

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS

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## Notice to Lynn Co. Drouth Sufferers

The Drouth-Relief Committee, appointed by the Governor, is raising a drouth relief fund by subscriptions from noble and patriotic people who are able and willing to contribute thereto; and in order that it may be known what amount of the above named fund is desired by the people of Lynn County who may be in need of such assistance, applications for assistance will be received at the office of the County Judge up to and including October 11th.

Blank applications may be secured at the County Judge's office.

Assistance will be rendered only to farmers who are actual drouth sufferers as farmers, and who made an effort to grow a crop this year and intend to grow a crop in Lynn County during the year 1919.

It is not known what amount of assistance can be rendered in any individual case, but the assistance will be limited to cases of necessity, and the amount will, of course, be limited by the amount subscribed and the demands of necessity therefor.

All applications must be received in this office by the close of October 11th.

C. H. CAIN,  
County Judge.

The editor was pleased this week to have a visit from his oldest sister, now 55 years old, who lives in Jones county, and whom we had not seen in eight years. She came to Tahoka with L. T. Key and family, father-in-law to our brother who lives over there, and Glenn Stricklin brought her on over here in their auto. After a family once gets scattered, it seems hard for them to see much of each other thereafter. —Brownfield Herald.

## W. J. Burkhardt Opened Morgan School Monday

W. J. Burkhardt, was in from the Grassland community Saturday, and while here called at the News office and renewed his subscription to the paper. Mr. Burkhardt opened the school at Mogan, on the line of Lynn and Garza counties, last Monday. He stated that it had been about sixteen years since he had been in the school work, but considered it his patriotic duty to take up this line of work again, as so many of our young teachers have been called into the service of their country.

Rev. R. F. Dunn, pastor of the M. E. Church, preached to a large crowd at the church Sunday morning on "The Slacker." Bro. Dunn always holds the strictest attention of his hearers and is an interesting and forceful speaker.

Quite a crowd of Tahokites attended the Baptist Fifth Sunday Meeting out in the Three Lakes community Sunday. A subscription of over \$300 was raised for missions.

Miss Lena Jones, of Lubbock, spent Saturday and Sunday in Tahoka, visiting with her sister, Miss Margaret Jones.

Miss Meda Clayton is in Lubbock this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Hussey.

## O'Donnell Items

Miss Grace Bradley, telephone operator at Tahoka, was visiting at O'Donnell last Saturday and Sunday, returning home Monday morning.

Herbert Bishop made a trip over about Kenna, New Mex., last week returning Saturday evening.

J. J. Pugh returned last week from Oklahoma points, where he has been at work the past two months.

Charley Weems left for Burk Burnett last week to accept a position as pumper in the oil district. His family will remain here for the winter.

Tom Higginbotham, of Dallas, was down at H. T. Gooch's last week looking after his farm interests, and while here assisted in the vaccination of Mr. Gooch's yearlings.

Black leg has showed up down here, and it behooves cow men to vaccinate at once.

W. A. Treadway has accepted a position down about Houston, but writes that he will soon be home, as that country is good only for negro's, chiggers, chills and doctors. We will gladly welcome him back in our midst.

Misses Ollie and Eva Fulcher have taken charge of the school down in the Lakeview neighborhood.

Miss Bertie Doak is teaching at the Randle School this winter.

Everybody and his brother busy down here gathering his crop. Hands are scarce as all help has either gone to war or to hunt work elsewhere.

NELLA.

Messrs. and Mesdames Joe Penney, Harvey Miller, C. D. Swift, and Mrs. John Penney, Miss Joe Martin and Mr. Sidebottom, of Lubbock, were guests at the Stokes Hotel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henderson, and daughters, Mesdames C. J. Powell, and W. H. Scott, returned Wednesday from a three weeks outing in the mountains of New Mexico. They report a most delightful trip.

Mrs. W. S. Norton, a teacher in the Public schools at Lubbock, spent a part of Saturday and Sunday in Tahoka, the guest of Prof. A. J. Stricklin and family.

Mrs. W. J. Burkhardt, of the Grassland community, has returned from an extended visit to points in Texas and Missouri, she having visited in Cleburne, Texas, and Springfield and Bland, Missouri.

Miss Lucy Calvin, of Caldwell, Texas, arrived Thursday, and will assume her duties as teacher of the Needmore school in this county.

Messrs. Charley Brown and J. B. Stokes left Monday overland for Texas oil points. They expect to be out of the city several days.

B. P. Hopkins, proprietor of the Hopkins Drug Store at Lubbock, was here a short while Sunday.

Judge G. E. Lockhart returned from a business trip to Seminole Wednesday.

Mrs. Thurman Wells, of O'Donnell, is here this week visiting relatives.

## Fourth Liberty Bond Subscribers

Subscriptions to Fourth Liberty Loan, received by the First National Bank, of Tahoka, Tex., up to close of business, Wednesday Oct. 2nd:

E. E. Callaway	\$500
H. M. McCormack	100
H. B. Howell	50
G. E. Lockhart	500
C. B. Townes	100
A. L. Lockwood	500
Thomas Bros.	300
S. W. Joplin	50
W. B. Slaton	100
S. W. Sanjard	100
W. D. Nevels	200
Mrs. S. H. Windam	50
W. T. Petty	500
J. B. Stokes	50
J. E. Ketner	100
L. F. Piwonka	100
S. N. McDaniel	50
A. G. McAdams Lumber Co.	250
P. W. Hamilton	50
J. N. Jones	100
W. G. Tarrance	100
E. G. George	100
R. L. King	50
Cleve Glover	50
W. L. Knight	200
W. Timmons	100
S. B. Hatchett	50
Higginbotham-Harris Lbr. Co.	400
L. L. F. Parker	50
E. C. Martin	100
Howard Henderson	100
G. C. Woods	100
J. N. Thomas	100
T. B. Higgins	50
J. B. Willoughby	50
Joe Risinger	50
Milton Fuller	50
J. F. Davis	50
W. C. Wells	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,550</b>

Subscriptions to Fourth Liberty Loan, received by the Guaranty State Bank, of Tahoka, Texas, up to the close of business, October 2nd:

Tahoka Oil and Gas Co.	\$500
M. M. Herring	500
J. W. Elliott	100
Mrs. M. M. Herring	100
Chas. Lichey	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>

B. F. Montgomery is in town this week from Plainview.

## Casing Arrives For Oil Well

We are informed by M. M. Herring, Secretary of the Tahoka Oil and Gas Company, that the large casing for the company's well has arrived and will be hauled out to the derrick 2 1/2 miles south of town.

The News is printing several soldier letters this week from Ireland and France. They are interesting reading and we invite any who receive letters from relatives and friends in the service of Uncle Sam, to bring them in. All personal items will be left out.

## Excuse! What is an Excuse?

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 1—School children in this city have gotten into the habit of referring to every note from the home to their teachers as "excuses", and occasionally exceedingly ridiculous situations arise as a result.

Not long ago one of the teachers asked a Mexican boy to bring an excuse for being late to school, and a note to the teacher giving the date of his birth. He undertook to explain it to his mother. She knew still less English than the boy, and promptly took her troubles to the secretary of the International Institute, the division of the Young Women's Christian Association provided for solution of problems of women who do not speak English.

There the mother explained, "I give the teacher excuse for Luiz being late; I have no excuse for his being born. What must I write to the teacher?"

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Edwards made an overland trip to Brownwood, Waco, and Dallas the past week.

## "Girl of Phillipi" to be Shown Here Tonight

"The Girl of Phillipi," a war film, will be shown at the Star Theater tonight, Friday, Oct. 4th. This picture is a famous war scene being shown throughout the United States, and was secured by patriotic citizens of Tahoka by private contributions. The Star Theater through the courtesy of Mr. Ovid Luallen, has consented to show the picture free of charge outside of the actual cost of the film. One dollar subscriptions will admit the whole family. Come out tonight and see this famous war picture.

## Mrs. Frank Weaver Entertains S. S. Class

Mrs. Frank H. Weaver delightfully entertained her Sunday School class of girls last Saturday afternoon from four to six o'clock. Each pupil was allowed the privilege of inviting a guest. Games dear to the heart of children were greatly enjoyed. One special feature of the afternoon was the game of "Fishing." After the games they were escorted to Thomas Bros. Drug Store, where delicious ice cream was served. Small American flags were used as favors.

Those present were: Aline Sullivan, Floyce Sherrod, Leah Smith, A. V. Smith, Exa Mae Patterson, Beatrice Sullivan, Jonsie Walker, Helen Lee Maddox, Ura Marine Cash, Fay Brown, Ruth Nevels, Willie Lois Nevels, Birmah Small, Alice Small, Frances McCoy, Wilma Brashear, Audy V McCormack, Eunice Cash, Mary Adams, Juanita Haynes, Lura Mae Davis, Mildred Johnson, Lois Goodrich, Ina Floyd, Tommie Sorrels, Wilma Gibson, Eloise Herring and Flora Goodrich.

## Put This Article In Your Hat for Reference

When some chaps are sitting around assuming to tell everyone what they know, as to what numbers constitute certain divisions of our army, remove your hat and read the following to them:

- An army corps is 60,000 men.
- An infantry division is 19,000.
- An infantry brigade is 7,000.
- A regiment of infantry is 3,000 men.
- A battalion is 1,000.
- A company is 250.
- A platoon is 60 men.
- A corporal's squad is 11 men.
- A field battery has 195 men.
- A firing squad is 20 men.
- A supply train has 283 men.
- A machine gun battalion has 296 men.
- An engineer's regiment has 1,098 men.
- An ambulance company has 66 men.
- A field hospital has 55 men.
- A medicine attachment has 13 men.
- A major general heads the field army and also each army corps.
- A brigadier general heads each infantry brigade.
- A colonel heads each regiment.
- A lieutenant colonel is next in rank below a colonel.
- A major heads a battalion.
- A captain heads a company.
- A lieutenant heads a platoon.
- A sergeant is next below a lieutenant.
- A corporal is a squad officer.

## Uncle Sam Will Give Honor Flag

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 30—The Honor Flag System instituted during the last Liberty Loan Campaign is still in force, and the honor flag with four bars will be awarded to every county or community oversubscribing its quota.

Another matter to which we draw your attention is the fact that ten ships built by the United States Shipping Board will be named after the incorporated towns and cities raising the largest over subscription to the Loan. In this connection the percentage of population purchasing bonds will also count and it is the two factors taken together which will determine which towns or cities are to receive the honor.

Ten military tanks will be named after the counties producing the greatest over-subscription, together with the greatest percentage of subscriptions by population.

The last scholastic census will be used as the basis upon which to figure.

The honor of sending tanks into battle with the name of their county on the side should appeal to every citizen.

## Woman's Home Missionary Society Entertained

Mrs. F. E. Redwine entertained the Woman's Home Missionary society Monday afternoon with a social in connection with our regular bible study.

Quite a number of ladies were present, all enjoying the time to the fullest extent.

At 4:30 p. m., refreshments were served in two courses, consisting of ham sandwiches, olives and tea, next course was cake and pineapple float.

Those present were, Mesdames Singleton, Thomas, Atkinson, Robinson, Joplin, Williams, Bones, Dunn, Jones, Gray and Redwine.

In departing many wishes were expressed that Mrs. Redwine would entertain again.

A GUEST.

Your attention is called to the program of the Pastor and Layman's District Meeting to be held with the Tahoka Baptist Church, October 17th and 20th. These programs are being sent out to various towns in the surrounding country and a large attendance is expected upon the meeting. Look up the program and read it.

Mrs. L. H. St. Clair, (nee Miss Anita Jagilee,) a former teacher in the school here, is spending a few days in the city visiting her many friends.

Mrs. I. Lewis, and daughter, Miss Lola, returned Wednesday from an extended visit to relatives at Ballenger, Texas.

Have you paid your subscription to the News. Better get busy and pay up if you expect to receive the paper.

Mrs. Margaret Shook came in from Plainview Thursday, where she had been on an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Haynes were down from Lubbock Saturday and Sunday visiting the News force.



## TO THOSE WHO HAVE BOYS "OVER THERE"

You have given them richly of your love, your prayers, your constant thought. You have sent letters and packages by every mail.

You somehow feel that these will protect your boys "Somewhere in France," that somehow or other these constant expressions of yearning human affection will act as talismans, protective charms.

But these are not enough. Love cannot quench the gunfire; your prayers cannot halt the fumes of poison gas; your letters over their hearts cannot stop the bayonet thrusts.

When the hell of battle bursts they must have more—guns must answer guns, gas masks must answer poison gas, bayonets must answer bayonets. And guns and gas masks and bayonets cost money.

These are the things you must send over to save the lives of your own sons.

They need your love and your prayers.

But Liberty Bonds are an even mightier protection than family ties.

Invest in all you can today.

# Lynn County's Quota in the Fourth Liberty Loan, is \$16,100



Lynn County's  
Quota  
\$16,100

Lynn County must go "Over the Top" in the Fourth Liberty Loan. The Fourth Loan is a Fighting Loan. Every Subscriber to the Loan strikes a blow for Liberty, for Victory. It is an honor to have a part in it and all Americans, all their lives, will be proud of the part they had in it, or ashamed of their failure to do their part. Buy a Bond TODAY.

The  
Guaranty State  
Bank,  
Tahoka, Texas

Patriotically donated to the winning of the war, by

Letters From Our Soldier Boys

A letter from O. M. Shook to his mother and little daughter. Mr. Shook is commander of a submarine chaser, and at this writing was in Ireland. The letter follows:

Ireland, Aug. 30, 1918.

My dear mother:-

It has been a week since I wrote you, and as I am unable to use my hand as yet, I must pound another out on the machine.

Mother, I have not heard from home since I left the states, I would give my next month's pay just to know that you are O. K.

Don't let my little for-get-me not lose sight of the fact that she has a daddy in Ireland, or thereabouts, who loves her very dearly. Tell her that Daddy is coming home on her fourth birthday, whether the war is over or not, as Uncle Sam has said that he would rate a month

at home at that time.

Here is a story for her, which is an actual fact, for her Daddy witnessed it.

"Once upon a time, there was a German who invented a boat that would travel under the water. Now, this German was a very bad man, for he tried to sink a very large ship, and that would have caused a large number of Americans to die. Just before he tried to sink the ship, he was seen by the Officer of the Deck of a very small ship which was also a very dangerous ship. This officer gave the alarm, and all the ships began blazing away with all their guns.

"Now, on one of the very small ships, there was a negro cook, who decided it was safer in the water than it was on the ship in that sea, so he jumped overboard.

"It so happened that one of the small ships had been unable

to see what the other ships were shooting at, and about this time the lookout spied the negro in the water, and thought that the negro's head was the periscope of the German boat, so they turned their battery loose on the poor negro. They were using machine guns and cannon. The poor negro then decided that the boat was a much safer place than the water, especially if one happened to be black and were mistaken for a sub. He waved his arms and an officer ordered the guns to cease firing. It was really the most comical thing I have ever witnessed. Now comes the best part of the story, the bad men in that particular boat are all good men now. There is a reason."

Now, sweetheart, isn't that a good story for Daddy to send his baby? When daddy comes home he will tell his darling of the poor little children in this country and in other places he has visited. You still have your daddy, even if he is a long ways away, while some of these little children have no one to care for them. These mean men have taken their homes and killed their parents. That is just the reason Daddy can't come home, he must stay here and keep these mean men from destroying our homes in our own United States.

Mother I must lie down again, I feel faint about every twenty minutes. I am surprised at the weather here, it is as cold here in August, as it ever gets in southern California.

You know that song, "Ireland Must Be Heaven For My Mother Came From There," well that is not the reason anyone came from Ireland. They came from here because they had too much sense to stay in this place. Oh it is pretty and all that, but is entirely too cold for yours truly. I don't know what I will really do when the winter starts, for I freeze all the time now.

Tell the kids I have some wonderful pictures for them when I come home. I took them all myself except those I am in.

Mother, if prayers will help, I wish you would breathe one little prayer that I may get some mail from home. Those lines from home would be appreciated than much fine gold. I know that I would be a better man for the service if I could only hear from home. Now don't worry about me for I am doing just as well as I could. All I want is to get out of here and get another crack at them. There is no chance for us to lose this scrap. May God bless each one of you is the prayer of your boy.

O. M. SHOOK,  
Executive Officer Ensign, U. S. N. R. F.

The following letter was received by E. Lamb from his brother "somewhere" in France:

A. E. F., Sept. 8, 1918.  
Dear Brother and Sister:  
I have intended to write you for quite awhile, but just haven't gotten at it for some cause. I don't have as much time for writing here as I had in the States. Just think, I have been away from over there two months already. Seems like a long time, but I really am enjoying my new experiences.

France is a beautiful country, but it seems so antique and

queer to me. I wish you could see this quaint old village. Do you remember the description in Evangeline of French villages and you were helping me on the pronunciation, well I find it better to keep trying to talk to them, and a fellow can learn it faster that way. Their manners and customs are different to ours. We are far ahead of them. I have seen only a few modern reapers and they are small, dinky things. The grain is cut mainly by hand with the old cythe. Some use a frail pole to thresh, but they have a little outfit they call a thresher, and it is run by a tread mills. A horse walks on a slanting platform that rests on little wheels and as he walks it moves and thus runs the machinery. Lots of truck farms here. It rains often and the climate is cool. It rarely ever gets so warm that it is unpleasant. As far as living is concerned, I had rather be here than in Camp Bowie. I prefer the billits to the tents, so when it rains we don't get everything wet.

I miss the Protestant church services. Of course everything here is Catholic. I have been a few times, but can't understand any of it, so I usually take up my Sunday's writing.

We went on a concert trip last week and will go on another one next week. We all had a good time and the soldiers gave us a hearty welcome and much praise and applause at all the concerts. We also played at some hospitals and the patients seemed to enjoy the music as much as anyone could. I love to play for them for I know from experience how a fellow laid up in a hospital longs to hear some good music once in a while. I saw some beautiful French nurses at one hospital.

I shall have much to tell you folks when I get home and I am trying to remember it all, but no doubt my real experience has not begun yet. You should hear some of these thrilling experiences I have heard from the front.

I hope you can find time to write me often for I appreciate mail now more than ever.

Love to all!  
MUS. LA FAYETTE LAMB,  
143d Infantry Band, A. E. F.  
A. P. O. 796.

Have the Auto Top and Curtains repaired or made new, by Moore Bros., Lubbock, Texas. 44t

Citation By Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Lynn County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the welfare of Charley Nathaniel Cathey, a minor, by making publication once in each week for two successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in Lynn County, Texas, prior to the return day hereof, as required by law, but if there be no such paper published in Lynn County, Texas then you will cite persons interested herein by posting this citation at least ten days prior to the return day hereof, as required by law, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Lynn county, Texas, to be holden at the Courthouse thereof in the city of Tahoka, Texas, on the 4th Monday in October, A. D. 1918, and contest if they see proper to do so the application of N. B. Cathey, which has been filed in said court for the guardianship of the person, and the estate of said Charley Nathaniel Cathey.

HEREIN fail not, but have before said court; at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing that you have executed the same.

Witness: P. H. NORTHROSS,  
Clerk County Court, Lynn Co. Tex.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, this 3rd day of October, A. D. 1918.

P. H. NORTHROSS,  
Clerk County Court, Lynn Co. Texas  
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NOTICE TO TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL IS ISSUING MANY ORDERS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF OUR TELEPHONE SERVICE. WE WILL COMPLY FULLY WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. THEY ARE POSTED AS RECEIVED IN THE LOBBY OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMPANY, AND ARE OPEN FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE PUBLIC DURING OFFICE HOURS. YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THEM.

Respectfully,

THE WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Notice of Sale

I will sell for cash Monday, Oct. 7, 1918, at the City Pound, the following described live stock:

One red and white spotted steer yearling, branded either P track connected or R track connected on left side.

The above described stock was taken up within the city limits of Tahoka, and will be sold according to law on the date mentioned above.

31 BEN KING, City Marshal.

WANTED—100 hats to clean and block. Work guaranteed.—S. N. Weathers. 32

WANTED—to trade undivided half interest in corner brick building, Plainview, Tex., for land close to Tahoka. Call at the office, or address J. B. Nance, the land man, Plainview, Tex.

WANTED—100 hats to clean and block. Work guaranteed.—S. N. Weathers.

Patronize News advertisers.

Announcement

This is to notify the public that we have secured the services of Mr. E. B. Smith, who will have charge of the business in the future. We also wish to announce that we have gone on a strictly cash basis, so please do not ask for credit. We will be pleased to serve you at any thing in our line. Yours to serve.

The  
STAR  
DRUG  
STORE

WEST SIDE SQUARE  
Tahoka.

PASTOR AND LAYMAN'S DISTRICT CONVENTION

To Meet With The Tahoka Baptist Church, October 17th-20th

PROGRAM

THURSDAY

8:30, p. m., Sermon,.....Rev. J. B. Cole, Lubbock

FRIDAY

10:00 a. m.,—"Baptist and the World War.".....F. C. Dick

11:00 a. m.,—Sermon,.....Rev. G. M. McDaniel, Floydada

2:30 p. m.,—"Our Clean-up Campaign and Its Relation to World Conditions.".....Rev. J. B. Vinson, Brownfield

3:30 p. m.,—"Christ's Gospel—The Hope of The World in This Present Crisis.".....Rev. W. L. Tubbs, Floydada

4:15-5:15 p. m.,—"Importance of Magnifying Baptist Doctrines.".....Rev. F. A. Whitely, Slaton

8:30 p. m.,—Sermon,.....Rev. W. R. Underwood, Lamesa

SATURDAY

All Day.....The Ladies Program

8:30 p. m., Sermon,.....Rev. J. M. Earls, Southland

SUNDAY

10:00 a. m.,—Sunday School Mass Meeting,.....

.....Led by Rev. F. A. Whitely

11:00 a. m.,—Sermon,.....Rev. R. E. L. Farmer, Plainview

This program is for the benefit of the churches of the entire South Plains district regardless of association affiliation, and it is very important that there be the spirit of fellowship and co-operation between the brethren and churches in this part of the country if we do the best work for our Lord. Hence, we give the most cordial invitation to all who chance to read this program, to be with us on this occasion. The ladies of the association are expecting Mrs. B. T. Johnson, of Canyon City, to be present with them in their work at this meeting, and you will reap great benefit from her talks.

We Maintain

that you will be pleased with the class of materials that we keep at our yard. It is a pleasure to have you call and go through with us, get prices and see estimates. Make it a rule to visit us before making purchases.

A LONG FACE NEVER PAYS A BILL—SMILE-SMILE-SMILE

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COMPANY.

Peters  
"Black Diamond"  
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are built to stand the hard knocks your healthy, romping boys and girls always give their shoes.

"Black Diamond" shoes are made over full easy-fitting lasts and are solid leather throughout. The heels, soles and counters, the vital parts of the shoe are solid leather. The soles are extra fastened to prevent them pulling off and the uppers are cut from good weight stock.

For Style, Service and Comfort, "Black Diamonds" Are the Greatest Popular-Priced Shoes You Can Buy.

MADE IN ALL LEATHERS AND ALL SIZES.

FOR BOYS FOR GIRLS.

THE McCORMACK STORE,  
TAHOKA, TEXAS

SOLE LEATHER HEEL  
HEAVY LEATHER SOLES  
FULL DOUBLE TOE

# Help Put the Hun on the Run

Our boys in France are doing their part. Are you? The billions raised by Liberty Loans have made possible the gains of our armies. More billions must be raised until Democracy triumphs and a just peace is established. Buy your bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan at this institution today.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

A Bank Whose Resources are for the Benefit of its Customers.  
TAHOKA, TEXAS

### PRIVATE DAVIS TELLS OF FIGHTING GERMANS.

Private Ross Be Davis was reported in yesterday's casualty list as severely wounded in action July 20. His mother, Mrs. Lelia Davis, has received two letters from him since his confinement in a hospital at Bordeaux, stating that he is injured, in both legs.

The first letter received from the soldier since the fight in which he was wounded gave an interesting version of a typical battle.

#### Ran Into Shellfire.

"It was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon," says the letter, "we took over a sector which the Germans were firing on. Dashing forward for fifteen minutes, jumping over stumps and shell holes, we forced the boche to retire, but they kept firing at us. The shellfire was particularly heavy, as the guns that were firing the shells were behind the lines some distance and the gunners did not see that we were coming after them. Shells dropped all around us, but after fifteen minutes fighting I must have

fainted, for when I came to my senses again in a field dressing station it was 6 o'clock.

"In the dressing station they told me that an Algerian soldier picked me up and put me in a shell hole, out of danger of being tramped on. I guess a stretcher bearer must have picked me up there and took me to the station."

#### Second Letter From Hospital.

The second letter arrived yesterday afternoon, in which he said that he is in a hospital in Bordeaux. He likes the surroundings and says that he walked four yards recently, and the doctors say he will be out of the hospital in four months.

Private Davis asked to be reduced in rank in order that he might get into action. He was a sergeant in a headquarters company. His company, he knew would never get in the fight, so after persistently urging that he be reduced and assigned to the infantry the commander consented.

#### Went With Rainbow Division.

He enlisted in the District National Guard in the spring of the Mexican trouble, served on the border nine months and was subsequently sent across with the Rainbow Division.

He attended Western High School and afterward work in Potomac Bank till he enlisted. He was born in Richmond twenty-three years ago and came to Washington twelve years ago.

#### Has Two Brothers in Service.

He has two brothers in service, Clayton, who is now on the high seas with the Navy, and Henry W. with Gen. Pershing in France. Two sisters are going to Western High School.—Washington Star.

### THE DEATH OF F. J. STRATTON.

Abernathy Breeze: T. J. Stratton dropped dead at a sanitarium at Lubbock Friday even, his son, J. R. Stratton, having carried him there that morning, and he understood the trip nicely, and his death was a blow to his friends and relatives.

He has been failing for some time, and was reduced to a very feeble condition. He had been given every care and attention by loving hands and medical skill but to no avail.

Mr. Stratton was born in Arkansas November 23, 1850, and died September 26th, 1918, and was in his sixty-eighth year. He moved to Oklahoma in 1892 and to Tulla in 1896, and has resided here several years.

He was married in 1872 and to this union was born nine children, six boys and three girls, five of whom are living, one in New Mexico, two in Oklahoma, one in Abernathy and one at Lubbock, besides eleven living grand children.

He has been a member of the church for over fifty years, and an Odd Fellow for twenty-five years. A good man and neighbor, a loving father and husband has gone to his reward.

The remains were brought to Abernathy Friday morning and carried to the home of his son, J. R. Stratton. Funeral services were conducted at the church by Rev. W. C. Carver, after which the Odd Fellows performed the beautiful burial rites of that order.

The family has the deep sympathy of a multitude of friends in their sorrow.

### How's This?

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### HOW THE TRADE TEST EXAMINATION PROCEEDS

Auto man, truck man, repair man, bluff, Typist man, every man, now must prove his stuff.

When our Uncle Samuel became so enraged at the doings of the Huns that he felt himself forced to exterminate them, he invoked the assistance of the selective draft because he wanted each to be placed where he could "lay on" with the greatest effect. There were a thousand and one things to be done before the Stars and Stripes could float over the palace at Berlin, and to expedite the expedition Uncle decided to select the specialists instead of shutting his eyes and picking out a random the individuals for each particular duty. "Speed" has been the watchword from the start yet there has been added "but not at the expense of certainty," to complete the fighting slogan.

From the very first, men called in the draft were sorted and each placed at the work for which a cursory examination showed him to be best adapted. Gradually the sorting process has been improved until now it is reaching the perfection point at Camp Travis. The last piece of improved machinery installed at this great receiving camp has been patented under the name of "Trade Test Board."

This is just exactly what its name implies. When the recruit starts punching the clock at this mammoth soldier factory he is quizzed at length concerning his civil life with a view of finding in just what department he will be of greatest service. Not infrequently a recruit, who, before being summoned to the colors was accustomed to earn a livelihood by piloting a grocery flivver, informs the board that he is a truck driver. And just as frequently one who has spent a few months studying the "Hunt and Pick" system of typewriting records himself as a typist; or the youngster who once fastened a few loose nuts on a rattling Ford declares himself to be an auto mechanic. Uncle Sam was fooled some times by such when he was badly in need of some one who could deliver the goods. Now he has added the trade test board to his plant and its function is to find out by actual experiment whether the recruit is what he pretends to be.

On August 27 there came to Camp Travis by order of the War Department, representatives of the committee of classification of the Army Trade Test Board. They had long been identified with this service and two sergeants had recently completed a course of instruction in the same work. In ten days they had installed the trade test board here and the officers went on the next camp leaving the local work in the hands of the two sergeants and their assistants. And since their coming, hundreds of recruits have been run through the plant, the efficient being sifted from the inefficient.

At present the schedule calls for tests in some three score and ten subjects; soon it is expected to embrace one hundred. While it scope is large it is centering its efforts right now on truck and auto drivers, auto mechanics, typists and electricians. At the factory, located in what once was used as a mess hall for the workmen who built Camp Travis, the machinery is grinding daily.

As the recruit enters the door he is registered and given a score card upon which his record is to be entered as he passes through the mill. Assigned to one of thirty-five booths he faces a questioner across a table in an oral examination. Prepared questions are asked and the system is so nearly perfect that a mere novice can prove or disprove an expert. If the subject shows a fair knowledge of his trade during the oral examination, he is passed into the performance room. If he is registered as an auto mechanic he is given an engine, or piece of and engine to put together and take apart. If he is supposed to be an electrician, he is provided with a framework representing a room and with wire and tools and given instructions to wire the model. It he claims to be a typist he is shown a seat at a typewriter and told to copy some 500 words as rapidly and accurately as possible. If he is rated as a truck driver or as a chauffeur, he is whisked out to a testing ground where he is given a truck or car and an opportunity to show what he can do. Grades are made and classification regulated according to the quality of the work.

Anyone who can successfully nego-

ciate the truck and auto course is well worthy his intended job. Uncle Sam is just as particular that his trucks and autos have careful handling as he is that his mules and horses are not abused. And throughout the tests an observer watches carefully to see that the engine is not raced, that is kept running evenly and that the gears are not ground while the candidate is being tried out under conditions that he will be called upon to face in Army service.

The first thing he is asked to do is to start his engine without racing and get under way without stalling. Next he must climb a low grade, taking care to prevent a jerky advance. A good climb encourages the driver to believe that he can pass the third test which consists of guiding the mammoth truck through an S-shaped lane of stakes. To touch a stake punches a hole in his score. If he stops to prevent this disaster, his record suffers. But blessed is he who can negotiate this lane without touching a stake or hesitating. When he reaches the end of the lane and heaves a sigh of relief, he is expected to retrace his steps by backing through. Done with the snaky trail he is sent at a steep incline with instructions to stop his truck half way up, with a certain mark on his truck opposite a certain mark on a board representing a curb. The candidate is supposed to hold the truck with the breaks and throw his gear into neutral. In starting from this position again he is supposed not to let his truck slip back more than a scant twelve inches. From the hesitation point he goes into a "blind street." There he is supposed to turn around without stalling his engine and without backing more than once, while to touch the curb starts the score-keeper subtracting from the total possible number of points.

The automobile course for chauffeurs is similar to that for truck drivers, except the turns in the lanes are sharper and the other hazards greater. A novice soon stubs his toe on either. It takes a really efficient driver to pass.

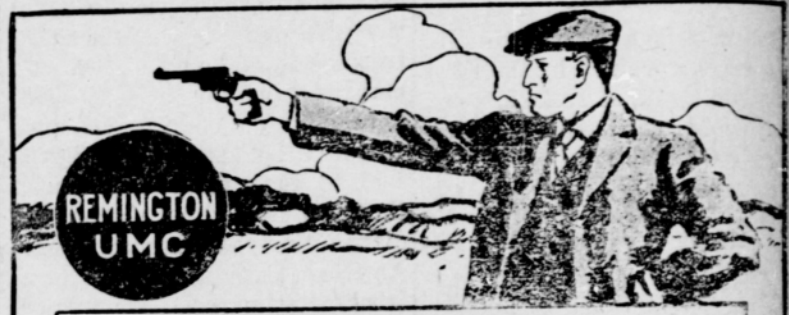
As it is with these trades, so it is to be at Camp Travis with all others for which Uncle Sam needs men in this war.

Preparatory to a comprehensive course in boxing which is planned for the Eighteenth Division in particular and to all the soldiers in Camp Travis in general, the camp athletic authorities have made Henry A. (Texas) Tate assistant boxing instructor to Johnnie Coulon. Tate is known throughout the southwest not only for pugilistic abilities which rank him among the nations' best heavyweights, but also as an all round athletic. He was a pitcher in the Texas League some eight years ago whence he went to the Philadelphia American League Club. Before his first season in the majors was closed he quit baseball to become a professional wrestler.

Army authorities have found that blows, parries and footwork of boxing is very similar to the actions in the use of the bayonet. They find the soldier picks up these movements in boxing more readily than he does with the bayonet and consequently boxing is being enthusiastically encouraged in all camps. In Camp Travis boxing always has flourished, but now a special effort is to be made to increase the efficiency of the work here.

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F stands for France, where the fighting is done.  
G stands for Germany the cause of it all.  
H stands for hell, where the kaiser will fall.  
I stands for Italy another ally that took the oath that autocracy must fall.  
J stands for Japan, a brother of the east, who looks upon the kaiser as a great wild beast.  
K stands for Kaiser, the devil on earth, for him the ruler of hell has reserved a special berth.  
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P stands for peace, the prayer of the world, for which in this war, Old Glory's unfurled.  
Q stands for quitter. Uncle Sam has none. Though the battles are bitter, he fears not the Hun.  
R stands for Russia, the ran off to hide, until her women the Germans defied.  
S stands for submarine the monster of the deep; for fear of their presence, sailors cannot sleep.  
T stands for time, that rolls swiftly by, while our boys are in France to fight and to die.  
U stands for union, in which we are strong; if not for it we could not stand long.  
V stands for Vimy Ridge, where the Canadians fought well, and to the tune of "Yankee Doodle" gave the Kaiser hell.  
W stands for Washington, Wilson and world, from whence came the mand that Old Glory be unfurled.  
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