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EVERY AMERICAN JOIN RED CROSS!

"The success of the Red Cross membership campaign in the Southwestern Division rests entirely with Red Cross workers and unless they labor untiringly the division will fail to live up to the great record of having set the pace," said George W. Simmons, manager of the division.

"The president of the United States has asked every American to respond and to his call has been added by every governor and other official in the United States. The necessity of the success of the Roll Call of the Red Cross is underestimated by these who do not know what the organization has accomplished and what it must do.

"There is plenty of work for the Red Cross. The soldiers and sailors must continue to receive comfort and cheer and the dependents of these men must not be forgotten. We must continue to care for these mothers, wives and children until the fighters are mustered out and are back at their old positions.

"It is not necessary for me to repeat that all of Europe looks to America for aid and that the Red Cross must not shirk its duty.

"The people, I believe, will respond to the Roll Call of the Red Cross to enable it to continue its work of mercy but the Red Cross workers must labor till the last hour if the campaign is to be a great success."

FORMER AMBASSADOR MAY VISIT TEXAS

Hon. Henry Morgenthau, former American Ambassador to Turkey, may visit Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas within a few weeks on a speaking tour in behalf of the oppressed Armenians and Syrians, according to special correspondence to the Dallas Daily News from J. W. Mahan, Jr., North Texas Secretary of the Armenian Relief Committee.

"Turkey is now endeavoring to get a whitewash," Mr. Morgenthau declared in an inspiring address Thursday before the central division representatives of the Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. "But I warn America and the Allies that it will never do to allow the Ottoman Empire to continue in a position whereby these massacres in the Holy Land can be renewed."

The address was delivered in connection with preliminary work for the campaign to be put on in the United States early in the new year to raise \$30,000,000 to help save the millions who have been oppressed, deported and slaughtered in Western Asia by the Turks and Germans.

The former Ambassador, who was in Turkey at the time the great world war started and for some months after, is one of the leaders in the relief work that is sanctioned by all of the allied governments and is especially commended and advised by the American Red Cross.

Mr. Morgenthau told of many personal experiences with the Turks in his efforts as Ambassador to save the oppressed and declared that America is now almost the only country to which the peoples of the Holy Land can look for help.

"Jews, Catholics, and Protestants are all working together in this great humanitarian undertaking," he declared, "and it is squarely up to us to give liberally of our means to help save millions of our unfortunates. Though thousands of our unfortunates, they are our neighbors and they are human. Their souls are just as precious as ours. America must help to forever stop the massacres and atrocities and must quickly feed and clothe them and help them get back to their home lands."

The Speakers' Bureau of the Armenian Relief Campaign will endeavor to make out an advantageous schedule by which Mr. Morgenthau will be able to speak at many points throughout the states of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
E. H. Kemp, formerly government demonstration agent for Haskell county who has been serving in the army for a few months, is in the city with his friends.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
R. C. Montgomery made a business trip to Snyder Tuesday, returning the same day.



JOHN E. BOUNDS OF STAMFORD DIES OF PNEUMONIA

John Earl Bounds of Stamford died Thursday night, December 12th of influenza and pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the residence of the family at Stamford, conducted by Rev. Hodges, pastor of the Baptist church, on December 14th, with Masonic honors.

Mr. Bounds was manager of the Stamford Motor Company and was one of the leading business men of that city. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a brother of Mrs. W. M. Mask of this city.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
Mrs. Harlan, wife of O. P. Harlan, vice-president of the First State Bank of Stamford died Monday morning with pneumonia after a brief illness. The family had many friends in this city who extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
O. E. Patterson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank is confined to his home this week with the influenza.

THE HASKELL FREE PRESS
IT'S MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES WISH
YOU AND YOURS
A Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year
AND AS THEY DESIRE TO CELEBRATE THIS,
THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS, NO PAPER WILL
BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK—DECEMBER 28th.

Roy English, who has been quite ill the past week with the Flu is reported to be improving nicely.

RETURNING SOLDIERS MUST BE GIVEN EMPLOYMENT

ABILENE, Dec. 19.—The patriotic duty of rehabilitating soldiers and sailors now being discharged in various army camps throughout the nation, through the United States Employment Service and cooperating organizations, is now confronting the nation. Each county is expected to provide employment to the men who left it for the army or navy. These men are now returning, some even now being on the way.

Every employer of labor, commercial, industrial or agricultural, is expected to answer this call and report to the United States Employment Service at Abilene the number of men they will return to private life in their shops, stores, and on their farms. Now is the time. There must be no dilatoriness. Every employer that can use laborers or artisans of any kind should report at once that there will be no delay or expense to returning war workers and fighters.

It is a patriotic duty for every employer who can create new positions for these men, if necessary. West Texas particularly has been hard hit by drought and adverse conditions and it will be quite a difficult task for it to take care of its returning soldiers and sailors without making such a patriotic sacrifice.

The press of the entire district is asked to publish this for Uncle Sam and aid in every way possible toward finding employment for these men. Write to the U. S. Employment Service your need of men at once.—W. H. Wright, District Superintendent, U. S. Employment Service, Abilene, Texas.

HASKELL COUNTY RECEIVES ANOTHER GOOD RAIN

Haskell County has received another good rain. The total precipitation amounted to about one and one-fourth inches.

The rain began falling Tuesday and continued slowly at broken intervals until Thursday night, most of the water going into the ground, which will be of untold benefit to the growing grain crops.

WILSON ASKS FOR HELP FOR SUFFERERS IN NEAR EAST

President Wilson has issued a proclamation appealing to the generosity of the American people in behalf of the millions of war sufferers in the Near East—Armenians, Syrians, and Greeks who have been driven from their homes by Hun invasions, and who are literally starving to death by the thousands. A campaign for relief funds will be conducted January 12-19. Following is the President's proclamation:

"For more than three years American philanthropy has been a large factor in keeping alive Armenian, Syrian, Greek and other exiles and refugees of Western Asia.

"On two former occasions I have appealed to the American people in behalf of these homeless sufferers, whom the vicissitudes of war and massacre have brought to the extremest need.

"The response has been most generous, but now the period of rehabilitation is at hand. Vastly larger sums will be required to restore these once prosperous, but now impoverished, refugees to their former homes than were required merely to sustain life in their desert exile.

"It is estimated that about 4,000,000 Armenian, Syrian, Greek and other war sufferers in the Near East will require outside help to sustain them through the winter. Many of them are now hundreds of miles from their homeland. The vast majority of them are helpless women and children, including 400,000 orphans.

"The American Committee for relief in the Near East is appealing for a minimum of \$30,000,000 to be subscribed January 12-19, 1919, with which to meet the most urgent needs of these people.

"I, therefore, again call upon the people of the United States to make even more generous contributions than they have made heretofore to sustain thru the winter months those, who, through no fault of their own, have been left in a starving, shelterless condition, and to help re-establish these ancient and sorely oppressed people in their former homes on a self-supporting basis.

(Signed) Woodrow Wilson.
The White House
29 November, 1918.

MRS. HARDY GRISSOM BURIED SATURDAY

The funeral services of Mrs. Hardy Grissom, who died last Thursday afternoon of heart failure, were held at Willow cemetery Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. C. P. Patterson, pastor of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Grissom was born on October 24th, 1888 and died on December 12, 1918. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Church and was a leader in all the church work.

Practically all the business houses of the city closed their doors during the funeral hour as a tribute to this good woman. Her lovable and sweet disposition had won her a place in the hearts of our entire citizenship, as was evidenced by the beautiful floral offerings at the grave. Those who acted as pall bearers were Jno. Oates, Henry Johnson, O. B. Normap, R. C. Couch, Dr. J. D. Smith and Jno. L. Robertson.

Besides her husband, the deceased leaves three small children. We extend our tenderest words of sympathy to the bereaved in this dark hour of sorrow.

TWO HASKELL COUNTY BOYS APPEAR IN CASUALTY LIST

The daily press carried the name of Stonewall J. Darnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Darnell of the Post community in the casualty list this week as "killed in action." He was in the regular army, having enlisted several years ago.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shackelford also appeared as severely wounded.

ISSUES APPEAL TO RED CROSS WORKERS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—John L. Johnston, president of the Liberty Bank in St. Louis and chairman of the Christmas Roll Call Campaign of the American Red Cross, issued an appeal today to Red Cross workers throughout the Southwestern Division not to relax their efforts to enlist every American as a member of the Red Cross.

"This campaign is the test of the American spirit," said Johnston, "and we must not let it be a failure. Reports received here indicate that the campaign is meeting with a great deal of success but the reports also indicate that there is opportunity for greater success. I appeal to active Red Cross workers to do their utmost to make every family a 100 percent Red Cross family.

"A real opportunity is offered the people who would continue to aid suffering humanity. The world looks to America and will continue to look to us for aid until normal conditions have been restored. Unless the people rally to this call it is questionable whether we will be able to care for the soldier and the sailor as we have promised.

"Every man, woman and child knows it to be his or her duty to keep unfurled the Red Cross flag of mercy and it can only continue to float with the support of Americans as a unit."

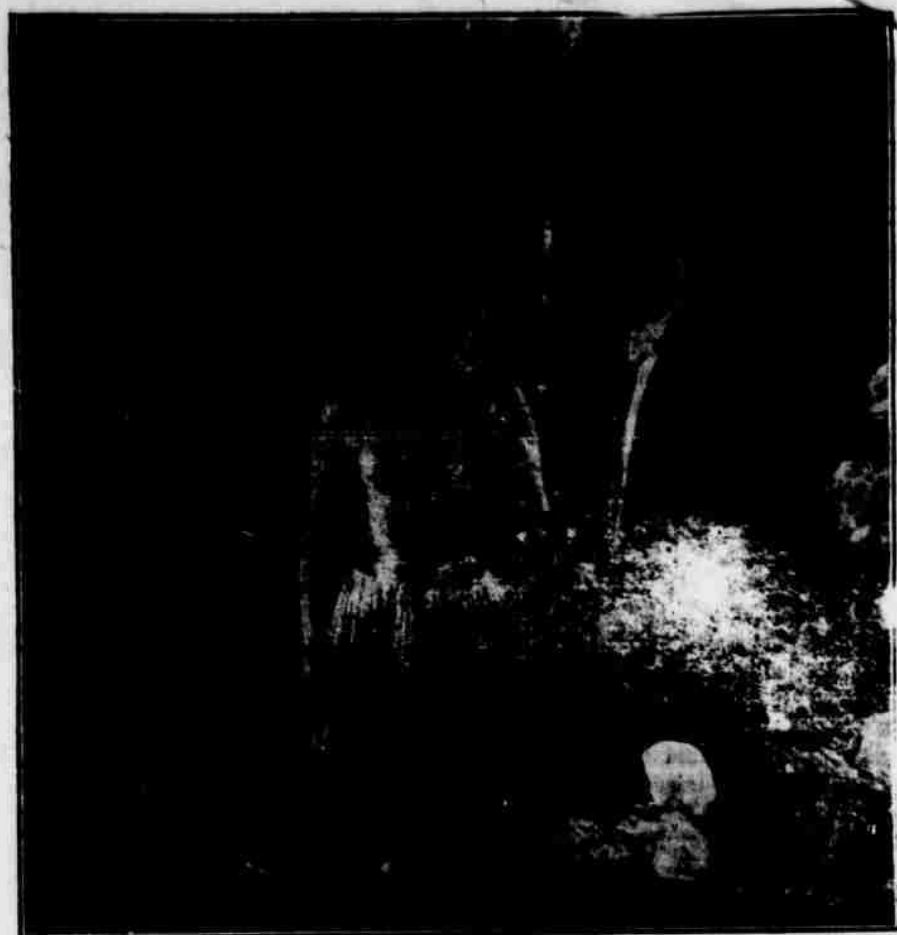
Johnston said he hoped the workers would continue their efforts without relaxation in order to insure a great success. He said he was at this time unable to give out figures indicating just how many persons had joined the organization.

WHEN OUR SOLDIER BOYS COME MARCHING HOME

Everyone is looking forward to the time when the soldier boys will come marching home. They have sung that they would not come back until it was over over there, and now that it is over, they are ready for the homeward journey.

But there is many a home that will cat a Christmas dinner without The Boy being there, for some have paid the price of liberty with their life's blood, and others cannot get home in time to enjoy the Christmas feast. There will be many a homesick Sammy over there on the day of all days—Christmas. His heart and thoughts will be with the loved ones at home as they cluster around the old fireplace that is so dear to him, and yet so far away. But all in all this Christmas will be the happiest that this old world has seen in several years.

Management of Dick's Theatre Finally Secures Notable Production "Over the Top"



Sergt. Arthur Guy Empey, Lois Meredith and James Morrison in Vitagraph's master production, "Over the Top."

After a number of unsuccessful attempts and at great expense, Manager Nolen of Dick's Theatre makes the announcement that he has secured for the showing on New Year's Day, the wonderful production, "Over the Top" with Sergt. Arthur Guy Empey, (Himself). "Over the Top" a stupendous photoplay of the most sensational soldier's story ever written is the one story of life in the trenches that has touched every responsive soul in America. Since the book was published, 250,000 copies have been sold during every business hour, every day. In all, more than 2,500,000 people have read it. More

than 20,000,000 people have read Empey's articles in the great newspapers of the country. Many thousands have been fortunate enough to crowd their way into the limited capacity of the great halls where Empey has lectured. Now, the whole loyal citizenship of the nation can see the "Fighting Sergeant" in action, can go "over the top" with him on the Hun Hunts. The marvel of motion picture photography brings to life before your very eyes the pulsing, breathing pages of "the most widely read book of the twentieth century." Go "Over the Top" with Empey!

INSTRUCTIONS TO LIQUIDATE W.S.S. PLEDGES SENT OUT

Instructions to bring about the prompt fulfillment of War Savings Stamp Pledges have been sent out from Washington by Secretary McAdoo and the Government's official proclamation calling for the prompt liquidation of these obligations to the Treasury Department has been issued.

All War Savings Stamp Pledges are automatically due this month and their payment is called for before December 31, which is the last day of grace.

Instructions incident to the call have been given all officers of the War Savings Section.

War Savings Stamps may be obtained from any postoffice, banks and most business establishments.

Each War Savings Stamp costs \$4.23 cents this month. On January 1, 1923, each War Savings Stamp will be redeemed by the Government for \$5.00 War Savings Stamps increase constantly in value and this increase is guaranteed by the United States Government.



Opportunities for Returning Soldiers

What shall we do with the men when they return from France, and what will become of those engaged in specialized war industries? Is it likely that we shall have to be concerned with the larger percentage of our boys? Will not those who have come from the farms, who own farms, or who lived on their fathers' farms, as a rule, return to them as quickly as possible? Certainly the farms need them. Many others have professions, trades or occupations awaiting them. The experience of some of the Nations to date, especially Canada, would seem to indicate that the greater percentage of the returning men will not call for special action on the part of the Government. Canada has been in the war nearly five years. Many men have returned who

could not be sent back to the Army. A Canadian official recently stated that 90 per cent of the returning men did not wish to be bothered and that they had to interest themselves, therefore, in only approximately 10 per cent. However, no one will hesitate to say that every consideration must be given to returning soldiers who have no places waiting for them and who will be seeking new tasks. They deserve well of the Republic, and those who wish to go into farming, who have had any experience which would make such an occupation probably profitable for them, must be furnished every opportunity. The Nation and the States will unquestionably come to their assistance and every feasible thing will be done to secure for them the opportunities they seek somewhere in industry or agriculture.

Christmas Greetings-



WHEN TROUBLE OVERTAKES YOU RING 104

OUR BEST WISHES for A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS 1919

—and we might suggest with due propriety that we can lessen your troubles and increase your joys with our service.

Neither will it be out of place to express our appreciation for the very liberal patronage we have received during the past year.

The Use of **DIAMOND TIRES AND OUR HONEST SERVICE** will add to your Prosperity and Happiness

J. F. KENNEDY AT HASKELL GARAGE

COTTONWOOD

There has been quite a lot of the Flu in this community, but most everyone is recovering now. G. H. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie, have returned from Breckenridge. Mrs. Taylor remained there as she had not fully recovered from an attack of the Influenza. Mrs. B. Q. Furrh is visiting Mrs. H. W. Yates this week. S. D. Gossett is slowly improving after an attack of the Flu. Mrs. Edd Brown spent Friday night at the home of her brother, Neal Mathison. B. Q. Furrh has gone to Ranger. J. T. Voss was in this community

Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparkman have returned from Halls, Texas. Lloyd Furrh is home from Ranger. I. N. Furrh and family are recovering from an attack of the Flu. Rev. Curry will preach at Cottonwood, Saturday, January 4th at 11 a. m., and in the afternoon on the following Sunday. Remember the date and be present. Mr. and Mrs. John Yates have returned from Tennessee. G. H. Taylor and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Nicholson were shopping in Haskell Monday. Snookums.

GOVERNMENT ASKS ALL TO GIVE W.S.S. FOR XMAS PRESENTS

The Government is asking every one to give War Savings Stamps for Christmas gifts this year instead of the kind of presents usually given. "The Government's requirements," declares Secretary William G. McAdoo, "were never greater nor more pressing than they are today." In his report to Congress several days ago, dealing with the need the Government has for money to pay for labor and materials already used, the Secretary pointed out that the expenditures necessary for the month of November were greater than in any similar period in the history of the United States. When presents other than Government securities are given labor and materials needed by the Government for reconstruction purposes are used up and diverted from the Government's use. When money is spent for Christmas presents other than War Savings Stamps, money that the Government needs is withheld from the Government.

War Savings Stamps make ideal Christmas gifts because they increase in value constantly, are always cashable for more than was paid for them and the spirit of an American Christmas is better shown in the giving of them than of any other present. Make it a point to give your Christmas presents in War Savings Stamps, the Government asks. Every War Savings Stamp pays four per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

MUST DISCHARGE W. S. S. PLEDGES BEFORE DEC. 31

All pledges to the United States Treasury Department to invest in War Savings Stamps automatically become due for payment this month and the official proclamation issued by the Government calls for their prompt payment before December 31. The Secretary of the Treasury Department has issued instructions calling for the fulfillment of every pledge, and all officers of the War Savings Section have been instructed to take all necessary steps to see that W. S. S. pledges are liquidated. Every pledger is made responsible for the discharge of his pledge. War Savings Stamps may be obtained from postoffices, banks and most commercial establishments. Great care is being taken by the Government that the widest possible publicity be given to the fact that the official proclamation has been issued. To this end the newspapers are cooperating, notices have been posted by the Government in all public places and to each pledger will be sent a personal notification to make arrangements to meet his pledge promptly. The failure of a pledger to receive a notification card will not relieve him of responsibility in the Government's eyes.

Seed for Sale
Dwarf and standard broom corn seed, Red top and Golden can, Darso, Hegari, Shrock and Red Kafir, \$7.00; Dwarf and Standard Cream and Red Maize, Excelsa, Amber, Orange and Sour, Cane, Dwarf and Standard White 1 fir, \$6.50; Sudan \$20.00 all per 10 pounds. Freight prepaid. Prepaid Express \$1.00 more. Claycomb Seed Store, Guymon, Okla. 50-2

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

She writes further "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health like Mrs. Spell. Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

I wish you the joy of the morning, and many returns of the day; May peace and content aye attend you, and smooth the rough spots away.

YOU AND THE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF OUR OTHER FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

We wish you one and all

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year and may all your wrinkles come from smiles

We hope this Christmas will bring you and yours untold joys, and that they will be of even a greater degree than any of the past.

No depositor has ever lost a dollar in a state bank in Texas

1918 1919

Farmers State Bank
GUARANTY FUND BANK
Haskell, Texas



Sergt. Arthur Guy Empey in master production, "Over the Top."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st
(New Year's Day)
Admission 25c and 50c
DICK'S THEATRE

INTERESTING LETTER FROM HASKELL LAD IN NAVY

We have below a letter from Walter Harwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harwell of the Rose community. He enlisted in the Navy in June, 1917, and has been on the U. S. S. Arkansas for some time. The letter follows:
To The Folks at Home:

This is not a letter, but merely an account of a few of the events, which have taken place in the past six months while in foreign service. It has been so long since I have been able to write home and tell you just where I was located and how I was getting along that I have almost forgotten how to write. Will start this one by saying that since the surrender to the Allies of the German High Sea Fleet the censorship has been abolished and we are again allowed to write home and tell anything we like.

I will start this by saying that we sailed from Norfolk, Va., on July 14th at 3:55 p. m., for the Firth of Forth. We had on board a number of Congressmen. I do not know any of their names however. We had a very nice trip coming across, having real nice weather with the exception of the waves, which were just a bit rough, some rain, mist and some real rough sea, which made it rather hard for the boys who had not been in any rough sea before. With the exception of the last three days out we made the entire trip without convoys. We heard a number of distress signals from merchant ships on the way over and detected the presence of submarine a number of times. This was especially noticed the last few days out. Gun crews were given orders, "Fire and Investigate Afterwards."

On July 24th, I had the 12 to 4 a. m. watch and going on the top side at 3:15 a. m. I discovered the sun was shining as bright as I had ever seen it before and the shores of Northern Scotland were visible at a short distance off our

starboard side. At this time the grass and shrubbery was green and it was one of the most beautiful scenes I had ever looked upon. We arrived and were at anchor at 9:30 a. m. in Scapa Flow, which is the flow between Northern Scotland and Orkney Isles. We discharged our passengers and colliers came along side and we coaled ship for two days and nights and upon completing and cleaning ship we got under way again on July 28th, at 3:50 p. m. for Firth of Forth, where we joined the Grand Fleet. On our way to the Firth of Forth on the eve of July 28th, at 9:10 p. m., which was long before sunset, we were attacked by four German submarines, two of which came within two hundred yards of our stern and between us and our convoys. Fire was immediately opened upon them and as

luck would have it the sea was a bit rough and on the fifth shot the waves brought the submarine to the surface and the anti-aircraft gun succeeded in landing a hit on the stern, putting her out of commission. By this time the destroyers were getting in their work with the depth charges and we were compelled to cease firing to give them a chance to get their work in. It was officially reported that two of the submarines were destroyed, giving the Arkansas credit for one of those. They succeeded however in launching two torpedoes at us, but without results. I had the 12 to 4 a. m. watch, and on that watch alone there were four distress signals received, so you can imagine how thick the submarines were in the North Sea. It was on July 9th, that we anchored in the Firth of Forth with the Grand Fleet.

For more than one month after we entered the Grand Fleet, we were without liberty, awaiting inspection by the Admiral commanding this squadron. When the day did come for the inspection the "Arkansas" passed in high and it was the first ship of the fleet to ever pass the first inspection. During the time we were staying on board, there was never a time when we missed our weekly manoeuvres, but they would not give us liberty.

On Thursday August 8th, at 12 midnight when I came on watch and orders were received to get under way at once. Now just to give you an idea of the enormous size of the Grand Fleet, it was from that time until 11 a. m. getting under way. The Destroyers going in double columns and Battleships, Battle Cruisers, Light Cruisers and Cruisers in single line, destroyers on either side. On this trip we acted as patrol for the most extensive mine laying expedition ever attempted in this war. The Aeroplane Ships, Furlous, Campania and Courageous were in company and we also patrolled the Belgian Coast while they carried out a successful air raid on the German Base there. It was on this date at 10 p. m. when the Arkansas succeeded in reaping her second submarine victory. Submarines came to surface launching torpedoes at the Florida and it was the second shot from the Arkansas 5 inch battery that put her out of commission. At 6:00 a. m. Aug. 9th, we were again attacked by submarines, the Arkansas firing about 30 shots and the destroyers dropped a number of successive depth charges which dealt the final blow to them. It is to be noted that in each case of attack at sea, the enemy was sighted and fired upon by American ships before the British detected their presence. Three days were spent manoeuvring outside their base here with the hopes that they would avail themselves; but had to return to the base. We returned with the satisfaction of knowing that when the submarine roll was called they would be short at least two subs; which was the booty of this trip alone.

Two days after we returned we received report of the sinking of a German Cruiser off the Belgian Coast, by mines, which was another victim of our expedition.

The most recent event was the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet to the Allies, which took place at 9:30 a. m., November 21st. The place of surrender being near Island of May, which is just off the eastern coast of Scotland. Ships representing the U. S. A. were the U. S. S. Texas, U. S. S. Arkansas, U. S. S. Florida, U. S. S. New York and the U. S. S. Wyoming. The French Government being represented by a Light Cruiser and two Destroyers. Great Britain being represented by the Grand Fleet with Admiral Beatty commanding. You have no doubt heard of this through the newspapers, but this will give you the satisfaction of knowing that your son was present at this, the most wonderful event the world has ever known. The Germans were met and surrender made without any resistance whatever.

I could write all this afternoon and never run out of news, but as I am keeping a diary and expect to write it

GREETINGS

To the good people of Haskell and vicinity we wish you the compliments of the season

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

In this connection we also wish to express our appreciation for the very generous patronage we have received the past year.

WHO GAVE US CHRISTMAS DAY?

A happy Christmas be yours today.
Oh, not the falling measures,
Of fleeting earthly pleasure,
But Christmas joy abiding,
While years are swiftly gliding
Be yours, we pray,
Through Him who gives us
Christmas Day.

May this be your Happiest Christmas, and Nineteen Nineteen Your Most Prosperous Year.

REIDS' DRUG STORE

"We know our Business and want Yours"

Notice of Estray

The State of Texas,
County of Haskell.
Taken up by Leon Gilliam and estrayed before J. C. Lewellen, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Haskell County, Texas:

One brown horse mule about 15 hands high, black stripe over withers, old wire cut on right fore foot, located about 4 miles northeast of Haskell on Leon Gilliam's farm.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 17th day of December, 1918.

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas.
By Jason W. Smith, Deputy. 3tc

Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 30c.

Arkansas Products
Tomatoes; Green Tomatoes for Pickling; No. 1 Eating Apples, Dried Quartered Apples, Sorghum Syrup (Home Made), Cane Seed for planting and sowing. Selling direct to consumer. Write for prices. Sample 35 cents. BERN CARLOCK, Farmer, Springdale.

When you have **BACKACHE** the liver or kidneys are sure to be out of gear. Try **BANOL**, it does wonders for the liver, kidneys, and bladder. A trial will convince you. Get it at the drug store.
—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
When you have anything you want moved phone R. W. Tyson.

Wishing you
one and
all a
Merry
Christmas

1918-1919

A Prosperous
and
Happy
New
Year

We
Wish You
Merry Christmas
and Happy
New Year. When
we stop to think of the
large number of new
patrons we have served
since last Christmas, and
the large majority of old
ones that have continued
with us, we feel greatly encouraged
and indebted to this community.
It is and shall continue
to be our earnest endeavor to repay
the confidence thus bestowed upon
us by furnishing the very best banking
service possible. And this service
we hope will be freely and liberally
used. If we could persuade all those who
might make use of our bank to do so,
the prosperity of our people would be
wonderfully increased. However, we
shall continue to work towards that
end. We are always glad to talk over
business as well as financial problems
with our depositors, and we hope that
they will feel free to consult us in
confidence and without restraint.

JOIN THE

RED CROSS

The Haskell National Bank

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS:

MRS. M. S. PIERSON, President. G. R. COUCH, V-President.
R. C. Couch, Cashier. T. E. BALLARD, V-President.
O. B. NORMAN, Ass't Cashier.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$100,000.00

- For Hogs**
- Barley Chops
- Cocanut meal
- Corn
- For Cows**
- Ground Barley
- Cocanut Meal
- Dairy Made Cotton Seed Meal
- Mixed Barley and Cocanut Meal
- For Chickens**
- MIXED GRAINS
- Barley Chops
- Corn Chops
- Hay Chops
- Your Table**
- Corn Meal
- Sherrill Elevator Company**

up when I get back home I will not tell you anything more, as it will ruin my diary if I should tell you everything that happened. You would not want to read my diary if I should do this. I will also have some interesting photographs.

Your loving son,
Walter Harwell.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

CORNER DRUG STORE

WITH the hope that this Christmas finds you enjoying a day filled with gratitude and pleasure, and that the New Year holds in store for you the fullest measure of health and happiness, we extend, one and all our best wishes for a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

We also wish to express our appreciation for the very liberal patronage we have received during the present year, and to assure you that our business will always be conducted in a manner that will merit your confidence and respect.

JNO. OATES, Prop.

WHEN UNCLE SAM

asked for lower food prices he wasn't looking our way. We have always been noted for low prices. Just compare this list—

Cotton Boll Soap, per bar	5c
Matches, per box	5c
5 one-pound packages T. T. Coffee	\$1.00
English Walnuts and Almonds, per pound	40c
One dozen cans best Hominy	\$1.30
Irish Potatoes, per pound	3c
14 bars P. G. White Laundry Soap, 10c bars	\$1.00
Saltine Crackers, 2 boxes for	35c
Mrs. Tucker's Lard, large bucket	\$2.40
2 cubs Prince Albert Tobacco	25c
Onions, per pound	4 1/2c
One pound can Pork & Beans	10c

The High Quality of our groceries and our reasonable prices makes this store the favorite with every busy housewife.

R. J. REYNOLDS

North side Square :-: Haskell, Texas

Pay Your School Taxes

We want to urge that every taxpayer make a special effort to pay his school tax this year. Some have said that they meant to pay their school tax first. We want to commend this spirit. It will be absolutely impossible to maintain our public schools for a full term unless every individual taxpayer pays his tax for this year. The schools have been able to reach their present high standard only through the support given them by local taxation. If this means of support fails now we will lose what we have struggled so long to attain.

More than ever before in the history of our nation, is the national welfare dependent upon the public schools of the land. The percentage of illiteracy or half illiteracy among the men who made up our draft calls was appalling. The only means of remedying this condition is to be found in the public schools of the state, and these schools,

to be effective must be maintained for at least nine months of free school each year.

Both national and state governments are going to extend a helping hand to the public schools. But before that help can be secured the individual communities are going to have to evidence a real public school spirit. This spirit must first be manifested by providing a liberal local tax for maintenance.

But above everything else the issue with us now is maintaining our school for the present term. Unless every dollar of tax is paid and paid as early as possible we shall face a shortened term for this year. Let's meet the issue with a completely paid tax roll.

B. E. McGlamery
Supt. of Public Schools

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—

Have you answered the Red Christmas Roll Call? All it takes heart and a dollar. Join today!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW
Prepared for the Free Press by the St. Louis Union Bank, St. Louis, Mo.

In accordance with the provision of the Farm Loan Act, the Farm Loan Board made public the second consolidated statement of the condition of the twelve federal land banks as of October 31, 1918.

The state of condition shows that the banks have made loans to farmers to the amount of \$139,378,156. Their capital stock has increased from \$9,000,000 to \$15,975,220. They have issued farm loan bonds to the amount of \$140,122,200. They hold among their assets United States Government bonds and treasury certificates to the amount

of \$14,800,000. Their excess of expenses and interest charges over earnings is \$211,699,930, which is a reduction of over \$200,000 since the previous semi-annual statement, and amounts to less than 1 1/2 per cent of their present capital.

Three of the banks show an actual surplus. Before the close of the present month, two banks will begin the repayment of the stock originally subscribed by the government. The total payments by borrowers overdue on October 31 amounted to \$86,073, of which \$51,117 was less than thirty days overdue, and only \$10,730 was ninety days or more overdue.

RED CROSS CALLED ON TO CONTINUE ITS WORK INDEFINITELY

CHAPTERS AND BRANCHES WILL BE CENTERS IN EACH COMMUNITY FOR GIVING AID TO DISTRESSED HUMANITY.

ACTIVITIES NOT CURTAILED

Membership Campaign Each Christmas Will Be Means of Calling Americans Together to Show Spirit of Love.

Henry P. Davison, Chairman of the War Council of the Red Cross, has issued to the 3,854 chapters and the 22,090,000 members of the American Red Cross the following statement outlining the future policy of the American Red Cross:

"The whole American people will be invited in the week preceding Christmas to enroll as members of the Red Cross. It is confidently believed there will be no further campaigns for Red Cross funds, but instead the annual roll call will constitute the foundation of the Red Cross. The people should therefore know as definitely as possible the plans of this their national humanitarian society.

"Since the armistice was signed I have had an opportunity to confer in Paris with the heads of all American Red Cross commissions in Europe, and later, in Washington, with the President of the United States, the War Council of the Red Cross, the managers of the 14 Red Cross divisions of the United States and with the heads of our departments at national headquarters. I am, therefore, able to speak now with knowledge and assurance in saying that the beneficent work of the American Red Cross is to go forward on a great scale—not alone, as heretofore, for purposes of relief of war, but as an agency of peace and permanent human service.

"Since America's entry into war the purpose of our Red Cross has been primarily to aid our army and navy in the care of our own men under arms, and, secondly, to extend relief to the soldiers, sailors and civilians of those nations which were fighting our battles along with their own. With the funds which have been so generously contributed by the American people this war work of the Red Cross will continue and be complete with all possible sympathy and energy.

Heartiest Greetings

To our many friends and customers to whom we feel indebted for the splendid business given us during the past year. We wish to express our appreciation and wish you

**A Merry Christmas
and the happiest of
Happy New Year**

We have a nice line of Christmas Goods.

COME AND SEE THEM

W. M. MASK

Again at Christmas did we weave the holly around the hearth

**A Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year**

Our best wishes to our many friends and customers is—"May the New Year bring you all the prosperity and happiness you deserve, may joys and blessings beyond your expectations be yours."

We take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid patronage and good will you have shown us during the past year, and will endeavor to merit a continuance of the same by adhering to strictly business methods. We believe our strongest allies to your complete confidence and continued patronage are service, quality and honest merchandising.

Hancock & Comp's
North Side Square - Hancock Building

GREETINGS

WE FEEL that at this time of holly and mistletoe, it will not be out of place to extend the compliments of the season, and at the same time to express to you our sincere appreciation of the splendid business we have enjoyed during the year just closing, and wish all—

A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

WE
APPRECIATE
YOUR
PATRONAGE

A cordial invitation is extended to you to make our place headquarters during 1919.

R. J. REYNOLDS

Bob Stillwell's Christmas

By ANNE CAREW



BOB STILLWELL sat down on his sled with his chin in his mittened hands and tried to plan what he could give folks for Christmas, for it was only three days away.

"I can't give a thing," he muttered at last, for he did not have a penny of his own, and he knew that money was very scarce on the farm that year. The Stillwell children would be jolly if they all had mittens and warm shoes and stockings. Yet Bob knew that his sister Nan was dressing of a doll house, little Peter wanted a puppy all his own, and he didn't dare think of his big sister Amy and big brother Elmer and his father and mother.

"Why not make 'em something?" was the thought that came to him.

Bob jumped up and went home whistling through the woods. Under the pine trees he stopped and brushed away the snow. When he got through his pockets were full of dried pine cones, large and small, and some pieces of birch bark.

The day before Christmas Bob unlocked the woodshed door and looked at the result of his labors.

There was a doll house for little Nan made out of an egg crate, with real

The Seasons Compliments

A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Accept our wishes for your future happiness and prosperity and may the New Year bring forth a bountiful harvest with all the richest and choicest of blessings.

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Jno. A. Couch Manager

Money To Loan on Land

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"Here Lies a Man"

We do not know who Homer McKee is, but his prayer, as published by the Kansas State Board of Health is something that would be worth while for all to consider, and if we commit the principle to heart we cannot go far astray. Here it is:

Teach me that 60 minutes make an hour, 16 ounces a pound, and 100 cents a dollar.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience without a gun under my pillow and unharmed by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may win my meal ticket on the square, and in the doing thereof may I not tick the gaff where it does not belong. Deafen me to the tinkle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own.

Guide me so that each day when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal."

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play.

And then, when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps, and the crushing of the hearse wheels cut in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here lies a man!"

Strayed or stolen—from Pete Rich's pasture 4 miles east of Weichert, 2 black horse mules, one branded S on left jaw, other unbranded, 1 small brown mare mule branded S on left jaw. 1 dun colored mare mule same as above. Last seen about two weeks ago. Notify W. D. Norman, Rule, Route No. 2.



He Saw the Grandest New Sled.

wall paper on the walls of the two rooms, bits of carpet on the floors and some cardboard furniture that Bob had made. He had even tacked little scraps of lace at the windows for curtains.

For Amy there was the lovely picture from the Sunday newspaper which she had admired. Bob had remembered and had made a frame for it out of strips of wood, and on the wood he had glued tiny pine cones, pieces of birch bark and dried moss, and as the picture was a woodland scene you can imagine how pretty it was. Bob had found a chair rung, which he scraped and polished with some oil and turpentine. He put some screweyes in the ends, and Amy gave him a piece of narrow red ribbon to make loops—and, behold, there was a necktie holder for Elmer! For his mother he whittled a reel for her clothes lines, and it was a wonderfully handy thing, and for his father he bought a pipe. It happened this way: He did some errands for the man who kept the tobacco store in the village, and when the man would have paid him some money Bob said he'd rather have a pipe. So now they were all provided for except little Peter. How was Bob going to get hold of a real live puppy?

"You go over to my brother's place at the foot of Long hill, and you tell him I sent you," said the tobacco man. "Maybe he will let you have a puppy and work it out for him on Saturdays. He has a paper route."

"I'll do it if he will!" cried Bob eagerly. Half an hour later he hurried into the woodshed with a wriggling little puppy under his coat. Of course he had to tell his mother about that. And how Bob did enjoy the secret, running to and fro with milk and scraps of meat for the puppy!

When Christmas morning dawned I think Bob Stillwell was the most surprised boy in Little River. He was so interested in watching the pleasure of his brothers and sister with the gifts he had made with his own hands that he stood smiling, forgetting to look at the tree for his own presents.

"Look, Bobby, look!" screamed little Peter.

Bob looked and turned pale with surprise. The grandest new sled, painted a bright red, runners and all. His father and Elmer had made it together. And there was a red woolen muffler that Amy had knitted for him and other things that Santa Claus brought him.

JOE BAILEY

After two weeks experience with the Flu, I will try to give an account of the few happenings of this place.

This community went unanimous for the Flu. Not a single person escaped. All are reported better at this writing. J. T. Pinkley of Breckenridge, is visiting home folks this week.

Misses Earle and Essie Hanson and Flossie Pinkley spent Sunday with Misses Pearl and Nell Shelton.

Henry Ulmer has a genuine case of the Influenza at this writing.

Miss Floya Hobbs spent Sunday with Miss Merta Coleman.

Miss Ruby Hanson happened to an accident Monday at school while playing. She collided with another student and in the fall, she injured her back which rendered her helpless for a few days. We are glad to report her just about recovered at present.

Little Cleo Huffaker is recovering from a severe case of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis of Rule spent Sunday with A. J. Lewis and family.

Sanford Shelton, who has been suffering with a case of influenza-pneumonia, is improving.

Delma Haralson of Stamford is spending a few days with home folks.

J. F. McAlair, M. S. Dotson and J. T. Pinkley were in Stamford Saturday. Charlie Campbell was called to the

bedside of his brother, Walter, of Avoca Friday, who had a severe case of the Flu.

J. T. Pinkley and Miss Pearl Shelton called at the Tom Breeden home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Frezell of Stamford spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Frezell.

Three aeroplanes passed over this community Monday morning, going northeast.

On account of the Influenza, the Plainview school has been suspended until after Christmas.

Darbin Hobbs spent Friday night with his cousin, Miss Ima Fay Campbell.

G. L. Hanson was in Stamford Thursday.

A. W. Hanson received a letter from his son, Roy, who is in France, advising him to plant a large wheat crop, as he believed that he and Lee would be home in time to help harvest it.

Brown Eyes.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the 2nd Tuesday in January A. D. 1919, the same being the 14th day of said month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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Federal Land Loans

It may seem odd, and most people will question it, but the facts show that a farmer, in borrowing from the Federal Land Bank, is actually paying but three and six-tenths per cent interest, though the note reads a rate of five and a half. How does this come about?

He borrows \$1,000. The length of time is thirty four and a half years. The rate is five and a half per cent. Each year, in addition to interest, payments he pays one per cent, or \$10 on the face of the loan in the time he pays as principal only \$345, yet the loan is paid off in full. What has become of the rest of the principal?

Put it another way. During the life of the loan, he will have paid, principal and interest, \$2,242.50. Deduct from this the amount of the principal \$1,000 and he has paid during the time only \$1,242.50 as interest for thirty four and a half years on \$1,000. Dividing this it appears that the interest rate he has paid is three and six-tenths per cent per year. Yet he thought he was paying five and one half per cent. Yet these are the facts and figures. They can be verified by anybody, and the Federal Land Bank is ready to loan millions and millions, and is doing it on these terms.

Don't let anyone mislead you about these Federal Loans...The United States Government planned them for your benefit and recommends them to you...Do you ask more?

LOANS CLOSED IN TWO TO FOUR WEEKS THROUGH THE RULE NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION OF RULE, TEXAS.

W. H. McCANDLESS, Sec'y Treas.
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CHRISTMAS

Before another issue of the Free Press reaches the people, Christmas will have come and gone. Very few of us have grown so old as not to feel some thrill of pleasure at the approach of the day. If conditions are not just what we would have them; if sorrows and disappointments have crept into our lives, still there are memories of a past that cluster round us and add some satisfaction, some sweetness to the hours.

The greatest joy that most of us derive from the day—and that is really the best—is the opportunity of making others happy. It is worth more to brighten the face and quicken the heart-beat of some little "window-wisher" who hasn't the price of a toy, than to carry off as remembrances the richest jewels of earth.

We are glad to know that the time has come when only a few American children are forgotten by Santa Claus, and would to God that such could be said of the little ones of all the world. Practically everywhere in this great land and country of ours, there are good men and good women, just like we have in Haskell, who get together a few weeks before Christmas and plan for taking care of the poor. That is a noble work and it convulses us in spite of all the walls of pessimists, that civilization is growing better and that the golden era is drawing nearer when mankind shall recognize more fully the highest obligations of life.

We trust that everyone will thoroughly enjoy the day; that the mighty spirit of charity and love which predominated in the life of Him whose birth we commemorate, will blossom

as a sweet flower in the heart of each reader.

There are those among us, of course, who feel the depression of the times; who will not be able to buy all the toys and all the candies for their loved ones that they would like to buy. But if the bloom of health is on their babies' cheeks; if the family circle is unbroken and no vacant chair speaks of an absent father or mother or child, they should be happy. How much better is the lot of even our poorest than the lot of those in the storm-swept regions of Europe, where a wall of murderous steel for the past two years shut out the smiling face of the Prince of Peace; where frail little boys and girls press their sad faces to the windows looking for fathers dead on the battlefield; where mothers with broken hearts must confess to the children crying of hunger by their sides, that the cupboard is bare.

No mortal pen could paint a picture of the desolation, the poverty, the sorrow of those lands. The blast of the war bugles have hushed the domestic joy; the smoke of battle has stifled and killed every blossom of Hope; and the golden bowl of friendship, love and human brotherhood lies shattered on the ground.

However trying our circumstances, we have much to be thankful for and much to cause us to become imbued with the Christmas spirit, the spirit of help and forgiveness, as well as happiness.

It is a proper season to forget the faults and wrongs of our neighbors; to blot out all unpleasant memories of the past. And that we might do this and fill the day with more charity and love and tenderness than ever before is the deep and earnest hope of the writer.

GOOD WILL

"For unto you is born this day . . . a Savior"—Luke 2:11.

No simpler, sweeter story can be found in all the realm and range of literature than is set forth by St. Luke in the second chapter of his inspired narrative. He is the sole evangelist who has narrated the circumstances of that memorable night when, in the calm of a Syrian village, a rude structure built of rough stones, there was born the promised Messiah, the world's prom-

Used Deliverer and Redeemer.

The surroundings were of the lowliest, rudest and humblest, but the event which occurred there, supposedly nearly twenty centuries ago, transcend in importance all others which all men have recorded since creation's dawn.

Prophet and peer had foretold it, and "a multitude of the heavenly host" heralded the coming of the new born babe, and the song which broke across the Judean hills upon the stillness of the night has echoed in ever-increasing sweetness and volume adown the aisles of the ever-advancing centuries. It is a wonderful story—the old, old story that is still and will be forever new.

The shepherd's keeping watch over their flocks by night; the resounding exultant music of the heavenly choir; the young mother, the babe nestling in her bosom; the wondering magi with their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, and the world's Redeemer cradled in a manger.

The manger-cradled babe became a man, God-incarnate, and he taught such lessons as no man ever taught before or since. He helped and healed and served and ministered. He stirred and thrilled human hearts with glad tidings of great joy. He gave to the world a new conception of living and duty. He enjoined love and forgiveness and mercy and compassion and tenderness. He taught by precept and illustrated by example, the dignity of duty and unselfish service, and by the awful travail of Calvary opened the way to everlasting life to all the children of men. There were no Billy Sunday gymnastics, nor Sabbath day politics in His work. He cared not whether P. Pilot was elected Governor of Israel, or J. Iseriot was made mayor of Jerusalem, so long as his blessed motto, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" was rigidly upheld. He made not of His pulpit the clearing house for cheap, peanut politicians, as were prevalent in His day on earth and are wont to overrun the land in this day and time for earthly ambition's sake, and on account of mistaking themselves for Christ Himself, to the great detriment of His cause.

Next Wednesday is commonly accepted as His birthday, the anniversary of His coming; and multiplied millions hark the day with songs of gladness and love reverently at countless altars consecrated to His worship.

He was despised and rejected of men.

'Tis The Merry Christmas Time

Following the time-honored custom indulged in the world over, of spreading glad tidings and joy, we take this opportunity of expressing our gratification and appreciation of the splendid business given us during the past year, and with all sincerity and earnestness we extend the people of Haskell County

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

The least wish we entertain for you and yours is that each and every one may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with all the richest and choicest of blessings.

GRISSOM'S

"The Store With the Goods"

He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But the truths He taught and the gospel He preached have changed human lives, rebuilt human characters, uplifted fallen humanity,

comforted human hearts and redeemed human souls, and the influence of His life, His teachings, His example, His sacrifice and His atoning death has done such a work as no other influence has ever wrought.

Millions of eager, joyous little children will welcome Christmas day. Millions of mothers will gather children at their knees and tell them the sweet and simple story of the mother and the babe, the heavenly music, the watching shepherds and the worshiping wise men, and will tell them how He whose natal day a world celebrates with gratitude and joy, took little children in His arms and blessed them and said: "Let them come unto me, and forbid them not, for I such is the kingdom of heaven."

As we celebrate Christmas day let us not forget that in many homes and in many lands sorrow broods and suffering reigns, and want keeps watch and word, and hearts ache, and that He taught the highest service that can be rendered to Him is service to others, and that: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

THE YULETIDE SEASON

Another Yuletide season is upon us; on next Wednesday we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Savior.

A few days ago we asked a little four-year-old child, "Why do we have Christmas?" and the answer came: "So Santa Claus can come." What a pity that this child had such a conception of Christmas. To be sure the child could not understand the significance of the birth of the Savior, but it could understand the simple story of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Friend and Lover of all little children, and that we were commemorating the birth of Him, God's Christmas Gift to the world.

And not only do children receive the wrong conception of Christmas, but grown folks do, as well. By so many people, Christmas is looked forward to as merely a holiday or a day to exchange gifts or to gather around a festal board and make merry. What does Christmas mean to you? Will you celebrate with noise and hilarity with no thought of the blessed Christ, or will you remember Him first of all and be glad and rejoice that nearly 2000 years ago the angels heralded the glad tidings "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

The Best Gift of All Gifts

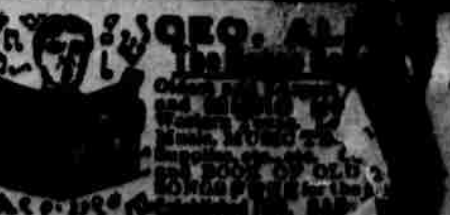
We are right now in the midst of this epidemic of Influenza, when statistics prove that America has lost more lives from the epidemic than she did from the war. Buy a life insurance policy in the Old Reliable—Southwestern Life Insurance Company, and be protected. It costs little and is the most useful of all gifts. T. C. Cahill, Agent, Haskell, Texas. Phone 51.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
When you have anything you want moved phone R. W. Tyson.

THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

There was once a little girl whose name was Virginia who sought authority for an answer to the question. She wrote a letter to Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, saying: "Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" The famous editor was pleased to tell her the truth. This was his reply, printed in his paper:

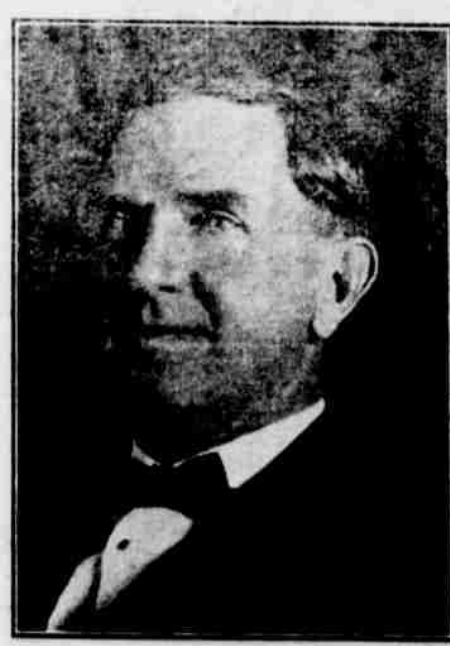
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would the world be if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There could be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which Christmas fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in love. You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but there is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but there is no proof that they are not there. You can conceive or imagine all wonders that are unseen and unthought of in the world. You may tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes noise inside, but there is a world of the unseen world which no man nor even the wisest of all the strongest men that ever could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love romance, can make that curtain and view and show the supernal beauty and glory which it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real as abiding. No Santa Claus? He lives and he lives forever and years from now, Virginia, ten thousand years from now, will continue to make glad the world of childhood."



THE Haskell Produce Co.



AND
LEN B. HAMMER



Take this opportunity of extending to you their appreciation for the business and co-operation extended them in 1918, and wish you

A Merry Christmas and A Prosperious New Year

May 1919 bring health and success to you all.



The Haskell Produce Co.

Len B. Hammer, Mgr.

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Haskell, Texas

the American girl, and they all dress like old women. All of them wear black. I sure never will let my old lady wear black (if I ever get one). Guess if my hair keeps turning gray, and I wear a mustache back they will think I am some old man.

Well I have run out of something to write. Will write you a letter some day when I have time and tell you all about my trip and some of the hikes I have made. I made one hike that if anyone had told me when I was in civilian life I could make I would have called him a liar, for I didn't think I could walk 21 miles in one day in about nine hours with about 65 or 70 pounds on my back. You can guess whether or not I was tired the next morning and my feet sure were sore. We got up the next morning and started on another one, and went 11 or 12 miles and rested a few days. That has been several weeks ago and I have not hardly got rested yet, when I think of how tired I was when we stopped. Lots of the boys fell out and couldn't make it, and some threw their packs down for the trucks to bring in, but I went right in with the rest of the boys and had my pack and rifle when we stopped, but I was willing to stop and unload, and think of old Dud singing "a rock for my pillow, I slept on frozen ground." Our Major said it was the most wonderful hike he had ever saw. He walked with us the first day without any pack and said that he was ready to stop when we did stop, and he got in the car the next day and rode. We have made one hike since that, but didn't carry any pack. These Frenchmen say the Americans sure have the pep and stickability and I guess it is so for they won't give up. The stars in the old U. S. flag are like the stars in the sky: all hell can't pull them down.

Well, I will have to close, so answer soon with a long letter. With lots of love to all, and hoping that I will be back soon to tell you instead of writing I am, as ever,

Your son,
Claude F. Norman,
Co. E, 11th Am. Train,
American E. F.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
A Thousand Dollar Limit Club

We the undersigned, have conceived the idea of organizing a Thousand Dollar Limit Club, and ask all who have bought One Thousand Dollars worth of War Savings Stamps to give your name to either one of us as soon as convenient. Respectfully,
R. W. Herren, Sr.
S. G. Dean, P. M.

A Merry Christmas

If we had the ordering of your Christmas it certainly would be the happiest you ever enjoyed. If we had the power to secure for you a heaping measure of health and prosperity during 1919—that is what the New Year would bring you.

Sherrill Bros & Co.

VERNON

Most everyone in this community saw the aeroplanes pass over Thursday afternoon and return Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Armstrong and Mrs. C. F. Davis had business in Rule Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith and son, J. B. Jr., were in Haskell Thursday afternoon.

Irene Hankins of near Sagerton spent Friday and Saturday night with Mrs. C. F. Davis.

Flora Fullbright spent Friday night with Miss Emma Briden.

Fred Quattlebaum of Haskell is spending the week with his brother, Charley Quattlebaum.

Mrs. C. F. Davis and Miss Irene Hankins were in Stamford Saturday.

Miss Emma Briden spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Lona and Flora Fullbright.

Mrs. J. F. Armstrong and daughter were shopping in Sagerton Monday.

J. A. Fullbright, who has been working near Breckenridge came home on a visit Thursday.

J. M. Proctor and daughter, Maggie moved this week to the Flat Top community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith entertained the young people with a party Friday evening. Each and everyone reported a jolly time.

Ed Wilson and family of Breckenridge spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wilson.

Mrs. J. N. Wilson was called to Stamford Friday to see her daughter, Mrs. Claude Bunkley, who was very ill with influenza, but is reported better at this writing.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
John R. Mauldin, who was taken to a sanitarium at Abilene the first of the week for an operation, is reported to be getting along nicely. An x-ray examination has been made and it is believed by the physicians that it will probably not be necessary to perform the operation.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
C. W. Winchester, living on Knox Prairie, west of Wehnert was in the city Monday. Mr. Winchester made 10 bales of cotton this year, and says that he also has 200 acres of fine wheat under full pasture.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE—signature on box. 30"

CLAUDE F. NORMAN WRITES FROM FRANCE

The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Norman of Rule Route 1, from their son, Claude F., who is with the American Forces in France:

"Somewhere in France, Oct. 31. Dear Mamma, Papa and All:

Will answer your letter just received and was sure glad to hear from you again and hear that you were all well. I am doing as fine as could be expected, for I am never sick; haven't been sick one minute since I have been in France. You asked me about that influenza. There is some of it over here but not in this part of the country, and not much anywhere that I know of. We are having some fine weather now except it rains lots. I was on guard last night down at the picket line and when I went down there it was clear and pretty, but in 30 minutes it was raining, but it just rains slow over here, or that is the only way I have ever seen it rain. Wish you all could get some of the rain out there we get here, for we don't need so much and I am sure it would be a help in West Texas. I am having an easy time now but I don't know how long it is going to last. Have a place to stay as I live in a rock schoolhouse and it is a good one. It has been a theatre and has a stage and we have our shows in there. It don't take but a few min-

utes for us to move out and the whole bunch can get in and see the show. We had a French girl to entertain us the other night. Of course I couldn't understand her singing, but I enjoyed it all the same, and she sang three songs in the American language, and she sure got the cheers. I have only seen five or six American girls since I have been over here. You can imagine how I would like to run up on some girl that I knew, but don't guess there is one in France that I ever knew. You said you heard Alfred Findley and Irving Pettit were with me. No, Irving is not with me, but Alfred and myself are still together, but I haven't seen Irving over here. Alfred saw him where we got off the boat, but I didn't see him. He is in the 142nd Infantry, or was when we were at New York. I haven't seen Rals since we left Camp Bowie and haven't heard from him in several days. I have written him two letters since I heard from him. Wish I knew where he was but I haven't any way to find out. Our officers won't let us tell where we are. I am going to send this letter through the base censor. You should have received more letters from me than you have ever said anything about receiving. Did you ever get the one I told you about sending you the money. I will tell you again in this one to play safe first. I sent you fifty dollars, also made a twenty dollar per month allotment, and have you heard anything from my Liberty Bond? It was made

out to you and you should have received it by this time I think, as it has been paid out two months. Tell Middle that we can't send any packages back or I would send her something from over here, but as for the flowers, I haven't seen any that I haven't seen over there, and besides, it has already frosted over here. There is still lots of green trees and grass, but some of the trees are evergreens. I think the fir trees stay green. I don't know, but they are sure green now.

Well, today was washday. We go to the creek to wash and believe me, I don't like the job, but these Frenchmen do. They have a little board fixed so they can get down on their knees, wet the clothes and take a paddle and beat them. They don't know anything about a washboard. I tried to get an old woman to wash her clothes on one of our washboards one evening, and she rubbed them on it two or three times and quit and looked at the clothes to see if she had rubbed a hole in them. She wanted the little washboard for a souvenir, but I wouldn't "compre" (that is the way they say "don't understand, "no compre"). They sure like souvenirs from the Americans. I try to make these "mademoiselles" think I am a souvenir so they will want me. That looks like a long word to mean Miss but that is what it mean in French and a married woman is a Madame. I haven't found me a French girl yet, for they don't look as good to me as



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"the gasoline with the punch"

puts the punch into your engine because it is low in both Volatility and End Point. Volatility, which means the temperature at which a given quantity of liquid vaporizes. End Point, the temperature at which this same liquid stops vaporizing. You can readily see that low Volatility and low End Point will produce a long, even explosion of great power and smoothness—an explosion that will not rack your engine and that is bound to give you more miles per gallon than the short, sharp explosion caused by ordinary gasoline. For the same reasons, Home Gasoline develops the greatest power per gallon for stationary engines.

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—a full line for automobiles, tractors and stationary engines.

Homelite Kerosene

—the satisfactory kerosene for tractor f. l. and lighting purposes.

Sold by reliable dealers everywhere.

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R. W. TYSON, Agent.
Refinery at Gainsville, Texas.

To You--From Us-- A Merry Xmas

When the Christmas dawns, may it bring to you three great gifts.

GLADNESS that you have been able to surprise some one into pleasure with an unlooked-for gift-gladness, that children everywhere may find this the day of golden days.

COURAGE that, in spite of their willfulness and weakness, folks deep down are kindly and good, and that after all it is worth while going on for their sakes and your own.

PEACE that on this day grown men and women take the hours from dawn-blush to after-glow and fill them with cheer and laughter and love—the things which in the end are all that the year's working has sought for.

Our store is closed on Christmas Day—but next day and all the days thereafter it will be wide open to express to you in terms of goods and service the heartfelt wishes we here extend to you in print.

Jones, Cox Company

GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the joys of Christmastide be many, and may the New Year bring you health, happiness and prosperity, is our sincerest wish to our many friends and patrons.

We know of no more fitting time to express our appreciation for the patronage the people of Haskell and Haskell County have given us during the past year. To us it is the best evidence that they appreciate the dependable kind of merchandise we sell and the values we give week in and week out.

We Thank You

W. W. Fields & Son

WHITTS CHAPEL

There was a nice little shower of rain in this part of the county Monday night.

Ree Gardner returned home from Ranger Friday morning.

Mrs. Novak and two sons, Alfons and Henry, and Misses Della and Lelia Montgomery visited at the home of A. Z. Josseloff Friday night.

Miss Vith Welch visited in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Eve Gardner and A. J. Josseloff and family visited at the home of Mr. Montgomery last Sunday.

Mrs. E. Bradbill and family visited at the home of Mr. Montgomery last Sunday.

Mrs. Olive Montgomery and Miss Vida Welch received the message Sunday night of the death of their brother-in-law, Mr. John Diesman of Stockdale, Texas. They left Monday morning to be with their sister and children.

Mrs. Olive Montgomery and Miss Floyd Gilthead visited in the Post community last Thursday night.

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Notice of Trustee's Sale

State of Texas, County of Haskell.

Whereas, by virtue of authority vested in me, as trustee, named and appointed in a certain deed of trust executed and delivered to me on the 20th day of March, A. D. 1917, by Jno. F. Ivey, for better securing the payment of four promissory notes made by Jno. F. Ivey payable to the order of Clay Newton bearing date March 26, 1917, three of said notes being for \$200.00 each, and due respectively Dec. 1, 1918, Dec. 1, 1919, and Dec. 1, 1920, the remaining note being for \$758.50 and due Dec. 1, 1921, all of said notes being given in part payment of the tract of land hereinafter described, and in each of said notes it is provided that the interest thereon is payable annually, and that failure to pay said note, or any installment of interest thereon, when due, shall, at the election of the holder, mature all of said notes, and each of said notes it is further provided that an additional sum of ten per cent upon the principal and interest of the notes shall be added thereto if not paid when due and the same is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, and also providing for the same date until paid at the rate of six per cent per annum and thereafter to be held on any of said notes as to the time and the said promissory notes due Dec. 1, 1918, 1919, and 1920, and the same are payable and have placed them all in the hands of H. G. McConnell, an attorney, as trustee, and the same are

now all past due and unpaid, principal, interest and attorney's fees, I have been requested by the said Clay Newton to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale, between the legal hours thereof, to-wit: Between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in January A. D. 1919, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Courthouse door in the town of Haskell, in Haskell County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

Part of the S. C. Robertson league and labor survey, abstract No. 352, Patent No. 61, Volume 10, and being Share No. 10 set apart to Marion Robertson in the partition of the estate of S. C. Robertson, deceased, by decree of the County Court of Bell County, Texas, May 30, 1891, recorded in Volume H, Page 113 of the minutes of said court, said land being described by metes and bounds as follows:

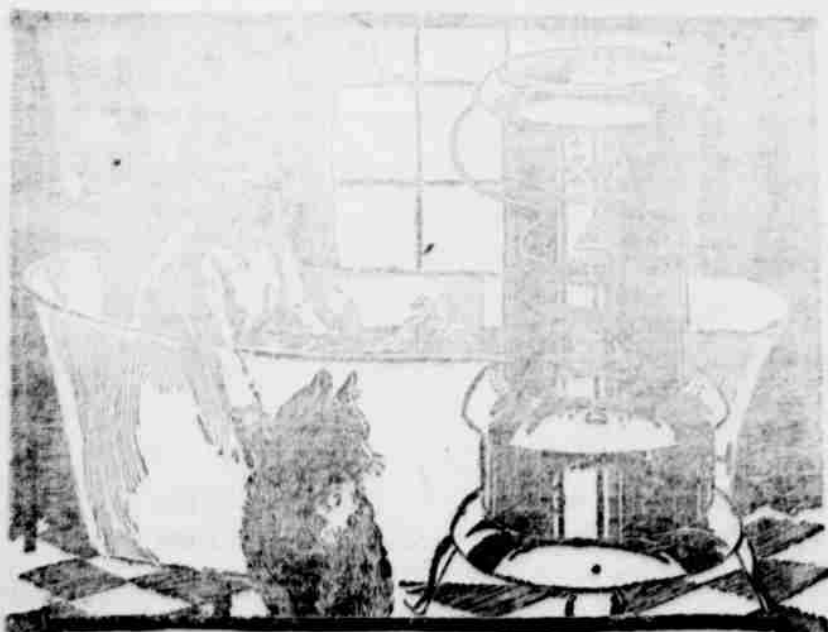
Beginning at the S. E. corner of said Robertson survey; thence west with the S. line of said survey 746 varas; thence N. 123° varas; thence E. 746 varas to the E. R. line of the original survey; thence S. with said line 1339 varas to the place of beginning, containing 177 acres of land, and being the same land devised to Clay Newton by J. T. Honeycutt and wife Katie Honeycutt, by deed recorded in Book No. 47, Page 245 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging.

Witness my hand this 11th day of December, A. D. 1918.

H. G. McConnell, Trustee.

Do you get up at night? SANOL is surely the best for all kidney or bladder troubles. SANOL gives relief in 24 hours from all backache and bladder troubles. SANOL is a GUARANTEED REMEDY. 50c and \$1.00 a bottle.

YOU SAVE—Cheap. 250 yards of three wire fence with good cedar post. S. G. Dean.



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Chase the chill out of your house with a Perfection Oil Heater. It warms up the bathroom in a jiffy. Heats any room quickly. Easily carried about.

Buy your heater now. Keep warm and cozy. Better come in and see us right away.

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PERFECTION OIL HEATERS



PUT W.S.S. IN EVERY STOCKING

RETIRED STOCK DEALER TESTIFIES

Joe Therrell Says There Is Something Unusual About Tanlac—Gained 35 Pounds in Weight.

"There is bound to be something unusual about Tanlac to make a man of my age gain thirty-five pounds and feel like he is made over again," said Joe E. Therrell, a retired live stock dealer living at Del Rio, Texas.

"I am seventy years old and I hadn't been free from suffering in five long years until I started taking this Tanlac," he continued. "I had no appetite and what little I forced myself to eat swelled me up with gas until I would be miserable for hours afterward and I would get so dizzy I would almost fall at times. I was badly constipated, my legs hurt awfully and my back ached until I could hardly straighten up when I would bend over. I tried everything I could get hold of and I kept getting worse until I almost gave up hope of ever being able to do any more work."

"I have taken five bottles of Tanlac so far and have not only gained thirty-five pounds in weight, but I feel brimful of life and energy and am stronger and better than I have been in five years. I have told everybody I know what Tanlac has done for me and I know of at least a dozen people who are now taking Tanlac after seeing what it has done for me."

Tanlac is sold in Haskell by Reid's Drug Store.

Dr. J. C. Davis of Sagerton was in the city Tuesday on business.

Join

It's your duty to read a heart and a letter

APPROPRIATE GIFTS

We have a nice stock of beautiful framed pictures that will make appropriate Christmas Gifts that we are going to close out at cost and less than cost, and we invite you to look over our stock when you go to do your Christmas shopping.

These pictures represent some wonderful bargains and you will be surprised at the many beautiful designs that we have in stock.

Come Down—We Are Looking For You

BRAZELTON LUMBER

"Every visit to our yard makes a friend"

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stock holders of the Haskell National Bank of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the 2nd Tuesday in January A. D. 1919, the same being the 14th day of said month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. C. COUCH, Cashier.

Subscription Bargain

During this month we will accept subscriptions to the Abilene Morning Reporter and this paper, one year each the two for only \$4.50.

This is truly a subscription bargain and is on for only a limited time. During the coming reconstruction days you cannot afford to be without a daily newspaper, and no one, regardless of his income, can well do without his county paper. Mail or send your subscription to this office.—Adv.

Let R. W. Tyson do your hauling.

Catarrah Cannot Be Cured

WITH LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a local disease, greatly increased by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrah Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrah Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrah Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrah conditions. Send for testimonials free.

W. J. CHERNEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Drugists, Etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stock holders of the State Bank of O'Brien, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of O'Brien, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the 2nd Tuesday in January A. D. 1919, the same being the 14th day of said month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

T. E. ROBBINS, Cashier.

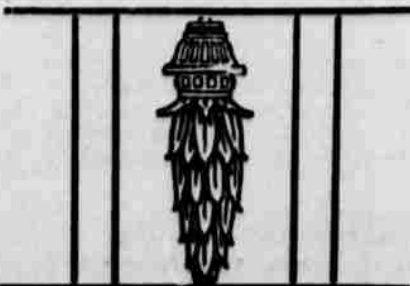
Compliments of the Season

Greetings

May this be the Merriest Christmas of them all. May the New Year bring you many joys and blessings, and may you peace and prosperity be more than your greatest expectations, is our sincere wish for you and yours for

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Store of Certain Satisfaction



We believe this is also an appropriate time for us to thank you most cordially for your patronage during the year just closing, and we expect to merit continuance of your trade during 1919, by giving you at all times the best.

Robertson Bros. Co.

COAT SALE

have a full stock of men's and Black, all wool, Kirschm, Cravenette Over Coats. These coats were bought twelve months ago and we are going to give you an opportunity to buy an Over Coat that will last you for years to come at the small amount of only \$14.95. Come now. Don't wait or you will miss a bargain of your life.

\$20.00 Over Coats
Now Only -- **\$14.95**

GRISSOM'S
"THE STORE WITH THE GOODS"

A PHONE CONVERSATION

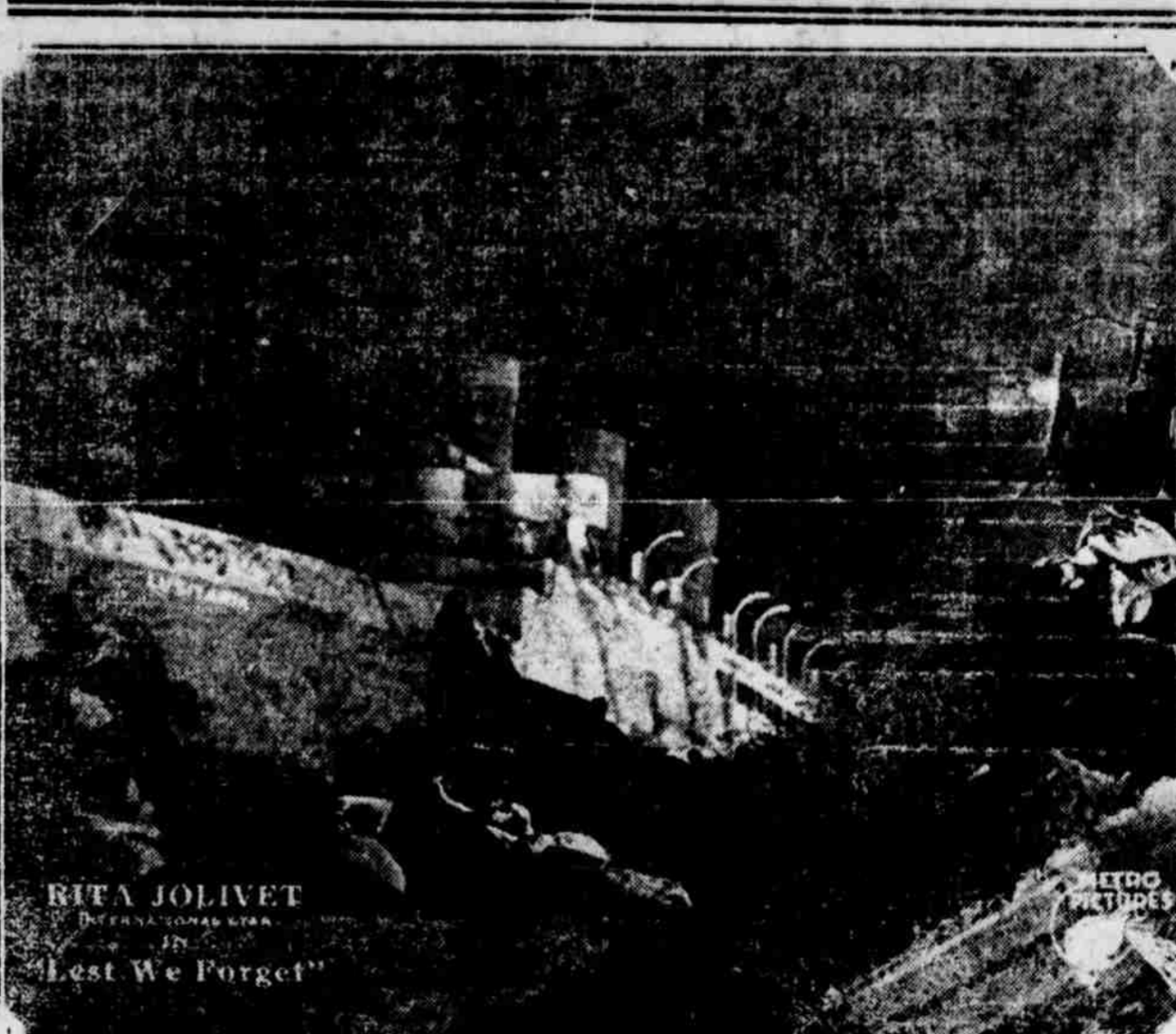
The Kaiser called the Devil up. On the phone the other day, The girl at central listened to, All they had to say.
"Hello," she heard the Kaiser's voice. "Is Old Man Satan home? Just tell him it is Kaiser Bill That wants him on the phone."
The Devil said "Hello" to Bill, And Bill said, "How are you? I'm running here a hell on earth. So tell me what to do."
"What can I do?" the Devil said, "My dear old Kaiser Bill, There's a thing that I can do, To help you sure I will.

Then Kaiser said, "Now listen, And I will try to tell, The way that I am running On earth, a Modern Hell.
I've saved for this for many years, And I started out to kill, That it would be a modern job, You leave it to Kaiser Bill.
I started out for Paris, With the aid of poison gas, The Belgians, damn them, stopped us, And would not let us pass.
My army went through Belgium, Shooting women and children down, And tore up all her country, And blew up all her towns, My Zepps dropped bombs on cities,

Killing both old and young, And then the Zeppelins didn't get, Were taken out and hung.
My submarines are invisible, Why you should see them fight, They go sneaking through the sea, And will sink a ship at sight.
I was running things to suit me, "Till a year or so ago, When a man called "Woodrow Wilson," Wrote me to go more slow.
He says to me "Dear William, We don't want to make you sore, So be sure to tell your U-boats To sink our ships no more.
We have told you for the last time, So Bill get up to you, And if you do not stop it, You have got to fight us too.
I did not listen to him, And he's been after me, With a million Yankee soldiers, From their homes across the sea.
Now that is why I called you For I want advice from you I knew that you would tell me, Just what I ought to do.
My dear old Kaiser William, There's not much for me to tell, For the Yanks have made it hotter, Than I can for you in Hell.
I've been a mean old Devil, But not half as mean as you, And the minute that you get here, I will give my job to you.
I'll be ready for your coming, and I'll keep the fires bright, And I've got your room all ready, For the Yanks have stopped the fight.
For the boys in drab have got you, I have nothing more to tell, Hang up the phone and get your hat, And meet me here in HELL.
—Sam C. Houston, M.M.I.e., in "Mare Island Bulletin."

A Tonic Laxative
that will remove the bile from the liver and cleanse the system THOROUGHLY without griping or disturbing the stomach is truly a Perfect Laxative.
LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN
is the name of a Reliable and Perfect Laxative which soon relieves Sick Headache, Dizziness, Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, Gas and Piles caused by a Torpid Liver and Constipation. Always use a Reliable Laxative in the treatment of Colds, Grip and Influenza.
LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN is a Liquid Digestive Tonic Laxative excellent in its effect on the System, both as a tonic and as a laxative. It is just as good for Children as for Adults. Pleasant to take. Children like it. See Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

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Your Eyes Shall See
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DICK'S THEATRE
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*Hearts that have never been shown
the wonderland of dreaming,
Go trudging in dusty roads,
where no stars are gleaming.*

1918 **1919**

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Is our most sincere wish to you one and all. May your lives be a continual round of pleasure and good deeds, and that the New Year will bring to you the many blessings you deserve. Accept our grateful thanks for your patronage and good will in the past, and we will endeavor by all honorable means to continue in your good graces and confidence.

The HASKELL ICE and LIGHT COMPANY

HELP BRAVE BELGIANS DRIVE OUT ENEMY

American Red Cross Aids With Supplies and Comforts in the Equipment of Valiant Army.

It is particularly interesting to Americans to know the tremendous work which the American Red Cross has done toward relieving distress in Belgium. Among the many things done for King Albert's gallant little army by the Red Cross the following are a few:
It established a dining room and reading and writing room at the warehouses in Le Havre.
It gave a plate and a bowl to 6,000 munition workers in — to use at their meals.
It fitted up recreation rooms for workers at munition plants.
It installed a co-operative restaurant for the military personnel of the Maritime Agency at Le Havre.
It installed shower baths and a barber shop for the army garrisons in Le Havre.
In army training centers the Red Cross gave household comforts, phonographs, games, etc.
It established a dormitory for 200 men at the Home for Permissionaires at Calais.
It established a canteen and library at Calais.
It established another canteen for the personnel of sanitary trains.
It gave material and games for a canteen for the personnel of the naval base at —
It gave the same for a canteen for the personnel of Belgian seaplane units.
It equipped a mess for the personnel of the unit at Calais.
It gave tents, canteens, reading rooms and shower baths for the personnel of the Bourbough bakery.
It organized dining rooms for searchlight companies and artillery batteries having fixed cantonments, and installed shower baths in them.
It distributed 60,000 enameled plates and cups for soldiers in the trenches.
It gave prizes for organized athletic tournaments.
It sent presents to each man decorated for bravery. These presents are usually razors, pipes, fountain pens and such. Up to now this work has only applied to the infantry.
The Red Cross provided the apparatus and films for cinema shows. Eight thousand soldiers see them every day.
It supplied books for all soldiers.

It installed a recreation and writing room at the large canteen at La Panne.
It presented to every infantry and cavalry regimental surgeon a medical traveling case, holding a set of medical instruments for field service.
This work required an appropriation of approximately 1,250,000 francs. Straight from the front is this comment of a Belgian colonel. It was made recently while he was sitting in his dugout talking of the work of a canteen for which the American Red Cross had just provided quarters on very short notice.
"One live demonstration like this is better than a year of talk."

American Red Cross has erected a barracks at Dijon, France, to serve as a day nursery for the children of the French women who work in the United States Army camouflage factory.

Join the Red Cross. Wear your button.
W.S.S.
Pay Your Pledge

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"To YOU"
Yes, to You and Yours
We extend Most Cordial Greetings and Thanks for the very liberal patronage during the year just closing.
May You and All of Yours
Enjoy a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year. . . .
J. W. GHOLSON

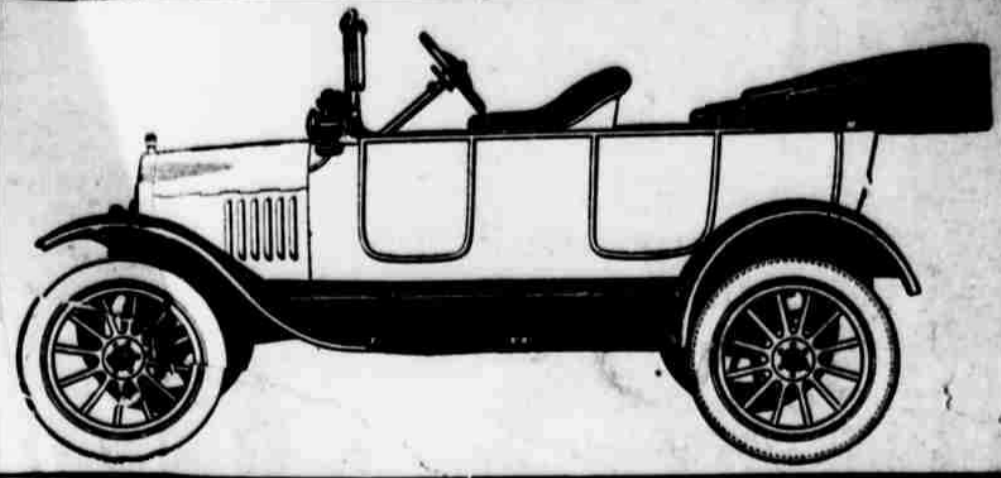
We Are Pleased to Announce

That the Ford factory will begin operations again in the near future---making all models of cars. However it will only be possible for us to secure a limited number for the first few months and we advise those who are planing to buy a new car to place their order now, to insure delivery at the proper time.

Lynn Pace, *Haskell, Texas* **Authorized Ford Agents** **J. E. Lindsey,** *Rule Texas*



THE SAME PRICES WILL MAINTAIN AS HERETOFORE.



ARMENIA

Had I the tears of all the years,
Since tears began to flow
I could not shed them fast enough
To rightly speak her woe!

O little harried garden land,
O Eden of man's birth,
O tortured stricken country—
Her grief thrills all the earth!

She stretches out her bleeding hands,
For her not cry in vain?
O give and give and give once more
To ease Armenia's pain!

—Amy Sherman Bridgman.

Why Putter With Corns? Use "Gets-It"

Common-Sense, Simple, Never Fails.

You can tear out your corns and suffer, or you can peel off your corns and smile. The joy-peeling way is the "Gets-It" way. It is the only happy, painless way in the world. Two drops



"Get the Drop" on That Corn—Use "Gets-It" and the Corn is a "Goner"!

of "Gets-It" on any corn or callus dries it out. The corn finally loosens off from the toe, so that you can peel it off with your fingers in one piece, painlessly, like peeling a banana. Great stuff, wish I'd done that before. There's only one corn-peeler—"Gets-It." Toes wrapped up big with tape and bandages, toes squirming from irritating salves, it's all a barbarity. Toes wounded by razors and knives, that's butchery, ridiculous, unnecessary, dangerous. Use "Gets-It," the liberty way—simple, painless, always sure. Take no chances. Get "Gets-It." See that you get "Gets-It." "Gets-It," the guaranteed, money-back corn-remover, the only sure way, costs but a trifle at any drug store. M'd by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

SAGERTON

Reginald Crabtree is home on a furlough to see his father, who has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks. Reginald enlisted in the Navy when the time the United States entered the war. He has seen foreign service most of the time since his enlistment and tells us some very interesting things about the countries he has visited. He is stationed for the present at Key West, Florida.

Mason Martin, who has been in Fort Worth for some time returned home Monday to spend the holidays with his parents.

Rev. McAnnally, the Methodist pastor for this place whose home is in Rule, spent several days visiting among the people of this community the latter part of last week and the first of this week. He preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning at 11:00 and one at three o'clock in the afternoon. We feel that the Lord has blessed us in sending Bro. McAnnally to be our pastor.

Misses Grace and Clara Martin, who have been attending school at Grand Saline, returned home Monday to be with relatives and friends during the holidays. Miss Blaine Mills accompanied them.

School closed Monday and after the holidays.

Mr. Batzer, who has been confined to his room with pneumonia is better at this writing. We trust that he will be up soon.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
Ross Kitchenloss of Swenson Ranch was in the city Thursday. He shipped something like 600 head of cattle to market from the Swenson Ranch.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
MONUMENTS AND TOMBSTONES
Best Georgia Marble. Material and Workmanship Guaranteed. Prices Reasonable. See R. A. SCRANTON, Haskell Texas. If

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—
WANTED—A young or middle-aged woman to keep house for two (man and wife). Good wages paid. Address Box 354, Haskell, Texas.



Sergt. Arthur Guy Empey in Vitagraph's master production, "Over the Top."

SWEET HOME

We failed to get our few locals off last week as hog-killing time caught us just right to eat backbone, spareribs, and sausage, so you know we forget everything else. We could eat with pleasure and leisure, and we did not need any of the East Texas medicine that the people have to use where myself and Bro. Hall of the Review came from.

W. H. McCandless of Rule was out visiting his place Sunday.

W. D. Anderson and family are moving back to our community. We welcome this good family.

Hugh Bristow and wife are the proud parents of twin boys. Mother and babes are getting along fine.

C. B. Trilby and Gent Bristow are in Fall county pulling bolts.

B. H. Bristow and wife visited in Jod Sunday.

W. B. Arnold and wife went to Stamford Monday on business.

We have had no school for three weeks, but we are informed that it will commence after Christmas.

We enjoy the letters from each community. Let each do his part and make the Free Press the best local newspaper in West Texas.

Rambler.

LONE STAR

All the farmer's wheat crops are looking good again.

Mr. and Mrs. Will King visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Malcolm at Weinert Sunday.

Miss Oeey Huckabee spent Sunday evening with Miss Mary Jenkins.

Jeff Huckabee and family, Fred Reddell and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with D. R. Huckabee and family.

Mr. Newson and family of Weinert visited Mr. Malcolm and family Sunday.

Mary King spent Thursday night with Ola and Ina Malcolm.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Norman has been very sick, but is better at this writing.

Morning Glory.

Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Weinert State Bank, of Weinert, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Weinert, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the 2nd Wednesday in January A. D. 1919, the same being the 8th day of said month for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

WOMAN'S NERVES MADE STRONG

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Winona, Minn.—"I suffered for more than a year from nervousness, and was so bad I could not rest at night—would lie awake and get so nervous I would have to get up and walk around and in the morning would be all tired out. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and thought I would try it. My nervousness soon left me. I sleep



well and feel fine in the morning and able to do my work. I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to make weak nerves strong."—Mrs. ALBERT SULTZ, 608 Olmstead St., Winona, Minn.

How often do we hear the expression among women, "I am so nervous, I cannot sleep," or "It seems as though I should fly." Such women should profit by Mrs. Sultz's experience and give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial.

For forty years it has been overcoming such serious conditions as displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, dizziness, and nervous prostration of women, and is now considered the standard remedy for such ailments.

Holiday Specials

- Extra Fancy Apples, all sizes
- California Naval Oranges
- Bananas
- Nuts
- Walnuts
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- Fresh Keg Saurkraut
- Olives, Pickles,
- Catsup, Chilli Sauce
- Salad Dressing
- Prepared Mustard

TRY US FOR STRICTLY HIGH GRADE GROCERIES. WE SAVE YOU MONEY.

F. G. Alexander & Sons

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st.

25 and 50c

Dick's Theatre

WHITMAN

Mr. Cameron of Spur, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. F. A. West, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs of Haskell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hays Saturday night and Sunday.

W. E. Welch and family visited relatives at Vontress Sunday.

Miss Faudie Lee is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Bob Herron this week.

Corlie Bailey came in Sunday for a visit with home folks.

Tobe Griffin and Mrs. W. E. Welch are down with the Flu this week.

Mrs. R. C. Ware from Arizona is spending the holidays with her father and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bailey, who have been sick with the Flu, at their fathers' J. B. Bailey's home, have recovered sufficiently to return to their home.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. Only small bottle is two months treatment and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2925 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

DENNIS CHAPEL

The Dennis Chapel school closed for the Christmas holidays with a nice program. The teachers, Misses Annie Ethridge and Lillie Conner, will spend the holidays with home folks.

J. L. Burns and Mrs. Mary Dye were quietly married at the home of Mrs. Dye's mother, Mrs. Shackelford.

Rollin Shackelford has returned from the training camp.

Miss Johnnie Stovall of Stamford spent last Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Charley Durham.

Bro. Curry preached an interesting sermon at Smith Chapel Sunday.

The Flu situation in this community is slowly improving.

Messrs. Adams, Stephens and Hammons made a business trip to Stamford Sunday afternoon.

Misses Willie Perry and Anne Mae Webb spent Sunday night with Lucille Wheeler.

Miss Mae Irwin and Mr. Juttie Dennis spent Sunday with Miss Effie Vannoy.

Miss Mae Irwin, Messrs. Howard and Henry Irwin and Richard Alexander made a business trip to Munday Friday.

Messrs. Adams and Stanfield made a business trip to Haskell Saturday.

—Pay W.S.S. Pledge—

Have you answered the Red Cross Christmas-Roll Call? All it takes is a heart and a dollar. Join today!

Christmas Joys

In appreciation of dealings with us in the and in anticipation of the years to come, we thank you, and wish you—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

J. F. P...

years from to make glad

MEMBER WHY W.S.S. MUST BE BOUGHT

that the reputation and Texas are at stake and the Government's need of complete its necessary program and bring the soldiers and sailors back home, A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General of the United States, former Congressman from Texas, and member of President Wilson's cabinet, has addressed an appeal to every Texan urging that he liquidate his War Savings Stamp pledge at once and continue to purchase these Government securities.

"I wish I could say personally to every Texan that the expense of the war is not ended and will not be for some time to come; therefore, the necessity continues for every person to deny himself and save in every possible way in order to lend his savings to the Government by investing in War Savings Stamps," Postmaster General Burleson says to the people of his home State of Texas. "In doing this he not only renders a patriotic service, but at the same time he acquires habits of thrift and economy which will rebound to his lasting benefit, and puts his money in what is undoubtedly the best paying Government security which has been offered during this war.

"I am sure that our State will take her proper place in War Savings Stamp sales for 1918, and, while I realize fully the terrific drought conditions from which over forty per cent of Texas has suffered have materially affected the investment in Government securities, I believe that her quota of \$91,000,000.00 will be readily absorbed if every one of our citizens realizes that the reputation and patriotism of Texas are at stake and every individual must do his part.

"It gives me satisfaction to know that in the sale of War Savings Stamps you are having the loyal cooperation and support of the Postal employees of Texas, and I am sure that you can rely upon their continued and effective activity."

All pledges for investment in War Savings Stamps have automatically come due this month and the official call for their immediate payment has been made by the Government. War Savings Stamp pledges must be met before December 31.

Mrs. J. T. Finley of Fort Worth was visiting friends here this week.

Greetings

Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

May the sun shine over your pathway, May your joy be such as endures, And may the New Year pour its blessings Abundantly on you and yours.

1918-1919

Brazelton Lumber Co. HASKELL, TEXAS

Wednesday, January 1st, 1919. 25c and 50c DICK'S THEATRE

PINKERTON There are a number of cases of the in this community. ... Eleta Brasher spent Saturday ... Sunday, and Sunday night with ... Pinkerton and little grandson, ... visited Mr. and Mrs. S. W. ... Black is suffering with the ... Loe took dinner with Alvin ... Hall and son, D. E., visited ... J. F. Loe entertained the Red ... two until five o'clock in honor of ... U. B. Loe, who is to leave for ... Everyone reported an en-

Notice to Tax Payers For the purpose of collecting the taxes now due on the 1918 tax rolls, will be at the following named places on the dates opposite their names, to-wit: Sagerton, Monday and Tuesday, January 6th and 7th. Rule, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 8th and 9th. Jud Friday January 10th. Rochester, Monday and Tuesday Jan. 13 and 14th. O'Brien, Wednesday January 15th. Brushy Thursday, January 16th. Weinert, Friday, January 17th. On account of the fact that I only assumed charge of this office December 1st, and the rush of payments of taxes being now on hand, it will be impossible for me to make the other precincts this year, but in the future I shall make each precinct, and for the convenience of the tax payers at the following places I will collect for Joe Bailey, Bunke Hill and Willow Point at agerton, and Cliff at O'Brien, and Cottonwood at Weinert. C. B. Long, Tax Collector, Haskell County, Texas.

Greetings:

To Our Friends:

At this joyous holiday season we turn in gratitude to you, our friends and patrons. We heartily thank you for the good will you have shown us.

Our friendships are our greatest asset; and the spirit of the Holidays, with its time-honored customs, provides opportunity for us to greet you.

We extend our most Cordial Greetings and Best Wishes for your Peace, Prosperity and Happiness and for those whose happiness depends upon you.

Wm. & Smith Hdw. Comp'y Haskell and Weinert, Texas

The Beautiful Bethlehem Bells

Over the roar of the cities, over the hills and the dells, With a message of peace to the nations, ring the beautiful Bethlehem bells. Bringing joy to the souls that are sighing in the hovels where poverty dwells— There is life—there is life for the dying, in the beautiful Bethlehem bells.

Far off in a land that is lovely, for the tender sweet story it tells, In the light of a glorious morning rang the beautiful Bethlehem bells; And still in the hearts of creation an anthem exultingly swells At that memory sweet of the ringing of the beautiful Bethlehem bells.

They ran o'er the hills and the valleys, they summoned the glad world that day, From regions of night to the radiant light of the cot where the Beautiful lay, And forever and ever and ever a wonderful melody dwells In the tender sweet ringing and singing of the beautiful Bethlehem bells.

For they sing of a love that is deathless—a love that still triumphs in loss; They sing of the love that is leading the world to the Calvary cross; Ring sweet o'er the sound of the cities—ring sweet o'er the hills and the dells And touch us with tenderest pity, oh, beautiful Bethlehem bells! —Frank L. Stanton.

Card of Thanks We take this method of thanking our friends for their kindness in helping us during the illness and death, and for the sweet comforting words spoken to us in behalf of the precious one who has just gone on before. Mrs. Edna Mapes and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mapes and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mapes and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Mapes and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Atchison and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Massie.

An Expression of Appreciation

We are taking this means of thanking our many friends and neighbors for the many expressions of kindness and deeds of helpfulness during the illness of our entire family. It is impossible to mention all as individuals and all the things that were done for us. The telephone calls and personal visits were numerous. The many nice things sent us to eat and the deeds of kindness shall remain in our memory a matter of joy. We are up now and feel so grateful for this blessing. May each of you share the blessings of our Heavenly Father in good health and a life of service. We feel we shall endeavor to be of more service to our town after experiencing so many kindnesses from friends. R. A. Scranton and Family.

Proclamation Whereas, the Government has issued its call for the complete payment before December 31, 1918, of all pledges made the United States Treasury Department to purchase War Savings Stamps, and Whereas, the chief executives of towns and cities have been requested by the Government to direct attention by proclamation to the official call for the liquidation of War Savings Stamp Pledges. Therefore, I, Courtney Hunt, Mayor of the City of Haskell, Texas, do hereby announce the said Government's call for liquidation by December 31, 1918, of all War Savings Stamp Pledges that all pledged persons in the City of Haskell may take notice. Done this 19th day of December, 1918 Courtney Hunt, Mayor of the City of Haskell, Texas. —Pay W.S.S. Pledge— H. Lewis and J. G. Foster were visitors in the city Sunday.

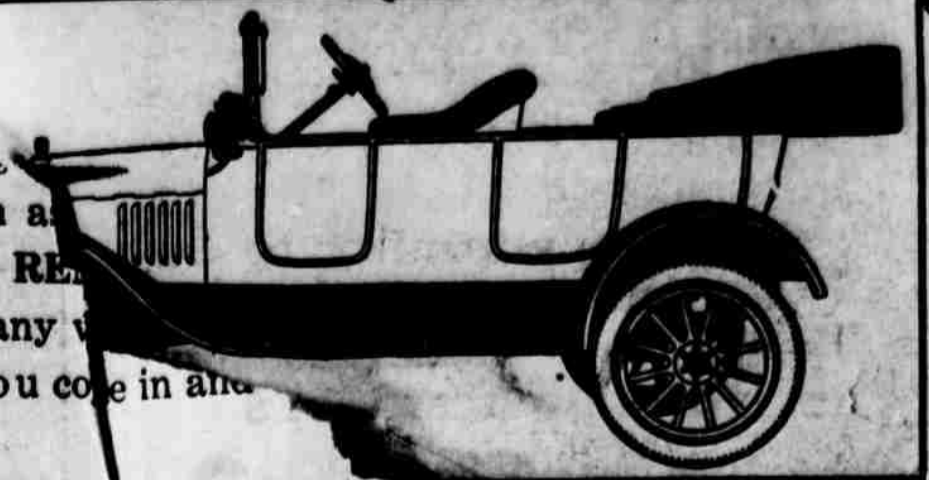
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EXTRA! EXTRA! NEWSPAPER RESTRICTIONS REMOVED War Industries Board to Cease The Star-Telegram 60,000 DAILY Therefore announces a SPECIAL BARGAIN DAYS PERIOD December 15th to January 5th REDUCED RATES 20 DAYS ONLY DAILY WITH SUNDAY DAILY WITHOUT SUNDAY Seven Days a week by Mail Only \$6.50 Six Days a Week by Mail Only \$5.00 This is for THE STAR-TELEGRAM to be sent by mail from date order reaches STAR-TELEGRAM until December 1, 1919. (Not a complete year.) New and old subscribers all dated to expire December 1, 1919. SAVE ABOUT \$2.00 Take advantage of this Special-Bargain Period. Order from This Office

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THE SAME PRICES WILL
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Our Extraordinary Christmas Sale has been very successful, and while we have sold up on a lot of goods which you can select from. Let us urge you not to wait until the last day, but come as soon as you can for service and you will have a better opportunity of finding just what you are looking for. **REMEMBER** Gifts. Let us help you decide, it's a pleasure to us to assist you in any way we can. On account of sickness, we are short on help, so we are going to ask you to be patient, if you come in and we will do our best to give you the best attention possible.



MILLINERY

We have had one of the most successful seasons we have ever had and we have practically sold up, but if you are interested in a hat for Christmas, come in at once and we will be glad to show you.

YOUR CHOICE
FOR ONLY
\$2.50

We take this means of thanking you for your business during the past year. We have had a very successful year, really better than we expected under existing conditions, and we want to assure you that we certainly do appreciate what you have done in helping to make our business a success.

We shall always feel grateful, and shall use every effort to give you better service and attention in the future

CURLEE CLOTHING

We are the sole agency for the Curlee Guaranteed Suits. Let us show you. Our prices range from **\$15.00 to \$35.00**

A Suitable Christmas Present

Come in today and let us put away a suit for you.



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GUARDIAN NOW AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE

My Dear Mother:

Well, it's been quite a while since I wrote my last letter to you or anyone else. I just noticed in my memorandum book that my letter No. 16 was written just ten days ago, and since that time things have been happening to the old thirteenth. At last we are at the front, or rather at what was the front two weeks ago. We had our orders to move from our old camp before I wrote you last and the day we left was the same day the armistice was signed, so we didn't have any hopes of seeing any action. Our trip of three days passed without any exciting incident to tell about, with the exception of having passed through several interesting places, pictures of which I will send you in my next letter. We were in the outskirts of Paris for several hours, but didn't get to see any of the city proper. One thing that was noticeable was the way the people were celebrating at every town and village along our route. Flags were up everywhere,

whistles were tooting, bells were ringing and everyone was happy. The people at every village greeted us with the same expression,—"fini guerre," which means the war is over, or finished. Of course we were glad to see the people so happy and excited for they truly deserve their happiness. We followed the Marne and Meuse rivers for several miles and passed through the city of St. Mihiel, which is famous in the history of the American Army. Our final destination by train was Toul, and from there we took trucks for our camp arriving on the 15th, which happened to be papa's birthday, and also 9 months from another date that you probably remember.

Now I suppose you want to know something about our camp and surroundings, so here goes. I should judge that we are about 25 or 30 miles northeast of Toul, in the region between St. Mihiel and Thiaucourt, and also in the famous Argonne Forest. You may be surprised to know that we are living well and dandy, but it is really a fact, for we are occupying former German barracks and you have heard how the

Germans fixed up their camps along the front. The immediate vicinity surrounding this camp was never subjected to much fire, but was abandoned in haste and naturally everything was left in very good condition. However, just a few miles from here was the scene of some fierce fighting, as the country very plainly indicates. Villages are a total destruction, the ground is torn to pieces by shells, barbed wire entanglements are spread all over the land, and everything has such a dead, desolate appearance. Around in the forest here we have found everything from an empty shell to a couple of dead Germans in a dugout. The huts in which we are living are scattered here and there in the woods, and all connected with plank walks. The average hut accommodates about 8 or 10 men and there is one long barrack in which there is room for about 50 or 75 men. Our beds or bunks are made of wood and are not so bad when we fill our bed sacks with straw. There were plenty of tables, chairs, stools, stoves, shelves, desks and other furniture left here and all in good shape. The Germans even made their disappearance so swiftly that they forgot to take away their motion picture machine and piano. There is also a swimming pool and bowling alley here but the bowling alley is out of commission and the freezing temperature prevents using the swimming pool. Taking everything as a whole we are fixed up very comfortably and can live happily in our exile from the outside world if the mail will come regularly and the rats and "cooties" don't bother us.

We have very little work to do and have our own hours for getting up and retiring. Breakfast doesn't come until 8:00 o'clock, so we can sleep later than we used to; dinner is at 12, and supper at 4 o'clock. Strange as it may seem, but it is almost dark at 4 o'clock, so we are ready for bed by 7 or 7:30, unless there is something to do to keep us up later, and it doesn't seem that there is going to be much of that "something to do" to keep us awake.

Well these varied experiences are fine for me and I try to enjoy them all to the fullest extent. But since the big question is settled I believe I'm just about ready to be sent back home, and probably won't be many more months until that time will come.

Oh! I have just about forgotten to tell you that just before I left the old camp I received your letters No. 18 and 19 and one from Roy. I haven't answered Roy's letter for he said he was going to leave A & M and didn't know what his address would be. I

sure did enjoy your letters as I do all of them. Just now I'm hoping the magazines come soon so I'll have something to read and pass away the time with. I intended to get you a Christmas present, but about two weeks before we moved all the towns around our camp were placed out of bounds for American soldiers and consequently couldn't buy anything. So you will just have to accept a lot of love from me and a wish for a speedy return.

I'm still enjoying perfect health, although lots of the boys are down with the influenza. I take all precautions and try to avoid exposure, so don't worry about me. Excuses are in order for the "neatness" of the appearance of this letter for I'm writing on my knee with a bum French pencil, by the dim candle light. Worlds and worlds of love to you and dear old Dad.

Devotedly,

Fred.

Citation

No. 387.
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the Welfare of Hattie Baldwin, Willie Baldwin, De Witt Baldwin, Alvis Baldwin, Truman Baldwin, and Fred Baldwin, Minors.

Ella Lee has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon

the Estate of said Minors, which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1919, the same being the 6th day of January, A. D. 1919 the Court House thereof, in Haskell County, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein Full Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first of the next term thereof, this with your return thereon, showing you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell County, the 19th day of December, A. D. 1918.

Emory Meiske, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas.
By Jason Smith, Deputy.

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Invoice or price at mines per ton	\$3.80
Freight to Haskell	\$4.00
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My profit, which includes war tax and shortage	\$1.80
	\$9.80

I can recommend this coal highly, and will be glad to supply you. I also ask you to remember that I am the one who kept you from freezing last winter when it was hard to get.

Respectfully,

F. T. SANDERSON

A year from now
to make glad