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The First National Bank of Hansford, Texas

DESIGNATED COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Does a general banking business, and grants every accommodation consistent with safe, conservative business principles. We want your business, and will try and merit it.

Capital Stock, \$25,000
Surplus, . . . 5,000

Blowout Rained Out

Owing to the heavy rains the Guymon Boosters could not come to Hansford Wednesday as they intended, but will come as soon as weather conditions will permit, the exact date to be decided on later. Considerable preparations had been made to receive the visitors, but the disappointment occasioned by their inability to get here is assuaged to a considerable extent by the consoling fact that the great rains will make thousands of dollars for the county and that a way of spending this money can be outlined during dry spells. Hansfordites, especially the good roads enthusiasts, were anxious to meet the Guymon Boosters, and hope they can arrange a date in the near future when they can come to see us, bring their "knittin'" and stay all day.

G. H. S. Commencement

The Headlight family is in receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the Guymon High School, class of 1917, to be held in the M. E. church of that city on Friday evening, May 18. There are ten members of the graduating class this year and they are a fine bunch of pupils. The writer is particularly interested in this event because of the fact that his nephew, Mose Martin Harris, is a member of the class, but we will frankly confess that their class motto almost corralled our angors. It is a sort of musical rebus and our final interpretation of it is: "Be Sharp; Be Natural, but Never Be Flat."

A Good Statement

If anyone doubts for a moment that Hansford county is not the most prosperous section of the whole universe, we call his or her attention to the statement of the First National Bank of Hansford, which appears on another page of this issue. This bank was established in 1907 and by good management and consistent business methods has prospered every day of its life. Mr. Carson, the efficient cashier, tells us that prospects are brighter than ever before for this bank and that, like Bryan of old, they view the future with confidence and hope. The Headlight is glad to see the First National prospering. The men behind it are substantial residents and are spending their time and money in developing the re-

sources of Hansford county. We hope the First National continues to grow and prosper.

Auctioneer Here

Col. Wilmeth—Rabbit Foot Bill—and wife, came down from their home near Guymon Monday, spent the night with the F. C. Wilmeth family north of town, came on to Hansford Tuesday morning and in the afternoon went out to the Seymour farm where the Colonel held a very successful sale. Col. Wilmeth is a great auctioneer, has been in the business over twenty-five years and gets better every year. The Headlight foreman takes great pleasure in making dates for the Colonel, because of the fact that during the past ten years he has never known the Colonel to fail to deliver the goods.

Wet and Cold

Can anybody, except Joe Jones, remember ever having lived through such a cold spring. These are regular January mornings, when we should be going fishing, playing baseball and wearing B. V. D's. Mr. Jones made a trip on a mail back from Dodge City to Mcbeetie once in the latter part of May, when the weather was really cold, but that was before we knew anything about twinxes and twenty dollar coal.

Items We Appreciate

We notice by the last issue of the Hansford Headlight that R. B. Quinn is editor of the same and Oran Kelly is foreman. The paper shows a pronounced improvement and the citizens of Spearman, the new town to which the paper will be moved, will find they will give them a publication in keeping with the merits of the place.—Liberal News.

The Hansford Headlight has been sold by J. H. Buchanan to a company and the last two issues show considerable improvement in the typographical appearance of the paper. We note that the names of R. B. Quinn, as editor, and Oran Kelly, foreman, appear at the top of the editorial column and we are disposed to credit the said Kelly with a good deal of executive ability in the "art preservative." With two such good Irish names at the masthead, the Headlight will, undoubtedly, take on a new effulgence and we welcome them to the Panhandle fraternity.—Amarillo Southwest Plainsman.

You Believe In God? Then Outwardly Manifest It by Going to Church

It is not enough for one to say that he lives a righteous life and that he believes in a Supreme Being. He must give outward manifestation of that belief.

There is only one way that a man can give outward manifestation of his belief in and love of God, and that is by going to church. The church is the home of God. He reigns there. On great feast days like Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's the churches are filled to overflowing. People go to church to honor God and thank him for his blessings. Don't wait for these feast days to go to church and then stay away from church for the remainder of the year. Every Sunday is a feast day of the church.

As a result of the country wide go to church movement there has been a splendid increased attendance in the churches. But there are many who have been deaf to the call. If you are one of these, make up your mind to go to church next Sunday. Tell your wife of your resolution and note the pleased look on her face. Tell your children and it will make an impression on them for life. A parent can ill afford to ask his children to go to church and remain away from divine service himself.

Going to church doesn't require any great sacrifice. The services are at a reasonable hour. They are not long. You surely meet the right kind of people there. The sermons invariably are instructive and uplifting. Try going to church next Sunday. See if you don't feel better for it. It will help you to overcome the temptations of the world. You'll hesitate before you do a wrong act. Sin brings its punishment; righteousness its reward. If you want to earn the reward of righteousness and avoid the punishment of sin, be a regular church attendant.

Rebekahs Organize

The W. E. Caldwell Lodge of Rebekahs, of Hansford was instituted Saturday night, under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Pangle, district deputy, of Amarillo. The Guymon degree team came down and put on the work in a very capable manner and were highly complimented by those comprising the lodge. Something like twenty citizens of our community went in as charter members and many more will come in later, as the weather was so disagreeable Saturday night many found it impossible to attend. The roads were in bad condition from the recent rains and those attending from Guymon experienced considerable difficulty in getting here and report they found them much worse in returning, but all being loyal Rebekahs, do not allow such small matters as bad roads to prevent them from carrying out the principles of the order. After the work of organization and instituting the lodge was over the doors were opened into another room and the visitors and members were invited out to partake of a banquet, prepared by the Hansford ladies, and those who have been fortunate enough in the past to be entertained in this manner by our ladies need not be told that it was sumptuous and composed of viands "Fit for the Gods". The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. John Dessen, N. G.; Mrs. H. V. Nesbitt, V. G.; J. H. Buchanan, P. G.; Max Lackey, Recording Sec.; H. V. Nesbitt, Financial Sec.; Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, Treasurer; Miss Hassie Hazelwood, Warden; Miss Daphney Doyle, Conductor; Mrs. Franklin, Chaplain; Frank Dessen, I. G.; John Dessen, O. G.; Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. Hazelwood, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. Frank Dessen, R. S. V. G.; O. Womble, R. S. V. G. The following Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were here from Guymon: Boone Bradford, Frank Douglas, J. W. Jordan, W. D. Youtsler; Mesdames Paul Austin, C. F. Tompson, Thomas Beekwith; Cliff Foreman; M. F. White; Worth Woodward, and Misses Shook, Smith, McFarland, Stice and Dunham.

To Be in Readiness

Sheriff Hancock recently received the following telegram from Governor Ferguson:

J. C. Hancock, Hansford:—

Acting under direction of the president, I request that you at once get in communication with the county judge, the clerk, the county physician and the presiding judges of the various voting precincts of your county and hold them in readiness for the next ten days, within which time I will further communicate to you directions from the President for quick enrollment of all men of military age under the act of congress, just passed. Where office of presiding judge is vacant arrange at once to fill the place.

Signed: J. E. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Spearman on the Market

Col. M. B. Hereley and F. W. Wilsey were here Monday and Tuesday of this week with plats of the townsite of Spearman and were offering lots for sale to Hansford people. The townsite will be thrown on the market and lots sold to purchasers from anywhere after Tuesday, May 15. Hansford people were given choice in the location of lots and this week was set aside as the time in which they could make their selections. Almost every business man in Hansford is an investor in Spearman and the fact that the Hansford banks were among the first and largest purchasers is strong evidence that Spearman city property is worth the money. Bankers make few bad investments. When the townsite is offered to the entire public, on May 15, the lots will go like hot cakes. Very little has been said so far about when Hansford would be moved to Spearman, but the streets are being graded and put in condition at the latter place and building has begun. The latest reports are to the effect that work is progressing satisfactorily on the railroad, but the war is beginning to affect both labor and capital, so it is hard to tell when the

W. S. McNabb, President B. V. Andrews, Active Vice Pres.
L. G. Blackmer, Cashier

The Hansford County Bank

(UNINCORPORATED)

We do a general banking business and your patronage will be appreciated.

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Capital Stock, \$10,000.00

HANSFORD, TEXAS

track will be finished to Spearman. Col. Hereley says the Company is trying to push their road out into this country in time to haul the crop now coming on to the allied armies. This is combining business with patriotism and we hope they succeed.

Tuesday will be a big day in Spearman. Visitors and investors will be there from everywhere, and no doubt it will be quite a momentous event. In sale bill parlance, lunch will be served at noon.

Big Rains

Rain began falling in Hansford Saturday morning and continued almost continuously until Sunday afternoon. The ground is now thoroughly soaked and farming operations have begun to assure proportions which bespeak an immense row crop, especially, and every other crop that can be matured before frost. Reports from all parts of the county and adjoining counties are to the effect that a great rain has fallen. Grass is coming along at a rapid rate now and stockmen are happy. It means they are almost through feeding high priced cake, and that cattle will soon be fat enough for beef.

Hansford county is wonderfully prosperous and her unlimited resources are being developed as never before. The war is making her products bring unheard of prices and the bright prospects of a railroad are bringing new capital and new life. Keep your eye on Hansford county and especially that portion of it adjacent to the townsite of Spearman.

Money In Hogs

Geo. Davidson of the north part of the county, last week sold \$1,633 worth of hogs at one sale, and still has left all kinds of hogs, from the small, ordinary bacon sprouts to the big brood sows. In other words George merely sold a few to get them out of his way. Mr. Davidson makes no specialty of hog raising. He keeps a bunch as all good farmers should for home use, and also, to eat the waste grain. This is only one of many instances which go to prove that a man can make more money on a farm in Hansford county than elsewhere. Come to Hansford.

W. C. Nollner and sons, Carl and Roy, were in Hansford Monday and called at the Headlight office.

Deaths of the Week

Garland S. Hale died at his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Wednesday, May 9, age 78. Our townsman, B. B. Hale, is a son of the deceased, and returned only last week from a visit to his father, who has been in failing health several months and whose death was not unexpected. S. B. could not return to Fort Wayne in time for the funeral, which will be held today in the Hale cemetery near that city.

Mrs. Ownsby Dead

Mrs. Joe Ownsby, who has been sick for some days, died in the sanitarium in Dalhart, Friday, May 4th. Funeral services were held at the Holt cemetery Saturday, May 5th. A large number of friends came through the rain and snow that they might pay their last tribute of respect to one who during her life was a true wife, a good mother and a friend to be trusted. Mrs. Ownsby was a member of the Baptist church having been a member for more than twenty years. She leaves behind a father, two brothers, one sister, a husband and four children, together with many friends who mourn her loss.

Death of Grandma Mayfield

Mrs. Mayfield of the Alpha community passed away Sunday, May 5. She had reached a ripe old age and had been for some time waiting for the summons. Through her long life she has trusted in the Saviour and had His grace for the last trial. We offer to the bereaved family our sympathy.

Mother's Day

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. It will be celebrated all over our land. Let us show our loyalty and love for our own mother and all of her sacrifices for us, by joining in the special service at the church Sunday morning. All the mothers present will be given seats of honor. We invite all mothers of the town and surrounding country to be present. There are calls from every hand to be loyal to the flag, and is it not fitting that at least once a year we should have a great, general rally and stir up afresh the love we owe to mother? Remind your friends of this service. Be there yourself.

Largest and Best List of Farm and Ranch LANDS In Hansford County Texas

I have for sale a large list of Farm and Ranch Lands in Hansford county, at prices that will meet the approval of the purchaser. See me at once if you want choice lands near Spearman.

MONEY TO LOAN:--- I have an unlimited amount of money to loan on Farm and Ranch Lands. Best terms and lowest rate of interest.

Information Gladly Furnished
Phone or Write.

.. J. R. COLLARD ..

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We are now receiving our new line of Farm Machinery, such as

Listers, Two-row Lister Cultivators, Go-Devils, Sanders Disc Plows, Harrows and Disc Harrows, in fact we have anything you need in Farming Implements.

We handle the Famous Sharpless Cream Separator.

BASEBALL GOODS will arrive in a few days. Balls, Bats, Gloves, Mitts, Masks, Etc.

TRUAX HARDWARE Company

HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS,
UNDERTAKING GOODS ..

HANSFORD, TEXAS

Hear the New Edison at Hale's drug store. Latest in music.

F. W. Dellbrugge was in from Jeffry Monday. He reports a fine rain, and farming activities opening up strong.

Ross Hays returned Tuesday from Clayton and Texline, where he spent the past six months, and will again take up his residence in Hansford.

D. A. Cathart and son W. J., of Lieb, were in Hansford Monday, coming in for a casket for Mrs. J. W. Mayfield. They were supplied by the Truax Hardware Co.

G. W. McMurry and family were in town Monday from their home near Mulock, trading and looking after business matters. Mr. McMurry called at the Headlight office and had his subscription moved up a notch.

Tom L. Hobbs received the sad news last Saturday that his brother, Sam Hobbs, an employee of the Knoxville & Augusta Railway Co., had that day met with an accident resulting in the loss of his right leg. The accident occurred near Knoxville, Tenn.

Boston Eubank was in town early Monday morning from his fine farm eleven miles northwest. Boston's father was one of the first commissioners of old Beaver county, now Beaver, Texas and Cimarron counties, Oklahoma, and was the first mail carrier to bring mail to the postoffice at Hansford. We would like to hear this old gentleman and J. C. Denison of Guymon "swap yarns" for about 30 minutes.

Read the new ads in the Headlight.

Abstracter A. L. Barkley made a business trip to Guymon Monday.

John L. Hays, merchant, made a business trip to Ochiltree Tuesday.

W. S. McNabb of the Hansford County Bank, is transacting business in Amarillo this week.

Hansford county has been blessed with good rains this week, and now everyone is busy in the fields.

Miss Cassie Steward returned Sunday from a week's visit at the country home of her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Archer.

Mrs. Sid Clark has returned from an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Pierce, who live eight miles southwest of town.

Luther Cline went up to Guymon Monday, returning the same day with Mrs. Cline and daughter Opal, who had been there several days visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. L. Godfrey of Hansford, was operated on at the hospital this week for chronic pelvic trouble. She is doing as well as can be expected.—Dalhart Texan.

Jackson Brothers, hardware and implement dealers, and the famous old Big Jo Lumber Company are new advertisers this week. Read what they have to say.

J. H. Buchanan went to Shamrock last week and was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. John Buchanan, who will be a guest of her son and family in Hansford during the greater part of the summer.

De Armond—Lizar

On Saturday evening Mr. Jesse DeArmond of eastern Oklahoma and Miss Myrtle Lizar from near Guymon stopped at the parsonage Saturday evening, May 5 and were married by the pastor. While this couple live somewhat out of the range of our Hansford acquaintance, yet they have the appearance of excellent young people. We hope that the fullest measure of success and happiness may attend them on their journey together. Those present at the wedding were Mr. Lizar, brother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Franklin.

Food Scarcity To Continue

Because of the slight reaction in wheat prices (future delivery) due to the approaching harvest, and the lower range of prices for vegetables on account of the yield of spring gardens, many of our people are assuming that the food scarcity is past and that they need not economize further. They are sadly mistaken.

The high prices of the past few months and the urgent efforts of the government the last few weeks have had their due effect; economy has been practiced to a degree, and probably our domestic supply of wheat will last until new wheat is milled if we continue to economize. But the growing crop promises 50,000,000 bushels less than the crop of 1916, which we are now eating, and 244,000,000 less than the crop of 1915. With war upon us the demand for another year will be greater than the demand of the past year. Heretofore we have been sharing our food with the allies only so far as prices tempted us to sell; now we must share with them regardless of prices, for they are our soldiers, fighting our battles.

The south alone can materially increase food and feed in 1917, because the grain belt of the United States grows grain only (as cash crop) and has neither the available acreage nor the labor for any material increase. The south can increase—and is increasing handsomely—by reducing cotton acreage. But the south's increase, reckoned in the total supply, is necessarily small.

And if peace should come soon, the

May
Fifteenth

Advertise it
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Headlight

food situation will be worse, because Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria would come instantly into the market to bid against us. A declaration of peace tomorrow would afford no relief, for six months would be required to demobilize the armies, and the time for planting in Europe would have passed.

We can and will maintain ourselves and feed the soldiers of the allies, but to do so will require strict economy for a long, long time.

The south's crop prospects are far from flattering. There must be saving at every table if we are to win this year without injury to the vitality of our people.—Clarence Ousley.

Miss Alta Hays was a visitor to Ochiltree Tuesday

Henry Waldrop was a business visitor to Ochiltree Tuesday.

You need a New Edison in your home. The latest and best. Hear it.

Howard Andersen, of the First National Bank, went over to Amarillo Sunday and took the train for Wichita, where he expected to visit with his folks a few weeks and return to his work here, but instead of returning he joined the army. Howard is a good, steady boy and will make a splendid soldier.

We are headquarters
for all kinds of

Battery Work

Carry a complete stock
of self starter repairs
and do all kinds of self-
starter work.

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The Ford Man

Norval Ford, Manager

Texhoma, - Oklahoma



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Lumber, Shingles, Sash,
Brick, Lime and Cement.
Fuel Paint

WE will put a big yard at Spearman as soon as is practical. In the meantime we invite you to call at the Guymon yard and let us figure your bill.

We Will Save You Money

Palo Duro Hotel

Board by day or week at popular prices. Table supplied with the best the market affords. Clean and comfortable rooms and beds.

North Side Square

HANSFORD

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Complete line of Ford parts always in stock. Prompt service on mail orders.

Any time you break down phone us. We charge only for the driver's time. Service car day or night.

THE HANSFORD GARAGE JNO. KINCHELOE, Prop.

GAS and
OILS ..

Hansford
Texas

Don't fail to go to the Methodist
Church tonight and hear

SOBIESKI

Count Sobieski is a great enter-
er and you can not afford to miss
hearing him.

To-Night, Friday, April 11, '17

STAR LUMBER CO.

Lumber, Building
Material and Coal

Guymon, Oklahoma

The attorney general has approved an issue of \$500,000 of Dallas county bridge and road bonds.

Ninety-pound steel rails will be laid by the Santa Fe between San Angelo and Coleman, according to an announcement.

The elevator plant of the Wichita Mill and Elevator company of Petrolia was destroyed by fire, together with 1,000 bushels of wheat.

Secretary of State Bartlett has received from the Texas company a check for \$20,394.75 in payment of its annual franchise tax.

The berry crop in the Bangs country, west of Brownwood, will be larger than last year, when 3,800 quart crates were shipped to distant points.

It develops from the senate finance committee that there is a movement on foot which seeks to remove the medical department of the university of Texas from Galveston to Houston.

The board of regents of the university of Texas reorganized by electing Wilbur P. Allen chairman, and J. W. Butler of Clifton, vice chairman.

The Canadian chamber of commerce has completed arrangements by which many of the farmers of Hemphill county will receive Holstein milch cows for their farms.

At the request of the state department of agriculture, the farmers in Nolan county unanimously agreed to do their part in growing food and feed crops.

A new industry has developed at lake Worth, near Fort Worth, which means considerable revenue to the promoters. It consists of catching bullfrogs for the market.

During a heavy rain storm Friday night lightning struck an oil tank near the Producers' Oil refinery, one mile south of Gainesville, setting fire to 50,000 barrels of crude oil. The loss was about \$75,000.

It is learned that a determined fight will be made in the Texas house to abolish the state warehouse and marketing department by eliminating all appropriations therefor.

Jesus Torres, 107 years old, dead at Webberville, Travis county, after three days illness, the first time in his life time. Torres was born in Mexico, in 1810.

The Texas senate adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing the state treasurer to invest so much of the \$7,000,000 of unappropriated cash in the treasury as he may deem advisable in United States government short time certificates, bearing three per cent interest.

Seniors at the A. & M. college of Texas desiring to enter the officers' reserve corps training camp and having the approval of President Bizzell will be graduated May 5. At least 100 members of this year's graduating class of 150 will enter some branch of military service as commissioned officers.

A charter has been granted by the state department to the Standard Utilities Construction company for a line of electric railway through Dallas and Denton counties by way of Denton to Sidell, Wise county, an estimated distance of 58 miles. The headquarters of the company will be at Denton. The capital stock is \$1,000,000.

Two railroad parks in the center of the city of El Paso are being planned for the planting of crops as part of the general campaign for increasing food production in the southwest.

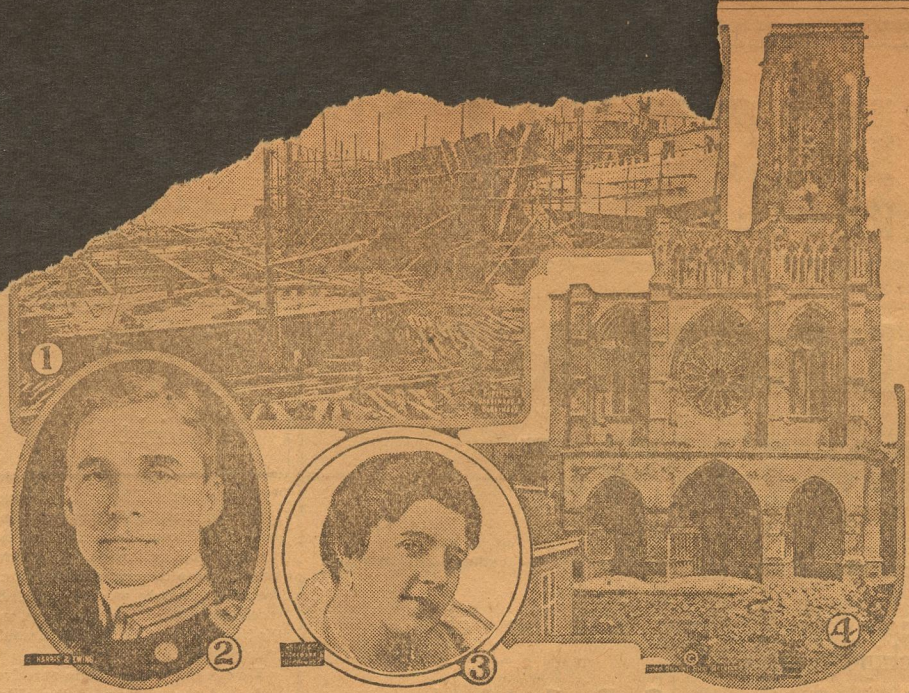
That the 15-cent loaf of bread is a probability of the very near future was the almost unanimous opinion expressed by the delegates to the annual convention of the Master Bakers' association of Texas during its sessions in Dallas last week.

The United States dry farming station, located near Big Spring, has been busily engaged the last two weeks preparing the various plans and fields for this year's experimental work.

Damage roughly estimated at \$25,000 was done at Denison Friday night by a wind storm. Following the wind storm rain fell in torrents, flooding storm sewers and in some instances flooding lower floors on Main street.

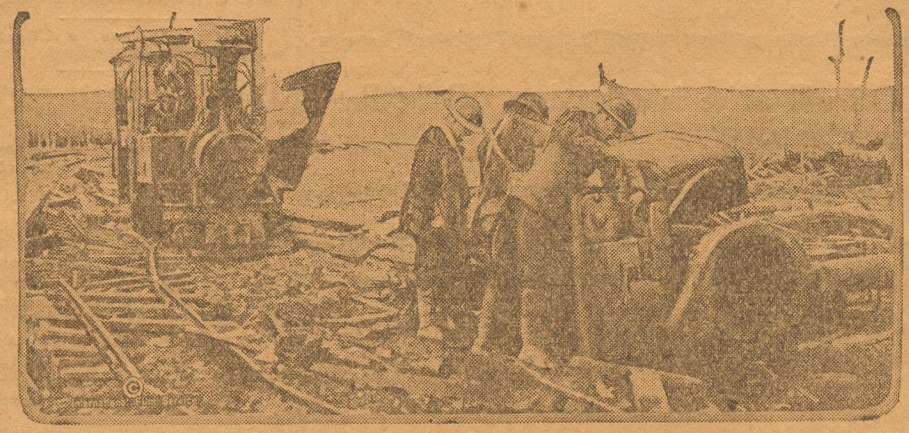
The city auto works of Ballinger was gutted by fire at a loss of approximately \$16,000. The fire destroyed 11 automobiles, a stock of tools and accessories, but was confined to the one building.

That he will establish a ship yard on Pelican Island and begin construction of seagoing vessels within the next 60 days was a statement made by J. P. McDonough, head of Galveston Dry Dock and Construction company.



1—Scene of activity in one of the Atlantic coast shipyards where already the building of a thousand wooden vessels to combat the submarine blockade is being rushed. 2—Rear Admiral Leigh C. Palmer, chief of the bureau of navigation, navy department. 3—Mme. Mariana Seva de Menocal, the beautiful wife of President Menocal of Cuba and president of the Cuban Red Cross. 4—The famous cathedral of Soissons, ruined by German shells.

REPAIRING ROLLING STOCK LEFT BY GERMANS



Soldiers repairing rolling stock abandoned by the Germans when the allies drove them from Bapaume.

AT THE DOOR OF A DUGOUT CHAPEL



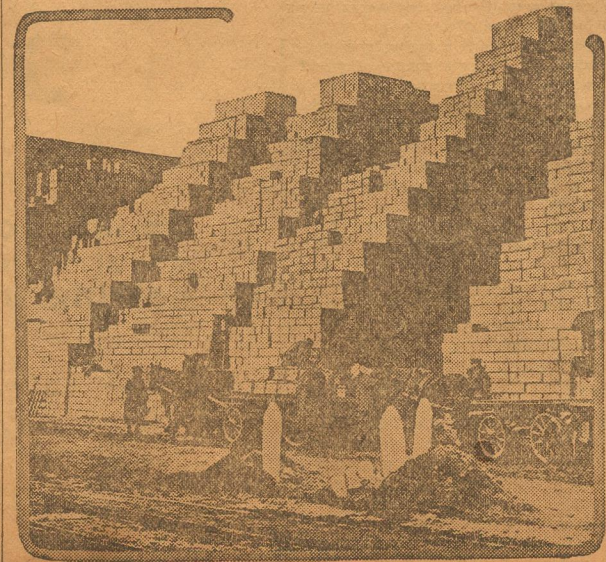
French Red Cross nurses at the entrance of a dugout near the front that has been made into a chapel. A great wave of religious feeling has swept over France since the beginning of the war.

EXAMINING THE SHELLS



Colonel Mitcham, ordnance expert, examining shells made in this country for the entente allies.

CORNER OF BRITISH ARMY CUPBOARD



This immense pile of food is a small part of a cupboard of supplies for one section of the British army in France.

Be Cut. For statistics may be obtained from its educational committee having a budget salary of the commissioner from \$3,600 to \$2,400.

Another department destined for reduction in estimates is that of agriculture. It asks for \$182,250 annually, against \$99,100 for each of the current two years, or nearly double.

The warehouse department is asking for \$49,780 a year, a decrease of \$17,000 each year.

Heavy appropriations have been asked by the state health department and there is some talk of reduction in that direction.

The house appropriation committee has finished its educational bill, had it introduced and reported for printing and later consideration. It carries \$6,675,215 as compared to \$7,880,527 asked by the institutions.

To Invest in Treasury Certificates. The senate adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing the state treasurer to invest so much of the \$7,000,000 of unappropriated cash in the treasury as he may deem advisable in United States government short time certificates, bearing 3 per cent interest.

WANT TO BUY U.S. CERTIFICATES

Edwards Urges Investment of \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000 As Patriotic Act

Austin—State Treasurer J. M. Edwards has addressed a letter to the legislature with the following suggestions, action on which has been taken in the house.

"As the United States government is issuing and placing on the market \$200,000,000 in treasury certificates bearing 3 per cent interest, redeemable on June 30, this year, it has occurred to me that it would be a patriotic act if the legislature of this state would pass a law authorizing the state treasurer to invest from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000 of the state's funds, now lying idle in the treasury, in such certificates.

"At a rate of 3 per cent each million dollars invested would bring into the state treasury \$5,000, at the end of sixty days, or when these certificates are cashed by the United States government."

Bakers Say 15c Bread Loaf Coming

Dallas—That the 15c loaf of bread is a probability of the very near future, was the almost unanimous opinion expressed by the delegates to the annual convention of the Master Bakers' association of Texas during the sessions here. With the bakers selling now on the basis of the price paid for flour a few months ago, when the cost was at least a third lower, the advance can not long be delayed, according to opinions expressed. The convention went on record as willing to do all in its power to aid in the conservation of food supplies, but as opposed to any plan of substitution that would lower the food value of their products.

American Trade Not Lessened.

Washington.—Notwithstanding the German submarine campaign, American exports in March reached a value of \$551,278,000, which has been exceeded only once, last January, the best month in the country's history. Imports of \$270,484,000 set a new American record.

\$30,000 Fire at Abilene.

Abilene.—Fire originating from lightning did damage estimated at \$30,000 at the plant of the Texas company. The plant was destroyed, together with 12,000 gallons of gasoline, two carloads of lubricants, a carload of roofing and other materials.

\$100,000 Fire at Oakwoods.

Palestine.—The little town of Oakwoods, 18 miles west of here in Leon county, was almost wiped out by fire which broke out in the business section. A whole block was gutted before the flames could be controlled and perhaps \$100,000 worth of stocks and buildings were burned with about half insured.

Nolan County Food Crops

Decker.—At the request of the state department of agriculture, the farmers in this vicinity unanimously agreed to do their part in growing food and feed crops. As a result a large increase in acreage will be planted.

Dallas County Bonds Approved.

Austin.—The attorney general's department has approved an issue of \$500,000 of Dallas county bridge and road bonds, payable within 40 years, 10-year option and bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Texas Company Pays Franchise Tax.

Austin.—Secretary of State Bartlett has received from the Texas company a check for \$20,394.75 in payment of its annual franchise tax on capital stock of \$1,000,000 and surplus of about \$100,000.

Be Bill Favorably Reported.

The senate education committee reported favorably the bill by Mr. Bee providing for the creation of a permanent text-book commission and the passage of a permanent text-book law. The Suter bill, providing for the extension of the present contracts for one year, received a favorable minority report.

In the House.

After numerous attempts to amend the university budget of the appropriation bill in the house, that section of the bill emerged unscathed at the adjournment of the house.

The hardest battle of the day was pitched on the amendment by Mr. Lee to strike out the appropriation for the university of Texas school of journalism.

Leon Springs Camp Has 18,000 Acres

San Antonio.—The officers' training camp at Leon Springs is located on the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railway, 23.6 miles northwest from San Antonio. It is situated on a government reservation of about 18,000 acres. It took its name from the springs that formerly flowed there. There is now no natural body of water near the camp, although an abundance of water is supplied by deep wells. The soil is chalky and rocky and the topography is rough. An abundance of mesquite covers the knolls and hills.

Storm Damage at Denison at \$25,000.

Denison.—Damage roughly estimated at \$25,000 was done here Friday night by a windstorm. The wind came from the west and veered to the north, dipping here and there and damaging property with each dip. Following the windstorm rain fell in torrents, flooding the streets, overflowing storm sewers and in some instances flooding lower floors on Main street.

Supplying Dairy Cows to Farmers

Canadian.—The Canadian chamber of commerce has completed arrangements by which many of the farmers of Hemphill county will receive Holstein milch cows for their farms. About 100 cows have been spoken for and it is expected that at least 300 cows will be bought for September delivery.

Land Revenues \$82,496.57.

Austin.—Revenue paid into the state treasury during April from land sales and leases amounted to \$82,496.57, according to a statement by State Treasurer Edwards. Of this amount \$54,104.95 was placed to the credit of the available fund and \$28,391.62 to the permanent fund.

Lightning Causes \$75,000 Oil Fire.

Gainesville.—During a heavy rain storm Friday night lightning struck tank No. 3 near the Producers' Oil refinery, one mile south of the city limits, setting fire to 50,000 barrels of crude oil. Rain continued to fall in sheets, rendering efforts to stop the fire futile. The loss was about \$75,000.

Allen Chairman University Regents

Austin.—The board of regents of the university of Texas at a meeting here reorganized by electing Wilbur P. Allen of Austin, chairman, and J. W. Butler of Clifton, vice chairman, both having been recently appointed regents by Governor Ferguson.

Brownwood Wheat Brings \$3.

Brownwood.—Six hundred bushels of wheat sold here for \$3 a bushel, the highest price ever paid in this county and probably in the state for the product.

1,000 Bushels of Wheat Burns.

Petrolia.—The elevator plant of the Wichita Mill and Elevator company of this place was destroyed by fire, together with 1,000 bushels of wheat. The loss will reach \$7,500, which was covered by insurance.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR AND RELATING TO THE CREATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.
Proposing to amend Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, declaring the conservation and preservation of all the natural resources of the State of Texas are public rights and duties; providing for the creation of conservation districts, declaring such districts bodies politic and corporate, defining the authority of such district, and conferring upon the Legislature authority to pass laws with reference thereto; declaring that the Legislature shall have authority generally to legislate for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and the methods thereof; directing the issuance of the proclamation therefor, prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, and which shall read as follows:

Section 59a. The conservation and development of all of the natural resources of this State, including the control, storing, preservation and distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers and streams, for irrigation, power and all other useful purposes, the reclamation and irrigation of its arid, semi-arid and other lands needing irrigation, the reclamation and drainage of its over-flooded lands, and other lands needing drainage, the conservation and development of its forests, water and hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as may be appropriate thereto.

(b) There may be created within the State of Texas, or the State may be divided into, such number of conservation and reclamation districts as may be determined to be essential to the accomplishment of the purposes of this amendment to the constitution, which districts shall be governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate with such powers of government and with the authority to exercise such rights, privileges and functions concerning the subject matter of this amendment as may be conferred by law.

(c) The Legislature shall authorize all such indebtedness as may be necessary to provide all improvements and the maintenance thereof requisite to the achievement for the purpose of this amendment, and all such indebtedness may be evidenced by bonds of such conservation and reclamation districts, to be issued under such regulations as may be prescribed by law and shall also, authorize the levy and collection within such districts of all such taxes, equitably distributed, as may be necessary for the payment of the interest and for the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of such bonds; and also for the maintenance of such districts and improvements, and such indebtedness shall be a lien upon the property assessed for the payment thereof; provided that the Legislature shall not authorize the issuance of any bonds or provide for any indebtedness against any reclamation district unless such proposition shall first be submitted to the qualified property-taxpaying voters of such

district and the proposition adopted.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held for such purpose on the Third Tuesday in August, A. D. 1917, the same being the 21st day of August, A. D. 1917. At said election the vote shall be by official ballot which shall have printed or written thereon the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," and also the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation." All voters favoring proposed constitutional amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government regulation," and those opposing it shall erase the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," which said erasures shall be made by making a mark with pencil or pen through said words. All ballots cast as above provided shall be counted as cast for or against this proposed amendment, and if a majority of the votes cast shall be for the amendment it shall be declared adopted; if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the amendment said amendment shall be lost. All the provisions of the general election laws as amended and in force at the time said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of electors, the method of holding such election and in all other respects as far as such election laws can be made possible.

Section 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the constitution and laws of this State.

Section 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000 00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

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