, a former townsman, now of El Paso, was here for a day or two this week, on professional business, attendant upon county court. We did not talk with him, further than to learn that he and his family are in good health.

#### TO GIVE MRS. ROOSEVELT FIVE THOUSAND YEARLY

The U. S. Senate this week voted Mrs. Theo. Roosevelt a yearly allowance of \$5000, together with franking privileges. Why? The Roosevelt estate is valued at \$500,000. The allowance, however, has not yet been approved by the House.

There were a number of railroad men in Midland this week attendant upon the annual meeting of the M. & N. W. Ry. Co. We were unable to secure their names.

See if your subscription to The Reporter is not due. If so, please pay up. Price \$1.50 the year.

#### Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, County of Midland

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. G. Davis, 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 held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D., 1919, the same being the 3rd day of February, A. D., 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of December, A. D., 1918, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1509, wherein E. Emmett Reid, is plaintiff, and J. G. Davis, R. B. Caldwell and J. L. Lonsford, are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore on or about the 13th day of January, 1908, one L. C. Powell, being the owner, sold and by his deed in writing transferred to the defendant, J. G. Davis, six hundred and seventy-five acres of land lying and being situated in Andrews County, Texas, and described as Section No. 18, block A53, surveyed for the public free schools of the state of Texas. That on the same date said Davis, as a part consideration for said land, made, executed and delivered to said Powell, eight promissory notes, in writing in the sum of \$3750 each, and each of said notes called for eight per cent interest

from January 1st, 1910, till paid per annum. That each of said notes retained the Vendor's Lien in and upon said land securing the payment thereof, and said lien was retained in said deed from said Powell to said Davis, conveying said land as aforesaid.

That each of said notes provided that if they were not paid at maturity and placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, then an additional ten per cent on the principal and interest due should be added thereto as collection fees, and become due and payable as such, and it was further provided in said notes that the interest thereon should be payable annually and if not so paid the said unpaid interest should bear interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum and if so provided in said notes that they should be paid at said Midland, Texas.

That by the execution and delivery of said notes by the said Davis, as aforesaid, he promised, agreed and became liable to pay said notes in full, together with said interest and attorney's fees to said Powell, or to his order. That said notes have been placed in the hands of E. A. Cox, an attorney at law to collect, and suit is here now filed to collect said notes. That the plaintiff, for a valuable consideration is the owner of five of said notes to-wit: Notes Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and became the

owner for such valuable consideration long before the maturity of either of said notes and is now the owner and owner of said notes, together with the Vendor's Lien therein retained against said land as aforesaid. That this plaintiff does not know and will not undertake to say whether or not the first three of said notes are paid or not, and if paid to whom paid, and if not paid, plaintiff says, he does not who holds the same, but plaintiff says that the five of said notes held and owned by him as aforesaid, have not been paid and no part thereof has been paid not even the interest or any part thereof, and that of said four notes they matured as follows: Note No. 4 matured on January 1st, 1913; Note No. 5 matured January 1st, 1914; Note No. 6 matured January 1st, 1915; Note No. 7 matured January 1st, 1916; Note No. 8, matured January 1st, 1917, and all of said eight notes are long since due and neither of the five notes held by this plaintiff has ever been paid, or any part thereof, and that all of said notes were executed by said Davis and payable to said Powell, or order at said Midland, Texas.

That the defendants Caldwell and Lonsford, are setting up some kind of a pretended claim to said land, and claiming to own the same or some interest therein, but that what ever right or claim they or either of

them have to said land is inferior to and subordinated to the claim of this plaintiff and they are each made parties hereto, that the court may adjudicate their interest in said land, if any they have.

Premises considered plaintiff prays that citation issue hereon to each and all of the defendants as by law provided, and that upon a final hearing hereof, plaintiff have his judgment against said Davis, as maker of said notes for the amount of the principal, interest and attorney's fees called for in said five notes held by the plaintiff as hereinbefore set out a foreclosure of the Vendor's Lien retained in said notes and deed in and upon said land, for order of sale, writ of possession, costs of suit and for all such relief, either general or special, in law or equity, to which he may show himself entitled, as in duty bound he will ever obey.

H. H. Hill Not, but have before said ... 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 1st day of January, A. D., 1919.

C. B. DUNAGAN, (Seal) Clerk District Court, Midland Co. adv 14-4t

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## NEW TOLL LINE RATES SOON TO BE EFFECTIVE

The Post Master General has just issued a very important order, standardizing toll rates throughout the country, effective January 21, 1919. This order is very long, including several pages of schedules and computed rates, etc.

The important features of the order are as follows:

1. "Station to Station" Basis. It establishes as a basis for toll charges, "station to station" calls (that is, a call for a certain telephone or station instead of a certain person. For distance less than 0 miles, the rates are:

0 to 6 miles	5c
6 to 12 miles	10c
12 to 18 miles	15c
18 to 24 miles	20c
24 to 32 miles	25c
32 to 40 miles	30c
For distances above 40 miles:	
40 to 48 miles	35c
48 to 56 miles	40c

For each additional 8 miles or fraction thereof, 5c added. The distances are figured air-line from center to center of blocks 7 miles square up to 350 miles; from center to center of 35-mile sections above that.

2. "Person to Person" Calls: The foregoing rates are, as stated, only for "station to station" calls. For any particular person—known as a "person to person" call, the rate is approximately 25 per cent more than the "station to station" rate. A table of computed "person" rates is furnished with the order. No person-to-person rate is less than 20c.

3. Appointment Calls are to be charged for at approximately 50 per cent more than "station to station" rate.

4. A Report Charge of approximately one-fourth the station-to-station (or initial) rate is made when reports are furnished the calling party under certain circumstances; when a "particular person" called cannot be reached in one hour, exclusive of telephonic or circuit delays, etc.; when the called person refuses to talk; when the report is returned that called party is out of city, etc.; when calling party is not ready to talk or cannot be found when connection is ready, etc. Report charges are not less than 10c and not more than \$2.

From this you will note that on most "person to person" calls filed, a charge of some kind may and in many cases will be made whether the parties talk or not. Specific details of these report charges are given in the order, together with computed tables of "station to station," "person to person," "report" and other rates.

5. Messenger Calls: Where a messenger must be sent, necessitating the additional circuit use for O. K. of messenger charges, etc., the rate is the same as that applied to ap-

# Telephone Toll Rates Notice

Effective at midnight of the twentieth day of January, 1919, new toll rates will apply by order of the Postmaster General of the United States.

These changes are sweeping in their scope and affect every one who may have occasion to use long distance. The rates will be on file at the office of the Company.

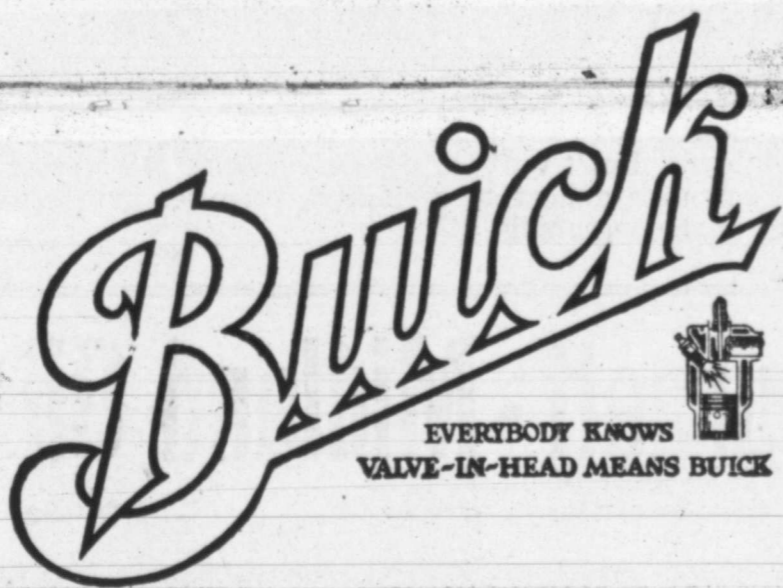
Folders explaining these rates and different classifications of the same are now to be had at the office, and every toll patron is requested to secure one that he may know the basis of charges and so avoid any misunderstanding of the same.

These rates apply to practically every point in the United States except locally.

Owing to the various classifications of rates to the same point it is essential that you know which rate to ask for to secure the service desired and the cheapest rate that applies.

Charges are made in some instances even when you do not get to talk to the party called for; you should know when these apply.

**The Western Telephone Co.**  
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## Revised Prices

The assurance of material for quantity production of Buick cars enables the Buick Motor Company to establish the following prices on the various Buick models, effective January first, 1919.

These prices will not be changed during our present dealers' selling agreements.

- Three Passenger Open Model H-Six-44 - \$1495
- Five Passenger Open Model H-Six-45 - 1495
- Four Passenger Closed Model H-Six-46 - 1985
- Five Passenger Closed Model H-Six-47 - 2195
- Seven Passenger Open Model H-Six-49 - 1785
- Seven Passenger Closed Model H-Six-50 - 2585

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pointment calls—that is, approximately 50 per cent more than the initial or base rate, plus the amount paid the messenger. No messenger calls will be taken where the base rates is less than 15c.

6. Collect Calls: "Station to station" calls—that is, calls on the "base rate," cannot be sent collect or "reversed." All collect calls will therefore take at least the person-to-person rate.

In General: This order will be easier understood if you will keep it clearly in mind that there is a base or "initial" rate, which is for station-to-station service, and that all other classes of service, such as calls for a particular person, appointment calls, messenger calls, collect calls, etc., take the base plus an extra charge for the additional work which has to be done by the telephone company. Here before all these classes of service have taken the same rate—after January 20th they take different rates.

### Night Rates, Etc

Two classes of night rates are established:

1. For service between 8:30 p. m. and midnight. These rates are approximately one-half the day rates for a similar class of service, but no rate is less than 25c under this class.

2. From midnight to 4:30 a. m. These rates are approximately one-fourth the day rate for a similar class of service, but no rate is less than 25c.

### Overtime Rates

When the base rate is up to and including 25c, the initial period—that is, the time allowed for the charge quoted—is 5 minutes.

When the base rate is 30c or even, the initial period is 3 minutes.

Computed overtime charges are furnished with the order.

MIDLAND TELEPHONE CO.

### ENTERTAINMENT FOR CATTLEMEN IN DALLAS

With more than two months for preparation, as compared with a much shorter time last year, Colonel Frank P. Holland, chairman of the general entertainment committee of the Chamber of Commerce for the cattlemen's convention, March 18-20, feels that the stay of the men from the ranges will be made even more pleasant this year than last.

"For one thing we have the advantage of last year's experiences," Col. Holland said. "We know just what features pleased the cattlemen the most. I was delighted that all my former committee will serve, with the exception of Hal Noble, who, unfortunately for Dallas, received a promotion that took him to Houston. In a short time I will announce his successor."

Tentative plans and arrangements are under way by the committee, pending a conference with the executive committee of the cattlemen. One feature will be entertainment of visiting women on a more extensive

scale, as it is understood that the number of cattlemen's wives who will attend this year will perhaps be larger than at any previous convention.

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SOCIETY

By L. G. W., Phone 88

Mrs. Marvin Ulmer, Hostess

One of the charming parties which made last week unusually gay, was given Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Marvin Ulmer very prettily entertained the T. E. L. class of the Baptist Sunday School.

Bridge Party

One of the very charming courtesies honoring Mrs. Francis Gary last week was the bridge party given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoff on Thursday evening.

Roasted pig, Apple sauce, Saratoga chips, Hot biscuits and coffee.

One especially attractive feature, and one that treated much fun, was the gentleman served the ladies, and they really carried their trays with as fine a "technique" as honest-to-goodness waiters.

Music Program at Midland College

Next Wednesday morning at 9:45, Mr. Ned and Miss Lydia G. Watson, at the invitation of the junior class, gave a musical program at Midland College.

Miss Hallie Rhea Jowell, the class president, very appropriately presented Mr. and Miss Watson to the faculty and student body.

Complimentary Dinner

Mr. Hugh Wight, who has but recently returned from service in England, was the guest of honor at a beautifully appointed dinner Monday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anthony, as host and hostess.

Covers were laid for Mr. Hugh Wight, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea, Misses Boyce, Green and Tally; Messrs. Lackey, J. T. Poole and D. H. Roetter.

Rev. J. G. Forester and family enjoyed a brief visit last week from his son-in-law, Mr. John M. Henderson, of Weldon, Texas.

Fred Cowden has just returned from his ranch and says cattle are fatter for this time of year than he has seen them in fifteen years.

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COMES TO MIDLAND TO MAKE HIS PURCHASES Chas. Donald, of Hereford, was with us the latter part of last week. He is interested with W. W. Brunson in 2000 yearlings and 2-year-old steers which they are wintering south of Midland. Mr. Donald has been buying steer yearlings in our section of the country for several years, and when he needs a good white faced bunch he always seems to come back to us. His report of the range in the Panhandle was not very flattering, on account of the unusual cold, with snow staying so long on the ground.

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IS HONOR GUARD TO THE PRESIDENT A. J. Olliff last week heard from his son, A. J. Jr., who is in France. The young man is in Paris, or was then, and is an honor guard of President Wilson.

WEST TEXAS OF COMM BUSINESS IN TO PROMOTE SOURCES West Texas of Commerce of the state a local committee presents a party at Fort Worth met in Fort Worth Commerce and tee to raise the complete financial meeting was the West Texas gathered and w than one hun men and city part of the w state. The West T merce will be laws of Texas announced in adopted, will and develop stock, mineral merical and of Texas. The organiza lical and will t tion or defeat party. Memb any individual organization li opment of We Will I It is plann \$250,000. Me based upon t the proposed num of ten d clude a pro presidents at Each West T its own repre the board of of directors of treasurer, and among their also select ructive comm five, which v manager. Th will be the g have the aut purposes of t A committe ate campaign preliminary v consists of H land, Marion J. A. Kemp C Landergin of S San Angelo, Stamford, I Brownford, and Paso. A declarati unaniously l in part: "The ed expression the people of itself in the licity was giv ing the front on which W expressed its platically be the state and orary misfort licity. The would elimina able advertis as the right o publicity. "The mass dependent di for a livelitho tific cultural marketing an products, ass farm laborer ers, improv blizing the p of the import ture that th consider. Th dum for the mon judgm these vital r not be left t tried judgm sons. Organ for the com "There is a a campaign flood waters rainfall may ductio of c time there is this line but certed' moven more import and it is a West Texas li servation of single need o "One of th ization shoul encourage t our vast pet will arise in where conce of the busin will be need and this was some central voice the ju "Another i tively foreig of this org there are p called to th and federal be received sent by i tion repre interests of ture alone need for a with such would beco shaping the state."

**WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORMED**

**BUSINESS INTERESTS ORGANIZE TO PROMOTE WONDERFUL RESOURCES OF WEST TEXAS.**

West Texas is to have a Chamber of Commerce to represent this section of the state as a whole, just as a local commercial organization represents a particular city. Representatives from fifty West Texas cities met in Fort Worth last week and formed the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds and complete final organization. The meeting was the most representative West Texas gathering ever gotten together and was attended by more than one hundred leading business men and city builders from every part of the western section of the state.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be incorporated under the laws of Texas at once. Its purpose, as announced in the by-laws which were adopted, will be to foster, promote and develop the agricultural, live stock, mineral, manufacturing, commercial and other resources of West Texas.

The organization is to be non-political and will take no part in the election or defeat of any candidate or party. Membership will be open to any individual, firm, corporation or organization interested in the development of West Texas.

**Will Raise \$250,000.**

It is planned to raise a sum of \$250,000. Membership dues will be based upon the financial ability of the proposed member, with a minimum of ten dollars. Officers will include a president, treasurer, vice presidents and general manager. Each West Texas county will select its own representative to serve on the board of directors. The board of directors shall elect the president, treasurer, and vice presidents from among their own number and shall also select from their number an executive committee of not less than five, which will employ a general manager. The board of directors will have the authority to carry out the purposes of the organization.

A committee will start an immediate campaign for funds necessary for preliminary work. This committee consists of H. P. Brelsford of Eastland, Marion Sansom of Fort Worth, J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls, P. H. Landergin of Amarillo, C. C. Walsh of San Angelo, Brooks Smith of Brownwood, Frank S. Hastings of Stamford, and W. W. Turney of El Paso.

A declaration of purposes adopted unanimously by the meeting follows in part: "The necessity for concerted expression of public opinion of the people of this district exemplified itself in the manner in which publicity was given to West Texas during the drought. This was a matter on which West Texas should have expressed itself officially and emphatically before other sections of the state and nation gave our temporary misfortunes nation-wide publicity. The proposed organization would eliminate this kind of undesirable advertising and give West Texas the right of censorship on its own publicity.

"The masses of West Texas are dependent directly upon agriculture for a livelihood. Improved and scientific cultural methods, systematic marketing and distribution of farm products, assisting the tenant and farm laborer to become home owners, improvement of dairy herds, stabilizing the price of cotton are some of the important problems of agriculture that this organization should consider. There should be some medium for the expression of the common judgment of the people on these vital matters and they should not be left to chance or to the untried judgment of inexperienced persons. Organized effort is necessary for the common good.

"There is a most pressing need for a campaign for the conservation of flood waters in order that excessive rainfall may be utilized for the production of crops. At the present time there is scattered activity along this line but no more general concerted movement exists. There is no more important question than this, and it is a problem in which all West Texas is vitally concerned. Conservation of rainfall is the greatest single need of Texas today.

"One of the first tasks this organization should undertake should be to encourage the full development of our vast petroleum deposits. There will arise in all probability occasions where concerted action on the part of the business men of West Texas will be necessary to protect and defend this vast industry and certainly some central organized body should voice the judgment of the people.

"Another matter which is not entirely foreign to the general purpose of this organization is that when there are problems that should be called to the attention of our state and federal governments they would be received more seriously if presented by a non-political organization representing all the combined interests of West Texas. This feature alone manifests the pressing need for a central organization, and with such a medium West Texas would become a potent power in shaping the destinies of this great state."

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Surface indications in the Midland Country, in the judgment of reputable geologists who have made surveys, are most excellent. Even thus early large portions of the country lying south have been leased and all will doubtless have been leased before 60 days more. In all likelihood, at least so far as expert judgments can foretell, a new oil field will add more "craziness" to the already weirdly excited speculators of the West, and

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# The Midland Reporter

MISS CORDELIA TAYLOR, Managing Circulation

**SNOW LAST WEDNESDAY ANOTHER BIG ONE**

When Midland awoke last Wednesday morning, the world round about was a beautiful white, the covering of snow being perhaps an inch and a half. It was so warm that it quickly melted; but it did not stop snowing. Throughout the day it continued to snow, melting as fast as it fell, until about 5 o'clock a white mantle again began to appear. It continued to snow right heavily until far into the night, and the next morning it was about two inches deep.

This snow has been variously estimated at from four to six inches, had it not melted and all staid on the ground. We think it conservative to say five inches. To say the least it put out a lot more moisture and the ground throughout all West Texas is sopping wet.

The Reporter is inclined to doubt some of the weather prophets, who forecast poor prospects for Texas. Throughout the State conditions were never more promising and in twenty years we have been in Midland West Texas never promised so much in a way of seasons. Weather prophets miss it like sixty sometimes, and we aren't at all uneasy now.

**REPORTS HIS CATTLE IN GOOD BEEF SHAPE**

We heard a remark by W. F. Cowden one day recently that sizes up pretty well the range condition west, in the neighborhood of the "M Bar" ranch, some 40 miles out. Said he: "Everything on my ranch is actually beef fat, and the grass and weeds are sufficient to keep them so until spring. I have never had better prospects at this season of the year, for the season now in the ground is all that could be wished for." All our stockmen and farmers report just about this way, and, despite some prognostications to the contrary by weather chaps, we are of the opinion that 1919 will close with prosperity again safely enthroned in the Midland Country.

**CONDITIONS PRETTY BAD IN PANHANDLE**

Spence Jowell returned to Midland about Wednesday, from a visit to the Panhandle country, in the neighborhood of Hereford. His report is of much snow and ice, and of heavy loss in cattle, though he saw few dead ones. His own interests up there have not materially suffered, as he and those associated with him have taken special precaution in guarding against the severe weather. However, in most sections up there, snow has been on the ground a long time and cattle suffer especially for lack of places to bed, lying on the ice and snow, freezing many. This last statement we get from other visitors from the Panhandle, together with the further statement that feed bills up there are enormous.

**STOPPING IN MIDLAND AFTER CALIFORNIA VISIT**

Our old friend and former townsman, W. T. Crier, stopped off in Midland last Wednesday, when on his return to his home at Abilene from a visit to his wife at Riverside, Cal. His report of Mrs. Crier's splendid health is pleasant news to many friends in Midland. Mr. Crier will leave for Abilene tonight. He reports that he has 300 acres of his farm near Abilene planted to wheat which promises a bumper yield. We wish him all sorts of good luck.

Mrs. J. A. Klasner, of Douglas, Ariz., and Mrs. C. W. Tudor, of Pecos, were guests of Mrs. D. S. Floyd Wednesday. They are old friends of Mrs. Floyd. Mrs. Klasner will also be remembered in Midland as Miss Sue Allie, who was here some years ago as an employe of J. H. Barron & Co.

Many friends will welcome the return of Mr. J. O. Reynolds and family, who expect soon to be strain at home in Midland after an extended sojourn at Seminole.

L. A. Arrington and wife this week moved to Merkel, where Mr. Arrington has a position. We hope for this young couple much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Mr. Jace Currie is back from the Kelle Field, San Antonio, having received an honorable discharge. He was in the aviation service.

**Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents.**

Eight years ago, when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person." Jan

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

All those who are indebted to Dr. J. F. Haley are requested to call at the Midland Hardware Company and settle. The Doctor continues quite ill at the sanitarium in Temple and he needs all that is due him. It is imperative, then, that all accounts be settled without delay. My name has been adv-14-3t JNO. A. HALEY.

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FROM THE SOLDIER BOYS

From Lieut. G. R. Dewoh
A Stanton boy, being a brother of Mrs. A. G. Odum. His letter is right interesting, and follows herewith:

Dear Sister: Well, it is time that I am writing you again; in fact I should have written you sooner, but was on the move coming down here. You always wanted me to write all the news, but while the censorship was so strict I had a good excuse for not writing much. Now though, as it is partially raised, I guess I can't get by with that old gag any more.

I arrived in Gondrecourt Friday night, after four days travel from my division. One of the army corps schools is here and we got orders on Monday night to report here immediately for the course of instruction. When the orders reached us we were about three miles from the border of Luxembourg on our way to the Rhine. You can't imagine how bad we hated to leave the outfit for a month just when they are reaping such pleasures as this trip.

Now don't understand me to say that it is a pleasure to hike 18 or 20 kilometers a day with all you have (in France) on your back, but it certainly was, and is a great pleasure to cross that beautiful country without hearing a shell or anything to bother you.

Of course our stay here will not be without its pleasures, either, for the course is not very hard and we have good barracks, an excellent mess hall and numerous reading rooms, Y. M. C. A. and such pleasures.

About Christmas we will go back to our outfits and by then perhaps, they will be most ready to start back home. Of course we don't know who will be the first to come home, but the "dope" is that the division, who, due to their good work on the battle fields, were given the honor of being the first to occupy the Rhine will be the first to come home later. Of course that sounds good, but every one has it doped out to favor their own outfit.

Well, I never did like to brag about my outfit, but I guess I was very fortunate to get into such a good division. At the time I joined them I felt rather blue about my luck; but I soon found that I couldn't have done better. They had a nice little write-up in yesterday's paper, giving them credit for the numerous hard fights they were in. I joined the division on September 26th just as they were moving up into the lines; perhaps that accounted for me being blue. We followed along in reserve and about the first of October went into the front line. This sector was just west of Verdun in the Argonne mountains. We were in the fight continuing until the 20th.

On the morning of the 14th I was left in command of the company. On the 21st we were relieved after having taken all our objectives and went back into reserve. At that time all saw visions of "rest camp," but a few miles from the front was as far as we got. Here we re-organized and trained until the morning of Nov. 18, when we moved up again, following in support until the night of the 9th. We moved into the front line again east of the Meuse river.

On the morning of the 10th we "went over," advancing all day through a heavy forest until that afternoon we reached the marsh land and canal along the edge of the forest and no way to cross except a little foot bridge about 100 yards long and 3 feet wide. Across on the other side about 500 yards from a railroad track ran across the crest of the ridge and we had good reasons to believe that the entire ridge was lined with machine guns.

So a patrol was sent across the bridge and, no sooner started the machine guns began to bark at them. So we decided best to have our men wait for orders.

During the night orders came to "go over" at 7 a. m. and take the hill. So next morning we got everything ready to move at the given order, feeling deep down in our hearts that lots of the boys wouldn't come back to tell the tale.

Then can you imagine anything to beat this? Just as we were ready to start them across the bridge here, came a rumor from headquarters and breathlessly exclaimed: "Hold where you are, armistice goes into effect at 11 o'clock."

We forgot all precautions in running along the line to tell the men and make them get into their holes and stay until eleven.

The boches kept up their fire all morning until 11 o'clock, then their bugles blew "cease firing," all up and down the front. You can imagine how good that tune sounded to us, for every gun stopped instantly and they began to celebrate immediately.

Our company covered the bridge—we got orders to guard it and take any of them prisoners who came over.

Immediately after 11, here they came, first one came over and we sent him back, then four came over and we couldn't make them understand that we didn't want them. So we took them to headquarters and got an interpreter to explain that all who came over would be made prisoners and then sent them back to spread the news. So we were not bothered any more.

The first to come over wanted, most of all, to swap black bread for white bread from the Americans, and also to express their thanks that war was stopped. We didn't care about their thanks nor joy, though right near our company headquarters a 4x6 ft. hole some four feet deep, was a nice little building which had probably housed a major or colonel of the German army. Just as soon as the firing ceased we moved in and took possession. The room we used had two nice beds, a stove, table and chairs, so you can imagine just how much we enjoyed the cessation of fighting.

The next day we moved to a village near by and from there started our march to the Rhine.

Well, enough of such an unpleasant subject. Suppose this will reach you about Christmas. Give my love to all and wish them a merry Christmas for me. My address will be the same, as I will be back there in a month. Love, George. Lieut. G. R. Dewoh, o. A. 127 Inf.

From M. C. Bradshaw
The above named young man has been in the navy since considerably before the war began, that is before the United States entered it. He is a son of our townsman, Lee Bradshaw. For five months past he had not been heard from by home folks, until the recent receipt of the following interesting letter to his sisters:

1832 W. Passyunk Ave. Philadelphia, Penn. Dear Sisters: After so long a time I will proceed to maneuver my pen across this paper, so that you can understand that I mean it is an answer to your letters of past dates. However I don't fancy writing a book as you requested, but will make a stop at explaining things.

It was in the mid summer, when the good times at Atlantic City and Coney Island were opening. Our ship, the Cargo-Transport U. S. S. Lancaster, was given orders to load up and put for South America June 19th, 1914, in Philadelphia navy yard. We put the ship in commission and June 23rd sailed for New York and arrived there the 25th. Started putting our cargo of farming implements, wire and oil in the fine Cargo hotels and on July the 11th we put for sea. On our way over we visited the British West India Islands and took on some 800,000 gallons of fuel oil to complete the trip. This was on July 23rd. July 25th, sailed for La Plata Argentina and reached there safe on August 12th. Unloaded a part of our cargo of oil and proceeded to Buenos Aires, August 17th, reaching there the same day and at 5:30 p. m. all hands went ashore on South American soil. Some fine soil it is, but to be sure it is not so good as North America, for none could be even just as good. Buenos Aires is a fine city of almost the size and population of New York City and is a fine place for the man with the money. But it takes the money to get by in Argentina. We finished unloading and reloaded from August 17th to September 6th. When we sailed for Montevideo Brugency, where we remained. Loading 400 tons of corned beef for the boys "Over There," until September 17th and then we sailed for the three principle cities of the British West India Islands for oil and orders. The cities were Trinidad, Port of Spain and Santa Lucia, after a few hours stay in Santa Lucia we received orders to proceed to Marsellais, France, via the great rock of Gibraltar, the strongest fortified piece of property of its size in the world.

After a two days stopover in Gibraltar, we proceeded to Marsellais via the Spanish crossing the Mediterranean Sea; arrived in Marsellais on the 29 of October and unloaded our cargo in seven days after we reached the dock, but we layed out in the stream until Nov. 8th when we tied up to dock and unloaded and was out of dock at 5 p. m., November 12th, but after this we took on a ballast of mud and sailed for Gibraltar our second time, where we were carried aground by a strong wind which broke loose our star board anchor with 75 fathoms of chain. We were aground for two days. When the tide came in and with the assistance of six tug boats we were able to load again. So we took on 59 passengers of the naval aviators station in Tunis, the capital of Africa. November 25th we sailed for New York and this was the sweetest day of all to all hands and the captain as well.

We also visited England and Ireland. But three days out of Gibraltar we struck an awful storm which lasted until we were near in the New York harbor and the 59th canal sailors that we took were not sea worthy so during the rough weather the ma-

GOOD WILL Given a New Impetus
A statement of Dodge Brothers war activities is due the owners of their cars. Dodge Brothers refrained, during the progress of the war, from any reference to the performance of the car in United States Government service. It seems proper now, however, to disclose the facts, because they are unusual facts—intensifying that good will which owners of Dodge Brothers cars have always manifested. Dodge Brothers car was the only one of its class approved and adopted by the War Department. In a separate Ordnance Works, built especially for the purpose, costing millions of dollars and employing thousands of their skilled motor workmen, Dodge Brothers undertook an important duty designated by the War Department. Without the aid of their great motor organization, Dodge Brothers could not have fulfilled the heavy obligation which they were asked to assume by the Ordnance Department. The other service required of Dodge Brothers motor works, by the Government, was to continue to furnish their cars as they were needed. They were furnished, not in hundreds, but in thousands—both for the training camps here, and for service in Belgium, France and Italy. The record of those thousands of camp and army cars is one in which any owner may feel the utmost pride and satisfaction. Their performance justified the compliment implied in their selection by the Government. The great works in which nearly three hundred thousand of their cars have been produced in the past four years furnished a vast store-house of human energy and equipment for the ordnance work. Naturally, it will take time to adjust the motor works to its full accustomed activity. Gradually Dodge Brothers will resume the grateful task of continuing to deserve the good will of America—and indeed of the whole world. Dodge Brothers consider good will their most valuable possession. They will never knowingly do anything to lessen it.

DODGE BROTHERS, Detroit
The Gasoline consumption is unusually low The Tire Mileage is unusually high
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BUMPER CROPS NOT ALWAYS PROFITABLE
Increased farm production regardless of its effect on farm profits, is not advocated by the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. There should be no mistake in the minds of farmers on this point. "The College of Agriculture," says Dean F. B. Mumford, "is working for precisely the same end as the farmer himself. The farmer is farming for profit; the College is investigating methods of farming and of marketing farm products which will make farming more profitable. "In no department of the College of Agriculture," continued the Dean, "is any individual instructor teaching his students that it is either their duty or to their advantage, under peace conditions, to secure a maximum production, regardless of other economic considerations. "It is true in general that the first step in securing greater profits for the farmer lies in the direction of some increased production per acre or per animal," says Mr. Mumford. "Under present conditions the farmer who obtains increased yields by the economic methods taught by the College of Agriculture will be more prosperous than his neighbor who does not practice these methods; but it is equally true that a general campaign conducted for the purpose of securing maximum yields per acre without regard to economy of production would be unwise and not in the interest of the farmer. The College is not instituting such a campaign because in the long run it would ruin the agricultural industry and strike at the very foundations of the economic life of the nation." If your subscription to The Reporter is due, pay Miss Cordelia Taylor. She has authority to collect for The Reporter and to receipt you therefor. Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents. "Eight years ago, when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person." Jan. SPECIAL NOTICE All those who are indebted to Dr. J. F. Haley are requested to call at the Midland Hardware Company and settle. The Doctor continues quite ill at the sanitarium in Temple and he needs all that is due him. It is imperative, then, that all accounts be settled without delay. adv-14-3t JNO. A. HALEY.

Why Suffer? Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Alderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... the doctors gave her up, and we brought her home, and she had suffered so much at... time. Having heard of Cardui, we got it for her." CARDUI The Woman's Tonic "In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere." We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should go you good, too. E-77

Buy Coal Now! This is urged as a patriotic necessity. Be assured of this, prices are regulated by the Fuel Administrator, and the Margin of Profit is Small Let me fill your order direct from the car. I shall do my best to supply your needs this winter and with your co-operation will succeed. Then Order Now! My business is wholly governed by the rules of the Fuel Administrator, and this notice to you is purely for your advantage. W. P. NUGENT Phone 216

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**Chamberlain's Tablets**  
When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition. Jan.

See W. P. Nugent for coal and call him, over phone 216, for all sorts of transfer business. 13-1f

LOST—Sterling silver vanity case. Has initials, "L. M. E.," engraved upon it. Contained 5-dollar bill, \$1 silver, and some small change. Return to owner, Miss Lula Elkin, and receive reward. 14-1f

FURNISHED ROOMS—From two to four furnished rooms for rent. R. E. Crowley. 13-2t-pd

**WOMEN KNOW JOY OF INDEPENDENCE**



MRS. E. B. REPERT  
Federal Chairman Women's Liberty Loan Committee.

Thrift and economy, championed by the womanhood of America, have won the struggle against greed and rapacity. Cannons and guns and men did their part on the field of battle but it was the savings of the men and women at home that put them there.

Out of the four-years tragedy has come the lesson of thrift. Not the niggardly hoarding of the miser, but the knowledge of the value of economy that produced the sage advice of Burns:

"Save money, not for to hide it in a hedge,  
Nor for a train attendant;  
But for the glorious privilege Of being independent."

Women have always been the savers in the home, from necessity, but "the glorious privilege of being independent," gained from the fulfillment of a patriotic duty, has given them an incentive to economize and save for the sheer joy of saving.

A far-seeing government has provided us with a means of saving—Thrift Stamps, War Savings Certificates, Liberty Bonds—which, apart from their use in winning the war, have proved to be one of the greatest moral and material blessings ever devised.

There has been no letting down of effort by the women of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District because the Fourth Liberty Loan was put over successfully and war was declared ended soon after. It has ever been the part of woman to do quietly, but effectively, those duties requiring persistent effort, with a thought only for the final result. Patiently and steadily the officers of the Women's Liberty Loan Committees have been preparing the way for the next great demand, unchecked by the fact that bloodshed has ceased.

As chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, I ask every woman in the district to be true to the traditions of our sex. Through necessity we learned to save. We can now put to use the knowledge gained of independence through saving. We owe this duty to our children, our families, ourselves, and our country.

(MRS.) E. B. REPERT.



Your Government asks you very earnestly not to sell your Liberty Bonds unless you have to. To part with your Liberty Bonds means giving up your pledge of patriotism and citizenship, and handing your responsibilities and privileges over to some one else. Liberty Bonds will be worth much more money presently and it is good business to hold them.

If you must sell, get the full market price. Go to a responsible banker and let him give you information and advice. Do not sell to just anyone, who may not treat you fairly.

**THIS MAN WANTS TO TALK TO YOU**



FRANK M. SMITH  
Federal Director War Loan and Savings

Suppose you were attacked by a gang of ruffians who nearly killed you, and you were saved by some plucky doctor who himself was injured in the struggle, but who stayed by you night and day until you recovered.

Would you refuse to pay the doctor's bill on the ground that the danger was now past and that paying for past services was an unpleasant task, anyhow?

You would not. You would regard it as a sacred duty to liquidate that debt.

I see no difference between the situation described and the position of every man, woman and child in this country today. At the cost of life and magnificent effort we have been saved by our fighting men and our intelligent, hard-working statesmen from something quite as bad as death.

**A Most Solemn Obligation**

rests upon us to pay the bill. There is so much owing that we can never repay that there should not be heard one murmur about settling the financial part of the obligation.

I do not believe that there will be any difficulty. The American people are just people who pay their debts, they are grateful and generous people.

The Government paid out the stupendous sum of Two Billion and Sixty Million Dollars in war expenses during the month of December alone and the expense will go on for many months to come. Of course the Government was borrowing all this money from the banks, and must soon pay it back—and, of course, we must find that money.

**We Are Going to Do It**

by buying Thrift Stamps, Savings Certificates and Liberty Bonds on a scale bigger than ever before. We are going to economize and save, not because we are afraid of the Hun getting his foot on our neck, but because we are grateful to Almighty God, our sainted dead, the boys who are coming back with victory in their hands, to our beloved President and his helpers, to all of whom is due the credit for the glorious result.

**We Are Going to Save, Too,**

because we have found out that it is just the grandest thing in the world for us, mentally and physically. We are going to save because it brings us a solid satisfaction and peace of mind.

The fighting has ceased, the bands do not play or the flags wave now, but the earnest purpose behind our effort in the great world war remains yet to be accomplished. Much effort and billions of dollars have yet to be spent before this objective is attained. Millions of lives, the agony and sweat of countless thousands has been the cost of victory. It is for us to see that this priceless purchase is not thrown away. In such a task we cannot, dare not, do less than our very best.

FRANK M. SMITH.

**What Are You Going to Do About It?**

It has been said, and truthfully so, that one-half of man's mistakes are caused by want of thought and the other half through indecision. What has been your experience? Are you satisfied to continue in the same old rut day in and day out through skepticism, indecision and want of thought? No man ever saved a fortune, but thousands have MADE them—but not without ACTION—and now is the accepted time. No man ever "got ahead of the hounds" without taking a chance—without risking something!

No other business in the world today offers such unlimited opportunities for the legitimate accumulation of wealth as does the American Oil Industry. No other business in the world has so continuously and so certainly returned enormous profits to investors, and no other business in the world has ever assembled and so benevolently distributed among its supporters so many great fortunes. There are thousands of people today who have won their way to fortune and life-long independence through one good investment in oil. Money from oil has made more men wealthy than any other commodity in recent years. Note the following:

\$100.00 invested in Kern River Oil.....	\$ 2,000.00
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100.00 invested in Hoffman Oil.....	3,000.00
100.00 invested in Monarch Oil.....	16,000.00

and numerous other wealth proving investments not necessary here to mention.

The Knowles well, in Comanche County, is producing 7,200 barrels today at \$2.65 per barrel. Read what the Dallas News has to say about this and other wells, and prospects generally in the Comanche (DeLeon Territory) County field, in the neighborhood of the now famous Ranger production:

(Dallas News, January 12, 1919, issue.)—"The biggest oil well in the North Texas Central field is that of the Tex-Penn Company on the Knowles farm in the northern part of Comanche County. This well is making 300 barrels an hour. This well was drilled to the sand a few weeks ago and produced oil. It was drilled deeper into the sand yesterday and the result is a flow that is estimated by oil men to be 300 barrels an hour, or 7,200 barrels per day. This well is 800 feet west of the discovery well known as the Duke well which reached the sand several weeks ago and was never completed owing to a fire destroying the derrick and losing the tools in the well. The Duke well has been flowing 250 barrels a day, despite its present condition, and would, no doubt, be as good as the Knowles well if placed in condition. The Knowles well is the third producer in the Comanche County Pool. In addition to it, and the discovery well on the Duke farm, there is the Magnolia Petroleum Company's Duke well 1,000 feet south of the discovery well that is making 350 barrels a day from the top of the sand. It was never drilled deeper than to the top owing to its good showing and to the fact that the field is a pioneer pool, and there is always a disposition in such pools to let well enough alone.

"Another well that is very promising in this pool is that of the Skelly-Sankey Interests, 4400 feet north of the discovery well. The sand was touched a few days ago and drilling stopped. The well then showed heavy gas pressure and sprayed oil. It has increased the showing each day and is now flowing a little over the top. This well is probably drilling itself in, but the experience of the owners of the Knowles well will, no doubt, lead to its being drilled a few feet deeper and made into a great producer. The developments at the Duke well were such as to make for the deepest sort of interest in the pool, and there is every prospect that the drilling campaign there will equal THAT OF THE RANGER FIELD in a very short time. Oil men have been favoring the so-called DeLeon Field, WHICH IS IN THE DUKE WELL VICINITY, ever since the Duke well made its spectacular debut."

**The Comanche Central Oil Company**

owns 193 acres in the Duke well vicinity sub-divided into tracts ranging from 10 to 40 acres, as follows: Tract No. 1, 20 acres, about 1 1/2 miles from the famous Knowles well. Tract No. 2, 20 acres, 3 miles east and south of the Duke and Knowles wells, Tract No. 3, 10 acres, 3 miles S. E. of the Duke and Knowles wells, and five other tracts constituting the remainder of its acreage all located contiguous to the Duke and Knowles wells.

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is capitalized at \$200,000.00 and guarantees to drill three wells, the first one to be drilled on tract No. 1, close to the famous Knowles well and the other two wells to be located where prospects are most propitious.

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exists under a declaration of trust which vests control of its affairs in a board of trustees, pledges its assets for its liabilities, and exempts the shareholders from personal liability therefor. Mr. B. J. Pittman, (cashier First National Bank, DeLeon, Texas,) is treasury trustee, and the remainder of the trustees are successful and prominent business men of proven ability and reliability.

**The Comanche Central Oil Company**

(Headquarters, DeLeon, Texas,) placed their stock upon the market a little over a week ago at \$1.00 par value and in less than three days sold over \$50,000 shares. This stock is selling so rapidly and is in such great demand that it has been raised to and is now selling at \$1.50 per share. The trustees pledge that every dollar invested in this stock, less only necessary expenses, will be spent in drilling for oil, and they further pledge that the company will pay in actual cash dividends checks every month 75 per cent of their net earnings from oil or gas produced. The remaining 25 per cent will be spent in further developing the company's property and thus increase the value of every share of stock in the company.

When an investment in oil or anything else is offered you, use your brains to settle the question. It is your money that is to be invested, so why let some one else decide the matter? Investigate the offer carefully, prove up every assertion, and once you are satisfied that the proposition is honest and legitimate, and has a good chance of success—no investment is guaranteed...ACT! REMEMBER, that WHEN THE WELL COMES IN, you have lost your chance. We invite the closest inspection and investigation. IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY, so SUBSCRIBE FOR YOUR STOCK NOW. Our local sales agent will furnish full and detailed information. But get in NOW before there is another advance in the price of the stock.

**What Are You Going to Do About It?**

M. D. CHILTON, Local Sales Agent, - - MIDLAND, TEXAS

# Lumber is a Bargain

Perhaps you have postponed building until after the war in the hope that prices would then be lower.

The world conflict has already brought many changes, but nothing has happened to alter the fundamental law of supply and demand. In fact, most of the changes that have taken place are simply the result of the application of the law. It would be unwise to assume that the law itself will be changed after the war and, with the extraordinary demand for building materials, due to the necessity for reconstruction work in Belgium, northern France and other devastated districts, the chances are strongly in favor of building materials being higher.

Lumber is, indeed, a bargain, and from the standpoint of price, building for necessary purposes now is good judgment.

Talk it over with us.

## ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

### Notice

The Commissioners' Court of Andrews county, Texas, will, at the regular term of said court, to be held at the court house in the town of Andrews, Andrews county, Texas on the second Monday in February, A. D. 1919, same being the 10th day of said month, receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Andrews county, Texas, that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county for the ensuing two years as provided by law.

Any such banking corporation, association or individual banker in said county, desiring to bid, shall deliver to the county judge of said county, on or before the first day of the said term, a sealed proposal stating the rate of interest that the said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the county for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that, if his bid should be accepted by the court, he will enter into the bond as required by law.

At said term of the court, such bids as may be presented will be opened and acted upon by the court as prescribed by law.

### scribed by law.

Given under my hand and official seal of office at Andrews, Texas, on this the 14th day of January, A. D. 1919.

A. N. BROWN,  
County Judge, Andrews Co., Texas.  
15-3t

### Notice of Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company will be held in the company's offices in Midland, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. March 27, 1919, for the purpose of considering and authorizing the execution of a mortgage of trust deed upon all the company's properties and franchises of whatsoever nature, securing the payment of an issue of \$750,000.00 multiples thereof, bearing 6 per cent interest and maturing in fifteen years, for the purpose of funding the indebtedness of the company, secured or unsecured, and providing funds for the extension, maintenance, operation and up-keep of the company's properties.

By order of the Board of Directors.  
Dated at Midland, Texas, this 16 day of January, 1919.  
B. C. GIRDLEY, Secy.  
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## DISTINGUISHED LIST FOR THIRD MONTH

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Thomas Inman	86 2-3
Johnie Preston	86 2-3
Austin Henson	86 3-5
Estea Shumate	86 1-2
Pernice Henson	86 1-3
Alice Parisher	86 1-3
Mary Lou Tucker	86 1-3
Ainslee Estes	86 1-5
Ruth Blakney	86 1-5
John Clark	85 5-6
Inabeth Whitefield	85 5-6
Mabel Holt	85 2-3
Ben Wall	85 1-2
Glenn Stegall	85 2-5
T. T. Garrard	85 1-5
Enos Feeler	85
Leslie Pollard	85
Mary Puckett	85
Eulalia Whitefield	85
South Ward	
Summa Cum Laude (90 or more)	
Bush Jones	95 1-6
Jessie May Estes	94 1-6
Kitta Belle Wolcott	94
Lillie Mae Norwood	92 1-6
Frances Radliff	92
Floyd Rhoden	92
C. H. DeVaney	92
Florence Manning	92
Ellen Potter	91 1-2
Margaret Bradford	91 1-2
Geneva Shaw	91 1-3
Katie Anderson	91 1-5
L. B. Walker	91
Elizabeth McKissick	90 5-3
Grady Henry	90 5-6
Walter Elkin	90 5-6
Mary A. Brown	90 1-2
Scharbauer Eidson	90 1-2
Virgie Locklar	90 1-3
Gordon Jones	90 1-5
James Miller	90 1-5
Louise Hill	90 1-6
Sidney House	90
Dorothy Manning	90
Beatrice Logan	90
Hazel Foster	90
Susan Cowden	90
Roy Gwyn	90
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Ella Louise Jones	88 4-5
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Dora Wall	88 1-2
T. J. Stokes	88 1-3
Roy Jones	88 1-3
Ike Ethridge	88
Lynch King	87 2-3
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Iola Lee	87 1-3
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Glorain Crossett	87 1-6
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Carroll Tigner	86
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Johnnie Roberts	85 1-2
Roy Walker	85 1-3
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George Buchanan	85

# Merchandise of Quality

Having taken our annual inventory, we find our stock in unusually good condition. The absence of "hard stock" makes it unnecessary for us to put on the old out-of-date "sale."

We have priced our goods low enough that we are giving the best values for the same amount of money in Midland. This is because we are selling for CASH.

We invite the people of Midland to compare our prices and the quality of our merchandise with any store in town, whether on Special Sale or not.

## Spring Announcement

We are going to feature the strongest line of Ready-to-Wear and Millinery this Spring that has been shown in Midland since before the drouth and war times. The department will be enlivened with entirely new material and will present the newest styles of the season.

We have just received an assortment of New Skirts suitable for now and early Spring. We have the newest creations in Storm Serges, Gaberdines and Silk Poplins, priced from \$5.00 to \$11.50.

**For Men** Don't fail to see our new Reynolds feature Shoes--the "Willard" and the "Combine". We are prepared to fit you in a pair of shoes that will make you a permanent Reynolds wearer.

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Midland's Quality Store

## American Folk Music

On the Fourth of July, 1826, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a great American composer was born—a fitting coincidence that the day giving him birth should be also the birthday of our great American nation.

This man's greatness lay in the simplicity of his heart, his emotions, his music, his understanding of human nature, of the world in which he lived, loved, suffered and died—just as do all his fellow mortals. His melodies are simple, unpretentious as a wild rose—yet they have touched the very heart of a nation. And we, and you know he was the greatest composer of American folk-songs.

His name was Stephen Collins Foster; he wrote "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Swanee River," and others well loved, though not as well known.

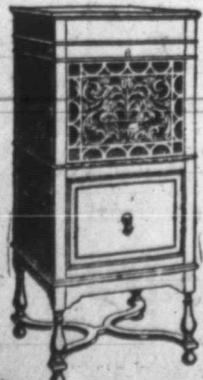
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### CONDITIONS WEST

#### WERE NEVER BETTER

Waddell Bros. ranch 42 miles west from Midland. Jim and "Cotton" were both in this week, and gave a most excellent range report. Said Jim: "Our cattle were not drawn at all, scarcely, by the recent severe spells of weather, and the weed crop is the best we have had in many years. Most of the cattle are really fat, while all of them are in excellent condition. The season already in the ground will insure early grass. These young ranchmen report all that section of the country pretty much in the same fine shape."

#### HEREFORD MAN HAS CATTLE WINTERING HERE

Geo. Barber, of Hereford, was among visiting stockmen in Midland the latter part of last week. Mr. Barber is wintering a bunch of stuff in this section, and is much pleased over the way they have held up through the recent severe spells of weather.

### Notice

The Commissioners' Court of Midland County, Texas, will, at the regular term of said court, to be held at the court house in the town of Midland, Midland county, Texas, on the second Monday in February, A. D. 1919, same being the 10th day of said month, receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Midland county, Texas, that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county for the ensuing two years as provided by law.

Any such banking corporation, association or individual banker in said county, desiring to bid, shall deliver to the county judge of said county, on or before the first day of the said term, a sealed proposal stating the rate of interest that the said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the county for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that, if his bid should be accepted by the court, he will enter into the bond as required by law.

At said term of the court, such bids as may be presented will be opened and acted upon by the court as prescribed by law.

Given under my hand and official seal of office at Midland, Texas, on this the 14th day of January, A. D. 1919.

J. M. DeARMOND,  
County Judge, Midland Co., Texas.  
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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—A 4-room house and 14 acres of ground, adjoining town on the west. Cheap for cash. Might make some terms. Apply to Mrs. C. F. Blackwell, phone 310. 14-4t-pd

FOR SALE—Two good underground gasoline tanks and pumps for filling stations. Western Auto Supply Company. 47-tf

### FOR RENT

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

FOR RENT—Four room dwelling, with bath and electric lights, two blocks from Main street. See Mrs. Paul Brown. 9-tf

### MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

#### BUSINESS NOTICES

Mary A. Eriksen, Suggesto Therapist. Safe and sane methods used successfully in treatment of all diseases. Consultation and examination free. Phone 256. 13-tf

### HOME AFTER BUSY SEASON IN DALLAS

Chas Aycock, expert telegrapher, returned to Midland this week from Dallas, where he spent several months. He handled some busy wires while away, the wire out of Burk Burnett increasing to many hundreds daily from not so many dozens of messages in a week.

### YOUNGEST TELEGRAPHER VISITING HOME FOLKS

Buel Powell, known as the "youngest telegrapher," is now visiting his parents here, from Dallas, where he is stationed. Buel is but a youngster, not more than sixteen, but he is an expert operator.

### THE SITUATION SOUTH REPORTED VERY FINE

T. O. Midkiff is in this week from his ranch about 30 miles south. His report is very fine, though the recent bad weather was especially hard on cows with young calves. All dry stuff, he said, stood the cold all right, and there was very little loss anywhere. The season down there is fine as can be and as is the weed crop, while spring prospects could hardly be more promising.

The Reporter is anxious to increase its subscription list, now, to at least 2000. It is only \$1.50 per year, and it's going to be more than worth the money.

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