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## GENTLE RAINS FALL OVER ALL SOUTHWEST TEXAS

A slow, soaking rain fell for more than 36 hours beginning at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. It was general all over Southwest Texas but much heavier to the Northwest. The fall at Cotulla as registered by the Government guage was 1.60 inches. In the Southeastern part of the county about three quarters of an inch fell. Roads are in almost impassible condition, as they were already soft from previous rains. There is now a better season in the ground than there has been for many winters.

At Uvalde the rain fall was four to six inches, which will likely cause a considerable rise in the Nueces.

## Boys Heard From Since Armistice.

Quite a number of our boys have been heard from since the day of the Armistice, among them being: Jesse S. Rock, Perry Pegues, John Wildenthal, Roy C. Guinn, Clint Haynie, Sidney Moffett and Walter M. Manly. Up to this date not a single man from this county has been reported as killed on the battle front, whose family live in the county at this time. About 175 men are in the army from the county, and many of them have been through the most severe fighting. We believe Sergeant Sidney Moffett will have the distinction of seeing more service than any other man from the county, and through it all he never received a scratch. Way back in July he had been over the top three times, and has been in continuous service since. He was in the fighting when the Germans were making their famous drive. Many of our boys were in the battle of St. Miheil and the Argonne forest, where some of the worst fighting of the war was done. A number of them are now with the army of occupation. We have no way of knowing just how many but have information that the following are: Clint Haynie, Sidney Moffett, Roy C. Guinn, Tom Hent John Wildenthal, W. M. Manly.

## MAKING THINGS GO OVER AT HARRISS VALLEY

Over at Harriss Valley is a demonstration of "making things go." A couple of years ago Harriss Bros., Company, with Mr. P. N. Swann, as personal representative and superintendent of operations opened up a large farm with the view of raising cotton. It was late in the spring of 1917 when they finished clearing and broke their land. There was not sufficient moisture to plant, nor was there rains of consequence all the year, so a complete crop failure was made. In the summer of 1917, realizing the necessity of artesian water they started a well, which was brought in the first of July of the present year, with a flow of 900 gallons per minute. The water is the same as the City well at Cotulla. The drouth continued into 1918, and although crops were planted were practically a failure except some cotton on which water was turned in August and which yielded half a bale to the acre. In the latter part of August and early part of September about two hundred acres of feed was planted and irrigated from the well. This produced a fine yield and was cut ten days ago. Harriss Bros., opened up their farm to grow cotton and they are going to grow it, notwithstanding their first two attempts were practical failures. They now have water to irrigate some 500 acres, and with reasonable rainfall next month a reservoir has been created that holds 25,000,000 gallons of water, which is kept up by the flow of the excellent artesian well. About 3000 acres of land has been cleared and has been kept in line shape for two seasons, and with the abundant moisture that is falling this winter, the ground is storing up a season that should produce crops next year, and there is every prospect that 1919 will see one of the biggest cotton fields in La Salle county at Harriss Valley. The land here is very productive.

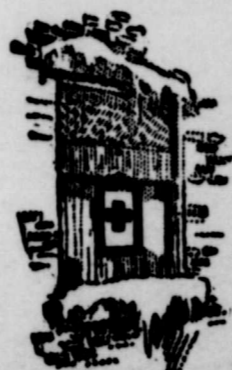
Harriss Bros., Company are going to make things go. It has taken them a couple of years to get started, but they are going to demonstrate that there is money in growing staple crops

# JOIN



## Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness that America must not forget — there is misery and distress and sickness all over the world. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.



Put your flag in



Wear your Button

Will you be wearing your membership button when the boys come home?

Join the Red Cross

THEir work continues to

in La Salle county. They have the finest equipped farm in the county. A modern farm home crowns the highest elevation on the farm; modern stables, garages, barns, etc., all lit by electricity, and connected with perfect waterworks system, fire plugs, ect. There are also about twenty tenant houses on the farm, all painted.

Mr. Swann, a member of the company and the genial superintendent of operations, stated to the Record this week, while there with a party of Cotulla business men, "that the company had spent about \$250,000 in development; that they had asked no help from any one, and had not a foot of land to sell." Continuing, Mr. Swann said that he had confidence in this country, and believed that staple crop farming could be made profitable.

Today Harriss Valley is just a "wide place in the road" on the S. A. U. & G., but we predict before another year passes it will be one of the busiest little stations in the county. They are going to make things go over that way.

### CHURCH NOTICE.

There will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning or evening. Sunday School at 9:45, J. H. Gallman, Superintendent Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m., Leader selected each week. There will be a Sunday School Christmas tree and program Tuesday evening. Program to begin at 7:30. Santa Claus has an engagement to meet with us, and after he has distributed of good things to our own Sunday School, he will ask you for a money contribution to be sent to our orphans at Files Valley, Texas.

### PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the Government has issued its call for the complete payment before December 31, 1918 of all pledges made the United States Treasury Department to purchase War Saving Stamps, and,

Whereas, the county judge of each county has been requested by the Government to direct attention by proclamation to the official call for the liquidation of War Savings Stamp Pledges.

Therefore, I, G. A. Welhausen, County Judge of the county of La Salle, Texas, do hereby announce the said Government call for liquidation by December 31, 1918, of all War Savings Stamp Pledges that all pledged persons in La Salle county may take notice.

Done this 16th day of December, 1918.

G. A. Welhausen, County Judge.

### Commissioned at Camp Stanley.

J. G. Childers, jr. recently finished his training course at Camp Stanley and was commissioned as first Lieutenant in the Texas Cavalry. He is now back on the ranch, subject to call for duty.

### BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Santa Claus will sure come to children and grown folks, if you are good. Beat Sunday School tomorrow, 10 o'clock sharp. The program for Christmas eve is beautiful.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

Everybody come to the Baptist church tomorrow, subject for 11 a. m., "The Sabbath." Evangelistic service at 7 p. m. Welcome to all. W. L. Skinner.

### Presentation of Silver Collection Plate.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Auxilliary Monday afternoon, the 16th, with Mrs. J. T. Maltzberger, the President, Miss K. Burwell presented to the Society, for Mrs. Clifton Burr of Laredo, a beautiful solid silver collection plate, in memory of her mother, Mrs. S. F. Brooks, (deceased) who was one of the seven pioneers of this now large organization.

Miss Burwell spoke very freely and at length, of the many beautiful attributes of Christian character evidenced by Mrs. Brooks. The dedication of the plate was very sacred, all the members taking part.

Mrs. Brooks was well known and much loved by Cotulla people, and many others in the Southwest.

The plate is heavy and exquisitely plain in design. The engraving in the burnished brim bears the inscription "In Loving Memory of Mrs. S. F. Brooks, Presbyterian Missionary Union." D. J.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Do not forget the services at the Methodist Church Sunday. You are very cordially invited to to Worship with us. One and all are welcome. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m.

Morning Subject: The character and meaning of the Angels message. Evening: Our burdens and the source of help in bearing them.

Mr. C. F. Binkley received a letter from his son in law, Capt. J. W. Apperson, who is with the army of occupation. He was in all of the severest fighting of the finish of the war.

Jonteel Perfume and Toilet water for Xmas presents. Gaddis' Pharmacy.

## GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATES NUECES PROJECT.

H. C. Parkhill, with the Reclamation Service of the United States Government spent three days in Cotulla this week, making a preliminary investigation for a proposed dam across the Nueces river at this point and system of irrigation canals.

A few weeks ago when the Government was asking for lands for returned soldiers, County Judge Welhausen wrote to Senator Sheppard and suggested an investigation of the project here on which a partial survey was made several years ago when the late Matt Russell and Noah Allen and H. B. Miller now of Cotulla, and others attempted to organize an irrigation district. Senator Sheppard answered that the matter had been referred to the Reclamation department, and Mr. Parkhill came here as a result of this action.

Judge Welhausen, County Agent Lown and the business men of Cotulla gave him every assistance possible in gathering data. A trip was made to the proposed dam site, which is about seven miles above town, and Tuesday a trip was made over the land that could be watered from this reservoir which lies to the East of Cotulla. In this section of the county there are probably 300,000 acres that could come under the project, but the reservoir proposed could not take care of more than 80,000. We learn that owners of the large tracts in that part of the county have offered the Government their land for the project.

Mr. Parkhill was thoroughly impressed with the proposed project and from available data expressed the belief that it could be put through for a reasonable sum of money. In looking over the ground he expressed the belief that a dam site could be had one mile above town where the cost of the dam would be less than at the site seven miles above. A visit was made to the Harriss Bros., Farm 12 miles East of Cotulla, here a demonstration of the productiveness of the soil under irrigation was seen. This farm grew several hundred acres of feed this fall by irrigation from their fine artesian well, and also where water was turned on cotton late in July it produced half a bale to the acre, whereas, along side, where no irrigation was had, the crops were a failure.

Mr. Parkhill will go to Denver before making his report to Washington, and while of course he did not state what that report would be, we have every reason to believe from his expressions on the matter that it will be favorable, and will lead to further investigation by the Government.

K. Burwell is clearing in Millinary. If you need a hat you will find a bargain.

### Pete's Tailor Shop.

Located South of Gilmer Road Near Buck's Place.

### Cleaning and Pressing

Ladies Suits and Skirts a Specialty.

### P. G. CORTEZ

**The Cotulla Record**  
C. E. MANLY, Publisher

Published Every Saturday.

**FAT PERSONS SIMPLY MELT**

Easy Enough to "Reduce" if One is Willing to Go to Mesopotamia and Endure the Extreme Heat.

I have a letter from "J. D. S." inquiring if there is a reliable cure for fat. While this is not a health column, still I confess an interest in this topic. If "J. D. S." is having trouble "reducing" he might go to Mesopotamia and perspire. Our old friend Sulim P. Raja writes that a fat person simply melts and runs down in that climate.

As early in the morning as day-break one awakes to find himself bathed in perspiration. The "cool" of the night means a temperature of 90 degrees; by 11 o'clock the temperature rises to 120 degrees, and at midday the air simply burns the lungs. Nobody remains fat in Mesopotamia, and nobody works if it can be avoided, and Sulim tells me that it generally is avoided under the pretext of turning everything over to Allah.

All the fat pilgrim needs in Mesopotamia is somebody to support him. If this can be arranged, the fat takes care of itself. However, one might reduce, even in this climate, quite handily, while looking for somebody to support one.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

**WANTED, A SUBSTITUTE.**

"John," said the clergyman to his new man, "do you—er—ever employ strong language?"

The new man blushed, self-consciously.

"Well, sir," he faltered,—"I may be a little careless in my speech at times."

"Ah," murmured the clergyman, "I'm sorry, John—I'm sorry! but we will converse on that at some more fitting time. Just now I want you to go to Jenkison and Blenkinson and settle this bill for repairing my summer house. And you might talk to them, John, as if it were your own bill, in a careless sort

**THE GOOD CONSORT.**

Bishop Evans Tyree said in a Nashville interview:

"The German 'Gott' is a warring divinity, a heathen divinity. The German idea of goodness reminds me of the bereaved widow, Mrs. Wash White."

"So you've lost your husband," said Mrs. Cal Clay. "He certainly was a good man, wasn't he?"

"He certainly was," said the widow. "No three cops in Nola Chucky could handle him."

**3,100 PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

In all there are about 3,100 islands and islets in the Philippines. Their total area is about 115,000 square miles. Probably 90 per cent of the population of approximately 9,500,000 live in simple palmleaf and bamboo dwellings, with little or no furniture, and live on the simplest fish and rice diet.

**SURELY.**

"How's the new baby at your house, Bud?"

"Great. But you'd be great, too, if all you had to do was eat and sleep."

**CHANGED.**

"The world owes me a living."

The phrase has changed with strife.

Now every soldier speaks it: "I owe the world a life."

**ARTIFICIAL HONEY COMB.**

The machine that makes artificial comb foundation for beehives is the invention of Frances A. Dunham, who patented it in 1881. The ready-made comb of beeswax permits the bees to devote themselves entirely to filling the cells, increasing the output of honey.

**NOT ENOUGH.**

"We've decided to increase your salary two dollars a week."

"Great Scott, boss, that doesn't help at all. I've just had to raise our hired girl's wages three dollars a week."

**RECOGNIZES BOY SCOUTS.**

Italy has recognized the boy scout movement as a national institution.

**Dilley High School Gives Play Benefit Liberty Bond Fund.**

The Dilley High School gave a play Thursday night, "All a Mistake", the proceeds of which went to pay "off their Liberty Bond. The play was staged under the direction of Miss Newman. Prof. Chas. A. Parker, who was Principal of the Cotulla School last year is Superintendent of the Dilley School, and Miss Lillian Masters of Cotulla is one of the teachers.

Following is a cast of characters and synopsis of "All a Mistake"

**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

- Capt. Obadiah—A Retired Sea Captain . . . Harold Smith
- Lieut. George Richmond—His Nephew . . . Johnnie Fatheree
- Richard Hamilton—Country Gentleman . . . Gene E. Newman
- Ferinand Lighthouse—A Neighbor . . . . . Forest Avant
- Nellie Richmond—George's Wife . . . . . Irene Miller
- Nellie Huntington—A Friend . . . . . May Stewart
- Cornelia (Nellie) Skinner—Obadiah's Sister, Ida May Morgan
- Nellie McIntyre—A Servant

Time—The Present  
Place—House and Grounds of Capt. Obadiah Skinner, Otherwise known as "Oal Farm," Westchester, and adjoins the State Insane Asylum.

**SYNOPSIS OF PLAY.**

Act. I.—The arrival of George and his bride. The dilemma. A friend in need. The plot against the Captain and its disastrous effect. The old maid and her secret. Ferdie in search of a wife. George's jealousy. The sudden appearance of a most undesirable party. George's quick wit prevents discovery.

Act. II.—The plot thickens. Cornelia in search of her "Romeo." Nell gets a letter which adds to the mystery. The downfall of Ferdie. Richard attempts to try the "soothing system" on a lunatic. George has a scheme connected with a fire in the furnace and some pitch tar. Richard runs amuck amid general confusion.

Act. III.—The Captain arms himself with a butcher knife and plans revenge. Richard attempts to escape. Nellie hopelessly insane. The comedy duel. "Romeo" at last. "Only one Nellie in the world." The unraveling of a skein of mystery, and the finish of an exciting day, to find it was "All a Mistake."

**Report of the City Treasurer of the City of Cotulla, of Receipts and Disbursements From Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, 1918.**

**WATER RENT FUND.**

RECEIPTS.	
Sept. 1, To Balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 88.36
Sept. 30, To amount received from W. M. Kerr . . . . .	372.70
Sept. 31, To amount received from W. M. Kerr, . . . . .	301.55
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Amount paid out Exhibit A . . . . .	698.75
Amount paid out Exhibit B . . . . .	64.53
Amount to balance . . . . .	.67
	\$763.28
	\$763.28

**CITY ICE & ELECTRIC PLANT ACCOUNT.**

RECEIPTS	
Aug. 27, balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 211.55
Daily sales from Aug. 27, to Nov. 14, 1918 . . . . .	490.37
Amount of collections . . . . .	742.34
Refund Magnolia Oil Co. . . . .	160.00
Transferred from Water rent account . . . . .	425.00
Borrowed from Bank . . . . .	300.00

DISBURSEMENTS	
Amount paid out Exhibit A . . . . .	\$1845 81
Amount paid out Exhibit B . . . . .	66 58
Balance . . . . .	416.87
	\$2329 26
	\$2329.26

W. A. KERR, City Treasurer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Dec. 1918.

C. E. MANLY,

Notary Public in and for LaSalle County.

**Hunting Notice.**

All lands owned by the Estate of Mrs. Raymond Martin in La Salle county are now in my possession and are posted according to law. Anyone found hunting or otherwise trespassing in said pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

PADDY LANE

All parties wanting pipe or plumbing work done, phone 39. P. H. Preston.

We do good work, charge fair prices for our service. Send your suit to us and get a square deal.

Peter's Tailor Shop.

**Reward**

I will pay \$10 reward for information of Howard Smith, if proven to be the right man, age between 65 and 70. Was formerly a well driller and 8 years ago was at Encinal. If you know his whereabouts, write

Miss Mary Smith, Leakey, Texas.

**WARNING**

After this date no more hunting will be allowed in any of my pastures. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

J. M. DOBIE.

**Sheriff's Sale**

The State of Texas, County of La Salle. In the District Court of La Salle county, Texas; Robert T. Steele, Plaintiff

vs. E. C. Mercher & A. D. Hall, Defendants.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of La Salle County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court, on the 3rd day of October, A. D. 1918, in favor of the said Robert T. Steele and against E. C. Mercher and A. D. Hall, being No. 1267, on the docket of said Court, I did on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1918, at 9 o'clock, A. M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of La Salle and State of Texas, and belonging to the said E. C. Mercher and A. D. Hall, to-wit:

1st. Being Tract No. Twelve (12), in section No. (59), consisting of 20 acres of Gardendale Colony lands and described in deed from E. C. Mercher and wife to A. D. Hall dated May 12th, 1915, and recorded in Book 0-1, pages 631-632 of Deeds Records of La Salle County, Texas.

2nd. Being Lot No. Eleven (11) in Block No. Forty-five (45) of the town of Gardendale, as described in deed from E. C. Mercher and wife to A. D. Hall dated May 12th, 1915, and recorded in book P-1, pages 442-443, of Deed Records of La Salle County Texas, and on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1919, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash all the right, title and interest of the said E. C. Mercher and A. D. Hall in and to said property.

Dated at Cotulla, Texas, this 10th day of December, 1918.

T. H. POOLE,

Sheriff of La Salle County, Texas.

**Sheriff's Sale**

The State of Texas, County of La Salle. In the District Court of LaSalle County, Texas,

A. B. Spencer Lumber Company, Plaintiffs vs T. G. and Ella Locke.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of La Salle County, Texas on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 3rd day of October A. D. 1918, in favor of the said A. B. Spencer Lumber Company and against the said T. G. Locke and Ella Locke, being No. 1265 on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1918 at 9 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described tracts or parcels of land situated in the county of La Salle, State of Texas, and belonging to the said T. G. Locke and Ella Locke, to-wit: Being Lots Nos. Five (5) and Six (6) in Block No. One Hundred Fifty-five (155) in the town of Fowlerston, county of La Salle, and State of Texas; and on the 7th day of January, A. D., 1919, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the Court House door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right title and interest of the said T. G. Locke and Ella Locke in and to said property.

Dated at Cotulla, Texas, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1918.

T. H. Poole Sheriff La Salle County, Texas. By G. O. Hill, Deputy.

**Hunting Notice**

No hunting will be allowed in the Alto Pasture. All parties will please take notice, as those caught violating this notice will be prosecuted.

H. C. STOREY

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**John W. Willson**  
Attorney at Law  
Will practice in all Courts  
REAL ESTATE AGENCY.  
COTULLA, TEXAS.

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**PEOPLE WHO ARE LEFT OUT OF THE ROLL CALL**

Population of the United States Asked to Stand Up and Be Counted.

By GERALD STANLEY LEE.

I had a friend once named Old Bill Spear, who was the curator and founder of the John Quincy Adams Memorial in Quincy, Mass. He conceived the idea of making the house into a memorial and, with his genius as a collector of old furniture, filled it with things to see.

People came from everywhere, and at twenty-five cents apiece they went about to see the things Bill had collected and hear Bill talk.

Bill felt very superior to most collectors. "Just collectors," Bill said, "collect anything."

Bill usually could size people up when they came in the door, but when he wasn't quite sure about people, and suspected he didn't want to loiter with them very long, he used to take them up to the attic to size them up quick. He would show them a bushel basketful of something they couldn't quite see, and then he would wave his hand with a flourish and say in an impressive tone as they stooped to look closer. "This is the Largest Collection of Burnt Matches in the World!"

Hundreds of collectors didn't break a smile, Bill said, and just looked awed. Then Bill knew, of course, that he needn't bother to show them his best things.

Some of the people who are proposing to go out into the streets Red Cross Christmas Roll Call Week and gather up everybody to join the Red Cross, seem to think that the main thing there is to tell people about the Red Cross is that if they pay a dollar to belong they will belong to the Largest Collection of People Who Have Paid One Dollar in the World.

I felt a little superior to this at first and began thinking how I wouldn't do it. But when I began thinking what the biggest collection of people in the world could do by just being the biggest and by all wanting the same thing with a different one dollar, it became impressive.

It would even be impressive if forty million people in America all wanted the same thing with the same dollar!

All wanting the same thing would be a nation praying—all the grown-up people of a nation with their little half-conscious children round them—praying!

The dollar a man joined with, would not be a mere one dollar. The dollar would be a receipt to every man in America that 29,999,999 other men or women belonged to him, and that he belonged to them in getting what he wanted for three million soldiers boys and for their children at home.

Forty million people—all the grown-up people in this country pick out three million men and say to the Red Cross:

"We for us, you go and be saviors of the world and die on our crosses for us!"

Then what do the forty million do?

It would be something if we would all line up—the whole forty million of us to a man, with our little pallid insipid speechless dollar bills in our hands from Maine to California, Christmas Week and use our two dollar bills a year as ballots, stand up in line and be counted and cable to the men across the seas that we vote one carfare once in two weeks to stand by them, to stand by the souls and bodies of the children of the men who have made a standing offer to die on our crosses for us!

Who wants to be left out of this line by Christmas Eve?

What man would want to be stood up in a row of those who are left out while all of the children of the world file by and look at him, while the little children of nine hundred thousand dead men in England file by and look at him, or the children of the soldiers of France giving their lives to protect the skyscrapers of New York?

For that matter it need not take so many children. What man who let himself be left out would feel safe in his own house with his own children climbing up into his lap—believing in him—safe with his own baby pulling on his face, jabbing his small trustful fists in his eyes—if he let himself be left out?

Of course, it seems a little like a mockery to cable over to France Christmas Eve that we give one carfare once in two weeks to the children of the men we picked out to die for us, but it would be a start.

Nobody needs to think it would be a big thing just to belong to the Red Cross, but it is going to be a big thing to be left out.

**AID GAS HEROES.**

On the roof of the Pavilion Bellevue, near St. Cloud, is a most interesting hospital for soldiers who have been "gassed." The Pavilion Bellevue is the former home of Isadora Duncan and is in charge of the American Red Cross.

Lieut. Wilfred H. Day of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is in charge of this hospital, which treats only those who have been gassed, and is the first hospital of its kind to be established. Lieutenant Day has visited every country that was in the war, except Bulgaria and Turkey, and has worked in each one. During a recent visit to Worcester, England, he was received by the Lord Mayor and honored because of his work, and the Queen of Roumania conferred honor upon him, commending him for his work among the wounded and destitute of her country.

**MONEY NOT THE OBJECT.**

Our obligation to our own soldiers and sailors and the privilege of ministering to the sick and wounded, of feeding the hungry, housing the homeless and rebuilding the waste places of our associates in the war, call the entire American people to the support of the Red Cross spirit now as never before. The money to be raised in membership dues is secondary. It is the spiritual phase that is important, for it will show the suffering people of the world that the American people will see them through their experience to the very end.

MAJ. GEN. J. M'L. CARTER



Maj. Gen. J. M'L. Carter, who made a fine record as head of the militia division in the war department, is soon to be assigned to a division in France.

MRS. CHARLES F. LEE



Mrs. Charles F. Lee, wife of Brigadier General Lee, head of the British Liaison section in the United States, has been in Washington, D. C., although she is now doing service in the hospitals abroad, is working in her Paris studio making masks to cover disfigured faces. A photograph of the soldier showing how he looked before being wounded is obtained and then a mask of copper or silver is made to resemble it and replace the part that is gone. This is made as lifelike as possible and held on, as a rule, with bows behind the ears like spectacles. The soldier cannot eat or sleep in these masks, but he can see and breathe through them. Sometimes a nose is put on so lifelike that it cannot be detected, and sometimes it is a chin or in rare instances almost the entire face. This great humanitarian work enables the victim to mingle with people without being made conspicuous or conscious that he is being avoided.

SIR WILLIAM WEIR



Sir William Weir, who was recently appointed secretary of state for the air forces of England, succeeding Lord Rothermere. Sir William is well known in the engineering world and is a member of the firm of G. & J. Weir & Oathart of Glasgow, one of the first companies to make munitions for England.

MRS. AGATHE O. STEWART



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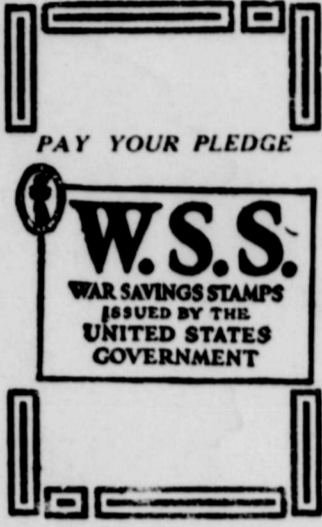
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Always keep in mind our wholesome Grocery Department.

## Cotulla Mercantile Co.

## THE RED CROSS IS REAL SERVICE

By FRANK MORRISON, Secretary American Federation of Labor.

The work of the Red Cross is not confined to our boys on battlefield or in hospital nor amidst the ruins of Belgium and other portions of devastated Europe. One of its great activities is any necessary aid to the dependents of members of America's military forces.

On the battlefield the Red Cross presents an heroic figure. In America, removed from destruction and death, the Red Cross steps silently to the side of the father and mother whose boy is "over there" and who need counsel and aid.

No service is too small for the Red Cross. If shipments from the government or from their son are delayed, or information of the government's war risk insurance is wanted, the Red Cross is both counselor and friend. It enters into the home in the true spirit of charity—service.

But first and foremost our soldiers in field and hospital must be given the most attentive care possible. Nothing we can do will equal their share in this movement for world democracy, and the Red Cross presents an opportunity for us to play our part in this great drama by contributing to the extent of our ability. The Red Cross appeals to organized workers because of its one quality—service.

Behind Red Cross service is an enabling charity that is not defaced by cost marks, a democracy that personifies Jefferson's great principle of equality and a religion that is beyond sectarianism.

## MAKE SOLDIER FEEL HE IS AS GOOD AS EVER

Men disabled in the service who are returning from the front and who find it hard at first to see their way toward earning a livelihood are a special problem for the Red Cross. Under the Smith-Sears law a fund is appropriated to re-educate every disabled man who will take the opportunity to make a living. It is felt that such men are likely to be weakened in their resolution to keep their self respect and find real work by the mistaken charity of hero worshippers, who will forget them once the first flush of war enthusiasm is over. Here the support of the disabled man's family must be enlisted, for in the last analysis it is the man's family who will be the determining factor in his rehabilitation.

It is the duty of the Red Cross to brace the morale of the man and to be a bulwark against discouragement and weakness.

## SMILES AND TEARS GET MIXED.

Two little stories came to the Red Cross headquarters from over the seas a short time ago. One was a story of bravery that brought the tears, and one a tale of tears that brought smiles.

The first story was of a soldier who asked for a light. He was in bed, and a cigarette was between his lips, placed there by the nurse after she had finished spreading his blanket up smoothly. At his question, she turned and gave him a box of matches and hurried on, then remembered that the arms beneath the blankets were without hands.

Nurses have to be without tears, but there were tears in her eyes as she turned to strike the match and light the cigarette for him.

"Quit that," he said, "they were good mates, and they helped get three or four Germans before I lost them, but they ain't worth crying about, so there!"

And the tears story that brought smiles? Well, that was the story of a big, husky colored man, who sat reading, and the Red Cross worker at the canteen saw that he had tears running down his cheeks. She was curious to know what he might be reading and was astonished when she looked over his shoulder to see that it was the canteen cook book.

He smiled through his tears as he saw that she was watching, and said, sheepishly, "You sure must excuse me, ma'am, but this here book done make me blammed homesick. I'm 'shamed to make a baby outen mahself, but this makes me think o' home."

## RED CROSS WOMEN CITED FOR BRAVERY

American women at Epernay, south of Rheims, have been cited in an order of the day for remaining at their posts in an American Red Cross canteen under bombardment for six days. Throughout this battle they continued to feed and care for wounded.

## WHAT RED CROSS MEANS.

Your membership in the great American Red Cross means the mothering of those little children made desolate by the invasion of the Hun. Mrs. Lars Anderson in her recent book on conditions over there says: "It is the poor, homeless, motherless kiddies that somehow make all the other horrors of war fade away into distance. These frightened, crying, dying, innocent children, who do not know what it is all about—they wring your heart dry."

## MEAT PRODUCERS DID FULL DUTY

### Increase in American Hogs Will Help to Meet World Fat Shortage.

## FARMERS SAVE SITUATION.

### Government Justified in Stimulation of Pork Production—Sevenfold Increase Over Pre-War Exports.

Through increased production and conservation we will be able this year to export seven times our pre-war average exports of pork products. With the heavy demands added in caring for the millions who have been freed from German oppression, the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration are justified today in our every action of stimulation of hog production. In the coming year the greatest world shortage will be in fats, and pork will help to save this situation. The efficacy of the policy of stimulated production has built up in this country supplies which will enable us to supply a very large part of the fat deficiency of the world. In beef there must be a shortage in Europe, due largely to limited refrigerator ship capacity. All freezer ships available, however, will be filled by America, Argentina and Australia.

The contribution made by the producers of this country to the war program as applying particularly to animal food products is illustrated by the following:

Reports compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs. These figures were compiled to January 1 last.

In this period there was a decrease in sheep of 819,000 head. The indications are that this decrease will show an increase, according to recent reports.

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than 8 per cent, and not more than 15 per cent, as compared with one year ago, with an increase in the average weight.

Following the request of the U. S. Food Administration for an increase in hog production for marketing in the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,600,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program outlined by Mr. Hoover regarding animal products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 903,172,000 pounds, while for the corresponding months of 1918 the dressed hog products totaled 1,277,589,000, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period for 1917 the records of inspected slaughter of dressed beef showed 1,263,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

**Our food Gospel**  
eat less  
serve less  
waste nothing

## America's Pledge of Food Gave Heart to the Allies In Their Darkest Hour

Whatever is necessary America will send. That was America's pledge to the interallied food council. And because the American food army had hitherto made good they took heart and went forward.

Farm enterprise and much soft corn increased pork supplies, food conservation increased exports—total shipments doubled.

## FAITH JUSTIFIED BY EVENTS.

I do not believe that drastic force need be applied to maintain economic distribution and sane use of supplies by the great majority of American people, and I have learned a deep and abiding faith in the intelligence of the average American business man, whose aid we anticipate and depend on to remedy the evils developed by the war.—Herbert Hoover, August 10, 1917.

**Patriot's Plenty**  
Buy less - Serve less  
Eat only 3 meals a day  
Waste nothing  
Your guests will cheerfully share simple fare  
Be Proud to be a food saver

## RED CROSS SANTA TO FILL SOLDIERS' SOCKS

### An Old Fashioned Celebration of Yuletide for American Soldiers in France.

A Christmas tree in every ward of every American hospital and in every hospital recreation hut in France!

Every wounded or sick American fighting man to receive two socks filled to the brim with fruits, nuts, candy and smokes!

These are the most interesting features of a tentative Christmas celebration program for the American hospitals arranged by the American Red Cross in France in co-operation with the commanding officers of our fighting forces in that country. Details of the plan to make Christmas as merry as possible for the soldiers in these institutions have just been received at Red Cross headquarters. Nurses and enlisted men on duty at these places will also share in the distribution of Christmas cheer. Because of the limited amount of available shipping space the Red Cross was compelled to abandon its original plan to send special Christmas parcels from here to soldier patients in France. All the articles distributed will be obtained over there.

This is to be an old fashioned celebration in every sense of the word. Every soldier will hang his socks on the tree. The socks will be tied with red ribbon and in addition to the goodies mentioned above will contain a handkerchief and a card, on which will be outlined the services the American Red Cross is prepared to render our soldiers. Each soldier will receive a sufficient number of Christmas postcards—now being designed by artists in the Red Cross service—to enable him to write to members of his family and his friends back home.

The Christmas dinner, of course, will be one of the features of the celebration. After dinner there will be musical entertainment, motion pictures and general singing.

## RED CROSS FIGHTS DEADLY EPIDEMIC

Besides the special work conducted by hundreds of Red Cross Chapters throughout the country in checking the recent epidemic of Spanish Influenza, the organization through its headquarters at Washington is planning to fight a repetition of the epidemic that was so disastrous in educating the public thoroughly regarding the symptoms and the proper care at the beginning of an attack. In addition to this, the American Red Cross is fighting tuberculosis. The recent appropriation to the National Tuberculosis Association will be used for educational as well as relief work throughout the country.

So much has been said about the aftermath of the epidemic that special attention is being given to the work along this line. The weakness which follows influenza leaves the patient in a condition which makes him a good field for the germs of tuberculosis. A thorough physical examination, proper food and clothing, the use of mild preventives, will check the progress of the disease at once.

Tuberculosis, or consumption, as it is frequently called, is both preventable and curable, provided the treatment of the disease is begun before it is too far advanced. Medicine plays a comparatively small part. The frequently advertised "consumption cures" should be looked upon as poison. The only medicine which should be taken is a good tonic which will stimulate the appetite and build up the system generally. The main cure lies in proper food, sufficient rest, fresh air and sunlight and living, if possible, according to the plan prescribed by a good physician. This renews the patient's vitality and soon kills the disease entirely.

For several years the National Tuberculosis Association has been financing its work by the sale of Red Cross seals at Christmas time. The seals sold for a penny each and by making a concerted effort enough money was usually raised to carry the work through the year. This year there will be no seals sold because the American Red Cross has made an appropriation for the anti-tuberculosis work, and those who formerly spent their time selling seals will join in the work for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call during the week of December 16 to 23.

## SONG OF LITTLE THINGS

By Jeanne Judson.  
This is the song of little things,  
A clean, white bed in a quiet place,  
A cigarette and the saving grace  
Of smiles that illumine the nurse's face—  
These are the joys the Red Cross brings.  
This is the song of little things,  
An old man brought to his home again,  
And children who play, forgetting pain,  
A hut that shelters from mud and rain—  
This is the rest the Red Cross brings.

### Hunting Notice

The public is hereby notified that we will positively allow no hunting in our pastures and persons caught therein will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
Mrs. A. Burks  
by J. W. Bayler, Mgr.

### Hunting Notice.

All pastures owned or controlled by us in the counties of Zavala, Frio or La Salle are posted according to law and parties caught trespassing will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.  
W. L. Crawford and Sons

### Hunting Notice

The Cartwright pastures are posted according to law and all trespassing therein is forbidden. This applies to all. Do not ask for permission to hunt.  
Charles Meason, Manager.



### The Farmer Receives More Than Five Thousand Dollars a Minute From Swift & Company

This amount is paid to the farmer for live stock, by Swift & Company alone, during the trading hours of every business day.

All this money is paid to the farmer through the open market in competition with large and small packers, shippers, speculators and dealers.

The farmer, feeder, or shipper receives every cent of this money (\$300,000 an hour, nearly \$2,000,000 a day, \$11,500,000 a week) in cash, on the spot, as soon as the stock he has just sold is weighed up.

Some of the money paid to the farmer during a single day comes back to the company in a month from sale of products; much does not come back for sixty or ninety days or more. But the next day Swift & Company, to meet the demands made by its customers, must pay out another \$2,000,000 or so, and at the present high price levels keeps over \$250,000,000 continuously tied up in goods on the way to market and in bills owed to the company.

This gives an idea of the volume of the Swift & Company business and the requirements of financing it. Only by doing a large business can this company turn live stock into meat and by-products at the lowest possible cost, prevent waste, operate refrigerator cars, distribute to retailers in all parts of the country—and be recompensed with a profit of only a fraction of a cent a pound—a profit too small to have any noticeable effect on the price of meat or live stock.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



### AMERICA'S WOMEN JOINED IN ANTHEM OF SERVICE

Millions of Red Cross Workers Do Multitude of Little Things at Home Which Enable Our Boys to Do Great Things in France.

Under the banner of the Red Cross American women are working in homes, churches, clubs, schools, shops, theaters, factories, hospitals and in thousands of Red Cross work-rooms. The hum of sewing machines, the whizz of muslin torn to accurate strips, the rat-tat-tat of volunteer typewriters, the purr of boiling kettles in canteens, the rumbling of automobiles of the Motor Corps, the soft click of knitting needles in lonely cabins and farmhouses, all blend into a great anthem of service.

About 8,000,000 women working through Red Cross Chapters and branches are making with their hands relief supplies—surgical dressings, knitted articles, hospital and refugee garments—or working as volunteers, subject to any call day or night, at 500 railroad stations throughout the country and at the ports of embarkation, or serving in volunteer Motor Corps. Truly here is an army with banners—banners of a red cross on a white field.

For the period up to the first of July, 1918, American Red Cross Chapters, through their work-rooms, had produced 132,748,107 surgical dressings, 10,134,501 knitted articles, 10,786,489 hospital garments and other hospital supplies and refugee garments, making a total of 221,282,838 articles of an estimated aggregate value of at least \$14,000,000.

Last spring during the Red Cross war fund drive, when thousands of women workers in cities in every state formed their great symbolic processions, those who looked on saw them as the representatives of all our American women working in this war, and heard in "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," to which they marched, the

varied sounds of all their eager labor. The things they made, which carried a message of love from the women of this country, quite apart from their great money value, went from their work-rooms on great adventures. They have gone into front line trenches, to emergency hospitals in foreign villages and into the most modern operating rooms. They have wrapped lost and frightened children in warmth and sheltered aged refugees from the cold. They have gone overseas into strange and sad places, into Russia and Serbia and Palestine and Italy and France. They have gone into our own huge cantonments for our own young soldiers.

The Department of Nursing of the American Red Cross is the great recruiting agency of the United States Army and Navy Nurse Corps. By the first of October it had assigned over 18,000 graduate nurses to active military service at home and abroad. It has provided over 700 nurses for the Federal Public Health Service and the Red Cross Town and Country Nursing Service, which co-operates with the local health boards in the communities which it serves.

The statement of the Home Service of the American Red Cross to all of our fighting men that it is prepared to help in any emergency that may arise in their homes—help in legal ways, medical ways, business ways, friendship ways—would not be possible without the vision and the active co-operation of thousands of American women. In every division of the Red Cross, from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico, they have seen this service as the elemental right due from the American people to their defenders.

### DR. CHARLES L. PARSONS



Dr. Charles L. Parsons, chief chemist of the bureau of mines, is the government's platinum expert and leader of the movement to refuse to wear platinum in jewelry while the government is in such urgent need of it for munitions.

### SAVE 16,000,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT THAT FORMERLY WAS LOST IN THRESHING

Farmers, Urged by Food Administration, Provide Seven Extra Loaves of Bread for Every American.

By adopting cleaner threshing methods and by literally combing harvest fields to gather grain formerly wasted, threshermen and farmers of the United States this year saved fully 16,000,000 bushels of wheat, estimated as equivalent to about seven one-pound loaves of bread for every person in the country. This result, accompanied by corresponding savings of barley, oats, rye and other grains, is shown by reports from 33 grain states to the U. S. Food Administration. Other states, although not prepared to furnish definite figures of conservation in the grain fields, report greatly reduced harvest losses.

This rural food saving achievement, accomplished in scarcely six months' time, was in direct response to requests by the Food Administration, which asked farmers and threshermen to reduce harvest losses from about 3 1/2 per cent—the estimated average in normal times—to the lowest possible minimum. Country grain threshing committees carried into every grain growing community the official recommendations for accomplishing the results desired.

In numerous instances drivers of racks with leaky bottoms were sent from the fields to repair their equipment and frequently had order threshing machines were stopped until the cause of waste was removed. But in proportion to the number of persons engaged in gathering the nation's grain crop, cases of compulsion were comparatively rare. The Food Administration freely attributes the success of the grain threshing campaign to patriotic service by farmers, threshermen and their crews. Incidentally grain growers of the United States are many millions of dollars "in pocket" as a result of the grain saved.

### NO ONE SUFFERED HERE.

The marvel of our voluntary food-saving, now that we are "getting results," is that no one ever actually suffered any hardship from it; that we all are better in health and spirit and better satisfied with ourselves because of our friendly self-denial.

Food control in America held the price of breadstuffs steady, prevented vicious speculation and extortion and preserved tranquillity at home.

In no other nation is there so willing a sense of voluntary self-sacrifice as in America—that was shown in the abstention from wheat.

Find more wheat, it came; more pork, it came; save sugar, it was done. So Americans answered the challenge of German starvation.

Good will rules the new world as fear governed the old world. Through sharing food America helps make the whole world kin.

Food control made sufficiency from shortage, kept the rein on food prices, gave the nation's full strength exercise.

Starvation by Germany challenged all the world; food conservation in America answered the challenge.

Food conservation in America has been the triumph of individual devotion to the national cause.



### The seriousness of one—the happiness in the obligation of the other

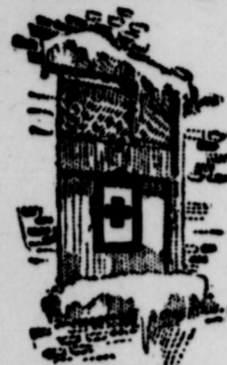
But both are badges of honor—one standing for exceptional valor on the battlefield—the other, for membership in the greatest of all humanitarian organizations, your American Red Cross.

The work of the soldier is practically finished.

The work of the Red Cross has really just begun.

Your membership and the moral support such membership gives are essential in carrying on Red Cross activities.

Let us all realize that in our happiness of another Christmas of Peace and Plenty—let us not forget the sufferings and privations of our war-torn friends across the sea—let us make our Christmas festival a Red Cross Christmas with full membership in every American home.



Put your flag in your window—let your neighbors know you haven't forgotten Belgium—and France—and our boys who remain overseas.



Wear your Button Will you be wearing your membership button when the boys come home?

Join

### Join the Red Cross - all you need is a heart and a dollar

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### PROVED SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

Voluntary Basis of Food Saving Showed Heart of America Beat True for Freedom.

To the voluntary service and sacrifice of the American people must be attributed the continued health, strength and morale of the Allied armies and the civil populace.

Upon this spirit of service and sacrifice will depend Europe's fate in the months to come. In the past year we have carried out an export program, the magnitude of which is almost beyond comprehension. But with the new demands that have come, with the liberation of nations freed from German oppression, our exports must be almost doubled. Instead of 11,820,000 tons, we must ship twenty million tons of food to Europe in the coming year—as much as can be pushed through our ports.

If the Allies had not been fed by America, it would have been impossible for them to maintain their defense against Germany.

Meeting this world need on a purely voluntary basis, the American people have conclusively proved that democracy is a success and that in time of need it will rise to its own defense.

If there were no other accomplishment to its credit the very fact that it has shown the strength of democracy in itself more than justified the existence of the Food Administration in the eyes of the world.

Less than four months after the United States declared war the United States Food Administrator expressed his determination to meet America's food problem on a basis of voluntary action and reiterated his confidence that awakened democracy would prove irresistible.

"Many thinking Americans," said Mr. Hoover, "and the whole world have been watching anxiously the last four months in the fear that democratic America could not organize to meet autocratic Germany. Germany has been confident that it could not be done. Contrary proof is immediately at our door, and our people have already demonstrated their ability to mobilize, organize, endure and prepare voluntarily and efficiently in many directions and upon the mere word of inspiration aside from the remarkable assemblage of our Army and finances."

The history of the Food Administration has clearly shown that the trust of those who put their faith in democracy has not been misplaced.



### Outlook Of The Southern Farmer

CHARLES A. WHITTLE,

Soil Improvement Committee, Atlanta, Ga.

Prosperity glows on the horizon of the Southern farmer's future—it will raise big crops.

And the cry of a needy world rises, urging the Southern farmer to grow big crops of cotton and food. His obligation is to respond. He must fight on, for peace brings no armistice for the farmer.

Cotton is the hope of the South for help. It will not be in vain. The Southern farmer will meet his responsibility.

Priests at which cotton crop will be sold will be such as will pay the farmer well, for the fact will remain that the world must have the cotton.

The food most needed in Europe is fat. Cotton seed, peanuts and soy beans of the South will find ready market for the oil or fats that they contain. Cattle, hogs and dairy products will continue to bring good prices because of the heavy live stock losses of Europe.

The Southern farmer should plan with an expectation of improving his labor condition, with the return of troops and the shutting down of ammunition factories.

### Immediate Preparation.

Preparation for spring planting should go rapidly ahead. Seed, fertilizers and other farm supplies should be bought without delay. Materials on which the government has fixed prices will continue to be stabilized until they are consumed, so that there are no prospects of lower prices before spring planting.

Delay means to face shipping difficulties. The railroads are going to be overburdened with traffic for some time to come. They should be given abundant time.

**ON THE WAY TO THE RHINE.**

(On Nov. 24th, every American soldier overseas was urged to write a Christmas letter to his father. Following is a letter received yesterday by G. A. Manly from his son Walter M. Manly, who is with the 90th Division.)

Dear Dad:

For the past day and a half we have passed over some devastated country—everything battered to the ground; barbed wire entanglements, some of them 50 to 60 yards across, and shell holes one after another. Night before last we pitched our tents in what had been No Man's Land. Wire entanglements were all around; directly in front of my tent was a large shell hole, and to give you an idea of its size we built a fire in it and there were 25 of us around the fire with just our heads sticking out.

The Germans destroyed everything in their path. They blew up every bridge and cut all canals. Along the highways they cut down all trees. Over here every road is bordered by beautiful trees, and this wanton destruction is an awful scene. Some of the worst sights were where there had been a powder or ammunition dump. Everything within a hundred yards would be blown to pieces. At one place where our boys started to drive the boche in September they had a regular net work of tunnels, running water and electric lights. They certainly were fixed up to stay there awhile and would have been there yet had it not been for the Americans, who put the fear of God into them.

An old Frenchman here told me that when our boys took this town (he had been a prisoner 4 years) that he saw a German Captain come running by, shouting "Run for your life—the Americans!" and according to the Frenchman the boche officer was leading his men for the first time during the war, and didn't stop for his clothing or anything. We saw several dead Germans and horses that they had not time to bury.

We are now billeted in a good sized town which has been in German possession for 4 years. The boys had just run them out of this place the morning the armistice was signed. This town is not torn up much except on one end. It is the best in that respect that I have seen since we were at Verdun. While at Verdun I had the pleasure of seeing Marshal Foch and also the President of the French Republic; also saw General Pershing the other day.

By the time the Germans got back along here our boys had them going so fast they had no time to stop to blow up anything and that accounts for the little destruction. I have been sleeping in a German captain's bunk, however, didn't use his bedding as there were too many signs of cooties. We have our Hq. offices in one of the Crown Prince's winter homes, and some place it is.

We will make another move in a day or two and will soon be on the Rhine, perhaps at Coblenz. I don't think we will be over here but a few months longer.

Well, dad, I hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Tell mamma I will write to her tomorrow.

With love to all,  
WALTER.

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T. G. Widener.

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Bring Your Automobile Here for Repair. All Work Guaranteed.

**CITY GARAGE**

T. G. Widener, Proprietor.

**Local & Personal.**

Sheriff Poole returned yesterday, from a week's trip into Mexico.

Deputy Sheriff G. O. Hill visited homefolks at Webb last Sunday.

December Liberty Bond installment payments are due at the Banks. Don't forget it.

K. Burwells is the place to get your wet weather farm shoes.

Comforts and blankets, Cotulla Merc. Co.

Shelled pecans, strictly halves, select stock at \$1.00 lb.

Cotulla Merc. Co.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tarver, Wednesday, Dec. 18th, a fine boy. Both mother and child are doing well.

Mr. F. I. Rock, who went in to the Y. M. C. A. work early in July is at home for a few days rest and will be here until after Christmas. He has been continuously on duty at Sam Fordyce, Texas since his enlistment in the service. He says he is carried away with the work and will stay with it as long as needed. There are two companies of soldiers stationed at Sam Fordyce, and during the flu epidemic a month or so ago, the Y did some excellent work. The building was converted into a hospital and 128 boys went through it with the malady. 25 developing pneumonia, and out of the total there were only four deaths.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Maltberger of Gaines county, are here on a visit to his bother and family, J. T. Maltberger.

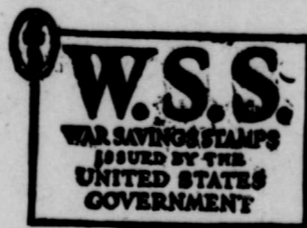
Buy your Xmas candy early Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Almonds and English walnuts at 35c and 45c per lb. Cotulla Merc. Co.

Chas. Crenyon of St. Louis is here for a few days. It will be remembered that this gentleman was here about this time last winter, with his wife, who was an incurable sufferer, and who died and was buried here. Mr. Crenyon was a showman, and had traveled with his wife trying to regain her health until he was in destitute circumstances and the good people here gave him aid and assisted him in burying his wife to whom he was very devoted.

Count of the money received from every person in his dire circumstances, and during the past year every person who assisted him has received money orders repaying them in full and a letter of expression of thanks. Chas. Crenyon has proven himself a gentleman, fully appreciative of the kindness shown him. He was in our office yesterday, and stated that he just came down for a few days to look after his wife's grave, and see some of the people who will always hold a warm place in his heart. He has been with the Wortham Shows all summer, the company now being quartered in San Antonio for the winter.

**Pay Your War Stamp Pledge.**



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**K. Burwell**

Has in a practical way prepared for the Holiday trade by having on hand a splendid line of Gent's Furnishings.

Buy your Husband or Son a pretty Shirt, a supply of Handkerchiefs, Hose, or Hose Supporters, and while you are looking, don't overlook our extensive line of Ties, Hats, Shoes and numerous other suitable Gifts.

In the Ladies Department we have many useful articles for you to select from. We are sure we can solve your Xmas problems.



**K. Burwell**

**Mexican School Christmas Exercises.**

The following Christmas program was held at the Mexican School house Wednesday afternoon.

- 1 Selection.
- 2 Opening Chorus "Song of the Dames" . . . . .by school girls.
- 3 Recitation, "Happiness" . . . . .by Master C. Pena.
- 4 Recitation, "A Psalm of Life" . . . . .by Miss D. Vidal
- 5 Recitation, "El Ratoncillo" . . . . .Miss E. Garza
- 6 Recitation, "A Complaint" . . . . .Master S. Hernandez
- 7 Recitation, "Mejico y Espana" . . . . .by Miss A. Rodriguez and L. Garcia.
8. Selection.
9. Recitation, "At School and at Home" . . . . .By A. Pena
10. Recitation, "A Una Nina" . . . . .by Miss D. Vidal and J. Garza.
11. Song, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" . . . . .by School Boys.
12. Recitation, "La Enseña Nacional" by Mister S. Hernandez.
13. Recitation, "Cradle Song" . . . . .by Miss D. Mendez.
14. Recitation, "Knowledge is Sweet" . . . . .by Miss A. Chapa
15. Selection, Selection.
- 16 Recitation, "The School Photograph" . . . . .by Miss M. Pena
- 17 Recitation, "Las Golondrinas" . . . . .By Miss F. Garcia.
- 18 Recitation, "El Dulce Hogar" . . . . .by Miss C. Pena
- 19 Recitation "La Escuela" . . . . .by Miss D. Jaimez
- 20 Song, "La Adelita" . . . . .by Master N. Garza and S. Carrion.

Hot Tamales and coffee served to the guests.

**SWISHER—SULLIVAN.**

On Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Miss Mae Sullivan and Mr. M. J. Swisher were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. The ceremony was read by Reverend T. G. Woolfs, an old friend of the family of the bride, in the presence of only a few intimate friends.

The bride was raised in Cotulla and is one of the town's sweetest and most lovable Christian young ladies, while the groom has for a number of years held the position of County Road Superintendent and is well and favorably known.

The home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns for the occasion and after the ceremony a five course dinner was served.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Swisher wish for them a long and happy life o'er life's sea.

In the casualty list of yesterday appeared the name of Charles Miller of Millett as being severely wounded. Young Miller was with the 90th division.

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**PROCLAMATION.**

Whereas, the Government has issued its call for the complete payment before December 31, 1918, of all pledges made the United States Treasury Department to purchase War Saving Stamps, and,

Whereas, the chief executives of towns and cities have been requested by the Government to direct attention by proclamation to the official call for the liquidation of War Savings Stamp Pledges.

Therefore, I, T. R. Keck, Mayor of the City of Cotulla, Texas, do hereby announce that said Government call for liquidation by December 31, 1918, of all War Savings Stamp Pledges that all pledged persons in the City of Cotulla may take notice. Done this 18 day of December 1918.

T. R. Keck,  
Mayor of the City of Cotulla, Texas.

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**MRS. GUINN RECEIVES LETTER IN FRENCH**

The following letter from a French lady written in French was received by Mrs. W. B. Guinn last week. It was translated by B. Wildenthal, sr., and B. W. Van Voorhis.

Briancourt, 16 Nov. 1918. Madame:

At the request of your son, I am going to send you his message, for which I am very happy and it is with great pleasure that I fulfill my little mission.

Briancourt is a little country place of 158 inhabitants in the department of the "Haute-Marne" very near the city of Chateau which is the chief place.

During the first two weeks of October four hundred of our brave allied soldiers arrived amongst us. Your son, Madame, was of the number. I do not wish you to think me too good however, I am happy to be able to tell you in order that you may tell other mothers amongst your friends and who have given their children for the salvation of our country, that they have had the welcome which was their due. And I believe that this is true all over France. Oh yes, Madame! No Frenchman or Frenchwoman will ever forget what we owe to our big sister, America, and we will pour out our sympathy and affection which we can give to those who come so generously to defend our sacred soil.

Mama and I have had the pleasure to make the acquaintance of your son Roy, and it is with joy that we welcome him amongst us. You must be very happy in your big son, Madame. I have also had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of his two sisters through photographs.

Madame, I can assure you that unless some unforeseen accident occurs (a thing of which we must not even dream) that you will have the joy of seeing your son again, since we have had the happiness to come victorious out of this great war, which has caused so much misery and so much sorrow. But after all it is over for this time and in spite of all, the French and the Allies are happy to have gained so beautiful a victory.

I salute and bow before your great country, and you Madame, I beg you and all your family to accept my most respectful homage.

A. Lugnier,  
Briancourt, par Bologne, Haute-Marne.  
P. S. I forgot to tell you, Madame, that your son was in excellent health when he left us recently.

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