

Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep.—George Washington.

THE SAN SABA STAR

A great deal of talent is lost in this world for want of courage.—Sidney Smith.

W. D. COWAN, Proprietor

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SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS.

(Continued from last week)

11. Sec. 8. In computing the several periods of time within which any act is required or permitted by the Selective Service Law and these Rules and Regulations to be performed by registrants and other persons, the day of the posting of notice, and Sundays and legal holidays, shall be excluded.

12. Sec. 13. The Selective Service Law strictly prohibits the acceptance of substitutes for men selected for military duty. The obligation to render military service is personal and cannot be transferred.

13. Sec. 33. Under this authority (Section 6 of the Selective Service Law) members of boards are as effectively drafted for this duty (the execution of the Selective Service Law) as are registrants who are selected for military service.

14. Sec. 47. The Governor shall designate for each Local Board a person to take appeals for and on behalf of the United States. The duties of the person so designated are: To appeal from any deferred classification by a Local Board, which, in the opinion of the Appeal Agent, should be reviewed by the District Board; to care for the interests of ignorant registrants, and where the decision of the Local Board is against the interests of such persons, and where it appears that such persons will not take appeals, due to their own non-culpable ignorance, to inform them of their rights and assist them to enter appeals to the District Board; and to investigate and report upon matters which are submitted for their investigation and report by Local or District Boards. It shall also be the duty of such Appeal Agents, where the interests of justice may require, to suggest to the Local Board a reopening of any case; to impart to the Local Board any information which in the opinion of such Appeal Agent ought to be investigated; and also make such suggestion and to impart such information as the case may be to the District Board in order that the District Board may more efficiently exercise its power to instruct Local Boards to take additional proof. Every registrant and, to a certain extent, every person in each community, is interested in the action of the Local Board on each particular case. There will be many cases in which Local Boards have been imposed upon but in which persons effected do not wish to inform such boards of facts within their knowledge. It shall be the duty of the Government Appeal Agent to receive such information and to prepare such appeals in cases where he considers appeals to be in the interest of the Government. (The Government Appeal Agent for the jurisdiction of the Local Board for San Saba County is A. B. Wilson, County Attorney.)

15. Sec. 46. The selection and Classification of men for military service is an undertaking that should be regarded as a systematized effort of the citizenry of the whole Nation organized and compacted to

meet the present emergency. Every citizen has a duty to give best endeavor to the success of this undertaking according to his qualifications and talents.

16. Sec. 72. Rule V. On May 18, 1917, every person subject to registration had notice of his obligation to render military service to his country. The purpose of the Selective Service Law was not to suspend the institution of marriage among registrants, but boards should scrutinize marriages since since May 18, 1917, especially those hastily effected since that time, to determine whether the marriage relation was entered into with a primary view of evading military service, and unless such is found not to be the case, boards are hereby authorized to disregard the relationship so established as a condition of dependency requiring a deferred classification under these Regulations.

17. Sec. 124. While men found to be disqualified for general military service but qualified for special and limited military service are not placed in Class V, they are subject to induction into military service only when a special or specific call for men disqualified for general military service and qualified for special military service only is made.

18. Sec. 110. The certificate of final classification should be kept by every registrant at all times on his person; and all persons within the ages liable to military service are hereby required to exhibit their notice of final classification when called upon to do so by any member of a Local or District Board or by any police official of any quality or condition whatsoever.

19. Sec. 116. Every registrant shall, within five days after the happenings thereof, report to his Local Board any fact which might change or affect his classification. Failure to report change of status as herein required, or making a false report thereof, is a misdemeanor punishable by one year's imprisonment.

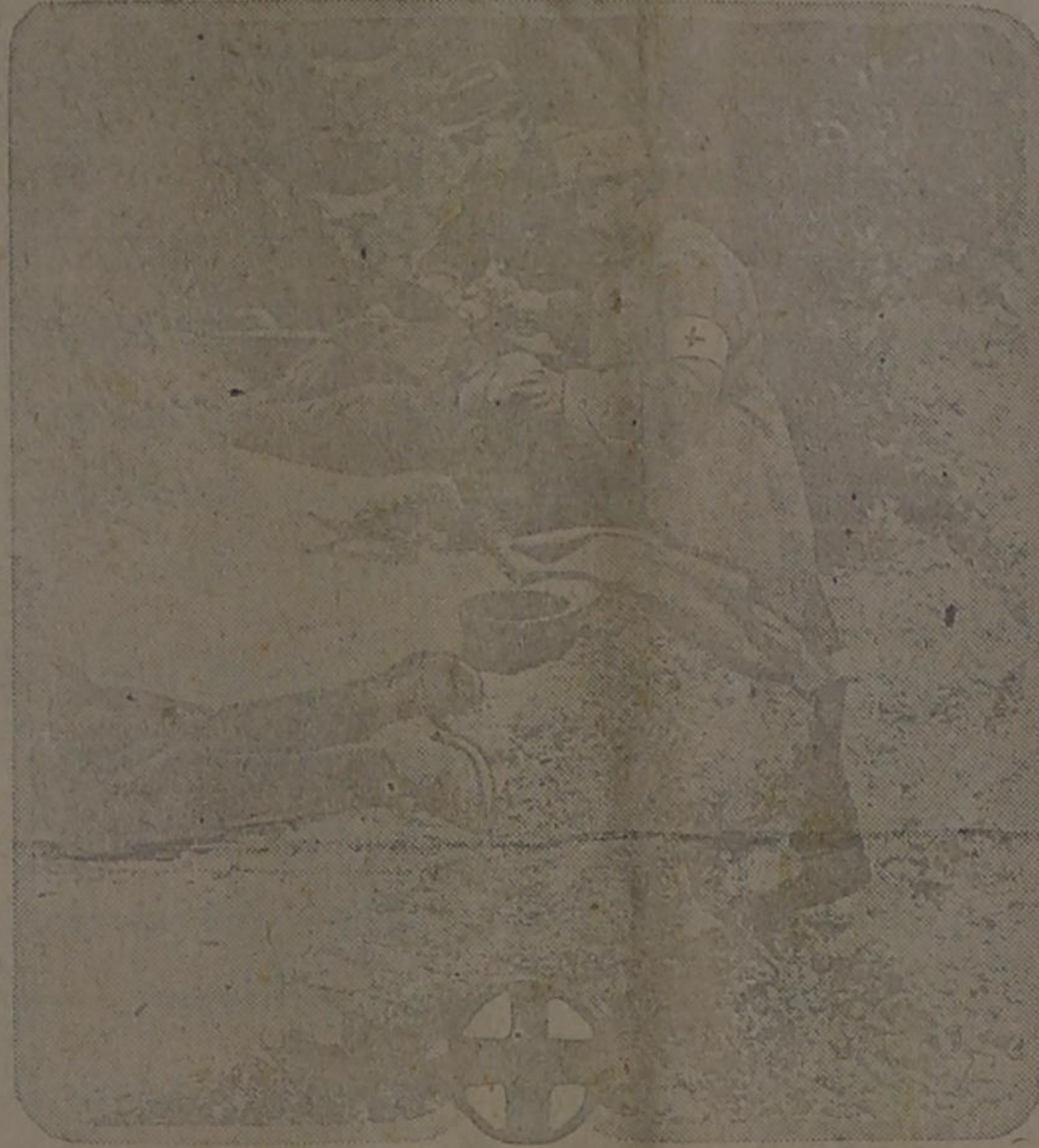
20. Sec. 118. Local Boards shall keep themselves informed as to the status of registrants in deferred classes. They may call upon a registrant to report at any time or at stated intervals in regard to his status; they request the local police authority or the Government Appeal Agent to investigate the status of any registrant; or they may investigate such status themselves and summon witnesses to testify in relation thereto. It is hereby made the duty of any police official or Government Appeal Agent to report to Local Boards any fact that may come to his attention respecting the change of status of a registrant in a deferred classification and to investigate and report upon the status of any registrant when requested to do so by a Local Board.

(Continued next week. These weekly installments of excerpts from the Regulations should be clipped from the paper and kept together for future reference.)

Arrested on Charge of Hoarding Sugar. New York, Dec. 15.—The first man to be arrested here on the charge of hoarding sugar was taken into custody today. He is Hyman Borrok and is alleged to have held 126 barrels of the precious commodity in storage. He was held for trial December 22.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Help the Red Cross Do This Work; Save Your Boy, or Your Neighbor's



Red Cross surgeons and orderlies give first aid to wounded in little underground dressing stations in the front-line trenches. War records show that as many Red Cross men are killed by enemy fire as regular soldiers in the trenches.

LOSES THREE SONS, WIFE; SUCCEEDED BY RED CROSS

A cablegram from France to the American Red Cross says:

"At one of our Red Cross canteens last week an old poilu, with tragic face, came up to the directrice of the canteen and pulled out three photographs of very fine boys which he said were his sons who had enlisted in the same regiment, and who had all been killed.

"A month before he had received word from the French authorities that his wife, who had been caught in the invaded district, had been shot by the Germans. He was started back on his furlough with no family to whom he could go.

"The directrice suggested that he had his parents to visit, but he an-

swered that both his parents were killed by the Germans in 1870.

"He said to the directrice, 'I have had rest and comfort here in your canteen. You have all been very kind to me. I have found plenty of good food to eat, something to read and a place to sleep. I think that I will stay here for a few days before returning to the front if you do not mind.'

"And it is there that he will spend his leave. These are the men the Red Cross canteens reach, nearly thirty thousand of them a day."

Cold cash—given through the Red Cross—will cool the brow of some suffering soldier.

YOU can "Rescue the perishing care for the dying," by joining the Red Cross.

THESE GIFTS WILL PLEASE ANY MAN

And you know that he will realize that you have bought from a shop of distinction, where quality is ever paramount.

CHRISTMAS BOXED SILK SHIRTS

\$3.50 TO \$7.

WALK OVER SHOES - - \$5. TO \$6.

STETSON HATS - - - \$4. TO \$10.

BRADLEY KNIT SWEATERS \$2 TO \$10

MEN'S GLOVES - - \$1.50 TO \$3.50

RAIN COATS, HOUSE SLIPPERS, BELTS,

TIES, SUSPENDERS, CARTERS, HOS-

IERY, CHRISTMAS BOXED HANDKER-

CHIEFS.

STORE OPEN OF EVENINGS
BIGGS & CLARK

BULLETIN OF SELECTION BOARD

1. Under the special provision that permitted registrants to enlist in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, which expired last Saturday, the 15th, twenty-one registrants of this jurisdiction applied for the necessary certificate from this Board. This was a very creditable showing for the county.

2. There will be found in the News and the Star this week another installment of excerpts from the revised Selective Service Regulations.

3. Attention is called again to the letter being published through the month by the News and the Star written by Major John C. Townes, Jr., Supervisor of the Selective Service Law in Texas, in regard to changed addresses of registrants.

4. An erroneous report became circulated that all registrants of this jurisdiction were due to report at this office on Saturday, the 15th, to answer and file their Questionnaires. Registrants and all others should pay no attention to any notice that is not official and is not sent out from this office. Every registrant will be given proper and ample notice by this Board relative to every step that he will be required to take under the Regulations. One of the main functions of Local Boards is to give all necessary advice to registrants and other interested parties as to the Regulations in general and the duties of such registrants in particular; and such registrants and all others should promptly apply to this Board for any information instead of to other sources.

5. The date for the beginning of the mailing out of Questionnaires has been postponed from the 15th instant till a date later to be set by the Provost Marshal General.

6. Since midday, Saturday, the 15th, all registrants who have not been drafted into the Army stand just where they did the day after they were registered. For the present, all that they have to do is to make certain that their Local Board has on file their latest address and to await the receipt of their Questionnaire. Upon receiving the Questionnaire they should first of all read with the greatest care pages 2 and 3 thereof, and thereupon proceed as directed in the Questionnaire and in the enclosures within the Questionnaire. This Board will appreciate the co-operation of the public in spreading the information contained in this paragraph.

7. The Regulations require this Board to give publicity to the names of the permanent and the associate members of the permanent and the associate members of the Local Legal Advisory Board. The permanent members of such Board are E. L. Rector, N. C. Walker, and J. H. Baker, the first named being chairman, and the second named being secretary. The associate members thus far appointed and sworn in are Judge W. V. Dean, Arch Woods, John H. Moore, J. K. Rector, Jr., E. E. Fagg, John Seiders, S. E. Kelley, and G. H. Hagan. Such Regulations also require this Board to give due notice of the fact that the legal advice and clerical assistance rendered by the Legal Advisory

Board, including the taking of oaths, shall be given to registrants free of any expense.

8. The attention of the peace officers of the county is called to paragraph 20 of the excerpts from the Selective Service Regulations referred to in paragraph 2 of this bulletin.

9. Provost Marshal General Crowder, the head of the Selective Service System, has issued the following statement: "I have not the slightest hesitation in predicting the absolute success of the classification system. From every part of the country has come praise for the plan. It will provide armies in a steady stream; armies built from the body politic by the body politic. Never before in the history of the world have armies been chosen with the scientific precision of the new system. Men will shoulder the gun first who should by all the laws of reason offer themselves first to their country, and only grim necessity will compel us to invade the more deferred classes; but if such necessity does arise, it will find the country ready."

SAN SABA COUNTY SELECTION BOARD.

Southwestern Phone 65.

Martin Phone 463.

San Saba, Texas, December 18, 1917.

Cattle From Texas

Make Good Showing

In the award of honors at the International Livestock Show at Chicago, which closed Dec. 8, Texas cattle scored brilliantly. Fat yearling steers bred by Swenson Bros. on the S. M.S. by J. W. Frazier at Rariden, Ill., and George Cann at Charleston, Ill., won the championship. Hereford steers, yearlings, were first, second and third in the southwestern district and ranked second to the ranch at Stamford, Tex., and fed grand champion blacks fed by Hal Frazier.

These yearlings were sold at auction later at \$20 a hundred weight. Edward P. Hall took the grand championship with a load of Angus yearlings which brought \$42.50 per hundred weight at auction. The S. M. S. cattle averaged \$18.11 and the Matador cattle exhibited by J. M. Imboch brought from \$15.50 to \$19.25.

The grand champion steer for 1917 was Merry Monarch, a pure bred two-year old short-horn, fed and shown by Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind. He weighed 1,610 pounds and achieved a world's record for sales when he brought \$2.05 a pound at auction, the American Shorthorn Breeder's association being the purchaser. Later he was sold to the Congress hotel at Chicago for \$2.10 per pound and the proceeds, \$3,383.10, given to the Red Cross.

Hooverizing the Grasshopper

A Kansas woman last year caught more than 300 bushels of grasshoppers and by drying them and selling them for chicken feed, cleared more than \$5.60.—Temple Telegram.

Mrs. Mary Corn Wilkerson.

Mrs. Mary Corn Wilkerson, who was so well known and beloved by our older citizens, died at Hico Texas, Dec. 2nd.

Deceased was one of the benefactors of the C. J. C. several years ago, giving to that school the neat sum of two thousand dollars.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

AS THE HOLIDAY SEASON ONCE MORE APPROACHES, THE OFFICERS OF THIS INSTITUTION EXTEND TO EVERY PATRON AND FRIEND THEIR BEST WISHES FOR

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

—A CHRISTMASTIDE FILLED WITH JOY AND A NEW YEAR BRIGHT WITH OPPORTUNITY.

SAN SABA NATIONAL BANK

A Birthday Party.

Tom Gaines Murray invited his little friends on the 13th. of Dec. to celebrate his 11th. birthday.

They all gathered at the home of Mrs. Murray right after school and had a glorious afternoon. The weather was not very favorable, but the boys had a splendid time in playing out door games, while the little girls amused themselves indoors.

Tom was simply showered with little momentos of love and remembrances. Delicious refreshments were served and before the happy crowd realized it dusk was upon them, and they had to bid farewell to their happy host wishing for him many more such birthdays.

Marriage License.

Mr. J.H.Green and Miss Ethel Pyburn.

Mr. F. A. Gober and Miss Ruby Terry.

Mr. R. W. Carls and Miss Bethel Holly.

Mr. W. E. Calley and Miss Jewell Elliott.

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Seal, Registry, a girl, Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Edmondson, Locker, a boy, Dec. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Massey, Locker, a boy, Dec. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Windham, Locker, a girl, Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Craven, San Saba, a boy, Dec. 12.

Deaths.

Elizabeth Nolen, Locker, died Dec. 7, age 61 years, 8 months and 21 days; cause of death, high blood pressure resulting in cerebral hemorrhage.

Peter Allen Rainbolt, San Saba, died Dec. 15, age 90 years, 11 months, 19 days; cause of death, old age.

Peter Allen Rainbolt.

Peter Allen Rainbolt died on Dec. 15, 1917, at the age of 90 years, 11 months and 19 days. He was buried in the Wallace Creek cemetery, the Rev. G. W. Light of the Baptist church of

THE MODEL BAKERY

We are better equipped than ever to give you SERVICE.

North of the Clark building.

BOTH PHONES THE MODEL BAKERY

N. L. Schnabel

ficiating.

Deceased was born in Montgomery county, Ala., Dec. 26, 1826, and came to Texas in 1842. He was a member of the Christian church and beloved by all who knew him.

Three sons and two daughters survive him. To these we extend our condolence.

Give him a Cheney silk tie.—A. R. Mosley.

Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Taylor of Lott are expected holiday guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Walker.

Have you paid your account? We have notified you if you haven't. Please don't dissappoint us again.—Biggs & Clark.

Mrs. W. A. Martin will be the guest of relatives in Austin during the holidays.

Mr. Marvin Beaty of Fort Worth is the guest of his cousin Mrs. John Campbell.

A happy Christmas means get lots of apples, oranges, candies and fireworks. Get these at the right price. At Dockray's.

Start "The Purple Mask" at the Majestic Friday night, 5c for everybody.

VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS

Capt. Richard C. Burleson, F. A.
 Capt. R. Burney Braley, O. R. C., I.
 Lieut. Wiley B. Murray, O. R. C., I.
 Lieut. Joseph J. Brown, O. R. C., C.A.
 Lieut. Harry Harber, F. H. C.
 Lieut. James Greer Harrell, A.
 Foy E. Whitt, I.
 Newton Estep, A.
 Lindley P. Greer, I.
 Ira N. King, I.
 Bryan H. Scott, H. C.
 Allen Vanderhider, A.
 Gilbert Vanderhider, I.
 Voyage Spears, I.
 De Wayne Beasley (M.), T. N. G.
 William L. Ellison (Chief M.), T.N.G.
 Lester A. Cooper (As. C. M.), T.N.G.
 E. Whitt Johnson, I.
 Alfred W. Hibler, (S. C.), T. N. G.
 Cody M. Hibler, I.
 W. Boyd Linn, I.
 W. Ernest Grumbles, Unknown.
 Steve Wells, Jr., Unknown.
 Edwin A. Trimm, E. C.
 Charles M. Green, E. C.
 Alvin A. Rowell, Unknown.
 Jesse Brown, A.
 Charlie Ballew, A.
 D Wesley Ragsdale, Unknown
 Miles H. Harris, I.
 John Gallitin Paxton, A. C.
 Western L. Murray, I.
 Joe Willie Eiler, I.
 W. L. Barber, I.
 Darius Letbetter, I.
 Will T. Terry, I.
 Albert V. Mortimer, I.
 Bernard Hart, Idaho, N. G.
 Murray Oliver, H. C.
 Robert L. McConnell, Q. D.
 Leslie Able, N.
 Fred S. Feisker, M.
 Paul Sullivan, M.
 Pal Ballard, N.
 Sam Speegle, N.
 Leslie T. Bomar, N.
 Albert Shoemaker, N.
 Frank H. Flack, A. C.
 Bert V. Massey, A. C.
 Willie L. White, A. C.
 P. Vernon Magill, A. C.
 J. Brooks Baker, I.
 John H. Haltmar, I.
 G. Clayton Walters, O. R. T. C.
 Clay Kuykendall, O. R. T. C.
 Leonard Mitchell, N.
 Lawrence Gregg, A.
 Phillip Cook, N.
 William Beckham, I.
 Allen L. Lindsey, I.
 Ray Walker, A. C.
 Hugh W. Henry, I. N. G.
 Wayne Terry, I. N. G.
 Claude Gay, I.
 Marvin Bagley, Artillery.
 Tom Bagley, A.
 Eugene Long, N.
 Tim Frank Estep, —
 Graves Burke, N.
 William Wesley Dempsey, N. G.
 Willie McConnell, Aviation Corps.
 Steve Ballew, Aviation Corps.
 Zack Wells, Aviation Corps.
 T. E. Thorpe, Aviation Corps.
 Brock Ashby, Aviation Corps
 Virgil Haggard, Commissary

USEFUL GIFTS

This year it seems to me that useful Gifts would be what everyone would appreciate more than anything else.

I would be very glad for you to call and look at our line.

Christmas neckwear for Men and Boys also Ladies, Misses and Childrens.

Handkerchiefs, Shoes, Boys clothing or anything else you may happen to need in the Dry Goods line will guarantee to save you money; quality considered.

My wish for all is a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

J. C. CAMPBELL
 THE SPOT CASH STORE

Your account is due we need the money please settle.—Biggs & Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Taylor and family spent Sunday in Goldthwaite, the guests of relatives.

Grace Cunard and Francis Ford, Friday night, Majestic 5c.

The following parties from Algerita left this week for Phoenix, Arizona: Mr. and Mrs. Burley Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDaniel.

Your account is due we need the money please settle.—Biggs & Clark.

Ms Lucile Russell of Colorado City will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Russell.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL \$100,000.00

With ample capital, safe management and courteous attention to your business we invite the accounts of the people of San Saba and San Saba County.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale. THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of San Saba.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of San Saba County, of the 4 day of December, 1917, by Jno. H. Moore Clerk of said District Court San Saba County, for the sum of One thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four and 32-100 dollars and cost of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Addie Wood Guardian in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2040 and styled Addie Wood Guardian vs. W. A. Hardin et al, placed in my hands for service, I, Edgar T. Neal, as Sheriff of San Saba County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of December, 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in San Saba County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: About four and one-half miles North of Richland Springs and being 80 acres off of the East end of the North half of the H. & T. C. railway Company survey No. 39, Abstract No. 627, described by field notes as follows: Beginning at the N. E. corner of said survey No. 39, the same being the N. W. corner of A. L. Pfannstiel survey No. 265, then South 950 varas to the S. E. corner of this tract, the same being the N. E. corner of 97.7 acres of said survey No. 39, sold to Miss Addie Strawbridge, thence N. 62 1/2 W. 562 varas to corner, thence N. 950 varas to the North line of said survey No. 39, thence with said N. B. line 562 varas to the place of beginning, and levied upon as the property of W. A. Hardin and that on the first Tuesday in January 1918, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of San Saba County, in the town of San Saba, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. A. Hardin. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the San Saba Star, a newspaper published in San Saba County, Texas. Witness my hand, this, the 4th day of December, 1917.

YOUR TITLE PASSES WHEN WE ABSTRACT AND PERFECT IT. NO DELAY, NO MISTAKES.—WALTERS & BAKER.

Ford For Sale. We have two Fords in good condition to sell.—G. A. Arhelger.

Money to Loan. In any amount. Ranch loans a specialty. Vendor's lien notes bought. Rate of interest depending on security. Quick action. W. V. DEAN, Agent.

Miss Bee Turner left Wednesday for Temple.

Mrs. J. B. Gray, after a pleasant visit in the home of her father, Mr. J. E. Clark, left for her home in Menard Wednesday.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale. THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of San Saba.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of San Saba County, on the 5th day of December, 1917, by John H. Moore, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of six thousand and ninety-one dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of A. L. Wood in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2145 and styled A. L. Wood vs. T. H. Penn and wife, Mrs. T. H. Penn, placed in my hands for service, I, Edgar T. Neal, as Sheriff of San Saba County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of December, 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in San Saba County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: A part of survey No. 715, patented to Stephen Crosby, assignee of Fisher & Miller by virtue of Certificate No. 125. Described as follows: Beginning at the N. W. corner of said survey No. 715, thence south with the West B. L. of said survey 440 yards, passing the N. E. corner of Bob Duncan's land and continuing south 550 vrs. from said Duncan corner, a stake for corner, thence east on a hacked line,—vrs to W. R. Lewis W. B. L., a stone for corner, thence north with Lewis line to the north line of survey No. 715, a stake for corner, thence west with the N. B. L. of survey No. 715, to its N. W. corner, the place of beginning, containing 135 acres more or less, and levied upon as the property of T. H. Penn and Mrs. T. H. Penn and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1918, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of San Saba County, in the City of San Saba, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. H. Penn and Mrs. T. H. Penn. And in compliance with law, I give this notice publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the San Saba Star, a newspaper published in San Saba County, Texas. Witness my hand, this 5th day of December, 1917.

EDGAR T. NEAL, Sheriff San Saba County, Texas.

Cottonseed. Pure Mebane cottonseed direct from the originator.—Frizzell & Taff.

Cleve Paris is at home from Camp Bowie.

Do it now. Pay us the account you owe us.—Biggs & Clark.

We are still buying pecans. J. W. McConnel & Sons.

Mr. Russell Burleson returned Wednesday from Temple. His many friends will be delighted to learn that he is rapidly convalescing.

Do it now. Pay us the account you owe us.—Biggs & Clark.

A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We thank you for past patronage and will appreciate your trade the coming year. You will find us at the same old stand.

Harber Grocery Co.

"The Fighting Trail" Monday night at the Majestic.

Mr. W. D. Estep of Locker was a pleasant visitor at the Star office Wednesday.

A Fatty Arbuckle Comedy at the Majestic, Saturday, Dec. 29.

We thank our friends for their trade and always feel grateful to them for the patronage they have given us.—Ashby's Cash Store.

Without a doubt Dockray has the most complete stock of candy in town.

A Mack Sennett Comedy Saturday at the Majestic.

We will have everything for your holiday baking and eating. J. W. McConnel & Sons.

Flashlights and batteries at the Corner Drug Store.

GUNTER & MATHEWS' GARAGE

Fire Stone Tires.

FREE AIR

We have an up-to-date Garage Equipment. Ford Repairs and Extras a Specialty.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

33rd Judicial District
N. T. Stubbs, District Judge, Johnson City, Texas.
T. E. Hammond, District Attorney, Burnett, Texas.
John H. Moore, Clerk, San Saba, Texas.

County Officers
W. V. Dean, Judge
Arch Woods, Clerk
A. B. Wilson, Attorney
W. W. Skelton, Collector
Edgar T. Neal, Sheriff
B. B. Ducey, Assessor
J. G. Holder, Treasurer
Dor W. Brown, Supt. Pub. Instruct.
S. J. Bross, Surveyor

Precinct Officers
COMMISSIONERS:
Precinct No. 1—Joe A. Williams, San Saba, Texas.
Precinct No. 2—W. L. Pearce, Richland Springs, Texas.
Precinct No. 3—J. D. Caveness, Cherokee, Texas.
Precinct No. 4—G. W. Long, Chappel, Texas.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS:
Precinct No. 1—Geo. W. Brown, San Saba, Texas.
Precinct No. 2—Geo. F. Smith, Richland Springs, Texas.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:
Precinct No. 1—U. T. Chamberlain, San Saba, Texas.
Precinct No. 2—J. W. Munsell, Richland Springs, Texas.
Precinct No. 3—J. D. Caveness, Cherokee, Texas.
Precinct No. 4—A. McCoury, Bend, Texas.

City Officers
Mayor, W. A. Smith
Commissioners—R. O. Harris, W. F. Sullivan.
City Attorney—G. A. Walters
City Marshal—Dave Chadwick
Mitch Johnson, City Clerk
Night Watchman—J. V. Carr
Fire Chief—Ted Brown

Hours of Arrival and Dispatch of Mail, on Trains
Mail for West dispatched 11:50 a. m.
Mail from East arrives 11:50 a. m.
Mail for East dispatched 2:20 p. m.
Mail from West arrives 2:40 p. m.
Schedule of Rural Routes, Effective April 1 to October 31

Route No. 1, Roger Holden carrier, leaves at 8:00 a. m.; returns at 3:30 p. m.
Route No. 2, Frank Chamberlain carrier, leaves at 8:00 a. m.; returns 12:00 m.
Route No. 3, E. E. Quinn, carrier, leaves at 8:00 a. m.; returns at 3:30 p. m.
Route No. 4, Arthur Hill carrier, leaves at 8:0 a. m.; returns at 2:30 p. m.

Star Route Schedule
Cherokee daily, except Sunday, arrives at San Saba at 10:45 a. m.
Cherokee daily, except Sunday, leaves San Saba at 12 m.
Maxwellton, Tuesday and Saturday, arrives at San Saba at 12:00 m.
Maxwellton, Tuesday and Saturday, leaves San Saba at 1:30 p. m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY
Methodist.
Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Sunday school every Sabbath at 9:45 a. m.—Z. V. Liles, Pastor.

Presbyterian.
Preaching services on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school every Sabbath at 10 a. m. Preaching on 3rd Sunday in each month at Sloan.—B. D. D. Greer, Pastor.

Cumberland Presbyterian.
Sunday school each Sunday at 10 a. m. Not supplied with Pastor.

Episcopal.
Sabbath school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Services as announced from time to time.—John Power, Rector.

The Church of Christ.
Meets regularly every Lord's day at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.—Wm. Scott, Elder.

Baptist.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school every Sabbath at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.—G. W. Light, Pastor.

Catholic.
Father Poahlen holds services 1st Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Tabernacle Christian.
Sunday school every Sabbath at 10 a. m. Services every 3rd Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Noble and son, Bobbie, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Noble of San Antonio during the holidays.

Give him a Cheney silk tie.—A. R. Mosley.

Miss Mary Carr of Llano is at home for the holidays.

RED CROSS GIVES MILLIONS TO NEEDY SICK AND WOUNDED

FRENCH SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES RECIPIENTS OF AMERICAN HELP.

U. S. SOLDIERS SAFEGUARDED

Dental Ambulance, Canteens, Rest Stations and Recuperation Camps Among Comforts Provided for America's Fighters.

The American Red Cross, which will launch its Christmas membership campaign Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, to obtain 2,000,000 new members in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, has just completed a gift of \$1,000,000 to needy sick and wounded French soldiers and needy families of soldiers.

Twenty dispensaries in the American army zones have been established to care for the civilians and to improve health conditions in the section before the arrival of more American troops.

A dental ambulance is being provided by the Red Cross at a port in France for the use of this country's soldiers and sailors, while a nurses' service for the American army's use also has been organized.

The American Red Cross hospital distributing service sends supplies to 3,423 French military hospitals and is laying in a large stock for future needs. The Red Cross surgical dressings service supplies 2,000 French military hospitals and is preparing immense supplies for the United States army.

Ten Canteens in Operation.
In co-operation with the French Red Cross, the American organization is operating at the front line 10 canteens and is planning to establish 20 more. Twelve rest stations will soon be made ready for this country's troops at important railway centers, also recuperation camps at suitable places.

An artificial limb factory is being established near Paris and special plants for the manufacture of splints and nitrous oxide gas also are being erected. A movable hospital has been contracted for in four units, accommodating 1,000 men. A recreation center is being operated in connection with hospitals and diet kitchens.

A casualty service for gathering information regarding wounded and missing and a medical research bureau has been inaugurated by the American Red Cross in Europe.

Children's Refuge Opened.
At a point in the war zone a children's refuge and hospital has been opened. Here several hundred children have been gathered to keep them away from danger of gas and shell fire. At another point the Red Cross has established a medical center and a traveling dispensary to accommodate 1,200 children.

Infant welfare stations are to be opened in connection with each dispensary in the nation-wide system planned by the Rockefeller Foundation.

While the Red Cross is making ar-

rangements to help refugee families through the winter with clothing, beds and shelter, extensive repair work is being carried on in four villages in the devastated region to enable returned families to stay throughout the winter.

Training Disabled Soldiers.
Barracks also are being provided for the training of disabled soldiers, and the Red Cross expects soon to establish for them experimental agricultural stations.

Relief for the Belgians also is being organized on an extensive scale, for both children and grown persons. The American Red Cross is aiding the Queen in her work for the children and is assisting in the support of hospitals and other work for the relief of Belgian soldiers.

The transportation department, with a personnel of 400, handles the supplies and furnishes automobiles for use in the Red Cross work. There is an organized force at every port in France and it is able to handle about 350 tons of supplies daily. Four hundred motor car vehicles are in use, 250 of which are trucks. In addition, the organization is preparing to operate a motor bus line through Switzerland from Germany to the French border to aid in transportation of reparations and exchanged prisoners.

American Red Cross emergency relief given thousands of Italian refugees by the expedition from France arrived just in time, according to advices received at headquarters in Washington from Maj. Murphy, in charge of relief work in Italy.

The cablegram announced that \$20,000 was given the American Consul at Venice for immediate use for refugees in Venice, Chioggia and the Littoral. Twenty thousand dollars additional was provided in case a new situation arises. Five thousand blankets and food supplies were asked for refugees at Rimini. Venice, the message said, is the crucial point, both because of the sentiment attaching to the city and on account of actual, imperative need. The more prosperous elements of the population, including workers in the industries, are reported as having left the city, and the remaining 15,000 families are receiving relief.

Forty-six carloads of assorted material have been shipped from France. Substantial purchases of supplies have been made in Europe. A warehouse has been established in Rome. Condensed milk has been distributed to children and sick from Genoa and Milan.

One or more soup kitchens have been organized and are operating in Rome, Ancona, Ravenna, Genoa and Milan. Two hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated to aid needy families of soldiers at the front.

\$900,000 MORE IS GIVEN TO NEAR EAST RELIEF

The War Council of the American Red Cross announces the appropriation of an additional \$900,000 for relief work in the Near East, through the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. This appropriation is to cover relief work for the remainder of the war and makes a total of \$1,800,000 which the Red Cross has appropriated in Western Asia.

The committee is carrying on relief work not only in Asia Minor and portions of Armenia and Syria in the Ottoman empire, but also in a large section of Armenia, Russian Caucasus, Persia and Mesopotamia and portions of Egypt into which the refugees have fled in large numbers.

Save in food, in service, in clothes, in luxuries, but not in money. Give it to save the wounded, the suffering, our friends, our country.

It is the Reed bone-dry law which prevents the importation of alcoholic liquors into the dry territory. Before his law was passed, many of the already dry States allowed the importation of various amounts, perhaps a quart, perhaps a gallon per month. But the Reed law says that no liquor shall be sent into States already dry.

When the law was passed the District of Columbia was not mentioned in the bill. Invariably in the legal phraseology includes the States and "the District of Columbia," which latter is a thing unto itself. But, as said, this particular bill omitted mention of this District.

Various reasons have been assigned for this omission. There have been open suggestions that Representatives and Senators did not wish to be deprived of "their lick." Another reason given was that the foreign diplomatic residents here should not be forced to go without the wines they have consumed, in many cases, since childhood.

Since prohibition went into effect in the District, November, 1, travel on the trains and trolleys to Baltimore has increased tremendously, particularly in the neighborhood of 5 and 6 p. m., when the workers are through, and left to their own devices. On Saturdays there is a regular hegira. Lately the trolley lines have been hard put to handle the crowds, the members of which are armed with bags and boxes, so that "a little may be brought home from Baltimore."

As it now stands, it is a possible, when some trouble is taken, to get as much liquor in the District as it ever was.

The Anti-Saloon League holds a meeting here within a fortnight, and its members have already declared they will try to make the District dry by including it within the provisions of the Reed law. At the convention Senator Sheppard of Texas, author of the National prohibition amendment, which country is now before the people the country, will urge strict prohibition in the District. He also the author of the law which shut the saloons here.

WE ARE BETTER EQUIPPED THAN EVER TO ABSTRACT AND PERFECT TITLES. SEE US.—WALTERS & BAKER.

Saying one's prayers at night hurts no one, but it takes a person of strong character to perform that act of piety on some occasions. Of such stuff is one of the young soldiers at Camp Meade, Maryland. Every night he knelt and prayed and every night did other soldiers in nearby cots openly ridicule and jeer him. The captain of the company overheard the scoffers one night and administered to them a lecture that they aren't likely to forget. A few days later the young man who was not afraid to stand up for his convictions was made sergeant of the company.—Pathfinder.

For cash. Wickert Shoes 25 per cent off Saturday and Monday.—A. R. Mosley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kirkpatrick will be holiday guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ruby Osburn, of Temple.

LAND LOANS 5 1/2 PER CENT
The appraiser for the Federal Land Bank will visit this county within the next few days. See me at once and fill out your application if you want this cheap money. Interest at 5 1/2 per cent. No commission.—San Saba National Farm Loan Association, Knight Rector, Jr., Secretary.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL NOT AS DRY AS MANY THINK

(By Lewis Wood)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—

How long will the District of Columbia have the privilege of being wet although dry?

The District of Columbia is not really wet. In fact, by law, it is dry. But Baltimore is but an hour away, and the Maryland line is not more than five miles from the capitol in some places. And, unlike other dry sections, it is not against the law to import liquor into the

District.

This condition has excited the ire and jealousy of many of the States which are now deprived entirely of the opportunity of having whiskey and beer shipped past their borders. Citizens of those States are bringing pressure to bear upon their Congressmen to have the District of Columbia shown no favoritism. It is freely predicted that inside of two or three months—perhaps sooner—the District will be on the same footing as the States which are now entirely dry.

What Will Happen During the Coming Tragic Year?
WE ARE NOW CONFRONTED BY THE MOST EVENTFUL YEAR IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD.
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War and Our Governments War Policies.

Will be the subject of an address which will be delivered by Hon. Thos. L. Blanton M. C. At the court house Dec. 27th. at 7:30 P. M.

The Star has enjoyed a better advertising patronage in years past than it has this year, but conditions were different. The world war and the many and necessary taxes are placed on all, the crop failure and the commendable spirit all have to economize in every way possible, has cut business to the quick, but we are getting by and that is all we hope to do until conditions improve. Just three Hooverized meals a day and sufficient coin to keep the shop moving is all we are looking for until another bumper crop is made.

It seems that Gov. Ferguson's fears that the state university was about to get bigger than the people who pay the taxes and who, through their regularly constituted representatives make appropriations to carry it along, were not entirely groundless, since it has been shown in the investigation now going on, by the testimony of Dr. Vinson himself, that the latter, as president of the university voluntarily raised the salaries of the professors above the amount fixed in the appropriations. It may be that the people will yet have to vote on the proposition of who is the biggest, the creature or the creator—the men in charge of the university or the people? It is unnecessary to offer a prediction as to what the verdict will be.—Hamilton Herald.

Millionaires on Increase.
Annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue shows that in the last income taxing year, 1916, the number of American millionaires increased 7,945 over the previous year.

The income tax returns for the year ending with December, 1915 showed a grand total of 14,771 millionaires. The returns for the year 1916, just published, show that there are 22,696 American millionaires.

These figures are not the result of a census, but are the returns that have yielded the government a very large revenue during the last year, and they may, therefore, be accepted as authentic. It is possible that they are rather under than over the actual number.

The class of multimillionaires is not so easily estimated. There are ten persons in the country who have an annual income of over \$5,000,000 each reckoned on the 4 per cent rate of income, they are worth \$125,000,000 each. There are nine persons who were taxed last year for an income of \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. These may be regarded as having fortunes of about \$100,000,000 each. There are fourteen who have reported having an income of from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 and thirty-four who enjoyed incomes ranging from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Duval after an extended visit to their mother Mrs. Piety Briggs, left Sunday for their home in Big Springs.

AMERICAN WOMEN OPERATE RED CROSS CANTEENS ABROAD

CARE OF U. S. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ORGANIZATION'S FIRST AND SUPREME OBJECT.

MEAL COSTS ONLY 13 CENTS

Shower Baths, Barbers, Movie Theater—Everything Free Except Food—Work Near the Firing Line.

First and supreme in the work of the American Red Cross, which will launch a Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 more members in the Southwest Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, is the care of Uncle Sam's own army and navy.

The safety, health and comfort of the men who are fighting the country's battles 3,000 miles from home will at all times be the prime object of the organization's attention.

When French army officers were asked what the American Red Cross could best do to hearten the army and give the soldiers a concrete token of American co-operation they said: "Give us canteens and rest stations."

The Red Cross is accordingly establishing canteens at 11 important railway stations in France for the special use of soldiers on leave, who are constantly passing on their way to and from the front. The woman's bureau undertook to recruit 100 women to serve in canteens and rest rooms in France. Only women of robust health, between the ages of 30 and 50, were considered, and applicants were required to show that they had worked for the American Red Cross or in regular occupations requiring a high order of service and a capacity for self-sacrifice. Fifty-two of these women already are in France.

Serves 2,000 Troops Daily.
The first of these canteens was opened in September and began immediately to serve large numbers of French soldiers and some American troops. It has been used by an average of 2,000 men daily. The first visitors were a troop of chasseurs who had been instructing the American troops, and on the same evening a large number of American engineers, leaving by train at 1 o'clock in the morning, were given a warm welcome.

There are 18 women who serve day and night. The menu includes soup, bread, meat, vegetables, salads, cheese, eggs, coffee, chocolate and tea.

Arrangements for announcing the departure of trains have enabled between 300 and 400 men to catch a few hours of much-needed rest in comfortable, clean quarters, without fear of missing their trains. Six hundred men can be so accommodated. Showers and wash basins also are provided.

Everything Free Except Food.
The picture presented by such a canteen when it is filled with soldiers is described in a cable from Julius B. Wood, American war correspondent, in part as follows:

Back of a long porcelain-tiled counter American women in white caps and aprons were pouring coffee, ladling soup and handing out sandwiches as fast as their arms could work. In front was an unending line of soldiers, American and French, with bowls of soup or coffee in one hand and sandwiches, sausages and tobacco in the other, making their way gingerly through the crowd from the counter to seats at the tables in the big room. This canteen seats 50 an hour in the dining-room, which is capable of handling 3,000 guests daily. There are twenty-one shower baths, a barber shop, a clothes sterilizer and lamproom movie theater. All is free except the food, for which there is a nominal charge. On the other side of the railroad tracks a garden has been laid out where, in all likelihood, the French Government supplies wine to its own troops. While waiting for trains the soldiers read and write.

Everything is sold at cost, no allowance being made for the big overhead expenses. In addition, much is distributed free. A bowl of soup, which is quite different from the usual onion-flavored greasy hot water, costs 3 cents, and other things are sold at proportionately low prices. Soup and coffee are both served in bowls.

There are no spoons, cups, knives or forks, for these never return. For 10 cents one gets a dinner consisting of soup, beef or lamb, vegetable salad, cheese, pudding or fruit, coffee, chocolate or bouillon. Tea is brewed especially for passing British troops.

Near the firing line the American Red Cross is establishing field canteens. Extending the work already begun by a branch of the French Red Cross, it will provide one of these canteens for every corps of the French army and later for the American army as well.

A field kitchen is maintained there, from which the refreshing drinks are distributed along the front by wagons and light motor trucks. Four thousand portions—coffee, tea, cocoa, bouillon, lemonade, etc.—are sometimes served from one canteen in a single day.

15,000 NURSES ENROLLED FOR RED CROSS DUTIES

Fifteen thousand nurses already have been enrolled by the American Red Cross, many of whom have volunteered for war service, according to a statement made public at Red Cross headquarters.

About 2,000 already have been sent to Europe. It is estimated that the present registered force is sufficient to care for any army of a million and a half, and approximately 1,000 nurses are being added monthly.

Keep Christmas, 1917, by keeping up the Red Cross.

PACKING AND MARKETING OF COTTON

A STUDY OF THE PRESENT WASTEFUL METHODS AND CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS FOR THEIR IMPROVEMENT

(By John M. Carson, Commercial Agent of Bureau of Commerce and Labor.)

[Editor's Note.—There will be printed three installments of this question under the headings "Present Methods," "A Proposed System" and "Classifying and Grading." If you want to get valuable information on this subject read these articles as they deal with this important question in a practical and businesslike manner by a man who has had experience in the cotton business.]

A PROPOSED SYSTEM

Forceful Illustrations

Numerous illustrations could be cited to establish what can be done with proper cultivation. The Department of Agriculture has given a number of practical demonstrations, and the agricultural departments of several of the States have given similar demonstrations. As previously explained, demonstrations have been made at various points in the cotton belt of the value of planting certain types of cotton. As a result of these demonstrations numerous cases are reported of largely increased output of a high class of cotton, thus establishing that the yield can be increased without undue increase in the cost of production. Evidence that more and better cotton can be produced by improved methods of cultivation is furnished by sales made this season at Clarksville, Tex. What is known as Red River County seed is largely planted in that State. This type has been found to produce the best results, and Texas planters are being urged to employ it. This class of cotton sold at Clarksville for 18 cents per pound because of its staple, while cotton of equal grade brought the same day only 10 cents.

According to the revised estimate of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, the area planted in cotton in 1911 was 36,681,000 acres, of which 636,000 acres were abandoned, leaving 36,045,000 acres as the area from which the crop was harvested. The average production of lint per acre in 1911 was 208 pounds, as compared with 171 pounds in 1910. The last crop not only exceeded that of any previous year in aggregate weight and in average yield per acre, but prices obtained were generally satisfactory to the growers.

Grading At The Gin.

There is reason for believing that an organization on lines suggested in this report would not only tend to cure the evils described but would be the active means of removing other evils that are the outgrowth of the present system. Moreover, it would tend to improve the quality, increase the value, and guard the integrity of the cotton crop by eliminating the non-descript grades, few of which are fit for spinning and many of which would find their way to paper mills and similar utilities. Knowing he would get a better price for good quality and that his cotton would be accurately graded, the farmer would be impelled to grow the higher types and would exercise greater care in picking and proper vigilance in protecting the cotton after leaving the gin. Cultivation by communities of types best adapted to their several localities, compression at the gin, grading and certifying by competent authority, go to the root of the existing evils.

Practical Demonstration by Cotton Clubs.

The Department of Agriculture contemplates entering a new line of activity to improve both the quantity and quality of the cotton crop and to educate the farmer in the fundamentals of growing and grading the staple by the establish-

ment of cotton clubs similar to the corn clubs inaugurated with success several years ago. Boys constitute the bulk of the membership of the corn clubs and it is proposed to form cotton clubs from the more advanced and successful of these boys.

The establishment of cotton clubs demonstrated to southern agriculturists the possibilities of corn growing in the South and stimulated an interest in agriculture, especially the production of home supplies. Those in charge of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work believe that the best of the corn club boys can now progress from corn to cotton production, thus widening their useful knowledge and giving them the basis for a thorough system of agriculture. The lessons of preparation, seed selection, and intensive cultivation will be continued as applied to cotton, and in boll-weevil sections the boys will be shown the department's methods of raising cotton under boll-weevil conditions.

Members of cotton clubs will be expected to work at least 2 acres and practically every boy will thus grow enough seed cotton to make a bale. It is not so important that a large number of boys be enrolled the first year as that every boy's crop be a first-class demonstration. By the same kind of persistent work that has been done in the corn clubs the boy can grow at a good profit, even in the worst infested boll-weevil sections, a large yield of improved cotton. This has already been done in Louisiana and Texas.

It is expected that the boys will study grading and standardization, so that they will be able to classify and mark their crops intelligently. With the theoretical knowledge acquired at the State agricultural colleges and farmers' institutes, these practical demonstrations by the Department of Agriculture through its well-equipped field agencies will in a comparatively short time qualify the farmer to obtain the very best results from cultivation and enable him to determine with approximate accuracy the quality and value of his crop.

Classifying and Grading.

The classification and grading of cotton is an important, comprehensive, and intricate business, requiring thorough knowledge of the material, long training skill, and good judgment. Ordinarily those engaged in the business of handling cotton can determine with approximate accuracy the general character or grade, but for the purpose of spinning yarn the judgment of the expert is essential, length, strength, and fineness of the staple being important factors with the spinner. The grade of cotton in the main is determined by the degree of color and the quantity of foreign matter which it contains, such as dirt, leaf, etc., conditions that are readily recognized upon inspection by the buyer. Length and texture of staple, however, are not given as great consideration in the initial dealings as their importance would seem to require, nor are they considered by the classification committee of the New York Cotton Exchange un-

less there be a specific request for their inclusion.

In connection with the subject matter of this report the classification and grading of cotton as now performed has special interest and a brief description of methods that obtain may prove helpful in studying the proposition to introduce a new system of grading that will have the authority and stamp of the Government. The difficulties that attend grading are plainly set forth in the report of the Bureau of Corporations on Cotton Exchanges. In Part I of that report it is explained that the classification of cotton can not be performed with absolute accuracy; that no two experts would class a large lot of cotton of assorted grades exactly alike, and that the same expert, classing a large lot of cotton twice, probably would not return exactly identical classification. The report continues:

Methods of Classification.

The classification of cotton is almost entirely by the eye. There are no mechanical means for performing this work. The differences of cleanliness, amount of leaf, and amount of color are so gradual that it is exceedingly difficult, in classifying cotton into the half grades, to determine exactly where each individual bale should be placed. The difficulty increases as the grade of the cotton falls below middling. With the grades of middling and above, it is a much simpler matter to class cotton with reasonable accuracy. What might appear to be very unimportant conditions expert amateur effect upon classification. Thus, a passing cloud may easily influence a classer, quite unconsciously, almost to the extent of a quarter of a grade. When snow is on the ground it is very difficult to class cotton if the light is reflected upon the cotton or into the eyes of the classer. Still again, very few bales of cotton are exactly uniform in character, so that if two small samples are taken from different parts of the same bale they might easily show a decided variation. It is customary in the New York market, where two samples are drawn from each bale, to reject the higher sample. Even a single sample of a few ounces, however, may not be absolutely uniform in character. When it is stated that a bale of cotton weighs, say 500 pounds represents approximately, the yield of 2½ acres of land, and that picking, on account of the low grade labor employed, is often carelessly done, it is easy to see how classification based on a sample of only a few ounces may give rise to much dissatisfaction.

Relative Value of Grades in the New York Exchange.

The basic quality of cotton is known as middling, and all quotations and sales are made on and from that basis. Classification is made and grades are established by a committee of experts employed by the New York Cotton Exchange, and the action of this committee is given recognition by the trade and governs all deliveries and sales, whether "spot" or "futures." The classification is made in September and November of each year, and the latter stands good until September 12 of the year next following. The difference in values of the several grades is fixed by the classification committee. The price varies according to the supply and demand, but the values fixed by the committee for grades above and below middling are plus or minus the market price for middling and are permanent for the time being. The differential is established by points, each point being the equivalent of one one-hundredth of a cent.

Thus, if cotton be quoted at 10 cents per pound, fully middling, being rated 15 points above middling, would command 15 cents per hundred pounds or 75 cents per bale over a bale of middling. On the other hand, for barely middling, an "off" grade, the price would be 17 points below or 85 cents per bale less than middling.

The several grades established by the New York Cotton Exchange for the year ended September, 1912, and their relative values are given in the table following. The grades above middling are "on" or plus, and those below are "off" or minus the current price for middling, the basic quality. A column is added showing the increased value attaching to the bale of 500 pounds according to the differentials. The price for middling is placed in the table at 12 cents per pound, to which differential on the basis of each point being equivalent to one one-hundredth of a cent, should be added.

Fair	.....	*175	*\$8.75
Strict middling fair	.....	
.....	.....	*150	*7.50
Middling fair	.....	*130	*6.50
Strict good	.....	
middling	.....	*80	*4.00
Fully good	.....	
middling	.....	*68	3.40
Good middling	.....	*56	*2.80
Barely good	.....	
middling	.....	*40	*2.15
Strict middling	.....	*30	*1.50
Fully middling	.....	*15	*.75
MIDDLING (12c	.....	
per pound)	.....	
Barely middling	.....	- 17	-.85
Strict low	.....	
middling	.....	- 35	-1.75
Fully low	.....	
middling	.....	- 55	-2.75
Low middling	.....	- 80	-4.00
Strict good	.....	
middling	.....	-140	-7.00
Good ordinary	.....	-210	-10.50
Points on (*) or points off	.....	
(-) Increase (*) or decrease	.....	
(-) in value of bale.	.....	

Celebrate the New Year by giving the children some fireworks at the Corner Drug Store.

SOLDIERS TOBACCO FUND GROWING

The Star's "Soldiers' Tobacco Fund" is growing. If you want to add your bit to the pleasure of our boys in Europe, hand in your amounts and they will be forwarded. The following have contributed:

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S. W. Walker25c
Jim Cummins25c
E. C. Simmons25c
Oscar Gray, Cherokee	\$1.00

Negro Lawyer Held on Grafting Charge.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 15.—Cornelius Jones, a negro lawyer, alleged to be the ring leader of a conspiracy to swindle negroes throughout the south by promising to recover from the government \$68,000,000 due the blacks on a "Civil war cotton revenue settlement," was placed under arrest here today by United States officers on an indictment returned against him by a federal grand jury at Memphis, Tenn.

The government charges he has worked in many sections of the south already.

Put in your order for a De-Luxe fruit cake. That's it; try one.—W. R. Harris.

Misses Eloise and Inez Ketchum are attending the teachers Institute at Brady this week.

Governors of 5 States Appeal to Citizenship of Southwest to Enroll in Red Cross Ranks

We, the Governors of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, realizing the imperative necessity for united effort to shorten and win this most righteous of all wars, appeal to the citizenship of the Southwest to enroll itself in the ranks of the American Red Cross.

During the week of Dec. 17 the American Red Cross will add ten million new members to its roll of patriotic, self-sacrificing, determined Americans. Men, munitions and the spirit of the great American Red Cross will preserve these ideals for which we are fighting and secure a just and lasting peace. The service which the Red Cross is rendering and will render throughout the duration of the war is of incalculable value. It is not less an army than the army in khaki which will impose itself between us in our security and the deadly shell fire of the enemy. And the army in khaki will fight with greater vigor and enthusiasm in the knowledge that fifteen million American men and women stand behind it ready to relieve the suffering and anguish caused by the diabolical instruments of warfare and ready to protect the loved ones left at home.

The work done thus far by the American Red Cross in France and Belgium has stilled the morale of the French soldiers and given them new heart by reason of its relief work among the civilian population of our allies. The suffering families of the soldiers are being ministered to by agents of mercy wearing the insignia of the Red Cross and the consciousness of this fact has strengthened the men in the trenches to bear the burden during the tedious period of our preparation. Every French, British or Belgian soldier retained in the trenches during this critical period means the saving of at least one American life. We must let our boys know that the Red Cross stands ever ready to protect and safeguard the wives, mothers and children of the men who have gone to fight, in this the greatest struggle the world has ever known between autocracy and democracy. Membership in the American Red Cross is synonymous with good citizenship.

We urge every person, man, woman or child not now a member of this greatest of all humanitarian organizations, to become a member before Christmas eve and place in his window with a lighted candle behind it a red service flag as glorious emblem of the fact that the occupants of that house have enrolled in an army not less determined, not less ready to do its share than the army in khaki on whom we are relying so confidently.

Join the American Red Cross, the most powerful ally of our fighting forces, during Christmas week, so that the announcement on Christmas morning of a membership of 15,000,000 may show to our enemies that we are a united and undivided people and that, therefore, our cause must prevail.

(Signed) F. D. GARDNER, Governor of Missouri.
 ARTHUR CAPPER, Governor of Kansas.
 R. L. WILLIAMS, Governor of Oklahoma.
 WILLIAM P. HOBBY, Governor of Texas.
 CHARLES H. BROUGH, Governor of Arkansas.

YOUNGEST BIG BANK PRESIDENT HEADS RED CROSS DRIVE

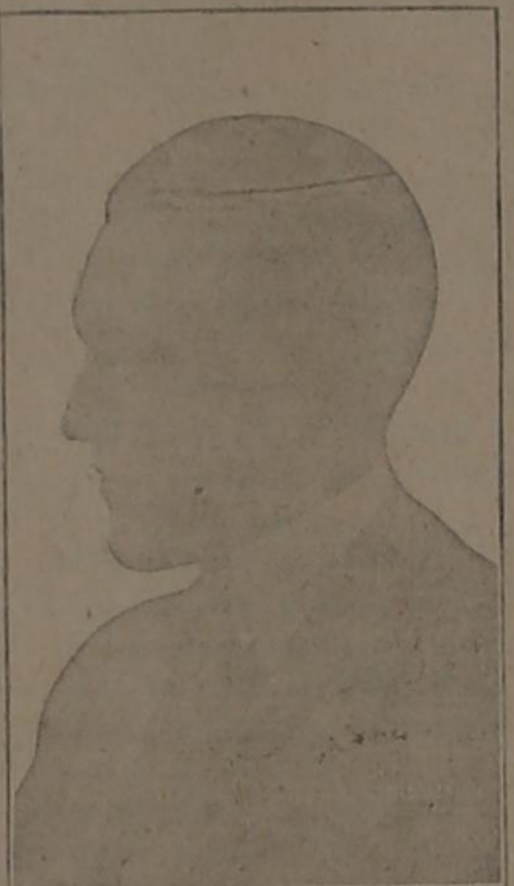
JOHN L. JOHNSTON OF GERMAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION IS SOUTHWEST CHAIRMAN.

WILL GO "OVER THE TOP"

Predicts That His Division Will Exceed Its Quota in Nation-Wide Drive by 1,000,000 Members.

A bank clerk at 15 years of age, a cashier and director at 19 and president of the German Savings Institution of St. Louis, the second oldest bank in the state of Missouri, at 30.

This is the remarkable record in finance achieved by John L. Johnston, who is head of the American Red



JOHN L. JOHNSTON.

Cross Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 additional members in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, which will be launched Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve.

Johnston, who is applying the same principles to the formation of a gigantic organization for the Christmas membership campaign as those that won for him unprecedented success in the banking world, predicts the five states in his division will pass its allotment by at least 1,000,000 members.

Spurred by his own enthusiasm over the wonderful work which the American Red Cross is accomplishing for Uncle Sam's fighting force, both at home and abroad, Johnston's co-workers are bending every energy to insure a successful opening of the big drive the morning of Monday, Dec. 17. It is expected 50,000 persons will be enlisted in the solicitation of members when the campaign is formally launched.

"If you don't belong to the Red Cross you help prolong the suffering of our soldiers 'over there.'" This is the cardinal idea that Johnston hopes to have brought home forcibly to every household in the Southwest between now and Christmas eve, when Red Cross workers and their latest converts, in many communities, will chant carols in the streets as a fitting climax to the movement which will cover the length and breadth of America.

"Over the top by one million," is the slogan of the youngest metropolitan bank president in the United States, and the manner in which Johnston is whipping into shape preliminaries of the campaign augurs well for its success.

Born in Louisville, Ky., in 1888, Johnston received his first banking experience, when he was 15 years old, by working as a clerk in the Bass-Johnston Banking Company at Ashland, Mo. He continued to work in the bank during the summers until, in 1905, he was elected cashier and a director, at which time he was still not of age.

In 1907 he went to Muskogee, Ok., where he became vice-president of the First National Bank of that city. In 1910 Johnston left Muskogee and became one of the organizers of the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City, which he served as cashier and director for five years. In February, 1915, he went to St. Louis as vice-president and a director of the German Savings Institution of that city. Oct. 28, last year, he was elected president of that institution, which has shown largely increased surplus and deposits under his direction.

Any man of ordinary ability can succeed if he sets his mind hard to it. This is Johnston's rule for success.

Membership in the Red Cross is synonymous with good citizenship. Are you a member of the Red Cross? If not you will join now, or at latest during the Christmas membership campaign, which begins Dec. 17—that is, you will join if you are a good citizen of the United States. The cost is only \$1.

A Christmas gift of real service to America's fighting forces is a membership in the American Red Cross.

25,000,000 TOTAL RED CROSS HOST BY XMAS LIKELY

TEN MILLION GOAL OF BIG DRIVE EXPECTED TO BE DOUBLED, GIBSON PREDICTS.

BOY SCOUTS TO JOIN WORK

Merchants in Country Districts to Make Campaign in Automobiles to Win Support for the Army's Right Hand.

"Make Red Cross membership as universal as citizenship," is the new slogan of the Christmas membership campaign committee of the American Red Cross for the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. From the enthusiasm with which the preliminaries of the drive, which opens Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, are proceeding, officials at Washington expect the original figures of 10,000,000 new members to be doubled.

In fact, if there are only 10,000,000 new members added to the 5,000,000 already enrolled officials will be disappointed, according to a message received at Southwestern division headquarters from Harvey D. Gibson, general manager of the American Red Cross. In Gibson's letter he said officials would not be surprised to see the total membership for the nation on Christmas eve reach a total of 25,000,000.

According to John L. Johnston, chairman of the campaign for the Southwestern division, the drive in many counties already is under way, especially in the rural districts.

8,000,000 Members Wanted.

The Southwestern division, under the original quota of 10,000,000 members, is allotted 2,000,000, but Chairman Johnston predicts his division will pass this figure by 1,000,000, apportioned as follows: Missouri, 750,000; Arkansas, 250,000; Texas, 1,000,000; Kansas, 500,000; Oklahoma, 500,000.

Already the headquarters of the Southwestern division membership committee has begun to assume the aspect of a military headquarters. From counties in the division where the Red Cross armies already have "gone over the top" in the big drive messages are arriving reporting progress and asking for supplies.

From counties where the intensive campaign has not begun, but where committees are making detailed plans for their drive, the requests, both by letter and telegram, for supplies, circulars, posters and general information are even more numerous. An extra corps of stenographers is kept busy forwarding information, issuing directions and sending telegrams and letters.

The storeroom at division headquarters carries the similarity to a military base even further. Every mail and express delivery brings parcels and boxes of supplies from Washington, circulars, posters, handbooks, buttons and window cards, the ammunition to be used in the big drive.

What Service Flag Is.

One of the most striking emblems of the campaign is a transparent window card, designed as a service flag. A large Red Cross on a white base is the central figure. Smaller crosses for each additional member of the family who becomes a member of the Red Cross can be added to the card. One of these card service flags will be placed in the window of every home where a membership is obtained. On Christmas eve it is planned to have a lighted candle placed behind these flags. If the canvass equals the expectations of Red Cross leaders there will not be a home in the division Christmas eve that does not have one of these flags in the window.

Boy Scouts Are to Join.

Boy Scouts are being organized to gain memberships. School programs, signaling the coming of the holidays, will have an appeal for the Red Cross. The work of the children, Red Cross workers feel, will be an important factor in the success of the membership drive.

In country districts merchants with wide acquaintance among farmers are devoting their time, or have promised to do so, making auto trips throughout the country, stopping at every home and urging every member of the family to take out a Red Cross membership.

In some cities a census is being taken of every block, number of houses and apartments in the block being registered. The squad assigned to a particular block is given a number of service flag cards equal in number to the number of families in its territory. Every flag a worker leaves in a window is counted as a victory on his score. Every flag he brings back is chalked up as a defeat.

In other cities merchants have promised the assistance of their clerks during days of Christmas shopping. Every purchaser will be urged to include a Christmas membership among the gifts for husband, wife, brother, sister, parent or child.

A MERRY XMAS TO ALL

My customers and friends is the wish of

YOUR FRIEND

T. C. HENRY

I THANK YOU

COLD CREEK

Miss Lois Hoover of Pontotoc spent the past week here, guest of her sister, Mrs. J. V. Simpson, and family.

Mr. Homer Kuykendall made a business trip to Fly Gap Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

Mrs. Richard Barton of Field Creek spent Tuesday and Wednesday here guests of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Homer Kuykendall.

Mr. Wm. Wyckoff and daughters, Misses Mary and Frank, were business visitors to Llano Thursday.

Mr. Olen Jones came in Tuesday for a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones.

Mr. Claud McGuffin was a visitor here Thursday from Pontotoc.

Messrs. Chas. Lange and son, Walter, spent the early part of the week at the Henry Taylor ranch assisting in rounding up the cattle they were preparing to ship to Oklahoma.

Mr. Hilmar Beyer who is at Camp Travis, sends word home that he has the measles, but a telegram later states that he was doing nicely and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Messrs. Henry Taylor and Walter Lange left Sunday for Oklahoma to take a bunch of Mr. Taylor's cattle there for pasturage for the winter.

A number of the men here spent four or five days this past week working on the road which leads down Cold Creek and joins the Pontotoc and Valley Springs road. They put in some substantial work but still the road is not very good.

But at present automobiles can travel it which shows it is an improvement over the past road.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deck and small sons, Masters William and Weldon, spent from Friday to Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. J. V. Simpson. Mrs. Deck and Mrs. Simpson are sisters. Miss Louis Hoover accompanied them as

far as Pontotoc.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barton of Field Creek spent Friday to Sunday with Mr. Homer Kuykendall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kuykendall and Master Tom went to Cherokee Sunday afternoon for a short visit in the home of their parents.

Monday at a quarter to twelve the Cold Creek school house was discovered on fire. The school was immediately dismissed and help was summoned. Messrs. J. V. Simpson and Clyde Deck deserve thanks for their assistance. The fire originated from the flue and before it was discovered the roof was burning. Owing to the outer covering being tin the fire did small damage before it was extinguished.

Fireworks in all the latest cracks at the Corner Drug Store.

Mr. L. M. Sellers of Big Valley was a business visitor here Saturday.

Give him a Cherry silk tie.—A. R. Mosley.

Miss Myrtle Brazil who is teaching music at Bend is here to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Brazil.

Miss Mary Ellen Walker who is attending the S. A. F. C. is at home to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Walker.

CHEROKEE LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Barton went to Field Creek Friday.

Wyatt Coffman returned Friday from Austin, where he went to enlist in the Navy. As he was not of age, he had to return to get the written consent of his parents. He passed the physical examination.

Tom Hamilton received a message Thursday morning stating that his brother was dangerously ill with appendicitis, and for him to come at once. He left the same morning for San Saba, where he took the train for his brother's home at Eden. He will not return to the C. J. C. until after the holidays.

Miss Marguerite Daily of San Saba was here Saturday visiting her grandmother, Mrs. R. W. Dailey.

Messrs. Tom and Manuel McKeenly went to Llano Friday with turkeys. They had about 500 or 600 turkeys.

Miss Daisy Burke returned Friday from Cold Creek. Her father, Rev. Polk Burke, went after her.

Mrs. Riley Gregg was shopping in San Saba Friday.

Miss Delia Kuykendall left for Hall Saturday, where she went to visit relatives until Sunday, when she will go on to Brady to attend the teachers' institute there.

Mr. Allen Walker took Misses Fanny Walker, Myrtle Wood and Lee Westbrook to San Saba Sunday, where they took the train for Brady to attend the teachers' institute.

Mr. T. B. Barton returned Saturday from Field Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox returned Friday from San Angelo where they had been the past few months.

Saturday, Dec. 15, occurred the annual Bazar, given by the Ladies' Cemetery Association. Many useful and beautiful articles were offered for sale, and all of them were sold. The proceeds amounted to \$40.

Since Friday was the last day of the public school until after the holidays, the various rooms had Christmas trees. In Miss Fanny Walker's room each one of the children gave a little package for the army and navy boys who have gone from here. They secured the addresses of the soldier boys and each one will receive a packet from the school. This is very thoughtful and commendable. It would be a good example for the other schools to follow.

Misses Eula and Lora Hanna went to San Saba Saturday, where they took the train for Brady to attend the teachers' institute at that place.

Clay Walker went to Algeria Friday afternoon. He was accompanied there by Prof. Otis Graham and wife.

Miss Daisy Burke went to San Saba Saturday and took the train for Brady, where she went to attend the teachers' institute.

Saturday night a "negro minstrel" show was given at the college by the college boys, under the supervision

ADMISSION OF MR. ED ALBERSON.

An admission fee of 25 cents was charged. Those who attended said it was well worth the money for it was the funniest thing they had ever heard.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Pinkney Green to Mr. William Kuykendall. The marriage will take place next Sunday at the Methodist church, Rev. J. C. Simons officiating.

Miss Kate Gay who is teaching at Castell, came over Saturday and went to San Saba Sunday, where she took the train for Brady to attend the institute there.

Miss Annie Rose also is attending the teachers' institute this week.

Misses Beulah May Walker and Nell Hubbard who are teaching at Valley Springs, are attending the institute at Brady this week.

LODGE DIRECTORY

San Saba Lodge
 A. F. and A. M.

Regular Meeting Saturday night on or before each Full Moon.
 W. H. Hinyard, W. M.
 T. A. Gose, Secretary.

Alpha Lodge No. 204.
 I. O. O. F.

Meets every Thursday evening at Odd Fellows Hall. All sojourning brethren are cordially invited to meet with us.
 J. N. Estep, N. G. Jno. H. Moore, R-S
 M. G. Estep, V. G. Jno. Seiders, P-S

Skyrockets, Roman candles and baby giants at the Corner Drug Store.

Mrs. Dimmit Wood and daughter of Cherokee passed thru here Saturday enroute to Brady where they will spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. T. J. Wood.

Give him a Cherry silk tie.—A. R. Mosley.

FRIENDSHIP VS. ADVERSITY

Friendships fail in times of adversity. Make a friend that will be a comfort when reverses come.

Start today a savings account with us, we will appreciate your account large or small.

THE FIRST STATE BANK
 CHEROKEE, TEXAS

C. L. Behrens, President Arthur B. Taff, Cashier

The Holiday Spirit
 says "Give Jewelry"

Nothing else that comes within the range of gift-giving so universally pleases.

Nothing else is so generally given—nothing else so completely voices the spirit of Christmas.

Of course there are many sorts of jewelry displays. Some are more comprehensive than others. Some show greater taste in designing than others. Some are more "Christmassy" than others.

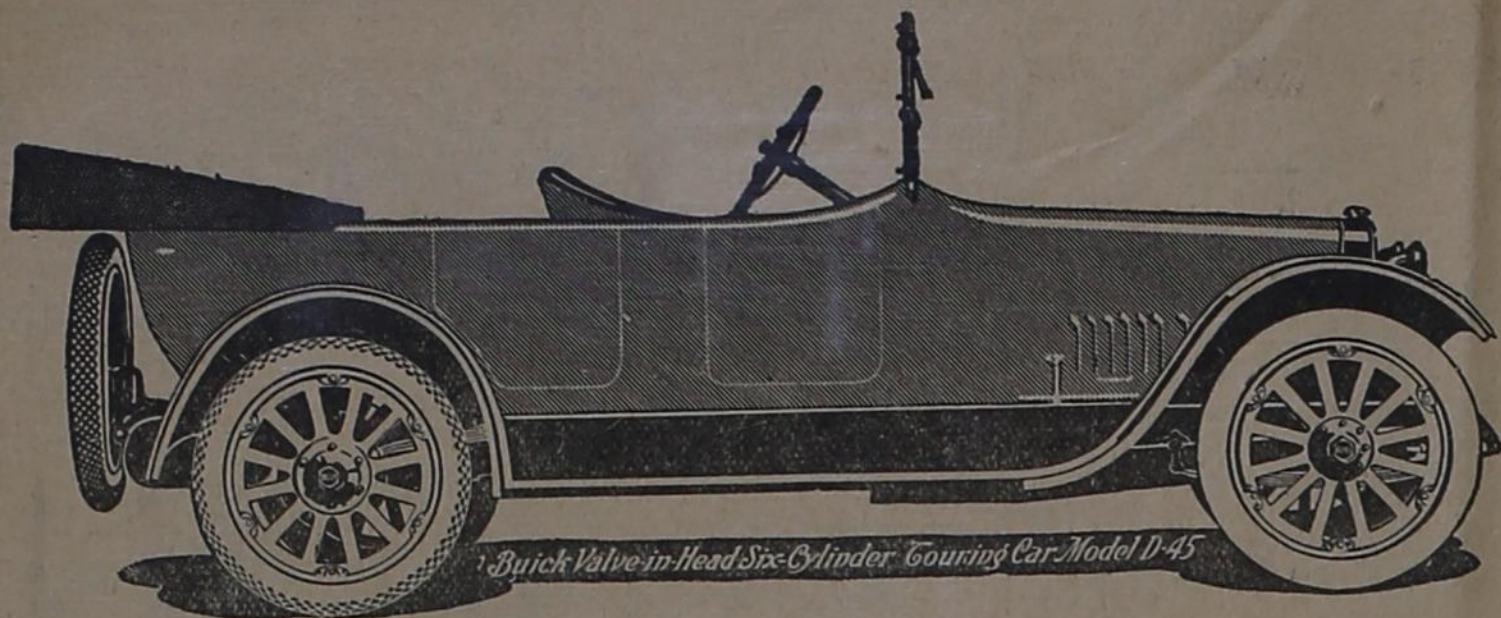
We are not going to make any comparison—except to say that we really believe that you givers of gifts will find more of the real spirit of the season evidenced in OUR this year's display than you will find within many miles of this store.

Giving Jewelry doesn't mean that there's a lot of money to pay, either—not necessarily.

But what we want to particularly emphasize here is that you can't have a want at this time, but we meet it with the precise article you desire at its lowest price.

You can understand just what we mean if you call.

W. H. Kimbrough,
 The Jeweler.



AN AUTOMOBILE

For a Christmas Gift, there is no gift that will bring more pleasure into your home than a nice automobile. We have one Buick four cylinder five passenger, and two five passenger Chevrolet Automobiles on hand. Buy one of these and see how much real pleasure it will bring to your home.

G. A. ARHELGER

Render Your Property For the School Taxes

We are now closing up the tax rolls for the San Saba Independent School district for the year 1917 and all property owners, agents, guardians, etc., should see that all property is correctly rendered, as all unrendered property will be placed on the "Unrendered Roll" and mistakes are likely to occur.

The San Saba Independent School District, a district four miles square with the high school building as the center, was incorporated in 1893, and re-incorporated by a special act of the Thirtieth Legislature March 13, 1907, for the purpose of levying and collecting a special tax to support and maintain the public schools in the district.

The district has its own trustees (7), assessor, collector and board of equalization and

its board of equalization may or may not accept the values accepted by the county or city boards, according to the latest decisions of the supreme court. The city or county of San Saba has nothing to do with the assessing or collecting of the taxes for this District and all interested parties should see that they have a receipt each year issued and signed by the "Collector of the San Saba Independent School District." Property owners within the district should see that no delinquent taxes are unpaid, as all such taxes are now carrying a 10 per cent penalty and six per cent interest from the 31st day of January following the year the taxes were assessed. Purchasers of property should see that all back taxes are paid and all abstracts should show that all "San Saba Independent School District" taxes are paid, including the present year, as

the property is liable for the taxes and limitation does not run against the District for back taxes.

JOHN SEIDERS,
Assessor and Collector.

How to Prevent Croup.
In a child that is subject to attacks of croup the first indications of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

School Notes.

(Crowded out last week.)

The attention of the patrons in general of the San Saba Public Schools if called to the fact that the Compulsory Attendance Law, which went into effect here Nov. 12, has caused such an influx of new pupils into the school that it has become necessary, owing to the crowded condition of the First Primary room, to list the pupils of that class in two sections, and to have one division attend school during the morning sessions, and the other attend only in the afternoon of each day.

I am of the opinion that it is best to have children of this class attend only half of the school day, even when the room is not crowded, for children of their ages are rather too young to withstand the task of sitting quietly in one place for the entire day, intermission considered.

Their little bodies need more exercise, and their little minds more rest, than they get under the old regime.

Again, each child gets as much individual attention from the teacher when he comes half the day as when he comes the full time. The teacher has a certain number of minutes each day for the individual pupil, and whether the child is in school only half or all of the day, he gets that time no more, no less. So it may clearly be seen that the idea of the half day session is the best solution of the problem of the over-crowded room. There will be no reduction in the tuition charge on account of the half-day session. School will close Dec. 21st. for the holidays, and re-open Dec. 31st.

This school has charge of the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals for this district, the proceeds to go to the Anti-tuberculosis Fund of the Red Cross, and seals have been placed on sale at the drugstores. The public is urged to purchase them.

W. W. Hart.

For cash. Wickert Shoes 25 per cent off Saturday and Monday.—A. R. Mosley.

Misses Alvina Arhelger and Mamie Low are expected home from Kidd-Key Friday where they are students this year.

We are still buying pecans. J. W. McConnel & Sons.

Notice to Registrants.

The Local Legal Advisory board for San Saba, composed of E. L. Rector, J. H. Baker and N. C. Walker, has been organized and sworn in. They have appointed the following assistants on said advisory Board, to-wit:

W. V. Dean, J. K. Rector, Jr., John Seiders, G. H. Hagan, Emmett, Kelley, Arch Woods, John H. Moore, E. E. Fagg.

Registrants who are furnished with Questionnaires by the Local Board of San Saba will call at the office of that Board in the east room of the Murray building over Simmons Drug Store, and said Board will direct them to a certain member of the Legal Advisory Board, on whom they can call for assistance in answering the questions in the Questionnaire.

This business will not be taken up by the Legal Advisory board until half past one o'clock each day.

Give him a Cheney silk tie.—A. R. Mosley.

Miss Elizabeth Kirkpatrick who is a student at the U. T. will spend Christmas with her parents.

See Sears for your Christmas candies and fruits.

Red Cross Pecans Sold.

The pecans donated by E. E. Risen and gathered by the Pecan Grove citizens were sold Saturday for \$88.65.

Pay less and get the best at Ashby's New Cash Store.

Mrs. T. A. Murray is in Fort Worth this week.

Toys and games for the little folks at Sears.

Miss Bonita Estep who is attending the Southwestern University is spending the holidays with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Newt Estep.

See Ashby before you sell your pecans; he wants them.

Fireworks! Fireworks! Fireworks! Dockray has "oodles" of 'em.

CHRISTMAS LAUNDRY

All patrons wanting their laundry done before Christmas must send in their Laundry by Friday morning.

THE LAUNDRY

Will be closed on the 24 and 25 of December.

Thanking you for your Patronage and wishing you a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

GOSE LAUNDRY

ATTENTION, REGISTRANTS!

State of Texas Adjutant General's Department, Austin, 30 November, 1917.

From the Adjutant General, State of Texas, to District Boards and Local Boards. Subject: Change of address of registrants.

1. The following telegram from the office of the Provost Marshal General, addressed to the Governor, has just been received: Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, Local and District Boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and post office address to communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered and furnish their present address so that Questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December 15th, will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing the right to claim exemption or discharges. Please request newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing the Questionnaires has been accomplished.

2. Please place this advice with all representatives of the press in your locality with the request that the same be given as much publicity as possible. JOHN C. TOWNES, Jr., Major of Infantry, Supervisor of Selective Service Law in Texas.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

WALKER & BURLESON

Attorneys at Law
San Saba, Texas

Will practice in courts of the State
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Loans, Abstracts. Own complete and up-to-date Abstract of Land Titles.
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Will practice in all the courts of the State.
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Office in court house

RECTOR & RECTOR

San Saba, Texas

Land and Loan Agency Murray building

JOHN SEIDERS

Real Estate, Investment, Loans
San Saba, Texas

W. H. ADKINS

Lawyer

Notary Public

Lampasas - - - Texas

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

Candy factories closed, salesmen off the road, despite these facts, Dockray was lucky and has a complete stock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Walker and children of Lampasas will be guests in the home of their parents during Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Campbell of Temple spent the week in San Saba the guest of her daughter, Miss Army Campbell.

8 Per Cent Money
Let us make you a 10 year loan with optional payments. Land will double in value before your loan matures.—WALTERS & BAKER.

F. A. BASS

DENTIST

Rooms 14, 15 and 16
Clark Building.

SAN SABA, TEXAS

S. E. KELLEY

FIRE

INSURANCE

Office in Clark Building

Carroll & Dickerson

Fresh Meats

Genuine Barbecue Sausage.

Everything neat and clean

West Side Square.

COLUMBIA

Mid-Month Specials

New Today



Eight new Columbia Records—each one a hit. You don't have to wait until the 20th of the month for these records. They are so good the Columbia Company has released them special for today.

Life in a Trench in Belgium—Part 1, 2 Lieut. Gitz Rice and Henry Burr. A remarkable record. Conversation and dialogue are original and taken from actual experiences. The only record of its kind 75c

Long Boy, Byron G. Harlan and Peerless Quartette A2409 75c

I'm Crazy Over Every Girl in France, Avon Comedy Four A2399 75c

We're Going Over, Peerless Quartette 75c

Somewhere in France is the Lily, Henry Burr A2408 75c

When the Great Red Dawn is Shining, Charles Harrison 75c

Christmas Morning at Clancy's, Steve Porter and Ada Jones A2402 75c

Hip, Hi Galop, Prince's Band 75c

Another "Kiddie" Record for Christmas

Ida! Sweet As Apple Cider—Fox Trot, Earl Fuller's Rector Novelty Orchestra A2403 75c

More Candy—One Step, Earl Fuller's Rector Nov. Orch. 75c

Naval Reserve March. Introducing Blue Ridge, Prince's Band A2391 75c

Jack Tar March, Prince's Band 75c

Two Vivid and Stirring Marches

Largo from New World Symphony, Philharmonic Orch. A5998 75c

March Militaire from "Suite Algierenne, Philharmonic O. \$1.50

You'll enjoy yourself immensely when you hear these selections. Step in—it takes only a few minutes to acquaint you with our courteous service.



Without obligation on your part we will gladly place one of these machines and a liberal selection of records in your home for trial. If you like the machine we will arrange terms to suit you.

SIMMONS DRUG STORE

Mr. Merton Carr who has been making his home on the Pacific coast is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Carr.

Greeting cards and folders at the Corner Drug Store.

Mr. S. G. Roberts who moved to Phoenix Ariz., from China Creek, nine miles west of town, about a month ago, died Saturday night at 6 o'clock and was buried at Phoenix.

Cottonseed

Pure Mebane cottonseed direct from the originator.—Frizzell & Taff.

At the Chocolate Shop.

You can get the best chili, ham and eggs, steak and eggs, oysters in any style. A nice clean warm place for ladies to eat. Open day and night.

At the Chocolate shop you will find a nice line of fireworks.

If it is jewelry you want, I have a nice line and am selling cheaper than you ever bought it in your life. Every piece guaranteed. I have lots of nice diamonds; now is your time to get one.

Don't forget that we carry the best fruits for our Christmas trade.—Will Ashby's new Cash Store.

Sheriff Edgar T. Neal left Wednesday for San Antonio.

I am in the market for pecans so don't fail to see me.—Will Ashby.

We are headquarters for the best coffee.—Will Ashby.

Christmas matinee at the Majestic.

Buy your son and your daughter a Bible for Christmas, at Sears.

Red Cross Announcement

Mrs. W. J. Moore asks that announcement be made that a good deal of sewing has been received and that the various branches over the county may secure some of it by applying to her. This is very important at this time. The soldiers in the contonments and in France will be greatly cheered to know that the folks at home are providing for their needs. The morale of the army depends much on the folks at home. Merriment feasting, and jollification among the folks at home will not sound joyous to men who are cold in the contonments or suffering for lack of bandages in the hospital. Fast-ing, self-denial and work seem far more fitting at this time.

G. W. Light, Chairman Pub. Com.

Grace Cunard and Francis Ford in "The Purple Mask" Friday night at the Majestic, 5c for everybody.

Annie Belle Jackson.

Little Annie Belle Jackson the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jackson died at 2:40 a. m. Wednesday morning Dec. 19th. at the age of 19 months.

The funeral took place Wednesday at 4 o'clock, Rev. G. W. Light conducting the service. The home bereft of the baby will be a sad and gloomy one for a long time, and as time heals the wounded hearts, the little one is not forgotten, but a sacred memory cherished that will help us along the rough pathway of life. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the family in this great sorrow.

5c for everybody Friday night at the Majestic starting "The Purple Mask" featuring Grace Cunard and Francis Ford.

THE UNDRAFTED ARMY

To the civilian American who feels a keen desire to be represented as directly as possible in his country's service the Red Cross brings an appeal of peculiar force. For the Red Cross worker comes into the closest contact with the actual struggle that is possible to any save the soldier himself. On the heels of death and destruction he presses so closely in his mission of mercy as to be almost a part of the battle. His are the hands that first minister to the shattered body; his the ears that hear the last faint message of many a parting soul. Through the further help of these brothers and sisters of the Novitiate of Pain, life after life is drawn back from the borderland; cleanliness and comfort and trained care lessen the anguish, or when death must be, makes easier the passing. To our boys when they land on foreign soil the hand of greeting is held out; as they travel from place to place comforts are provided. The scarred and broken remnant of a people scourged by a ruthless devastation—the aged and the women and the piteously helpless children to whom our longing sympathy goes out, the Red Cross ministers to these in our stead.

In all this and measureless other service these workers are a vital and omnipresent force. We who are left at home may work by proxy through them. We can keep them there and send others, with our money, the least precious possession that men and women are being called on to give up. Our dollars can take us there in spirit and represent us in accomplishment. The little red button is the badge of enlistment in the Army of the Undrafted; the outward symbol of the pledge to serve.

Won't you join the Red Cross during the Christmas membership drive, which begins Dec. 17? Or, better still, send in your \$1 for membership now and then enlist as a solicitor for other memberships in the Christmas drive. It is your duty to do this, and it is a God-given privilege.

Humanity is calling, and if you are human you will respond. Act now!

BELGIAN ORPHANS GIVEN NEW LIFE THROUGH RED CROSS

Anent the American Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, which is to be inaugurated throughout the nation Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, national headquarters announces that the organization already is assisting in the care of Belgian orphans who were carried by their captors into Germany and who are beginning to be released. The first groups, consisting of 500 children each, have been received back into the Allies' territory. These homeless children, sick and under-nourished, all between 4 and 13 years of age, will receive the best possible care from the American Red Cross, which recognizes in them Belgium's hope for its coming generation.

Twenty miles from Limoges, in the southern center of France, on a hillside of a little town called Troche, stands the famous monastery of La Grande Chartreuse, unoccupied at present. There roses bloom the year round. Permission was given to use this place for the Belgian children, and it was rented from the government by the Red Cross, which supplies the funds for the work, while the personnel and management are provided by the Belgian committee. In this monastery the Red Cross hopes to bring back to life and vigor these children, in whom lies the hope of Belgium.

TWO OBJECTS ARE SOUGHT IN FRENCH RELIEF WORK

The American Red Cross assumes that the work done by the organization with the French must fill fundamentally two requirements:

First—That all activities contribute to the successful conduct of the war.

Second—That they relieve suffering caused by the war.

Work done with the civil population may have a more important bearing on the military situation even than work done with the forces, for men in the field will be able to carry out their work better with the knowledge that those left at home are being taken care of.

If the American people can get a real picture of the misery among those who have been and are being daily driven out of their homes and dumped in poverty upon other parts of the country, oftentimes ill or mutilated, they will gladly do all in their power to help.

Special Aid to Italy.

The American Red Cross responded promptly to the emergency created by the Italian retreat. The War Council, in a telegram to Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page, promised every effort which the Red Cross could make would be applied immediately to the relief of Italy.

New Uniforms for Nurses.

Owing to the limited laundry facilities in France, it has been decided that American Red Cross nurses with base hospitals and other military hospitals in France shall wear gray uniforms instead of the usual white.

FROM BEND

Arden Moore returned home from New Mexico last week.

A party was given in honor of Miss Edna Morris and Wayne McCoy Saturday night at Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jester's. The following were there: Misses Edna Morris, Ruby Lewis, Hethley, Lizzie Berry, Bessie and Frankie Chambers, Kittie and Verda White, Effie and Myvan Morris, Mildred Moore and Viola Gaddy, Messrs Wayne McCoy, Authur, Lee and Mack Jackson, Brady and Marvin Morris, Lynn White, Roy D. Baxter, Sherman Millican, Lloyd and Herschel Byrd, Luther Baxter, Henry Hanes, W. J. Morris, J. W. Parks and Clyde Bagley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jester, Mr. and Mrs. George Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Ide Sargeant, M. R. and Mrs. Ray Bagley, and Mrs. G. A. Moore.

Mr. Bill Millican sold his Ford car and bought a Buick Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jackson and sons, Authur and Lee, went to Lampasas Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jester left for Austin Sunday.

Mr. Emmitt Cantrell of Oakley visited Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Moore Saturday.

Mr. Joe King and Mr. Johnnie King were visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scott and children of San Saba were visitors in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Millican, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. D. J. Moore and son, Martin, went to San Saba Saturday on business.

There will be no more school for two week on account of teachers having to go to the institute this week and next week being Christmas.

The following went to the movies at San Saba Saturday evening: Mr. and Mrs. George Morris, Mrs. Henry Morris, Brady, Effie, Myran, Marvin and Earl Morris and Bill Scott.

Master Mark Jackson made a trip to San Saba Saturday.

Doss Alexander returned to Camp Travis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Moore went to Lampasas Monday.

Sunday night there was singing at Mrs. Byrd's and a musical entertainment at Bill Millican's. There was a large attendance at both.

Mr. Wayne McCoy and Jarel Moore are gathering the rest of D. F. Moore's pecans.

The play, "Dixie King" was played at the school house Friday night and everyone enjoyed it.

Mr. Steve Byrd went to Lampasas Monday and returned home Tuesday.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of these diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

SLOAN SIFTINGS

The following observations on the weather for the week ending Sat., Dec. 16: Sun.—Clear, ther. 28 and 60, wind S. and N. Mon.—Clear, ther. 20 and 53, wind S. and N. Tues.—Misty or foggy part of day, ther. 34 and 34, wind E. and N. Wed.—Clear, ther. 18 and 38, wind N. Big white frost all over the timber in the forenoon. Thurs.—Clear, ther. 20 and 38, wind N. and S. Fri.—Clear, ther. 20 and 46, wind N. and S. Sat.—cloudy, ther. 40 and 50, wind N. and E. Average ther. for the week 36 5-7; lowest tem. for week 18 Wed. morning; highest tem. for week, Sunday afternoon, 60. On Tuesday the thermometer stood all day at 34. It is a very unusual thing for the whole day to pass with no change in the temperature.

Some sickness in the community. Will Doran hurt his back last week and is going on crutches as a consequence.

Jym Sloan is limping around with rheumatism.

Sloan Percy had a peculiar accident last week. His horse stepped on Sloan's spur and the spur strap was pulled down with such force and violence that Sloan's instep became badly bruised and blood poison set up. However, the poison is now under control and the patient is much better.

Another unusual accident happened to Al Rainbolt last week. While he and others were loading some dressed hogs on the wagon a tusk of a hog cut Al's shin. No attention was paid to the wound at the time, but within a few days with the cold weather and infection a doctor had to be called. Al will be indoors for some days over the little cut.

We are having considerable damp weather of late. Such fogs and mists, but rain, not a trace.

Mrs. Dincie Maxwell returned from near Austin last week where she had been to see her sick sister.

Our much-loved school teacher, Miss Anise Harber, dismissed public school Friday until after the holidays. Miss Anise will attend the teachers' institute in the meantime.

Some of our neighbors marketed turkeys last week at Algeria. We understand that 18 1-2 cents per pound was paid.

Henry Taylor is in O. K. this week where he took calves to put on feed.

Sheet Iron for Sale.

I am selling the sheet iron of the warehouse, and if you need any iron for barns or sheds you will make money by calling on me and getting the prices I am offering.—G. M. Gunter, Manager, F. U. Gin and W. H. Co.

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Bargain Store

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What Shall I Give For Christmas? Will Be Answered at this Store in a Most SATISFYING MANNER

Satisfying because every article featured here, being of a practical and useful nature is certain to delight the recipient and reflect good taste on the part of the giver. Aside from that consideration, the savings that will be effected through our policy of lower prices will most generously increase the buying power of your Christmas money.

Make This Store Your Christmas Store

The Famous Bargain Store

Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the San Saba Independent School District, Messrs. Wm. Scott, chairman, S. E. Kelley, an N. C. Walker will meet at the office of N. C. Walker on Monday, December the 24th. 1917 at 9 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of hearing any complaint as to property renditions where parties have received notice from said Board.

By order of the board, John Seiders, secretary.

Mrs. J. W. Terry was in town Monday doing Christmas shopping.

For cash. Wickert Shoes 25 per cent off Saturday and Monday.—A. R. Mosley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alexander were in town shopping Monday.

Mrs. H. H. Taylor and children will spend the holidays in Houston, the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. A. T. Gillespie.

Order a sack of that good flour for your Christmas cooking.—W. R. Harris.

Miss Armour Leigh Burleson who is a student of Ward-Belmont is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burleson.

Cottonseed.

Pure Mebane cottonseed direct from the originator.—Frizzell & Taff.

Mrs. S. Z. Park and sons leave Friday for Granbury to spend Christmas with the former's parents.

Flashlights and batteries at the Corner Drug Store.

Baptist Church.

Sunday morning subject: "God Abhors What Men Often Highly Esteem." Luke 16:15. Sunday night subject: "How to Become a Christian." Acts 11:26. "The church at any given point or place is no better nor worse than the members who compose the church, make it. In other words, the church is just what its members are." What kind of a church would my church be, if all the members were just like me? Those not members are cordially invited and will be warmly welcomed.—G. W. Light, Pastor.

We will have everything you need for your holiday baking and eating.

J. W. McConnel & Sons.

Fresh Graham flour.—W. R. Harris.

Order a sack of that good flour for your Christmas cooking.—W. R. Harris.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. At the morning service we will consider some theme appropriate for the Christmas season, also remember the evening service. We try to make all the services helpful. Your presence and prayer will contribute very materially toward the success of our worship. Come and welcome.—B. D. D. Greer, Pastor.

The Truth About Cancer.

A new book giving a most comprehensive explanation of cancer and its successful treatment without the knife is offered for free distribution by a medical institution of national prominence. Send for your copy today. Address, O. A. Johnson, M. D., Suite 560, 1320 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.—Adv.

Order a sack of that good flour for your Christmas cooking.—W. R. Harris.

Mrs. Jno. Patterson and children of Lampasas will spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Walker.

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AT THE CHOCOLATE SHOP

"Xmas Eatin"

Our stock is ample with good things to eat,
Of the choicest kinds none can compete.

Cranberries, Coconuts, Dates, Figs, Oranges, Apples, Celery, Lettuce, Nuts, Candies and all other good things that go to make up your Xmas dinner.

The celebrated DeLuxe fruit cakes in stock

W. R. Harris



See me before you sell your FURS
G. W. EDMONDSON

THE FINAL ESTIMATE

The present season's crop of American cotton is estimated at 10,949,000 bales by the Agricultural Department's latest and final bulletin.

This is about a million bales less than the last previous estimate and the reduction is attributed to early frosts, the effects of which have been made manifest since the promulgation of the former estimate.

This is the smallest cotton crop for a number of years, but its money value far exceeds that of the largest cotton crop ever made in this country, for the market price of the staple this season has been more than double the average price obtained, per pound, for the abundant crops, or the average price for a long series of years. Besides getting higher prices for the staple this year the American farmers have made the greatest crops of food and feed products, with a money value exceeding any former period in the country's history. The unofficial estimate of the value of the country's farm products for this year is \$21,000,000,000, truly phenomenal.

The war increased the demand for food our products and so enhanced their market value; the war cut off foreign markets and market facilities for disposal of cotton, yet the demand has so far outrun the

supply that the market price has gone above the most sanguine expectations of the producers. It has usually happened, except, when there was a large surplus carried over from the previous season, that the smaller cotton crop sold for more money in the aggregate than the larger one and it will always happen so when considerably more cotton is produced than the demand for consumption will absorb.

It is not likely that there will be much surplus carried over from this season's crop, though the policy of warehousing and marketing gradually which is now being generally practiced by producers will materially help to sustain the market and stabilize prices.—San Antonio Express.

For cash, Wickert Shoes 25 per cent off Saturday and Monday.—A. R. Mosley.

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The Governments estimate on the 1917 Cotton crop are 10,949,000 bales, and the 1916 crop 11,363,915 bales, which shows a shortage of 414,915 bales.

Give him a Cherry silk tie.—A. R. Mosley.

Mrs. A. N. Ashmore and children of Leander, arrived here Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Perry.

EVERY CENT GIVEN RED CROSS SPENT FOR RELIEF WORK

LIE CIRCULATED BY AGENTS OF UNSPEAKABLE KAISER IS NAILED.

HOW SOCIETY IS SUSTAINED

Half of Membership Fees Provides Sufficient Funds for Administrative Purposes—Where Subscriptions Go.

Hirelings of the unspeakable Kaiser have circulated more lies with reference to the American Red Cross than any other American organization. One of these lies was to the effect that a big percentage of the millions of dollars subscribed for Red Cross work went to officials of the organization. This statement has no basis in fact whatever.

One hundred and twenty million dollars was subscribed for the Red Cross by Americans last June, and not one penny of this money has been spent for administrative work. When a membership in the Red Cross is issued, say for \$1.50 cents of this amount is sent to headquarters at Washington for the administrative fund and the remaining 50 cents is kept by the chapter which issued the membership.

Where the Money Goes.

Not all of the \$120,000,000 subscribed in June has been collected. Collections on Nov. 1 totaled \$79,895,355.68. Of this amount \$9,129,389.21 is being returned to Red Cross chapters for local relief work and the purchase of raw materials to be made into hospital garments and supplies. In addition to this total, appropriations from the war fund up to Nov. 1 amounted to \$40,851,256.20, of which \$26,934,416.86 was for foreign relief. These foreign relief appropriations were apportioned as follows: France, \$19,581,240.47; Belgium, \$720,001; Russia, \$1,428,040.57; Serbia, \$493,203.76; Roumania, \$1,518,398.76; Italy, \$214,000; Great Britain, \$1,000,520; miscellaneous foreign, \$118,012; Armenian and Syrian relief, \$1,800,000.

There has been apportioned for supplies, etc., for United States forces in this country, \$3,488,729; for hospital work, \$379,500; for sanitary service about cantonments, camps, \$133,500; for miscellaneous items in United States, \$108,457.60, a total for the United States army of \$4,120,216.60. Other appropriations advanced for hospital funds amounted to \$220,000.

The sum of \$7,659,000 has been expended in the purchase of raw materials to be worked into hospital garments, bandages, surgical dressings, etc., by various lay workers throughout the country. As local chapters purchased this material at cost from the national organization, this sum will eventually be returned to the war fund.

Other German Lies.

Another lie is that American sailors are sending word to friends that they are receiving so many sweaters and other knitted garments that they are using them for mops aboard ship.

The Red Cross, through George W. Simmons of St. Louis, general manager of the Southwest District, recently appealed for all knitted garments it can possibly get. There is a pitiful shortage and winter is coming on. No matter how many knitted articles went aboard a ship, none of them would be used as mops.

Still another lie is to the effect that Mrs. Frank V. Hammer, chairman of the St. Louis Red Cross Chapter, receives \$15,000 a year for her services, and that George W. Simmons, chairman of the Southwestern District, receives \$30,000.

Both Mrs. Hammer and Simmons donate their services and pay their own traveling expenses. In addition, Simmons and Mrs. Hammer have each made large personal subscriptions to the Red Cross fund.

Yarn for Sweaters Is Free.

Another baseless German lie is to the effect that the Red Cross is selling yarn to women who are knitting sweaters and mufflers for the soldiers.

The basis for this tale is a rule enforced by the Red Cross, which requires a small deposit when yarn is turned over to applicants. The deposit is refunded when the knitted garments and left-over yarn are returned.

That a sweater knit in St. Louis for the soldiers in France was sold by Red Cross workers and identified by the woman who knit it by a piece of currency sewed into the fabric is another German lie.

Heads of the Red Cross Society in St. Louis branded this as a bald fabrication. Nothing handled by the Red Cross Society is sold.

In Arcola, Ill., fond parents are buying Red Cross memberships for children of all ages, including newborn babies.

Everyone cannot "go across" and fight, but everyone can "come across" with a membership in the Red Cross, and thus help those who do fight.

Suffering humanity in many nations is calling to us for help. We can help through the Red Cross.

RAISE FOOD

Austin, Tex., Nov. 28, 1917.—That the raising of food and feed crops and increased production of live stock for 1918 is more certain of profitable returns than is the raising of cotton, is the opinion of Fred W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture. In speaking of farming, stock-raising and the condition of world markets, Mr. Davis made the following statement:

"Farming in Texas is a business that is continuous all the year round. Preparing, sowing, and reaping goes on for the full twelve months of the year, and, like the brook, must 'go on forever.' Farming this fall and early winter will determine the crops for next spring and summer, both in the kind and yield; but the kind of crops rather than the methods to be used, is the purpose of this article.

"There is but one crop which Southern economists feel the necessity of discouraging, lest it occupy too large a place in our general plan of production, namely, cotton. Now that cotton is bringing nearly 30 cents per pound, and will probably bring this figure before planting time again, and cotton seed are bringing almost undreamed of prices, the temptation will be great for farmers to follow their usual course in such cases and plant too heavily to that crop. Most farmers had rather grow cotton than any other Southern crop. Most landlords, especially the non-resident ones, prefer cotton because it is ready cash rent, and the bankers and credit merchants usually prefer that their advances be based on cotton, because it is a liquidating commodity.

"Against all these influences, the plans for diversified farming must contend. We realize that our armies in the field, as well as the civil population of this and the allied nations, must have sufficient clothing, and the South must raise cotton to meet the major part of this necessity, but when the world is on the 'hog and hominy' basis, and necessities, not luxuries, are reduced to a minimum, there is much economy that can be practiced in the question of clothing, which would release both means and energy to be applied to the question of food.

The constant shifting of styles, causing much discarding of garments, but little worn, can and should be discontinued, at least during the war and until the world's production again gets normal. Garments can be made over, and many shifts which would be a great saving in the question of clothes, may be resorted to. This may not meet our fancy, but would go a long way toward meeting requirements. We should remember that a lean wardrobe is not to be compared to a lean pantry. The human body must have a certain amount of food in order that health may be preserved and life sustained, and when it is not available, famine, disease and death is the result, accompanied by theft, robbery, riots, and general anarchy. Therefore, the production of food is our foremost patriotic duty. Things necessary to sustain our nation in arms should be the first desire of our citizens, and surely our producers will realize that food must come first, but of course, both food and clothing are absolutely necessary.

"The drouth has been broken recently in many places and we wish to admonish the grower to sow fall grains where possible, and prepare for a large planting of corn, oats, the grain sorghums and other food and feed crops, making cotton a surplus and secondary consideration. This should be the gen-

eral plan of the growers, and this is our appeal to them, backed by the following reasons: It is the best way to meet the most urgent demands of the Nation, and its allies during the war. It is the safer plan from a business standpoint.

"If too much cotton is raised, with restricted commerce, the price can and probably will fall below the cost of production and the growers will be left without money and with insufficient food and feed. This statement is no guess. The history of the cotton market, without exception, proves that smaller crops bring the more aggregate money, and the extremes in price can be reached with wonderful rapidity. The highest price paid for cotton in 1903, on middling basis, was more than three times the lowest price paid in 1904. According to good authority, cotton brought \$1.80 per pound in the American markets in 1865, and sold as low as 8 cents in the American markets in the year 1868. So a very large crop next year will undoubtedly be discounted by a decrease in the price. All surplus feed and food is almost sure to command good prices. The Government has placed a minimum of \$2.00 per bushel on wheat, and 15.50 cents per pound on hogs. We should produce a large amount of food and feed for it will be needed to fill our empty cribs, warehouses, and empty pantries, and where there is a fed to live stock, which will undoubtedly bring good prices, from a handsome profit to a great loss from season to the next, it is not possible under stock can be affected. It is estimated that should the war close right away, it would take from five to seven years to get back to the normal supply of livestock, especially horses and cattle. So the growing of food and feed will be safer than the production of a large cotton crop, besides, it would be meeting our greatest patriotic duty.

"The question of labor will be a very important one and producers should minimize their help by growing more wheat, oats, and other crops and such row crops as will take the least amount of labor for production and harvesting."

"Let your efforts as producers be stimulated by patriotism and guided by good business judgment."

WHERE THE WASTE IS

You walk into the restaurant at lunch time and give your order. Perhaps you are in doubt as to how large the portion will be so you give an order for more than it subsequently develops you will care to eat. The remainder is wasted. Several slices of bread are served. You eat one or one and a half. In a few minutes some piratical looking foreigner who speaks all languages with equally foreign accent prances up and slams the bottom of a used plate down on the bread you have left. Away it goes to the swill can. Said bone-headed waiter wouldn't know Mr. Hoover from the justice of the peace of precinct eight in Patagonia. He hasn't heard there is a food shortage. All he knows is that he works in a restaurant and has the high

privilege of throwing away about ten to thirty per cent of all the food the patrons of the place pay for.

Talk about saving food! We venture to guess there is more food wasted in one first-class restaurant in a big city than in one thousand homes. Your wife is solicited to sign a food pledge card. The chances are that she has been practicing the closest possible economy in the household management for the last five years at least, if not all her married life. And while she is being given instructions from Washington on how to save a lamp of sugar the flat-headed gink with a language that sounds like fire-crackers going off under a tin can slams enough food into a slop can to feed a brigade.

Mrs. Jim Sloan was in the city Monday.

Miss Annie Ruth Gray arrived Sunday from Ward-Belmont College where she is a student and will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Sloan Kirk.

Tom Perry returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where he had employment.

Miss Jimmie Lou Carr who is teaching the Wallace Creek school spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Carr.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

Have you paid your account? We have notified you if you haven't. Please don't disappoint us again.—Biggs & Clark.

According to the United States bureau of markets, reports from all over the United States indicate that storage holdings of turkeys is 242 per cent greater than in 1916. Not only in poultry, but in beef, creamery butter, American cheese and eggs have the stocks increased as compared with last year. Who is responsible for the high cost of living?—Fort Worth Record.

For cash, Wickert Shoes 25 per cent off Saturday and Monday.—A. R. Mosley.

Miss Grace Carroll is in Brady attending the teachers Institute.

Mr. W. N. Ellis is attending the Teachers Institute at Brady this week.

Miss Daisy Burke former reporter for the Star passed thru here Saturday enroute to Brady where she will attend the Teachers Institute. Miss Burke reports her school progressing nicely.

Miss Delia Kuykendall of Cherokee passed thru here Saturday on her way to Brady to attend the Teachers Institute.

For cash, Wickert Shoes 25 per cent off Saturday and Monday.—A. R. Mosley.

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I handle all kinds of feed in car load lots. Free delivery to any part of town. Nice camp houses and stalls for the traveling public. Give me a call.

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