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## REAL FACTS ABOUT OUR UNIVERSITY

Something of the Controversy That Has Vexed Many Interested in the Institution.

Recently there was published in our paper an authorized statement from the Board of Regents of the State University that our University would open this fall as usual. Owing to conditions that have arisen during the summer, it is possible that some of our citizenship who are choosing schools for themselves or their children would like information concerning our University.

In writing this article we do not desire to raise any political issue, accuse or condemn any person or group of persons. Our sole purpose is to give to those who are interested in real facts concerning the conditions as we see them in and surrounding our State University.

Before taking up any specific charge it might be beneficial to examine what others, who have made investigation, have to say concerning corruption in the University, and further the attitude taken toward an investigation, both by accused and prosecutors of the University.

As appears from the record of the investigation of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas concerning the conduct of certain members of the faculty, Dr. W. J. Battle, John A. Lomax, Dr. W. T. Mather and Dr. A. Caswell Ellis requested the Board of Regents, in the strongest terms, to make a thorough investigation covering the entire period of their service to the University. At the same meeting, at which these requests were made, those making charges may be quoted as follows:

Governor Ferguson to the Board of Regents: "We just as well understand each other, and I will tell you now, if you undertake to put these men over me, I am going to exercise my constitutional authority to remove every member of this board who undertakes to keep them."

The Chairman: "What suggestion have you got to make for procedure in this matter?"

Gov. Ferguson: "I think it just as easy as falling off a log. If you simply go to these men—and they are guilty of the charge, and there are other things about it—if Dr. Vinson says these men—I am not to blame for it. I can't include your name in that list, and I want to relieve this University of this issue—that is all there is to it."

Mr. Harrell: "Don't you think a man should have a hearing to refute these charges?"

Gov. Ferguson: "Not necessarily so."

The Board of Regents did not see fit to dismiss any member accused, and as one member remarked, "I have seen no evidence of intentional baseness or moral turpitude, therefore I voted as I did."

Following this investigation, the Legislature met, and was urgently petitioned by the Board of Regents of the University, the Ex-Students Association of the University, the faculty of the University (twice unanimously) and the students of the University, to make thorough, full, fair, impartial and public inquiry.

While this request from the University was pending before the Senate, Governor Ferguson stated that he "did not consider further investigation necessary."

The action of the Senate was a resolution as follows:

"Whereas, The testimony taken by the Board of Regents of the University of Texas having been published and a copy of same having been sent to each Senator, and members of the Senate having had an opportunity to read and consider same, that it is the sense of the Senate:

"First—That the Board of Re-

gents went into the charges thoroughly, as same were properly called to their attention by the Governor, and the evidence was sufficiently developed that there is not sufficient occasion for the reopening and the reconsidering of the conclusions of said board.

"Second—That the investigation disclosed some careless practices not amounting to moral turpitude that had grown up in the management of the University during its thirty-three years of existence, and these careless methods have all been rectified, and considering that the University is thirty-three years old and has grown to be a large institution, of which the state is proud, and upon which the state and the people are to be congratulated that there was as little found in its management subject to criticism as was found, and the Governor having stated he "did not consider further investigation necessary"; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the judgment of the Board of Regents on matters considered by them, including charges against individuals, and all other matters considered by said board at said hearing were in and of right ought to be regarded by each Senator as res adjudicata."

From the facts as above stated it would seem that the Governor was unwilling to test the basis of his charges to any legally constituted body authorized to make investigation.

Two or three oft repeated charges might be considered to show reason for a careful inquiry by each one to every indictment made.

Cost Per Capita. Governor Ferguson affects to be indignant at the cost of the University. In reality the people of Texas have every reason to be pleased with the economy of its management.

The Regents have taken the utmost pains to protect the state by a sound system of ordering and accounting. Better yet, they have provided for complete publicity of accounts. Without requirement of law, they adopted at the very beginning the plan of publishing an itemized statement of every expenditure down to the last cent and have continued it to this day.

University education is expensive everywhere. Most things worth having are expensive. But if, on the basis of United States Government tables, we compare Texas with other States, we find (1) that for the year 1914-15 Texas spent on the University 17c per inhabitant, Michigan 78c, Iowa 42c, Kansas 38c, North Dakota 30c, Virginia 26c; (2) that per \$1000 of actual wealth Texas spent 11c, Mississippi 17c, Virginia 24c, Michigan 13c; (3) that Texas spent \$296 per long session student at the University, Virginia \$592, Mississippi \$592, South Dakota \$457, Michigan \$394, Iowa \$354 (in 1915-16 the Texas figure fell to \$277).

According to Dr. Vinson in the Dallas News of August 6th, the cost per capita for the main University has been \$224.36 per year from 1881 to 1916.

The appropriation for 1917 and 1918 is \$719,698.00. The enrollment for 1916 and 1917 was approximately 2,500, and the enrollment for 1917 and 1918 will be about the same or more, which will make considerably less than \$300 per capita. Is there any justice in any assertion which places the cost per capita at the University at around \$500?

Students Per Teacher. It has been charged that there were only seven or eight students to each teacher in the University. The facts are as follows:

(4) That at the University of Colorado there were 53 long session students to each teacher, at the University of South Dakota 8.4, at the University of Indiana 8.9, at the University of Iowa 11.5, at the University of Virginia 12.1, at the University of Texas 13.4 (in 1915-16, 13.6). Doesn't it look as if Texas were getting good value for her money?

If the best and most respected institutions of higher education in the

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## TO THE BOYS WHO MAY GO TO EUROPE

A Word of Encouragement and Commendation From a Reader and Contributor.

Tramp, tramp, tramp! Our boys are marching. Cheer up, comrades over the sea, they will come to assist you in deeds of valor, and in mighty victories won for a cause dear to the heart of every true patriot. We know you are making this sacrifice for a principle of freedom for all the world, a principle of democracy against autocracy, of right against wrong, and of freedom against slavery.

Brave boys! It makes our hearts sad to see you go for we know it means sacrifice, suffering and even death to some for our cause.

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends and the freedom of his country. But we are gratified with the fact that you are writing history on the pages of time that will not only live in this present generation, but will be cherished in the hearts of generations yet unborn, and we bid you God speed on your way and hope you may be spared the hardships that many have had to endure.

But, whatever may befall you, we feel like honoring you for your courage in upholding the dignity for what Old Glory represents, and it is the duty of all who cannot go to forego all selfish expenditures and save, so that they may be able to assist you in every possible manner to make your pathway lighter and your hardships more tolerable. J. W. B.

## A CHARMING VISITOR FROM KAUFMAN, TEXAS

Miss Pearl Jones, whose home is at Kaufman, Texas, arrived last Friday on No. 5, and is the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Flanagan.

## NOTES FROM THE SEMINOLE SENTINEL

The following items of interest from Gaines County appeared in the Seminole Sentinel, issue of August 2nd:

One of the worst drouths in the history of West Texas was broken this week by fine rains over a large section of the West. While some sections have not had sufficient rainfall to relieve the situation, practically all of Gaines County received good rains. The rain was especially heavy in the south and southeast parts of the county, three good rains having fallen there during the week.

The only sections where the rains were reported light were small sections of the north part of the county and around Seminole. Farmers who have not been able to get crops up are working overtime planting.

Proctor Brothers, of Midland, came up Wednesday to look after cattle interests in the county.

Millard Eidson, of Midland, was here the latter part of last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Curry made a trip to Midland Tuesday.

Newbie Ellis of Midland was here Thursday.

Mrs. J. J. Williams returned Sunday from Portales, N. M., where she has been visiting relatives. Mr. Williams went to Lubbock Saturday to meet her.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Holleman passed through Seminole Monday, after spending a few days in Midland.

J. Tom White and Pat Murphy were in from Mr. White's ranch northwest of town Friday.

J. R. Dublin and family were here Saturday from Midland visiting Jno. Dublin and family.

## MIDLAND BOYS CALLED TO SERVICE

Of the 64 Examined 14 Have Been Discharged By Reason of Physical Disability.

The Midland board of exemption this week completed its examination of registrants and of the 64 in the first call, 14 were discharged on account of physical disqualifications. These, together with their order and serial numbers, are as follows:

1. 107 Fred Winston Parnell.
2. 19 George Price.
3. 182 John Carl Ledford.
4. 194 Albert D. McBee.
5. 218 Henry Lawrence.
6. 5 Henry Ward Stilwell.
7. 72 James A. Currie.
8. 154 Robert Edwin Cowden.
9. 199 Paul Brown.
10. 321 Claud Clarence Homan.
11. 312 Allen Grover McClintock.
12. 212 James Harvey Clark.
13. 305 Frank Grady Youngblood.
14. 23 John Robert Waddell.

Following, also, is a list of those boys registering in Midland, who have joined the army in different places, as recorded by the adjutant general:

Lysle L. Butler, Company B, First Texas Infantry, El Paso. Enlistment for three years.

William A. Nixon and Busty Warren Herrmann, Motor Truck Company No. 4, Texas, Big Spring. Enlistment for six years.

Eugene Casby Hill, navy; Homer Hampton, navy; Frank B. Milligan, army; William Horace Williams, army; H. A. Lawson, aviation corps.

The above are but a small portion of the Midland boys who have enlisted, and do not include a dozen or more in the New Mexico National guard, many in the Texas guard and in various other departments of the army and navy. The Reporter will compile a complete list of these in a later issue.

The names below, together with or-

## A VERY ENCOURAGING BANK ADVERTISEMENT

The Reporter gets some hundreds of newspapers weekly, through exchange and otherwise, and many of them are published in places no less drouth-stricken than in this section. In none of them, however, have we seen an advertisement so encouraging as the half page appearing this week in The Reporter and authorized by the First National Bank. It is truly an inspiration; it is an uplift in a time of the utmost depression. It, if anything would, will truly dispel the blindest case of the blues. There is nothing extravagant, mind you, in its offer. It does not lay itself liable to imposition. It is just generous, big-hearted, and offers its "stalwart strength" to help its "friends and customers" and "all good citizens" over a period that may have developed situations that are, in some instances, strained. It proposes to help those who help themselves. It has not in it the sordidness, greed of commercial solicitation. It is a hand outstretched to help, and there emanates from it a degree of optimism that encourages us to hope, and hope and look forward to a better day. It manifests a spirit pre-eminently altruistic, and there is in it depth, earnestness and real sincerity.

## F. M. DENTON ABLE TO BE AT WORK AGAIN

We are glad to see F. M. Denton able to be at work, piano tuning, at Basham, Shepherd & Company's. Last May Mr. Denton had the misfortune to get his collar bone broken, the result of an auto accident, and since Friday was his first day out.

der and serial numbers, were examined this week and passed all physical tests. Other reasons for exemption have not been passed upon. The authorized record to this list reads: "List of persons called into the service of the United States, not exempted or discharged. Local board for the County of Midland, State of Texas, hereby certifies to district board for the northern district of the State of Texas the following list of names and addresses of persons who have been duly and legally called for the military service of the United States, and who have not been exempted or discharged."

These persons, any or all, may present their claims to the board for the board has headquarters at Fort Worth. Following is the personnel of this board: Sidney L. Samuels, chairman; M. F. Barrett, secretary; Ben E. Cabell, Lee Bivens and Dr. Wm. E. Howard. As stated, this board has headquarters at Fort Worth, though members thereof live in different towns.

Following is the list of Midland boys who have passed the physical examination and have not otherwise been discharged or exempted:

1. 258 Morgan Ed Cole, Jr.
2. 275 Herbert P. Gillispie.
3. 126 Tony Gable.
4. 309 Warren C. Morrow.
5. 43 Thomas L. Beauchamp.
6. 140 Fred Rosabell Wells.
7. 18 William C. Lindamood.
8. 46 John Bascom Terry.
9. 123 Daniel T. Ratliff.
10. 117 Milton Forrest King.
11. 75 Alonza E. Blich.
12. 280 Ulysses Brown.
13. 208 Kanton Simpson Boone.
14. 15 Landon C. Lucas.
15. 31 Robert E. Lee Cooper.
16. 183 Lyle J. Currie.
17. 56 John Carl Anderson.
18. 54 James Herbert Norred.
19. 269 John Pinckney Ligon.
20. 112 James Homer Epley.
21. 128 Carroll Dyer Holloway.
22. 11 Henry Arthur Lawson.
23. 6 James Hatton Truelove.
24. 93 George Hulan King.
25. 103 William Melvin Price.
26. 51 Lawrence Reynolds Bowles.
27. 30 James Anson Coughran.
28. 25 Frank Warren Herrman.
29. 122 Carl Ivey Roberts.
30. 86 James Hubert Jackson.
31. 297 Marvin T. Peters.
32. 320 Aaron Patton.
33. 121 Neal Dowell Staton.
34. 221 Alfred Barth.
35. 292 Lonnie E. Graves.
36. 90 Robert Porter Rankin.
37. 191 Byron Autrey.
38. 130 Jesse Wesley Nixon.
39. 168 Lemon Anderson.
40. 175 Walter M. Green.
41. 300 Walter Boyd Preston.
42. 278 Ben Mott.
43. 49 Lyle Lynn Butler.
44. 8 Cornelius O. Lynch.
45. 102 Thomas Ed Dozier.
46. 86 James Hubert Jackson.
47. 71 William Arthur Nixon.
48. 113 Cyrus C. Ellis.
49. 156 James Luther Tidwell.
50. 267 Earl Wiggins.

Instead of 32, Midland's quota has again been raised and is now 36. It is expected that a large per cent of the above names, for various reasons, will be exempted, and that the full quota required in the first call be safely arranged, we have been unauthoritatively informed that another call upon registrants will be made tomorrow. Again 64 will be called, and these are as follows:

65. 169 Jehu Jennings.
66. 257 William Horace Williams.
67. 155 Ralph Martin Barron.
68. 284 Ismael Cardenas.
69. 132 Charles Ison Kuykendall.
70. 185 Winfrey Gains Bailey.
71. 265 William Leon Bryant.
72. 285 Marvin Lanier Storey.
73. 303 William Warren Jackson.
74. 211 Finley L. Ledbetter.
75. 146 Roy Elliott Johnson.
76. 229 Jose Ramirez.
77. 299 Burton O. Boone.
78. 58 William Henry Butler.
79. 150 Homer N. Basley.
80. 19 James L. Hundle.
81. 4 John Earl Williams.
82. 115 Jesse Lee Barber.
83. 206 Rube Martis Clayton, Jr.

## GET YOUR WINTER FUEL SUPPLY NOW

Urged That it Will Equalize Prices and Aid in Preventing a Certain Shortage.

The Midland County Council of Defense, acting under federal and state like organizations, has been asked to present that to lay in your winter fuel supply now will greatly facilitate a condition that is more than likely to become serious before the winter is over. The fuel supply is almost certain to become short and much suffering and inconvenience may thus be prevented.

It is hard to get coal and wood even now. This fall and winter it will be far more difficult, for the government is making greater and greater demands upon the capacities of all railroads.

It is true that many of our people may not be able to invest in large supplies of fuel to be stored and held for use. Many are, however, and if these will all act promptly a serious shortage may be avoided.

See the fuel man at once, and order what you may need this winter. Be liberal in the order. If you buy too much, be assured that it will be in demand by some neighbor or friend. Order for future delivery, and let the fuel dealer store it for you, conveniently about your premises. Order it now, so that the dealer may deliver it straight from the car.

If our people will all do this—those who are able to do so—it will equalize the price. Unless it is done, it would in no wise be a surprise to see good qualities of coal sell at from \$15 to \$20 per ton, and wood at a correspondingly high price.

Be a good citizen. This is one of the many ways offered you to "do your bit."

84. 228 Antonio Pueba.
85. 136 Oswald Phillips.
86. 96 Amos Josiah Odell.
87. 128 Cornelius Farison Atchison.
88. 91 Irl Richard Hix.
89. 17 Charles Richard Klapproth.
90. 237 Don Clayton.
91. 202 Henry Earnest Reynolds.
92. 164 Robert Richards.
93. 268 Thomas Payne.
94. 273 J. W. Houston.
95. 262 Roy Dillon.
96. 311 William Chesley Diggers.
97. 124 Gordon Barkley Wilkerson.
98. 240 George Washington Crowder.
99. 76 Willie Ellis Howell.
100. 158 Bryant Mattingly.
101. 1 Jack Moore Lewis.
102. 187 Irvin Eugene Ellis.
103. 52 Leonard Brooksie Pemberton.
104. 105 Elbert Lyle Trimble.
105. 36 Durward Sloan.
106. 316 Benjamin Franklin Allen.
107. 274 Allen L. Wallace.
108. 205 Lee Flake.
109. 241 Jim Monroe Shelburne.
110. 40 Joseph Hillard Grey.
111. 100 Paul Joseph Reiger.
112. 157 Fred Madison Hollingsworth.
113. 236 Hollis Scarborough.
114. 214 Eugene Cosby Hill.
115. 29 McCallahan Rayburn.
116. 114 Robert Emory Thomas.
117. 151 Calvin Luther Warnock.
118. 61 Robert Newell Taft.
119. 209 Pedro Rodriguez.
120. 33 Lawson Tillman Allen.
121. 32 Henry Alvin Roberts.
122. 63 Edwin Stokley.
123. 64 Audrey Anderson.
124. 224 William Frank Prothro.
125. 41 Joe Wesson Houston.
126. 48 Thomas Wood Taylor.
127. 38 Albert Euing Zinn.
128. 127 Albert Benton Crowley.

## OFF TUESDAY ON AUTO TRIP TO FORT WORTH

W. A. Little left Tuesday afternoon in an auto for Fort Worth and will bring back to Midland Judge Chas. Gibbs' car. He was accompanied on the trip by Ned Watson, linotype operator in The Reporter office.

# BUYERS OFF TO MARKET

For the next two weeks our buyers will be in the Eastern Markets and the greatest pains will be used in selecting a complete line of fall merchandise. Already many things have been received. We can now show you some of the newest creations in Ladies Coats and Coat Suits. Come in and look them over.

Don't forget that we are equally as well prepared to take care of your grocery wants. Our stock always complete, and our prices the lowest, quality considered. We boast of our service--your groceries will be delivered on time, if you will phone your order early. We want your business.

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**LET** us be encouraged, first in that we have a wonderful country, one that is calculated to withstand drouth better than almost any other section of this great nation of ours, as experiences of the past have proven to us. Let us be encouraged, too, in that, midst the calamities of drouth, war and high prices, from out our very adversity there issues a measure of relief.

**THE COUNTRY IS FULL OF MONEY!**  
The war methods adopted by the United States have thrown into every community vast sums of money to be expended in military propaganda, and a situation has been created

whereby we can the more easily withstand or bear burdens that would otherwise appear almost beyond us. ¶ Therefore, in this time when situations are in many instances strained, we wish to impress upon your mind that *This Bank is Still Your Good Friend!* Not less so than it has ever been, however, and its strength is stalwart. It but urges upon you practices of universal economy and safe business procedure, such as may not jeopardize its future usefulness and ability to help you when emergencies are visited upon us again. ¶ Then come to us with your troubles, and be cheered with confidence that we will render you every consistent aid, will gladly share your burden, and we'll hope together for the early dawning of a day of world peace, a glad season of universal prosperity.

Your friend at all times,

# The First National Bank

By W. R. CHANCELLOR, Cashier

### Citation by Publication

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County--Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon A. Lieb by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in September, A. D., 1917, the same being the third day of September, A. D., 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the sixteenth day of July, A. D., 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1440, wherein B. C. Richardson, a feme sole is plaintiff, and A. Lieb is defendant, and said

petition alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff's suit is in trespass to try title for lot No. 8, block No. 36, of the original town of Midland, Texas, as per map or plat of said town in the deed records of Midland County, Texas. Plaintiff alleging that on the 14th day of July, A. D., 1917, she was seized and possessed and entitled to the above described real estate, was owner in fee simple of said land and as such owner was entitled to the possession of same; that on the 15th day of July, A. D., 1917, the defendant unlawfully entered upon the above described premises and disposed plaintiff thereof, and now unlawfully withholds possession from this plaintiff thereof. Plaintiff further says that she, and those under whom she claims, claiming to be the true and lawful owners of the above described real estate, have had and held the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held continuous, open, notorious, peaceable, and adverse possession thereof, cultivating and us-

ing and enjoying same and paying all taxes thereon for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further avers that she and those under whom she claims, claiming to be the true and lawful owners of the said land, have had and held the same by open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years preceding the date of the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further says that defendant's claim to said land is as follows: a patent from the State of Texas to the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, and deed from the Texas & Pacific Railway Company to the Midland Town Company and a deed from Midland Town Company to the defendant herein. Plaintiff further says that the defendant's claim to said land though fraudulent and void and inferior to plaintiff's claim casts a cloud on the plaintiff's title and disturbs her in the peaceable and quiet enjoyment of said property. Plaintiff further says that she is the widow of S. O. Richardson, deceased, and that the estate of the said S. O. Richardson was duly administered and that as the widow of the said S. O. Richardson the above property was awarded to her, the plaintiff. Plaintiff prays for judgment against defendant's - cancelling, annulling and holding for naught all the claim or apparent claim of the said defendant as in and to the above described real estate and that plaintiff recover the title and possessing of said land and that all clouds be removed from plaintiff's title and that the plaintiff have her writ of possession and restitution and have relief general and special.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 16th day of July, A. D., 1917.

W. J. Sparks,  
Clerk District Court, Midland Co.  
adv 41-4t

### GIVES PRETTY GOOD REPORT OF THE RANGE

Chas. Goldsmith came in Sunday from the ranch 35 miles north and reports grass beginning to look green and feed prospects fine for the winter. He says they have quit feeding and everything points favorably for the winter if they can get a little more rain.

### REPORTS GOOD RAIN AND PROMISES MORE

John says he got best rains last year, and de- creases up and de- creases will be fine for winter.

### HAS BEEN GUEST OF COUSIN IN MIDLAND

Mrs. Amanda Arbogast, of Itasca, who has been a guest of her cousin, our townsman, Geo. T. McClintic and family, for some time past, left for her home last Monday afternoon.

### REPORT AN INCH OF RAIN AT SHAFTER LAKE

Geo. Gates, L. D. Jones and J. H. Bryant were in from Shafter Lake this week. They report an inch of rainfall out there last week, and conditions generally are much improved.

### SHIPPED CAR HOGS TO FT. WORTH MONDAY

Bob Hill and Robt. Balch last Monday shipped a car of hogs to be put on the market at Fort Worth. These were Midland raised, and purchased of various parties in this section.

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PRETTY FAIR RAIN AT EUNICE, NEW MEXICO

Tom Long and J. N. Carson and son, Conner, were here from Eunice, N. M., this week, for supplies. They report that that section, too, has been woefully dry, but that the situation was partially relieved last week when the country was visited by a pretty fair rain. It wet the ground down to a depth of about eight inches and will start the grass and help the farmers wonderfully.

PROCTOR BROTHERS SELL TO HENRY M. HALFF

Three hundred dollars made on a single animal in one year is doing pretty well. Of course this has been beaten, badly, but it is considerably above the average. Last year Proctor Bros., prominent young Midland breeders, of registered Hereford heifers, bought a fancy young heifer of Joseph Stoeger, a Stanton breeder. The heifer has developed wonderfully, and this week Proctor Bros. sold her to Henry M. Halff, the price being \$500. The animal will win distinction in the show ring, and Mr. Halff will exhibit her with his famous show herd.

RETURNED TO WACO AFTER VISIT TO RELATIVES

Miss Francis Orand, the charming young niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holmesly, left for her home in Waco last Saturday after three weeks visiting in our city. Miss Orand made many friends among our young folks who will extend her a cordial welcome to visit Midland again.

IS HERE FROM GUERO TO VISIT HER PARENTS

Miss Bernice Cowden returned last Saturday from Guero, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. S. Day. She was also accompanied home by Mrs. Day who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cowden, and other relatives and friends.

HERE FROM LUBBOCK TO VISIT HIS FAMILY

C. C. Pollard, who has a very large West Texas territory in the sale of the wonderful combination book-keeping, cash register and adding machine, came home last week from Lubbock, where he has been spending some time. He reports that country about as dry as in this section, though he enjoyed a good business while there.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Flood Water Control Would be an Item of Great Interest to West Texas

The Reporter is in receipt of the following letter from Homer D. Wade, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Stamford:

An election will be held throughout Texas August 21st to decide whether the State constitution will be so amended as to conserve our natural resources by reclamation, through flood control, irrigation, impounding waters, drainages, etc.

Under the present constitution reclamation or improved districts can be formed and bonds for such purposes voted but the territory embraced cannot be for more than one county. And the administrative authority given the county officers is too limited to secure the desired results.

The proposed amendment announces a policy that conservation and preservation of all natural resources, including flood control, irrigation, impounding waters, drainage, etc., can and should be done on a limited acreage basis.

When bonds are voted in districts thus formed, it will place the burden in the proper proportion upon property owners, and it will give such property owners a right to conserve their interests in any of the above ideas of conservation.

In West Texas there is no special concern relative to flood control, except that the desire of the development of all of Texas.

But there is a serious concern in the matter of an adequate amount of rainfall, and the conservation of the flood waters.

If the flood waters of winter could be impounded and a limited irrigation afforded this alone, would be worth millions of dollars to West Texas.

According to every law of experience, the impounding of large bodies of water, effects climatic conditions, and would result in a greater precipitation.

The adoption of this amendment would make the impounding of waters possible, from the fact that waters forming a district, could vote bonds, for storing flood waters, and from these stores limited irrigation could be given, and the consequent results of climatic conditions being effected would be realized.

With a dependable rainfall, West Texas would become the garden spot of the Lone Star State. The millions of acres of land in this empire would be more productive, hence the land more valuable, and the fondest hopes of the people of this section could be made a reality.

Why not permit an opportunity to reclaim the flooded lands of Texas? Why not provide a way for the impounding of flood waters of Western Texas, thus affording a way for limited irrigation, and a dependable rainfall in this section.

Why not join in the movement to make the entire State richer and more prosperous? This is a day of conservation, and I desire to appeal to the people of West Texas to join in this movement, because it is one of material conservation, as well as a constructive policy that will benefit all sections of the great State of Texas.

The date is August 21st, and the cause is one of such paramount importance, as to arrest the attention of all patriotic citizens of West Texas.

Yours for a greater West Texas, Homer D. Wade.

Presbyterian Church. The attendance at the various services of the church, has been improving in the past weeks and, considering the fact that there are many away for the summer vacations, and considering, also, the heat of the past few weeks, the hours of worship have been well attended.

We take the privilege offered by the courtesy of this paper from week to week of extending to all an invitation to work and worship with us. The usual hours of services will be observed the coming Sabbath. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "Life According to Light." Evening at 8:30. Subject, "The Parable of the Sower." Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

After a very good attendance in the month of July, the month of August appears in the beginning as if it will be better; the lessons of the prophets are now capable of being made more interesting as our studies have progressed to the prophetic writings, which can be taken up in single lessons and not in series. Come and enjoy this hour of fellowship in the mid-week. Don't fool yourself with a question of being too tired. WM. H. FOSTER.

If You Expect

of this case... successive weeks... in some newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the county court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in September, A. D. 1917, the same being the 10th day of September A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 657, wherein John S. Myers is plaintiff and Lou A. Myers, Mrs. Hostettler, John Hostettler, LeRoy Hostettler, Mabel Coggin and G. G. Coggin are defendants, and said petition alleging: Plaintiff alleges that on application of Lou A. Myers, a purported will of Calvin N. Myers was admitted to probate July 11th, 1917; that said will was fraudulent; that at the time of writing said purported will Calvin N. Myers was of weak mind, easily influenced and incapable of proper judgment, and wrote said writing through undue influence, and said instrument was not in fact a will; that at the time said instrument was written such person as Lou A. Myers existed; that said writing was not more than a unilateral agreement, without consideration, could not be probated, because it was contradictory, indefinite; no actual disposition of property could be made under it. That said instrument gave no title to any property mentioned therein to Lou A. Myers; that said purported will was not properly probated, in that only a part of the deceased property was bequeathed therein, while the probate covered the entire estate of deceased, that none of the requisites of a will were complied with. That plaintiff interested in said estate, and is a legal heir to said estate, being a son of Calvin N. Myers, and has been damaged \$2,000.

And further, Lou A. Myers was appointed executor of said purported will, that Mabel Coggin, G. G. Coggin, Mrs. Mary Hostettler and LeRoy Hostettler are beneficiaries in said purported will, and are made parties herein to determine all rights; that John Hostettler is the husband of Mrs. Mary Hostettler, and in joined parties.

Plaintiff prays for citation of each of said defendants, for annulment of said probate proceedings and appointment of said Lou A. Myers as executor, for the setting aside of the alleged of said purported will, that the will, the probate thereof and all proceedings thereunder be annulled and a satisfactory account had, for general and special relief.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 25th day of July, A. D. 1917.

W. J. Sparks, Clerk. County Court, Midland County, adv. 43-44

Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Laura B. Stoner, a feme sole, Chester Stoner, Nellie V. Abbott, and E. H. Abbott, husband of Nellie V. Abbott, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1917, the same being the third day of September, A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16 day of July, A. D. 1917 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1441, wherein B. C. Richardson, a feme sole, is plaintiff and Laura B. Stoner, a feme sole, Chester Stoner, Nellie V. Abbott, and E. H. Abbott, husband of Nellie V. Abbott, defendants, and said petition alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff's suit is in trespass to try title for lots No. 11 and 12, block No. 59, of the original town of Midland, Texas, as per record map or plat of said town in the deed records of Midland County, Texas. Plaintiff alleging that on the 14th day of July, A. D. 1917, she was owner in fee simple of said land and as such owner was entitled to the possession of same; that on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1917, the defendants unlawfully entered upon the above described premises and dispossessed plaintiff therefrom and now unlawfully withholds from her the plaintiff.

Plaintiff prays for judgment against defendants cancelling, annulling, and holding for naught all the claim or apparent claim of the said defendants as in and to the above described real estate and that plaintiff recover the title and possession of said land and that all clouds be removed from plaintiff's title and that the plaintiff have her writ of possession and restitution and have relief general and special.

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Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 16th day of July, A. D. 1917.

W. J. Sparks, Clerk District Court, Midland County, adv. 41-42



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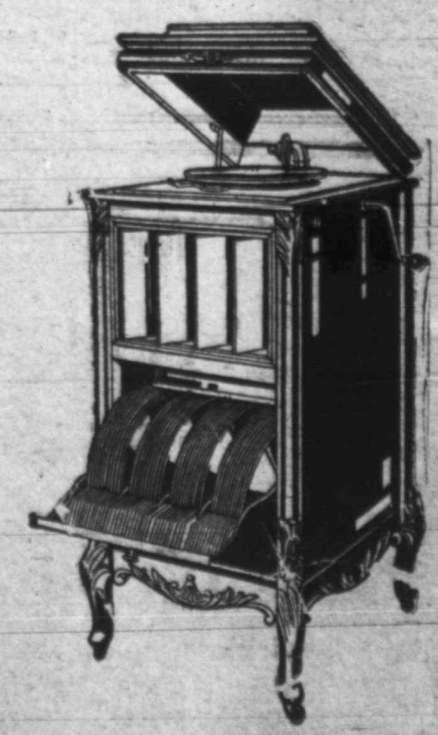
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# To Our Friends

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## STANTON-REPORTER NO LONGER PUBLISHED

A. J. Wagner, until lately publisher of the Stanton Reporter, was in Midland this week on business. He announces that business there has grown so dull that he was forced to discontinue the publication of the paper. This is bad news, indeed. We feel sure the people of Stanton will not be contented with this condition. Stanton is a nice little town and their newspaper has been a creditable little sheet. Too often businessmen and citizens neglect to give such an institution adequate support, and the loss is never failingly a serious blow. Stanton's paper is sure to be re-established, but it has hurt the town, nevertheless.

## CHANGED HIS FISHING TRIP TO DEAR HUNT

A week or so back The Reporter announced that Judge R. E. Crowley planned a fishing trip, a deep water fishing trip, when he expected to land one very special fish. He has changed his plans. Before he left on Tuesday, he announced to us that it is a dear hunt that he is going to—and to be sure to spell the word right—back along about August 20th. He haven't trailed him and don't know where he has gone. It don't matter. All we have to say is, he had a dead game old sport, and we wish him all sorts o' luck.

## VISITED THEIR SOLDIER BOYS AT ALBUQUERQUE

R. W. Cowden and family and A. W. Stanley and family returned this week from Albuquerque, N. M., where they spent three weeks visiting their sons and other Midland boys who are at Camp Kitchener in military training. They report the boys well, happy, enjoying camp life and duties, and that they are all fired by an ardent spirit of patriotism which will lead them wherever their country calls. All of Midland honors these boys in the highest degree for their patriotism and the promptness with which they offered their services at their country's call to arms. It was one of them and manly, and we hope that all may win honors and be safely returned to their homes and loved ones.

## CALLED TO HEREFORD BY ILLNESS OF FATHER

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jowell were called to Hereford yesterday by a message announcing the serious illness of Mr. Jowell's father, J. T. Jowell. They left on No. 6 yesterday evening and expect to arrive at Hereford today. The elder Mr. Jowell is well known in Midland, where he has many friends, all of whom earnestly hope the sufferer may soon be on the road to a complete restoration to health.

## BARDWELL HAS BOUGHT BUSINESS AT DEL RIO

Boy Bardwell and C. L. Warnock, Sr., returned this week from an extended auto trip, during which they visited many points, among them San Angelo, Sonora, Del Rio, San Antonio and others. At Del Rio Mr. Bardwell invested in a garage business and will locate there. We regret that he is to leave Midland, but wish him good luck in any venture. Upon their return, 20 miles out from San Angelo, they found a man dead. His Ford had turned over with him and it seemed that he must have been killed almost instantly.

## GRASS COMING NICELY AT THE "O 4" RANCH

A. E. Walker, who works on the "O 4" ranch, 28 miles southwest of Midland, owned by Dr. W. K. Curtis, was in town this week. He gave a very good report. Grass is coming nicely since recent fine rains out there.

The second meeting of Midland County's Council of Defense occurred last Wednesday evening, at the regular time and hour, 8:30, and in the office of the chairman, Attorney J. M. Caldwell. Those present were J. M. Caldwell, W. R. Chancellor, B. C. Girdley and C. C. Watson. The absentees were Dr. J. F. Haley, M. F. Burns and W. J. Moran.

By reason that a full attendance was again not realized, the appointment of committees was postponed until such time as all the members can be present. Matters of interest were discussed and suggestions from the Texas State Council of Defense, as embodied in Bulletin No. 2, were considered. This bulletin is as follows: To the Midland County Council of Defense:

"The Texas State Council of Defense invites your attention and cooperation in the following matters:

"1. We would be glad to have you give us the labor conditions in your county, showing whether you have a surplus or shortage. If you should have either, what character of labor it is, and about how many men will be needed, approximately, in your county, and for what purposes, and if you do not need labor, but have a surplus, what character of surplus is it, and would the same be available in other sections of the state?

"2. It occurs to us that it would be well for you to advise your people, who are able to do so now, to lay in their winter wood, so that when bad weather comes, the poor people who are not able to lay in a supply now will not be oppressed by high prices. In other words, we believe this would tend to equalize prices, and thereby benefit all alike.

"3. It might be well to have your people organize in an effort to assist the business and families of those soldiers who go into the army. It would doubtless be a great comfort to the soldiers to have friends, who do not go to war, volunteer to make their business to look after the affairs of the soldiers and keep them posted from time to time.

"4. We think it will be well for you to ask your papers to publish these bulletins, or the substance thereof, and invite discussion.

"5. We earnestly request that you furnish us with your views on the various communications from this body, and, in this connection, we would appreciate your views on our Bulletin No. 1, which was sent either to your body, or the county judge of your county. Let us establish a full and free correspondence and exchange of ideas, and in this way we can be of most benefit to each other. Give us your views on any subject that may be of interest to your people."

The Midland County Council of Defense had, in its first meeting, discussed all the above points of interest and others and some action is being planned. It is hoped, too, that the people generally will co-operate with the council, reporting any matters that may be of interest, or that may be important to the whole community or to individuals. It is hard for our people to realize that we are actually at war with Germany, and that the situation confronting every community throughout the United States is extremely grave. Economic practices in every walk of life, together with perfect harmony, are measures urged as the only manner in which America's greatest efficiency may be developed. Responsibility rests upon every shoulder, and in every mind and heart a sentiment should abide that will prompt every one to do his bit and do it well.

## HAD PLEASANT VISIT TO DELHI, LOUISIANA

Jim Norred returned this week from a visit to Delhi, La. He was absent several weeks and the time was very pleasantly spent with relatives and friends.

## HAD LOAD OF MELONS ON STREETS TUESDAY

Sam Jones farms 16 miles north of Midland. He came in Tuesday with a load of very fine, large watermelons and other vine fruits, for all of which he found ready sale at good prices.

## Knights Tender Use of Grounds to Government During the War.

The State Fair of Texas, to be held Oct. 13-28, has tendered its services to President Wilson as a food training camp, to assist the Government in its efforts to increase crop production and reduce the waste of food, which is known to be enormous.

"Our directors offer the services of our fair as a food training camp," wrote President R. E. L. Knight of the State Fair of Texas, in part, to President Wilson. "Military training camps have been established everywhere in the country, where men in increments of half a million each are to be taught the principles of military tactics. However, as you have pointed out many times, there is just as much responsibility for the successful prosecution of the war resting upon the shoulders of the 100,000,000 persons in private life as there is upon the men who are called to the colors, for it is essential that working American laborers hard to furnish our allies with food and clothing.

"The men whom you are calling into service are being concentrated in central military training camps, because it is found to be much more efficient to train them in that way than by establishing camps in every little town or village. It appeals to the directors of our fair that there is just as much necessity for calling the great rank and file of food producers and food users into central food training camps for a short course in the more efficient methods of food production and food conservation. It could hardly be done now, for the Nation is working hard to care for the crop already planted, but if we could hold such a food training camp during the lull following the harvest season wonderfully efficient instruction in food production and conservation could be given.

## To Raise More Live Stock.

"To make this food training camp unusually instructive, an effort is being made to induce breeders of purebred live stock to exhibit in larger numbers of such type and breeds as will assist the Nation in meeting the demand for more meat, milk, butter, cheese, leather, wool and horse power. Manufacturers of farm machinery are being urged to exhibit all of their latest models and improvements, that farmers may learn how to produce a maximum crop at a minimum effort. All the territory tributary to our fair is being scoured to find superior specimens of the varieties of grain, vegetables, fruits, forage crops and corn best suited to our soil and climate, that encouragement may be given to the production of as much of these crops as possible.

"Since the economical use of food is of just as much importance as the production of food, our woman's department is to offer a series of demonstrations and lectures by food specialists of national and local reputation, to instruct wives and mothers how to prepare and conserve food, and check the extravagant waste of food, for which our country is condemned in every other country in the world. In an effort to list the children in the cause of food production, the work of children in the schools and fields is to be exhibited, an demonstration of interest to children are to be conducted.

"Our board of directors sincerely trusts that the National Government, mindful of the good which can be done at such a food training school, will open to the fullest extent in furnishing lecturers, demonstration and exhibits, to assist the fair in accomplishing the mission it has undertaken. There could be no better way of reaching the people in this territory with Government propaganda for the increased production and conservation of food."

Dallas, Texas.—The Farm Boys and Girls Encampment to be held during the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-28, will attract 750 youngsters from the farms of Texas to an exposition that will have untold value for them along educational and entertaining lines. The boys encampment is to be held Oct. 15-20, inclusive, and the girls encampment will be held Oct. 22-27, inclusive. Comfortable quarters, wholesome meals and other necessities will be furnished free to boys and girls who win scholarships in competitive contests in their own counties. Special educational tours of the fair and special amusement programs will be arranged for these guests of the management. Competent instructors will be in charge of the camps at all times and every care will be given to the boys and girls who attend.

Dallas, Texas.—Athletics will have a large part in the program of the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-28. Football teams of the first line will meet in gridiron contests that will give lovers of this strenuous game the greatest program of games ever arranged in Texas. Arrangements are being made to furnish more seating facilities and to take care of larger crowds than attended last year's games when all records for Texas were broken.

Dallas, Texas.—Farm exhibits in greater numbers and larger in scope of individual showing than ever before has been known will be shown at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-28. Free exhibit space and a commodious, handsome building will enable producers to make a great showing of the bountiful crops which are being raised in Texas this season. Already more than fifty counties have signed up for space and letters are reaching the office of President R. E. L. Knight, daily asking for reservations. To assist in taking care of the livestock show this year, hand some new horse and sheep barns have been erected at a cost of approximately \$40,000. The Dairy Building has been given a new entrance and remodelled inside.

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## HOME SICK AFTER VISIT TO COLLEGE STATION

We are sorry, indeed, to report our friend, C. C. Ralphy, quite ill, at his ranch home ten miles northwest. He returned home last Saturday from College Station, where he attended the farmers' short course, offered annually by that excellent institution. We sincerely hope Mr. Ralphy may soon be again about and in his usual good health.

## WAR SPECTACLE IS PROCURED FOR FAIR.

Advance notices of "The War of Nations," to be shown at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13 to 28, proclaim this the greatest pyrotechnical display ever created and one which may establish a standard for years to come. "Many thousands of dollars have been spent in building the settings for this gigantic fireworks display," R. E. L. Knight, president of the State Fair, said. "Patrons of the 1917 fair will witness a spectacle as beautiful as it is extraordinary.

"No thought is more uppermost in the minds of the American people today than the terrible struggle across the sea, and the entrance of the United States into the conflict brings us to a realization that our sons and loved ones may soon be in the very thick of the fighting. With this in mind the creators of "The War of Nations" has tried to bring to us in America a portrayal of the spectacular side of the combat.

"By the immense crowds which attended last year it was clearly demonstrated that patrons of the fair are highly in favor of high-class fireworks. Recognizing this, we adopted the time-honored principle of the fair management of looking only for the best to be procured and in "The War of Nations" it is our judgment that we have selected the greatest display of the kind that has ever been offered."

Interest in Encampments. In addition to the nightly display of fireworks, a program of events has been arranged to be given before the grand stand each afternoon and night during the fair. Feature acts from some of the largest theatres of the world and circus numbers that have pleased millions of people have been procured to make up a program of two hours.

The encampments for farm boys and girls are attracting much attention from rural districts and are expected by those in charge to prove big drawing cards for the 1917 exposition. Five hundred boys and 250 girls will be guests of the State Fair, and, in addition to receiving invaluable educational service, will be awarded prizes of material worth. The offer of free exhibit space and increases in prizes to be awarded are expected to bring to the 1917 fair the largest number of county exhibits yet listed. Correspondence already on file with Secretary W. H. Stratton indicates that a number of counties which have never yet shown their products will be represented this year.

## IS NOW VISITING WITH FRIENDS AT MINERAL WELLS

Miss Thelma, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tom White, left last week for a visit to Mineral Wells. There she was joined by a number of friends from East Texas and they are enjoying a very pleasant visit at that popular resort. Later—Miss White concluded her pleasant visit and returned home last Wednesday.

## REPORTS THE DEL RIO COUNTRY VERY DRY

Tol Dawson is an old-timer of this section. Lately he ranches near Del Rio, and he was up from there this week. While they have had no serious losses in live stock down there, he reports it is very dry, and good seasons soon will save many from serious losses.

## ED MOBLEY AND WIFE VISITORS IN MIDLAND

Ed Mobley is an ex-sheriff of Howard County and now lives at San Angelo. He is quite well known to many in Midland and his wife is a sister of Mrs. Calvin Warnock. Both were visitors in Midland the latter part of last week. Mr. Mobley returned home Sunday, but Mrs. Mobley will remain for some time, a guest of her sister.

## RETURNED FROM PLEASANT VISIT TO EASTERN POINTS

Mrs. J. P. Collins and little daughter returned last Sunday from a visit to relatives at points east. They were absent a week or two and visited Kennedale, Fort Worth and other places of interest.

## LEAVING MIDLAND FOR HOPKINS COUNTY

E. M. Schnither and wife, after a residence of two years in Midland, left this week for Hopkins County. There they have a farm and will again take charge of it. Mr. Schnither ordered The Reporter sent to him, that he may not lose sight of old friends here.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OF DOGS

The ordinance requiring dogs to wear collars showing license numbers and that owners thereof have paid such license, went into effect August 1st. A good many dogs are yet to be seen without these collars, and notice is hereby given that said animals will, from this time on, be taken up and gotten rid of. This is by order of the city council of the city of Midland.  
C. L. WARNOCK, JR.,  
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# Style in Clothes

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## WITH THE CHURCHES

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Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching at 4 p. m. by Rev. Whitmore. Everybody cordially invited.

REV. J. S. MOORE.

### Christian Church.

Usual services by the regular minister on Lord's Day. You are cordially invited.

JAS. T. McKISSICK, Minister.

### Presbyterian Church.

The attendance at the various services of this church has been improving in the past weeks and, considering the fact that there are many away for the summer vacations, and considering, also, the heat of the past few weeks, the hours of worship have been well attended.

We take the privilege offered by the courtesy of this paper from week to week of extending to all an invitation to work and worship with us. The usual hours of services will be observed the coming Sabbath. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "Life According to Light." Evening service at 8:30. Subject, "The Parable of the Sower." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

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WM. H. FOSTER.

### ACCEPTED POSITION AS MILLINER AT MENARD

Miss Ruby Clark left last Saturday for Dallas, where she will stay for ten days. From Dallas Miss Clark will go on to Menard, where she has accepted a position as milliner for a concern at that place.

### CATTLE HOLDING UP WELL ON "J M" RANCH

W. O. Cox was in this week from the "J M" ranch in Upton County. He reported a pretty fair rain on part of that range last week, though the country generally is very dry. Cattle, he says, are holding up very well, considering adverse conditions.

### REPORTS THE RANGE DRY IN WINKLER COUNTY

Our esteemed old friend, H. G. Bedford, came in this week from his ranch in the northeast part of Winkler County, to spend a few days with friends and visit in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Ratliff. Mr. Bedford reports the range out there very dry, but cattle doing fairly well.

## FORMER MIDLAND BOY NOW BANK PRESIDENT

It was barely excusable that The Reporter failed to mention the visit of Fugitt Smalling, two weeks ago. The notice was written, became misplaced and overlooked until the paper was off their press. This is another Midland boy who has "made good," and is highly distinguished in his home town, Galup, N. M. He, in company with Tom Quebedeaux, left Midland some ten years ago. Tom is a bank president in El Paso and Fugitt is a president in Galup, and they are two of the most prosperous looking and well kept young fellows one would care to see. Fugitt's visit was much appreciated by his numerous Midland friends, and a knowledge of his and Tom's high degree of prosperity and their distinguished positions socially and commercially are sources of real pleasure to all of us who knew and liked them so well in the past.

### HERE FROM ANSON TO VISIT MISS DAVIS

Miss Anna Carlton, of Anson, is the charming young guest of Miss Lorraine Davis. She arrived last week, accompanying Miss Davis on the latter's return home after an extended visit to various points in East Texas.

### HEAVY RAINS OUT AT DURO LAST WEEK

C. C. Johnston came in yesterday from his ranch at Duro, west of Odessa. He reports dandy recent rains, three of them, and that as a result two of his tanks will swim a horse. Not only so, but the grass is coming fine and cattle are all right.

### LIGHT SHOWERS ONLY REPORTED NEAR STANTON

C. Kincanon farms six miles northeast of Stanton. He was in Midland Tuesday and reports the range and farm conditions there very poor. The grass is short, there are practically no crops, and but light showers have recently fallen out there.

### WILL VISIT MANY POINTS IN SOUTH TEXAS

Miss Ethel Moore left Tuesday evening for Mineral Wells, to be absent about one month. During this absence she will visit friends in a number of places in South Texas, at Temple and other points, and will return by way of Ballinger.

### HAS ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT POSITION AT FORT BLISS

G. E. Shay left the first of the week for Fort Bliss where he has accepted a position in the government machine shops, the radiator department, at that place. His wife will follow him later.

### HOUSTON DISPOSES OF THE MIDLAND DAIRY

H. R. Houston, who owned and operated the Midland Dairy for ten months, last week sold the same to L. B. Tankersley. The property consists of 17 milch cows and other equipment.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Rates, five cents per line each insertion. No ad accepted for less than 25 cents. Cash in advance is required of those not having a regular account with this paper.

### FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

ANDREWS COUNTY—3680 acres mixed sandy land; fenced, two waterings, 6 miles of Andrews. State debt \$3.50 per acre, 3 per cent. Price \$5 per acre bonus. Terms \$6,000 cash, balance easy, at 8 per cent. A. N. Brown, Andrews, Texas. 44-3t-p

IRRIGATED LANDS FOR SALE—100 acres, 60 acres in cultivation, with good water right, \$60 per acre; 30 acres, 20 in cultivation, good water right, \$50 per acre; some large ranches with cattle. Address A. Watson, Real Estate, North Delta, Col. 44-4t-p

FOR EXCHANGE—Lot No. 17, block 67, on Abilene Street, for improved lot with brick building on same, well located. Prefer lot 25-foot front with one-story building on same, in Midland, Texas. Name rent your building is bringing. I will pay difference in cash if you have what I want. Address J. C. Brown, Cambria, Va. 37-8t

OREGON & CALIFORNIA RAILROAD CO GRANT LANDS—Legal fight over land at last ended. Title reverted in United States. Land, by Act of Congress, ordered to be opened under home-lead laws for settlement and sale. Two million three hundred thousand acres. Containing some of the best timber and agricultural lands left in United States. Large copyrighted map showing land by townships and sections, laws covering same and description of soil, climate, rainfall, elevations, temperature, etc., postpaid one dollar. Grant Lands Locating Co., Portland, Oregon. 41-12t.

FOR SALE—Two lots next to the square. Very desirable for residence. Close in. Phone 132. adv 24-tf

### FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK

FOR SALE—One bay horse, harness and a two-seated buggy. For further information inquire of H. R. Houston, phone 394.

FOR SALE—Registered Berkshire pigs out of prize-winning stock, either sex, at \$25 each. Henry M. Half, Box 306, Midland, Texas. 29-4t

FOR SALE—Registered Poland China pigs. No. better in State. Males only at \$25 each. Henry M. Half, Box 306, Midland, Texas. 30-tf

### FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Some nice home-made lard, about 150 pounds. Apply to C. C. Rally, Phone 316-F.

FOR SALE—A small iron safe. Call at the Midland Variety Store and examine it; or phone 357-c for further particulars. Mrs. D. L. Vest. 41-tf

FOR SALE—Royal typewriter No. 10 and an adding machine. Both good as new. Apply at Postoffice. 42-2t.

PIANO FOR SALE—Kable-Nelson piano, in first class shape. Will sell for \$250 or trade for second hand automobile, J. T. Farrow, or phone W. B. Fullen, No. 269.

### BUSINESS NOTICES

NOTICE—We pay the top price for hides, chickens, iron, brass, rubber, and junk of all kinds. See us before selling. Fullen & Ramsay, at Ramsey's Wagon Yard.

REWARD OFFERED—I will pay \$50 reward for information leading to the conviction of any one stealing any cattle in Glascock County, in the following brands: Cross on right hip, S on jaw; Circle on right hip and jaw. Henry Wraga, Garden City, Texas. 42-5t-p

KILL THE BLUE BUGS—By feeding "Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer" to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the City Drug Store. 32-12t

FOR-SERVICE CAR—phone 262, anywhere, any time.

WILL TRADE—For live stock, 18 residence lots in Midland. See Bob Bingham, Odessa, Texas. 43-2t-pd

YOUR OLD AUTO—D. W. Freeman will buy your old, run down auto. Also he has a few Jersey cows for sale at a bargain.

### FURNISHED ROOMS

ROOMS—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc., only 1-2 block east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jamison, phone 224. 41-tf

### HELP WANTED

GOVERNESS WANTED—On ranch 25 miles southeast. Apply to W. A. Hutcheson, or phone 301-k.

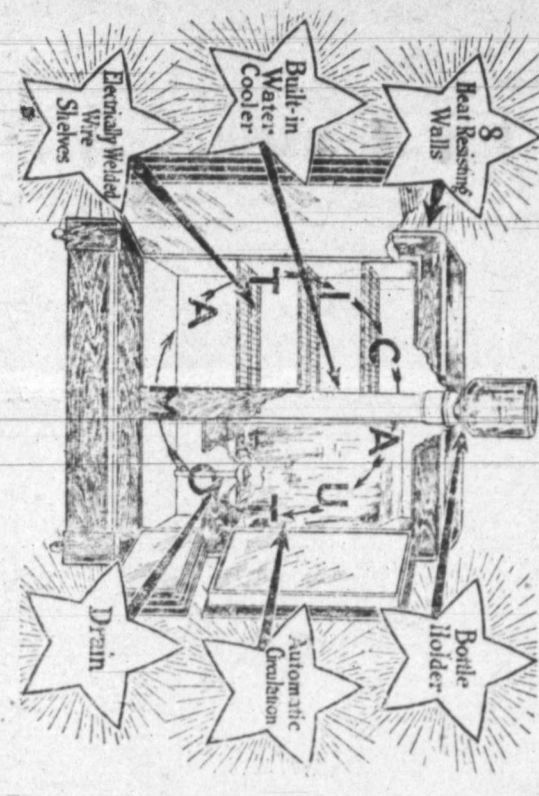
CHARMING VISITORS HERE FROM BIG SPRINGS

Misses Richie Boyd and Minnie Fred Clayton are here from Big Springs this week. They, together with other visitors, add much charm to social events of the present.

### HOLLOWAY HAD GOOD RAIN ON ANDREWS RANCH

Burl Holloway's ranch is in the northwest part of Andrews County. After three weeks out there, he came home last Wednesday, and further confirms the report of fine rains out there last week, and says conditions are much improved, though more rain is needed.

# If You Expect Refrigeration



in the next two years, here is where you can save some money

Two Automatic Refrigerators, price \$45.00 to sell at **\$34.50 Cash**

One Automatic Refrigerator, price \$42.50 to sell at **\$32.50 Cash**

Two Nice Refrigerators, price \$25.00 to sell at **\$19.75 Cash**

One Dandy Little Refrigerator, price \$12.50 to sell at **\$ 9.75 Cash**

**Remember** the above goods were bought and priced before the last two advances. Indications are now, that these goods will be worth nearly twice as much next season, so you will save almost 100 per cent by buying now.

Our Stocks of Furniture and Floor Coverings are Complete, and Our Prices are the Lowest Possible, Consistent with Sound Merchandising. Come in and See what we have to Offer You.

# Basham-Shepherd & Co.

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Sheriff's Sale (Real Estate)  
THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland. In the Justice Court, Precinct No. 1, One, Midland County, Texas.

The Midland Mercantile Company, a corporation, plaintiff against Miss Nettie Dublin.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court, Precinct No. 1, Midland County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 25th day of June, A. D., 1917, in favor of the said Midland Mercantile Co., a corporation, and against the said Miss Nettie Dublin, I did on the 16th day of July, A. D., 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon one-sixth interest of the following described tracts or parcels of land situated in the county of Midland, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Miss Nettie Dublin, to wit:

All of section 23, certificate 3131, Block 39, Tsp. 1-South, 640 acres. All of section 14, certificate 3126, Block 39, Tsp. 1-South, 540 acres. Each of said sections located about 2 and 3 miles north of Midland. All of Block 39—West-End Addition to the city of Midland. All of Block 48 Homestead Addition to the city of Midland. All of the west one-half of Block 39 Homestead Addition to the city of Midland. Said city property as shown on map or plat on file in the county records of Midland County, Texas.

All of the above described property being in Midland County, Texas. And on the 4th day of September, A. D., 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of Midland County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash all the right, title and interest of the said Miss Nettie Dublin, in and to said above described property.

Dated at Midland, Texas, on the 26th day of July, A. D., 1917.

W. E. Bradford, Sheriff Midland County Texas. adv. 42-3t.

### VISITING IN THE HOME OF MRS. R. M. CLAYTON

Miss Hazel Frederick recently arrived from Sherman and is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. M. Clayton. Miss Doris Frederick has been a guest of her sister for some weeks, and the two young ladies are charming additions to Midland social affairs of the present.

Try a Pecos Valley cantaloupe at the Warnock Cafe. They are the finest ever. adv 43-3t-p

### TO SPEND THREE WEEKS VISITING IN LYNN COUNTY

Miss Eileen Harrison left Monday for Tahoka, where she will spend some three weeks visiting with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrison, and other relatives in Lynn County.

### SUCCESSFUL SHIPMENT TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Jeff Cowden returned this week from South Dakota, where he accompanied a shipment of B. C. Girdley cattle. He was twelve days on the road, but made the trip without loss. The cattle are now on fine pasture.

### NEEDING MORE RAIN IN GAINES COUNTY

Our esteemed friend, M. S. Doas, a prominent stockman of Gaines County, was here yesterday. He says conditions out there are more promising than a few weeks ago, but more rain is needed to make winter grass.

### REPORTS HIS CATTLE DOING WELL IN MISSOURI

J. V. Stokes again returned home this week from a third visit to Missouri, where, a month or two ago, he shipped 450 cattle and put them on blue grass and timothy. They are doing splendidly and crops, he reports, very fine in Missouri.

### HERE FROM MERKEL VISITING RELATIVES

It is a pleasure to have with us this week Mrs. West Edwards and son, Westley. They are from Merkel, visiting Chas., John and Oron Edwards, and other relatives and friends.

### LEFT THIS WEEK TO VISIT IN BASKELL

Mrs. C. P. Benedict and children left this week and will spend two or three weeks visiting friends and relatives in Haskell and Knox counties. Mr. Benedict is thus left to the mercy of Life Davis, Chas. Goldsmith, and the balance of the bunch, who are utterly devoid of mercy when it comes to a game of hurrah. Life Davis will tell anything on you, and fix it up to his own notion. That crowd has passed the limit. They go out to the gin and when they come back it's time for someone to look out. All the same, we hope Mrs. Benedict and the children have a pleasant visit. Mr. Benedict, though, is going to have a rough time of it.

### SOLD FIVE BULLS TO NEW MEXICO PARTY

Henry M. Half this morning sold five young bulls, Herefords, of course, to Paul Patterson, of Eunice, N. M. The bulls are for breeding purposes, but we failed to learn other particulars and price. Mr. Half today is also shipping a car of fat cows to Fort Worth. "Fat cows!" Sounds good, don't it? All the same, that's what we meant. Half has got a lot just that kind.

# A Business Change

## THE FIRM OF Henry Stilwell & Co.

Has been dissolved. Taking its place is that of

## Armstrong & Hendrickson

MERCHANT TAILORS

Henry Stilwell is in no way connected with the new firm or the members thereof, or in their business procedure of the future. Due notice is thus given. The new firm, ARMSTRONG & HENDRICKSON, are located in the Llano Hotel building, same place occupied by Henry Stilwell & Co., and are equipped to do your cleaning and pressing and to do your tailoring in a way to give perfect satisfaction. We guarantee it.

**Armstrong & Hendrickson**  
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# EXELSO

Is the climax of artists who cater to the tastes of the public in the matter of beverages.

EXELSO is not only a beverage, but is a nutritious, health-giving tonic.

EXELSO is manufactured from the best of grains, and other materials of highest quality—containing absolutely no alcohol, and is refreshing and strengthening for children, as well as for vigorous adults and the elderly.

EXELSO is sold at druggists' fountains, cafes and refreshment stands, and is furnished for family use in casks containing ten dozen bottles each, or in cases containing three dozen bottles each.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

### HALFF HEREFORDS



Can Furnish at all Times Registered Herefords of Both Sexes of High Quality at Moderate Prices

#### HEREFORDS

OF MY OWN RAISING MADE THE FOLLOWING WINNINGS AT THE MIDLAND FAIR, SEPTEMBER, 1916

2-year-old Bulls	First on BEAU HOMER
Senior Yearling Bulls	First on BEAU HOMAGE
Junior Yearling Bulls	First on HECTOR
Aged Cows	Second on DOVE
2-year-old Heifers	First on EMMA BELLE
Junior Yearlings	First on MILLY BELLE
Senior and Grand Champion Bull	BEAU HOMER
Junior Champion Bull	HECTOR
AGED HERD	First
YOUNG HERD	Second
SET OF SIRE	First

#### HENRY M. HALFF

Midland, Texas  
REGISTERED HEREFORDS  
150 Head of Breeding Cows  
SIRE IN SERVICE

BEAU DONALD 95th, Dam Sophia, (dam of Beau Donald 5th.)  
BEAU DONALD 104th, closely related to the \$15,100 Woodford 6th.  
BEAU HOMER, of Beau Donald-Sagamore-Glaucus breeding.  
BEAU HOMAGE, a 2,000 pound Yearling.  
SAGAMORE H., First in Class, Okla. home City, 1917.

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Full four-year A. B. courses. Preparatory department for younger students. Also, strong departments in Art, Expression, Music, Home Economics. Location, healthful and convenient, midway between Dallas and Waco. Easily reached by M. K. & T. and Interurban cars. Recent additions to Library and Equipment, and gift of \$100,000 for endowment enable the College to do better service than ever before. Number of students not so large as to destroy the home element. Special attention to cultivation of quiet manners and the development of fine Christian womanhood. A patron writes: "I am more than pleased at the happy, satisfied girl that you have returned to me. She has no word of fault, from basement to attic, to find with Milford T. P. C." So we want your girl, not for gain nor glory, but to do her good. Catalogue upon request. B. C. Somerville, A. M., Pres., Box 33, MILFORD, TEXAS

#### BIG SPRING MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

Big Spring, Texas  
M. G. CATTER, Proprietor  
Manufacturer of High Grade Monuments  
Headstones, Curbing, Markers, Etc.  
See Our Designs and Prices Before Placing Your Order  
A post card will bring the proprietor to see you

HOME AFTER EXTENDED VISIT TO CLEBURNE  
Claude Hearrell and family returned this week from an extended visit

to Cleburne, where they were guests of Mrs. Hearrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Landers, formerly of Midland. They made the trip by auto.

We Will be Pleased to Have You Discuss Your Cattle Loan With Us.

Capital \$100,000,

coupled with other resources and unsurpassed connections, we feel amply able to take care of your needs, no matter how large. Small loans will also receive careful consideration.

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Will A. Martin, Vice President  
B. C. Girdley, Sec.-Treas.-Mgr.

pt. block 9, H. H.; total taxes .45.  
De Anstavia, H., Midland, lots 7, 8, 9, block 102, S. A.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Forbus, W. T., Cert. No. 181, survey 23, N. W. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4, 40 acres, Midland; total taxes \$8.97.  
Harwell, W. W., Midland, lots 5 and 6, block 129, S. A.; total taxes .75.  
Landers, J. B., Midland, N. 1-2 of block 38, H. A.; total taxes \$26.98.  
Minus, M. W., Midland, lots 4, 5, 6, block 191, S. A.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Yarbrough, R. M., Midland, E. 1-2 of lots 21 to 24, S. A.; total taxes \$5.98.  
Ross, Miss Annie, Cert. No. 2904, survey 13, N. 1-2 of S. E. 1-4, 80 acres, Midland; total taxes \$3.27.  
Unknown, Midland, lot 12, block 32; total taxes .75.  
Unknown, Midland, lot 24, block 51; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 9 and 10, block 85; total taxes \$3.00.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 1 and 4, block 48, S. A.; total taxes \$29.92.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 12 and 13, block 70, S. A.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 4 to 8, blk. 151, S. A.; total taxes \$14.96.  
Unknown, Midland, lot 1, block 180, S. A.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, W. 1-2 of block 1, H. A.; total taxes \$2.26.  
Unknown, Midland, N. W. 1-4 of block 16, H. A.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, N. W. 1-4 of block 43, H. A.; total taxes \$6.73.  
Unknown, Midland, S. 1-2 of block 48, E. M.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 10 to 12 of block 1, W. E.; total taxes \$3.00.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 4, 5 and 6, block 15, W. E.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 5 and 6, block 16, W. E.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 1 and 2, block 16, W. E.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, lot 12, block 2, R. Abst.; total taxes .75.  
Unknown, Midland, all of block 7, C. H.; total taxes \$4.40.  
Unknown, Midland, lots 7 to 12, block 8, C. H.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, S. 1-2 of block 9, C. H.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, N. 1-2 of block 10, C. H.; total taxes \$1.50.  
Unknown, Midland, All of block 30, C. H.; total taxes \$3.00.  
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Unknown, Midland, all of block 37, C. H.; total taxes \$3.00.  
Unknown, Midland, all of block 38, C. H.; total taxes \$3.00.  
Unknown, Midland, all of block G, J. & M.; total taxes \$3.00.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3012, survey 41, 18 acres, Midland; total taxes \$2.68.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3002, survey 21, 60 acres, Midland; total taxes \$8.88.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 2896, survey 46, N. 1-2 of N. W. 1-4, 80 acres, Midland; total taxes \$4.44.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 2917, survey 39, 640 acres, Midland; total taxes \$37.31.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 2754, survey 40, 640 acres, Midland; total taxes \$37.31.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 2933, survey 21, 640 acres, Midland; total taxes \$30.27.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3004, survey 25, S. W. 1-4 and N. 1-2 of S. E. 1-4, 240 acres, Midland; total taxes \$23.98.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3071, survey 36, 640 acres, Midland; total taxes \$20.27.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3321, survey 24, N. E. 1-4, 160 acres, Midland, total taxes \$6.05.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3323, survey 28, 640 acres, Midland; total taxes \$24.22.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3410, survey 9, 14 acres, Midland; total taxes .82.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 3431, survey 7, 35 acres, Midland; total taxes \$1.90.  
Unknown, Cert. 4158, survey 36, 119 acres, Midland; total taxes \$4.73.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 4164, survey 48, 480 acres, Midland; total taxes \$11.54.  
Unknown, Cert. No. 4176, survey 24, 100 acres, Midland; total taxes \$3.78.

#### DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

List of Lands and Lots Delinquent on March 31st, 1916, for the Taxes of 1916 only, in Midland County, Reported under the provisions of Section 10, Chapter 103, Laws of 1897:

The State of Texas,  
County of Midland,  
I, W. E. BRADFORD, Tax Collector of said County, do hereby certify that the within lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of said County for the year 1916 are delinquent for the taxes of 1916 only, and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon.

W. E. BRADFORD,  
Tax Collector.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of May, 1917.

W. J. SPARKS,  
County Clerk, Midland County,  
Certificate of Commissioners' Court,  
The State of Texas,  
County of Midland.

In Commissioners' Court: We certify that we have examined the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of Midland County for the year 1916, which are delinquent for the taxes of 1916 only, and find the same correct, and that W. E. Bradford, Tax Collector, is entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon, as follows, to-wit:

State Revenue Tax	\$ 98.42
State School Tax	98.42
State Pension Tax	24.63
State Poll Tax	1.50
Total State Taxes	\$222.97
County Advalorem Tax	\$201.79
County Poll Tax	.25
District School Tax	143.86
Total County Taxes	\$345.96

Given in open court this 17th day of May, 1917.

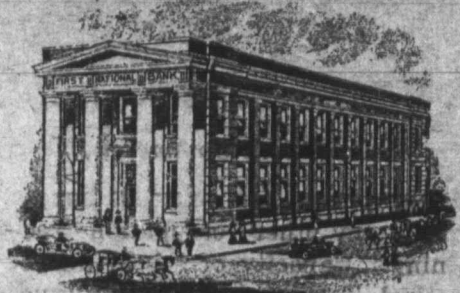
J. M. DeARMOND,  
County Judge.  
W. C. RAYBURN,  
J. M. KING,  
W. A. HUTCHESON,  
T. E. AYCOCK,  
County Commissioners.  
W. J. SPARKS,  
County Clerk.

Dickert, Mrs. E. C., Abst. No. 18, Cert. No. 2888, Sur. No. 29, S. E. 1-4 and E. 1-2 of S. W. 1-4, 240 acres, Midland; all of blocks 7, 18, 9, 46, 21, 18, 14, 32, 33, Germania; total taxes \$27.01.  
Graves, W. L., Midland, lot 11, blk. 40; total taxes \$9.72.  
Graves, Effie E., Midland, lots 1, 2, and 3, block 121, lots 4 to 9, block 127, S. D.; total taxes \$1.20.  
Harris, Geo., Midland, N. 100 ft of lot 1, block 81, lot 18, block 87; total taxes \$31.85.  
Julian, C. E., lots 1 to 6, block 119, S. A.; lots 7 to 10, S. 5 ft of 11, block 158; 142 ft off S. S. block 29, M. H.; total taxes \$38.90.  
Julian, Effie, Midland, lots 17 and 18, block 54; total taxes \$23.93.  
Little, A. W. and W. M., Midland, lot 13, block 86; lot 5, block 93; total taxes \$1.50.  
Midland Fair Association, Cert. No. 3359, survey 3, N. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4, 20 acres; Cert. No. 3359, survey 3, N. E. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4, 10 acres, Midland; total taxes \$22.45.  
Nutt, Mrs. L. A., Midland, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 191 S. A.; total taxes \$3.00.  
Nixon, W. H., Midland, all of block 125, S. A.; total taxes \$5.39.  
Fowell, E. J., Cert. No. 3359, survey 3, 10 acres, Midland, all of block 15, H. A.; total taxes \$10.91.  
Brooks, Mrs. L. W., Midland, lot 4, block 2, R. Abst.; W. 1-2 of block 42, H. A.; total taxes \$18.70.  
Aber, John, Midland, 100 ft off N.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS



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Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits  
**\$212,894.30**

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**\$802,495.32**

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## NOTICE

To Ford Owners:

In the future we are compelled to request all buyers of parts and accessories to pay cash. We cannot handle our large assortment on a credit basis.

We Must Have The Cash

Remember, please, our supply department will be kept full in all lines, but please do not ask us to book any more of these purchases.

## THE FORD AGENCY

WILL MANNING Proprietor

#### THE THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LAST SUNDAY

The third quarterly conference of this conference year was held in the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon. Presiding Elder Perry was here and officiated and preached twice on Sunday. This conference showed the church to be in the very best condition and by the time the last conference is held, Oct 6th, no doubt our pastor, Rev. J. W. Cowan, will go to the annual conference with a report of which he will have every reason to be proud. Dr. Wright, of Dallas, was to have

#### SHIPPED TWO CARS FROM FASKEN SATURDAY

T. O. Midkiff shipped two cars of cows and a few calves from Fasken last Saturday over the Midland & Northwestern Railway. The M. & N. W. is proving a great convenience to stockmen northwest, this shipment being but one of many that have lately gone over the new line. The Midkiff cattle were billed for Fort Worth markets.

## The Modern Way is the Cash Way

On May 1st, last, we reorganized our business on a cash basis and it is proving in every way very acceptable to all concerned.

### Better Prices for Our Customers

Naturally this is the result. We have eliminated losses and it has enabled us to hold the price down to the lowest possible margin of profit. All lines of merchandise have advanced in price, yet we are selling many items at prices ruling several months ago.

### A Square Deal to All

This is our motto, and we are living up to it rigidly. Every intelligent man or woman knows that this is a time of wonderfully high prices. We can no more help this than any other merchandising or commercial establishment, but we can give you a "Square Deal" and we'll do it.

INVESTIGATE US.

## Midland Hardware Co.

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TREATED THE REPORTER FORCE TO WATERMELON

Our old friend, T. B. Wadley, came from almost the same neck o' the woods over in Arkansas that the writer hailed from. Over there we learned a lot of things that are not just ordinarily known. Amongst these is just the right sort of watermelons to plant if you are looking for flavor, and a common knowledge like this fosters wonderfully a fellow feeling, and especially so when you are already friends. Twice, lately, we have sampled Mr. Wadley's product, and they have proven a happy surprise. Not having indulged in gardening any, we naturally thought it would be unreasonable to expect the real article in melons to be produced out here. Mr. Wadley has achieved this, though, the one he gave us Wednesday proving a rare treat to the entire Reporter force. You may think we are stringing you, but it is not so. We doubt that he can accommodate many more, but if you want the real thing, try to secure some of his watermelons and cantaloupes. It is a happy surprise to partake of a fruit so very delightful, and know it to have been grown at home.

BABY ARRIVED AT BUSH HOME SUNDAY

On last Sunday night a baby boy arrived to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eush. The Reporter extends congratulations.

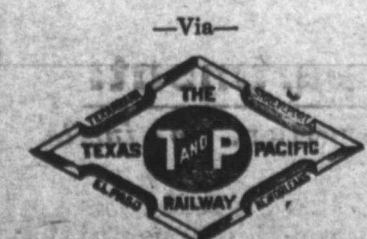
VISITING FRIENDS IN SWEETWATER THIS WEEK

Mrs. Wm. E. Wallace left Saturday, last, for Sweetwater and other points where she will visit friends and relatives for some time.

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will tell you a fellow's constitution won't last forever, and in these strenuous times it needs a good overhauling occasionally.

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CONTRIBUTION BY MRS. C. L. STERLING

"Some Leaves From a Life's Diary" are Interesting and Beautifully Reminiscent

Frequently The Reporter has had real pleasure in publishing contributions from the pen of our esteemed friend, Mrs. C. L. Sterling, but not recently. Notably among her past contributions to these columns was a series of articles on her European travels several years ago, and since then we have heard from her in this way but rarely. Our readers will appreciate the following from her this week, divided as it is under three sub-headings:

Some Leaves From a Life's Diary Unusual phenomena in nature-life has ever attracted my attention and interest and to make note of them, my habit. This great state of Texas has furnished me with not a few surprises. In the year of 1911 there was an unprecedented efflorescence over the Staked Plains everywhere. The land was aglow with all the primal colors and all the shades thereof. There were flowers of so great variety that none could name them, of beauty and delicacy worthy of the Garden of Allah. They came and passed and others followed in succession, one kind giving way to another as if Queen Flora must needs exhibit her prolific brood in the wild west, or in Hampton Court. Pity it is that we had no scientific botanist to take notes and add to science new specimens.

A Rainbow at Sunrise A rainbow in the morning is somewhat unusual and is said to be a sure sign of rain, obviously it is, and is called "The Sailor's Warning." To have seen that one which spanned the heavens in the southwest on the first day of August, this year of grace, 1917, is to have seen a curious phenomena. A great bank of gold and red clouds lay along the horizon line, the rising sun was nearly quite hidden by there was for a few moments flashes of the sun's rays flung outward, which were soon obscured by the cloud bank, yet the refraction had done its work, and there appeared on the other side of the world dome, a far reaching and splendid rainbow, reaching far up to the zenith and showing more than a half arc. For several minutes it held the obscured sun, refracted rays and proved that it was raining somewhere though we were only favored by the beautiful phenomena in Midland. We will no doubt hear of rain on many ranches.

An Experience in Florida

Fifteen years of my life were spent on Tampa Bay, and at the mouth of that fine, wide river that the bay sends forth to wind into the land. The river is called Big Bayou. It is a harbor and along its shores are homes, piers, bathing places. It was in the pioneer stage then and small sailing craft the mode of travel. A party had been out cruising. The early dawn of day showed us our home front and an anxious watcher on the shore. There was but a slight ripple on the water surface; we were facing and sailing west; the full moon hovered at the rim of the world, while the sun was rising in the east. The two great orbs of light faced each other and each sent greeting across the rippling water. The moon's silver rays met and kissed the golden gleams of the sun and the world seemed full of peace and joy unspendable.

CROPS ARE VERY SHORT IN RUNNELS COUNTY

E. T. Meeks was here for a few days this week, a guest of J. S. Tidwell and family. He is from Runnels county, and says crops in that section of the state are all very short.

HERE FROM COLORADO TO SELL FOUR SECTIONS

A. Watson was here a few days this week from Colorado. His business was to lease or sell four sections of land in Andrews county, owned by J. M. Watson, deceased.

Women!

Here is a message to suffering women, from Mrs. W. T. Price, of Public, Ky.: "I suffered with painful... she writes, 'I got down with a weakness in my back and limbs... I felt helpless and discouraged... I had about given up hopes of ever being well again, when a friend insisted I

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SHERIFF'S SALE (Real Estate)

The State of Texas, County of Midland. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hill County on the 24th day of July A. D. 1917, by Clay Bedell, clerk of said court, for the sum of Seventeen Hundred Twenty and 20/100 (\$1720.20) Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of J. W. Harper in a certain cause in said court, No. 10386, and styled J. W. Harper vs. J. D. Hester et al, placed in my hands for service, W. E. Bradford, as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did on the 2nd day of August, 1917, levy on certain real estate situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Midland County, in the State of Texas, about 1 1/2 miles south, 41 degrees west from the town of Midland, known as the Texas & Pacific Railway Co. Survey No. three (3) Block forty-one (41), the same containing six hundred and forty acres, more or less. It being the same tract of land conveyed by virtue of Cert. No. 3429 issued to the T. & P. Ry. Co. by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas May 25th 1876, and patented to the T. & P. Ry. Co. on the 9th day of December, 1884, by Patent No. 593, Vol. 83, the said patent being of record in the Records of Deeds of Midland County, Texas, on page 7, and levied upon as the property of W. J. Williamson and Delina Williamson, and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1917, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the court house door of Midland County, in the town of Midland, 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. J. Williamson and Delina Williamson.

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 Midland Reporter, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of August, 1917. W. E. BRADFORD, 44-3t Sheriff Midland County, Texas

OPEN AIR MEETING CLOSED SUNDAY NIGHT

The open air meeting, under the leadership of Rev. J. S. Moore, that has been in progress for the past two or three weeks in a tabernacle erected in the south part of town, closed last Sunday night. This meeting has been a great spiritual uplift to many, saint and sinner alike. There have been 21 converts and 17 additions to the various churches. Good preaching has been done by our different pastors and large and attentive audiences have attended nightly. Bro. Moore has been tireless in his work, as have other ministers and laymen and the reward, great good accomplished, which is a pleasant contemplation for all.

"PRAISE THE GOOD LORD! IT HAS RAINED AGAIN."

Such was the fervent expression of our esteemed old friend, W. C. Rayburn, one day this week. His ranch is 25 miles southwest, and he reports that they had a fine rain out there last week. It was not general, of course, but it covered his range and it makes things look a lot brighter to him.

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon I. N. Johnson, Jr., by making publication of this citation, once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in the Midland Reporter, same being a newspaper published in your county to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1917, the same being the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of July, A. D., 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1442, wherein Wilton Brannan is plaintiff, and I. N. Johnson, Jr., is defendant, and said petition alleging in substance as follows: Plaintiff's suit is based upon three promissory vendor's lien notes, which were made, executed, and delivered to plaintiff by the defendant, I. N. Johnson, Jr., on May 30th, 1916, and due one, two, and three years after date. Notes Nos. 1 and 2 being for the principal sum of \$200.00 each, and note No. 3 being for the principal sum of \$175. Said notes bearing 8 per cent interest per annum from date, payable annually and stipulating 10 per cent on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorney's fee in case suit is brought, or in case said notes are placed in the hands of the attorney for collection. That said notes were given for a part of purchase money of the east one-half of section 14, block K, public school land, same containing 320 acres situated in Terry County, Texas. That said property was on the 30th day of May, 1916, conveyed by plaintiff to the defendant by his deed of writing of that date, and that vendor's lien was retained in said deed of conveyance to secure the payment of the three notes above described. Plaintiff says that said notes are due and unpaid, and that defendant though often requested has failed and refused to pay same, and plaintiff has exercised his option of declaring all of said notes due and matured. Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt, interest, attorney's fees, and the costs of suit, and for the foreclosure of his lien on the above described land and premises, and for an order of sale to issue to the sheriff of Terry County, Texas, and that the sheriff in executing said order of sale, shall place the purchaser of said property sold under said order of sale in possession

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thereof, within 30 days after the day of sale, and for further relief, special and general, in law and equity, to which he may be justly entitled. Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this the 19th day of July, A. D., 1917. W. J. Sparks, Clerk District Court, Midland County. By B. C. Richardson, Deputy.

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**REAL FACTS ABOUT OUR UNIVERSITY**

(Continued from page 1)

United States have a lower number of students than our University, is it a crime to pattern after the best? At least, why misrepresent?

**Social Conditions.**

That there are rich men in the University of Texas cannot be denied, as it is a school for the people of Texas, and there are some rich people in Texas; yet 40 per cent. of the students pay all or part of their expenses while attending the University. An overwhelming majority of the students are non-frat, and it is a recognized fact that the non-frat students have controlled the student elections at the University for the past several years. The frat students being better organized controlled students' elections eight or ten years ago. The fact that the non-frats have assumed control is evidence of a growth of a democratic spirit. There are some snobs in the University, and there are some snobs in Midland, but the social conditions at the University are freer, friendlier and more genuine among the frats and non-frats than the townsmen of our own city.

Since everybody that has investigated the University has declared its faculty members to be free of corruption and moral turpitudes, and since the positive records refute absolutely the main charges as to its excessive expenditures and democracy, we trust that the people of Texas will make inquiry sufficient to get the facts and not be governed by prejudice in drawing conclusions of the conditions.

**BOYS OUT AT ANDREWS ARE 'RARIN' TO GO'**

News coming from Andrews this week—the little town inland to the northwest of us 40 miles or so—is the right kind. Of course, out there there were some volunteers, comparatively a lot of them, but those who failed to volunteer showed no "slack" trait. In getting up their quota of eight this week sixteen were examined. Four of these offered as reasons for exemption that they were married and had families dependent upon them, but the other twelve were "rarin' to go." There were some physical exemptions, but they were not claimed, and, in instances, obviously hidden. The spirit is fine. Such an one, in the language of an enthusiast who expressed himself, "if in the hearts of all our boys would enable them to go to France, lick those Dutch and be back home by Christmas." Maybe not; maybe so. Anyway, we are proud of the boys out at Andrews.

**RETURNED HOME AFTER A MONTH IN MIDLAND**

Mrs. S. M. Patterson left yesterday for her home at Mansfield. She visited in Midland somewhat over a month, a guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Leaverton.

**WE HAVE NO KICK COMING AT OUR PRICES**

How would you like to be in Germany? Information concerning food costs there received recently at the offices of the food administration, show that many edibles, particularly those containing fats, are selling at almost prohibitive prices. Fat for frying is bringing more than \$4 a pound. Goose fat is sold at \$5.35 a pound.

Fowls generally are high. Fresh fowls bring \$1.01 a pound, larded goose breast \$2.08, salted goose legs 94c, young country laying hens \$3.32 each, well-fed geese \$11 to \$19 each. The egg ration at Hamburg for one week was one egg for each person. Horses are in great demand for food, and horse flesh sells at from 53c to 86c a pound. Rabbits are sold at \$2 each. Cheese is quoted at from 36c to 86c a pound.

But out here in West Texas, despite the drouth, we buy eggs at 35c per dozen, nice chickens at 40c to 75c each, and haven't yet thought about horse meat. The above is something to think about, though. We are barely entering this great world war. Unless we conserve our food supply we may be as bad off as Germany at no distant day.

**TO JOIN HUSBAND AND FATHER IN AUSTIN**

Mrs. E. R. Bryan and daughter, Miss Lillian, left yesterday for Austin, where they will join Judge Bryan, our representative from this district. They thought at first not to go to Austin, but the extra session of the legislature is likely to be longer than was at first expected.

**THE O'NEALS VISITING US FROM CALIFORNIA**

Midland friends are now enjoying a visit from our former townspeople, Chas. F. O'Neill and family, the wife who was formerly Miss Annie Townsend, and four children. Since moving from Midland to Santiago, some seven or eight years ago, this former young townsman of ours has become a personage of very pleasing distinction. Not only did he serve the city of Santiago as mayor for some years, but he was popularly and prominently mentioned, two years ago, as a candidate for governor of California. It is very pleasant to Midland friends that he has risen so high in the esteem of the people of his adopted state. Mr. O'Neill and family arrive in their auto the latter part of last week. Upon concluding their visit here they will go to Dallas, then return here for a few days more, and then start homeward bound. Gordon Purcell and family and Mrs. S. E. Townsend started with the O'Neals, but concluded the trip was too hard and turned back. This we all very much regret.

**NEW REGULATIONS AS TO EXEMPTIONS**

Revision Has it That No Man is Exempt Whose Parents Can Support Wife.

More than 200,000 men of the selective draft forces will be called to the colors on September 1 to go immediately to their divisional training cantonments. This will bring the strength of the United States army on that date up to practically 1,000,000 men.

Brigadier General Crowder, provost marshal general, dispatched the following telegram to the governors of the states Wednesday, cautioning them to make certain that the first one-third of their quotas of the first increment of registered men is ready in time.

"New regulations governing mobilization and the certification of men from district boards to adjutant generals will be mailed to you on August 9. In the meantime, local boards should certify to district boards daily those who have been called and who have not been exempted or discharged, either because they failed to file any claim or because their claim has been decided adversely.

"Strict compliance with this rule is necessary since on September 1 the war department will call for not to exceed one-third of the quota from each state, to be entrained for mobilization camps between September 1 and September 5. Unless we wish to be put in a position of not furnishing men as fast as the war department is ready to receive them, each state should have accumulated, by September 1, a minimum of one-third of its quota not exempted or discharged. This can only be attained if local boards certify these lists up with great expedition."

General Crowder also sent this additional caution to examining physicians of local boards: "Surgeon general advises that in order to prevent the terrible ravages which result from the introduction into the army of that dread disease of the eyes known as trachoma the lids of every recruit be exerted to insure the absence of this disease, and that any border line or suspicious cases be referred to an ophthalmic surgeon especially qualified in this line."

The messages were followed by a new ruling regarding exemptions because of dependents, which is expected to decrease considerably the loss of men from the military service for this reason. Boards are authorized hereafter to deny exemptions to married men whose wives are solely dependent on them, but where the parents or other relatives of either wife or husband are willing to assume the burden of her support during his absence. The same course is to be followed where any drafted man's employers agree to continue his salary as a patriotic duty.

A third supplemental ruling provides that where a man has supported his dependants by his own labor on land which he owns and the board finds that the land could be rented to advantage so as to continue the support for the wife derived from the rental, exemption for the man may be denied.

The telegram to the governors follows: "Under presidential regulations the term 'dependent for support' has given rise to several further questions of principle affecting large numbers of persons.

"The general basis for ruling upon such questions should be the spirit and purpose of the act in providing for such discharge wherever the terms of the act and of the regulations are not in themselves conclusive. The act in this respect is intended to discharge wherever the parties drafted are in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their exclusion or discharge advisable."

"Such dependency ordinarily renders discharge advisable because, since the drafted person loses his civil income and thus loses his means of support, the wife is left without support and this lack of support is the effect which the act aims to avoid. But wherever such effect does not in fact follow, and the wife is not left without reasonably adequate support, boards should receive such support from other sources, there is no real dependency rendering discharge advisable."

**FORD SALES ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION**

It was the purpose of The Reporter, this week, to enumerate the sales of Ford cars made by the Midland Auto Company since last we gave the list, some weeks ago. It is a matter, though, that would unnecessarily take up a whole lot of space, for these sales have been a whole lot numerous. The sale of Ford cars in Midland is limited by the number the Midland Auto Company is enabled to get the manufacturers to ship out here, and by that alone. Everybody, most, wants a Ford, and so each consignment is spoken for long before the arrival thereof. The Midland Auto Company also has lately sold a number of Republic trucks, and these swell their sales record to proportions that are really surprising. Somewhat more than a month ago the company advertised in these columns—and a similar advertisement still appears—that they were going to give away a Ford touring car, together with three other prizes. We have printed for this drawing, since then, 20,000 tickets, numbered consecutively, and each representing \$1. The first 10,000 were used up days and days ago, and we are expecting daily to be called on for a third 10,000. Such figures, such sales by one firm, do not indicate that we are greatly suffering of drouth. We repeat a suggestion offered by State Press in the Dallas News, recently: Nothing matters, nothing is strange or new than that everybody don't hurry in coming to Texas.



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**REV. WEBB A VISITOR FROM WEATHERFORD**

Rev. L. A. Webb is esteemed in Midland as a former pastor of the Methodist church here. He is now a presiding elder, with headquarters at Weatherford. He was in Midland again this week, Tuesday and Wednesday, for a brief business visit.

**HERE FROM BEEVILLE SELECTIVE DRAFT CALL**

C. C. Ellis came this week from Beeville, where he now lives, responding to a call of the Midland County exemption board. He arrived in time for examination, and was exempted for physical reasons.

**ONLY LIGHT SHOWERS IN MARTIN COUNTY**

Our townsman, J. H. Epley, came in this week from his Martin county ranch. His report is not very encouraging. He says they have had only light showers out there and the country generally is very dry.

**GOOD RAINS IN DAWSON COUNTY LAST WEEK**

R. D. Lee was in Dawson county last week, returning the first of this week from Lamesa. While there, he reports, they had a fine rain and there is lots of water in all the lakes.

**CROPS IN DELTA COUNTY REPORTED VERY FINE**

W. T. Barber is here this week from Delta county and will spend some time visiting his mother and brothers. He says crops in that section of the state are fine, oats having made an average of 40 to 80 bushels, while the yield from other crops promise splendidly. This is Mr. Barber's first visit in five years.

**BOUGHT WELL KNOWN RANCH IN GLASSCOCK**

The Oak Hill ranch, until recently owned by Wm. McPherson, is a pretty well known Glasscock county ranch. E. T. Cobb was in from there this week and reports that he has bought this place. It is well improved and consists of 1720 deeded acres and five sections leased. He further reports the range down there very dry.

**FARMERS BUSY AGAIN IN ANDREWS COUNTY**

J. A. Bennett has a place out in Andrews county. He was in Midland one day this week and confirms the report of fine rains out there, in some sections, last week. He says farmers, in the rain belt, are again busy, planting fall feed crops, and that conditions generally out there are much improved.

**WOMAN WHO THRIVES ON MESQUITE BEANS**

Down at Ballinger there lives a woman who has demonstrated the value of mesquite beans as food for man, as witness the following dispatch from that city, appearing in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

"Mrs. O. R. Griswold has just returned from College Station, where she had mesquite bean products analyzed and tested as food for man. She exhibited specimens of bread made from mesquite beans, also specimens of syrup, jellies, candy and a drink resembling very much coffee. She claims that she has been living exclusively on these products for three weeks, and finds the diet delicious and strengthening. Mrs. Griswold demonstrated the products before the farmers' short course at College Station, and efforts will be made to get an exhibit at the State Fair at Dallas."

**FAIR SHOWERS REPORTED TWENTY-FIVE MILES SOUTH**

Pearl Rankin came in Monday from his ranch 25 miles south of Midland. He says, considering the extreme drouth, cattle are holding down there pretty well, and that the people of that section were encouraged by some light showers, pretty fair growing rains under ordinary circumstances, last week.

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