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GEOLOGIST COLYER SAYS WE HAVE OIL

Have Gas, Too, As Certain As Scientific Investigation Can Ever Determine

Geologist Colyer concluded his investigations, his geological surveys, etc., round and about Midland last week, and he says the town and vicinity are full of gas—yes, oh, of course, beneath the ground—and that there is oil, too, a big pool of it, and at a depth shallower, perhaps, by a thousand feet than it has been found at Ranger. We know he said it—we heard him. He talked all about anticlines, dips, subterranean formations etc., and differentiated between marine and fluvialite mysteries, and delineated and determined the peculiar arrangements and positions of stratified rocks. His disquisition upon geology as an antecedent to geology, together with chronological sequences in grouping the primary, secondary, and tertiary ages, or geologically speaking, the Palaeozoic Epoch, embracing the Cambrian, the Silurian, the Devonian or Old Red Sandstone, the Carboniferous, and the Permian periods; the Mesozoic Epoch, embracing the Triassic, the Oolitic, and the Cretaceous periods; and the Kainozoic Epoch, embracing the Eocene or Lower Tertiary, the Miocene or Middle Tertiary, the Pliocene or Upper Tertiary, and the Pleistocene periods, were all intensely interesting to the editor of The Reporter, who followed, eagerly and understandingly, the visitor's dissertations upon Midland's auriferous, oiliferous and gasiferous potentialities. We were convinced, quite.

But there was much else of convincing import. Upon the completion of Geologist Colyer's work here, he sent for his associates, and they agreed, upon investigation, to be men of both moral and financial responsibility, reputable oil men, standing well toward the front as producers. Said they to Midland's citizens committee: "We have the utmost confidence in our Mr. Colyer, so much so that we will drill anywhere on earth he says, provided we are favored, or, provided it is made possible for us to do so by the landowners adjacent to the spot he designates. He has drilled fifteen wells from locations by Mr. Colyer, and he has never yet located for us a dry hole.

"Mr. Colyer says there is oil and gas at Midland. Upon his say-so we rely, utterly. Therefore, if the men owning land within a radius designated by our geologist, will secure for us a lease upon 10,000 acres, we will, as quickly as possible, drill a well to such depth as may be necessary to substantiate the truth of Mr. Colyer's findings."

These may not have been the exact words of the gentlemen who made Midland this offer, but the import is substantially the same. And, what do you think? There are some men who are going to try, who are actually trying to accept, this offer. What do you know about it?

These visitors to Midland are no less than the boldest kind of disturbers, the same sort of fellows, who, not more than a year ago appeared upon the scene at Ranger, and less than a year ago at Burkburnett, and turned those placid, pastoral, and pathetic little cow-towns into seething, milling, maniacal whirlpools of speculation. They have caused the root of all evil—money—filthy lucre, to be poured, without stint, into the laps of the innocent, the unsuspecting, and the unprepared, and unhappiness, discontent, uncertainty, suspicion, distrust, and, yea, verily, hell have followed in the wake of the molly turbulence.

And they want to do this thing to Midland! And Midland people—most of them—would be a party to it. For years, now, Midland has been a peaceful and peaceable village; her quietude and repose and tranquillity have been undisturbed. True, her people stir about a bit, but this has been no more than sort of a somnambulistic immethodicality that has done no hurt, and we certainly have enjoyed it. Our desultory meanderings through conditions of war, drouth and high prices have been sweetened by the scented sensations of lassitude, so why disturb it all?

Let Midland sleep! Why torment our souls—and damn them—with riches? Midland people, as a rule, are mighty good. A majority of them, too—more is the pity—have progressive ideas and want to join the rest of the world in these roistering days of recreation. They are doing something whaling, and they are wrong. They want to muss things up worse, yes, immeasurably worse, than they were ten years ago, when our little town flaunted her airs as the "Queen City of the South Plains," and made a rose-hued bid to become such.

We won't let 'em do it—indeed, we won't. At least we have hopes. You see, this citizens' committee have to have this 10,000-acre lease and within a specified radius. Otherwise, "bingo!" and the whole thing is off, and our peace and pleasure and restful restfulness will not be routed by the horrid actualities of a weird and phantasmagorical dream come true.

Now, here's the ticket: You men who own the land—of course, we know most of you won't pay any at-

CLOSED FIVE DAYS BY FEDERAL ORDER

City Grocery Company, Alleged Violators of Food Regulations, Are Forced to Close Doors

The City Grocery Company, conducted by M. Lovinson and S. Weinstein, this week is closed for five days by order of the federal enforcement division, the company having been charged with violations of the federal food regulations. There are more than 25 specific charges against the concern now in the hands of County Food Administrator Bentley, while the concern was, at least one time, investigated by the County Council of Defense. Despite that the men and the concern are now enduring the penalty imposed as a result of their alleged violations of these war-time and intensely patriotic regulations, it is further alleged that they are trying to make capital of claims that they have been "framed up" and are being persecuted. In view of this Administrator Bentley makes the following appeal:

DIVIDENDS PAID IN BURKBURNETT FIELD

Last week it was announced that the Burkburnett-Midland Oil Company would this week issue stock certificates to those who had already made purchases. The Reporter, on account of delay in receiving lithographed blanks, has been unable to turn them over to the secretary-treasurer, our townsman, Sam Preston. This alone is the cause, and we trust the delay will not be prolonged more than a few days more. In the meantime all things else is progressing nicely with the company, and we ask you to read their advertisement appearing elsewhere in this paper. Also note the following which appeared recently in the Wichita Daily Times:

None of the wells at Burkburnett, with the exception of the first Fowler well, have been producing oil for as long as five months, but already twenty-one companies have begun paying on the investment. Many of these companies have paid back to stockholders all the money put in, while other dividends range from 10 to 70 per cent, and some have paid more than 100 per cent.

The list of dividend payers, to date, as reported, follows:

- Seruggs-Ardis, 50 per cent.
- Wichita Southern, 100 per cent.
- Green River, 25 per cent.
- Columbia, 100 per cent.
- Citizens, 100 per cent.
- K. A. P. Oil Company, 100 per cent.
- Big Pool, 100 per cent.
- Walker Oil Company, 70 per cent.
- Floydada, 50 per cent.
- Wichita Burk, 10 per cent.
- Hammond No. 2, 100 per cent.
- Vindicator, 175 per cent.
- Victory Petroleum, 50 per cent.
- Wichita Fuel, 50 per cent.
- Block 36, 100 per cent.
- Wichita Oil and Gas, 25 per cent.
- Sunbeam, 10 per cent.
- Couch Winfrey, 100 per cent.
- Big Three, 50 per cent.
- Sunbeam No. 1, 10 per cent.
- Hammond No. 1, 226 per cent.

LITTLE GIRL DIED AFTER LONG ILLNESS

The five months old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rayburn died last Sunday night, after a prolonged illness, and was buried Monday. Friends of the parents deeply sympathize with them in their sorrow.

DISTINCTION LIST FOR FOURTH MONTH

Total Enrollment of 516, Monthly Attendance of 467, and Distinction List of 158

The fourth month of the present session of our city schools closed Friday, January 17, 1919, with a total enrollment for the term of 516, an attendance for the fourth month of 467, and an honor list of 158 for the 4th month. 25 of these being in the high school, 71 in central ward, and 62 in south ward.

There were only 6 tardies for the entire school during month. This is one of the best records, if not the best, in the history of the schools. The attendance was also good. Two rooms averaged 94, seven averaged 95, two averaged 96, and four averaged 97. Those averaging 97 or more were as follows:

- Miss Brunson's room, 97.75 per cent.
- Mr. Nelson's room, 97.59 per cent.
- Miss Green's room, 97.36 per cent.
- Miss Graves' room, 97.26 per cent.

Ten new pupils were enrolled during the month, as follows: Willie Conner, Thomas Schrock, J. Ford Schrock, Hilma Jordan, Margaret Jordan, Mary Crocker, Oliver Odell, John Motyl, Leslie Motyl and Marcus Irwin.

Below are given the names of those pupils in the city schools, together with their averages for the fourth month, who made grades of 85 or more for the month. Those averaging 90 or more are recorded with the highest honors (Summa Cum Laude); those averaging 85 or more but under 90 are recorded with high honors (Magna Cum Laude). The numbers after the names of the pupils in the high school department indicate the number of courses carried by the different students respectively:

| High School | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Summa Cum Laude (90 or more) | |
| Lenora Whitmire, 5 | 95-1-5 |
| Bryan Hull, 5 | 95-2-5 |
| Ruth Terry, 5 | 95-2-5 |
| Carolyn Caldwell, 5 | 95-1-5 |
| Margaret Caldwell, 5 | 94-4-5 |
| Quinnie Cordill, 5 | 93-3-5 |
| Roy Stark, 5 | 93-3-5 |
| Marion Allen, 5 | 92-1-5 |
| Grace Terry, 5 | 91-4-5 |
| Franklin Whitefield, 5 | 91-2-5 |
| Rebecca Underwood, 4 | 91-1-4 |
| Clifford Heath, 5 | 90-3-5 |
| Lillie Pliska, 4 | 90-1-2 |
| Roxie Nugent, 5 | 90 |
| Magna Cum Laude (85 to 89) | |
| Helena Henson, 4 | 89 |
| Eileen Harrison, 5 | 88-3-5 |
| Della Forester, 4 | 88 |
| Tennie Lee Bradshaw, 4 | 87-3-4 |
| Betty Trammell, 5 | 87-3-5 |
| Herman Klapproth, 5 | 87-3-5 |
| Winnie Runyan, 4 | 86-1-2 |
| Annie Lee Brown, 4 | 86-1-2 |
| Lois Hutchison, 4 | 85-1-2 |
| Jessie King, 4 | 85-1-2 |
| Frances Miller, 5 | 85-1-5 |

HALF SOLD HEREFORDS TO GARDEN CITY PARTIES

This week Henry M. Half sold to E. T. Cobb, of Garden City, one registered bull and nine registered heifers, all Herefords. We did not learn particulars. However, we know the cattle AI, for that is the only kind that come from the registered herds. We congratulate the new owner of these splendid animals.

Highway Meeting at Mineral Wells

More Than Dozen States to Send Delegates For Two Days in April

The third annual session of the Bankhead National Highway Association will meet in Mineral Wells, Texas, April 18th and 19th. Delegates will be in attendance from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The Highway has been officially designated by government engineers and pathfinding commissions and the association from Washington to Memphis, Tenn. There are warm contests over the route from Memphis to El Paso, Texas. The Pathfinding Commission has inspected two of the contesting routes and will probably inspect the third before they make their report to the board of directors, which will act and refer the same for final adoption to the convention at Mineral Wells. The great rivalry and warm contest will undoubtedly draw large crowds to attend this convention, which has for its president, Ex-Congressman T. S. Plozman, of Alabama, and for its secretary, J. A. Rountree, who has active charge of arranging the details and conducting the affairs of the association. Already automobile tours are being organized by various contesting routes from Memphis to Mineral Wells. It is planned to give a suitable prize or trophy to the city or route commencing from Memphis, Tenn., that has the largest number of automobiles in the procession.

The United States Good Roads Association, of which Senator J. H. Bankhead is president, and also United States Good Roads Exhibit of Machinery and Material will meet on the 14th and continue during the week. Taking into consideration the interest that will be manifested in these three conventions, probably the largest crowd that ever assembled in the nation will be drawn to Mineral Wells. Application for reduced rates on the various railroads has been made. Excursions from various points throughout Texas and the southwest will be promoted to this convention. Thousands of Texans will not depend upon the railroads to transport them, but will come in their cars over the splendid roads in this State. Many people have commenced to plan their vacations and to be at Mineral Wells, Good Roads Week in April.

| Magna Cum Laude (85 to 89) | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Katie Ruth Anderson | 89-3-5 |
| Odin Stark | 89-3-5 |
| Glornia Crosssett | 89-1-3 |
| Geneva Shaw | 89-1-3 |
| Louise Hill | 88-5-6 |
| J. C. Roberts | 88-3-3 |
| Thelma Conner | 88-1-5 |
| Paul Hedges | 88-1-5 |
| Hazel Foster | 88-1-6 |
| Roy Jones | 87-5-1 |
| Sidney Hedges | 87-1-2 |
| Elma Collins | 87-2-5 |
| Gordon Jones | 87-1-3 |
| J. B. Stark | 87-1-6 |
| H. B. Dorsey | 87 |
| Thomas Aycock | 85-1-5 |
| Ernest Locklar | 86-2-3 |
| Alice May Patton | 86-2-5 |
| Robert Lee | 85-2-3 |
| Thomas Barber | 85-3-5 |
| George Covey | 85-1-2 |
| Jewell Midkiff | 85-2-5 |
| Beulah Henry | 85-1-3 |
| Le'man Damron | 85 |
| Ellis Locklar | 85 |
| J. J. Stokes | 85 |
| Othell Wilmoth | 85 |

BE VERY CAREFUL OF YOUR HEALTH

The following warning taken from a recent issue of the Dallas News, was handed to us by a Midland physician, who suggests that it is well worth the notice of all of us:

All health authorities agree that during periods such as we now are passing through, every cold is a species of influenza. Therefore, do not neglect a cold. If you get it, the one safe thing to do is immediately to go to bed and put in your call for a doctor to see you some time during the day. Don't expect a doctor to respond three minutes after you have telephone him, because there are others calling for him, too.

If every one will take this advice, the influenza epidemic will soon be a thing of the past. Health authorities further agree that influenza or colds are cold there is no danger; that the real trouble comes from neglect permitting the trouble to run into pneumonia.

It should be borne in mind above all else, however, that it is very dangerous to others to sneeze or cough in the presence of any one else unless you cover your mouth and nostrils with a handkerchief.

Health authorities furthermore contend that there is no excuse for any one to lose his nerve or become panic-stricken. All that is needed to meet the situation are common sense and unusual care of oneself.

Don't fail to hear the overseas soldier boy at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 6:30. Special patriotic music by the choir.

We will be off to market the early part of next week, where we expect to look after the interest of our customers to the very best advantage in buying our spring merchandise, in order that we may give them the best for the least money.

Any special order you may entrust to us will have our very best attention, and we will take pleasure in attending to same for you.

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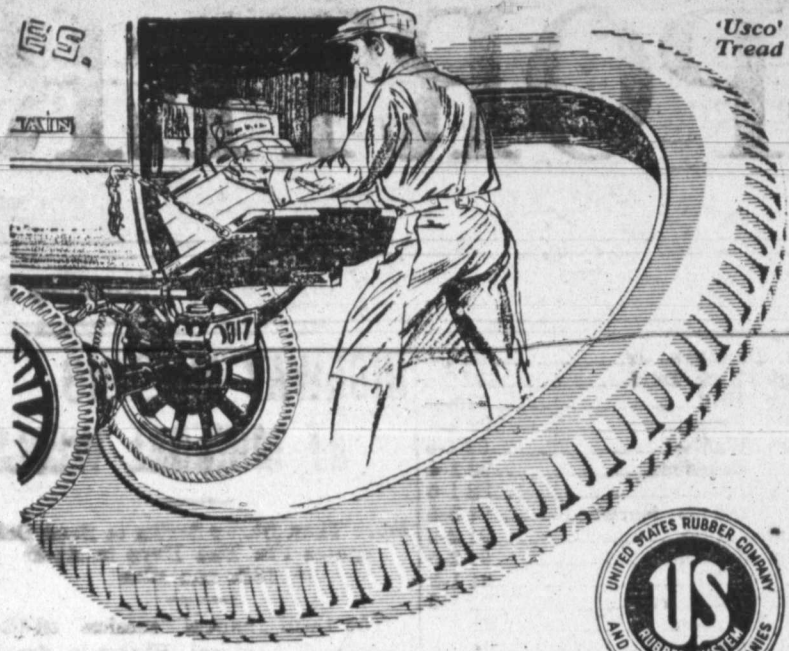
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SOCIETY By L. G. W., Phone 88

Mayor Dawson Has Birthday On Friday of last week our esteemed young mayor, Mr. W. A. Dawson, was the squirming victim of a birthday, for these natal days really have a quaint little habit of coming to men as well as women. This anniversary was converted into

a gala event, however, by the wifely thoughtfulness of Mrs. Dawson, who complimented her husband with a beautiful dinner party. The table presented a lovely appearance with its snowy napery, handsome cut-glass, silver and china. The dinner was in five courses, and was perfectly prepared. Covers were laid for Revs. J. T. McKissick, O. J. Hull, Judge Chas. Gibbs, Messrs. B. F. Whitefield, C. S. Karkalits and the honoree. It was a party of thoroughly congenial friends, and the after dinner hours were further enlivened by the presence of Mrs. Fleming, of Denton, Mrs. Dawson and the fine little son.

Mrs. Bigham's Father Dead For the third time this winter, the death messenger has visited the family of Mrs. N. W. Bigham; first, a brother-in-law, Mr. L. Randolph, of Dalhart; next an infant niece and lastly her father, Mr. Robert Malone, of Seminole, who this week was found by another daughter, lying in the yard dead. It is supposed his death was due to heart disease. Much sympathy is tendered the bereaved ones.

KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT

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SHOE POLISHES

PRESERVE THE LEATHER

LIQUIDS AND PASTES FOR BLACK, WHITE, TAN, DARK BROWN OR OX-BLOOD SHOES

THE FARMLEY CORPORATION, INC., MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met in regular session Thursday afternoon with Mesdames Watts and DeArmond as hostesses. An interesting program was very much enjoyed, after which tempting refreshments were daintily served.

Judge E. R. Bryan, who is the lay leader of the San Angelo district, left Friday afternoon for Fort Worth and San Antonio to attend a meeting of the lay leaders of the West Texas Conference in regard to the great centenary movement that is being launched in the Methodist church.

The Baptist Woman's Auxiliary had a delightfully busy and happy meeting with Mrs. W. W. Wimberly Monday afternoon. A representative number of ladies were present and they also emulated the example of the busy bee, for they finished two quilts as their afternoon's quota. During the social hour Mrs. Wimberly served very delicious refreshments.

Ensign Fletcher Terry, who has been enjoying a furlough with family and friends, returned to Chicago Sunday to report for duty.

Mr. J. E. Smith, of the Security National Bank, Jacksonville, Tenn., arrived in our little city Sunday to be a guest of his sister, Mrs. F. E. Rankin.

Rev. W. H. Foster returned from Whitesboro Wednesday where he has been to accompany his wife and baby on a visit to relatives. Mr. Foster's father returned with him and will visit in Midland for a time.

Mrs. J. B. Rhea left Monday for a visit to Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Jax Cowden left Thursday morning for Nashville, Tenn., to visit her mother. Before returning to Midland Mrs. Cowden will also visit in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shepherd returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where Mrs. Shepherd underwent an operation, and friends will be interested in learning that her health is very much improved in consequence.

Mrs. Marsh Lee, of Fort Stockton, arrived Thursday afternoon to be a guest of Mrs. E. R. Thomas.

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Christian Church
Bible school at 9:45 a. m., J. F. Howe, Supt.
Preaching at the usual hours by the regular minister. Morning subject, "The Christian Armor." Evening subject, "The Judgment Day."
Special music by the choir at the morning service. You and your friends are cordially invited.
J. T. McKissick, Minister.

Baptist Church
Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages, Jno. M. Cowden, Supt.
Preaching at 11 a. m., by the pastor.
Young peoples' meeting at 5:30 p. m.
At the evening hour an overseas soldier boy will speak on his recent experiences in France. The public is invited to enjoy this service. Special music at both the morning and evening service.
O. J. Hull, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church
Services will be held at this church on the coming Sabbath. The pastor will preach at the morning and evening hours.
Sunday-school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Evening worship at 6:30.
Visitors in town and friends are cordially invited to attend these services.
W. H. Foster.

WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Last Lord's day the Sunday-school attendance was a bit lower than we had expected. The poor attendance was due to influenza at the college and the inclement weather. There were two additions to the church at the close of the Bible school. It had been decided a Sunday or two ago that we would have a meeting in the near future. Brother McKissick announced last Sunday that he had secured Bro. R. V. Wallace, pastor of the First Christian church of McKinney, to hold the meeting. Bro. Wallace comes to us highly recommended. He has held many successful meetings in Texas as well as in other states. The exact date of his coming has not been determined but it will probably be about the 10th or 17th of February.

Mr. Horton announces that the receipt of our first contribution to the Juliette Fowler orphan home had been acknowledged. We were very glad to hear that the Midland church is one of the largest contributors to that institution this year.

The evening service on "The Ideal Home" was one of the best we have had in the series of sermons on the "Ideals." The crowd was small but it was an appreciative one.

Be sure and watch for the date of our meeting. Church Reporter

MRS. SHEPHERD BETTER SINCE AN OPERATION

J. H. Shepherd and wife returned Wednesday morning from Ft. Worth where Mrs. Shepherd recently sustained a major operation. It is a pleasure to report her now much improved. The Ft. Worth physician states that all that is necessary now is to build up her strength and she will be perfectly well again.

Buy Coal Now!

This is urged as a patriotic necessity. Be assured of this, prices are regulated by the Fuel Administrator, and the

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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

CONDITIONS GOOD BUT IT IS STILL COLD

Our old friend, Frank Hardin, is in the latter part of the week from his place on the Texas and New Mexico line, southeast from Lovington.

He reports that it has been awfully cold up there and still is. However, the range continues in fine shape and there is promise of prosperity this year. His health, we regret to know, is not so good as could be, but we shall hope for his early improvement.

"When the Little Blue Star in the Window has Turned to Gold," and 149 other big hits just received. Come in and try them over. Basham, Shepherd & Co. 16-2t

DERRICK IS ERECTED

And Soon Drilling Operations will be on with the

Burkburnett-Midland Oil Company

Also, next week we shall begin to issue Certificates of Stock to those who have already purchased. The copy is in the hands of The Reporter now and will be completed within only a few days.

Drilling Soon

As stated above, our derrick is already erected on our drilling site, and we are now only awaiting our turn with a reputable driller. Soon thereafter you will see Burkburnett-Midland quoted on 'Change and then

Prices Will Soar

Better buy now while stock is at par. Ask others what they think of our holdings. Public Opinion pretty good to go by, and we are not afraid of what "They Say."

Burkburnett - Midland Oil Co.

SAM PRESTON, Secretary-Treasurer

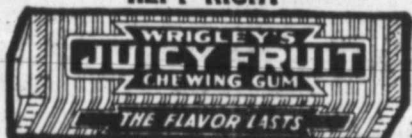
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INCOME TAX DRIVE ON FOR THIS YEAR

Internal Revenue Collector Walker Recently Submitted Interview For Publication

The Income Tax drive of 1919 is now under way, and every preparation is being made to handle the largest collection in the history of Income Tax. "I am not waiting for the final passage of the new Revenue Bill by Congress," said Internal Revenue Collector Walker the other day, when interviewed by a reporter, "nor for the new regulations and blank forms to be issued. To get this big tax in and get it accurate and complete, I urge that we all begin now.

"The income tax obligations imposed by the old laws, as well as the measure now in Congress, consist of two distinct operations. One is, to file return or statement of all items of income and items of deductions allowable by law, and to do this within the period named in the law. The other is, to pay the tax, if any is due. "Neither of these obligations can be met without a careful review of income and expenditure for the tax year. That is the big job right now, and that is why I say the income tax

drive is already under way. Every man (and woman too) should immediately prepare a complete and accurate detailed statement of his receipts for the year 1918.

"When the new bill is enacted into law, I will have the proper return forms distributed throughout the district, and everybody will be informed of the date when the sworn return must be filed. It is my plan to send my men out to central locations, and to have them travel through the district, aiding tax payers in the preparation of the returns and in deciding doubtful points. We will go right to the people with the Income Tax, and with the co-operation which the public can give the government men, the returns will be filed by everybody who comes under the law's provisions, the right taxes will be paid, and the district will have done its full patriotic duty towards the government's support.

"Meanwhile, let me say again, there is no need in delaying the preparation of figures. Anything that Congress does now will not affect the amount of a person's earning for 1918. Let us avoid the belated throwing of figures that may hit or miss. Guesses cannot be accepted as the basis of taxation. It is clearly the duty of every person to compile correct figures and ascertain whether his income for 1918 was sufficient to make necessary a sworn re-

turn. "The year 1918 was a banner year for salaries and wages, and the high war prices brought unusual profits to the average small tradesman and to the farmer in many sections of the country. The opinion in Washington is that a million citizens and residents will make this year their first income tax returns.

"All signs indicate that the income tax this year will reach many working men and women, and nearly every merchant, shop keeper, as well as a big percentage of farmers. Not all will have to pay the tax, but nearly all will be obliged to make a sworn statement of the year's income.

"I am therefore advising unmarried persons who earned \$1000, or over, during the year 1918, and every person, who together with wife or husband, earned \$2,000, to sharpen his pencil and figure out how he now stands.

"He must ascertain accurately his gross income from all sources. There's his salary or wages, including overtime pay and any bonus received, additional compensation. A married person having children under 18 who are working should include the earnings of such children.

"If he sold any property at a profit, the gain must be computed and included in gross income. If he rented any property to other persons, the total rents received in the year must be ascertained, and from that figure a deduction may be taken for taxes paid on rented property, necessary minor repairs, fire insurance, any interest he may have paid on mortgage, and a reasonable allowance for annual wear and tear of the rental property. The balance is included in gross income for the year.

"Interest on bank deposits, whether withdrawn or added to his bank balances, must be included in all calculations of income. Bond interest received during the year must also be included, except interest on municipal, county or state bonds. Interest on United States bonds need not be included by the ordinary bond holder who purchased small amounts. Holders of large amounts of Liberty Bonds, however, should ask their bankers to write to my office for the rule applying to tax on such interest.

"Dividends on stock shares are income, and must be included in the gross figures, although the law does not impose the normal tax on distributions made by domestic corporations.

"A person buying and selling merchandise must find his profits for the year on the following basis: First, ascertain the gross sales or total cash receipts. Then add together the inventory at the beginning of the year and the purchase of goods for resale. From this latter sum subtract the inventory of goods on hand at the year's end and the result is the cost of goods sold. This cost, plus necessary expenses incurred solely through conduct of the business, is to be deducted from the gross sales, and the result is the net earnings of the business.

"A professional man arrives at his professional income by ascertaining the total of fees for services and deducting therefrom all expenses connected directly and solely with his profession.

"A farmer must figure up all income derived from the sale or exchange of products during the year, whether such produce was raised on the farm or purchased and resold. He is allowed to deduct from this total his expenses of the year connected with the planting, cultivation, harvesting and marketing of the crop, the care, feeding and marketing of live stock. He is not allowed to deduct the amount expended in 1918 in purchasing stock for resale; but when such stock is sold its cost is to be deducted from sale price in ascertaining the gain to be included in his return of income. But all cases where he exchanges produce for merchandise, groceries, etc., the market value of the articles received in exchange must be included.

"All other items of income arising during the year personal service, business or trade, through use of property, money, should be added into the gains of 1918.

"Everybody wants to know what income is exempt from tax. Very few items that fall to the average man may be legally disregarded in figuring up his 1918 income. Gifts and bequests can be eliminated; also proceeds of life insurance received by beneficiary of an insured person.

A person who cashed in an endowment policy need report as income only that portion which exceeds the total of the premiums he paid in all years on that policy. Annuities are not taxable, unless the person received in the year payments which represent, when added to all prior payments on the annuity, an amount greater than the original cost of the annuity. Dividends of unexpired life insurance policies are not taxable income; but dividends on paid-up policies must be considered income. Allowable is not income to the recipient, nor is it an allowable deduction on the part of the person who pays.

"From the total of all items of income, there are certain deductions allowable by law. All interest paid on personal indebtedness and all taxes paid during the year are deductible, except Federal Income and Excise. Profits taxes, inheritance taxes and assessments for local improvements, such as sidewalks, sewers, etc. Losses incurred in business or trade are allowable, also losses arising from fires, storms, shipwreck or other casualty, or from theft, in cases where such losses are not compensated for by insurance of other-wise. Losses incurred outside of a person's regular business are allowable to the extent of gains reported from similar transactions within the

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year. Debts due to the taxpayer actually ascertain to be worthless during the year are deductible.

"Depreciation on property used in a profession, in business, or in farming is another item that may be claimed as a deduction. The storekeeper may claim depreciation on his fixtures, and on his delivery horses and wagons, but not on his stock held for sale. The professional man may claim similar deduction on his instruments; and, in the case of a physician who maintains a team or auto for making calls on patients, reasonable depreciation may be claimed. The farmer may claim depreciation on his farm buildings, aside from his personal residence, also on his farm machinery, his work horses and farm wagons. The theory of depreciation in connection with the Income Tax, is that wear and tear caused by use in earning income is a real expense in the earning of that income. The rate is determined by the number of years that the property ordinarily would be useful, and the cost of the property is the basis of the computation. If the property suffering depreciation was bought or acquired prior to March 1, 1913, the market value as of that date is used, instead of the cost, in figuring depreciation.

"Contributions or gifts actually made in 1918 to organizations operating exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, and to societies for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, may be deducted, to an amount not ex-

ceeding 15 per cent of the net income computed without the benefit of this deduction.

"After the total of all income is found, and the deductions allowable by law have been computed as an offset, the amount of income as an excess of such deductions is the net income, which forms the basis of the assessment of tax.

"If every person in this district will examine his own 1918 income and his allowable deductions, in line with date that I have given, he will know beyond doubt whether he must file his return when the blanks arrive. And here is how he will determine his liability to file a return:

"If he is single he must file, if his net income is \$1000 or more, and this requirement is enforced whether or not he is the head of a family. If he is married, he must file his return if his net income, including that of his wife and minor children, was \$2000 or more.

"I want to emphasize the co-operation feature of the Collection of the Income Tax this year. The policy of the Internal Revenue Bureau is to aid taxpayers to meet the requirements of the law. We are going right to the people, not to swing clubs or to mule the wage-earner of his savings, but offering every helpful governmental function that will assist people to do their duty."

Nugent's phone is 216. Call him for transfer service or your coal supply. 13-17

BIG CARGO OF FLOUR SOLD IN MID-OCEAN

Herbert Hoover sold the American Committee for Relief in the Near East 7000 tons of flour, the flour at the time of the sale being on a ship in the Mediterranean. The price of the cargo was \$1,200,000, and immediately on the closing of the bargain, the Relief Committee ordered the ship by wireless to head at once for Constantinople, from which point the flour will be distributed to the starving districts in Armenia, Syria, and other Near Eastern countries. This, however, say relief workers is only a drop in the bucket as compared with the widespread need of these peoples, and several more thousands tons of provisions must be sent to drive starvation out of Western Asia.

IT IS UP TO OUR PRIVATE GENEROSITY

It is up to private generosity in America to aid the starving countries of the near east which have been oppressed by the Turk, says a cablegram from Herbert Hoover. In spite of the relief program being worked out by the International World Relief Committee and the appropriations for food, the starvation of Armenia, Syria and Asia Minor must come from America, until these countries have a real political status and become self-supporting.

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UNIQUE THEATRE

Henry Stilwell, new proprietor of the Unique Theatre, has not failed to make good his promises to have as good a picture show in Midland as in any of the larger cities, and it is all to the good. Large crowds have attended nightly, and the young man has entered into the movie field with great enthusiasm, and judging from the large crowds we feel sure that he has the co-operation of our people.

Last Friday night was a feature night with a great big-timer entitled "Carmen of the Klondike." This picture was in seven reels and intensely interesting from start to finish. It was most spectacular and kept the audience thrilled. Manager Stilwell received hearty congratulations from all sides and promised the patronage in the future of many.

Saturday night "Hell's End," a very sweet, romantic Bowers picture. This was heartily enjoyed by all.

Monday night showed a bright and sparkling comedy entitled "The Rough Lover." This was a seashore romance with a rollicking young pugilist, a book-worm and a doll-baby young beauty as the central characters. Each show has been something different, and therefore a pleased audience.

Tuesday night Dorothy Phillips the beautiful Universal star, in "The Mortgaged Wife," a society drama, was enthusiastically received by a representative audience.



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Wednesday night Monroe Salesbury was seen in his greatest dramatic triumph, "That Devil Bateese" and it certainly was a triumph for ever before have we seen such extraordinary acting.

Thursday, Friday, the great serial "The Lion's Claw," with the sensational actress, Marie Walbe in the lead. We are all well acquainted with this dashing young man, having seen her in two great here, and all will be pleased to see her again. Aside from this all there will be a comedy with the fellows, Charlie Chaplain in "Cap Jazz, Waiter," in 2 reels. There also be another picture.

Tomorrow night, Saturday, there will be a jungle picture "The Human Tiger," and also an L-Ko comedy and extra reel.

On next Tuesday night there is to be a great special feature entitled "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin." Many of our people has seen this picture and pronounce it the best of its kind ever gotten out. It will fairly make your blood boil to witness this play. It is a bill that the big city shows have featured as top-liners, and you should see it by all means.

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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 A63, surveyed for the public free schools of the state of Texas. That on the same date the 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 \$337.50 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 it 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 become 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 B. 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 subordinate 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 pray.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this the 1st day of January, A. D., 1919.

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

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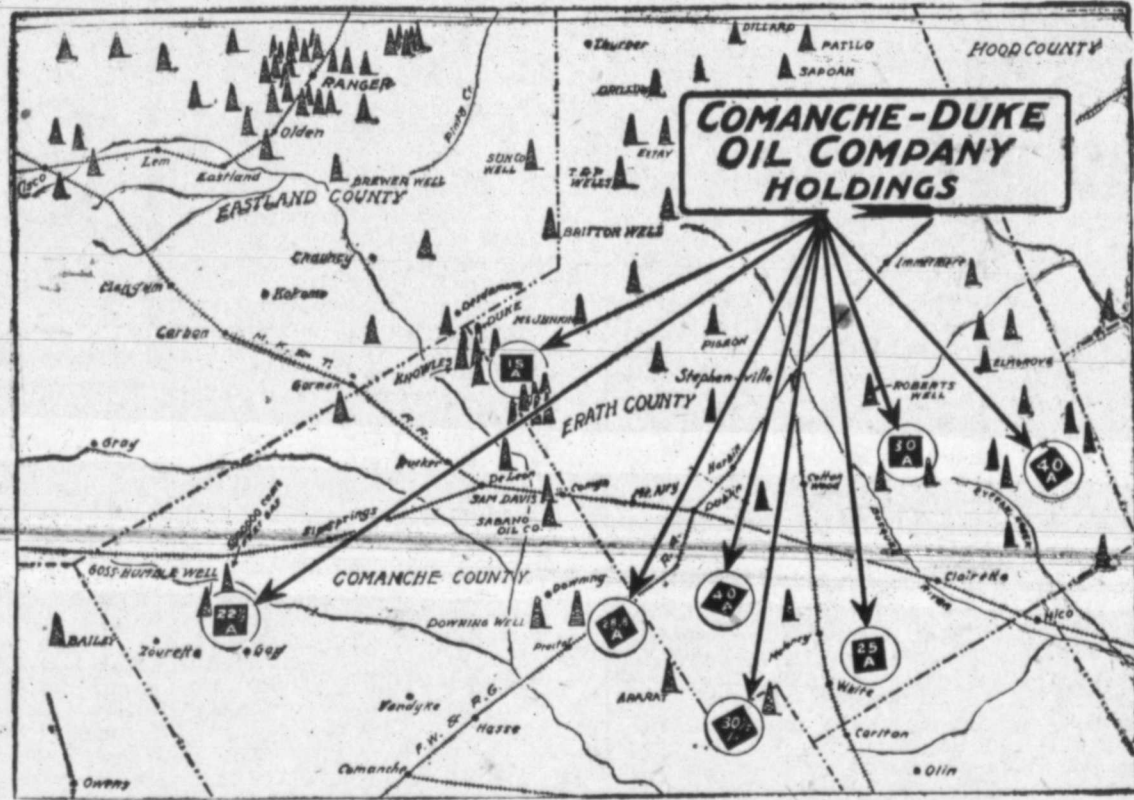
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a feeling like a heavy weight pressing
on my stomach and chest all the time.
I felt miserable. Every morsel of
food distressed me. I could not rest
at night and felt tired and worn out
all the time. One bottle of Cham-
berlain's Tablets cured me and I have
since felt like a different person." Jan

FROM THE SOLDIER BOYS

From Hayes S. Johnston
Dec. 25, 1918.
Co. 1, 38th Inf., A. P. O. 740, Ameri-
can Exped., France.

Mrs. W. K. Johnston
Dear Mother: I will write you a
line to let you know I am all O. K.,
and hope you are the same. Well, I
have just got through eating dinner
and sure had some dinner, believe
me. Had all the cake I could eat. I
hope you all had a good time Christ-
mas. The snow is three inches deep
here. Sure looks like Christmas, all
right.

Well, I am living in some build-
ings now. I am living in a castle that
is sure some place. We got some
smoking and candy for Christmas.

I am out in the woods four miles
from town. I stay in a room four
stories from the ground. It sure is
some building. There are lots of deer
here, but I never have went hunting
yet. They have been hunting for two
days but have never killed anything.
This sure is some pretty country, be-
lieve me. I sure have seen some of
the country since I have been here. I
never felt any better in my life than
I do now. How are sister and the child-
ren? All right, I hope. I will write
to everybody as soon as I get some
paper. Gee! we had some beer for
dinner, too. I will be like the Dutch-
man's hog when I leave here. I don't
know how long we will be here. I
hope I will be on my way home pret-
ty soon. But there is one good thing,
they are not fighting now. I can say
I am pretty lucky after all. Don't
you all worry about me, I will be all
O. K. This castle is where the old
count lives. I guess we will have
a good supper tonight. I guess it is
cold there now. I sure wish I was
there, it would seem like summer to
me. I want to go hunting if I can. I
hope papa is getting lots of work to
do. How is Dave getting along in
his shop? We sure did some walk-
ing about a month. I got all the
walking that was coming to me. How
is the cattle doing there? I hope
they all don't die. I want to get a job
when I get back. Does Hester exist
hear from Albert? I don't guess he
has ever come across. I am having
lots of experience. I can tell you
lots of news when I get back. I will
be glad when I can ride that old Stan-
set in Midland. We will have some
time. There is lots of running water
here.

As ever your loving son,
Hayes L. Johnston.

On active service with the American
Expedition Force.

From Henry Fleenor
Dec. 30, 1918.

Dear Superintendent, Teachers and
Pupils:

How are you all this fine, rainy af-
ternoon? I am just feeling fine and
almost as fat as I was the last time
you saw me. I suppose you have
heard that I was on the front. Be-
lieve me, that was something I shall
remember for a long time. I got out
all right, but I didn't see how I was
going to do it for a while. I was shot
through the right arm and the fel-
lows who did it tried to do worse, but
failed. They didn't give up until
they had shot about 3000 times at
me, there were three trying for me.
Believe me, they sure had me close
to the ground. The best part about
it was that I went to sleep and the
bullets sounded so much like birds
that I dreamed I was in a park full
of little birds. But I finally got out
and came to the hospital at Paris. I
sure had a fine time there visiting
Napoleon's tomb and several other
places for which Paris is noted.
While I was there, I heard a phono-
graph play one of the songs the high
school girls used to sing. I guess
that didn't make me blue, away over
here, and then hear something like
that. It hasn't been very cold here
yet, we have only had one little snow
so far, and it didn't last as long as it
took to fall. I guess there are some
new teachers in the high school. I
don't know, but if there are, I have
the same love for them as the ones
I knew there, because they are part
of the school that I knew. I hope to
be able to attend the closing exer-
cises of the high school and also of
the college this year. If I do, I know
I shall hear some of the best music
in the world, for the Midland high
school can't be beat, or couldn't, and
I know it is as good as it ever was,
if not better. I know you have a
fine 1919 class this year, because
they are the ones who were in my
room. I should have been one of
them this year if I hadn't been in
France. I am sorry to have been ab-
sent from it all this time, but I have
almost made up for it. It is my class
anyway and I am hoping to see them
all on the night of their graduation
exercises. I must close for this time.

Please excuse mistakes and bad writ-
ing, as I don't have much practice.
Hoping to be with you soon, I close
with best wishes to you all.
Yours sincerely
Private John H. Fleenor,
Co. H., 142nd Inf., A. E. F., A. P. O.,
796.

NEWS NOTES FROM MIDLAND COLLEGE

All students attacked by influen-
za are back at their posts. All of
the teachers suffering from the same
have returned to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell S. Tandy left
for Phoenix, Ariz., last Friday night
on receipt of a telegram that her
mother had passed away of influen-
za. They have the profound sym-
pathy of their friends in Midland. Re-
solutions of condolence have been
sent to them by the students and fac-
ulty.

Miss Heavenhill received a box of
flowers a few days ago from old
students of the college now attending
T. C. U. The names attached were:
Morrow Boynton, Viola Coyle, Leslie
Nash, Louise Jones, Lois Carpenter
and Tom Asburn.

It is a cheerful spectacle to see all
leading students and teachers out
on the campus engaging in basket-
ball and tennis again. These games
had to be discontinued for two
weeks on account of the epidemic.

A double-header basketball event
will take place on the college cam-
pus Saturday afternoon when Big
Spring and Lamesa will both send
high school teams to meet the Mid-
land College team. So far the team
has played three games with Stanton
winning twice and losing once.

William Broddus, of Colorado, and
Lee Terry of our own community
have entered school this week. Lee
Terry attended the college last year
and entered S.M.U. September last as
a member of the S. A. T. C. there. He
did not return after Christmas but
will complete the course at Midland
College.

Miss Heavenhill heard from her
brother Garrison, this week. He has
been transferred from the base hos-
pital at Bordeaux, France, to the one
at Waco, Texas. He expects to visit
home at Winters, in a few weeks, and
his friends at Midland College hope
to have him visit them when he re-
turns on furlough. He was with the
famous Ninetieth-Division in which
it is said ninety per cent of the men
were killed or wounded. Lieut. Heav-
enhill was wounded twice in this
same battle.

Reporter.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting
Notice is hereby given that a spe-
cial meeting of the stockholders of
the Midland & Northwestern Rail-
way 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 au-
thorizing the execution of a mort-
gage of trust deed upon all the com-
pany's properties and franchises of
whichever nature, securing the pay-
ment 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

debtedness of the company, secured
or unsecured, and providing funds for
the extension, maintenance, opera-
tion and up-keep of the company's
properties.

By order of the Board of Directors,
Dated at Midland, Texas, this the 16-
day of January, 1919.

B. C. GIRDLEY, Secy.
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gestion or constipation, take Cham-
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is usually accompanied by constipa-
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ment of the bowels, relieving the con-
stipated condition.
Jan.

PETIT JURORS NEEDED
APPEAR UNTIL TUESDAY
District court meets next Monday
and the business of organization,
charging grand jury, and other de-
tails will take up the first day, so it
has been ordered that the petit ju-
rors, summoned for the term, need
not appear until Tuesday morning.
All jurors should note this and be
governed accordingly.

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thoroughly investigate a business
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SERVICES SUNDAY AT
THE BAPTIST CHURCH
Both of the services at the Bap-
tist church last Sunday were fine and
were helpful to all. At the morning
service Bro. Hull preached on "A
Universal Desire." At the evening
service the choir gave a sacred con-
cert. The audience was exceedingly
large and there were a great many
visitors. We are always glad to
have visitors, so come again. The
prayer meeting was good and "Why
Our Prayers are not Answered" was
discussed. There were about fifty
present. On next Sunday night an
overseas soldier boy will speak and
everybody is invited to attend. Come
next Sunday and attend all the ser-
vices, for you are sure to be benefi-
ted.
Church Report.

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

Prove that their fighting was worth while.

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 per-
mit 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.

BURTON-LINGO COMPANY
32 Years in Midland

Wight & Anthony
RANCH SUPPLIES
Exclusively Cash
MIDLAND, TEXAS

To the People of the Midland Country, who have been our Friends, in a substan-
tial way, and to our friends in a moderate way, or our friends in any other
way whatever:

We would like to meet every friend of ours during the next few
days in our store. We are going to move away from Midland. If you
want to buy one or two more bills of groceries from us we will make
you very low prices---if you do not want to buy anything we would
like to shake your hand, any way, and tell you goodbye, because we
may be gone a long, long time.

You have contributed to the success of our business and we
would be dogs if we did not appreciate it, and we do to the full ex-
tent of the success which has exceeded our estimates or expectations.

If you are interested enough that you would like to know our
reasons for closing our business here we are frank to say, that you
or we have no control over the causes which make the move necessary.
The unprecedented drought of two years has reduced the requirements
of this territory, while the earth is giving up its wealth in petro-
leum, in territory near by and people by the thousands are rushing
there and must be sustained.

It is our opinion that there will be ample facilities for dis-
tribution of merchandise in this territory when our stock is gone
and we have a good feeling for our competitors and for the town of
Midland.

We believe that prosperity will return to this country.

Reduction of stock sale begins now and will continue as long
as the volume will justify. Look up your present needs and our
prices. We will not ship any goods away from here that we can sell
at cost and will offer some at less than cost. We have a full line
of \$15,000.00 stock of clean, standard brand groceries.

WIGHT & ANTHONY.
Notice of Stockholders Meeting
Notice is hereby given that a spe-
cial meeting of the stockholders of
the Midland & Northwestern Rail-
way 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 au-
thorizing the execution of a mort-
gage of trust deed upon all the com-
pany's properties and franchises of
whichever nature, securing the pay-
ment 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
debtedness of the company, secured
or unsecured, and providing funds for
the extension, maintenance, opera-
tion and up-keep of the company's
properties.
By order of the Board of Directors,
Dated at Midland, Texas, this the 16-
day of January, 1919.
B. C. GIRDLEY, Secy.
15-10t
Chamberlain's Tablets
When you are troubled with indi-
gestion or constipation, take Cham-
berlain's Tablets. They strengthen
the stomach and enable it to perform
its functions naturally. Indigestion
is usually accompanied by constipa-
tion and is aggravated by it. Cham-
berlain's Tablets cause a gentle move-
ment of the bowels, relieving the con-
stipated condition.
Jan.

Buick
EVERYBODY KNOWS
VALVE-IN-HEAD MEANS BUICK
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 - 1755
Seven Passenger Closed Model H-Six-50 - 2585
Buick Motor Company, Flint, Michigan
Pioneer Builders of Valve-in-Head Motor Cars
COYLE-CORDILL MOTOR CO.
AGENTS 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.

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

W. A. MEADOR,
Presiding Commissioner, Andrews County, Texas. 16-3t

CONDITIONS IN THIS SECTION NEVER BETTER

The Reporter this week has suffered the absence of its foreman, B. P. Harrison, who has had the "flu." His condition is now better, but the paper suffers delay and scarcity of news. However we have talked with quite a number of ranchmen and farmers and the universal good report from them continues. There is practically no loss of stock, there are lots of weeds in the weed sections, grass is most everywhere, and stock will come into spring in fine shape. Best of all the season is universal, and spring grass promises to be early and bountiful.

LEFT THIS WEEK FOR VISIT TO ST. LOUIS

Pres. T. J. O'Connell left this week for a visit to St. Louis, in connection with the new railroad he is about to promote from Stephenville or Comanche to run to Breckenridge. He will be absent about fifteen days.

AUNTIE STERLING'S EXPERIENCE WITH "FLU"

Mr. Watson:

Not to have had the flu, is not to have had your rights, not to have had the pleasure of meeting a foe in the open, and overcoming. The first feel of it was a slight grinding between the throat and the solar plexus, what ever that is, that kept on grinding; no ache, no pain. That was Wednesday afternoon on the day of contact with it. On solemn consultation with mine enemy, was informed I had the inevitable. I was not the least afraid. I ate a hearty supper and retired early. The next morning the fight was on and my old reliable weapons on hand, fasting. I wouldn't give it a crumb to fasten to, and with one slight interruption, fasted 108 hours. I took one dose of Sal Hep and one of Sal Epsom, that was all. More and worse things were talked of, but the good nurse had other patients and could waste no time "argufyin' wid me." Myself and the enemy fought it out alone and never was I hors de combat. I had no ache or pain whatever. On the fifth day a friend sent me the best of buttermilk and I began to eat trifles of mush and milk, oranges, apples, and pine-apple. Then a miracle happened and a Lady Bountiful came, unafraid, with a box of fruit, candies, nuts and bade me eat and get up whenever I felt-like it. She so cheered and comforted and amused me, that I mended rapidly and still the box holds out. This Monday morning I feel like going out and nursing the sick or writing love letters for them. Auntie Sterling.

WIGHT & ANTHONY LEAVING MIDLAND

It came as a surprise this week when circulars were distributed by Wight & Anthony announcing that they were closing out their business in Midland and would leave soon for Cisco. This firm has been here three and a half years, and during the time have made many friends. All members of the concern are splendid citizens and Midland regrets very much to lose them. Cisco is to be congratulated, and Midland friends wish them all sorts of success in their new location.

A NEW KIND OF LAND LEASE WANTED

The Nitrate Products Company, which is the Texas branch of the American Potash Producers Association, has written a citizen of Midland wishing him to secure for them leases dry lakes of the Midland Country, and other low places, where water runs in and only seeps out. They want to make drill tests for fertilizers, and wish the leases for six months, free of cost. After this time, giving a chance to determine values, they will either return leases or pay the landowners \$1 per acre per year, to be paid with one-tenth of the gross products. The leases will have nothing to do with oil or gas privileges and in the event a sufficient acreage is secured, the company will send three crews here to make their investigations. Small tracts of ten acres or more will be accepted.

GERMAN SHIPS ARE USED FOR RELIEF

Secretary Daniels has lent two former German ships, now the U. S. naval transports Mercurius and Pensacola, to the American Committee for Relief in the Near East. One has already sailed with 150 male relief workers, five million yards of khaki cloth, and food, clothing and agricultural supplies for the Armenians, Syrians, and other war sufferers in the Near East. Part of the funds obtained from the Armenian-Syrian Relief Campaign will be used for equipping a second relief ship to sail the middle of February.

RHEUMATISM IS TORTURE

As Many a Midland Reader Knows Only Too Well

Many pains that pass as rheumatism are really due to weak kidneys—to the failure of the kidneys to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer achy, bad joints, backache, too, dizziness and some pinning disturbances, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the medicine that is publicly recommended by over 150,000 people in many different lands. Doan's Kidney Pills help weak kidneys to drive out uric acid, which is often the cause of the backache, rheumatism and lumbago. Many people have learned their worth. Read this Midland resident's experience: Mrs. D. A. Price, Wall street, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for rheumatic twinges and weakness of the kidneys and they have done me a lot of good. I think they are a good medicine and anyone who is troubled by disordered kidneys should get a box at Taylor & Son's drug store." Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Price had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv17-2t

"When the Little Blue Star in the Window has Turned to Gold," and 149 other big hits just received. Come in and try them over. Basham, Shepherd & Co. 16-2t

HAD GOOD SALES OF BURKBURNETT-MIDLAND

J. A. Eichelberger and J. W. Richards returned last night from El Paso and other points, where they had been in the interest of stock sales in the Burkburnett-Midland Oil Company. They report a successful trip and that everywhere presented their company was investigated with much favorable results.

Don't fail to hear the overseas soldier boy at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 6:30. Special patriotic music by the choir.

Making Room

All broken and small lots of Ladies' and Misses' Fall and Winter High Heel Shoes are out on the front counter for Clearance.

We are not listing the prices and styles here, but you cannot miss the bargains if you will go through the shoes on the counter. They are all going for COST and LESS. It will pay you to drop in and see them. If you need dress shoes, every day shoes, house shoes, or any kind of shoes, this sale is meant for you.

We are also closing out a lot of La Camille Corsets

We are making room for the Spring stock and you can well afford to come in and see what we have out on the counters for quick clearance.

Men's Wool, Cotton and Wool-mixed Sweaters

are going at reduced prices. It will pay you to buy one to make out the Winter, and for early Spring. Cold weather is not out of our country yet, and we can save you money on warm clothes.

To Market

MISS CLARK, who has been with us before in the Millinery and Ready-to-Wear Departments, is now in the Eastern markets buying Hats and Clothes for Spring and Summer. We promise you the very best things in this line for the coming season, and extend to one and all a welcome in this department.

EVERYBODY'S

RRON Proprietor Midland's Quality Store

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 1-2 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

HELP WANTED—A lady cook, and also a girl help in the kitchen. Write or phone J. H. Wilhite, Midland College. 16-2t

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

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CHANGE LIVESTOCK INSPECTION LAWS

Our townsman, W. F. Scarborough, a member of the executive board of the Panhandle & Southwestern Stockmen's Association, was called to El Paso this week, where, last Tuesday he met other members of the board. The session was for the purpose of getting a meeting, with members of the Texas Stock Raisers' Association

board when together they may go to Austin in an effort to get the cattle inspection laws changed to conform with those of Arizona and New Mexico. This change would throw the matter into the hands of the State Sanitary Board, and would meet the approval of most of our stockraisers. As inspection laws now stand there is much unnecessary expense, as well as confusion promoted. Mr. Scarborough has much hope for the success of the effort that has been started.

RETURNED YESTERDAY FROM SAN ANTONIO

Judge E. R. Bryan returned yesterday from a visit to San Antonio. He was there to attend a convention of Southern Methodists, which has to do with the great financial campaign they are now about to launch.

Don't fail to hear the overseas soldier boy at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 6:30. Special patriotic music by the choir.



This Bank

Stands committed to the vast undertaking of assisting our citizenship to successfully "go over the top" at every patriotic opportunity, with the least possible interference or inconvenience to this community, and with never a forgetfulness of the tremendously large task of justly aiding to the uttermost limit its large host of customer-friends.

Buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

The First Xylophone

Once upon a time Mendelssohn heard a musical instrument at which he greatly marvelled. He thought it merely a toy—"a few sticks lying on straw, and struck with other sticks," said Mendelssohn, describing it. "Yet," he had to add, "its tone was sweet and bell-like." Is was known then as a straw-fiddle, this little toy instrument that musicians laughed at in derision.

Now you call it a xylophone—unique little agile athlete among makers of music.

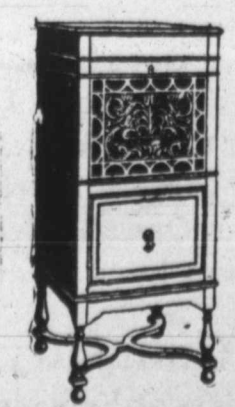
The RE-CREATED music of the xylophone—the modern xylophone—that no one now dares deride, you can have in your own home if you own

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

The dainty, trilling Mocking Bird, the thunder of Cavalry in von Suppe's great overture, the triumphant strains of the masterful overture from "William Tell"—these and many others are best suited to the peculiar talents of the xylophone. The greatest, most skillful players of the modern xylophone have played them for The New Edison. And in tones you cannot distinguish from the original, The New Edison will RE-CREATE them for you, at your pleasure.

Ask us to RE-CREATE for you the xylophone selections of George Hamilton Green, Charles Daab or Lou Chihra Frisco.



C. A. TAYLOR & SON, Dealers