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"Quality, Not Quantity."

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W. T. BRUTON AGAIN PLAYS THE HOST.

Houston County Boys at Camp Bowie Are His Guests at Big Banquet.

W. V. Berry of this city has received a letter from his son, Sergeant Mayes L. Berry of Company E, 143 Infantry, Camp Bowie, which tells of a banquet given the Houston county boys by our fellow-citizen, W. T. Bruton of Lovelady. Although this county is Mr. Bruton's home, the Courier had not heard of the banquet until seeing the letter from Sergeant Berry. Mr. Bruton does big things, but does not talk much about them. Following is an extract from Sergeant Berry's letter to his father, which was written Monday night:

"Dear Father:

"We had an awfully hard rain after you left Saturday morning, and it has rained all Sunday and last night a hard storm swept this town and country, with a hard rain, water and mud all over camp. Did you all get home without any trouble? Am afraid you did not. Sorry you did not get to stay longer. Wish mother could come up again and stay longer with me.

"Mr. Bruton gave us a big banquet at the Westbrook hotel last night. It was for the Houston county boys only. It was a fine banquet and it cost him over \$350 to give it—some money to put up, but he said we were his boys and he was going to France with us when we go. Captain Jameson, Lieutenant Driskill, Lieutenant Pritchett and Colonel Hoover helped us enjoy ourselves and after it was over they all made some fine talks. Colonel Hoover surely gave us a fine

SOLDIERS GIVE LIVES, OTHERS LEND FUNDS

Secretary McAdoo Points Out Reason for Liberty Loan at Houston.

Houston, Tex., April 15.—"We pay our soldiers \$30 a month while in the United States and \$33 a month after they reach France to give their life if necessary for freedom and democracy. They have no striking privileges and have no idea of striking unless it is the kaiser. You are only asked to put your savings in liberty bonds and war savings stamps. What chance are you taking in comparison to that of the soldiers?"

Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo so addressed fully 7,000 persons in the large city auditorium tonight. He crossed the Texas line early Monday morning and spoke twice in Beaumont before coming here. He is telling the people why they must buy liberty bonds. Mr. McAdoo is probably the busiest man in the United States today with the possible exception of President Wilson, but he is touring the country to impress upon the people the necessity of buying liberty bonds, buying all they are asked to buy and then more.

talk. Mr. Bruton gave us a talk after all. We had a fine banquet. The menu consisted of soup, turkey, fine steak, green peas, mashed potatoes with cream, hot brown biscuits, cakes and ice cream—brick cream of the finest kind—and coffee, and, to set it off, they passed some fine cigars around. All enjoyed themselves and no one was in the banquet room but the boys in khaki from Houston county—the Houston county boys of Company E, 143 Infantry."

Soon after organization of the Houston county former national guardsmen was completed, Mr. Bruton entertained the boys at a big barbecue on his Trinity river plantation. Later the boys received a shipment of turkeys which they gave him credit for sending. This is his third time at playing host to the Houston county boys. No wonder the boys are threatening to take him to France.

To Organize Cavalry.

J. N. Snell and T. R. DeuPree have returned from Houston, where they secured commissions to organize a company of cavalry, which will be a part of the new national guard organization of Texas. Mr. Snell has the commission of captain and Mr. DeuPree the commission of first lieutenant. They will begin immediately the organization of their company which will include 105 men.

HOW WE APPEAR TO NORTHERNERS

Progress That Has Been Made in the Past Two Years Noted.

For the past two weeks two brothers of Secretary Fisher, with their wives, have been visiting here and been given every opportunity to see the agricultural section tributary to Crockett. One family was from Ohio and the other from northern Illinois. The Ohio brother was here a little over two years ago, but the one from Illinois had not been here in nearly five years.

While here trips were made to the river plantations at three points, and time enough taken to get a thorough understanding of conditions in that section. Farms were visited on several roads from distances of three to ten miles from town; a trip was made to Alto and Morrill in Cherokee county, and some of the best sections over there inspected. We doubt if any party coming from the north could acquire a better understanding of our conditions generally in the same length of time.

What was the result? All of the party, ladies included, fell deeply in love with our country and are anxious to come here to live. In fact, the Illinois family is coming back in June with a view of selecting a home and the Ohio contingent expects to send a married son down here this

fall to pave the way for the rest of that branch of the Fisher family to come later.

In other words, our natural advantages from an agricultural standpoint, taken together with our superior climate and cheap lands, with every evidence of prosperity that is apparent generally, has so enthused these people from the frozen north that they are not only taking immediate steps to become Texas citizens, but have returned home with the expressed determination of telling everybody of our attractive section and getting as many to come here to live as possible.

Not only was the country found attractive, but our people pleased them greatly. The smoker in their honor held at the commercial club rooms last week, and which was attended by over forty of our representative business and professional men, gave our visitors a fine opportunity to meet many of our active, public spirited citizens, and the exchange of sentiment and good fellowship that was so sincerely expressed was an important element in the general round-up.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

ANOTHER CALL MADE FOR PRESENT DRAFT

Nearly Fifty Thousand Men to Be Mobilized From May 1 For Ten Days.

Washington, April 14.—Another draft call for 49,843 registrants has been sent to governors of states by Provost Marshal General Crowder. Mobilization of the men is ordered for May 1 and 10, the war department announced tonight, and they will be sent to eleven forts and recruiting barracks, probably for training with regular army units there.

The call increases to more than 300,000 the number of select men ordered to camp since late in March. This is far in excess of the monthly average that would have been mobilized under the original plan to call 800,000 men this year over a nine months' period. Future calls at the same rate would complete the program before midsummer.

Under President Wilson's determination to hasten the dispatch of American troops to France to reinforce the British and French armies, the whole program of the army is speeded up.

Further announcements are expected to follow the return of Secretary Baker from his visit to the battle fronts and conferences with officials of Great Britain, France and Italy. Troops now are moving to Europe at a rapid rate and this clearing of training camps will permit the calling of men much faster than was contemplated before the German offensive made it imperative to rush men to the battle fronts.

Man began to fall in the Garden of Eden and he hasn't struck bottom yet.

USE OF WHEAT TO BE DISCONTINUED

Texas Will Be Wheatless 45 Days—Plan for Conserva- tion Outlined.

The eagle has screamed in Texas and its scream has rung from the valley of the Rio Grande to the Llano Estacados, for Texas has gone on a voluntary wheatless program for the next 45 days, and longer still if there is a need. The act is the greatest single accomplishment of the United States food administration, and word of what Texas has done is now on the cable to cheer the armies of France, Belgium, Italy, England and the United States.

Saturday afternoon Administrator Peden wired to Herbert Hoover, United States food administrator:

"Based upon unsolicited voluntary resolutions unanimously adopted in numerous counties and at various meetings, and assurances received from wholesale and retail grocers, I feel safe in assuring you that the great State of Texas, effective April 15, goes on a wheatless basis until June 1, and longer if necessary. Please consider this as Texas' contribution toward helping win the war and winning it speedily. Retail stocks on hand will be carefully conserved for babies, young children and invalids during the abstinence period. Please cable General Pershing, whom I knew when he was in Texas, of the State's action in giving up flour for American soldiers."

Texas is the first state in the union to take this step.

The action of the patriotic people of Grimes county touched off the spark which created the desire of all Texas to be of greater service. When it became known to the citizenship of the state that by giving up the wheat flour they could strengthen and put iron and energy into the morale of the allied peoples of Europe, no where that the question was put was there anything but an eagerness to respond.

The plan for the conservation of wheat flour in Texas for the next 45 days is given by Administrator Peden as follows:

(Continued on last page.)

GAIN TWO OR THREE MILES ON FRONT OF ABOUT EIGHT MILES

Germany's mighty efforts on the battlefield of Flanders have won new successes. According to the latest report, the important strategic towns of Bailleul, Wulverghen and Wystchaete are in German hands, and more important still, the Germans have carried a part of the Messines Ridge by storm.

As nearly as can be gathered from the official reports, the German gains reported Tuesday amount to from two to three miles on a front of eight miles, beginning just north of the Armentieres-Hazebrouck Railroad and extending northeasterly toward the old battle line at Hollebeke.

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CARLETON & BERRY

THE CLOTHIERS



The soldier took his bayonet and thrust it through the child. - The little arms opened and closed once or twice" —from the Government report on atrocities in Belgium

"Save me from this" BUY A LIBERTY BOND TO DAY

This is a part of the space being contributed by the Courier to the Third Liberty Loan

USE OF WHEAT FLOUR TO BE DISCONTINUED.

(Continued from page 1, Sec. 2.)

"To District and County Administrators.

"Based upon voluntary, unsolicited resolutions adopted in numerous counties and by various organizations to abandon the use of wheat until the new crop, and on account of assurances received at this office from wholesale and retail grocers, I am today telegraphing Mr. Hoover, telling him that the great State of Texas, effective April 15, goes on a wheatless basis until June 1, and longer if necessary.

"After feeling the pulse of the people carefully through district and county administrators, I am convinced that the citizens of Texas really want to make this

sacrifice as a proof to the world of their willingness to make any contribution within their power toward not only winning the war, but winning it just as speedily as possible.

"In order to accomplish the result desired, the plan to be carried out is as follows:

"1. Present stocks of flour in the hands of consumers and retailers are to be consumed slowly or rather conserved as far as possible for the use of babies, young children and invalids. It is desired that these stocks of flour may be made to last indefinitely, or until Texas resumes the consumption of wheat flour generally.

"2. Wholesale and retail grocers so far as heard from have voluntarily proposed not to order further supplies of flour for

their Texas trade, but to allow all of their unshipped orders at the mills to be packed in 140-pound jute sacks for export and diverted to Europe. All wholesale and retail grocers should be requested to follow this course and consumers strongly urged to fall in line and co-operate, and every effort, if any, on their part to secure or hoard flour during this period should be vigorously discouraged.

"3. The administration at Washington for very wise reasons has concluded to have the bakeries continue supplying victory bread containing not less than 25 per cent substitutes, in order that those families who are not in position to bake their bread may be taken care of through this source. You will please make it clear to the bak-

ers that they should confine their sales to their regular customers and not seek new outlets for their products.

"4. It is urged that each district and county administrator handle all problems arising in connection with this new program wisely and conservatively with the idea always in mind of accomplishing fully and promptly the desires and results above outlined.

"Undertaking this flour abstinence can undoubtedly be accomplished with greater ease and comfort at this season of the year than at any other time, in view of the great abundance of fresh vegetables and berries, resulting from the unprecedented number of home gardens throughout the state.

"From a telegram received a

few days ago from Mr. Hoover I can assure you that this action on the part of Texas will be most welcome to him, and our great state in adopting same is taking the lead and setting an example which will materially aid the administration at Washington in accomplishing that conservation in wheat flour which is now so extremely urgent and the importance of which the great battle raging in France emphasizes so strongly."

Some Paragraphs.

It doesn't hurt to fall into a fortune—even when it consists of hard cash.

A fool may give a wise man advice, but if the latter takes it his wisdom is apt to go wrong.

The old family cow has the milkman beaten to a frazzle when it comes to giving real milk.

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Suppose that the longer life of Republic Tires saves you only the cost of one full set in a year's time. Isn't that well worth considering?

That the Prodim Process of toughening Republic Rubber—a secret formula—does increase mileage and reduce the yearly investment is a certainty. Any Republic user who has kept a record will tell you so.

Republic Tires wear down slowly,—like a piece of steel—and yet—the Republic abounds with life, and spring, and resilience.

If the Republic reduces the yearly tire bill by only one set— isn't that a service of some size to the nation?

Republic Inner Tubes, both Black-Line Red and Gray, have a reputation for freedom from trouble. A complete stock at

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Local News Items

"There are no points of the compass on the true chart of American patriotism."

Junk Rubber Wanted.

Don't forget that you can get the cash for old rubber, casings, tubes, etc., at the Day and Night Garage, E. E. McLemore, Proprietor. 4t.

Sergeant Chester Owens was visiting friends here and in Grapeland this week. He was transferred some time ago from Camp Bowie to a training camp in Florida.

Studebaker wagons are known far and wide for their durability and adaptability to general use. We have them in both wide and narrow tires.

tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

The government embargo on hens is off April 19th. So we are again in the market. Bring us anything you have in the poultry line. Highest cash prices paid. tf. E. Douglass.

Lost.

One bay horse colt, about 11 months old, wire cut on left fore leg. Also one bald-faced, stocking-legged mare, about 4 or 5 years old. Notify John D. Morgan. 2t.

For Sale.

House and lot close in. Reason for selling, need a larger place to accommodate increasing business. Two blocks from post-office. J. R. Howard, tf. Box 203.

Seed Peanuts.

Those wanting peanuts for planting will get them at once, as we will crush out this week. Those having them for sale will bring them in quick.

Houston County Oil Mill & Manufacturing Co. 1t.

Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a truth engraven on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we rally in every exigency, that we have one country, one constitution, one destiny.—Daniel Webster.

District Attorney J. J. Bishop was called by telephone to Athens Thursday night by the death of his mother. Remaining for the funeral, he did not return until Sunday. He has the sympathy of our people in his sad loss.

Now in Training.

The two successful volunteers for the A. & M. College army training camp at College Station, leaving Sunday night at 1:27, were as follows:

1281 Walter E. Hester.
2556 Horace Walton McCall.

Red Cross Entertainment.

There will be an entertainment at Mrs. Jno. Goolsby's next Saturday night for the Red Cross. There will be some good talks in regard to liberty loans, etc. Music will be furnished by Tunstall's orchestra.

Furloughs for Farmers.

To the Farmers of Houston County:

I have on hand, now, blank applications for furloughs for farmer soldiers of Houston county. Any farmer needing this labor during the harvest period will apply to me for these applications and for further information.

W. A. Collins,
County Agent.

Red Cross Pig.

The pig donated to the Red Cross by J. N. Knight was sold at auction Saturday, selling five times, the fifth buyer keeping the pig. It was first knocked off to Jim Cook at \$6.25, then to C. C. O'Neal at \$5.50, to Earle Adams Jr. at \$5 and then to Arthur Owens at \$5, each buyer returning the pig to be resold. The fifth buyer was Ernest Bruton, who paid \$3 and kept the pig.

For County Commissioner.

O. T. Ratcliff places his announcement with the Courier this week as a candidate for the office of county commissioner in precinct No. 4, which lies south of the San Antonio road and east of the I. & G. N. railroad. Mr. Ratcliff's home is at Ratcliff. He is now serving his precinct as its commissioner, having been appointed to serve out the unexpired term of J. W. McHenry, who resigned a short time since. Mr. Ratcliff is a good man and is making a good commissioner. The interests of the people are safe in his hands. He comes of old-time democratic stock—the kind that knows no faltering in its loyalty to a principle. If elected he will keep the faith and impartially discharge the duties of the office. He will appreciate your support.

Largest Individual Subscription.

Mrs. A. H. Wootters has the distinction of being Houston county's largest individual subscriber for the liberty loan bonds so far recorded. Mrs. Wootters' subscription is for \$9000 and was given during the second liberty loan campaign. She believes in doing her part, and while other mothers are sending their boys to fight for our country she is sending her money to help in taking care of the boys. There is much patriotism all around us when we look for it. The largest corporation subscription in Houston county so far is that of the First National Bank of Crockett which is for \$50,000 and which was subscribed partly in the first and partly in the second liberty loan bond issues. It is expected that the present issue will see some other large subscriptions.

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Don't be surprised at this fanciful heading. They were the only two words which we could think of which exactly describe the DRINKS served at OUR FOUNTAIN.

In Soda Water exactly the same as in anything else you drink—Tea and Coffee you must use the right ingredients, otherwise the drink will not be right.

There is a difference in the quality of ingredients which can be used in Fountain drinks, just the same as there is a difference in Teas and Coffees.

At our Fountain only the very highest quality ingredients are used. These pure high quality ingredients, together with skill and carefulness in drawing and serving, certainly do produce in all our drinks a really Delightful Deliciousness.

Keep this in mind when your desires demand a Fountain Drink.

CROCKETT DRUG COMPANY

THE HOUSE OF SERVICE

For Justice of the Peace.

J. D. (Jeff) Sexton announces as a candidate for the office of justice of the peace in precinct No. 1, the Crockett precinct. Everybody in and around Crockett knows Jeff Sexton. He is one of the precinct's best known citizens, by reason of long residence, extensive acquaintance and general popularity. There is nothing the Courier could say in his favor that the people do not already know. Suffice it to say that Mr. Sexton has the necessary qualifications to fill the office and that he will fill it to the satisfaction of all concerned if elected. And if elected he will be impartial in the discharge of his duties. If you vote for him

he will appreciate it, and if you do not he will not think hard of you.

Married Thursday Evening.

Miss Violet Phillips and Mr. Gaines Murchison were married Thursday evening at the home of the Baptist pastor, Rev. L. L. Sams. The bride is a daughter of Mr. H. J. Phillips and the bridegroom a son of the late I. W. Murchison. Only a very few close friends and relatives knew in advance of the wedding. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Sams. Both the bride and the bridegroom are popular young people of Crockett. They have been kept busy, since the marriage, receiving the congratulations and best wishes of their numerous friends.

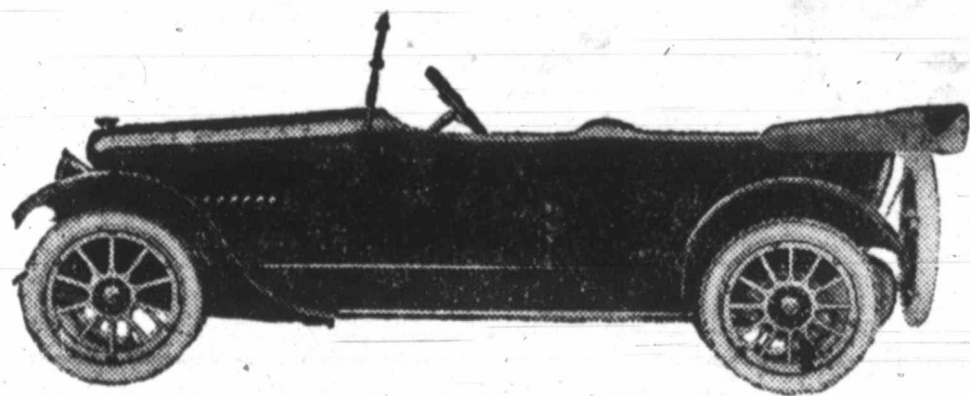
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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Courier will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.



This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war.....

FORMER GOVERNOR FERGUSON SPEAKS AT CROCKETT

Emphatically declaring that there is no law to prevent him from again taking the office of governor of Texas and legally discharging the duties of the position, Former Governor James E. Ferguson of Temple delivered an address in Crockett at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon which marked the second speech of his campaign for re-election as the chief executive of the state, from which place he had been removed by impeachment proceedings. The speech was delivered from the bandstand in the court house yard, the audience finding standing room on the east and north sides of the court house. His audience was estimated by a Ferguson supporter at 750.

The former governor was introduced by Mayor J. H. Painter. Arriving on the 11 o'clock train from Palestine, he was met at the station by a reception committee and escorted to the hotel, where dinner was served. The speaking followed at 2 o'clock. The former governor paid his respects to the legislature that impeached him, referring to the impeachment committee as the "smelling committee." In his speech here and elsewhere he refers to his opponent as "Willie Hobby." He paid his respects to the "university bunch" in explaining the institution of the impeachment proceedings.

In his speech the former governor presented two principal contentions. The first of these was, as has been stated, that he is qualified under the law to hold the office to which he aspires. The second was that all his political troubles, including and ending with his impeachment "by a kangaroo senate," were due to his efforts to see that the children of poor parents were given an opportunity to acquire a common school education equal to that given to others to acquire "higher education."

Referring to his borrowing large sums of money, he said that the state used his credit instead of his using the state's credit; that the state used his personal credit when the state did not have any credit.

In his speech at Mt. Pleasant Mr. Ferguson is quoted by the



"I wonder if they care, back home"

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Dallas News as saying, with reference to that \$156,000 loan: "If I could borrow \$132,000 to feed the convicts, do you figure it is any business of the politicians and crooks down in the legislature at Austin; that I should be called upon to get down upon my knees and tell them where I borrowed \$156,000 from anybody on God's green earth. Is there any man here that would not have borrowed \$156,000 if somebody had been fair enough to loan it to him and he wrote in blood that he wouldn't tell anybody about it?" We think this reference was omitted from his Crockett speech.

Dr. W. B. Collins, state health officer, was among the prominent citizens here to extend the former governor a welcoming hand. Following the speech at Crockett, Mr. Ferguson was taken in an automobile to Ratcliff where he spoke during the evening. Those accompanying him to Ratcliff were: Hon. W. B. Page, Dr. W. B. Collins, Mayor J. H. Painter and Hon. J. D. Sallas, representative.

ANOTHER SPECIAL EDITION.

This is another special edition of the Courier. This time the Courier is doing all that it can to assist in the sale of the third liberty loan bonds. In this effort we are pleased to state that we have the liberal cooperation of many of the business institutions of Houston county.

All are interested in the success of the third liberty loan. Those business institutions who are buying the bonds and paying for the advertisements in this issue of the Courier have a special interest. They want to see the third liberty loan a success. They want to see the widest publicity given the third liberty loan, and they are willing to pay for part of this publicity, to the end that the patriotism of all may be appealed to and that none may be overlooked—that all may be adequately advised of the third liberty loan.

Sale of the third liberty loan bonds will close May 6. Other publicity matter will appear in the Courier each week until the sale is completed. Business in-

stitutions which have not yet contributed to this publicity will be given an opportunity during the next two weeks to do so. Watch for the advertisements of those patriotic business institutions that are interested in the success of the third liberty loan. Their advertisements appear in this issue and others will appear in subsequent issues.

The Courier is more interested now in helping to push to success the third liberty loan than it is in pushing the campaign of any man for governor. The Courier always, at the proper time, gives its opinion in regard to men offering for political preferment. But this is no time, when every effort should be exerted for our success in the worldwide conflict, for patriotic Americans to array themselves against one another in behalf of any man's political fortunes. Let's let the governor's race rest in peace, at least until after the third liberty bond issue is fully subscribed. By this course we believe we are voicing the majority.

Exhibits Draw Crowd.

One of the largest crowds ever assembled in Crockett gathered at the railroad station Sunday evening to inspect the exhibition train run in the interest of the third liberty loan bond issue. It was the largest assemblage of automobiles ever seen in Crockett, there being automobiles there from adjoining counties. The train was made up of a baggage car containing over-sea war relics, two flat cars of artillery pieces, a sleeping car for those in charge of the campaign and a coach for the trainmen. The immense assemblage was addressed from the flat cars by Hons. Dwight Lewellin of Dallas, John A. Lomax of Austin and others, including a Canadian lieutenant back from the battlefields and a Texas soldier from one of the training camps. Following the speeches the exhibits were inspected. The sale of third liberty loan bonds was no doubt greatly stimulated by the visit of this train and the speeches of the men in charge.

False Rumors Afloat.
Camp Travis, Texas, April 13.—"There has been no ground glass found in the food served to Camp Travis soldiers. No Mennonite preachers are under arrest at Camp Travis on

charge of disloyalty." This is the statement of Major General Henry T. Allen, commanding the Ninetieth Division at Camp Travis.

General Allen emphatically denies the rumors to the effect that many soldiers and their families had become ill as a result of eating food in which ground glass has been added presumably by alien enemies. Rumors had been current of the action of aliens in placing ground glass in food in all sections of the United States, but direct charges alleging detection of such work at Camp Travis had never been made until recently when an officer, formerly connected with the camp military force, was given as authority.

Every instance reported to the Ninetieth Division headquarters has been thoroughly investigated. Every report was carefully traced down, but absolutely no grounds were found to warrant belief that ground glass had been placed in foods, nor has there been any case of illness that could be attributed to such a cause.

Parents of the thousands of soldiers at Camp Travis have been misled in believing that the soldiers were being fed food that contained ground glass. As a result numerous letters and telegrams have been received asking confirmation of rumors. In order to put at ease the minds of all persons interested in men at Camp Travis, General Allen has issued a flat denial of any of the statements made either as ground glass or the detention of Mennonite preachers within the camp on the grounds of disloyalty.

The officer responsible for the rumors is now in the hospital. He is suffering with a nervous break down.

Some Paragraphs.

Talkative women are usually open faced.
People with real troubles never advertise them.
Happiness has been described in so many ways that a number of people have doubts of its existence.



Kill the Kaiser's Wolf

Only by the Aid of Famine does the Kaiser hope to win. His Submarine is turning loose this Gaunt Beast of Hell upon the World. Want is with us. Famine is on the way. Who will kill him? The eyes of the Allied Millions are looking to the American Farmer. The American Farmer must get that Wolf. He must do it to protect his own Home as well as Civilization. The Wolf can't be killed except with Maximum Crops. Every reliable means for increasing yields—Good Preparation, Heavy Fertilization, Good Seed, Thorough Cultivation—all must be utilized. Fertilizers make possible an increase of crops without increase of labor. Therefore, a liberal use of Plant Food may be the one thing that will get the Wolf. President Wilson—"The toll, the intelligence, the energy, the foresight, the self-sacrifice and devotion of the Farmers of America will, I believe, bring to a triumphant conclusion this great war." Secretary of Agriculture Houston—"There must be no break down of the farm—no failure of food stuffs and clothing."

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Unusual advantages offered here to the farmers of Houston county in buying merchandise as their needs require result in a business unequalled in the market's history.

Money-Saving Sale for the Consumers Only

In the several year's mercantile experience I have never offered a bigger list of bargains than are offered here.

Commencing Saturday, April 20, and Lasting One Week---Closes April 27

THESE PRICES ARE GOOD FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

2-Pound cans Clipper Brand Tomatoes, special price, 7 for.....\$1.00
 2-Pound cans Clipper Brand Corn, special price, 7 for.....\$1.05
 Argo Brand Salmon, guaranteed the best salmon to be had, per can.....30c
 Rageland Brand Salmon, guaranteed good, special price, 6 cans for.....\$1.05
 American Brand Sardines, guaranteed, 12 cans for.....85c
 Armour's very best grade Oat Meal, special price, 9 packages for.....\$1.00

Eat Rice! The cheapest food in the world. We have a car that must go at 11 pounds for.....\$1.00
 100-Pound sacks, special for this week only, at.....\$8.50

East Texas brand pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, per gallon.....95c
 Sugar House Molasses in barrels (it is good) per gallon.....80c
 55-Gallon barrels Sugar House Molasses, special per barrel.....\$40.00

SNUFFS AND TOBACCOS GOING AT A BARGAIN.

We advise our customers to lay in a supply at these prices. The government has taken over the entire output of Bull Durham tobacco.
 12 Sacks Bull Durham tobacco (no limit) for.....55c
 5 Cans Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco.....60c
 5 Bottles 6-oz. Garrett's Snuff.....\$1.15
 You will save money by buying a year's supply of snuff at these prices as there is nothing but a 5-oz. bottle made now and retails for 25c straight.

Our money saving sale is one that from now on will be looked on as the greatest grocery sale ever staged in Crockett or Houston county, and you will agree with me that this is the greatest money saving sale ever staged in the history of Crockett. We urge you to buy before our stocks are exhausted. Every article sold is backed by my personal guarantee. We will cheerfully refund your money if not satisfied. ALWAYS MAKE OUR PLACE YOUR HEADQUARTERS. :-:

OIL CANS.

5-Gallon Zinc Oil Cans, regular \$1.00 value, special price of.....85c

HORSE COLLARS, GEORGIA STOCKS, SINGLE TREES, HAMES, HAME STRINGS.

Georgia Stocks, complete regular \$2.25 value, special price.....\$1.75
 Hames, regular 65c value, special price.....50c
 All-Leather Horse Collars, regular \$6.50 value, per pair.....\$5.25
 Single Trees, special, regular 50c quality for.....35c

COFFEES.

We are offering some money savers on coffees.
 Navigator Coffee, regular \$1.00 bucket seller, special price 75c, or two buckets for.....\$1.25
 Best grade Green Rio Coffee, free from faulty grains, special price, 6½ pounds for.....\$1.00
 Best grade No. 7 Roasted Coffee, special price 5½ pounds for.....\$1.00
 Bestgrade No. 7 Rio Roasted Coffee, special price, 50-pound bags for.....\$7.50

CHEWING TOBACCOS.

Brown's Mule Chewing Tobacco, special price 2 plugs for.....35c
 Brown's Mule Chewing Tobacco, per box of 10 pounds.....\$6.00
 Star Navy Chewing Tobacco, per plug.....60c
 Star Navy Chewing Tobacco, per 12-pound boxes, per pound.....57c
 Tinsley's Thick Plug Chewing Tobacco, per pound.....65c
 Tinsley's Thick Plug Chewing Tobacco, per 12-pound boxes, per pound.....63c

LARD AND PEANUT OIL.

10-Pound buckets Compound Lard, special during this sale.....\$2.30
 Peanut Oil in gallon cans, special during this sale.....\$1.85
 Cottolene, large-size pails, special price during this sale of.....\$2.55
 Peanut Oil in bulk, special price during this sale, per gallon.....\$1.80

SPECIAL PRICES ON MATCHES.

Why pay 10c a box when we sell you cheaper? Extra special, 12 boxes best matches for.....65c

SPECIAL ON WELL BUCKETS AND TUBS

Wooden Well Buckets, regular 75c seller, special price of.....60c
 No. 0 Zinc Wash Tubs, special price.....85c
 No. 1 Zinc Wash Tubs, special price.....\$1.10
 No. 2 Zinc Wash Tubs, special price.....\$1.25
 No. 3 Zinc Wash Tubs, special price.....\$1.40

FEED AND MEAL GOING CHEAP DURING THIS SALE.

Pure Corn Chops, per sack.....\$3.70
 Best grade Corn Meal, per sack.....\$1.75
 Oats, per bushel (packed in 5-bushel bags), special price.....\$1.09

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NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

LOYALTY LAW.

Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section 1. If any person shall, at any time or place within this State, during the time the United States of America is at war with any other nation, use any language in the presence of another person, or of and concerning the United States of America, the entry, or the continuance, of the United States of America in the war, or of and concerning the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States of America, or of and concerning any flag, standard, color, or ensign, of the United States of America, or any imitation thereof, or the uniform of any officer of the army of the United States of America, which language is disloyal to the United States of America, or abusive in character, and calculated to bring into disrepute the United States of America, the entrance or continuance of the United States of America in the war, the army, navy marine corps of the United States of America; or any flag, standard, color, or ensign of the United States of America, or any imitation thereof, or the flag, color, standard, or ensign, or the uniform of any officer of the army of the United States of America, or is of such nature as to be reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, if said in the presence and hearing of a citizen of the United States of America, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by confinement in the State penitentiary for any period of time not less than two years, nor more than twenty-five years.

Section 2. Any person who shall, at any time and place within this State during the time the United States is at war with any other nation, or nations, commit to writing or printing, or both writing and printing, by letters, words, signs, figures, or any other manner, and in any language, anything of and concerning the United States, the entry or continuance of the United States in the war, or of and concerning the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States, any flag, standard, color, or ensign of the United States, or any imitation thereof, or uniform of any of its officers, which is abusive in character, or disloyal to the United States, and reasonably calculated to bring into disrepute the United States, the entry, or continuance, of the United States in the war, the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States, any flag, standard, color, or ensign, of the United States, or that of any of its officers, and reasonably calculated to

provoke a breach of peace if written to or in the presence of a citizen of the United States, or if said in the presence and hearing of any citizen of the United States, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by confinement in the State penitentiary for any period of time not less than two years, nor more than twenty-five years.

Section 3. Any person who shall, within this State, publicly or privately, mutilate, deface, defy, tramps upon, or cause contempt upon, either by words or acts, any flag, standard, color, or ensign, of the United States, or that of any of its officers, or on any imitation of either of them, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by confinement in the State penitentiary for any period of time not less than two years, nor more than twenty-five years.

Section 4. Any person who, during the existence of the war between the United States and any other nation, or nations, shall knowingly, within this State, display, or have in his possession for any purpose whatsoever, any flag, standard, color, ensign, or coat of arms, of any nation with which the United States is at war, or any imitation thereof, or that of any State, subdivision, city, or municipality of any such nations, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by confinement in the State penitentiary for any period of time not less than two years, nor more than twenty-five years.

Section 5. Any officer may, without warrant, arrest any one violating any section of this act, when the offense is committed in his presence, or within his view, or within the view of a magistrate. Any officer about to make such arrest shall be authorized to require any person violating any provision of this act to at once desist from such violation.

Section 6. Indictments and prosecutions for violations of the provisions of this act may be had in any county where the offense is committed, or in Travis County, the State of Texas; and for such purposes venues and jurisdiction is conferred upon the district courts of the counties of the State where such offenses are committed, and on the District Courts of Travis County; provided, that the suspended sentence law of this State shall not apply in convictions under this act.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of any person who shall hear, or see, or know of any person violating any of the provisions of this act, to immediately report the same to some officer authorized to make arrests in such

cases; and it shall be the duty of said officer to forthwith cause the arrest of such person, or persons, against whom such charge has been filed, and to immediately carry him before some officer whose duty it shall be to thoroughly investigate the charges, and to make such orders, and to enter such judgments, as to such person, as the law may direct.

Sec. 8. The fact that this is a special session of the Legislature, which can last but thirty days, and the fact that the United States is now engaged in war, and that there are many breaches of the peace and other disturbances of public order and safety arising, due to the evils sought to be remedied by this act, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity which requires that the constitutional rule, providing that bills shall be read on three several days be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

The Spark Plug.

The modern gas engine depends so much upon the common spark plug that scarcely any other form for creating a spark is considered. The "make-and-break" system is still used to some extent, but the plug takes the lead at the present day. There are many curious ideas concerning this little contrivance of metal and porcelain in regard to its purpose and the leave that is taken to frequently overtax it. Spark plugs are little more than a shell of metal threaded for screwing into a hole in the cylinder casting, and inside of this shell there is a porcelain core which contains a core of its own of metal. When this assembly of shell with its core of porcelain and other parts are inserted into the cylinder hole it is then capable of performing its functions of firing the charges of gas within the combustion chamber. It is the leap of the electric spark across the little gap of the spark plug that causes the gas to explode when the spark goes through. This gap should be about as wide as a dime is thick.

There are several things attached to the operation of a gas engine that contribute for or against the efficiency of a spark plug. It is the owner's business to see that the plug is kept in the

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best possible condition at all times. As many causes for misfiring are due mostly to the spark plug when something else is blamed it is proper to know what usually causes a spark plug to go wrong. There are really two main things that cause them to shirk, and these are either or both the formation of carbon or a cracked porcelain. Either one of these will make a motor limp, and are hard on the mechanical parts if ignored for too long a time as well as wasteful of gasoline. Carbon formations will gather from two causes; the fuel and from oil working up past the piston rings. The more refined the fuel the less trouble usually with plugs on that account. Cleaning the plugs at regular intervals will correct the trouble so far as these causes are concerned, provided the plug is not already injured by a cracked porcelain or broken electrodes. The plug should be taken apart for cleaning and a brush and gasoline used to cut the carbon deposits. Even a fine crack that can hardly be seen with the naked eye will allow the current to short circuit through it and so forestall the intentions of ignition. This is taken into account by the fact that an ignition current is several hundred volts strong and will go where many times one would not be suspecting it would go, and so finds it easier to go a short unobstructed way than it does to go the path laid out for it. This current must necessarily be of a high voltage in order to get the tension or strength to jump the plug gap. If the current comes from a battery, the coil transforms it to the strength needed. A high tension magneto needs no coil to transform the current for ignition purposes.

One of the necessities a car owner should carry is at least two or three extra spark plugs. Moreover, it does not pay to be too economical in buying cheap plugs, for the best are none too good. If you ignore this truth you will be apt to be paying out at both ends; which means that one cheap plug soon calls for another. Worthless plugs, by their liability to go wrong without apparent causes except the cheap construction, are gasoline eaters. They waste gasoline by not being able to fire each charge completely and so comes the lack of power. It is hard to realize the enormous pressure that is instituted against the spark plug at the moment the explosion occurs. At any rate it has to be so in order to send the piston on its working stroke downwards. In view of all this the spark plug needs to be of a sturdy construction and made of materials that will stand this pounding and heat.—Farm and Ranch.

YOUR LIBERTY BOND.

\$18,000 invested in Liberty Bonds will equip an infantry battalion with rifles.

\$50,000 will construct a base hospital with 500 beds, or equip an infantry brigade with pistols.

\$100,000 will buy five combat airplanes, or pistols, rifles and half a million rounds of ammunition for an infantry regiment.

Parties who have to write things for publication are requested to "boil it down." Several really meritorious communications have been dumped into the waste basket this week for the reason that we could not spare the time to set the type nor the space the matter would occupy. Boil it down.—Lufkin News.



THE UNIVERSAL CAR

For the man who is going to buy a FORD CAR, NOW is a good time to buy. We can supply the car NOW but cannot promise for any definite future period. The Ford Motor Company is making cars this week; we hope they will be making cars next week, and next month and right along after that. But these are uncertain times. These are war times. "Uncle Sam" may want to use the factories of every motor car maker. Can't tell. So if you want a Ford Car give us your order without delay. The authorized Ford dealer below will give sharp attention to your order and make quick delivery. You need a Ford car more and more every day; need it for the wide, all round usefulness in your business; need it because it is an established economy. Then don't wait, place your order today to make sure of delivery.

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Dealer for Houston County

**NO POLITICS DURING
LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE**

**Governor Will Make No Political
Speeches Until Bond Cam-
paign Is Ended.**

Dallas, Texas, April 12.—Governor William P. Hobby, replying to questions regarding his campaign, said while in Dallas today in answering numerous invitations received from friends and supporters in various parts of Texas:

"I will not make a political speech until the third liberty loan campaign has ended, and I request my friends and supporters to make none during that period."

He made this announcement during a brief visit with relatives and friends in Dallas, having come here from Fort Worth, where he reviewed the Thirty-sixth Division national army Thursday. Mrs. Hobby came to Dallas Thursday night and Governor Hobby joined her today. They returned to Austin tonight. Governor Hobby was present for a short time at the luncheon of the Lion's Club, which was attended also by the captains in the Dallas liberty loan campaign.

During the afternoon he met a number of his friends and informal conferences were held as to his candidacy. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the prospects, but said actual campaign plans have not been made yet, the liberty loan being so important that he did not wish to appear in conflict with it.

As to the liberty loan, he is highly gratified with the response so far in Texas, and also he was impressed and delighted with the patriotic demonstration at Fort Worth Thursday.

**GREAT REVIEW ONLY
TOPIC AT CAMP OF
THE 36TH DIVISION**

Fort Worth, Tex., April 13.—The event of the week in Fort Worth and at Camp Bowie—in fact the event of the year and perhaps many years to come—was the magnificent parade staged by the Thirty-sixth Division when it passed in review April 11 before Major General E. St. J. Greble and his staff officers, Governor Hobby of Texas and 250,000 other distinguished guests and visitors.

The review, besides being a splendid military pageant worth coming miles to see, taught a lesson in preparedness and demonstrated what is being done by the government to train army recruits and get them in splendid condition to meet and overcome the best shock troops that can be sent up by the kaiser on the battlefields of Europe.

People of this section of the state and of Oklahoma who had known little of what has been going on at Camp Bowie during the past six months were astounded when they saw the parade at the marvelous transformation of the men wrought in so brief a period. Six months ago the cantonment was filled with a heterogeneous mass of mostly raw troops, with here and there a few fairly well-trained national guardsmen, but on Thursday last when the division went swinging down the street, in column after column of sturdy, sunburned, robust and athletic-looking young men in khaki, they were a revelation to many. Pale, hollow-chested, stoop-shouldered and gaunt-faced boys and men, who about six months ago enlisted in the national guard and entered Camp Bowie for training, came forth yesterday with heads erect, shoulders thrown back, muscles hardened and with every appearance of bronzed and weather-beaten veterans, who could stand any amount of hard fighting and take a large measure of punishment without flinching.

Due credit for the training of the troops and for their splendid morale and appearance is given Major General E. St. J. Greble, who has been commander in chief of the division since it was

organized, but who was notified a month ago that he could not lead the men to France because of his age and disability. And the appreciation which citizens of Fort Worth and surrounding country hold for the commander was voiced Thursday night at a banquet given in his honor by the Chamber of Commerce at the Metropolitan Hotel. The banquet was formal and had 500 guests. It was of a military nature. The decorations were flags of the allied countries and the United States, while high officers of the French, British, Canadian and American army and aviation service in full uniform were guests. On this occasion White Rock bottled water took the place of wine which furnished an excuse for some witty remarks by speakers and on one occasion caused the audience to burst forth into song, "How Dry I Am." At one stage Major Wren proposed a toast to General Greble to be drunk with the water, which he declared was "as white as General Greble's treatment of his men." A pretty feature of the evening was the singing of the national anthems of the United States and Great Britain and the "Marseillaise" of France.

While both the review and banquet were regarded somewhat in the nature of farewell incidents by the public and soldiers, it is now reported on seemingly good authority that the Thirty-sixth Division may not break camp and depart from Camp Bowie before late in July, and while no reasons for the delay are given it is surmised that the presence of the former guardsmen may be needed in Texas to protect the border from German filibustering expeditions, and it is not improbable that General Greble will continue in command, as he was pronounced disqualified for overseas duty merely. The noted organization of Texans and Oklahomans was some months ago dubbed "the Panther Division," and the title has been officially adopted. The division takes its name from Fort Worth, known as the Panther City. The traditions of the army and of the Panther City, it is said, will be upheld by the crack division when it reaches the battle front, either overseas or to the south, it matters not to the men.

**HOBBY APPEALS TO
TEXAS PATRIOTISM**

**"Fight or Buy Bonds" Is Slogan
Used by Governor.**

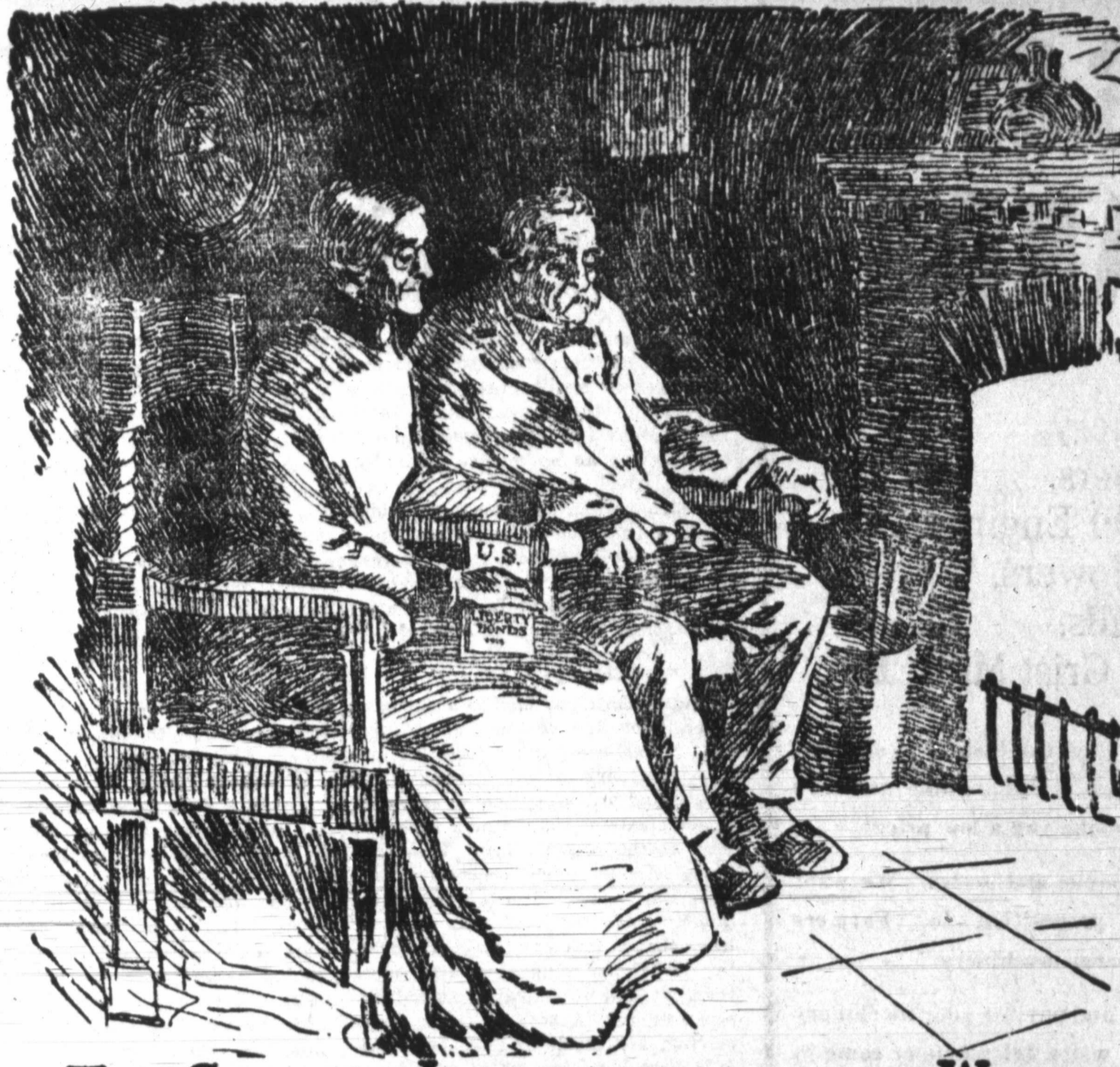
Austin, Tex., April 13.—"Fight or buy bonds" is the slogan used by Governor Hobby in an address issued by him Saturday to the people of Texas in the interest of the third liberty loan drive. The address is as follows:

"Your government at Washington has called upon you for men and money to preserve the liberties which your fathers died to win and to preserve the heritage made sacred by the blood of your sons already shed in France. You have responded with the full quota of men called for, and you are now engaged in the task of providing the money necessary to support and sustain your fighting sons now at the front or in training for the battle.

"Texans, your very existence as a free people is the stake for which you are fighting. German success means German domination. German domination means vassalage of Texans. Your fathers refused to suffer Spanish domination, and paid at Goliad and the Alamo the price of your liberty today. The Hun oppression is more unspeakably barbarous than any cruelty the world has ever known. Already Germany has appropriated to the imperial empire one-third of the population of helpless Russia. In the light of what we have already seen death is preferable to the slavery the German kaiser would impose.

"The duty which confronts every citizen is to 'fight or buy bonds.' Your sons are fighting. The limit of the bonds we buy should be our country's need. It is not a question of what we can afford. It is a question only of what we can do.

"As your governor I earnestly beseech you to soberly and loyally, through your committees, ascertain the obligation of each man and woman who enjoys the protection of our government, and place that obligation before such citizen. I am sure no loyal American will shirk the burden, however distressing it may be.



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under the most trying circumstances.

"Many amongst us now are tired. To those I would say that victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest. The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support. There is no other source open to us but to fight it out.

"Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall, and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depends alike on the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

Some Paragraphs.

Ignorance may not be bliss, but it generates a lot of contentment. There is such a thing as an attractive distraction—a pretty woman.

Occasionally the first to propose a reform is the last to accept it. Women seldom have much faith in a doctor unless he has whiskers.

In the bright lexicon of the hustler there is no such thing as "enough."

It may be better to marry for money than to have no money at all. A little taffy injudiciously applied makes a humbled man stuck up.

Don't borrow trouble—any of your friends will gladly give you plenty.

Patrons of matrimonial agencies pay their money and take their choice.

Most of our time is passed in getting used to the things we didn't expect.

"Rocky but profitable," said the cradle manufacturer, describing his business.

Some of our rising poets write advertising jingles for yeast manufacturers.

Don't allow your dogs, your children or your troubles to trouble your neighbor.

No man ever has as much sense as the woman he is engaged to think he has.

The worst feature of a divorce is that it usually results in two more marriages.

Some people kick because they are unable to discover where the shoe pinches.

When a gossip tells you anything you can make money by betting that it isn't so.

OUR LINE OF DEFENSE

It is a moment of tense nerves—ready to slip out of the trench at the word of command—and at the enemy. Our men on the firing line are physically fit for military service because only about one man out of five was chosen to endure the hardships of this fearful war. But we must not be content with 20 per cent. in physical health of our American youth.

We cannot afford to lose four men out of five because of physical weakness. Such weaknesses can be cured. Many times the kidneys are to blame.

If the kidneys are clogged with toxic poisons you suffer from stiffness in the knees in the morning on arising, your joints seem "rusty," you may have rheumatic pains, pain in the back, stiff neck, headaches, sometimes swollen feet, or neuralgic pains—all due to uric acid or toxic poisons stored in the blood and which should be swept out.

Then procure at your nearest drug store Anuric (double strength). The cost is 60 cents. This An-uric drives the uric acid out. Drink plenty of pure water, take Anuric three times a day for a month.

Send Doctor Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cts. for trial package.

DAWSON, TEXAS.—"For the benefit of others, I gladly give this statement regarding the merits of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets. Am nearly 76 years of age. I suffered from backache, weak back, rheumatism, and could not control the kidneys. I can safely say that 'Anuric,' the new discovery of Dr. Pierce, has done me more real good than anything I have ever taken for these ailments."—Mrs. N. M. FLEET.

QUAY, OKLA.—"My bowels were constipated, joints were stiff, ankles and feet swollen, and I had pain in hips and knees. I realized that I had uric acid in the system and sent for a trial package of Anuric. I then got three or four packages of the Anuric Tablets and also started taking the 'Pleasant Pellets' regularly. Now I am free from pain, the joints have limbered up, and I am enjoying very good health for an old man seventy-nine years of age."—MARION SPENCER.

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Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bills.

In case of errors or omissions in legal or other advertisements, the publishers do not hold themselves liable for damage further than the amount received by them for such advertisement.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Courier will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.



- - - This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war - - -

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER.

The following words were set to music and often sung during our civil war. They are just as appropriate now as they were then:

Just before the battle, mother,
I am thinking most of you,
While upon the field we're watching,
With the enemy in view.

Comrades brave are round me lying,
Filled with tho't of home and God;
For well they know that on the morrow
Some will sleep beneath the sod.

Chorus:

Farewell, mother, you may never
Press me to your heart again;
But oh, you'll not forget me,
mother,
If I'm numbered with the slain.

Hark! I hear the bugles sounding,
'Tis the signal for the fight;
Now may God protect us,
mother,
As He ever does the right.

Hear the battle cry of Freedom,
How it swells upon the air;
Oh yes, we'll rally round the standard,
Or we'll perish nobly there.

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COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS DESERVE CREDIT FOR LOAN DRIVE SUCCESS

It's going "over the top." Even at this early date there is not a doubt about it. The Third Liberty loan will be over-subscribed and early reports are sufficient to indicate that the subscriptions will far exceed those of either of the first two loans.

The tremendous force with which this loan drive started is attributed to two things—organization and publicity—and these same two factors will make possible the successful culmination of the campaign.

The country weekly newspapers are entitled to claim a large share of the credit for the great showing made during the first week of the drive. The efforts of these publishers, co-operating with the patriotic citizens of their communities, made possible an advertising campaign that has dwarfed all the efforts made along this line in the earlier loan drives.

Thousands of pages of advertising space in the country news-



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papers have been used during the opening week, and the drive has just started. It is safe to say that nothing like the advertising campaign that will have been made before the loan is closed has ever been seen before in this or any other country.—Publishers' Auxiliary.

PERSHING ASKS THAT YOU BUY LIBERTY BONDS

In a cablegram received by Secretary McAdoo Sunday, General Pershing urged a large subscription to the Liberty Loan as an expression of confidence to the American soldiers at the front.

"Every dollar subscribed to the Liberty Loan is a dollar invested in American manhood," the General cabled. "Every dollar subscribed as the result of self-denial means partnership in the hardships and risks of our men in the trenches. Every dollar subscribed will confirm the determination of our people at home to stand by its army to a victorious end. An overwhelming subscription to the Third Liberty Loan will be a patriotic expression of confidence in our ability as a nation to maintain all that we hold dear in civilization."

WORKMEN PATRIOTS.

Editor W. A. Adair of the Marshall Messenger is authority for the statement that "In the T. & P. shops here (Marshall) carpenters, machinists, blacksmiths—all classes of workmen—are putting in two hours daily on 'Liberty cars' and 'Liberty engines,' which are being built free so far as labor is concerned and donated to the government. The men put in these two hours after their regular day's work has been finished. This, in contrast to the striking ship carpenters, would make an impressive picture." Indeed it would! The difference between loyalty and pride and manliness on one side and sedition, agitation and whimpering greed on the other is as wide as the world. What these men at Marshall are doing deserves the sincerest admiration of every American patriot. What the strikers at the shipyards and in the arsenals are doing deserves the sternest rebuke of every man who loves America. That these skilled mechanics at Marshall are 100 per cent patriots goes without utterance. That the strikers in the essential war industries are either of doubtful loyalty or in positive opposition to the country in which they are faring far better than they ever fared before in their lives is equally worthy to be affirmed. This country or any country can not succeed in battle unless it is

successful in industry. Every man with trained hands and active brain who contributes to the productivity of American forges and factories is contributing to the victory of American arms and the salvation of American soldiers who are offering their lives for our country. There is nothing like war for bringing the thoughtful to a realization of the stupidity of any system of education which teaches the young everything except something useful. The mania for cultural education and the almost total neglect of manual instruction has served to make all the nations of earth lopsided with literate but semi-helpless men and women. In an emergency such as war the literary playhouse falls to the ground at one shake and the manual tradesman must come and build it up again. For any sensible family to turn out a set of children who do not know how to build anything or design anything or completely oversee any sort of necessary construction is to let loose upon society a fresh batch of semi-invalids whose chatter concerning the arts, sciences and accomplishments of polite learning is as puerile as it is economically wasteful. State Press does not demand that every individual be apprenticed to a trade; but he does insist that the general tendency of our schools to lead the young away from work and put them into ornamental employments is as absurd as it is suicidal. Let's have more men with trained hands.—State Press.

EVERY AMERICAN'S DUTY.

To work, economize and lend money to the government is the duty of every American.

Hundreds of thousands of our men have been called to arms and taken away from the productive forces of the country.

Hundreds of thousands of others have been diverted from producing things used in peace to producing things used in war.

In the face of this lessened productive force and production a great and unusual drain upon our resources is made by our army and navy and our allies.

Work and speed-up production to make up for the lessened production; economize in consumption to lessen as much as possible the drain upon our resources; lend your money to your government to prosecute this war successfully and make our soldiers powerful, effective and victorious.

Every American can do an individual service to his country by working, saving and buying Liberty Bonds.

Representatives of the cotton growers have asserted that the prices which cotton mills are charging are far in excess of what the price of cot-

ton justifies. Whether that is so or not, they are evidently exorbitant, for the war industries board is said to have come to the conclusion that it must fix prices on cotton goods just as it has on many other commodities which the government has to buy. If what the representatives of the cotton growers have said is true, the contemplated action would not necessarily result in lowering the price of cotton. But whether it should have that effect or not, the decision seems to be justified. The cotton growing and cotton manufacturing industries are among the very few which have not been called on to make any sacrifices. If cotton goods are commanding "an unheard of price," so is cotton; and even though the growers of cotton are required to pay more for the things they buy, there is more profit in cotton growing now than there was before the war. Conditions resulting from the war have been profitable to the cotton growers. They can not be justly charged with profiteering, since they have nothing to do with bringing about these conditions. But they could be charged with profiteering if they should protest against the contemplated action on the ground that it would be likely to lower the price of cotton.—Galveston News.

CITIZENS ARE URGED TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS

To the Citizens of Houston County: The undersigned have been designated as a central committee for the promotion of the THIRD LIBERTY LOAN in our county, and will attempt to organize assistants in each town. We expect and ask for the whole-hearted support of every man, woman and child in the county in order that we may raise the quota assigned to us. As the money goes to feed and clothe our boys, who are fighting and giving their lives that we may remain a free people, it is unthinkable that any individual should not gladly give to the limit, but "Uncle Sam" is not even asking us to give, but paying us a fair interest rate for our money, and a loan as good as the government itself. Let us not be slackers, but cheerfully and quickly meet the full amount of our quota, as many others have done. We failed on the

two previous loans, and WE MUST NOT THIS TIME.

As indicating what our government thinks, we quote from a letter just received from the war loan department:

"As you are aware, the Third Liberty Loan campaign is going to be conducted in a much more thorough manner than any previous loan, and the personal responsibility of every citizen is going to be brought home to him in a manner never attempted before.

"In this line of thought, we want you to be prepared, after the campaign has been in progress about two weeks, to give us the names and addresses of every one in your county who has not done his full share in the purchase of liberty bonds. That is to say, who has not purchased what is his individual quota. We trust you will have the names ready for us on call.

"You will realize the necessity and advantage of such a course, and you will recognize that it will call for your watching the subscription lists very closely, and this is one of the duties which we ask you to assume in this campaign.

"We ask that you realize that records and data relating to the Third Liberty Loan campaign must be of a permanent character, and we ask that you keep these records by you subject to our call at any time."

Respectfully yours,

D. O. Kiessling,
B. F. Dent,
W. A. Collins,
Jno. N. Snell,
H. A. Fisher,
C. L. Edmiston,
Committee.

Exodus From Camp Travis.

Camp Travis, Texas, April 6.—That Uncle Sam has materially quickened his step since the great German drive against the western front is evidenced by the steadily changing personnel of the men at Camp Travis. Now that the great exodus is about completed, it is not abusing the censorship to say that literally thousands of the most seasoned troops of the 19th division have been transferred to other points, without doubt this movement being the first step toward sending them "over there." The drill grounds present approximately the same drills that were seen months ago, since a large number of those now in camp have only recently arrived and are now learning their A B Cs. If a stronger evidence of this was needed it could be found in the number of upturned faces—men searching the skies for airplanes which throughout the day hover above the camp, this being one of the favorite visiting points for the birdmen of Kelly Field.

As this is being written an even dozen airplanes, in battle formation, are circling above the camp, and many a rooky on the ground below, is having a hard time keeping step. He just must look up, even if it does mean an occasional "bawling" from the officer in charge. But another week or two and an airplane will have about as much chance of attracting attention as a wiener sandwich at an annual banquet.

There's no place like home if it's your home or your farm—no matter how little the home or the farm. Therefore, there's no place you should like like you like your home-like home.

Dr. Sam'l A. Miller

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J. W. SMITH

DIVISION REVIEW IS HELD AT FORT WORTH

Governor Hobby Attends and Makes Speech at Banquet Given in Honor of Brigadier General.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 11.—Fully 200,000 visitors from Texas and Oklahoma witnessed the review of the Thirty-sixth Division here today. From a military standpoint the review was spectacular and in the history of the Southwest there has never been anything like it. But there was another side. Texas and Oklahoma realized for the first time that their sons, taken from various vocations six months ago, are now seasoned fighting men and thoroughly fit for coping with German hordes on the fighting lines.

Promptly at 11:30, and amid the ceaseless cheering of the multitudes which thronged the streets, lines of khaki-clad soldiers entered the first stage of the review. The line of march lay over four and one-half miles of the business streets of the city and for four hours that endless stream of fighting men, marching in battle formation and carrying full equipment, drowned the frantic

USE LESS WHEAT.

The allied nations have made further increased demands on us for breadstuffs—demands that Americans are obligated to meet.

In the meantime America's meat supply has been greatly increased for some months to come by the unprecedented shipping to market of hogs that averaged 232 pounds each instead of 208 pounds—the normal.

The United States Food Administration, endeavoring to adjust the international food balance, promptly removed certain restrictions in this country on the use of meat and at the same time asked for a smaller consumption of breadstuffs.

We are asked to observe only one meatless day each week—Tuesday. We will have larger meat stocks for awhile. But our bread ration must be held to a minimum.

In altering its food conservation program the Food Administration emphasizes that the food situation is of necessity, subject to radical changes, caused by crop conditions at home and abroad and by the precarious transportation problem, both in overseas shipping and in America's overburdened transportation system.

The Food Administration will keep the American people fully and frankly advised of each change in the developing situation that they may know definitely the part their food sacrifices play in the world war.

IN SATIN AND CREPE



When distinction and simplicity are united in a beautiful gown there is nothing else to wish for—except that it will prove becoming. Here is an example of this happy combination in an afternoon dress of satin and crepe georgette. It is gracefully designed to assure a slender silhouette—has an over-bodice, sleeves and tunic drapery of crepe with collar, girdle and underdress of satin. There is a quiet garniture of embroidery and the fine finish of tiny satin-covered buttons on collar and sleeves.

YOUR BOY



The boy who is not going to the war.—If you could figure out in dollars and cents his value to you, this is the amount you should subscribe to the Liberty Loan. You can't put a price on your love. All you can do is lend to your Government until it hurts.

BUY YOUR LIBERTY BOND TO-DAY

This Space Patriotically Contributed by

James S. Shivers

cheering with the sound of their steady tread.

Twenty-two thousand soldiers participated in the parade. In addition to this there were 7,000 horses and mules and some 1,500 vehicles, which made up machine gun platoons, light artillery, supply trains, etc.

From a stand erected for the purpose, Brigadier General Greble and his staff, with Governor Hobby of Texas and Governor Williams of Oklahoma, reviewed the division. As spectacular and immense as the parade was, so well had the various details been worked out that not a hitch nor an accident occurred.

A banquet in honor of General Greble was given at night. Five hundred prominent citizens of Texas and Oklahoma were in attendance. Governor Hobby of Texas made address.

CALLED INTO THE SERVICE.

List of White Registrants Who Will Entrain for Camp Travis.

Following is a list of white registrants called by the Houston county local board to entrain for Camp Travis (April) These registrants will apply on the next quota:

- Order No.—Name.
- 90 Ernest Clyde Oates.
 - 242 Arnold S. Gainey.
 - 489 Geo. T. Walker.
 - 515 Geo. W. Ellis.
 - 522 Barker T. Larue.
 - 525 R. B. Baker.
 - 549 Aaron McCullar.
 - 556 Lee Arnold.
 - 563 Ollie Dykes.
 - 569 Earl G. Ratterree.
 - 578 Sam E. Page.
 - 580 Ben Snethen.
 - 586 Ory D. Heath.
 - 604 Napoleon Griffin.
 - 607 Willie Jefferson.
 - 650 Seth Yarborough.
 - 651 Raymond A. Mitchell.
 - 668 Ethel H. Johnston.
 - 672 Otis E. Herod.
 - 679 Joe Satcher.
 - 684 Geo. Thos. Bowden.
 - 701 Carroll H. Hallmark.
 - 705 Norman Richards.
 - 713 Lee Edgar Smith.
 - 778 Thos. Dewitt Nettles.
 - 796 Mayron W. Cook.
 - 798 Willis Hogan.
 - 805 Hugh Long Kirkpatrick.
 - 815 Floyd N. Lewis.
 - 817 Jesse Bishop.
 - 818 Henry Burk Justice.
 - 827 Ed Brown Young.
 - 837 Henry Evans.
 - 858 Wright Sullivan.
 - 866 Henry B. Maynard.
 - 867 Albert Seekings.
 - 876 Thos. W. English.

If a man dresses well and hasn't very much sense he is usually dubbed a "ladies' man" by others.

USE MORE POTATOES.

HELP consume the 1917 record breaking potato crop. Government experts have estimated that over 700,000 extra acres of potatoes were planted last year. The United States Food Administration is endeavoring to push the nation's big potato stocks into channels of trade and has placed potatoes on the list of substitutes that may be bought along with wheat flour.

Potato soup has become a war dish. Here is a recipe that has been tested by United States Food Administration experts. Ingredients needed are three potatoes, one quart of milk, two slices onion, three tablespoons butter substitute, two tablespoons flour, one and one-half tablespoons salt, one-quarter teaspoon celery salt, one-eighth teaspoon pepper, few grains cayenne and one teaspoon chopped parsley.

Cook potatoes in boiled salted water. When soft run through a strainer. Scald milk with onion, remove onion and add milk slowly to potatoes. Melt the fat, add dry ingredients, stir until well mixed, then stir into boiling soup. Cook one minute, strain and sprinkle with barley.

OF CHAMBRAY AND SWISS



A light green chambray frock, with gimp and sleeves of white dotted swiss is enough to make any little maid proud of her looks. And this dress has little set-in pockets, piped with white, on the pointed yoke.

CALLED INTO THE SERVICE.

List of Colored Registrants Who Will Entrain for Camp Travis.

Following is a list of colored registrants called by the Houston county local board to entrain for Camp Travis April. Some of these registrants will apply on the next quota, but some of them are needed to complete the last quota.

- Order No.—Name.
- 111 Henry Gregg Spencer.
 - 264 Boatley Hale.
 - 583 Arnold Hall.
 - 591 Lewis Hubbard.
 - 592 Josh McDaniel.
 - 601 Claud M. Watson.
 - 614 Preston Cook.
 - 616 Henry Holly.
 - 617 Eddie Furch.
 - 621 Phil McDaniel.
 - 639 John Glover.
 - 641 Iota Richardson.
 - 649 Cephos Smith.
 - 661 Mose Fobbs.
 - 666 Flote Thomas.
 - 685 Jeff Talford.
 - 697 Sam Johnson.
 - 702 Marcus Blake.
 - 723 Lawson Smith.
 - 726 Lee Hall.
 - 731 Lee Butler.
 - 741 Charlie Clark.
 - 744 Fred McLemore.
 - 746 Bias McDaniel.
 - 748 Arch Gale.
 - 750 Cary Clark.
 - 761 Isaac Smith.
 - 768 Emmett Strange.
 - 770 Louis Wheeler.
 - 772 F. L. Hicks.
 - 773 Alvis Ross.
 - 775 Joe Brazzle.
 - 777 Andrew Stubblefield.

- 782 Jack Wiley.
- 785 John Williams.
- 797 George Norman.
- 828 McKinley Curvey.
- 855 Johnnie Williams.
- 861 John A. Wooten.
- 872 Oscar Geo. Williams.
- 875 Lewis Smith.
- 882 Herman Bailey.
- 892 Ernest Simpson.
- 896 Daniel Stapleton.
- 908 Dave Butler.
- 919 Jim Gilder.
- 927 Houston Chann.
- 939 Robert James.
- 941 Andrew Gilmore.
- 952 Pink Singletary.
- 957 Vallard Wiley.
- 958 Ike Russell.
- 967 Andrew Campbell.
- 974 York Calhoun.
- 979 Will Harris.
- 982 Charlie Smith.
- 986 Robert Cotton.
- 989 Dave Cleveland.
- 990 Jamon Williams.
- 996 Lewis Masters.
- 997 Albert Nelms.
- 1034 John Shepherd.
- 1043 Levi Smith.
- 1055 Anthony Williams.
- 1061 Jay Holly.
- 1074 Cal Phillips.
- 1096 Walter Hall.
- 1099 Rufus Gillespie.
- 1111 Laneous Gipson.
- 1115 Wilson Majors.
- 1116 Horace Brown.
- 1138 Eugene Gilford.
- 1145 Wm. Nelson.
- 1161 Riley Mask.
- 1162 Moody Herod.
- 1192 Will Marshall.
- 1217 Bertha Johnson.
- 1235 Theodore Watson.
- 1274 Republican Burns.
- 1279 Harvey Kimmon.
- 1282 Florence Carter.
- 1285 Kid Larue.
- 1294 Robert Sims.
- 1304 Robert Dailey.
- 1307 James Parker.
- 1311 Geo. Marvin Foy.
- 1326 Jack Perry.
- 1328 Oscar Reece.
- 1354 Lee Burnham.
- 1355 Claud Stewart.
- 1357 Lewis Griffin.
- 1358 Genoa Ed Hubbard.
- 1372 Neal Walker.
- 1375 Willis Dickson.
- 1383 Robert Campbell.
- 1386 Wm. P. Jackson.
- 1393 John Henry Truss.
- 1406 Pleasure Jackson.
- 1416 Will Burnett.
- 1421 Survine Shuffer.

Philosophy in Brief Paragraphs.

The way of the transgressor often leads to foreign shores.
 What a man's wife thinks of him is not far from the truth.
 Virtue becomes a vice as soon as you begin to boast of it.
 —After putting your best foot forward get there with both feet.
 Every girl has her own way of making a young man kiss her.
 Nature probably backed the camel up to win the animal races.
 Some bank balances grow rapidly, but they are easily checked.
 "All men were liars," and it isn't an easy matter to catch them with the goods, either.
 Get on the other side of the street when you see a man coming who never forgets to inform you that the world is growing worse.
 When the other fellow ceases to display any interest it's time for you to shut up.
 If a man does his duty on little occasions he will know how to act on great occasions.
 Many a man who has a reputation for talking too much doesn't talk enough at the right time.
 A frenzied financier out of a job is of about as much use to the world as a last year's bird nest.
 Lots of men are lenient with themselves because of their belief that charity begins at home.

Notice to Property Owners

The state law condemning up-ground toilets and cesspools on all property contiguous to sewer lines will be rigidly enforced within a short time.

Arrange for your sewerage connections now and save yourself trouble and annoyance.

THE CITY OF CROCKETT

**KAISER'S OBJECT
NOW IS TO ANNIHIL-
ATE BRITISH ARMY**

**By Sheer Weight of Numbers
Germans Forced English
to Give Ground.**

With the British Army in France, April 10.—The Messines ridge and the ploegsteert wood, which last June were cleared of Germans by a special coup, again Wednesday were filled with swirling masses of fiercely battling troops as the result of a new drive launched by the enemy between Armentieres and Messines in the morning.

For hours the German hordes have been flinging themselves viciously against the defending lines and by sheer weight of numbers forced their way forward at several points into the British positions. Messines, Ploegsteert and Ninephe had come within the zone of the bitter fighting during the forenoon, but with the attacks and counter attacks in progress the situation was changing so rapidly that it was impossible to say at the time of the filing of this dispatch (2 p. m. Wednesday) which way the tide of conflict was flowing.

Wednesday's push north of Armentieres was a continuation of the new phase of the great offensive which boiled up between Givenchy and Armentieres when the enemy surged forward suddenly with fresh troops and made a considerable dent in the defending line.

If the enemy attack Wednesday should succeed Armentieres would lie in a deep salient with the Germans well in on either side of it.

In the meantime fighting is still proceeding at various points in the sector between Givenchy and Armentieres.

One of the main features of the German plans for the offensive as a whole now becomes obvious. The kaiser is bent on annihilating the British army as far as is possible.

(Section missing here.)
After an hour of fighting the enemy gained possession of the front line east of Fauquissart in the center of the sector involved. With the aid of further barrage they surged forward and attacked the second line, which they also occupied. It was about 11 o'clock when the enemy pushed on into Laventie, which rendered the situation at Fleurbaiz on the north a very difficult one.

The Portuguese were holding the line from near Laventie to Richebourg-St. Vaast and here they clung until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the enemy made a charge across the open ground against them. The defending positions were carried by storm and the Portuguese forced to fall back to a line previously prepared, where they were joined by the British reinforcements.

North of Laventie the enemy had succeeded in crossing the Lys in small numbers. They got a footing in Estaires, but Wednesday morning were thrown out by a counter attack. During the night a counter attack further north also pushed the enemy back across the river.

Givenchy was the pivot of the battle and the most important position along the line, for the high ground here dominates the whole Lys valley. The enemy tried to work round the place and twice succeeded in getting into the town, but each time he was stormed out by the grimly fighting division which is holding this section of the front.

The battle of Givenchy was of the most desperate fighting. For hours the contending forces fought at close quarters with rifles and hand grenades. The nature of the British defense may be seen from the fact that one British division was being attacked by four German divisions and an extra brigade.

The German artillery fire of Tuesday and Wednesday has been terrific. Great concentrations of guns have been hurling steady streams of high explosives far back of the lines—and virtually all points within reach of the long range guns have come under the punishment of hate.



**They gave their dearest to their Country
The least YOU can do is -**

BUY YOUR LIBERTY BOND TO-DAY

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The Houston-Leon County Coal Company**

**SACRIFICE IS TRUE
TEST OF PATRIOTISM**

**Pledge Your Pleasures and Your
Luxuries—Soldiers Are
Pledging Their Lives.**

Dallas, Texas, April 10.—In this region of vast distances and peaceful life, a realization of the war and all that it means has come to us a little more slowly than in the great centers. Like a giant awakening from sleep, the Southwest, realizing the peril which confronts it, is reaching forth for its weapons. And the blow which it will strike during the next few weeks will be felt in the ranks of Germany.

There is just one phase of the Liberty loan appeal which calls for emphasis at the moment. The person who made money last year and who now has that money in the bank and arranges to turn the use of that money over to the government by buying Liberty bonds is doing an excellent thing. But the person who pledges his or her future labor and profits to the government is doing even better. The person who says, "It will pinch me pretty hard to meet those payments in May, July and August, but by economy and hard work I can manage it," that person is the true patriot.

Buy Liberty bonds not only out of your surplus, but out of your comfort and your luxuries for the next four months. Our soldiers are pledging their lives. Pledge your pleasures, your luxuries; undertake the government terms of payment for a bond of an amount which means sacrifice to pay for it. You will gain mentally, morally and financially.

J. W. Hoopes,
Deputy Governor Federal
Reserve Bank.

Meeting of U. D. C.

The spacious home of Mrs. J. W. Hail was opened Tuesday, March 26th, to the members of the D. A. Nunn Chapter. Roses were everywhere in the large parlors and rooms opening in one spacious whole. Old business—then came collection of dues. Treasurer's report. New business, after which we had our regular program.

Roll call answered with names of Texas heroes.
Reading, "Origin of the Lone

**Star Flag," Mrs. D. F. Arledge.
Reading, Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb.**

Flag song of Texas.
Piano, Miss Hattie Stokes,
(Chopin's Valse in C Minor).
A very interesting history lesson was enjoyed by the chapter. "Tom Green Rifles," Mrs. John Millar.

Our chapter recently voted to send five dollars to endow a bed in hospital in France, to which our friend, Mrs. Cornelia Ellsworth of New York, very generously added five dollars, the chapter giving Mrs. Ellsworth a rising vote of thanks for same. The members of the chapter agreed for the future instead of the hostess serving refreshments when entertaining the chapter that she donate one dollar and fifty cents to the Red Cross Chapter. Mrs. Ellsworth would be delighted to have the chapter meet with her in her faraway home, but the chapter doesn't feel that it can do so, so she leaves \$1.50 for the Red Cross this month.

Reading, "Our Southland," Miss Katie Jensen.
Song, "While Your Daddy's Far Away," Mrs. J. LeGory.

A beautiful tribute to Mrs. Castleberg was composed and read by Mrs. I. A. Daniels:

OUR MOTHERS.

How we miss her everywhere,
Lady with the snowwhite hair!
Miss her placid smiling face,
In its old accustomed place.
Miss her gentle voice to guide,
Miss her by the fire-side,
Miss her, miss her, all the day—
Now since she has gone away.

More than jewels rich and rare
Lady of the snowwhite hair,—
Are the memories of you,
Ever faithful, kind and true!
And when we have "Crossed the Bar"

And the pearly gates ajar,
You will greet us over there,
Lady of the snowwhite hair.

After a delicious salad course the chapter adjourned to meet with Mrs. C. N. Corry, April 30th, 1918.

Mrs. Hal Lacy, Secretary.

Most people would cheerfully wear mourning if they could pick out those they had to wear it for.

If we could see ourselves as others see us what a disagreeable old world this would be to live in.

**WAR SAVINGS AND
THRIFT STAMPS SOCIETY**

**Crockett W. S. S. Meetings Post-
poned Until After Liberty
Loan Campaign.**

The Crockett War Savings Society met in regular session, April 11th, at 3 o'clock.

Society was called to order by president, calling for reports from our captains, Mrs. Millar and Mrs. C. W. LeGory, who made splendid reports of placing Thrift Cards and selling Thrift and War Savings Stamps in homes over town.

The following program was given:

Vocal duets, "Lullaby of War" and "America," Misses Dorothy Ellen and Augusta Lone Shivers.
Piano solo, "The Flatterer," Louine McLarty.

"The Camp-fire Girls," organized by Mrs. Gail King, sang two beautiful and appropriate songs entitled, "The Camp-fire Girls" and "The Minute Girls." This organization consists of eight girls, namely, Misses Effie Mae and Katie Lacy, Katie King, Erin Tunstall, Inez Jones, Bettie James, Cora Phillips and Sara Sue Denny.

Reports from three rooms in school have been given in; they have 71 members and a total of \$941.35; this makes our enrollment of 144.

W. S. S. meetings have been postponed until after the "Liberty Loan" drive. Next meeting will be May 9th, 3 o'clock, at Bromberg hall.

Mrs. Johnson Arledge,
W. S. S. Secretary.

Cemetery Association.

The members of the Cemetery Association, with all others interested in this work, are requested to attend the next monthly meeting which will be held at the commercial club, Thursday, the 26th of April, at 4 p. m. Mrs. Earle Adams, Pres. Cemetery Association.

Some Paragraphs.

Many a man's belief in his superior wisdom makes a fool of him. However, the disgrace of poverty is overshadowed by discomfort. Money makes the mare go, and marriage makes the money go. Talk is cheap, women are fond of bargains—and that's all there is to it. How easy it is to forgive an enemy when he is in a position to do you a favor!

**AMERICAN NAVY
HAS ADDED 1275
VESSELS IN YEAR**

**More Destroyers Being Built
Than Were in All Allied
Navies When War Began.**

Chicago, April 10.—Since April 6, 1917, the day on which war was declared against Germany, there have been added to the United States navy 1275 vessels aggregating 1,055,116 tons, Secretary of the Navy Daniels declared Wednesday night in an address at the National Chamber of Commerce.

"In addition to the battle cruisers, dreadnaughts and scout cruisers authorized, some building and others deferred temporarily for the more pressing construction of ships to transport soldiers and munitions and supplies," he said, "we are now building what is technically known as smaller craft, from 65 to 1215 tons each, 794 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 420,217 tons.

"We are now working day and night in government and in private plants on the construction of more destroyers than were in all the allied navies when war began, and every possible facility is being created to construct additional fighting craft which can be effective against the submarine stiletto warfare of assassination and murder."

Mr. Daniels then turned to the efforts being made to increase the merchant marine, declaring that the supreme need of the hour is for ships to carry millions of soldiers to France. He pointed out that today there are 390 vessels under American control with a tonnage of 2,762,605 and that in addition 471,000 tons of Dutch ships would soon be put into the service.

After the Chamber of Commerce meeting Secretary Daniels addressed a crowd estimated at 15,000 persons at the stock yards advocating purchases of Liberty loan bonds in which he declared:

"If ever the boys in the front begin to get tired, it will then be time for some man to keep a dollar in his pocket which will give them comfort and protection, and not till then."

Secretary Daniels then spoke of attacks on disloyalists and measures before congress to punish treason, declaring:

"We wish these laws passed so that every official of the government would have the law and could invoke it, and we would not have the spectacle of men and traitors and spies dependent for punishment upon individuals, who, however good their motive, open the door which would destroy the liberties we wish to preserve."

The only reason the United States has not a million and a half men in France, he explained, was that for 50 years the nation neglected the merchant marine and built no ships.

Some Paragraphs.

Fear of alimony is one reason some men are shy of marrying. Everything comes to the man who advertises while he waits. Builders of air castles are spared all worry about labor strikes. An old bachelor says that an optimist is a married man who says that he is glad of it.

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C. P. O'BANNON'S Fifth Anniversary Sale!

STAPLES.

27-inch Martha Washington Bleached Domestic, anniversary sale price, per yard... 12½c
 Our 36-inch Bleached Homestead Domestic, an A-1 quality, at per yard... 20c
 One lot of 36-inch Brown Domestic, extra good quality, anniversary sale price, the yard... 20c
 8-ounce Brown Pepperell Drill, anniversary sale price, the yard... 22½c
 Deftance 8-4 Sheeting, full bleached, an excellent quality, a yard... 50c
 Also Deftance 8-4 Brown Sheeting, anniversary sale price, a yard... 47c
 Standard Brand Oil Cloth, a yard... 35c
 Fine quality Tupelo Shirting, anniversary sale price... 20c
 Gingham, all colors in checks only, anniversary sale price, a yard... 15c
 One lot Calico in light patterns, a yard... 12½c
 All colored Ginghams, 25c quality, anniversary sale price, a yard... 20c
 One large assortment in stripes and figures, at per yard... 20c and 22c

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SUMMER LAWNS ALL GOING AT ANNIVERSARY SALE PRICES.

Large assortment Bonniebell Lawns, anniversary sale price, a yard... 12½c
 One lot Caroline Lawns in flowers and fancies at, per yard... 15c
 One lot Mignon Voiles, assorted... 18c
 Assortment Duchess Organadies, at... 25c
 Checked Voiles, in all colors, at... 35c
 Large assortment of Cotton Crepes in pink, blue, white and yellow, anniversary sale price, per yard... 25c
 72-inch Table Damask, anniversary sale price, a yard... 65c
 Bleached Cotton Toweling... 7c

To celebrate our 5th year of successful business in Crockett, Houston county, we are going to make this the banner sale by offering to our patrons some real bargains. We want you to have what you need and be able to buy Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps. That is why we are going to have this great Anniversary Sale---that you may supply your needs at the right prices and be patriotic---buy a Liberty Bond. This great Anniversary Sale begins

Wednesday Morning, April 24

And Will Continue Until the Close of Business

Saturday, May 4, 1918

Our stock is the largest and we are better prepared to supply your wants than ever before at prices that will appeal to you. Come early and stay late.

NOTIONS.

All at Anniversary Sale Prices.
 Two cakes of Lilly of the Valley Soap... 5c
 Six spools of Thread for... 25c
 Blue Seal Vaseline... 5c
 Sewing Machine Oil... 5c
 1-pound can of Talcum powder for... 10c
 One gross of Rice Buttons... 10c
 Colored San Silks, 6 for... 25c
 Airfloat pink and white talcum powder... 10c
 Colgate's Shaving Soap... 5c
 1-pound can Rosedorme talcum powder... 25c
 Colgate's Bath Soap... 10c
 Assorted Shoe Polish, all colors... 10c
 Two packages dress pins for... 5c
 One package wire hair pins... 5c
 Assorted size pearl buttons, a card... 10c
 All colors in finishing braid... 10c
 10,000 yards Valenciennes Lace and Insertion anniversary sale price, a yard... 5c

LADIES' UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY.

One lot Ladies' Sleeveless Vests, each... 15c
 One lot Ladies' Muslin Skirts, anniversary sale prices... 98c to \$1.50
 One lot ladies' Muslin Gowns, each \$1 to \$2.50... 15c
 Ladies' Black and White Hose, per pair... 15c
 Ladies' Wonder Hose in all colors, per pair... 25c
 Ladies' Fiber Silk Hose, all colors, a pair... 50c
 Ladies' Silk Hose, all colors, ranging in price from \$1.00 to... \$1.75

MEN'S UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY.

Men's Nainsook Union Suits, anniversary sale price, per suit... 50c, 65c and 75c
 Men's BVD Union Suits, at... \$1.25
 Men's two-piece BVDs, a garment... 65c
 Men's two-piece other ballbriggan underwear a garment... 65c
 All elastic-loom Drawers... 7c

Checked Voiles, in all colors, at 35c
 Large assortment of Cotton Crepes in pink, blue, white and yellow, anniversary sale price, per yard 25c
 72-inch Table Damask, anniversary sale price, a yard 65c
 Bleached Cotton Toweling, anniversary sale price, per yard 7 1/2c
BUY A LIBERTY BOND.

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT.

We are glad to announce that, in our five years of successful business, we have the most elaborate showing in this line we have ever had for your inspection and selection.

One lot of Ladies' Organdie Waists \$1.00
 Large variety of Waists, all the newest designs from \$1.50 up to \$7.00
 One lot of Ladies' Wash Skirts in solid white and stripes, each \$1.50
 Anything you want in a new and snappy skirt from \$2.50 to \$22.50
 Coat Suits that are sure to please you in America's newest models, from \$15.00 up to \$40.00
 Ladies' Dresses in silks, georgettes, crepe de chine and foulards, from \$12.50 up to \$40.00
 A large assortment of Gingham Dresses from \$2.50 up to \$10.00
 One lot of dainty White Dresses in lawns and organdies, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00

ANNIVERSARY SALE PRICE ON ALL SHIRTS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Large assortment of Men's Light Blue Work Shirts bought for this sale, choice 65c
 Large assortment Dark Blue Shirts, at 75c
 One lot Men's Dress Shirts with collars, at 75c
 One lot Men's Dress Shirts with collars, at \$1.00
 One lot Men's Shirts without collars 75c
 One lot Men's Shirts without collars \$1.25
 One lot Men's Shirts without collars \$1.50
 One lot of boys' shirts with or without collars, choice 75c
 One lot Men's Nightshirts, at \$1.00

LADIES' SHOES.

250 Pairs Ladies' Low Quarter Shoes, sizes up to 4, choice per pair \$1.73
 One lot Kid Blue Oxfords, at \$1.98
 One lot Oxfords in Straps, Bluchers, Colonial Pumps and Baby Dolls at, a pair \$2.50
 Large assortment of Ladies' eight-inch Canvas High-Heel Boots, also eight-inch Canvas Low-Heels with rubber soles, a pair \$2.00
 One lot Mary Jane White Canvas, 4 to 8 sizes, choice \$1.75

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Buy Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps

Men's Nainsook Union Suits, anniversary sale price, per suit 50c, 65c and 75c
 Men's BVD Union Suits, at \$1.25
 Men's two-piece BVDs, a garment 65c
 Men's two-piece other balbriggan underwear a garment 65c
 All elastic-seam Drawers, per pair 75c
 Men's black, white and tan Hose, a pair 15c
 Men's Wonder Hose in all colors, a pair 25c
 Men's Fancy Hose, a pair 75c

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Fifth Anniversary Sale prices on all good in this line. The greatest line of Men's Suits, prices range from \$12.50 to \$25.00
 (These are all bargains).
 We have a large assortment of Boys' Clothing, all to go in this sale, per suit, from \$5.00 up to \$12.50
 Large assortment of Boys' Cool Cloth and Palm Beach Suits, ages from 6 to 16 years, your choice \$4.98
 Men's Dress Pants from \$2.50 a pair up to \$6.50
 (Something snappy).
 One lot Men's Khaki Work Pants, at \$1.50
 One lot Men's Khaki Heavy Work Pants, at \$2.50
 Men's Wash Pants, checks and stripes, at \$1.50
 One lot Boys' Pants, \$1.50 to \$3.00
 One lot Boys' Wash Pants, at 98c
 One lot Boys' Khaki Work Pants, at 75c

HATS.

Men's Felt Hats, all styles, shapes and colors, from \$2.98 to \$6.50
 New assortment Men's Straws for this season from \$1.50 to \$7.00
 Large assortment of Mexican Straws, all styles, choice 25c

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

Buy a Liberty Bond—then buy a hat at this Great Fifth Anniversary Sale where you will find the greatest assortment to select from that has ever been shown in Houston country. We are receiving shipments daily of the latest designs for the season as they come out, and we are going to sell them in this great anniversary sale at prices that every one will be able to buy and at the same time be patriotic and help the boys at the front by Buying a Liberty Bond.



Will You Fight It Here, or
BUY LIBERTY BONDS?

We invite every one to come and help us celebrate this, our fifth birthday in business in Crockett, by making this the greatest Anniversary Sale of the season. Our slogan, "Be saving, buy savingly—and buy a Liberty Bond. Don't forget the date, from Wednesday, April 24, to Saturday, May 4, 1918. We wish to thank the public for the past five successful years of business. Yours to please,

C. P. O'BANNON

MEN'S SHOES.

One lot Men's Veal Calf Work Shoes \$1.75
 One lot Men's Work Shoes in blucher, plain toe and bicycle lasts, all at, per pair \$2.50
 All Men's Dress Shoes, in lace and button, a pair \$2.50 to \$7.00
 Men's Lace and Button Oxfords in patents, kids and gun metals, all at per pair, from \$2.50 to \$3.50
 All other shoes at Anniversary prices.

Don't Let Lice Destroy Your Chickens

Chickens and other fowls cannot thrive if they are infested with lice. Protect your hens and chicks with

Hess' Lice Powder and Hess' Lice Liquid

It will protect your entire poultry flock. Paint your roosts with Lice Liquid and sprinkle the powder in the nests and hens and chicks will be free from lice and will thrive. Use it now.

PRICE 25 AND 35-CENTS.

BISHOP DRUG COMPANY

"PROMPT SERVICE STORE"

Local News Items

Buy a lawn mower from Shivers Brothers. tf.

T. C. Hester left for Freeport Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Welch announce a son.

Leon Hager returned Friday to Camp Travis.

Thomas Self is on a business trip to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fain announce a daughter.

Claude C. O'Neal was here Saturday from Lancaster.

Lion Brand work shoes for men at Shivers Brothers'. tf.

W. G. Cartwright was among recent visitors at Marlin.

A complete and up-to-date abstract. tf. Aldrich & Crook.

J. C. Millar has returned from Fort Worth and Camp Bowie.

Just received a lot of fresh cream meal at Shivers Brothers'. tf.

T. S. Cook of Alto, formerly of Augusta, was here Thursday.

Peyton Tunstall was among visitors to Fort Worth last week.

Sunshade straw hats for the whole family at Shivers Brothers'. tf.

A. B. Mulligan has accepted a place with N. L. Asher as salesman.

Mrs. D. P. Craddock and daughter of Kennard are spending the week here.

Studebaker wagons in both wide and narrow tires at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Dr. Lawrence Corley and family of Midway were visitors here this week.

Shivers Brothers for dry goods, shoes, hardware, groceries and feed. tf.

Long staple cotton seed, at \$2.25 per bushel while they last, at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Don't forget the Day & Night Garage when you want your automobile repaired. It.

Pure Ribbon cane syrup, slightly fermented, 65 cents per bucket, at Shivers Brothers'. tf.

S. L. Murchison and C. H. Callaway were visitors to Dallas and Fort Worth last week.

A limited supply of long staple cotton seed at Jas. S. Shivers'. Price, \$2.25 per bushel. tf.

Pure Ribbon Cane syrup, slightly fermented, 65 cents per bucket, at Shivers Brothers'. tf.

Money to lend on farms. Terms reasonable, money quick. See J. S. French, Crockett, Texas. tf.

If your car needs overhauling, take it to the Day & Night Garage. First-class work guaranteed. It.

Mrs. Armstead Aldrich of Colbert, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Chamberlain.

T. R. DeuPree, T. J. Waller, J. R. Harris and Finis Green have returned from their trip to Camp Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry, son and daughter and Mrs. J. W. Howard have returned from Fort Worth and Camp Bowie.

EVERYONE MUST HELP.

Wars cannot be fought without money, and upon the Treasury centers every financial demand upon the Nation.

The rich of this country cannot alone meet the needs of the Nation; the men of the country cannot do it alone; the women of the country cannot do it alone; but all of us, the people of the United States, disregarding partizanship, forgetting selfish interests, thinking only of the supremacy of right and determining to vindicate the majesty of American ideals and secure the safety of America and civilization, can do the great and splendid work which God has called upon us to do.

W. G. McADOO,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Bring your automobile troubles to the Day & Night Garage. No matter what kind of a car it is, they can repair it. It.

For Sale—Large, gentle brood mare and two-year-old filly. Price reasonable. 3t. E. F. Archibald.

We have a limited supply of long staple cotton seed at \$2.25 per bushel as long as they last. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Seed Peanuts.

Those wanting peanuts for planting will get them at once, as we will crush out this week. Those having them for sale will bring them in quick.

Houston County Oil Mill & Manufacturing Co. It.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ellis and daughter were visitors to Fort Worth and Camp Bowie last week.

Wagon harness, buggy harness, plow harness and saddles—most anything for mule or horse can be found at Shivers Brothers'. tf.

If you are in the market for a wagon, you can do no better than buy a Studebaker. You can get them in both wide and narrow tires at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Bring your poultry to us Saturday, as the embargo is off Friday night. We also pay the top market for eggs. tf.

E. Douglass.

The New
Gossard
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GOSSARD CORSETS

The Original Front-Lacing Corsets

A perfect front—a perfect back—a perfect corset. Gossards are inimitable.

Women of every figure find Gossard Corsets graceful, youthful, perfect in every detail. The new Gossard front gives the tapering waistline, eliminates all appearance of fat or thickness at the front, and assures perfect freedom of the diaphragm, though never permitting an accumulation of flesh.

Gossard Corsets are not high priced. There is the utmost in quality in every Gossard, therefore it is practicing true economy to buy them at any price you may pay, whether it be

\$2.00 \$2.25 \$2.75 \$3.50 \$5.00 \$5.50 or up to \$50.00

Look for this name

Gossard

A Gossard will improve every figure

There are many Gossard Corsets designed for every type of figure; in a Gossard any woman may attain the ideal proportions of her type and that youthfulness of outline that makes possible the wearing of model suits and frocks without the tedium and expense of alterations.

Wear Gossard CORSETS They Lace In Front

Beautiful women are healthy women, and health is the first consideration in the designing of Gossard Corsets. In a Gossard your health is safeguarded and you are assured a priceless, all-day corset comfort.

Every Gossard is guaranteed to give satisfactory wearing service and to retain its original lines until it is worn out.

The name Gossard on the inside of the corset is your guarantee of the original—insist upon it.

Our corset department offers you a highly specialized service that assures you the complete satisfaction of a correctly fitted Gossard.

Look for this name

Gossard

A Gossard is so easy to put on

You stand before your mirror, seeing and adjusting your lacings to obtain a flat abdomen, a curve under the bust and perfect freedom above the waistline, and so retain in your oldest Gossard the same lines you had when the corset was new.



Ideal Figure Tall Slender

Ideal Figure Short Slender

Ideal Figure Tall Heavy

Ideal Figure Short Heavy

Ideal Average Figure

Ideal Figure Large below the Waist

Ideal Figure Large above the Waist

Ideal Figure Short Waisted

Ideal Figure Curved Back

Victory is a Question of Stamina

Send—the Wheat Meat Fats Sugar

the fuel for Fighters

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

CROCKETT DRY GOODS COMPANY

"IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT, BUY LIBERTY BONDS"

WOMEN OF AMERICA!!!



"I need your help
as much as I need
Soldiers in France"

BUY YOUR **LIBERTY BONDS** TO DAY

After you have bought your bonds, which is your duty, come to us and buy

DODGE BROTHERS, BUICK AND OAKLAND CARS

East Texas Motor Company

BRINGS A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT

Sergeant Noel Charron Will Speak in Crockett April 27 for Liberty Loan.

Sergeant Noel Charron, veteran of the Ypres, the Somme and of Vimy Ridge, will arrive in Crockett at 11:02 on the morning of April 27 and leave at the same time on the next day. While in our city he will speak in the interest of the third liberty loan bond issue at a time and place to be designated later.

Sergeant Charron enlisted in the 13th Blackwash Infantry at Montreal, Canada, at the age of sixteen. He received his military training at Salisbury Plains, near Liverpool, England.

His good work was rewarded by his appointment as lance corporal before he was shipped with his regiment to France.

In the second battle of Ypres, in which his regiment played a prominent part, Sergeant Charron experienced his first gas attack under conditions which today hardly exist. At that time gas masks were unheard of, and the men had only dampened handkerchiefs and towels to protect their nostrils and lungs from the poisonous fumes.

Sergeant Charron was wounded the first time at the beginning of the second battle of the Ypres, when a shell struck down four of his comrades who were returning with him from scout duty. He was in the hospital for several months at the point of

death, but was finally restored to health. His second injuries were received at Vimy Ridge, when the use of his right hand was nearly impaired by a shot which passed through it. In all he has received thirteen wounds.

In April of last year Sergeant Charron was invalided to England and subsequently shipped to Canada, where he was honorably discharged. Sergeant Charron took electric treatment for his hand, the use of which recently returned. In February of this year he went to Detroit, Mich., and enlisted in the aviation section of the signal corps. He was sent to Kelley Field, San Antonio, where by reason of his former experience, he quickly won his chevrons.

One would expect that a sol-

dier who had been through these experiences would be content to remain in civil life. Yet Sergeant Charron felt the war fever returning in February and he enlisted this time under the flag of Uncle Sam.

"Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country."

Some Paragraphs.

Even the born liar speaks the truth occasionally.

Good people who fail to die young usually die poor.

The man who foots the bills always has a kick coming.

If wives would continue to be sweet-hearts lots of husbands would cease to pay their club dues.

When a married woman throws a hint it is reasonably sure to strike her husband's pocket book.

While a man may be capable of loving two women at the same time, if he is wise he won't attempt it.

SOLDIER BOYS THANKFUL FOR CIGARETS

Say They Will "Swat the Kaiser" Once for Each Person Who Contributed.

Camp Bowie, April 13, 1918.
Mr. Chas. E. Fuller, Crockett, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Fuller:—You are no doubt thinking, "Did the boys get the cigarets?" and "Why have we not heard from them?" And I want to say here that we certainly did receive them in splendid condition. And that we have all spent quite a bit of pleasure smoking with our wonderful, thoughtful and willing friends from home. I do not know of a more appropriate thing you might have remembered we boys with than the cigarets, as most every boy smokes. Most every soldier, as to that matter. And we almost feel like we had spent a while in the hospitalities of dear old Houston county once more.

On account of the boys being scattered so badly over the entire camp and due to the fact, too, that some of them were on furlough or absent for other causes, it is probable that some of our home boys did not get their share. But as near as practicable and possible I distributed them among the boys equally, with the assistance of several of the other boys who helped me to get some of them to the boys in the other parts of the camp. I was very glad indeed to do it, and I hope and believe that they were satisfied with the distribution.

And now we all join in a word of thanks to you as the thoughtful promoter and giver as well as all those who took part.

Hoping that we are able to "Swat the Kaiser" once for each and every person who was so thoughtful and kind to remember us, and closing with a renewed word of thanks and sincere best wishes to all, we are, always, your boys,
Company E, 143rd Infantry.
Per W. A. Atkinson,
Mess Sergeant.

Occasionally there are men who would rather pay their debts than be bored to death by bill collectors.

SOLDIERLY SUITS FOR SPRING



These trim, military suits that are among the offerings for spring, are not all camouflage. They bespeak alertness and readiness to serve on the part of their wearers and they are brimming over with style. Made in brown, tan and khaki-colored woolsens or cottons, they are as soldierly as can be. The skirts are plain and the coats belted and pocketed in approved military fashion.



UP, CIVILIANS! THE LIBERTY LOAN!

the U. S. Government by the following merchants:

OGUE MILLINERY
S. M. Monzingo.

N. L. ASHER
Clothing and Shoes.

ARNOLD BROTHERS
Groceries

ty. This will be a little difficult to arrive at, but we will do the best we can.

The committee is not working at this from choice, but simply trying to answer our country's call. If there ever was a time in

the history of our country, when every one should do his best, it seems that that time is now. We will greatly appreciate the assistance of every individual who will volunteer to assist us in this undertaking.

We hope in the next few days to publish a list of the names of those who have subscribed for bonds, the amount of their subscription, together with their address, so that we may know just who is in the fight and who

is not. We all live in this country and enjoy the protection of its government, and it follows naturally that we should be willing to share our part of the burdens, as far as we are able to do it. The soldier boy could not stop to consider whether he was able to go to war, but he is ordered to go and he goes. Let us rally to the support of those who are doing the fighting and, by so doing, lend our bit to help "win the war."

Those who have subscribed for bonds, or agreed to do so, will please call at one of the banks in the community where you live and fill out your blank, because by so doing you will relieve some one of the committee from the trouble of looking you up for that purpose. It will take not only your subscription, but your personal assistance to secure the quota that is allotted to this county. The quota for the whole county is three hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars. You can, therefore, see that it will take no small effort to secure this amount. Respectfully,
D. O. Kiessling,
County Chairman.

First Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Officers, teachers and pupils are urged to be present promptly with prepared lessons. This is a man's job, if it is done right. Put real work into your lessons and you will get much help out of same.

Pastor will preach morning and evening. It is my desire that you all come in a prayerful spirit and take part in the songs and services.

Ladies' Aid Society meets Monday afternoon at 3:30. All women of the church are considered members of the Ladies' Aid Society, and that body is considered a part of the church doing special service. You are under obligation to do your part.

This is no time for slackers of any sort. If you are a Baptist, be a working Baptist and do your part to make this church what it ought to be. Come and help us. We need you and you need to do the work for the good of your own soul. Wake up and be what Christ would have you be in this community.

L. L. Sams, Pastor.

MILAN HATS FOR LITTLE GIRLS



When little girls arrive at five years, and from then on until they reach the flapper stage, they come into possession of such fascinating straw hats as those pictured here. Easter will be joyous to the little miss who greets it in either of these hats. Both are of fine Italian milan. One has a sash of blue velvet ribbon and rows of blue satin buttons, and the other is adorned with velvet ribbon and bunches of grapes.

Local News Items

Russell Young of Henderson was a visitor here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Mary Ellis has returned from her visit with relatives and friends in Dallas.

Buck English of Ratcliff has accepted a place with C. P. O'Bannon as salesman.

Hon. John L. Wortham of Houston was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wootters.

J. E. Towery, A. E. Owens, E. D. Foster, Jack Polley and others were visitors at Houston this week.

John T. Clark has returned from Shepherd to help in building the new school house for Crockett.

Dr. J. L. Heard has come from Ennis, Ellis county, to engage in the practice of medicine. See his professional card elsewhere in the Courier.

J. H. Rhoden informed us Tuesday that he had bought the interest of C. E. Griffin in the Arnold herd of cattle running on the range near Pennington.

Fire Tuesday night did some damage at the rear of DeuPree & Waller's furniture store. Starting early in the night, it was seen through the glass doors, which were broken through and the fire extinguished with the arrival of the fire truck.

With Our Subscribers.

Subscribers calling at the Courier office since last issue report excellent rains in all parts of the county. They say that crop prospects are indeed bright, due to the fine season in the ground. Subscribers calling to renew or sending in their subscriptions since last report are as follows:

W. H. Holcomb, Augusta.
J. J. Hammond, Lovelady Route 3.
H. J. Laird, Lovelady Rt. 1.
J. R. Cupp, Lovelady Rt. 3.
Claude C. O'Neal, Lancaster.
Mrs. M. J. Crowell, West Fork, Ark.
T. C. Hester, Freeport.
B. J. Mincher, Crockett.
A. N. Leediker, Lovelady Rt 2.
J. H. Rhoden, Kennard.

Enjoyable Theater Party.

Miss Hattie Stokes entertained a few friends most delightfully Saturday evening. The moving-picture theater was selected as the form of entertainment. As an after-theatre pleasure, a program of music was given in the home of the hostess. A reading by Miss Wilma Shivers was also an enjoyable feature of the evening's program. Musical numbers were contributed by Miss Louine McLarty, Miss Delha Mildred Wootters and the hostess. Those sharing the evening's pleasures were: Misses Delha Mildred Wootters, Louine McLarty, Wilma Shivers and Hattie Stokes; Messrs. Weldon Craddock, Robert Dean, Avon Sallas and W. W. Aiken.

J. L. HEARD, M. D.

General Practitioner

Office over Chamberlain's
Drug Store.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier will not knowingly announce any man for public office who is not a true patriot, doing all he can to win the war and thoroughly in sympathy with our cause for being in the war.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements for office, which announcements are subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held in July:

- For Representative E. WINFREE J. D. SALLAS
For County Judge NAT PATTON S. A. DENNY
For County Attorney EARLE PORTER ADAMS
For District Clerk V. B. (Barker) TUNSTALL JOHN D. MORGAN
For County Clerk ARTHUR E. OWENS
For Sheriff P. T. (Preston) LIVELY E. B. (Bud) HALE R. J. (Bob) SPENCE
For Tax Assessor WILL McLEAN JOHN H. ELLIS
For Tax Collector C. W. BUTLER Jr.
For County Treasurer MIKE McCARTY WILLIE ROBISON NEY SHERIDAN
For Co. Supt. of Schools J. N. SNELL.
For Road Superintendent G. R. (Ross) MURCHISON F. H. BAYNE WILL CARSON
For Commissioner, Prec. No. 1 J. S. (Sam) LONG
For Commissioner, Prec. No. 3 AARON SPEER
For Commissioner, Prec. No. 4 J. A. (Ab) BEATHARD
For Justice Peace, Prec. No. 1 C. R. STEPHENSON J. D. (Jeff) SEXTON
For Constable, Precinct No. 1 J. H. (Jim) PATTON C. R. McPHAIL O. W. ELLISOR
For Commissioner, Prec. No 4 O. T. RATCLIFF

District Court Proceedings.

- Dick Wilburn, murder; case set for April 29.
E. A. Anderson, murder; continued.
Sank Hearne, theft of cattle by bailee; continued.
Dolphus Stephens, unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor; prosecuting witness in the army and case dismissed.
Jesse Warrick, murder; continued.
Jim Smith, murder; set for April 24.
Tom Fain, false swearing; not guilty.
B. J. Adams alias Willie Davis, forgery; four years in penitentiary.
Elkeh Brazil, unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor; plea of guilty and one year in penitentiary with sentence suspended.

Gets State Convention.

The Equitable Fraternal Union will hold their state convention in Crockett on Friday, April 19. They will hold an open session, beginning at 8:30 p. m., at K. of P. Hall, at which time Mr. Orrin Thompson of Neenah, Wis., supreme secretary, will deliver an address. The local members have arranged a musical program. Refreshments will be served. The general public is cordially invited to attend. It*

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The Honor Flag



HONOR FLAG 3rd LIBERTY LOAN

HELP OUR COMMUNITY TO WIN THE RIGHT TO FLY THIS FLAG.

Every county or community can win the right to fly the flag shown above by over-subscribing its quota to the Third Liberty Loan.

Doubt may arise in the minds of some people as to whether a flag can be won by a community. The feeling of the government about the matter is that where a town or city is large enough to have a separate quota assigned to it, that city or town can have an Honor Flag for itself. For instance the County Executive Committee will assign a separate quota for Lovelady, Grapeland, Ratcliff, Kennard, Weldon and other towns in Houston county. This illustration will give some idea of how the matter will be arranged. The rules governing the question of what communities shall have the right to earn and fly an Honor Flag must necessarily be somewhat elastic. You may be sure of one thing: that wherever a community determines to go "Over the Top" with the Third Liberty Loan, provision will be made by the Federal Reserve Bank, as agent for the government, for recognition of the patriotism of that community by awarding an Honor Flag.

The Honor Flag measures 36x54 inches. It has a red border and a white center, and three vertical blue stripes. As an additional Honor emblem, a blue star, to be sewn into the white field of the flag, will be awarded to communities every time they increase their quotas by a hundred per cent. In other words, if a town's quota is \$100,000, it will be entitled to an Honor Flag when its subscriptions reach this amount, and when the subscriptions reach \$200,000 it will be entitled to one blue star.

The raising of the Honor Flag in any community should be made the occasion of a great patriotic demonstration, and be made one of the greatest events in the life of the community.

In many communities there will be used, in connection with the Honor Flag system, the "Honor Roll." This will give a list of the names of subscribers to the Third Liberty Loan. The list will be placed in the most prominent position in town, outside of the Liberty Loan headquarters, or possibly the post-office in smaller communities, and the list will be added to frequently and kept up to date. Every man who values his self-respect and the opinion of his neighbors will want to have his name appear on the Honor Roll.

There is not a single town in the whole of Houston county, or a single town large enough to be given a separate quota, that can not earn the right to fly this flag eventually.

The one question before the people in any community is



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whether they will at once spring to the aid of their country, or whether they will wait and come in at the last moment.

The value of service depends largely upon its promptness. What kind of service is your

community going to render to the government—a quick, willing one, or a grudging one?

Your whole community has been enlisted in the army of the United States that is to win this war. Be good soldiers—

obey orders promptly. Your orders are "Over the Top, Civilians! Over the Top With the Liberty Loan."

We will do our best to send out, as best we can, a quota for the different places in the coun-