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COMING TO HELP WITH INCOME TAXES

Persons in Midland County to Have Government Assistance in Determining Amount of Incomes

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue A. S. Walker, announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent in to this county on a date to be announced later and will remain a reasonable time. He will have his office at some convenient place, and will be there every day during his stay here ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

How many income-tax payers will there be in this county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1st, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this officer to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1st, he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you had better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

The collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the officer arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

TRIP TO BROWNWOOD AND OTHER POINTS

W. M. Schrock and family returned on New Year's evening from a pleasant trip to Abilene, Brownwood and Santa Anna, where they spent ten days, including the holidays. Mr. Schrock was surprised at the vast oil excitement at Brownwood. Everywhere they are boring for oil, and with success. At Santa Anna, too, they are very prosperous, they having good crops there this year.

J. G. Hughes, the clever hotel man, and Attorney N. R. Morgan were in this week from Seminole on business.

GENERAL WESTERN RANGE CONDITIONS

While the situation of stockmen with regard to their cattle is far from satisfactory, reports over the West are quite reassuring. In the drought-stricken area cattle have been moved out in great number to more favorable range, many going to New Mexico and Arizona points, and into the country immediately surrounding El Paso. The mild winter so far has enabled stock to not only hold their own but in many instances to improve. True, the absence of rain has caused much water inconvenience, but the cool weather has caused less necessity for it, and the grass has not lost any of its nutrition by reason of rain, and prospects so far are good. R. Milligan, manager of the El Paso office of Clay, Robinson & Co., stated to the editor of the El Paso Livestock Journal that a continuance of mild conditions for a few weeks, with an early spring moisture, would insure against any severe loss. Under such conditions, he looks for a very lively spring trading and improved conditions all around.

The above statement, taken from the January 1st issue of the El Paso Livestock Journal, is substantially correct. Where there is any grass in the drought-stricken area it has certainly lost little of its nutrition; certainly, too, most of the cattle have been moved out of the territory so stricken. Likely there are not more than 40 per cent of the usual number of cattle left in this wide section of the West—considerably less, we imagine—and what there are are being fed more heavily than ever before. It is not less true, however, that a moist spring, a seasonable spring will greatly relieve the situation and with but few exceptions—possibly none—our stockmen will pull out in great shape.

HAWKINS & ANDERSON ARE AGAIN PARTNERS

It will be of interest to Midland friends to know that Senator A. S. Hawkins and Judge Earl Anderson are again partners in the practice of law. Both are formerly of Midland and both very prominent, or were, in the political affairs of West Texas. Senator Hawkins went to Phoenix, Ariz., several years ago and has there practiced law since. Judge Anderson, formerly judge of Midland County, left Midland a bit over a year ago and entered the practice of law in El Paso. We did not learn when he joined Senator Hawkins in Phoenix. Midland friends will join us in wishing them a large degree of success. They are strong attorneys and will deserve the utmost confidence of those with whom they come in contact, professionally or otherwise.

K. Johnston and wife came in the first of the week from C. C. Johnston's ranch, ten miles west of Odessa. Mr. Johnston had been doing some ranch improving for his brother. He reports the range out there short but there are no losses in stock.

OUR STOCKMEN ARE FEEDING HEAVILY

Daily Car Load After Car Load of Feed Stuff Arrives Here to be Unloaded

It is rather remarkable that the Midland Country can stand the enormous drains that are being made upon it daily, and it could not were it not a remarkable section. In conversation with a prominent stockman the other evening, in the course thereof, he remarked:

"Do you know how many car loads of feed stuff arrived to be unloaded in Midland today? Twelve; and it is safe to estimate that they will average \$1000 to the car. Not only so, but I think we average at least ten car loads a day, and this is little enough to feed under present conditions."

"But Mr. Blank, how long can we stand such a drain? and what is going to be the final outcome?"

"Now you are asking a poser. Of course you know there are not nearly so many cattle in the country as normally. This is offset both ways, however. The price of feed is altogether abnormal; but almost as much can be said as to the price of cattle, and so these two facts bring about a condition that would be nearly normal were it not for the handicap of drought. I can, as a result, see pretty well ahead for a hundred days, and there it is all blind. If we have a good spring I can see on and on, for the Midland Country has wonderful recuperative powers, and a cow is equally wonderful in bringing about renewed prosperity to her owner. However, if it don't rain, I don't know. In this event our stockmen and everybody dependent upon the Midland Country is bound to be hurt, and badly; even bankruptcy is inevitable to some. On the other hand, while some of us will be hurt even with good seasons, it need not be very serious with any of us. Our profits are gone for the past year and sure to be largely curtailed this, but it must be remembered that most of us have made very large profits in the past."

"And so it goes. The Midland Country is a good one, for cattle raising. It has proven so in the past, and will so prove in the future. It will come back, and just as large fortunes will be made in the future as have been made in the past."

This conversation was rather refreshing to The Reporter. We know well the conditions and, frankly, it has looked somewhat gloomy, even though we hear very few expressions of pessimism. We realize that had normal conditions resulted out here in the Midland Country, our prosperity would have been overwhelming. It is merely that the scale of fortune has tilted against us, and we suffer one extreme instead of enjoying the other.

Dr. C. H. Allen, of Abilene, will be at the Llano Hotel Wednesday, Jan. 8th. Have your glasses fitted and stop that headache from eye strain.

MIDLAND PHYSICIANS CALLED TO ODESSA

A telephone message from the old Swett & Reeder ranch, three miles south of the "Y" ranch headquarters, Thursday evening, brought to Odessa the tragic news that the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Collins, Jim Edgar, had been shot by his seven-year-old brother, Pat. The message reached here at about 7 o'clock, but from the most reliable information obtainable, the shooting occurred at about 4 o'clock.

Dr. R. Garland Wilson responded to the call, Dr. Bell being present, and the former in charge of his practice. Later in the night Dr. Haley, of Midland, was called to the ranch in consultation, and their joint verdict was that the unfortunate wounded boy was in a most critical condition, "the bullet, a .22 calibre short, having entered the lad's back on the left side, ranging downward, grazing the spine, passing through the liver and making its exit just below the ribs."

At about noon yesterday the wounded lad was brought to the Hotel Smith, where he will remain, so that the attending surgeon can be in close touch with the desperately wounded patient.

It is difficult to get an exact account of just how the shooting occurred, as the two boys, with a little sister, five years' old, were alone at the ranch house when the shooting took place, the mother arriving shortly after.

From the mother the Herald learned that Jim Edgar had been hunting quail and had set the loaded gun down. Pat, the younger brother, picked up the rifle, not knowing that it was loaded, and pointing it at Jim Edgar pulled the trigger, although the older boy cried warningly, "Don't shoot! It's loaded!" The father of the wounded boy, who was absent at the time, was located today in Upland, and arrived at the Hotel Smith late this afternoon. Immediately after his arrival he requested Dr. Wilson to call a consultation of other surgeons, and Dr. Thomas, of Midland, came in response to the call. Conferring with Dr. Wilson and the parents of the child, he confirmed the diagnosis previously made as to the course of the bullet, and held out some hope that the child might recover. At present writing the patient is resting reasonably well. It may be some time before the result of the wound can be definitely foretold.—Odessa Herald.

MEETING PLACE IS CHANGED TO DALLAS

The Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas decided at their executive committee meeting recently held at San Angelo, to have their 1918 convention to Dallas. San Antonio had been chosen for the meeting place at the last convention, but on account of the congested condition of hotels and restaurants, occasioned by military affairs, they were unable to entertain them.

FURTHER REFERENCE TO INCOME TAXES

Collector Walker Addresses Important Letter to The First National Bank of Midland

Cashier W. R. Chancellor, of the First National Bank, requests publication of a letter he has just received from Collector of Internal Revenue A. S. Walker. We have something of the kind in another article, but the subject is of special importance and we publish it as follows:

To the Bank Addressed: I beg to advise you of certain plans in relation to the individual income tax which will relieve bankers from a large burden of work thrust upon them during the months of January and February, when income tax forms must be executed and sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

It is a fact well recognized by my office that very many taxpayers seek the assistance of bankers in making out their returns and that this practice is so general as to constitute a serious encroachment upon the banker's time. In January and February, 1918, and when because of the new and reduced exemptions of \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons, the number of taxpayers will be enormously increased, there will be immensely greater encroachment upon your time.

It is the purpose of this office to send an income tax officer into your county to assist all persons subject to the income tax law in making out their returns; to answer their questions about the law and to assist them to the extent of his ability. This officer will arrive on a date to be announced and will remain a reasonable time. His office will be at some convenient place. He will have an ample supply of income tax forms, rendering it unnecessary for tax payers who shall call upon him to ask for forms, from his office, or for you to ask for them in advance of his arrival. Inasmuch as his stay will be limited and he will not be returned to your county again, it is of the utmost importance that all prospective taxpayers take advantage of his presence there by calling upon him while he is there, the earlier the date the better.

May I not, therefore, suggest to you the wisdom and necessity, as protection of yourself, if not as a patriotic service, of communicating by letter, telephone or otherwise with so many of your depositors as you believe to have taxable incomes, advising them of the fact that a government income tax officer will be in your county in January or February and suggesting the advisability of calling upon him, and instruct the employees at the bank's windows to impart this information to depositors?

There is a common and erroneous impression that it is the government's duty to call upon the taxpayer. On the contrary, the taxpayer must call upon the government. If he fails to report his income when due he thereby

AMATEUR PROPHET MAKES PREDICTION

The remaining winter months and the spring of 1918 hold forth no cherry prospects for West Texas so far as rain is concerned, according to T. P. Cole, says the San Angelo Standard. Mr. Cole on Saturday consulted the oracles with which he has been familiar for well-nigh thirty years and issued this blanket prediction for the first quarter of 1918.

January and February will be warm months, with bright weather, and there will be no fuel problem in this section. About January 24th a light rain will fall, accompanied by snow. The flakes will melt as soon as they strike the earth. "Northerners" will be few in January and February, for most of the breezes will come from the south.

From March 1st to 15th there will be cold rains, sleet and snow, but the moisture will not be heavy enough to cause rain to run from the house tops. April will be the coldest mid-spring month in the Concho country in 28 years, and there will be considerable suffering among live stock.

Mr. Cole Saturday was unable to predict 1918 weather further than April 18th. He explained that each year he begins "doping" the weather on that day and it can be taken as a sample at each hour or half hour to foretell what the weather will be on each day in the month that is to come. For instance, if it is bright and clear at 10 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 26th it should be bright and clear on Jan. 10th. If the hour is 12 o'clock, the weather at that time can be expected on January 15th.

Twelve o'clock is mid-day; hence what it predicts is for the middle of the month. Mr. Cole has dozens of other signs that he has followed for more than a quarter of a century, but he does not always divulge their secrets.

As to weather or not T. P. Cole generally "hits the nail on the head" one can judge for himself by reading his prediction that was printed in the Standard on March 19th, 1917:

"We will get general showers in April, May, June and July, but it won't rain hard enough at any time to wash the moss out of the river. Local showers will fall in August and September and we will have the prettiest fall you have ever seen. You can't go in your shirt sleeves on Christmas day, but will have to wear an overcoat, for December 25th will be the coldest and wettest Christmas we have ever had."

San Angelo's profit is evidently a false one. December 25th was cold enough, no doubt, but it was not wet—not that we heard of.

subjects himself to penalties ranging from \$20.00 to \$1,000 fine, or imprisonment. Respectfully

A. J. Walker, Collector.

Tobe Crawford was a prospector here for a few days this week from Fort Worth.

PRE - INVENTORY CLEARANCE SALE

Beginning Tomorrow---Saturday Morning, January 5th, and Continuing for One Week

Ladies' Coat Suits

One special lot, values to \$22.50, sale price \$10.00. A few other higher priced suits which will go at like reduction.

All Coats will be sold at greatly reduced prices. All Dresses, silks and woolsens, must be sold during this sale—BARGAINS.

Waists, Skirts, Sweaters, Silk Underwear at very Special Bargains

Children's Bath Robes and Sets

must be sold. The price will astonish you. All will be displayed where you can easily see.

Men's Wear

One special lot Men's Overcoats.....\$10.00
One special lot Men's Overcoats..... 5.00
Only a few left, but must sell.

Men's Suits, Sweaters, Pants at Special Bargains

—also—

Boys' Suits and Mackinaws

go in this sale at unheard of prices.

You can't afford to miss this Sale.

All Goods in this Sale Cash---No Hold Tickets---No Goods Sent Out on Approval

PHONES—Groceries 6; Dry Goods 284

The Midland Mercantile Company

The Store that Saves You Money

Wadley-Patterson Co.'s Pre-Inventory



of
Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-Wear
and a Sale of Odd Shoes of every kind. Bargains thruout the house.

Begins Saturday Morning

We tell you plainly that this Season's End Clearance Sale is on *seasonable goods* that we think best to move, regardless of price, in spite of the fact that we could not replace them for twice the price at which we are offering them. But, to keep these won't make us anything. Every item you buy at this Clearance Sale will mean a saving of half or more to you, over present values. *Every article on sale plainly marked.*

Season's End Clearance on every item of Ready-to-Wear---Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Waists, etc.

Positively every garment in the house goes into this sale.

One Black Serge Suit, size 42, was \$24.75, priced for.....	\$13.75
One Russian Green Poplin Suit, size 16, was \$21.50, priced for.....	\$12.50
One \$32.50 Russian Green Broadcloth Suit, Clearance sale price.....	\$18.75
One size, 40 Green Poplin Suit, was \$22.50 Clearance Sale Price.....	\$12.85
One, size 38, Brown Burilla Cloth Suit, was \$24.75, priced for.....	\$13.85
One, size 18, Navy Poplin Suit, was \$28.50, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$16.75
One, size 44, Navy Poplin Suit, was \$24.75, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$14.85
One, \$27.50 Brown Broadcloth Suit, size 36, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$16.50
One, size 18, Pekin Blue, Burilla Suit, was \$24.75, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$13.50
One, size 16, Belgian Blue Suit, was \$37.50, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$18.75
One, size 36, Russian Green Burilla Suit, was \$34.50, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$17.75
One, size 42, Oxford Grey Suit, was \$17.50, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$9.85
One, size 38, Oxford Grey Suit, was \$25.00, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$13.75
One, size 38, Navy Poriet Twill Suit, was \$32.50, Clearance Sale Price.....	\$16.85

Dresses, Party and Evening Dresses

A size 38 Brown Satin Dress that was priced at \$17.50, on sale for.....	\$9.85
A size 18, Navy Crepe De Chine Dress, was \$16.75, on sale for.....	\$8.75
A size 38, Brown all Georgette Crepe Dress, was \$27.50, on sale for.....	\$15.85
A size 36, Burgandy Georgette and Satin Dress, was \$27.50, on sale for.....	\$16.50
A size 40, Black Georgette and Satin Dress, embroidered in blue and gold, was \$45.00, Clearance sale price.....	\$19.95
A size 36, Taupe Satin Dress, was priced at \$21.50, on sale at.....	\$11.75
A size 40, Black Satin Dress, was \$22.50, on sale for.....	\$11.85
A size 42, Black Georgette Dress, trimmed in steel beads and self embroidery, was priced at \$35.00, on sale for.....	\$18.75
A size 38, Taupe Satin Dress, embroidered in old gold and self color, was \$43.50, on sale for.....	\$19.85
A \$35.00 Burgandy Georgette Dress, size 40, on sale for.....	\$18.85
Twelve Satin, and Georgette and Taffeta Dresses, that were priced at \$13.75 to \$18.75, on sale at \$5.85, \$6.75 and.....	\$8.75
Two, \$25.00 Georgette Party Dresses, one Maise, one white.....	\$14.85
Two, \$19.85 Taffeta and Silk Net Party Dresses, Maise and Blue.....	\$11.75
One, \$28.50 Brocaded Charmeuse Evening Dress, Maise, for.....	\$17.75
One \$15.00 Maise Taffeta and Lace, Party Dress, sale price.....	\$9.85

EVERY COAT, EVERY CHILD'S COAT, EVERY PETTICOAT, EVERY KIMONA, EVERY WAIST--- in fact, every item in the Ready to Wear Department goes into this Clearance Sale.

Sale of all Odd Lots of Shoes

More than a Hundred Pairs of Ladies' Button Shoes in Kids, Patents, Gun Metals, Low, Medium and High Heels, go into this sale at a small part of present day values.

49 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, mostly sizes from 2 1-2 to 4 1-2, choice.....	\$1.00
68 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, mostly sizes from 3 to 6, choice.....	\$1.85
About 20 pairs of odd lots, one to three pairs of a kind, all sizes, in shoes that are worth, \$3.50 to \$5.00, choice.....	\$2.85
9 pairs, Ladies' Black Kid Boots, with White tops, extra values at \$8.50, the pair, to close.....	\$4.75
10 pairs Ladies' Black Patent Vamps, with Grey Tops, one of the best shoes we have had at \$10.00 the pair---to close, the pair.....	\$4.75
6 pairs Ladies' Dark Brown Boots with Ivory Tops, \$11.00 values, each.....	\$5.85
10 pairs Ladies' all-black Aristo Kid Boots, were \$4.50, to close.....	\$3.35
8 pairs, Ladies' Black Aristo Kid Boots with Grey Cloth Tops, to close.....	\$2.45

Clearance Sale of Corsets and Brassiers

A table of all odd lots of Corsets of every kind, values from \$1.50 to \$6.00, choice of the table just half price.....	50c
One table of Brassiers of all kinds, extra values, choice.....	50c

Men's and Boys' Heavy Sweaters to Close

One lot of Mens' and Boys' Heavy Sweaters that sold at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.35, in sizes 30, 32, 34 and up to 44, choice of the lot.....	85c
Just received a number in Boys' Dark Brown English Toe, Lace Shoe, sizes 1 1-2 to 6; and extra good value, the pair.....	\$4.00
Just received a Misses' Black Gun Metal English Toe, Lace, sizes 2 to 7, an extra value at the pair.....	\$4.00
Just received the Heavy Knitting Yarn in Navy Grey and Army Khaki, quarter pound skeins, 90c, five ounce skeins.....	\$1.00

This Cash Store saves you money on your Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, etc.
We do business for Cash Only and Sell for Less.

Wadley-Patterson Comp'y
One Price--the Lowest--For Cash Only

QUESTION OF NEXT YEAR'S SEED SUPPLY

Commissioner of Agriculture Davis Offers Advice Especially to Farmers in Drouth Belt

Much of the seed corn sold in Texas comes from the northern states and is often harvested before it is mature, writes Commissioner Fred W. Davis of the State Department of Agriculture. Such corn, owing to its weak germinating qualities and to the fact that it is not acclimated, is sure to produce small yields, and to disappoint the farmers who plant it next year.

It is better, if possible, to get seed corn from corn grown in Texas and from farmers who can give good references. It is better not to buy seed corn that has been shelled, because it cannot be tested for its germinating qualities, and for the further reason that the ears may not have been nubbled before they were shelled. It is better to buy the seed corn in the ear, even though it should cost twice as much than to buy it shelled. Test each ear as follows:

Construct a shallow box, say two or three inches deep and large enough to have two inches of square space for each ear to be tested. Fill this box nearly full of wet sand or moist soil, and lay over this soil a piece of white goods checked in two inch squares. Thus a box 2 feet square will have 144 checks, or test 144 ears. Number the squares and ears to correspond.

Take six grains of corn from different parts of each ear and place them in one of these checks. Number the checks and ear to correspond. Put an other moist cloth over the entire square, set in a warm place and keep moist until grains have had time to sprout.

This is a simple experiment to show which ears will produce good young plants and which will produce weak plants, or fail altogether to germinate. The "Rag Doll" and other advocated testers will serve the purpose equally as well as this.

If the seed corn available is shelled, test some of it at all odds.

Milo, Kafir, Feterita, Etc.
Get seed from some reliable grower who produced during the year, seed well matured and of strong vitality. If this cannot be done buy the head-end stuff, and carefully examine each head and see that the spikelets are well filled and the head usually firm. The farmer should know that he cannot tell by looking at the head whether it is late or early, tall or dwarf, nor whether it is from the parent stalk or succors.

By all means guard against buying immature seed. He can acclimate or climatize good seed much quicker than he can breed up poor or immature seed. Again the difference in price will many times be in favor of the good seed in yielding power. If forced to buy thrashed seed, he is likely to get several kinds of grain, a large per cent broken in thrashing, and a large per cent of weak or immature seed. In this case the seed should be heavily fanned and afterwards floated.

This department particularly urges our farmers to secure their planting seed as early as possible and before the seed has been milled, or sold for other purposes. Good seed are scarce and getting scarcer, high in price and getting higher. No time should be lost. Every institute should at once arrange for seed and list with Mr. E. W. Cole, chief of the Bureau of Markets, the amount and kind they want and he will endeavor to find same for you. If any one has any good seed for sale, please list it with Mr. Cole, giving lowest price, and stating kind, amount and quality, and he will find a buyer for same.

This department especially urges the necessity of saving all good grain that will be suitable for planting. It is now apparent that all good seed will be needed. The demand is far greater than the supply. Make the lowest prices possible to aid your drouth stricken brothers.

Seed Cotton for 1918
Owing to the very high price of cotton seed this season many Texas farmers, especially renters will sell off their cotton seed to the lowest basis, keeping barely enough to plant next year's crop, and thus make it very difficult to find seed for a second planting in case of a failure to get a stand at first planting. Again, owing to the scarcity of cattle feed the tendency will be to feed some of the saved seed this winter to cattle and thus further reduce the supply of planting seed for next year.

Seed for planting next year's crop will be high and difficult to get, especially if one waits till planting time to buy his seed. Better buy now and from some reliable breeder or farmer of good standing who has made a



OUR HITCH IN HELL

The Musings of a Soldier Revised and Set Down in Verse
By F. B. Camp

Every day and night I'm thinking of the things I left behind,
Yet I loath to put on paper what is running through my mind,
But I think I'll feel much better, so I guess I'll take a chance,
Ere the regiment is ordered to the shores of sunny France.

We've dug a million trenches and have cleared ten miles of ground,
And a meaner place this side of Hell, I know has ne'er been found,
We've drilled in dust and scorching sun, in mud and driving rain,
Till our eyes and ears and legs and arms were yelling loud with pain,
But there's still one consolation, gather closely while I tell,
When we die we're bound for Heaven, 'cause we've done our hitch in Hell.

We've built a thousand mess halls for the cooks to stew our beans,
We've stood a hundred guard mounts, and cleaned the camp latrenes,
We've washed a million mess kits, and peeled a million spuds,
We've rolled a million blanket rolls and washed a million duds,
The number of parades we've made is awfully hard to tell,
But we'll not parade in Heaven, for we paraded here in Hell.

We've passed a million sleepless hours upon our army cots,
And shook a hundred centipedes from out our army socks,
We've marched a hundred thousand miles and made a thousand camps,
And pulled a million cactus thorns from out our army pants,
So when our work on earth is done, our friends behind will tell,
"When they died they went to Heaven, 'cause they did their hitch in Hell."

The slum and coffee we have cussed, likewise the Willie canned,
We've damned the gentle gusts of wind that filled the air with sand,
We've taken the injections, ten million germs or more,
And the vaccine scratched upon our arms has made them very sore,
With all these things to get our goats, we all are here to tell,
When the order comes to cross the pond we'll give the Germans Hell.

When the final taps is sounded and we lay aside life's cares,
And we do the last and gloried parade, on Heaven's shining stairs,
And the angels bid us welcome and the harps begin to play
We can draw a million canteen checks and spend them in a day,
It is then we'll hear St. Peter tell us loudly with a yell,
"Take a front seat, you soldier men, you've done your hitch in Hell."

specialty of improving his seed cotton.

Keep all seed for next year's crop stored in a dry place and secure from possible foraging of all live stock. Be sure to save enough for replanting should it be necessary; if not necessary, there will be a ready sale for all surplus seed.

Before the time for harvesting next fall's crop this department will prepare and distribute a leaflet suggesting methods for selecting, breeding, etc., of the cotton plant for increased yields and finer qualities, thus insur-

ing larger yields and a higher price per acre.

Chamberlain's Tablets

When you are troubled with indigestion or constipation, take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Indigestion is usually accompanied by constipation and is aggravated by it. Chamberlain's Tablets cause a gentle movement of the bowels, relieving the constipated condition. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son.



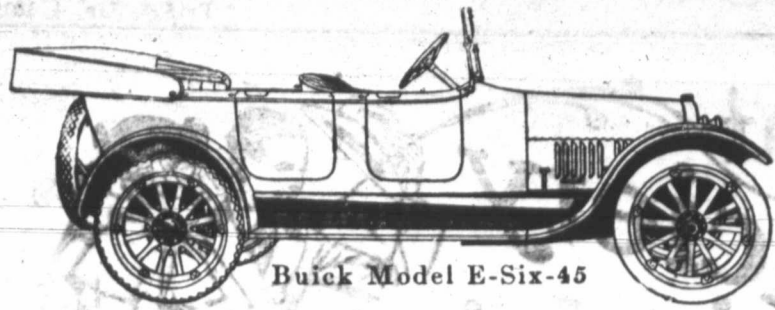
Who Said "Hello?"

If, when you answer a call on the telephone, you should reply with the number of your telephone or your name, would it not do away with a lot of unnecessary talk and necessity of your caller to ask who you are?

If 8,000 calls are answered each day by the telephone operators in this city, and "Hello" is used to answer each call, haven't we consumed considerable time and kept our lines busy while we have said it 8,000 times?

This number of calls is actually answered every day by Western Telephone operators and "Hello" is almost an unnecessary and superfluous word.

The Western Telephone Co.



Buick Model E-Six-45

Have You Investigated The

Buick

"When there are Better Cars Built, Buick Will Build Them."

Think the matter over as a possible surprise to the wife Christmas. You couldn't think up a happier one.

Coyle-Cordill Motor Co

Successors to Wolcott Auto Company
Phone No. 83

**HAND OF THE KAISER
MAY BE SEEN IN IT**

The daily quotations of Liberty Loan Bonds on the New York Stock Exchange below par do not represent any real loss for those holders of Liberty Loan Bonds who do not need to sell them. The figures do mean a very small loss for those who find themselves compelled for one reason or another to sell; but those who hold on to their bonds have one of the very best investments in the world—absolutely certain income. The loss to them is purely imaginary, a paper

loss, not a real one. Secretary McAdoo, in a speech before the Liberty Loan conference in Washington December 10th, made the statement that, while sufficient legally competent evidence was not in hand to warrant conviction before a jury, yet enough was known morally to convince a man of understanding that the hand of the Kaiser was at work in bringing about sales of Liberty Loan Bonds and depressing their price on the exchange. This is added proof that the loss indicated by the difference between par and the stock exchange prices is fictitious and not real.

BIG SPRING MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

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

**JASPER & BLEDSOE
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**To Our Customers
and Friends**

We have been doing a cash business for the past eight months. But, during this time, we have taken quite a few HOLD tickets in different cases.

We have now decided to eliminate these HOLD tickets, and adhere strictly to the cash rule. This means that we must have the money over the counter for each and every purchase.

This is, no doubt, the best and most economical way of doing business for both you and ourselves, and we solicit your esteemed patronage on this basis.

If we are now holding any tickets for you, please call and settle same.

Midland Hardware Co.

"A Square Deal to All"

REMEMBER—Everything strictly cash after January, 1918.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
TO REGISTRANTS**

Under Jurisdiction of Local Board
Order Numbers Between No 59
and 270 Inclusive

There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

Date Dec. 20, 1917 W. L. Graves,
Member of Local Board.

Notice to the Public and Registrants
Any person desiring to claim a deferred classification by either Local or District Board on any ground in respect of any registrant designated herein may, within seven days from the date hereof, and not later, submit such claim to this Local Board accompanied by such affidavit evidence as such person may desire to have considered.

Such claims either by registrant or by another in respect of any registrant may be submitted either by entering the same in the place provided on the first sheet of the registrant's questionnaire or by submitting such claim to this board on a duplicate of such first sheet (Form 1001-A). If it is desired to submit affidavit evidence in support of such claim and in addition to the evidence contained in the registrant's questionnaire, such affidavit must be prepared on paper of the same size as the questionnaire, and should be responsive to the questions asked the registrant respecting the ground of such claim in the pertinent division of the questionnaire.

Section 7 of the Selective Service Regulations provides:

The process of examination and selection of registrants, under these rules and regulations, shall begin by the posting of notice in the offices of the Local Boards on Form 1002, and by mailing a questionnaire (Form 1001) to every registrant included within such posted notice, as provided in section 92 hereof; and notice of every subsequent action taken by either the Local or District Board in respect of each registrant shall be given by entering a minute or date of such action of the classification list (Form 1000) in the office of the Local Board, and in addition to such entries, by mailing to the registrant, and in some cases to other claimants, a notice of such action.

Whenever a duty is to be performed or a period of time begins to run within which any duty is to be performed by any such registrants, or within which any right or privilege may be claimed or exercised by or in respect of any such registrant, a notice of the day upon which such duty is to be performed, or such time begins to run, shall be mailed to the registrant, and the date of such mailing notice shall be entered opposite the name of such registrant on the classification list (Form 1000), which is always open to inspection by the public at the office of the Local Board. In addition to the mailing of such notice to registrants, notice of the disposition of claims made by other persons in respect of registrants shall be mailed to such other persons. Either the mailing of such notice or the entry of any such date in the classification list shall constitute the giving of notice to the registrant and to all concerned, and shall charge the registrant and all concerned with notice of the day upon which such duty is to be performed or the beginning of the running of the time within such duty must be performed or such right or privilege may be claimed, regardless of whether or not a mailed notice or questionnaire is actually received by the registrant or other person.

Failure by any registrant to perform any duty prescribed by the Selective Service Law or by these rules and regulations, at or within the time required, is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of one year, and may result in loss of valuable rights and immediate induction of such registrant into military service.

Failure of the registrant or any other person concerned to claim and exercise any right or privilege on the day or within the time authorized by these rules and regulations shall be considered a waiver of such right or privilege, and shall foreclose such person from thereafter claiming the same subject only to the privilege granted by these rules and regulations to apply for an extension of time.

All registrants and other persons are required and strictly enjoined to examine from time to time said notice (Form 1002), so posted by the Local Board, and the classification list (Form 1000) upon which said

dates are to be entered, in order to be informed of the time for the performance of any duty or the exercise of any right or privilege; and it is the duty of every registrant concerning whom any notice is posted, but who for some reason has not received the questionnaire or notice, as the case may be, to apply to his Local Board for a copy thereof. Failure to receive notice or questionnaire will not excuse the registrant from performing any duty within the time limit, nor shall it be in itself ground for extension of time.

Date Dec. 20, 1917 W. L. Graves,
Member of Local Board.

**BENEFIT OURSELVES
AND OUR COUNTRY**

"War Savings Stamps mark an epoch in our national life."—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Many a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American nation in the War Savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone but of the nation.

The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary. We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons, we are saving now from patriotism, saving not alone for ourselves but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed, going to make the War Savings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the Nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense, and patriotism.

**PANHANDLE & S. W.
TO MEET AT ROSWELL**

Great preparations are under way to make the annual convention of the Panhandle & Southwestern Stockmen's Association at Roswell, N. M., a grand success. The citizens of Roswell are preparing to entertain the cowmen in a truly western style. The convention will be held March 5, 6, and 7, 1918. Get ready for it boys, and show them that you know how to appreciate their efforts toward making you have a good time.

**MIDLAND EVIDENCE
FOR MIDLAND PEOPLE**

The Statements of Midland Residents are Surely More Reliable Than Those of Utter Strangers

Home testimony of real proof Public statements of Midland people carry real weight.

What a friend or neighbor says compels respect.

The word of one whose home is far away invites your doubts.

Here's a Midland woman's statement.

And it's for Midland people's benefit.

Such evidence is convincing.

That's the kind of proof that backs Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. H. Rohlfing, Midland, says "My kidneys gave me a great deal of trouble and my back was always the worst source of pain. It was weak and I had constant, dull ache through the small of my back. At times I suffered from sharp, cutting pains. An annoying kidney weakness gave me additional discomfort. I had nervous headaches and always felt tired and languid. I used Doan's Kidney Pills for this trouble and they have never failed to relieve me. I get Doan's Kidney Pills at Taylor & Son's drug store."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Rohlfing had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 12-24

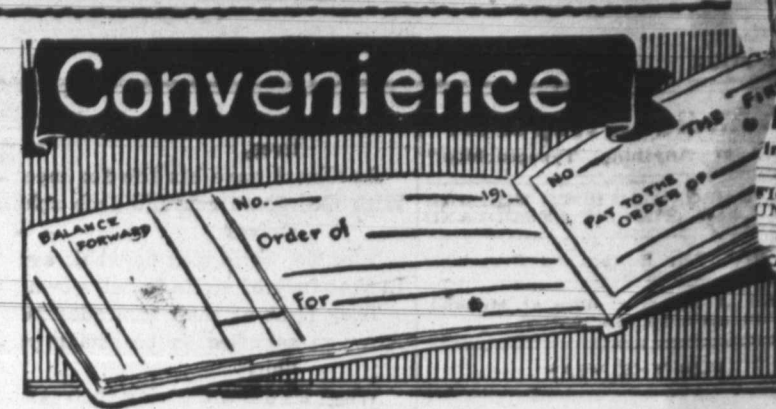
NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company will be held at the general office of the company in Midland, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, January 16th, 1918, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. Immediately after adjournment of the stockholders' meeting, a meeting of the board of directors will be held for the purpose of electing a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the company.

T. J. O'Donnell, President.
9-6t Attest: B. C. Girdley,
Sec'y Midland & Northwestern Ry. Co.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents

"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person." For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. Int



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Money remitted by mail goes astray and its receipt is forgotten.
The best and indisputable evidence of money paid and received is the canceled check.
Then think of the convenience, pay all bills, make all remittances by check and avoid disputes.

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Our sources of supply are the largest in the World.
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WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD

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—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fine piano. Will trade for whiteface heifers. Mrs. Florey, phone 224 12-21-16

HORSE AND WAGON FOR SALE—A good delivery outfit. See Walker Smith Company. 5-t

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—The sweetest toned player-piano we have ever seen; in perfect condition. I will pay you to investigate, whether you want to buy or not. City Drug Store. 47-t

WOOD—See W. L. Clark or phone 285 for wood. 40-t

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. 6 8t

FOR SALE—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain. Midland Storage Battery Co. 9-tf

FURNISHED ROOMS

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

POULTRY AND EGGS

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS—World's champion strain—prize winners in all the big shows—the chicken of the hour. Eggs for hatching after Jan. 1st. Book orders now. Read display ad elsewhere in this issue. See H. P. Harrison at Reporter office, or address Box 191, Midland, Texas. 8-tf

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Saturday, Nov. 24th, between Odessa and Warfield, a 25-high-powered Savage gun. Return to "Chunky" Cowden, at Midland for suitable reward. 8-tf

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

FOR SALE—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain. Midland Storage Battery Co. 9-tf

BUSINESS NOTICES

REGISTERED BOAR—A Duroc-Jersey fine individual. You will like him. At the old McClure yard. S. H. Gwyn, owner. 9-tf

Cold weather is coming. Don't crank your head off on that Ford-Coleman & Allen have just installed a special machine for re-charging magnetos, and it does the work without you having to take down your motor. adv52-tf

REWARD—For recovery and delivery to Dunn Reiger, near Andrews, I will pay \$10 per head reward for two cows, branded "Diamond J" on left hip; strayed or stolen from my pasture 7 miles southeast of Andrews, between Aug 1st and No. 20th, 1917. H. W. Jester, Andrews, Texas. 12-tf

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A grey overcoat, lost Christmas day. Finder return to L. C. Proctor and receive suitable reward.

LOST—Fountain pen. Return to F. T. Garrard, Jr., and receive suitable reward.

We pay in cash—
7c for Cake and Bran Sacks
10c for Oat Sacks
When you have Iron and Bones in carloads talk it over with us, we'll give you the best price.

City Grocery
Phone 222

SOLD OUT AND WILL LOCATE AT WICHITA FALLS

J. T. Holcombe was here this week from his place near Odessa. Reports that he has sold out there, a section of land and 79 cows, receiving \$11,000 and he will locate at Wichita Falls.

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS Pape Strain

MOST MARVELOUS PRODUCERS OF LARGE, WHITE EGGS; MOST ATTRACTIVE IN THE SHOW ROOM; MOST PROFITABLE TO GROW; MOST ECONOMICAL TO KEEP; MOST AGREEABLE TO TEND; MOST DELICIOUS TO EAT, AND FOR MAJESTIC BEAUTY, SIZE, HEALTH, HARDINESS AND RESISTIBILITY IN ALL CLIMATES ARE UNSURPASSED BY ANY OTHER BREED. THEY ARE THRIFTY, ENERGETIC, NON-SETTERS, GOOD FORAGERS, LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASE, AND BEING BLACK IN PLUMAGE, DO NOT FURNISH A READY TARGET FOR HAWKS, OWLS, WOLVES AND PREDATORY VERMIN. AS DO WHITE OR PARTI-COLORED FOWLS. My stock is from the GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP matings of Chas. G. Pape, 25 years a Minorca Specialist and one of the foremost breeders of America. They are prolific producers of LARGE, WHITE EGGS and first prize winners at the leading shows of the country, having won at Chicago Coliseum, American Royal (Kansas City), Kentucky State Fair (Louisville), Mississippi State Fair (Jackson), Triangle Poultry Show (Ft. Wayne, Ind.), Interstate Exposition (South Bend, Ind.), Tennessee State Fair (Nashville), Mid-Winter Fair (Tampa, Fla.), Texas State Fair, and many others. At the last Dallas Fair show they made almost a clean sweep in well filled classes, winning 1st, 2nd and 4th cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th pullet; 1st old and 1st young pen; 1st and 2nd old and 1st and 2nd young flocks—showing possibly unequalled by any other breeder.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—After January 1st, I will offer eggs from grand matings at \$3.00 and \$5.00 per setting of 15. Book orders now to insure getting them as the supply will be limited. Get a start of these grand birds and you will never regret it. ALL MY SPARE COCKERELS HAVE BEEN SOLD.

B. P. HARRISON, Box 191, Midland, Texas
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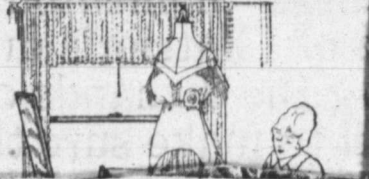
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Tonight at the Unique Theatre, Oscar Graham, the play-write actor will present his latest comedy success, "My Country 'tis of Thee," supported by the clever young actress, Miss Irene Edwards and a strong cast. This play is a real American production brim full of clean clever comedy with beautiful scenery and correct and effective costuming. Mr. Graham has built up an enviable reputation in Midland and The Reporter predicts that he will again add many laurels to his popularity.

HUMAN FLY TO SCALE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

A. L. Willoughby, known throughout the United States as the "Human Fly," will scale the walls of the First National Bank building at 1:30 p. m., Saturday without the aid of any contrivance other than his feet and hands. He has climbed many of the tallest buildings in the country and is still alive to tell the tale and even show pictures of the deeds. If you are looking for a thrill, be present at the bank corner at the time stated and you will get it. It's free.

GIRL SCOUTS TO MEET

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

It was so cold last Saturday the captain thought the scouts would not come out, but Midland scouts are a game. We heard there was a good crowd and Mrs. Sterling met with them. The girls are always pleased to have Mrs. Sterling meet with them, and teach them more about knitting. The girl scouts have purchased three volumes of Eugene Christian's Lessons in Corrective Eating and Cooking, so while we are "hoovering" they will learn how to select and prepare food according to age, climate and work, and how to prepare and serve a meal without meat or white bread. Sample meals will be given and proportioned so as to chemically harmonize when combined. We will appreciate the parents' encouraging the girls in preparing and trying out these meals. Each girl will please bring pencil and tablet for cooking work. Bring your knitting too. Ethel Moore, Captain.

Dr. J. P. Inman

the Jeweler and Optician, will be at his place of business in the Llano Hotel each day in the year to attend to your optical or jewelry wants. He also will be there to hear your complaints and make good any unsatisfactory work. When you give him your business, you don't have to pay his railroad fare or hotel bills. He is your fellow sufferer and wants your optical business. Try him. adv

A SAD CHRISTMAS FOR DR. W. K. CURTIS

We sympathize with Dr. W. K. Curtis in the news that he received on Christmas day, that his nephew, Jesse E. Curtis, of West Virginia, had been killed the day before in an automobile accident. The Doctor is also but slowly recovering from a protracted illness. We are very glad, indeed, however, that he is able to be out again.

YOU AND I AND NOW AND THEN

By Orin R. Coils, St. Louis, Mo.

One of these days there will come from "over there" a casualty list of American soldiers that will eat into your soul and my soul. Many of the boys who went "over there" to protect your honor and my honor and your freedom and my freedom will be on the list of dead. They will have given up their lives, even as the Man of Gallilee, for you and for me.

NOW, and not THEN, you and I should ask ourselves, "Are we doing EVERYTHING we can to help the Army which is back of the Army?" The Army Back of the Army is the great American Red Cross. The Red Cross is one of the biggest agencies for winning the war for the Allies. We are going to win the war, of course. But when? NOW is the time to consider that question, too. NOW is the time for you and for me to do EVERYTHING WE CAN for the government of the United States and for the rest of the Allies. And we ought to go to the depths of our hearts for the answer to the question: "Are we doing ALL we can?"

The American Red Cross is the very backbone of the American expeditionary forces. It cares for the soldier's family while he is away, if the family needs care; it cares for the soldier himself, both on the way to the battlefields and after he arrives there; the great American Red Cross MAKES the MORALE of not only the American forces overseas but the forces of the other Allies as well. We are going to win the war, yes, but we are not going to win it without the support of the American Red Cross.

And so, as I said before, one of these days we are going to get our first big casualty list from "over there," and your boy or your neighbor's boy will be one of the dead. THEN, with tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats, realizing at last that the boys "over there" have made the Supreme Sacrifice, realizing that they gave us LIFE by embracing DEATH, then—THEN—what about NOW? This is our hour to act; this is our hour to rally around the Red Cross; this is our hour to join that greatest of all great humanitarian organizations; this is our hour to help make a success of the Christmas membership campaign which has for its purpose the enlistment of 10,000,000 new members by Christmas eve; this is our hour to take to our hearts the Red Cross flag, the flag which stands not only for relief, not only for the care of OUR boys "over there," but also for the MORALE which is necessary for winning the war.

If YOU and I do not belong to the Red Cross we are prolonging the suffering of our boys in France, because we are prolonging the war itself. Christmas day there will be flashed to the battlefields the inspiring message that 15,000,000 American men and women have joined the American Red Cross and have signified by that action that they are going to back up our boys in the trenches until the shot shall have been fired that will mean that the world has been saved for democracy! Let us act NOW, not THEN, you and I.

RED CROSS TO PREPARE CLOTHING FOR INFANTS

To help relieve the worries of fathers at the front or in the armed forces preparing to proceed there, the American Red Cross, which opens its Christmas membership drive Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, is planning to provide every mother who may need it with an infant's layette. The Woman's Bureau has published a leaflet, available at every Red Cross chapter, describing this simple outfit of warm baby clothes. The Red Cross is anxious that these baby clothes be made by women working at home instead of in the chapter workrooms.

Members of the Junior Red Cross, little girls in the grammar grade sewing classes, have offered to help with the baby clothes, and many women in the rural districts will find these simple contributions to the winning of the great war and the comforting of motherhood and childhood.

WOMAN WORKER IN ALASKA RAISES FUNDS FOR RELIEF

The American Red Cross has received a remittance and the following letter from a woman in a town in Alaska:

"I am sending you a money order for the amount of \$36.50, to be used for the Red Cross. I collected it from the men on two Tin Dredges here in the summer. I am the oldest white woman here and my nearest Naboer (white woman) are 50 miles from here. I have been here 10 years, without been outside, but tried to do my best to 'do my bit' for our boys in this awful war." I had only two refusals, so consider myself lucky, and a little bit proud. Please let me know when you receive it."

SPECIAL WAR GIFTS

Announcement is made by the Town and County Nursing Service of the American Red Cross of a series of public health nursing scholarships, donated by chapters and individuals as special war gifts.

Fall Furnishing Goods

A most complete stock is to be found in our store. We carry only standard brands of goods and vouch for the style and wearing qualities of our various lines

Shirts An unusually large display of ARROW brand shirts in madras, percale and silks. Prices \$1.50 to \$6.50.

See our Monarch and Arrow shirts, French cuffs. Price \$1.50 to \$2.50.

We are showing a complete line of ARROW brand shirts in silk and fibre silk in Holiday boxes. Prices \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.50.

Neckwear All that is new for fall is here. We are featuring the "Superba Cravats" in all the Fall Patterns. Prices \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$4.00.

See Our Windows For New Things for Fall

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Cleaning and Pressing. Work Called for and Delivered.

VERY APPRECIATIVE OF PRESS PUBLICITY

Director of Publicity Southwestern Division of Red Cross Grateful to Weekly Papers

The Reporter will soon establish a regular weekly department, giving Red Cross publicity; this pursuant to a letter which we are publishing below and which is from Louis La Beame, Esq., director of publicity for the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross. Mr. La Beame is appreciative of the efforts of country weeklies, too, as testified to by his letter. It follows:

My dear Mr. Watson: On behalf of the Southwestern Division of the Red Cross and its membership now totaling between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 in the five states composing the Southwestern Division, I wish to thank you for your valued co-operation and assistance in the Christmas Membership Campaign. The example of patriotism set by the newspaper publishers and editors of the southwest has been an inspiration to the entire country. The success of our campaign would not have been possible without your aid. You will be gratified to know that the Southwestern Division comprising the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, practically tripled the quota asked for by Washington. On the first of December the Southwestern Division had a membership of 500,000. Washington asked us to secure 1,162,000 new members. We can already count almost three times that number with the returns not yet all in. For the past three weeks we have been supplying you through the Western Newspaper Union with Red Cross material, much of which you have generously used. We are proposing now with your consent to supply you with a full page of plate matter every four weeks realizing that the newspapers in our division have gained a constituency of upwards of four million Red Cross readers. We should like to be able to announce that a thousand weekly newspapers in the southwest have united in a New Year resolution to carry each week an official Red Cross Department. Hundreds of thousands of women in our territory are eager for Red Cross information and will be gratified to feel that they can find it authentically and concisely presented in your columns. No movement ever inaugurated in the history of this country has so taken hold of the feminine imagination. Women everywhere are eager for details regarding "Woman's Work," how to make surgical dressings, T bandages, gauze rolls, oakum pads, compresses, shot bags, pneumonia jackets and countless other articles. They are eager to know what the children can do in the department of junior membership.

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ber ship. They are eager to know how the department of civilian relief ministers to the families left behind by the men in khaki, eager to know how these same men in khaki are ministered to by the department of military relief in camp, cantonment and on the firing line across the seas.

All of this information we are prepared to furnish through your columns if you will encourage us to do so.

We are confident that a Red Cross department containing on an average of half a column of official information on which your readers may depend would prove extremely popular. We are publishing ourselves in this office a bulletin which we began tentatively on the first of October with an issue of 800. Our purpose was to publish it every two weeks. So great has the demand for this material become that we are now publishing weekly, an edition numbering 4,000.

With our increased membership the demand for this bulletin bids fair to become so great as for the time being to swamp us. We have therefore no doubt whatever of the popularity of a Red Cross department in your paper. We plan to send you, as previously stated, a full page every four weeks containing four weekly sections of official information together with other columns of interesting Red Cross matter which you will use at your discretion; our only request being that you display each week one of the official articles.

Will you please reply promptly on the enclosed postal, stating whether or not this idea meets with your approval?

Again thanking you for your generous and loyal support during the campaign just closed,

Very truly yours,
Louis La Beame,
Director of Publicity.

Please put us on your subscription list for one month and render bill to this office.

THE NEWSPAPER KISS

A daring theft was wrought last night On darling little Rose;
He stole something he wanted Beneath her very nose.

'Tis to be hoped that if dear Rose Returned the blissful smack,
Jack didn't overlook a bet But turned and kissed her back.

That may be as they do the job Down in the Sunny South;
But if Jack lived here in the north, He'd kiss her on the mouth.

Yet Jack perhaps had little glee, Though on the mouth he kissed her,
We have as yet no proof, you see, That Rose was not his sister.

E'en if she was as had been guessed, Jack's sweet-mouthed little sister,

The thing that worries us the most Is that the Globe man kissed her.

But if it was a Kansas girl, She'd use cold cream, the dear,
And when Jack went to kiss her lips He'd skid and kiss her ear.

A. K. U. man may like, 'tis true A kiss upon the ear;
But had Jack been a Winfield boy, He would have learned to steer.

The Winfield lad may need to steer To kiss this little elf,
But had Jack been in Aetehison, Rose would have steered herself.

If in our own Crumbine's Hygiene Our Jack had been well versed,
He would have kissed her on the cheek, And thus used "Safety First."

But if she were a Fort Hays girl Oh! Tattler's cautious Jack,
Antiseptic rouge upon her lips You'd get your safety smack.

No rouge would bother Winfield lads If kisses they did seek,
They'd do their part without a qualm For this is clean-up week.

This paper kissing may suit you, But give to us the ring
Of the smack that comes with kissing The girl that's the real thing.

A Phillips boy may much enjoy The loudly ringing smack;
We know a Rose from under whose nose A silent kiss comes back.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the estate of W. F. Anderson, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than a year in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1918, to-wit: the 14th day of January, A. D. 1918, to contest, should they desire to do so, the application of Julia Anderson, filed in said court on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1917, which will then and there be acted on for the probate of the last will and testament of the said W. F. Anderson, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary.

Witness W. J. Sparks, county clerk of the county court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at my office in the city of Midland, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.

W. J. SPARKS,
Clerk of the County Court, Midland County, Texas.

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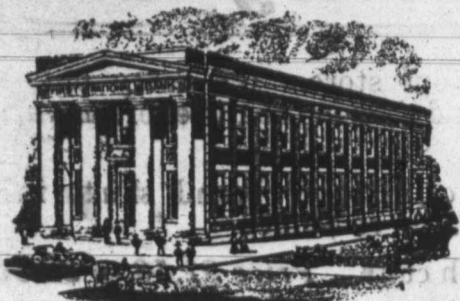
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ORGANIZED EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

First National Bank

MIDLAND, TEXAS



Condition on Nov. 20th, 1917

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits

\$229,832.23

Deposits

\$928,639.01

Total Resources

\$1,183,471.24

CAPITAL ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

SURPLUS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

FROM U. S. BUREAU OF CROP ESTIMATES

Estimates on January 1st by Department of Agriculture Prove of Unusual Interest

Omitting estimates on broomcorn, hay crops, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice, pasture, field beans and peas, millet, watermelons and muskmelons, fruits, and truck crops, we are publishing the following very interesting January crop estimate by the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

Livestock
January 1st showed a decrease in the number of horses and mules of the State and a slight increase in the number of milch cows, other cattle, sheep and swine. A rather severe winter, followed by late freezes extending well toward the southern portions of the State, and a late cool spring which retarded the growth of spring pasture made the mortality of all stock higher and lowered the condition in which they came through the winter. As late as April the condition of all classes of stock was below normal. Severe drought conditions prevailed throughout most of the summer months over the plains section of the north, west and center districts of the State and in the south which, coupled with high, drying winds, lowered the pasture conditions and caused a scarcity of stock water which resulted in large losses of range cattle of all classes and ages.

The effort to save the breeding stock of these sections was hampered by the high price of feeds, shortage of cars for its transportation and for the transportation of the stock to more favored sections where pasture was to be had. Much breeding stock, both of hogs and cattle, was sold for slaughter with the result that the effects will be felt for some time in the production for the State.

The organized effort to save and move the breeding stock to other sections has, in a large way, saved the situation. The one class of animals not reduced in numbers is sheep. This has been caused by the shortage of pasture, which made fattening a problem, and by the fact that the wool production was worth more than the animal and all were kept that it was possible to keep. It has been estimated unofficially, that 150,000 head have been shipped out of the State to New Mexico and other western states for pasture and feed purposes but this reduction has been offset by the short receipts at the stock yards.

Wool
On account of the prolonged and cold winter the average weight per fleece was somewhat higher this year than last and was estimated in July to be 7 pounds. The total production for the State approximated that of last year.

Winter Wheat
The acreage planted during the fall of 1916 was somewhat less than that of the previous year. Though the winter months were rather dry the spring prospects were good, for the crop had passed the winter with but very little winter killing, if any at all. Cool weather extended well into the late spring months delaying maturity but allowing ample time for the full development of the berry and resulting in a quality of grain of the highest grade throughout most of the state which is wheat producing. Except in the eastern section of the state the late spring months were dry and the yield per acre was materially reduced on this account. There was a high percentage of the acreage sown which was not harvested. This was caused by the prolonged dry weather during the spring which resulted in short growth of straw and made the harvesting of a large acreage impossible and by the high winds during the month of May which caused large areas on the Upper Plains to be blown out but in no case was it due to abandonment on account of winter killing nor to the reduction in yield per acre for the high prices prevailing made it desirable to harvest crops of exceedingly low production. The area of highest production was the section centering on the counties of Denton and Collin and including several surrounding counties. In this area an average yield of approximately 20 bushels per acre was secured.

The area most seriously affected by dry weather was the lower plains section including Jones, Shackelford and surrounding counties and the northern counties of the Panhandle section upon the Oklahoma border. Here the yield varied from but a few bushels per acre to nothing. The central portion of the Panhandle, and especially that part including Roberts, Gray, Armstrong, Carson, Potter, Swisher, Briscoe and Hale and parts of adjoining counties, were helped somewhat by late showers and though the yield was rather low per acre almost all of it was harvested and paid well

for the operation. The use of headers and header attachments for binders played an important part this season in making it possible to save much of the short grain which would otherwise have gone unharvested. The harvesting season was very satisfactory and but little grain was lost either during harvest or in the shock. Taking the State as a whole it may be said that the quality of the grain is very high.

Corn
The acreage planted to corn in 1917 was a few per cent higher than the acreage planted in 1916. At the beginning of the season a larger increase was expected on account of the demand made for food and feed stuffs but the cold late spring delayed and restricted planting and the very dry period which followed and extended throughout July curtailed the acreage further. Slow growth was made by the early plantings on account of cold weather and the later plantings were retarded in growth by the dry months which followed. The northeastern section of the State was the most favored and a fair crop was secured, yet even here the yield was reduced by the dry weather which came just at the time the grain was maturing. In the central portion of the State the crop was almost a complete failure and was, for the most part, cured green for siloing purposes and for the silo. On the coastal plains a fair crop of June corn was matured while the extreme southern section of the State suffered a complete failure. Exceedingly dry, hot winds which prevailed during the months of July and August were an important factor in the reduction of the yield and on account of the local and scattered nature of the showers during this period a very spotted condition existed. Very high temperatures prevailed also during these months and lowered, still further, the conditions.

The reduction in yield for corn, which for the state as a whole, has been more than 50 per cent as compared to the normal, is as severe as one as suffered by any crop in the State. The quality of the grain, though fair, is not high and its keeping qualities have been lowered by immaturity and improper development.

Oats
The acreage in oats in 1917 was somewhat less than in 1916; the abandonment was rather high due to the severe weather conditions and shortage of moisture during the spring months and the average yield per acre for the State was, therefore, reduced. Throughout the central and central western parts of the State much of the crop was too short to bind and was mowed as loose hay while much of it which failed to head was pastured off and the land used for other and later crops.

In the north and east districts of the State good crops were had and were harvested without unusual difficulties due to weather. The one great limiting factor this year, both as regards acreage and production, was insufficient moisture which made preparation for planting more difficult and thereby lessened the acreage planted, and which made abandonment of a part of that which was planted necessary, and which materially lowered the yield of the acreage actually harvested.

Grain Sorghums
The acreage of grain sorghums has been increased but very little over the acreage of last year. The average yield per acre for the State is but little above half normal production while the average yield of syrup from that part of the crop used for this purpose is 70 gallons per acre.

The season has decreased the yield of these very hardy and drought resistant crops and it is only where timely rains fell during the summer that the crop is good. In the northern and eastern sections of the State fair yields have been secured and in the Amarillo section where showers were had in August. In other sections of the State, especially on the lower plains and in the south districts, the crop has been a failure.

Peanuts
Peanuts have increased in acreage and extent this year until they now form one of the important crops of the State. From an acreage of 275,000 in 1916 the crop has been increased to 600,000 acres in 1917 with a total production for the State of over 200 per cent compared to the production of 1916. The average yield has been good. Increased plantings have been made throughout the drought affected areas, on the gulf coast plains and especially in the lighter, sandy soils of the eastern section of the State. There has been but little increase in the already heavy producing section surrounding Comanche and De Leon or in the northern section of the State. Big Spring in Howard County and isolated spots in the eastern edge of the Panhandle

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NEXT OF KIN
(Edgar A. Guest in "Just Folks," Star-Telegram)

I notice when the news comes in Of one who's claimed eternal glory, This simple phrase, "the next of kin," Concludes the soldier's final story. This tells the world what voice will choke, What heart that bit of shrapnel broke What father or what mother brave Will think of Flanders as a grave.

"The next of kin," the cable cold, Wastes not a precious word in telling, Yet cannot you and I behold The sorrow in some humble dwelling, And cannot you and I perceive The brave yet lonely mother grieve And picture, when that news comes in, The anguish of "the next of kin?"

For every boy in uniform At least two soldiers brave are fighting, A double rank the cannon storm, And with the hurt each soldier feels At home the other warrior reels; Two suffer freedom's cause to win, The soldier, and "the next of kin."

Oh next of kin, be brave, be strong, As brave as was the boy that's missing; The years will many be and long That you will hunger for his kissing, Yet he enlisted you with him To share war's bitter price and grim; Your service runs through many years Because your name with his appears. (Copyright, 1917, by Edgar A. Guest.)

MIDLAND PARTIES BUY NEW MEXICO RANCH
H. L. Estes, S. W. Estes and Bud Estes were here from the Midland Country last week and bought the ranch of James Wilson, 20 miles west of El Paso. They are shipping a remnant of cattle up there from Monahans.—El Paso Livestock Journal.

Notice of Dissolution
Notice is hereby given that the firm of Inman & Mims was dissolved by mutual consent, on the 13th day of December, J. P. Inman is now sole proprietor and requests that all indebted to said firm pay up by January 1st; otherwise accounts will have to be placed in the hands of a collector. adv. 10-3t J. P. Inman.

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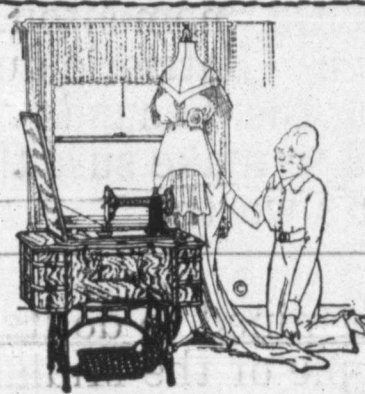
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Anderson, deceased, by making publica-
tion of this Citation once in each week
for four successive weeks previous to the
return day hereof, in some newspaper
which has been continuously and regu-
larly published for a period of not less
than a year in your county, to appear at
the next regular term of the County
Court of Midland County, to be holden at
the court house thereof, in Midland, on
the second Monday of January, A. D.,
1918, the same being the 14th day of Jan-
uary, A. D., 1918, to contest, should they
desire to do so, the application of Julia
Anderson, filed in said court on the 3rd
day of December, A. D., 1917, which will
then and there be acted on for the prob-
ate of the last will and testament of the
said W. F. Anderson, deceased, filed with
said application, and for letters testa-
mentary.

Herein fail not, but have you before
said court, on the first day of the next
term thereof, this writ, with your return
thereon, showing how you have executed
the same.

Witness W. J. Sparks, county clerk of
the county court of Midland County,
Texas,
Given under my hand and the seal of
said court, at my office in the city of
Midland, this 5th day of December,
A. D., 1917.

W. J. SPARKS,
Clerk of the County Court, Midland
County, Texas.
Issued this 5th day of December, A.
D., 1917.

W. J. SPARKS,
Clerk of the County Court, Midland
County, Texas.
adv. 9-4t

**HOW DOES IT
CONCERN ME?**

A fair question, always. Let us
think for a while how the War and
the Liberty Loan concerns the farmer.
We went to war with Germany
partly because the rulers of that
country refused to let us send to
Europe our ships laden with grain
and cotton. They sunk the ships and
cruelly murdered our sailors. Now
suppose we allowed them to stop all
our shipping, where would you be?
None of your goods would be sold
in foreign countries, with the result
that you would get nothing like the
prices which you get today. It is the
enormous demand for what you pro-
duce, that is securing you high
prices. If this demand were cut off,
down would go prices. This war is
being waged partly that you may ob-
tain fair prices for your goods.

Farmers have been kept down in
the matter of prices quite long
enough, and the government and the
people of this country are not going
to let a foreign power interfere
with their business—which is your
business.

Having entered the war in order
that we may have the right to send
our goods to any part of the world,
what is going to happen if we lose
the war? Prices of farm produce
will drop; the Germans will impose
taxation upon you which will cripple
you for the next twenty years.
Worse than that, if the Germans get
over here, they will treat you in just
the same way as they have the farm-
ers of Northern France and Belgium.
In these sections farm houses have
been shot to pieces, crops wasted
and burned; even fruit trees chopped
down, the cattle stolen, the men sent
into slavery to work for German
masters, their women ill-treated in
ways that cannot be talked of in
print, their little children have had
their hands chopped off in order that
they may never fight for their coun-
try, or do any more useful work
again.

You may say "such things will not
happen here." They said this in
France and in Belgium. Such things
will happen here just as sure as you
are alive, unless we smash the Ger-
mans so that they are utterly unable
to reach the shores of this country.
The German fleet and the German
army will take just one week to get
here if we are beaten. They have
made up their minds that America
shall pay for this war. They have
made up their minds that our wealthy
men shall give their money, and that
you farmers shall provide the food
for their armies and their people at
home.

After thinking ever these facts, is
there a farmer who will stand for-
ward and say "This war does not
concern me?"

You have money that you do not
need until next spring. Loan it to
the government at good interest.
When you want the money back
again, you can borrow on your bond,
or sell it for what you gave for it.
Uncle Sam will take care of your
money until you need it and pay you
interest on it, and you will be pro-
tecting yourself and your business
by loaning him the money.

Go and buy a Liberty Bond tomor-
row. Don't put it off—things that
are put off often do not get done at
all. Tomorrow.

FOR WOMEN.

How does the war concern you?
The mothers who have a boy who
has gone to fight for his country,
will not ask such a question. But
if the war has not touched you yet,
you may ask this question.

There are feelings that only moth-
ers know, and only women under-
stand. Think of the mothers who
have given their eldest boy to their
country. How do they feel today?
How would you feel if you were in
their place. They have parted with
the little fellow that came first, and
has always been a little ahead of
the others in their love, because his
was the first little tiny human form
that lay against their breast; his
were the first little hands that
tugged at their hair. This other
mother—the mother who has sent
her boy to fight for YOUR protec-
tion, feels just the same way that
you would about your boy.

She wants that boy back. Won't
you help her bring him back?
There are thousands of American
mothers feeling badly today. Mil-
lions of French and English mothers,
longing for their boys.

Husbands too, have gone by the
million to fight for their Country
and yours, for YOUR protection.
Don't you sympathize with these wo-
men? Your husband is not perfect,
sometimes you get "real mad" with
him, but you don't want him killed
by German brutes. Think, then, how
these other wives feel—they want
their husbands back. Won't you
help them bring their men back?

Yes, of course you would like to
help them, "but how can I help?"
you say.

Help end the war by buying a
Liberty Bond. Save out of the house-
keeping money for it, deny yourself
something so you can buy it. Do
more than this—see that your hus-
band, your friends, your neighbors,
buy a Liberty Bond. Show them
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A. B. Anderson was a business visitor from San Saba this week.

O. Horn, of Berk, Idaho, is here for a short time, visiting his parents.

Buy your oil in barrel lots and save money. W. H. Spaulding. adv 13-2t

D. B. Johns was a business visitor from Seminole in the early part of this week.

Dr. M. E. Lee returned Tuesday night from Newcastle, where he spent the holidays at home.

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Will Gates was in again this week from his ranch in Andrews County, near Shafter Lake. Reports his cattle in good shape.

Ross Crenshaw, a former Midland boy, was here from Deming, N. M., for the holidays. He had been away from Midland nearly two years.

Mrs. Westley Edwards and son, Westley, arrived the first of the week from Merkel, on a visit to the Edwards Bros. here. Chas. John and Oron, and their families.

Young Lee is here from the Gardner ranch, 24 miles northwest of Sierra Blanco, where he is employed as manager. After a visit to his family he will return to his duties there.

UNIQUE THEATRE

The crowds have been exceptionally good this week. As it has been a holiday occasion, people have forgotten war and drouth and have been liberal in their patronage, and well they have, for the pictures have been far above the average.

On last Friday night Marguerita Clark delighted all in "The Amazons." Miss Clark played a male role in this picture and did it fine.

Monday night was a big night. Beside the feature, "The Red Ace," with Marie Walcamp, we also had a six reel feature "Sirenes of the Sea," featuring Louise Lovely. This was one of the most beautiful photo-spectaculars we have ever witnessed. The scenery was most inspiring, the costumes gorgeous and the acting artistic. Many say that it was the best of its kind ever seen here; we will say, however, it was good enough for anybody.

Violet Mercereau was featured on Tuesday night in a bluebird drama entitled "Susan's Gentleman." While we have never been a strong admirer of this actress, still her work on Tuesday night was far above criticism and artistic in every sense.

Tonight, Friday, besides the regular picture show we will have Oscar Graham and company in his new play entitled, "My Country 'tis of Thee." This is not a motion picture. We all know this favorite western actor, as he has been here many times in his own plays. He is the only playwright actor that has ever come to Midland. He made his first great hit here in "Circle C Ranch," then "The Prince of His Race," and then came in "The Stumblingblock." All of these plays Mr. Graham has written and produced himself, and tonight in "My Country 'tis of Thee," he has wandered a little from his paths of the dramatic field and written a laughable whole-souled comedy, with plenty of pep and "go" to it.

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J. W. ANDERSON DIED LAST SUNDAY

We offer sympathy to the wife, children and other relatives of J. W. Anderson, who died here last Sunday. Deceased was 65 years of age and leaves a wife and eight children. He suffered of pneumonia. Many Midland friends offered kindness and sympathy in the hour of sorrow to the bereaved and did all that was possible in assistance and they join The Reporter in this renewed expression of sympathy. Among those from a distance who came for the funeral was B. G. Kirby and wife of Lamesa.

MRS. RALEY WILL BE OPERATED ON TWICE

We had a card from our friend, C. C. Railey, who is with his wife at the Scott & White Sanitarium at Temple. The card was dated Tuesday, Jan. 1st, and stated that Mrs. Railey had been operated on the day before, that she was resting and had not been sick. This operation was for kidney trouble. A second operation will follow later. Friends in Midland are hoping everything will continue so favorable with her until she may soon be well and home again.

WILL HAVE ANOTHER RED CROSS BENEFIT

Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie Rhea writes J. A. Eichelberger, manager of the Unique Theatre, this week that he has some motion pictures of his trip with the boys in khaki up in Canada, shown in three reels. Col. Rhea states that he will ship these reels to the picture house here free of charge under condition that they will be shown as a benefit for the Red Cross. These pictures will be seen here in a few days. Further announcements later.

SOLD A BUNCH OF CALVES TO AINSWORTH

V. D. Ingle was in this week from his place ten miles east of Midland. Reports his cattle in New Mexico doing nicely and that he recently sold a bunch of calves to Joe Ainsworth at \$22.50 around. He also renewed his subscription to The Reporter.

When you buy a Racine tire you buy service, not replacements. W. H. Spaulding. adv 13-2t

OLD RESIDENCE BURNED LAST TUESDAY NIGHT

Eighteen years ago the C. M. Bracken place in North Midland was one of the most attractive places in Midland. It was then a nice residence, two-story, and surrounded by a fine orchard. It has been going to ruins for years. The orchard was allowed to die, and last Tuesday night it was finally demolished. A fire of unknown origin destroyed it. It burned quickly and was consumed before our fire boys could get to it.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED AT STANTON

It was reported on the streets of Midland this week that J. C. Wiman, of Stanton, was, on last Saturday, found dead in his bed, and that he is survived by a wife and ten children. Our newsgatherer got no further particulars.

T. W. Wiman was a visitor this week from Roscoe. He is a brother of Mrs. W. F. Scarborough.

CATTLE NOT FED AND IN FINE CONDITION

Chas M. Dublin came in this week from his ranch four miles north of Seminole. He reports his cattle in fine shape, though he has fed nothing so far. In order to keep them so, however, he expects to start feeding soon.

MOTHER OF DR. WOOLDRIDGE DIED LAST MONDAY

A comment upon the life and death of Mrs. M. A. Sterett, mother of Dr. J. W. Wooldrige, who died last Monday will be made in our next issue. She was 87 years old, and the remains were shipped to McKinney, accompanied by Dr. Wooldrige.

HAS BOUGHT RANCH OUT IN NEW MEXICO

Joe Wisdom was here his week to move his family to New Mexico. He has bought the Bryant & Tabott ranch out there and is stocking it with cattle. He reports the range there pretty good.

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