



## INFLUENZA SITUATION STILL VERY SERIOUS HERE

The influenza situation in Floydada is not clearing up so rapidly as had been hoped, and though many who first became ill are convalescing and some have returned to their duties, the actual number of cases of influenza will show a considerable increase this midweek over probably any day of the past week.

Todate four deaths have resulted in this vicinity from influenza and pneumonia following it, during the two week period. This percentage is remarkably light. It is less than two per cent and possibly as small as 1 per cent of the total number of cases.

There are now several patients who are in more or less critical condition, but physicians are optimistic for the most part.

There has been considerable suffering due to lack of attention. In numerous instances whole families have become ill at the same time and only the aid that could be given by neighbors was available. The physicians of the town have been overloaded with work, going day and night, and an altogether inadequate number of trained nurses have been obtainable.

No immediate relief can be expected officials think, because of the fact that the entire population practically has been in contact with the disease and a certain number of these are expected to contract the malady.

No public meetings of any kind have been allowed since Wednesday of last week, nor social gatherings.

## INFLUENZA AFFECTS RED CROSS XMAS CAMPAIGN

The people of Floyd County and more especially those in the vicinity of Floydada have been unable to spend as much time on the Red Cross Xmas Roll Call campaign as had been desired the campaign lagging because of the epidemic of influenza. W. L. Boerner, County Chairman of the campaign, has been among those who have been giving much of their time to relief work.

"The present situation in this vicinity," he said, "Calls more imperatively for the time and attention of the citizenship than does the Christmas Membership Roll Call, in my belief. Not that I would minimize the campaign we are expected to put over, but the need for relief of the afflicted at home just simply must have attention. I know that the people of Floyd County are as patriotic as any and that as soon as the situation here clears up they will make hearty response to the Red Cross Membership Drive."

"Some communities not so hard hit as others by influenza have already made encouraging reports, and we expect others to do likewise just as soon as conditions will permit."

## REV. A. L. E. WEBER DIES

Rev. A. L. E. Weber, pastor of the Lutheran churches in this district, died here Saturday night, of pneumonia, resulting from influenza. He was 32 years of age, and was just married a few months ago. The body was shipped to Fredericksburg, his former home, for burial Monday morning. Plainview Herald.

## MRS. A. W. DENNISON DEAD

Mrs. A. W. Dennison died early Monday morning of this week at the Dennison home a mile east of Floydada after an illness extending over a period of two years. She had been an invalid practically all this time and the end came as a general breakdown. Mrs. Dennison was 69 years of age.

Funeral services were held late Monday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in Floydada Cemetery. Rev. Geo. W. Montgomery conducted the funeral services for the deceased.

Mrs. Dennison is survived by her husband and four children. Two of the children are Mrs. Pearl Wraske and Mrs. J. D. Sisson, both of whom reside here. Mrs. Wraske resides with her parents. One other daughter lives in Fannin County and the other in Oklahoma. Neither were here for the funeral.

The Dennison family have lived here something over a year, coming from Fannin County to Floydada.

Mrs. Ross Henry, of Beaumont, is visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Daily.

## Secretary Baker Urges Letters With "Home-touch" For the Boys

WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. Fosdick:

The eyes of the world are upon our soldiers overseas today not more for what they have done than for what they are now called upon to do. Before them lie the tasks of helping to rehabilitate the devastated lands of France and Belgium and of making sure that the victory in which they have so gloriously shared shall be a permanent one.

This means that we may not expect soon to have them all with us here and to greet them face to face. The postponement of their homecoming will be often uppermost as well in their minds as in ours. They will yet meet and must overcome many difficulties without either the incentive or the excitement lent in the past by the activities of war. They need our help and encouragement now perhaps more than at any other time since they left home in order that they may be inspired and strengthened to maintain that fitness of character, manner and conduct which has earned for them such universal respect.

I believe that among all the influences which may be focused upon this object, the strongest and most far-reaching is that which emanates from home letters, and I therefore urge the mothers, fathers, wives and sisters of our soldiers overseas to express themselves earnestly in their letters as their share in seeing that the high standards which America represents both here and abroad shall be constantly upheld.

Cordially yours,

*Newton D. Baker*  
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Secretary of War.

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick,

Chairman, Commission on Training Camp Activities.

Jd.

## JUDGE MONTGOMERY WILL BE BURIED AT CHILDRESS; VICTIM OF INFLUENZA; HELPED LAY OUT FLOYDADA TOWNSITE

Judge W. T. Montgomery, 60 years of age, formerly mayor of Floydada from the time of its incorporation until less than a year ago, and one of the founders of the City of Floydada, died here last night at ten o'clock. He was a victim of influenza.

The body is being embalmed today and will be shipped to his former home at Childress, Texas, for burial.

Judge Montgomery is survived by only two near relatives. They are his sister, Mrs. Dr. Crissler, of Dallas, and daughter. Mrs. Crissler reached

Floydada this morning and will return to Childress in the morning with the remains for burial.

Judge Montgomery has been a part of the history of Floydada since its founding in 1890. He was one of the surveying party that laid out the town and has resided here continuously ever since, being one of the town's most faithful workers.

He became ill the latter part of last week and his condition began to grow serious Sunday, until Tuesday it was apparent that he could not live.

## CLIFFORD HARTLINE LISTED AS DEAD FROM WOUNDS

Clifford Hartline, who went to training camp last summer from Floydada, and was serving on the line in France, was listed by the War Department in its casualty list issued December 13th, as having died from wounds received in action.

No dates are given and no details are known here. His parents formerly resided southeast of Floydada but have moved.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Turnbow, of Starkey, December 17th, a son.

## JAMES A. McNEELY'S NAME ON CASUALTY LIST

The name of James A. McNeely, of Floydada, Texas, was on the American Expeditionary Forces casualty list issued by the War Department on Saturday, December 14th, as slightly wounded.

His father, T. J. McNeely, seen Monday, is of the belief that the wound referred to is one sustained by his son the latter part of September and that his son has recovered and is probably back in the line with the army of occupation. He is not sure of this fact, however, and is suffering some anxiety on that account.

## JOHN W. SMITH BURIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

John W. Smith, for seven years a resident of Floydada and prominent stock raiser, died Tuesday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock, aged 30 years. He had been ill about a week. His death is attributed to pneumonia following influenza. His death came on the fifth anniversary of his wedding.

The funeral services were held at the family home southeast of town yesterday afternoon at three o'clock and interment was made at 5 o'clock in Floydada Cemetery where members of the Masonic fraternity had charge. Rev. W. M. Lane conducted the funeral services at the home.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife and two children, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, of Plainview, two sisters, Miss Mattie Lee Smith, of Plainview and Mrs. Sam Jones, of northwest Hale County, and one brother, A. J. (Bert) Smith, of Mule Shoe. Of these his father and sister, Miss Mattie Lee, were here at the time of his death and Bert Smith and family reached here for the burial services yesterday. The other out of town members of the family were all ill and could not be here. Other out of town relatives who were here were: Charlie Smith, of McAdoo, Ham Smith of southwest of town, Joe Smith, of southeast of town, Bob and Grover Smith, of Estacado, all first cousins; Bob Brown of Estacado, an uncle, Mrs. Smith, of Estacado, an uncle, and Mrs. Belle Smith, of Estacado, an aunt.

Mr. Smith was an active member of local business and church circles. He was steward in the Methodist Church at the time of his death.

## DAUGHTER OF R. P. PARKER PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Mrs. W. C. Briggs, age 22, of Paducah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Parker of this city, died Tuesday morning at 6:30 of pneumonia following influenza after an illness of less than a week, and the remains are to be buried today at Vernon, Texas, the former home of the Parker family. Shipment was made yesterday from this place.

Mrs. Briggs had just returned on Monday of last week from Berkeley, California, with her husband. The latter had been in training in the Military School of Aeronautics at that place since August and they were enroute to their home at Paducah after Mr. Briggs' discharge. They would have left here the later part of the past week had Mrs. Briggs not become ill.

Mr. Briggs was in the grain business in Paducah with his father before entering the service. The elder Mr. Briggs was notified and came over Tuesday afternoon, going on to Vernon with the other relatives for the funeral.

Mrs. Briggs is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Parker, three brothers and two sisters, all of this city, besides the husband.

## NO EDITION OF THE HESPERIAN NEXT WEEK

The Hesperian will not issue a paper for the week of Thursday, December 26th, which will be the first edition of the paper missed since 1911. The Hesperian hopes by this means to give the working force a breathing spell and allow for the Christmas vacation period.

## 1.5 INCHES OF RAIN

One and a half inches of rain fell at Floydada this week, the greater part of it coming last night and this morning.

The fall was slow for the most part and will be of untold benefit to growing wheat.

## W. E. PACK BUYS DAVIS CAFE

W. E. Pack last week bought the Davis Cafe from W. J. Davis and began after taking charge by running both the Movie and the Davis.

When he became ill and others of his force also contracted influenza the Davis Cafe was closed and the well members of both forces are being used at the Movie.

Mr. Davis has leased a building at Lamesa, his former home, and expects to return there and re-enter the cafe business.



## Christmas Greetings

May the Christmas season bring joys of Peace to you; and in the coming year may there be no embargo on your happiness; may your opportunities not be entrenched; may the battles of the past be forgotten and the bugle call lead you on to loved ones who love you and watch over you.

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IS THE PRESENT EPIDEMIC LA GRIPPE, INFLUENZA OR CHINESE PLAGUE?

Under the above head Dr. T. F. McGee, of Amarillo, discussed the present epidemic in the Amarillo Daily News of December 14th, and arrived at the conclusion that the epidemic is Chinese Plague. His deductions will be interesting to our readers. He says:

La grippe is an infectious fever self-limited. It dates back according to medical history to 412 B. C. Since then, we have a record of its sweeping France in 1732, the United States in 1847, and occasional visitations until in 1889 when it swept England, at which time it left the channel port for New York City. The lagrippe bacillus, however, beat the ship by two days, and produced a stampede, causing tens of thousands of people to rush pellmell into doctor's offices seeking information and relief.

This same epidemic struck Trinidad, Colorado, where I was, living at that time, and to my certain knowledge, at least one-fifth of the then six thousand inhabitants became affected in one day. "During the past four hundred years, there have been about seventy epidemics of grippe one-half of which, from their wide-spread prevalence, deserves to be called Pandemia." They generally follow a regular beaten path from east to west.

Keep Facts In Mind

Now let us keep the above facts in mind and study variations relative to this present epidemic, which has traveled a very irregular route; and that too, only by personal contact. We quote a few facts from an article published in The Medical Record of New York, by Capt. James Joseph King of the United States Army Medical Corps in which he states that he believes the plague was taken to France by the Chinese coolies. You will remember there were about 200,000 coolies collected from the northern part of China where the pneumonia plague has raged since 1910. In this connection there is another fact to consider, which is that during the German drive in March, 1918, they captured a good many of the Chinese coolies, from whom they contracted the plague; now owing to Spain's having remained neutral during the war, their exchange of commodities continued as before—this doubtless explains their contraction of said disease. They gave it the name of Spanish influenza—mis-named to be sure, but it stuck and is still sticking.

Either from France or Spain it was brought to the United States, first making its appearance on the Atlantic seaboard. The symptoms are very indefinite, the high infectivity causing a high mortality, as pointed out by Dr. King, which is in accord with our own observation throughout the country, makes it very suspicious that we have the Chinese plague, instead of our old enemy, the grippe. For we know, that the death rate following this epidemic has been appalling. From the few cases coming under my own personal care—five of which are in my own home—I notice that they have and are now running a very indefinite course as to symptoms. The prostration is unusually great; which forebodes a high mortality in case pneumonia follows.

Epidemics Follow War

Another fact we should bear in mind is, that virulent epidemics follow great wars. And again frequent visitations of same epidemics become less virulent as a rule, owing to the fact that we gain more or less immunity; but bear in mind also that an epidemic losing its virility with a nation becomes virulent when transplanted in another having no immunity. And again, I call your attention as to class selection—the between ages; the extremes, infantile and senile generally escaping; whereas, in former epidemics of influenza, the reverse has been the rule as to contraction, especially with a high mortality.

Remember also that this epidemic spreads in Spain during the summer, and according to report, Spain has never had an epidemic of lagrippe. I can't recall an epidemic of influenza in this country during the summer months. Again referring to Dr. King's article, he says: "The influenza bacillus and the plague bacillus are very similar." Remember, I do not say that this present epidemic is Chinese plague, but from articles concerning the disease, together with the death from pneumonia following, I believe it is the Chinese plague.

Uphold City Officials  
Now in closing this article, let me urge the community to strictly uphold the City Commissioners and the health officers in stamping out, if possible, this terrible malady. I commend the united

each. In my opinion, general quarantine is impracticable, but isolation of each patient ought to be rigidly enforced. All public places should be closed especially at night, for we know late hours lower vitality.

And last but not least, don't undertake to wrestle with this epidemic in a hot room—your chances for recovery will be decidedly in your favor in a snow bank as compared to a hot room. Follow the directions of your physician and stay in doors as far as possible at night.

THE TEXAS COTTON CROP

(F. N. Gray, Cotton Specialist)

The estimate of 2,580,000 bales 500 pounds gross weight, for Texas, is based on 1,235,820,000 pounds of lint, produced on 11,234,727 acres picked of the 11,951,837 acres planted. The average yield of lint cotton per acre is estimated to be 110 pounds. The abandoned acreage was 6 per cent.

Large areas, particularly in the west half of the state, had suffered for more than a year, or throughout 1917, from the effects of prolonged droughts reducing the storage moisture in the soil to a minimum. On this account, with continued drouth, coupled with unusual cool weather, the crop was late at the start, much of the planting having been delayed fully 30 days. The latter part of May and most of June, seasonable temperatures prevailed to the extent, that under the influence of well distributed showers, the condition was improved by June 25th to warrant the belief that the prospect was one of the best known and at least as promising as in the big crop year of 1913.

This optimism, however, was of short duration. From June 25 to July 25 the weather was hot and dry and the little moisture in the subsoil was being rapidly depleted. The condition of 84 per cent of a normal on June 25 was reduced in 30 days to 61. August brought no relief in needed moisture and in the absence of which, under high temperatures, the condition was still further reduced by August 25th, to 43, indicating at that time a crop of about 2,544,000 bales, or less than one half of the crop promised on June 25th. Practically all of the west half of the state, deficient in moisture for nearly two years, collapsed under the prolonged drought conditions and heat. Immediately following, however, rains commenced. They were continued and finally effectually broke the drought. But the vitality of the plant in more than half of the cotton growing area, had been irretrievably impaired. The weed was too small to take on fruit and except for the eastern strip of the state, no improvement was found by the 25th of September, beyond one point gain in condition, making the condition 44 per cent of a normal as a final condition fruiting, where size of the weed would permit, until about the middle of November, when frost occurred to stop the growth. Most of the new fruit, or top crop, consisted of immature and sappy bolls, rendering them easily susceptible to injury from frost, by souring and softening, under the excessive and prolonged wet conditions of the time. As a result comparatively little top crop is in evidence and the production is not changed materially from that indicated in the final condition report of September 25.

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The Christmas Spirit

IN THE grim business of war, and under the spur of conservation pleas wrongly understood, there is danger this year that something of the Christmas spirit will be lost. Never before has it been more important that it should not be. The Christmas spirit as well as civilization and liberty must be saved. The world is in the midst of a war that is wrenching men's hearts; a nation that has made peace its emblem is throwing itself and every resource into the conflict; on all sides sons have parted from mothers and fathers; news of casualties is being received. Under such circumstances it might be natural for the weak to yield to depression. This must not be. There is a brave and cheery side to the picture, which must be kept constantly in our hearts and minds.

Preserving and accelerating the Christmas spirit of other years will help do this; omission of the usual acts of kindness and generosity will add needlessly to the depression that all are trying to drive from them. Hearts were never in greater need of cheering than this year. Nor was there ever greater need for an outlet of the spirit of kindness and generosity in man. We are engaged in the unpleasant business of bringing to her senses by force a brutal government. That is the task of the hour. But it should not be permitted to blind our eyes to the things wholly of the spirit, to dull sensibilities into disregard of obligations less pressing important, but equally essential to the preservation of the finest type of American manhood and womanhood. That is why charities in war times should be more generously supported than in days of peace; why this Christmas should be made, if possible, cheerier and happier than any Christmas that has gone before.

There are some people who cannot afford to observe this Christmas as they have observed it in years preceding. There are others who can better afford to be generous than ever. All should give in proportion. There is no reason why they should not, and every reason why they should. Not to do so will be unpatriotic and selfish.

J. B. and B. O. Downs, of Lockney, were transacting business in Floydada last Friday.

Ira D. Gamble and J. A. Price returned Friday last from Burkburnett and Wichita Falls.

1919 THRIFT STAMPS WILL BE SAME PRICE

Washington, Dec. 13.—The program for sale of War Savings Stamps in 1919 announced today by the Treasury, is almost identical with that followed this year as relating to cost of the stamps in various months. In January the stamps worth \$5 face value will be sold for \$4.12, and will increase one cent a month until next December. They will not mature until January, 1924, or one year later than the stamps now on sale.

Thrifty Stamps costing twenty-five cents each will be sold throughout the year. They will be identical in design and size, with the present Thrift Stamps, but will be blue instead of green. The War Savings Stamps, also blue, are considerably smaller than the present issue.

The new stamps will be on sale Jan. 1. Indications now are that the sale of War Savings Stamps this year will be about a billion dollars.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. E. Pack and wife to Mrs. Samantha Morris, deed, consideration \$330. Description: lots 7, 8, and 9 in block 138 to Floydada, Texas.

R. M. McCauley and wife to D. M. Willson, deed, consideration, \$52,900. Description S. W. quarter survey 36, block G. Certificate 30-370, abstract 2242, containing 160 acres of land.

G. D. Houston and wife to W. M. Windsor, deed, consideration, \$2,965. Description: lots Nos. 11 and 12 in block 116 to the town of Floyd City. J. W. Wise and others to P. M. Smitherman consideration, \$4,400. Description N. E. 1-4 section 21 block D-2, containing 160 acres of land.

W. H. Furrow and wife to S. D.

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S. C. Wise and wife to P. M. Smitherman consideration \$11,200. Description 320 acres, S. 1-2 of section 21 block D-2.

2,000 OF SHELL SHOCK CASES CURED BY TRUCE

Washington, Dec. 13.—More than 2,000 American soldiers in France suffering from shell shock were cured by news of the signing of the armistice, Surgeon General Ireland told the Senate Military Committee. Of 2,500 shell shock patients the General said all except about 300 were well almost immediately.

Glen Armstrong, who has been in Omaha, Nebraska, and South Dakota for several months, is home on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Armstrong.

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Christmas Greetings.....


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to.....

The People of Floyd County

THE pleasure of having enjoyed your patronage during the eventful period since last Yuletide is only equalled by our desire to be of more service to you than ever during the coming year.

May your Christmas Season be one of joy and pleasure.

  
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RECENT AVIATION NEWS

A new age of travel is just ahead. Small airplanes for pleasure and business will soon be available, it is predicted by officers of the Aero Club, at a cost of \$1500 or less, while prices for aerial limousines, touring planes, and the like, will probably range from \$3000 to \$5000. There will also be available for the general public, aerial taxis at reasonable rates. Aero-trucks, equipped with powerful liberty motors, will also soon be on sale, in all probability, at a cost of from \$8000 to \$10,000. It is obvious then, that present transportation methods will shortly be subjected to an interesting and lively competition for both pleasure and business of various kinds. Already when mailing a letter, we are confronted by the question of whether it shall go by surface or aerial service. Very soon the same question will arise with reference to express packages, and a little later will come the question of flying to business and delivering freight by air route.

The coming of peace is already booming the aerial mail service, and it is said that, under the extended program being prepared for this branch of the Post Office Department, all trained war flyers can be used.

Recent revelations regarding the development of radio telegraphy by the army of incalculable importance in connection with the development of aviation for business and pleasure purposes. By means of this newly-perfected device aviators can not only talk freely to persons on the ground but can hear their replies distinctly notwithstanding the roar of the motor.

Perhaps the first airplane passenger service to be opened to the public will be between Paris and London. The trip is to be made at a speed of 120 miles per hour, and the fare will be \$75 each way. The trip is to consume 2 1/2 hours.

From a comprehensive article by Rodman Wanamaker, recently published by a leading newspaper of Detroit, the home of the popular priced automobile, it appears likely that low-powered planes, carrying from two to four passengers will soon be offered in the open market at prices as low as \$1,000.

One of the largest planes in the world recently flew over London, at a height of six thousand feet, carrying 40 passengers, nine of whom were women. The total weight carried was about three tons. It is said that this machine weighed six tons and can fly with a weight of five tons.

The French Government is planning the creation of about 20 aerial lines connecting Paris with the principal cities of France and other European countries.

During the war period, American factories produced more than 12,000 airplanes, and 81,814 airplane motors, including 15,131 liberty motors. Up to November 22nd, the output of these powerful twelve cylinder engines had reached 150 per day.

It is reported that the United States has produced the fastest airplane in the world, and that this plane, equipped with a liberty motor, has already made a speed of 160 miles per hour and is expected to do even better.

Captain Benjamin B. Lippner, Director of the recently established National Aerial Mail Service, has announced the turning over to him of hundreds of airplanes, to be used in establishing fifty airplane postal routes, including five transcontinental lines.

The first recorded aerial Thanksgiving celebration took place 2,800 feet in the air, on a United States mail plane, which left Elizabeth, N. J., for Philadelphia on November 28th. Nine persons partook of this remarkable turkey dinner.

The biggest seaplane in the world officially designated as NC-1, at Rockaway Point, N. Y., on Saturday, November 30th, demonstrated its enormous lifting capacity by making a test flight with a pilot and fifty passengers. The plane was propelled by three

liberty motors with an aggregate of 1,200 horsepower. The machine has a wing spread of 126 feet, weighs 13,000 pounds and has a lifting capacity of 9,000 pounds. While the trip mentioned breaks the world's record as to number of passengers carried, it is evident that this record will soon be surpassed as it is reported that planes with a capacity of 100 passengers are now being built in Europe.

UNDERGRADING COTTON

Many reports of undergrading cotton are coming to the Extension Service of the A. & M. College. In some instances farmers are being penalized as much as \$15 and \$20 a bale alone, not to mention underclassing of staple.

Farmers who have cotton to sell may protect themselves against underclassing by availing themselves of the free cotton grading and staple service offered by the Extension Service and the Bureau of Markets of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. If they will send samples of the cotton to classing and marketing office, 1300 Southwestern Life Building, Dallas, Texas, they will be informed of the staple of each bale, and if they have bales which staple above an inch in length of fiber, they will be advised of the premium such cotton is worth. Samples should be drawn from both sides of the bale and be accompanied by a tag or card showing bale number.

FOR A PANHANDLE STATE

We are in receipt of a letter from the Board of City Development of Amarillo in which they say that all that has been gained by the way of freight rates for the Panhandle during the last seven or eight years will be lost unless something is done to prevent it.

What is the matter? The rate making power of Texas is in a committee every member of which lives in the southern part of Texas, nearly a thousand miles from the Panhandle, and probably barely know that there is such a place, who have no use for us except to use our tax and freight money. They set us down as of no value in society or politics and do not care to treat us as deserving of other recognition.

Give us a state of our own and these matters can be forced upon their attention and the powers that be will be glad to listen to our pleas and recognize our needs.—Stratford Star.

Hesperian Want ads bring results.

THROUGHOUT this Christmastide and coming Year may we constantly give that greatest gift of love—Service—to the cause of right and justice, to our fellow man and to our Country. Thus giving we shall merit that joy which comes only to those of whom Christ said: "Well done."

My Teddy Bear  
by George H. Louis



Oh, Teddy Bear, I'm glad you came,  
I like wild animals what's tame.  
I'm not afraid to squeeze you tight,  
'Cause you won't snarl or snap or bite.  
I'll take you with me ev'ry day,  
Togezzer we will romp and play.  
At night time, too my dearie Ted,  
You'll snuggle by me in my bed.  
If I am cross, you will not care,  
You'll always be my Teddy Bear.

Christmas Superstitions in Homes of Our Allies

OF the new world and the modern customs are always deeply interested in any quaint beliefs or unusual mannerisms of the countries across the ocean. Particularly have the habits of England and France held us; the former because she is our mother country, the latter because of the unquenchable dear memory of Lafayette, and more recently because of that same spirit so gloriously upheld today by France's noble sons. And this holiday time finds us with our eyes turned thitherward for a more poignant reason—for there aren't many homes who cannot claim a father, a son or a brother "over there."

And it is well to know some of the homely, sweet little superstitions which prevail among the people of our allies.

In England and in Scotland the saying goes that it is unlucky for anybody but a brunette to first cross the threshold on Christmas morning.

To bake bread on Christmas day is praiseworthy, and loaves baked then will never grow moldy. In these times of scarcity of flour, the poor loaves do not stand half a chance to mold!

Woe to the housewife who on this day turns a mattress. It bodes ill luck for the whole year.

A superstition which had its origin in Devonshire tells us that it is bad form and ill luck indeed not to wish the bees good morning and the compliments of the season. On Christmas eve the hives are decorated with sprigs of green and a bit of red ribbon. 'Tis also said that bees sing all night on Christmas eve. But bees are rather perpetual singers, anyway.

The graceful traditions prevail, in northern England and Wales, that the birds and beasts have some mystic connection with the Nativity. Hence, farmers and landowners purchase sheaves of oats from little boys who offer them as our boys sell holly. These sheaves are placed in convenient high places in trees and fences, that the birds may partake. The cattle, sheep, goats, and even the pigs, are all given double the amount of feedings on Christmas morning.

In Lyons, France, at the Foundling hospital, a very pretty custom is to welcome the first baby that arrives with special honors—a beribboned cradle, padded basket, soft clothing, solicitude and a bestowal of gifts, and careful attention. This is done in expiation of the poor welcome given to a Wee Child of Bethlehem 20 centuries ago, and a beautiful thought it is.

In some provinces in France it is considered bad luck to cross a strange threshold on Christmas day.

Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

For Christmas

Nothing will be appreciated more by a lady than a nice suite or piece of furniture or a rug. Furniture is a useful gift, something that will cause you to be remembered for years and years. Look at our line and get prices before you purchase your presents.

ROCKERS

ROCKERS—The most appreciated article at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$9.00, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$14.00 and \$20.00

LIBRARY TABLES

LIBRARY TABLES—A very nifty gift at \$16.00, \$22.50 and 27.50

DUOFOLDS

DUOFOLDS—Oak finish with the tan upholstery, easy to operate, at \$40.00

DAVENPORTS

DAVENPORTS—Oak finish, black upholstery, pullman style, for only \$45.00

BEDS

BEDS—Iron and birds-eye maple in all the popular colors \$9.50, \$12.50, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00

DINING TABLES

DINING TABLES—Golden oak and waxed oak \$20.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00

DINING CHAIRS

DINING CHAIRS—Per set \$9.00, \$10.50, \$16.50 and \$18.

BUFFETS

BUFFETS—Waxed oak at \$25.00, \$37.50 and \$45.00

ART SQUARES

ART SQUARES—Axministers, tapestry, grass and matting, \$5.00, \$12.50, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$25, \$30, \$37.50 and \$40.

RUGS

WE EXPECT a shipment of small rugs in this week, 27 inches and 36 inches at \$3.00 and \$7.50

In addition to the above named articles in our Furniture Department, we have:

- Chifforobes Chiffoniers Dressers Dressing Tables
- Cedar Boxes Children's High Chairs Children's Rockers
- Cane Bottom Chairs Trundle Beds Steel Cots
- Steel Folding Beds Mattresses Kitchen Cabinets
- Cook Tables Medicine Cabinets

And many other useful articles.

Mitchell Brothers

Hardware, Implements, Furniture and Undertaking



## SACRIFICE U. S. DEPENDS FATE OF EUROPE

NEW TASK OF FOOD ADMINISTRATION INVOLVES THE SHIPMENT ABROAD OF EVERY TON OF FOOD THAT CAN BE PUSHED THROUGH AMERICAN PORTS.

Review of How We Saved During War, With No Great Surplus, Gives Clue As to How We Will Save Through Will to Prevent European Famine.

To the voluntary service and sacrifice of the American people must be attributed the continued health, strength and morale of the allied armies and the people behind the lines who have been bearing the brunt of the war.

Upon this same spirit of service and sacrifice will depend Europe's fate in the months to come. In the past year we have carried out an export program the magnitude of which is almost beyond comprehension. But with the new demands which have come from the nations liberated from German oppression our exports must be most doubled. We must ship to Europe every ton of food that can be shipped through our ports.

Before the war this country sent about 6,000,000 tons of food to Europe each year. In the past crop year we sent 11,820,000 tons. As a war program we had obligated ourselves to export 17,500,000 tons in the present year. Now that we are called upon to keep starvation from the liberated nations this figure must be increased to a minimum of at least 20,000,000 tons. Kept Up a Living Ration.

Without our help it would have been absolutely impossible last year for the allies to maintain a living ration. Since our entry into the war we have been contributing largely to the support of one hundred and twenty million people whose normal food supplies have been cut off, whose production has fallen almost to the vanishing point, whose fields have been devastated by Germany. The food exported from the United States in the past year has been sufficient to supply the complete ration of twenty-two million people.

It is hard to grasp the magnitude and significance of the assistance which has been lent the allies by the patriotic, voluntary service of the American people. The food we sent abroad last year would have been sufficient to feed one-fifth of our population. And this was done in spite of the fact that we entered the year with short crops. Our surplus was practically nothing. An overwhelming proportion of the food that left this country last year was saved out of the normal home consumption of our own people.

Overcame Great Obstacles. In spite of difficulties met in internal transportation and shortage of ocean tonnage, our food exports last year amounted to a figure that a few years ago would have been unbelievable. Even the most optimistic element of our population faced with anxious consternation the prospect which opened before us with the beginning of the 1917 harvest year.

We entered the past crop year with a wheat supply which gave us only 20,000,000 bushels available for export. When the crop year ended we had sent 141,000,000 bushels of wheat to Europe. The American people had saved out of their normal consumption 121,000,000 bushels.

A survey of export figures shows that the conservation of flour brought about by the wheatless meals, wheatless daks, substitution in our kitchens and bakeries, enabled us to send to our armies and the allies 33,000,000 barrels of white flour—wheat figured as flour. Had we exported only our visible surplus, we would have been able to ship less than 4,500,000 barrels. Answer to Rhondda—Wheat.

Before December 1 our surplus had gone overseas and an additional 36,000,000 bushels had been taken from the stock reserved for home consumption and added to the surplus already shipped to the allies. It seemed hardly possible that we could bring our total exports above 100,000,000 bushels by July 1. But in January the late Lord Rhondda, then British Food Controller, cabled that unless we could send an additional 75,000,000 bushels he could not take responsibility for assuring his people that they would be fed. The American people responded by sending 85,000,000 bushels of wheat, saved from their home consumption between the first of the year and the advent of the new crop.

By October 10, 1918, we had already shipped 65,969,305 bushels since July 1. Absolutely the only limitation upon our wheat exports since the latest harvest has been the scarcity of ocean tonnage.

When figures began to show definitely that the people of the United States were actually reducing their consumption of foods needed abroad, the Food Administration was told that it was comparatively easy to bring about conservation of staple necessities, but that it would be far more difficult to accomplish an actual decrease in the use of luxuries. The members took sugar as an example. I declared that it would be practically impossible to bring our consumption of sugar down to a point that would meet only the food needs of the people.

Sugar Ration Observed. The fact that the Food Administration has twice been able to relax the voluntary sugar ration is in itself proof that the ration of two pounds per person per month was generally observed throughout the country. This

### Letters to Santa Claus.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:  
I don't care for much this year because of the awful war and its effects. I want some fruits, nuts and a little candy,—just a little bit for sugar is short to make it with. I want a large doll buggy for my doll. But I musn't ask for any more or I might get a lot of switches, so by, by.  
HESTER WEST.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:  
I want a rubber ball and a Thrift Stamp, some fruits and nuts. Goodbye.  
Your friend,  
JOHN KEY WEST.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:  
I want a rubber doll that will cry and a Thrift Stamp.  
Goodbye. Your friend,  
MARCELLA IONE WEST.

Floydada, Texas, Dec. 14, 1918.  
DEAR SANTA CLAUS:  
I will now tell you what we want. I, L. D., want a little rocking horse, tool box, candies and apples, plenty of nuts. M. T. wants a little train and a little red top and also some little mittens to keep his hands warm, candies, apples, nuts of all kinds, and please don't forget little Buddie, he is just a little baby, bring him a rattle, a bouncing ball and a red stick of candy. Dear Santa, please don't forget the little Belgian children.  
Your little friends,  
L. D. and M. T. McKINZIE.

Floydada, Texas Dec. 13, 1918.  
DEAR SANTA CLAUS:  
Will you please bring me some presents? Be sure and not bring the flu, for I am already a little crippled girl. I have been cripple ever since October 20, was two years ago. I was struck by paralysis. Please bring me a doll, a little broom. I can't use it now but can when I get so I can throw my crutches away. Well you think my letter is getting too long but don't forget my little sister, Maudie, she wants a doll, and a doll bed and bring mama and papa some things nice and bring us some fruit and candy. Santa, don't get the flu so you can't come.  
Your friends,  
VIOLA and MAUDIE PITTMAN.

Floydada, Texas, Dec. 13, 1918.  
DEAR SANTA CLAUS:  
I will write and tell you just what I want since the awful war is over. I want you to bring me a little doll, a trunk and my little sister wants a doll, a little chair and bring us some candy, apples and nuts and Santa, please don't forget the little Belgian children and the dear soldiers and sailors.  
Your little friends,  
GEORGE and ZORA PITTMAN.

Sergeant Kyle Triplett, who has been stationed at one of the camps in Missouri in the Quartermaster's Corps, was recently discharged from military service. He is here visiting his brother, Tom, this week.

H. R. Manning has recently moved to the U. S. Wilkinson place near Sand Hill. He bought the place about a month ago.

Miss Doris Armstrong is home from Wayland College to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Armstrong.

Messrs. Geo. I. Dunavant and Jess Bartlett returned Saturday from Eastern Texas where they had been selling live stock.

Byron Clark, who has been employed in the Katy Office at Dallas, returned home Saturday to spend the holiday season. He will go to school at Simmons College after the beginning of the New Year.

Robert Puryear, who has been in training at Camp Leon Springs in the Officers Training School, has been home the past few days.

H. L. Puryear has returned from a visit of a few weeks in Missouri.

C. L. Glenn, of Plainview, was a business visitor in Floydada Tuesday. He was enroute to Matador on business.

Silas Foster, who has been in the Coast Artillery, stationed at Galveston for the past several months, is at home visiting with his parents. He is out on an indefinite release.

Henry Edwards, of the Edwards Grain Company, is sick with the influenza, becoming ill Saturday night. His condition is not considered serious at present.

Rev. W. L. Tubbs left Monday for Dallas to attend the meeting of the State Board of the Baptist Church, which was in session Tuesday.

Sam Dane, who has been at Lubbock the past several weeks near which place he has construction work, was home part of this week.

# Our Big Before-Christmas Sale

Is offering many bargains in every department. You should not fail to take advantage of the prices this great sale is offering.

Sale Continues Until Tuesday Night, Dec. 24th

LADIES' SUITS	
Ladies' \$60.00 suits.....	\$39.00
Ladies' \$50.00 suits.....	\$35.00
Ladies' \$40.00 suits.....	\$27.50
Ladies' \$35.00 suits.....	\$23.65
Ladies' \$32.50 suits.....	\$21.45
Ladies' \$27.50 suits.....	\$19.00
Ladies' \$22.50 suits.....	\$14.95

LADIES' DRESSES	
Ladies' \$40.00 dresses.....	\$29.00
Ladies' \$37.50 dresses.....	\$27.00
Ladies' \$35.00 dresses.....	\$23.65
Ladies' \$27.50 dresses.....	\$19.00
Ladies' \$25.00 dresses.....	\$16.85
Ladies' \$22.50 dresses.....	\$14.95

LADIES' SKIRTS	
Ladies' \$12.50 skirts.....	\$9.40
Ladies' \$10.00 skirts.....	\$7.45
Ladies' \$9.50 skirts.....	\$7.15
Ladies' \$8.50 skirts.....	\$6.40
Ladies' \$6.50 skirts.....	\$4.85
Ladies' \$5.00 skirts.....	\$3.15
Ladies' \$4.50 skirts.....	\$3.35

CHILDREN'S COATS	
Children's \$12.00 coats.....	\$8.85
Children's \$10.00 coats.....	\$7.95
Children's \$9.00 coats.....	\$7.45
Children's \$8.00 coats.....	\$6.45
Children's \$7.00 coats.....	\$5.45
Children's \$6.00 coats.....	\$4.65

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2 good Jersey cows, 4 years old, for sale. See Joe Smith, north of town. 40-2tp.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE  
Denton County Black land near good town for improved section of land in Floyd County. See M. F. Hampton. 40-2tp.

Bring us your poultry, hides and eggs. Rucker Produce Co., southeast corner square. 41-1tc.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC  
See H. O. Pope Electric Co., for all of your electric troubles, I also carry in stock all electric supplies, spark plugs, lamp bulbs, all kinds of wires, spark plug wires, battery wires, and the largest stock of starter and generator brushes on the plains. Platinum points for all cars, battery supplies, battery overhauling and recharging. Plenty of distilled water free for the asking. See me for service. H. O. Pope Electric Co. 41-2tc

LOST—Crank and exhaust muffler from Oakland Six. Finder of either please notify R. B. Smith 41-1tc

FOR SALE  
160 acres good land, all tillable and subject to irrigation in shallow water belt and adjoining irrigated farm in Deaf Smith county Price \$3,680. Two thousand-cash, balance one year at 6 per cent. Address "Owner" Box 85, Hergford, Texas. 39-3tp.

FOR SALE OR TRADE  
One good threshing rig and plow outfit. N. G. Fox, 16 miles east of Lockney. 39-3tp.

Bring us your poultry, hides and eggs. Rucker Produce Co., southeast corner square. 41-1tc.

For marble monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 9-tf

WANTED—10,000 jack rabbits. Rucker Produce Co. 41-1tc

FOR SALE—Farming tools, teams and lease on improved place for 1919. Possession arranged now. About 80 acres in fine shape for wheat soon as crop may be removed. Want reliable man with wife. For particulars, address Otus Reeves Realty Co., Plainview, Texas. 28-tfc.

FOUND—A hand grip two miles north of town. Owner may have same by describing property and paying for this ad. Call at city office. 40-1tc

FOR SALE—Good bundle sorghum and kaffir, well grained. See me two miles east and one north of Lockney. D. E. Covington. 40-4tp

FOR SALE  
Good piano. Will sell cheap or trade for bonds. Mrs. A. A. Tubbs. 41-2tp

If its a windmill buy a Challenge at Mitchell Bros. 40-2tc

Give your husband, brother, sweetheart or friend a pocket knife for Xmas, buy it at Mitchell Bros. 40-2tc

Good piano for sale. See Mrs. W. S. Gosh. 39-3tc

WANTED—10,000 jack rabbits. Rucker Produce Co. 41-1tc

Save agents 25 per cent commission. South Plains Monument Co. Plainview. 27-tfc

Come to Plainview and select your monument from complete stock, transportation allowed on purchases. South Plains Monument Co. Plainview. 27-tfc

Goodyear tires at Mitchell Bros. 40-2tc

Liberty Bonds or Vendors Lien Notes will buy nice home in Floydada Easy terms. See W. M. Massie & Bro. 25-tfc

All work finished and erected by experts. South Plains Monument Co. Plainview. 27-tfc.

Coraja tube patch guaranteed to patch a blow out or slit at Mitchell Bros. 40-2tc

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FOR SALE  
160 acres well improved land, seven room house, well and wind mill, price \$26 per acre; \$1000 cash, balance one to eight years. Two section lease, three and five year lease. Crum & Winn, Friona, Texas. 40-2tp

FOR KODAK FINISHING—The Majestic Studio. The best of work in the shortest time. Developing 10c, 4 and 5c ex-print. Majestic Studio, Paducah, Texas. 41-2tp

STRAYED—One Jersey heifer yearling. At A. J. Fanning's one mile east of Floydada. 41-2tp

The situation as regards the forming of a stock company and digging a test well on leased land in Floyd County is moving right along and I have had quite a bit of encouragement already. You can help the movement along by signing up your lease and talking the matter over with your neighbor and get him to sign up. It will take co-operation to put the formation of the company over. We must have a large body of land under lease in order to make the drilling possible and you are therefore urged to assist in getting the leases up.

The entire proposition is one of mutual benefit. None of us benefit if we do not drill and all of us benefit if we do. L. A. MARSHALL 41-1tc

LOST—Front side curtains for Hudson car. Finder leave at The Hesperian Office. 41-1tc

Money in Eggs  
Eggs are not bankable but the money from their sale is. This money is yours for the effort. How do you treat the hen that lays the Golden Eggs? B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy will keep the poultry in good condition and increase the yield in eggs. We guarantee this and refund your money if not satisfied.

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Just After I Left,—Floydada, Dec. 17th  
DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

I am mighty glad that I got to see as many of you as I did and was very sorry some of you were sick, but we had a good time, anyway.

And now Listen,—I'm coming back again next year and want you to meet me at my HEADQUARTERS and we'll have a bigger time than ever.

Your old friend,  
SANTA.

P. S. I left lots of Christmas things at Lea. You go there and select what you want to bring you Christmas.

OUR PRICES ON COOK STOVES AND HEATERS ARE LESS THAN TODAY'S WHOLESALE COST. BETTER STOVES CANNOT BE FOUND IN FLOYDADA. COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

**Brown Bros.**

**FLU PARAGRAPHS**

The subject of influenza has been the all-absorbing one in Floydada and the immediate vicinity the past several days. Beginning the first of last week each day found from six to two dozen new cases until a mention of all the afflicted, either still sick now or convalescing would be like calling the roll of the families residing in the vicinity.

Business has been more badly demoralized during the week than ever previously in the history of the town. Practically every business house has had from one to five members of the force sick.

Paul Barrier, manager of Barrier Bros., became ill last Wednesday. At the same time all the A. E. Johnson family, except Mr. Johnson himself, were ill. Mr. Barrier has been rooming at the Johnson home.

The Lumber yards are as badly hit as any line of business. Mr. Kizzair has been ill since last midweek. R. H. Willis has had charge of the yard of the yard during his illness. R. A. Burrows has been in sole command of the J. C. Woodbridge Lumber Company while F. S. Truitt the manager has been at home with his family, all of whom have been ill. And Mr. Johnson's absence from the Floydada Lumber Company has been enforced by the illness in his family.

F. C. Harmon, bookkeeper for Mitchell Bros., has been ill since last mid-week. His wife and child have also been ill.

Mrs. B. P. Woody was quite sick practically all of last week and Mr. Woody had to stay at home with her, leaving the store to Baird Bishop to manage with the help of the physicians. Later Baird became ill and John R. Maddox, assistant tax collector, was pressed into service.

The Russell Shop was closed two days of last week. Mr. Russell returned home from Fort Worth the previous day and went to bed Saturday. Mrs. Russell was well only three days after going to bed Tuesday night. Mr. Russell re-opened the shop on Friday.

P. Rutledge left the Rutledge Hardware Friday to take his bed with malady.

Frank Moore of Brown Bros., left his employers in the lurch early last week to spend a few quiet days at home with the rest of the folks and the influenza. He returned to work Monday.

W. E. Pack, proprietor of the Movie Cafe, went to bed Thursday of last week with the flu. He is up again.

With Irwin Bishop and N. W. McCleskey, assistant cashier and cashier respectively, of The First State Bank, already in bed, and also Miss Cleo Andrews, stenographer, all suffering from influenza, Jas. K. Green, vice president of the institution, voted Friday afternoon to make it unanimous and went home with a strong pulse and red eyes. With all the active officials of the bank in bed no attempt was made Saturday or Monday to conduct business there.

Judge W. T. Montgomery was in the greater part of last week, having developed some fever and considerable cold.

W. L. Morris, of the Martin Dry Goods Co., was among the bedridden the latter part of last week.

Arthur Morris closed his tailor shop during the greater part of last week to spend a short season with influenza at home.

Eddie Bishop has been out of the Cox Barber Shop, becoming ill Thursday last. Carl Eubanks has also been spending considerable time at home with himself and his relatives as influenza patients. Perhaps they were least needed of any of the many who have been out during two weeks. With practically all their patrons ill the barbers have had little to do. This ill wind has blown them no good.

Wm. Salisbury, carrier on Route 3, missed his first trip last week on his route, except when away on vacation, when he became ill on Monday. He was out of service for a week.

County Surveyor Geo. A. Linder is the first to have the second attack of influenza within some six weeks. His little daughter also became ill the latter part of last week.

Assistant tax collector for the

Independent School District, missed quite a bit of time last week from his work while his wife and two of his daughters were ill with influenza.

R. T. Stribling, of the City Market, became ill the latter part of last week and C. T. Carpenter has been "subbing" at the market, while Mr. Stribling spent sometime fighting the influenza bugs.

A. M. Allen, of the Allen Tin Shop, had influenza last week. He was just re-opening in his new location on West California when he became ill.

Carr Surginer, of C. Surginer & Son has been spending the greater part of his time at home the last ten days with his family. His son had been ill and Mr. Surginer and wife have both contracted the malady since.

Perhaps the greatest discomfort of the plague of influenza has been the lack of assistance. No help was to be had in many instances, except that of neighbors. Considerable otherwise unnecessary suffering has been due to this fact.

Fortunately few of the cases so far reported have been serious to an alarming degree. While all patients who are convalescing sufficiently to discuss the subject agree that they were sick enough for all practical purposes, still few have been in actually alarming state.

J. H. Donaldson, who has been keeping books at the Lockney State Bank, returned home the earlier part of last week sick. He had influenza. His wife and child both became ill later and they were all sick for a few days.

**JANUARY HOG PRICES FIXED AS SAME AS DECEMBER**

County and District Food Administrators of Texas were notified under date of December 11th by State Food Administrator E. A. Peden that the prices of hogs for January had been fixed at the same figure as prevailed in November and December. The bulletin is as follows:

"The meat division of the United States Food Administration announces that after a series of meetings held in Chicago on December 3rd and 4th, participated in by representatives of the committee of packers, representatives of the agricultural advisory committee and special representatives of the swine producers, it was decided that the price of hogs for January should be continued on the same basis as the November and December.

"Throw-outs are to include pigs under 150 pounds, stags, boars, thin sows and skips.

"It is still highly desirable that the lighter weight hogs be held back for the next few weeks and it can again be stated that all required for foreign shipment for the next several months. Please give the above publicity, especially among your farmers and hog raisers."

Hesperian Want ads bring results.

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**St. Nicholas In Camp**

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the camp Not a sound could be heard but the sentry's tramp, tramp. The boys were all sleeping quite snug in their bunks With occasional snoring in good solid chunks. Some were a-dreaming of homes far away And mothers preparing for the world's holiday; Others of sweethearts and what they might send



To brighten the day and happiness lend— When all of a sudden there rose such a clatter, All sprang up to see what the world was the matter; They rushed toward the trenches expecting the Boches, Aching to give them some rather rough punches— When what to their wondering eyes should appear But a convoy deep loaded with Christmastide cheer— Parcels and boxes and everything good— While high on the pile old St. Nicholas stood,

J. L. Evans came in from Floyd county Wednesday. He has sold his farm in Floyd county and is again on the outlook for a place to buy in this section. He is a good farmer and a good trader and is always making to the good.—Hall Co. Herald.

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We are appealing to every poultry breeder in Texas to help the management. Make this the greatest show of its kind. Help advertise the show. Help boost the Show. Help finance the show. Help in getting a large number of entries for the show.

Yours very truly,  
F. W. Kazmeier,  
Poultry Husbandry.

S. A. Henry, of Lockney, son of Judge F. P. Henry, of this city, suffered last week from pneumonia, but his fever broke the latter part of the week and reports indicate that he will recover at an early date.

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**THE BEST TIRE**  
YOU HAVE ON YOUR CAR IS NOT AS GOOD AS A  
**"MASON"**  
MASON TIRES MEAN MORE MILES  
Try Them and Be Convinced  
MASON TIRES AND TUBES GUS HERBERG AT  
**Reagan's Garage**

# The Old Shoemaker

A Christmas Story From the French of De Coppet

NOT long ago there lived in the city of Marseilles an old shoemaker, loved and honored by all his neighbors, who called him "Father Martin." One Christmas eve Father Martin, who had been reading the story of the three wise men who brought their gifts to the infant Jesus, said to himself:

"If only tomorrow were the first Christmas day and the Savior were coming to this world tonight how I would serve and adore him! I know very well what I would give him."

He arose and took from a shelf two little shoes. "Here is what I would give him, my finest work. How pleased his mother would be! But what am I thinking of?" he continued, smiling. "Does the Savior need my poor shop and my shoes?"

But that night Father Martin had a dream. He thought that the voice of Jesus himself said to him: "Martin, you have wished to see me. Watch the street tomorrow from morning until evening, for I shall pass your way."

When he awoke the next morning, Father Martin, convinced that what he had dreamed would surely take place, hastened to put his shop in order, lighted his fire, drank his coffee and then seated himself at the window to watch the passersby.

The first person he saw was a poor street sweeper, who was trying to warm himself, for it was bitter cold.

"Poor man!" said Martin to himself. "He must be very cold. Suppose I offer him a cup of coffee."

He tapped on the window and called to the man, who did not have to be urged to accept the steaming coffee.

After watching in vain for an hour Father Martin saw a young woman, miserably clothed, carrying a baby. She was so pale and thin that the heart of the poor cobbler was touched, and he called to her. "You don't look very well," he said.

"I am going to the hospital," replied the woman. "I hope they will take me in with my child. My husband is at sea, I am sick and haven't a cent."

"Poor thing!" said the old man. "You must eat some bread while you are getting warm. No? Well, take a cup of milk for the little one. Come, warm yourself and let me take the baby. Why! You haven't put his shoes on."

"He hasn't any," sighed the woman. "Wait a minute. I have a pair."

And the old man brought the shoes which he had looked at the evening before and put them on the child's feet. They fitted perfectly.

Hour after hour went by, and although many people passed the window, the Master did not come. When it grew dark the old man sadly began to prepare his humble supper. "It was a dream," he murmured. "Well, I did hope. But he has not come." After supper he fell asleep in his chair. Suddenly the room seemed full of the



Watched the Passersby.

people whom he had aided during the day, and each one asked of him in turn: "Have you not seen me?"

"But who are you?" cried the shoemaker to all these visions.

Then the little child pointed to the Bible on the table, and his rosy finger showed the old man this passage:

"Whosoever shall receive one of these little ones receiveth me." "I was anhungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in. . . . Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

C. H. Featherston returned home Friday last from Burkburnett, where he had been several weeks looking after business in connection with oil properties belonging to people in this section.

## U. S. HEALTH SERVICE ISSUES WARNING

### Increase in All Respiratory Diseases After the Influenza Epidemic Probable.

**Influenza Expected to Lurk for Months. How to Guard Against Pneumonia. Common Colds Highly Catching—Importance of Suitable Clothing—Could Save 100,000 Lives.**

Washington, D. C.—With the subsidence of the epidemic of influenza the attention of health officers is directed to pneumonia, bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system which regularly cause a large number of deaths, especially during the winter season. According to Rupert Blue, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, these diseases will be especially prevalent this winter unless the people are particularly careful to obey health instructions.

"The present epidemic," said Surgeon General Blue, "has taught by bitter experience how readily a condition beginning apparently as a slight cold may go on to pneumonia and death. Although the worst of the epidemic is over, there will continue to be a large number of scattered cases, many of them mild and unrecognized, which will be danger spots to be guarded against." The Surgeon General likened the present situation to that after a great fire, saying, "No fire chief who understands his business stops playing the hose on the charred debris as soon as the flames and visible fire have disappeared. On the contrary, he continues the water for hours and even days, for he knows that there is danger of the fire rekindling from smoldering embers."

"Then you fear another outbreak of influenza?" he was asked. "Not necessarily another large epidemic," said the Surgeon General, "but unless the people learn to realize the seriousness of the danger they will be compelled to pay a heavy death toll from pneumonia and other respiratory diseases.

#### Common Colds Highly Catching.

"It is encouraging to observe that people are beginning to learn that ordinary coughs and colds are highly catching and are spread from person to person by means of droplets of germ laden mucus. Such droplets are sprayed into the air when careless or ignorant people cough or sneeze without covering their mouth and nose. It is also good to know that people have learned something about the value of fresh air. In summer, when people are largely out of doors, the respiratory diseases (coughs, colds, pneumonia, etc.) are infrequent; in the fall, as people begin to remain indoors, the respiratory diseases increase; in the winter, when people are prone to stay in badly ventilated, overheated rooms, the respiratory diseases become very prevalent.

#### Suitable Clothing Important.

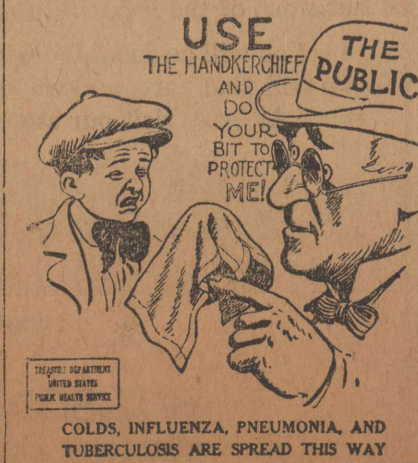
"Still another factor in the production of colds, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases is carelessness or ignorance of the people regarding suitable clothing during the seasons when the weather suddenly changes, sitting in warm rooms too heavily dressed or, what is even more common, especially among women, dressing so lightly that windows are kept closed in order to be comfortably warm. This is a very injurious practice.

#### Could Save 100,000 Lives.

"I believe we could easily save one hundred thousand lives annually in the United States if all the people would adopt the system of fresh air living followed, for example, in tuberculosis sanatoria. There is nothing mysterious about it—no specific medicine, no vaccine. The important thing is right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.

#### Droplet Infection Explained in Pictures.

"The Bureau of Public Health, Treasury Department, has just issued a striking poster drawn by Berryman, the well-known Washington cartoonist. The poster exemplifies the modern method of health education. A few years ago, under similar circumstances, the health authorities would have issued an official dry but scientifically accurate bulletin teaching the role of droplet infection in the spread of respiratory diseases. The only ones who would have understood the bulletin would have been those who already knew all about the subject. The man in the street, the plain citizen and the many millions who toil for their living would have had no time and no desire to wade through the technical phraseology."



COLDS, INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, AND TUBERCULOSIS ARE SPREAD THIS WAY

Copies of this poster can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

### LOCKNEY NEWS

From The Beacon:

Tuesday's casualty list contained the name of Ryan Speegle, known here as Ryan Downs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Downs. Ryan has been in a New York hospital for some time, and the listing of him at this time among the wounded must have been the result of delayed casualties. He was wounded in action several months ago and finally brought across, and has been in a hospital in New York.

Ryan was appointed Sargent before he received his wound, which was a recognition of his splendid service to his country. One incident of the battle in which he received his wound was the fact that an uncle, Giles Speegle, whom he had never seen, was killed.

The following notice was received from the War Department November 27th in regard to Ryan's wounds:

"War Department, Washington, November 27.—With reference to prior correspondence concerning Sergeant Ryan Speegle, Co. D. 360 Infantry, who was reported wounded in action, I beg to advise you that it is reported under date of September 30, 1918, that he was in base hospital No. 15, APO 706 A. E. F., under treatment for gunshot wound in the shoulder, but was transferred to Hospital at Vinchey."

Word has been received here of the wounding of Roscoe Moreland in battle. No further information has been received as to the seriousness of his wound. Roscoe left here more than a year ago, and has been in France several months. He participated in various battles, and finally wounded at the close of the war.

Mr. W. P. Talley has been notified by the War Department that his son, Walter, was seriously wounded in action in France. He was wounded some weeks ago, and the nature of the wound was serious. No further information has been received as to his wounds, or as to how he was getting along. Mr. Talley cabled the Red

Cross at Paris early last week, but at this writing nothing has been heard from his message.

Walter Talley left here more than a year ago, and has been in France several months, perhaps a year. He participated in several battles, and the one he received his wounds in must have been at the closing of the war.

V. N. Dillard returned from Fort Worth this week where he was confined in a local hotel for several weeks with the flu. Vernon says he was some sick, and suffered a great deal for the want of attention. He was at a local hotel where it was hard to get attention. He states that he had to tip the porter every time he got a drink of water.

L. M. Flanary, the racket man, has developed a first class case of the flu, and has been confined to his bed this week.

#### JOHN GRIFFIN, MARINE CORPS, PROBABLY STILL LIVING

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin have reason to believe that their youngest son, John, who was reported by the War Department on November 11th to have died of wounds received in action on November 3rd, is still living and is possibly enroute home.

Wednesday of last week they had notice from the War Department to disregard the telegram of November 11th which carried the news of their son's death. No further explanation was given, except that regret was expressed that anxiety had been caused the family.

They are led to believe that John may be enroute home from the fact that wounded and convalescents, it is announced, will be among the first of the American contingents to be returned to America.

David M. Besse returned home last Saturday from a visit of several days in Louisiana and Oklahoma points.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Holway Friday, December 13th, a son.

J. R. Collier and M. V. Showalter, of Lockney, were in Floydada a short time last Friday. They had been to the J. J. Davis sale south of town.

Elmer Kelley's ten-year-old daughter was operated on at the Childers Sanitarium for appendicitis Tuesday of last week. She is resting well.

W. B. Lincoln, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lincoln, has been mustered out of the military service, returning home the first of last week from Camp Stanley where he had been in training for an officer. Lincoln enlisted nine days after the United States entered the war but was held at Fort Bliss during the entire time except when he was ordered to Camp Stanley. He was mustered out the 13th day after the signing of the armistice.



The Ford truck is really a greater necessity to the farmer than is a team of horses. Certainly it is a greater utility and economy for him. It saves time, it gives prompt and almost unlimited service along the entire line of farm work from carrying the milk to marketing the products of the farm. It is not expensive to maintain and has all the Ford simplicity in mechanism that makes it easy to operate. The price, too, is attractive, about the price of a team of horses; \$550 without body, f. o. b. Detroit.

BARKER BROTHERS  
Floydada, Texas



# Gifts for Old and Young



## In Our Special Christmas Sale!

GIFTS OF QUALITY AND OF VALUE—Gifts that will satisfy that Thrift Spirit abroad in the land and make it "line up" with the desire to make those you love happy and appreciate Yuletide Giving.

It is not necessary in Christmas merry-making and Christmas Gift-giving that you be extravagant. It is altogether right that one should make his money do its utmost even ingifts to those whom we cherish.

Now what could you give that would give more pleasure to the boy than a new suit of clothes? He'll need them. Whoever saw a growing boy with too many clothes? And at these prices! They are tremendous values, and we know what that means. For instance, we have suits for boys, ages 3 to 8, in BROWN MIXED WORSTEDS, Worth \$6.00, **\$4.50** going at per suit.

And all suits for boys, double breasted, 4's to 8's worth \$8.00, at \$5.50  
And suits for boys, military style, dark colors, sizes up to 18, worth \$8.00, going in the sale at \$6.00  
And suits for boys, dark brown mixtures, sizes up to 18, worth \$12.50, going in the sale at \$9.00  
Don't let yourself be misled into thinking that these are of poor quality until you see them. They are new styles, new weaves, new all the way 'round, and are just the things for real Christmas gifts for boys.

Boys' English Walker shoes in black gunmetals and dark tans. These shoes are worth today \$5.00. Our special Christmas sale price will be only \$3.50

Ginghams are always in vogue—and the new gingham we have just received in all the new colors will prove attractive to the feminine eye. priced at 25c and 35c

We are also showing a beautiful line of Christmas Novelties in Christmas Hosiery, Purses, Ladies' and Men's Ties, Handkerchiefs, Etc. Valuable Christmas present at reasonable price is a feature of our Christmas Sale.

# W. H. SEALE, Dry Goods

Floydada, Texas - - - Telephone 128

P. S. Just received plenty of overshoes for Ladies, Girls and Boys at from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per pair.



**TEN COUNTIES EXCEED  
W. S. S. PLEDGES**

**Floyd County Stands 37th From Top  
in Per Capita Expenditures  
For Stamps**

Dallas, Texas, December 7th.—In the report just issued by the War Savings committee, covering the eleven fiscal months ending December 5, it is shown that ten Texas Counties have bought United States Government war savings stamps exceeding their assigned annual quotas. These counties are Maverick, Aransas, Kleburg, Roberts, Fayette, Rockwall, Victoria, Wharton, Galveston and Rusk.

Maverick county, of which W. J. Niggli is war savings chairman, leads the 250 organized counties in the sale of war savings stamps, its people having invested \$250,150.82 in these government securities instead of stopping at \$118,880, the quota assigned the county by the Treasury Department. A Maverick County bank, the State Bank and Trust Company of Eagle Pass, has the distinction of being the only bank in the United States which has sold war savings stamps in excess of the county's entire quota. This means that the Maverick County bank has individually sold more than \$118,880 in stamps, which is the quota of the county.

The other nine honor counties which have exceeded their quotas in actual cash purchases are credited with sales as follows: Aransas, \$63,890.84; Kleburg, \$94,976.42; Roberts, \$24,991.81; Fayette, \$571,310.27; Rockwall, \$146,381.11; Victoria, \$287,059.94; Wharton, \$421,684.14; Galveston \$775,985.18; Rusk, \$466,413.99.

In the other counties of Texas there is still out-standing about \$30,000,000 in unpaid war savings stamp pledges. The official Government payment call has now been issued for the complete liquidation of all unpaid pledges by December 31, and during the next few days these pledges will be met.

Floyd County stands 37th from the top of the list with \$9.74 per capita purchase of stamps. The quota for the county is \$130,980 with \$63,830.71 worth purchased.

**TOM GOSLEE WRITES**

November 16th, 1918

Ma and Sister:  
Well I have not heard from you all long time but I hope you all are well. How are the kids? I have not a letter from Sam in a month looking for one any day. War is practically over now and we will start towards home pretty soon. Some of us will have to stay for three months longer and we can't be in that bunch but I hope not if we do we won't be in any danger don't worry, it won't be long. I have not seen Roe or Jim Mc since they came back, but I hope they are all at home. We are in town now for a while and we have a pretty good room with a stove in it so we keep pretty comfortable as the nights and mornings are a little chilly but the main thing is we don't hear any more big guns.

I would like to have been in the States when they heard about the end, believe me we were some happy bunch that morning. We were called up at four o'clock and made our packs to go over the top at six and then got orders to hold until other orders and about ten were digging in with mess kit and about 10:30 we heard the good news. You can guess how we felt about 12 o'clock we all had a big party and were sitting around as if we were on a camping trip and then we had a fire all day and part of the night. You can tell Pa I know all about war I want to know and then tell him I know he never was in a war like this one, I will tell him all about it when I get back.

Ma, tell Teddy Green I want that job he said he would keep for me when you see him. I guess business will pick up now in the States. I will close for this time and I hope I will come in about the time this letter does. With love to all, I am as ever, Your Son.

TOM.

You will have to excuse this writing as I had to finish in time to turn it in tonight and the other boys are talking about what they will do when they get home and all I wanted to write was enough to let you all know that I am well and it will only be a question of time until we will be home again.

Well, kiss the kids for me and give my love to all. Your Son.

TOM.

The Lowry Blacksmith Shop is one of the businesses in town affected by the influenza epidemic. Mr. Lowry and all his family with the exception of the eldest son, Charley, have been sick.

Miss Sabra Thagard returned home today from Fort Worth where she was attending T. C. U. She will be the first of the new

**BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT  
EASILY OBTAINABLE**

**Membership in Red Cross Costs Little  
and Does Much**

Tardy Floydada shoppers need not worry about their failure to buy Christmas gifts in October. The best gift is to be available the week before Christmas. There is an unlimited supply, and there will be no difficulty in purchasing. The cost is only one dollar.

This gift is membership in the Red Cross, and it is a gift to the Floydada boys in the army and navy as well as to the victims of war in all countries. These men will interpret an overwhelming enrollment of the people as members in the American Red Cross as a guarantee of continued service of a hand they learned to value highly.

The Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, December 16-23, will afford the opportunity to buy this gift, and delivery will be made without fail on Christmas Eve in a cablegram to be sent to General Pershing announcing the united support of the nation for the Red Cross policy.

What finer Christmas gift can Floydada send? Added to every other city and the rural districts, the enrollment here will make a total that will rekindle hope everywhere people are suffering.

Our two million soldiers in France, our sailors on the high seas and the men in training in this country should know beyond a shadow of doubt that they will receive everything—absolutely everything—in the way of Red Cross service until the last one is mustered out. A universal response to the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call will give them such assurance.

**ROE McCLESKEY GASED IN  
LAST TRIP "OVER THE TOP"**

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McCleskey have had the following letter from their son, David M. (known to his friends as Roe) written the day following the signing of the armistice:

"Limoges, France, Nov. 12, 1918. 'Dear Mother, Dad and all the rest of the Folks:

"How is everybody at home since they have signed peace? Everyone that you see over here has a smile on his face. I am in the hospital now. I got gassed the last time us boys went over the top, but getting all right by now. I will be out in another week or two.

"I guess they celebrated peace over there. They sure did pull off some stunt over here.

"I don't know when they are going to start shipping us boys back across, but sometime within the next two months, I guess.

"There hasn't been any of the boys from home bumped off that I know of.

"I will close, hoping that I can be there to eat Christmas dinner with you all. If I am not there by Christmas maybe it won't be much longer. Answer soon.

Your son,

"DAVID M. McCLESKEY,  
Co. D, 360th Infantry, A. E. F."

**MRS. B. T. GRAVES DEAD**

Mrs. B. T. Graves, of this city, died early Tuesday morning of this week of pneumonia, after an illness of comparatively short duration and the body was prepared Wednesday for shipment to Paducah, former home of the family for burial.

Mrs. Graves was 36 years of age. She is survived by her husband and two children a boy and a girl, of the immediate family, both residing at home with their parents.

The Graves family have lived here only a few months, coming from Paducah. Mr. Graves is a cattleman.

**MAYOR OF LOCKNEY DIES OF  
INFLUENZA AT FT. WORTH**

J. R. Meriwether, mayor of the City of Lockney and for twenty years a resident of that city, died at Fort Worth Friday of last week from influenza. He was ill only a short time. The body was shipped home for burial and he was buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

Mr. Meriwether had been spending quite a bit of his time in Fort Worth and the oil fields during the past few weeks. He had previously recovered from an attack of influenza.

He is survived by a family and several brothers, and his mother, Mrs. C. R. McCollum, of Lockney.

G. H. Miller, of Bovina, Texas, is here on business this week.

**WE BUY  
OLD FALSE TEETH**

We will pay up to \$21.50 per set (broken or not). Send now. Cash sent by return mail. Package held 10 to 15 days subject to sender's approval of our offer. Highest prices paid for Old Gold Jewelry, Gold Crowns, Bridges, Platinum and Silver.

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**On Account of the "Flu"**

**WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE THE PHONOGRAPH  
CONTEST UNTIL AN INDEFINITE DATE. HOLD  
YOUR TICKETS AND WATCH FOR THE DATE.**

**We are showing some very beautiful gifts for Christmas.  
Just four more days in which to shop before Christmas.  
ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW.**

**BARRIER BROTHER**

**DISTRIBUTORS OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE  
West Side Square, Floydada. PHONE 30  
Stores at Brownfield and Lubbock**

**LONDON SPENDS SOLID  
WEEK IN PEACE REJOICING**

**Rev. Wm. Pearn, of Floydada, Writes  
of His Work as Y. M. C. A. Man  
in England**

The Hesperian is in receipt of the following letter from Rev. Wm. Pearn, pastor of the First Christian Church in Floydada, who for the past three months has been at work as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in England where he was assigned after leaving New York early in August. The letter is as follows:

"47 Russell Square, London, W. C., England, Nov. 19th, 1918.

"My dear Mr. Steen:

"I promised you I would write telling you of my movements and work, and now, after so long, am taking a little time to fulfill that promise, and also to, through you and The Hesperian, convey a seasonal greeting to my Floyd County acquaintances.

"Three months ago today I landed in England, after an uneventful voyage. We were a part of a large convoy, but were allowed to escape U-boat excitement. On arrival in London I was assigned to work in this country and for the full three months have been very busy looking after the soldier life in this great city of London. The Y. M. C. A. work through Europe is a wonderful work and much appreciated by the men in whose interest it is carried on.

"A year ago the International Hospitality League was organized, with representatives of all the English-speaking allies. Its work was to provide entertainment to the men on leave from the front and the various camps in England. Men from the Y. M. C. A. organizations of each nation were assigned to this work, and I was one of twelve men assigned by the American Y. M. C. A., to be its representative. Its influence is world-wide and we deal equally with English, Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians, South Africans, and our own men. It has been very delightful and we have been helped to realize what splendid qualities are possessed by the men from the many countries. But there is something about our own boys that has made us very proud of them. America has made a wonderful impression on England, and the conduct of the Army and Navy men in camp and in the fighting lines has made the whole of Europe and the world realize that American manhood is second to none.

"And now, thank God, the fighting is over! Never shall I forget the events of the past week. On Monday morning the guns fired the signal that the armistice had been signed and in a moment London was alive. The pent-up feelings of over four years of great suspense were let loose and for a week the celebration was kept up. People went wild with joy. Streets were filled and everybody breathed easily. Church bells pealed out after years of silence. Lights were lit which had been unlit because of fear of attracting the air raider. But in many a quiet corner there were the grief-stricken, whose silent tears flowed freely at the memory of those who would never come back, but who, at the same time realized the sacrifice had not been in vain.

"Everything had been won and the enemy had recognized this and surrendered. "It now remains to clean up central Europe and this is no small task. Our army will have its share in the and it remains to be seen how will be necessary to keep our

men on this side of the Atlantic. We shall be glad to get home again, but we all want to see the aims of the war fully realized before we sail away home.

"We shall have celebrated Thanksgiving ere this reaches you, and such great causes for thankfulness we all have. Then will come Christmas and the New Year, and I want to send wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the whole of your Hesperian family. May the coming year bring all the joys that the human heart has room for, and may the year 1919 see every American family who have boys in Europe united again. "Yours in the Country's Service" "Wm. PEARN."

**FIVE-YEAR CONTROL OF U. S.  
RAILROADS, PLEA OF McADOO**

Washington, Dec. 12.—Extension of the time of Federal control over railroads to five years or very early return of the properties to their owners was declared necessary today by Director General of Railroads McAdoo.

In a letter to the chairman of the two Interstate Commerce Committees of Congress, Mr. McAdoo pointed out that there are only three courses to follow at the present time with respect to the railroads, asserting that it is manifestly impossible to frame any comprehensive railroad legislation at this session of Congress.

The first course, he said, is to operate the roads for the twenty-one months following declaration of peace, which, he estimated would not be more than two years and three months.

The next course is the prompt return of the roads to their owners. The last is an extension of the period of Federal control to five years.

The first course is rapidly becoming impracticable, he says. The whole personnel of the roads is becoming unsettled by the proposed change of control.

He, therefore, reduces the situation to a choice between return of the roads promptly to private control with all existing legal difficulties, or an extension of time promptly granted.

The issue is made clear that unless Congress grants the extension promptly the roads will be returned to their owners without awaiting the lapse of the twenty-one months.

**McCOY NEWS**

December 16.—We have discontinued our Baptist Sunday school on account of the influenza.

There are still a good many sick. Otis Murray's family all have contracted the flu and were carried to her father's at Floydada to be taken care of.

Mrs. Travis' children are all sick with the flu.

Mr. Foster's family are sick with the flu. Also Miss Velma Pharr.

M. W. Whitlow was found unconscious out in the lot Sunday morning. He is still very sick.

It was reported that Mr. Johnson got his leg broke about ten days ago, and is still pretty sick.

J. W. Hughes spent Sunday at Mr. Morris home.

W. E. Lowrance and family spent Sunday afternoon at their son's, S. E. Lowrance.

Basel Utsman spent Sunday evening with John Pharr.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook are very busy helping Mrs. Travis with her sick.

Rev. Wilson's family are sick with the influenza, also Mrs. Eula McSpadden.

**"LISTEN LADIES!"**

**IF A MAN SHOULD WRITE TO SANTA CLAUS  
WITH THE SIMPLE FAITH THAT HIS CHILDREN DO,  
HE WOULD PROBABLY SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:**

**Dear Old Man :**

For all these years you and I have been filling the stockings of the universe. You have got a good deal of glory out of it, and I don't begrudge you a bit; but if it hadn't been for my little check book what would have become of your reputation?

The folks are going to give me something this Christmas: they usually do. But tell them, won't you, I am not collecting curios. There are lots of things I DON'T WANT (the things I usually get) but there are a few things I DO WANT—Some of them I must have. If I get them they will save me money. Other things I'd like to have, but wouldn't buy for myself. If somebody would only give them to me.

I WANT:

- Some new neckties, I seem never to have enough.
- Some Silk Shirts, every man likes to have a few.
- A Smoking Jacket or Bath Robe.
- A Gold Knife and vest chain, every man needs one.
- And my socks always wear out: I want all I can get.
- My cuff links and stick pin, I've lost. I would like to have a new pair.
- And if some one wants to make me a real happy man and save me some nice money, have GLAD to wire for a new suit and overcoat, he has the measure.

Yours hopefully,

A. MAN.

This store is crowded with useful gifts men want and need.

They are the sort that will please HIM most. Buy them today Mrs. and Miss Floydada, while selections are complete and before the Christmas crowds begin.

**THE HOME OF GOOD  
VALUE FOR MEN "GLAD'S"**

**WILSON KIMBLE  
JEWELER**

After all, Good Jewelry, such as can be found at our store, is the most appropriate and most appreciated gift that can be given. Jewelry, and the numerous things that are associated with it, such as fountain pens, writing sets, cut glass and so forth, when of good quality is worthy of a place in any Christmas Gift list and in fact no list is complete without some of the beautiful things we are showing.

You will be delighted with the array of suitable presents you will find here, and we will be equally delighted to show you. At least visit our store before completing your list.

**WILSON KIMBLE  
JEWELER AND OPTOMETRIST  
SOUTH SIDE SQUARE FLOYDADA, TEXAS**



# H. O. Pope Electric Company

—Wishes You All a Happy and Prosperous New Year

And remember that I will from now on be located in one of the Childers buildings across the street from the Post Office where I will have more room and be better prepared to take care of your trade.

Will have a full line of accessories, spark plugs, your choice 50c, Lamp Bulbs, Automobile wiring, Generator and Starter Brushes, Platinum Points, for all cars, anything you want for the Automobile.

Batteries Re-Built and Re-Charged. All electric work done on short notice.

Thanking you all for the business in 1918 and hoping that you will remember me in 1919 when in trouble Electrically.

Yours for Business,

## H. O. POPE

### SHEEP FOR THE PLAINS

The old adage that "Its an ill wind that blows no one good" is amply justified in the drouth that has until recently prevailed over a large part of West Texas. While the net result of the drouth period is to be figured as a loss, as demonstrated by the emigration of hundreds of farmers, the dwindling of the herds and the depleted resources of nearly every farmer and ranchman, yet a few fundamental lessons in sane agricultural practise have been taught. It will be a pity if the men of this region do not advantage by these lessons.

One thing that has been amply demonstrated is that Southwestern farmers, liable to frequent dry periods, will do well to give more attention in the future to sheep. This valuable animal has much to recommend it to our farmers. Among its points of superiority are its rapid growth; its modest feed requirements; its ability to convert almost worthless feed into gains; and the ready market its meat and fleece command. The mild winter of this altitude preclude the danger of great losses in severe weather provided modest shelters are maintained, and some attention is given them. There are also some disadvantages, and although these are not serious and should not deter the stockman from raising sheep, yet in all fairness the drawbacks should be stated. Sheep require considerable attention at lambing time; on account of the wool they should be given cleaner quarters than other stock; some winter protection is absolutely necessary; and they require fencing much the same as hogs. There is usually some danger of losses by dogs, though this menace is often exaggerated.

It is not the aim of this article to furnish a manual on the care and feeding of sheep, nor to lead anyone to suppose that enormous profits are to be derived from the handling of this animal, but merely to point out the possibilities of sheep raising in this country. A moderate flock of ewes and a ram, wisely selected and well cared for, should, in most cases, prove a good substitution for a portion of the cattle now kept. The ewes, bred in the Fall, give birth to lambs late in Winter or early spring, and these lambs may be profitably fattened for the June market. The amount of feed consumed to give a certain gain makes the investment as good as hogs, and better than steers. The maintenance of the flock, due to the fact that sheep

will subsist easily on stalks, weeds and very short grass, is a much smaller item than with other farm animals, and makes them especially desirable in this country where feed is often very scant. In addition to the return from the sale of the carcass there is a considerable annual return from the sale of the wool.

The future of the sheep industry in America is very bright. The war has emphasized the value of mutton as a food, and has given its consumption by the American people a huge impetus. Wool has always been scarce and high priced and at present its value is extraordinarily high. While it will doubtless decline in price it is safe to assume that wool will always command a ready market and a good price.

The plains farmer who sees the value of diversifying his stock production as well as his production; who wants to stabilize his farm business; who desires to keep an animal that is economical in its living, as well as fairly profitable, should turn his attention to sheep.

Any man who cares to investigate the subject more thoroughly with a view to making a start in sheep raising, and who would like some assistance in procuring breeding stock, will find the County Agent at Floydada, W. H. Darrow, prepared to help in any way he can.

### COLD HELD COUNTRY IN GRIP DURING CHRISTMAS

The hardest cold of the winter to date was experienced in Floyd County during the week of Christmas which occasioned more than usual inconvenience because of the many influenza patients. The cold was accompanied by snow which fell the earlier part of the week and has remained on the ground since to a large extent.

The snow was of great value to farm lands and wheat. While holding moisture which fell the week previous in the ground the snow has also added considerably to it. It has been of much protection to wheat which has done exceedingly well during the period.

The cold and snow of the blizzard hampered mails considerably, especially from the east. Heavy snow drifts made the line car to Roaring Springs late for three or four days, and Mr. Wright worked under heavy handicaps during much of the period. The Q. A. & P. attempted to run no trains on Tuesday of Christmas week. Passeng-

### PROVED SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY

To the voluntary service and sacrifice of the American people must be attributed the continued health, strength and morale of the Allied armies and the civil populace.

Upon this spirit of service and sacrifice will depend Europe's fate in the months to come. In the past year we have carried out an export program, the magnitude of which is almost beyond comprehension. But with the new demands that have come, with the liberation of nations freed from German oppression, our exports must be almost doubled. Instead of 11,820,000 tons, we must ship twenty million tons of food to Europe in the coming year—as much as can be pushed through our ports.

If the Allies had not been fed by America, it would have been impossible for them to maintain their defense against Germany.

Meeting this world need on a purely voluntary basis, the American people have conclusively proved that democracy is a success and that in time of need it will rise to its own defense.

If there were no other accomplishment to its credit the very fact that it has shown the strength of democracy has in itself more than justified the existence of the Food Administration in the eyes of the world.

Less than four months after the United States declared war the United States Food Administrator expressed his determination to meet America's food problem on a basis of voluntary action and reiterated his confidence that awakened democracy would prove irresistible.

"Many thinking Americans," said Mr. Hoover, "and the whole world have been watching anxiously the last four months in the fear that democratic America could not organize to meet autocratic Germany. Germany has been confident that it could not be done. Contrary proof is immediately at our door, and our people have already demonstrated their ability to mobilize, organize, endure and prepare voluntarily and efficiently in many directions and upon the mere word of inspiration aside from the remarkable assemblage of our Army and finances."

The history of the Food Administration has clearly shown that the trust of those who put their faith in democracy has not been misplaced.

er and mail service all over the Middle West, according to reports, was similarly held up, trains from Kansas, West and North being tied up and all schedules slowed down during the blizzard.

The lowest temperature registered here on Christmas morning when the thermometer stood at four degrees above zero.

### PAUL BARRIER'S SISTER DEAD

Mrs. R. E. Mills, of Naples, Texas, died Monday, December 23rd, according to advices received here Monday night by her brother, Paul Barrier.

At the same time Mr Barrier learned of the illness of two brothers, R. Barrier, at Brownfield, and G. C. Barrier at Lubbock. Paul went to Lubbock Tuesday morning returning home Thursday night.

E. C. Mince has been home from Hereford the past two weeks to be with his wife, who, has been very ill. She is recovering.

### CHEAPEST AND QUICKEST

Save money and time from Fort Worth to Floydada—travel the Denver, Q. A. & P. and the—

### Floydada-Roaring Springs Auto Mail Line

\$ 2.46 cheaper than by Amarillo, \$1.11 cheaper than by Sweetwater; 6 hours quicker than either route. \$3.25, including war tax, one way to Roaring Springs or Matador. PHONE NO. 12

C. C. WRIGHT, MANAGER

## The Olympic to Re-open Saturday, January 5th

The management of the OLYMPIC THEATRE is pleased to announce that the show will re-open on Saturday night, January 5th.

The building has been thoroughly renovated and fumigated so that you need not fear any Influenza Bugs hiding in the corners.

Our re-opening feature will be one of the Famous Blue Bird Photoplays and we will also show an L-K-O COMEDY. Same old price.

FOR THE PRESENT WE WILL SHOW WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS

THE OLYMPIC THEATRE  
J. H. DONALDSON, Manager

**The Hesperian Want Ad Department**

st received a carload of barbed wire at C. Surginer & Son's. 43-2tc

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere. Phone 141. 4tc

For marble monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 9-ff

FOR SALE—Good bundle sorghum and kaffir, well grained. See me two miles east and one north of Lockney. D. E. Covington. 40-4tp

Just received a carload of barbed wire at C. Surginer & Son's. 43-2tc

FOR SALE  
Good piano. Will sell cheap or trade for bonds. Mrs. A. A. Tubbs. 41-2tp

Save agents 25 per cent commission. South Plains Monument Co. Plainview. 27-tfc

Just received a carload of barbed wire at C. Surginer & Son's. 43-2tc

All work finished and erected by experts. South Plains Monument Co. Plainview. 27-tfc.

Liberty Bonds or Vendors Lien Notes will buy nice home in Floydada Easy terms. See W. M. Massie & Bro. 25-tfc

Just received a carload of barbed wire at C. Surginer & Son's. 43-2tc

Come to Plainview and select your monument from complete stock, transportation allowed on purchases. South Plains Monument Co. Plainview. 27-tfc

FOR KODAK FINISHING—The Majestic Studio. The best of work in the shortest time. Developing 10c, 4 and 5c ex-print. Majestic Studio, Paducah, Texas. 41-2tp

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STRAYED—One Jersey heifer yearling. At A. J. Fanning's one mile east of Floydada. 41-2tp

WANTED—To sell twenty to fifty thousand bundles of good feed, or would winter one or two hundred head of stock reasonable. Geo. Lee, Silvertown, Texas. 43-3tc

**DEEP TEST WELL**

We give below a few questions asked by the land owners in regard to the deep test well to be drilled in Floyd County.

The name of the company is South Plains Oil & Gas Co.

How deep is this test to be drilled? At least 4,000 feet.

Where is test to be drilled? On some of the leases, the exact location to be determined by geologists.

What is capital stock to be? This will be determined by the acreage secured and the cost of the well, casing, fuel, water, etc.

If I lease my land will that interfere with selling or farming or renting same? No. An oil and gas lease only applies to oil and gas values.

If I lease my land and take stock in the company for my first year's lease will I have an interest in all the leases and the well? Yes.

Who is trustee for above company? L. A. Marshall.

How long before you agree to drill on each individual's land if the test well is a producer? Inside of three years.

When is test well to be started? As soon as at least 30,000 acres of leases are signed up and the stock for drilling the well is sold. If you are really interested and will help get it going it can be started in 90 days.

Could I sell my one-eighth royalty as soon as I sign up my lease? Yes. And as soon as the well is started your royalty would probably be worth more than the surface price is today.

Is it necessary for wife to sign the lease? Yes.

Could I lose anything by leasing my land? No, you would be ahead. You would have the royalty to sell or keep and get the test drilled without expense to you.

I would like to see the test drilled and believe it should be done, but I do not wish to lease my land.

If all land owners were like you your land and your neighbor's land would never be developed. This is a co-operative plan. All must pull together.

What can I do to help get this test well going? See L. A. Marshall, sign up your lease and get your neighbor to do likewise.

Any other questions you might want to ask will be answered.

**LINE CAR IS MAKING GOOD SHOWING DURING SNOW**

Contrary to the prevailing idea that has gained credence in uninformed quarters the Floydada-Roaring Springs Line Car has been making its daily run with mail and passengers every day, even during the worst weather of the past month. The equipment of this line, as most everybody knows, is second to none,—big, roomy cars that are well-fitted up to keep passengers comfortable and that go there when they start. An especially big advantage in patronizing this line is given on the return trip from the east,—you save several hours on the trip, while you make the same time in less actual riding time going east.

Beginning on the first the line car leaves Floydada at 7:30 a. m. This is Mountain Time and is the same time of day as 8:30 under the Central time.

Because of continued high costs of operation we announce that beginning with this month we are increasing the fare one way from \$3.25 to \$3.50. This increase covers the War Tax as well as fare.

Again we ask you to bear in mind that the line car has been going steadily through good and bad weather, while many of the trains in west Texas have been snowbound, and that your likelihood of making your destination by way of the Floydada-Roaring Springs Car is just as good as if you traveled by train and went the long way round.

Yours very truly,  
C. C. WRIGHT, Manager.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCaskell, of Clayton, New Mexico, are here on a visit with Mrs. McCaskell's parents, Judge and Mrs. A. P. McKinnon.

Mrs. Marvin Mince, who has been in a sanitarium at Hereford, returned home Monday of this week.

J. F. Roberts and daughters, and Mrs. W. C. Wright returned home Monday from Happy, where they had been since the middle of last week with Adrian Roberts. The latter is preparing to move back to Floydada.

J. L. Messenger left this week returning to his home in Throckmorton County, after spending the fall here working with the West Texas Gin Company.

Duron Johnson has been discharged from military service and is home on a visit with his parents. He has been stationed at Camp Sheridan, Ala.

**1919**

**ANOTHER YEAR**

Here we are at the threshold of another year! May it bring to you the greatest prosperity and happiness you have ever known!

We wish to thank you for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the past year, and hope that 1919 will witness a continuance of our happy relations.

**The Martin Dry Goods Company**

"THE STORE WITH THE GOODS"  
Northwest Corner Square Floydada, Texas

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

In reflecting over our past business we are very grateful to our customers for the business we have had during 1918.

It has been a trying year in many ways, but we have tried in every possible way to do our part toward making the best of things for everybody who has dealt with us. The fact that you have given us a very liberal patronage and continue to do so makes us feel that our patrons are not only our customers but also our friends.

In beginning the new year, prospects are bright, conditions better generally, but many things in the markets of the world are yet to be adjusted. One question is in the minds of everyone,—will prices go down? No one can answer this question now. It remains for the future to tell,—one man's guess is as good as another's. But one thing you can be sure of,—whether they go up or down,—we shall continue our plan of taking only a fair margin of profit, passing on all we can to our customers.

We have found the cash basis of doing business the most satisfactory and believe that our customers have. We wish to announce that we will stick to this plan during the New Year 1919 and ask that you be of assistance to us in carrying it out, by not asking for credit.

Assuring you again of our appreciation of past patronage and hoping that our relations in 1919 will be as cordial and mutually beneficial, we are, Yours truly,

**Edwards Grain & Elevator Company**

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS