

## Machinery of Classification Set in Motion

FIRST SIX PER CENT OF QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED TO REGISTRANTS

The Local Exemption Board for Floyd yesterday set in motion the machinery of classification for the 854 draft registrants in Floyd County, not already inducted into military service, when they mailed out the first six per cent of the questionnaires for Floyd County. According to their plan fifty-two questionnaires will be mailed out daily until the list is entirely gone through and all registrants have received their blanks.

The delay from Saturday was due to a failure to receive complete sets of all blanks.

This morning the Legal Advisory Board opened offices in the District Clerk's office, at Floydada, where they will assist registrants in filling out their questionnaire blanks. The board will also have offices at Lockney, where Judge Stalbird, assisted by a competent corps of assistants, will assist registrants. This service is given free to registrants as a patriotic aid, and no charges are to be made for affidavits or other matters to be attended to in connection with its work. Judge A. P. McKinnon is chairman of the board for this county and C. K. Holloway is secretary. All associate members of the board have been sworn in and can administer oaths.

It will require 16 days for all the questionnaires to be mailed out by the exemption board, and it is estimated that from 30 to 60 days will elapse before all registrants are classified.

## ANOTHER CAR OF COAL GOES LIKE HOT CAKES

Edwards Grain & Elevator Company had another car of coal this week, which was gone early in the day after the seal had been broken. Heretofore very few town customers have been able to obtain any of the coal supply being received, the needs of the surrounding territory being so great. Practically half of this car was unloaded to town customers in small quantities.

Local officials and dealers have the promise of aid from the Federal Fuel Administration and it is anticipated that the shortage will be relieved soon by an adequate supply.

Sam Hembree and family moved last week to the Hereford country. He is a brother of W. S. Hembree.

Hesperian Ad Liners Get Results.

## CANS AND BOTTLES WILL BE CLEANED UP IN FLOYDADA

The streets and alleys of Floydada are to be relieved of the cans and bottles now decorating them sometime during the next 30 days, and all the cans, bottles and rubbish of a similar nature will also be moved from the city dumping grounds, according to a contract which the city made this week with parties who will ship the rubbish out of town, presumably to junk dealers.

The mayor urges that all cans and bottles be gathered up on the premises of residents of the city and placed in the alleys so that they will not be overlooked by the junk men. "We have an opportunity to get our streets, alleys and premises cleaned up at no expense whatever to the people of the town," Mr. Boerner said last night. "And every citizen who has the civic attractiveness of his own premises and of the streets and alleys at heart, should co-operate to the fullest extent."

## CHRISTMAS PARCEL POST BUSINESS IS PICKING UP

The local postoffice began to feel the swell of the Christmas parcel business the latter part of last week, handling mostly outgoing parcels. Wednesday the outgoing Christmas parcels required eight parcel post sacks. Several sacks of incoming parcels have also been received.

The week beginning tomorrow, it is anticipated, will cover the heaviest rush of Christmas mails. No additional clerks have been added to the force at the post office, but the force now on the job expect to be able to handle the extra rush by working longer hours.

## HAWAIIAN TROUPE WILL BE ATTRACTION NEXT WED.

Vierra's Royal Hawaiians, one of the strongest Hawaiian organizations of the lyceum platform, will present their program in Floydada at the High School Auditorium Wednesday night of next week.

Hawaiian music has not lost its charm and the many patrons of the lyceum course are looking forward to this number eagerly.

## "THE LAND OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE" HOPKINS' SUBJECT

Dr. Frederick E. Hopkins' lecture Monday night at the High School auditorium, was well-received by a fairly good sized audience. His subject was "The Land of the Golden Fleece" and it appealed very strongly.

The lecture was given under the auspices of the Local Lyceum Committee, which uses the proceeds from its annual course for the benefit of civic improvement.

## Fire Works on the Taboo List

CITY ORDINANCE PROHIBITS THEIR USE AND MAYOR URGES STRICT OBSERVANCE

Calling attention to the fact that there is a city ordinance prohibiting the shooting of Roman Candles or other fire works within the city limits of Floydada, Mayor W. L. Boerner is urging that the citizens observe it very strictly, helping to add to the precautions against Christmas fires. The holiday season is considered the most dangerous time for conflagrations in Texas and to the fact that the practice of shooting fire works has been followed for a number of years is attributed much of the fire loss. The ordinance prohibiting fireworks displays in the limits is Number 4. It is published herewith:

**Ordinance No. 4.**  
Be it ordained by the city council of Floydada, Texas, that it is hereby made unlawful for any person to do any of the acts herein below prescribed within the City Limits:

- (1) To fire or discharge, within the ordinary definition of such terms, any gun, pistol or other like firearms.
- (2) To fire, ignite or cause to explode any Roman Candle, pyrotechnic, fire cracker or other like explosive within the city limits.
- (3) To kick, throw or play any football, base ball or other ball or device of amusement on the Public Square or any public street within one block of same.
- (4) To drive or ride on any public street or on the public square at an unusually fast, dangerous or reckless rate.
- (5) To ride, drive or lead any animal or bicycle or other vehicle on any sidewalk within the city limits, provided a person may lead a bicycle on the sidewalk.
- (6) To drive or operate any traction engine, or cause the same to be driven or operated upon that portion of any street adjoining the public square; providing further that it shall be unlawful to run or cross any traction engine over any culvert or bridge within the City limits without first reinforcing the same.
- (7) To leave any horse, mule or team hitched to a wagon, buggy or any vehicle or implement within the City limits, without being securely tied to a post, hitch rack or a weight of sufficient size.
- (8) To hitch or tie any horse, mule, team or other animal to an awning post, porch, sill, tree or vehicle or implement, provided that any person may tie his team to his own wagon for a reasonable length of time.
- (9) To halloo, shriek, swear or use any obscene, vulgar or loud and boisterous language within any public place.

Any person guilty of a wilful violation of any of the foregoing prohibited acts, shall be fined not less than one dollar and not more than five dollars. This ordinance shall go into effect, and be in force on and after the fifteenth day of December A. D. 1909.

Approved the ninth day of November A. D. 1909.  
W. T. MONTGOMERY, Mayor.  
ATTEST—R. C. SCOTT, City Secy.

J. J. DAVIS AND MISS MARY GRIGGS MARRIED SUNDAY

J. J. Davis, a prominent citizen of the Antelope Community and Miss Mary V. A. Griggs, of this city, were married Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the McCrary home near Antelope. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Long, of Antelope, and was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griggs and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McCleskey. Mr. Griggs is a brother of the bride.

Following the wedding the party attended church at Antelope school house and returned to Floydada at noon.

Mrs. Davis is the daughter of Geo. R. Griggs of this city, and has resided in Floydada since childhood and has a large circle of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis will make their home on the farm south of Blanco Canyon.

## TWO FLOYD COUNTY BOYS GET IN ARMY AVIATION SERVICE

Roy Snodgrass, of Floydada, and Raeburn Thompson, of Lockney, were examined and accepted for service in the aviation branch of the army at San Antonio last week. They will return home at an early date and spend a short time here with relatives awaiting their call to the service.

## Red Cross Drive "Over the Top"

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NETS 962 NEW MEMBERS IN FLOYD CO. TODATE—3 DAYS LEFT

The Red Cross Christmas Drive in Floyd County has gone "over the top" and it now remains only a question of how great a victory for mercy and humanity the campaign in Floyd County can be made during the last three days of the drive. This remarkable and cheering report was made by Mrs. L. V. Smith, chairman for the county, this morning. 962 new members had been added to an early hour this morning and the county now has a total membership of 1260 citizens. Monday was the first day officially of the drive. The chairman was able to report 600 new members at the close of the day's work and on Tuesday had a telegram from the state manager at Dallas congratulating Floyd County and its Red Cross workers on their patriotism. Through the efforts of W. L. Boerner, campaign manager for the south end of the county six committees spent Monday in the field in cars, the following persons donating the use of their cars and services for the day: W. L. Boerner, Mrs. I. C. Sarginer, W. I. Allen, Geo. Dickey, O. P. Rutledge, A. N. Gamble. Very valuable assistance has been rendered thus far by the various auxiliaries of the county, too. They have contributed very largely to the success of the campaign. Reports last night gave the following results: Center, 16; Fairview, 43; Carr's Chapel, 13; Baker 41; McCoy, 54; Sandhill 26; Lockney, with Mrs. France Baker, as campaign manager for the north end of the county, reports 173 new members. Mrs. Baker has been doing very splendid work, Mrs. Smith declares.

Having exceeded the number of new members asked of Floyd County by 424, and the goal set by the local chairman by 260, it now only remains to be

seen how great this excess can be made. Local workers are hoping that many who have not joined will do so, that every home may be represented in the Red Cross work of mercy.

## TOM W. DEEN IS CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS CLERK

Tom W. Deen, for the past three years County and District Clerk of Floyd County, is formally announcing this week his candidacy for re-election.

In making his announcement Mr. Deen calls attention to the record he has made in the office, on which he is willing to base his request for re-election. He feels that his experience in the office has made him a better qualified man to fill the many and varied duties required of a clerk and asks that these things be considered when the voters go to make up their ballots.

He has devoted his entire time to the duties of his office and has made a good record. Should he be re-elected he promises faithful attention to the duties that would be imposed on him in the office.

His candidacy is subject to the democratic primary, July 27th, 1918.

## FLOYD COUNTY GETS LIMIT ON STATE ROAD AID

A telegram today from Geo. A. Linder, County Surveyor, to Judge Thompson, carries the information that Floyd County was given the maximum State Aid for the F. F. F. Highway Road through this county by the State Highway Commission at Austin this morning.

## GOOD ROADS ASS'N. WILL NOT MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Because of the fact that the meeting date falls on Christmas Eve, it has been announced that the next regular meeting of the Floyd County Good Roads Association will not be held next Monday night, but will be postponed until the next regular meeting date unless it is convened earlier by a call from the executive committee.

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## School Holidays Increased by a Week

SHORTAGE OF COAL SUPPLY MAKES CHANGE IN THE PLAN NECESSARY, SAYS BOARD

At a meeting of the Floydada School Board on Monday night the Christmas vacation period for Floydada Public School has been extended by a week, and it will then be taken up only upon call, according to the decision arrived at Monday night by the school board in called session.

This change from one to two weeks' vacation was made because of the shortage in the coal supply now held by the schools. The school now has less than a month's supply of coal on hand, and the two weeks vacation is given so as to avoid if possible an enforced vacation at a later date. The Board hopes to get a supply of coal before the shortage becomes more acute, and the extra week vacation will give them that much grace.

At the meeting of the board the resignation of Miss Ford, teacher in the High School, was accepted effective at the close of the term tomorrow afternoon. Miss Ford is to be married during the holiday season to Dr. I. W. Hicks. Miss Lucy Marsh, of Tyler, Texas, was elected in Miss Ford's stead. The board has not had advice whether or not Miss Marsh will accept the place offered.

Mr. Savage calls attention of the patrons of the school that report cards are being sent out the latter part of this week. This done because of the long vacation period though the month lacks a little of being out.

O. B. Olson left this morning for Clifton, Texas, where he will visit during the holidays with his mother, who will also have with her for a short time a son who is in the army.

## Bran and Cake

Meal and Hulls

FOR SALE BY

A. V. Haynes Gin

## NO GINNING CHRISTMAS WEEK

All Floydada Gins have decided not to gin any cotton during CHRISTMAS WEEK, in order to give their employes a week's holidays.

Since the crop is so near out the gins feel sure that this will not be a great inconvenience to their customers.

Gins will fire up again Monday, December 31st.

A. V. HAYNES GIN, J. F. BLANTON & CO.  
L. T. LEWIS GIN

# 1917 Has Been a Good Year

## Our Deposits Show

November 20, 1915	\$129,905.34
November 20, 1916	\$368,127.72
November 20, 1917	\$452,539.44

## By Your Efforts as Well as Our Own

We have been able to make this splendid increase this year. Our prosperity is a reflection of yours and is a result of your loyalty and good will.

## We Extend Our Appreciation

For the favors of the year now drawing to an end, and express the hope that 1918 will be an even better year than 1917.

# First State Bank



# WHISTLING DICK'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING

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IT was with much caution that Whistling Dick slid back the door of the box car, for article 5716, city ordinances, authorized (perhaps unconstitutionally) arrest on suspicion. He saw no change since his last visit to this big almshouse, long-suffering city of the South, the cold weather paradise of the tramps. Whistling Dick's red head popped suddenly back into the car. A sight too imposing and magnificent for his gaze had been added to the scene. A vast, incomparable policeman rounded a pile of rice sacks and stood within 20 yards of the car. Whistling Dick, professional tramp, possessed a half friendly acquaintance with this officer. They had met sev-



The Whistler Collided With Big Fritz.

eral times before on the levee at night, for the officer, himself a lover of music, had been attracted by the exquisite whistling of the shiftless vagabond. Still he did not care under the present circumstances to renew the acquaintance. So Dick waited, and before long "Big Fritz" disappeared.

Whistling Dick waited as long as his judgment advised and then slid swiftly to the ground. As he picked his way where night still lingered among the big, rocking, musty warehouses he gave way to the habit that had won for him his title. Subdued, yet clear, with each note as true and liquid as a bobolink's, his whistle tinkled about the dim, cold mountains of brick like drops of rain falling into a hidden pool.

Rounding a corner, the whistler collided with "Big Fritz."

"So," observed the mountain calmly, "you are already pack. Und dere vill not be frost before two weeks yet. Und you haf forgotten how to vistle. Dere was a vaise note in dot last bar."

Big Fritz's heavy mustache rounded into a circle, and from its depths came a sound deep and mellow as that from a flute. He repeated a few bars of the air the tramp had been whistling.

"Dot p is p natural, und not p vlat. Py der vay, you petter be glad I meet you. Von hour later, und I would half to put you in a cage to vistle mit der chail birds. Der orders see to hull all der puns after sunrise. Goot pye."

After the big policeman had departed Whistling Dick stood for an irresolute minute, feeling all the outraged indignation of a delinquent tenant who is ordered to vacate his premises. He had pictured to himself a day of dreamful ease, but here was a stern order to exile and one that he knew must be obeyed. So, with wary eyes open for the gleam of brass buttons, he began his retreat toward a rural refuge. A few days in the country need not necessarily prove disastrous.

However, it was with a depressed spirit that Whistling Dick passed the old French market on his chosen route down the river. For safety's sake he still presented to the world his portrayal of the part of the worthy artisan on his way to labor. A stall keeper in the market, undecieved, halted him by the generic name of his ilk, and "Jack" halted, taken by surprise. The vender, melted by this proof of his own acuteness, bestowed a foot of frankfurter and a half a loaf, and thus the problem of breakfast was solved.

he dined like an admiral, and then, like a philosopher, annihilated the worst three hours of the day by a nap under the trees.

When he awoke and continued his hebra a frosty sparkle in the air had succeeded the drowsy warmth of the day, and as this portent of a chilly night translated itself to the brain of Sir Peregrine he lengthened his stride and bethought him of shelter.

A distant clatter in the rear quickly developed into the swift beat of horses' hoofs. Turning his head, he saw approaching a fine team of stylish grays drawing a double surrey. A stout man with a white mustache occupied the front seat, giving all his attention to the rigid lines in his hands. Behind him sat a placid, middle-aged lady and a brilliant-looking girl, hardly arrived at young ladyhood. The lap robe had slipped partly from the knees of the gentleman driving, and Whistling Dick saw two stout canvas bags between his feet—bags such as, while loafing in cities, he had seen warily transferred between express wagons and bank doors. The remaining space in the vehicle was filled with parcels of various sizes and shapes.

As the surrey swept even with the side-tracked tramp, the bright-eyed girl, seized by some merry, madcap impulse, leaned out toward him with a sweet, dazzling smile and cried, "Merry Christmas!" in a shrill, plaintive treble.

Such a thing had not often happened to Whistling Dick, and he felt handicapped in devising the correct response. But, lacking time for reflection, he let his instinct decide, and snatching off his battered hat he rapidly extended it at arm's length and drew it back with a continuous motion and shouted a loud, but ceremonious "Ah, there!"

The sudden movement of the girl had caused one of the parcels to become unwrapped, and something limp and black fell from it into the road. The tramp picked it up and found it to be a new black silk stocking, long and fine and slender.

"Ther bloomin' little skeezicks!" said Whistling Dick, with a broad grin bisecting his freckled face. "Wor d' yer think of dat, now? Merry Christmas! Sounded like a cuckoo clock, dat's what she did. Dem guys is swells, too, bet yer life, an' der of un stacks dem sacks of dough down under his trotters like dey was common as dried apples. Been shoppin' fer Christmas, and de kid's lost one of her new socks 'wot she was goin' to hold up Santy wid."

Whistling Dick folded the stocking carefully and stuffed it into his pocket. It was nearly two hours later when he came upon signs of habitation. The buildings of an extensive plantation came into view.

The road was inclosed on each side by a fence, and presently as Whistling Dick drew nearer the houses he suddenly stopped and sniffed the air.

"If dere ain't a hobo stew cookin' somewhere in dis immediate precinct," he said to himself, "me nose has quit tellin' de trut."

Without hesitation he climbed the fence to windward. He found himself in an apparently disused lot, where piles of old bricks were stacked and rejected, decaying lumber. In a corner he saw the faint glow of a fire that had become little more than a bed of living coals, and he thought he could see some dim human forms sitting or lying about it. He drew nearer, and by the light of a little blaze that suddenly flared up he saw plainly the fat figure of a ragged man in an old brown sweater and cap.

"Dat man," said Whistling Dick to himself softly, "is a dead ringer for Boston Harry. I'll try him wit' de high sign."

He whistled one or two bars of a ragtime melody, and the air was hushed, except for a taken up and then quickly ended with a peculiar "Pm." The first whistler walked confidently up to the fire. The fat man looked up and spake in a loud, asthmatic wheeze:

"Gents, de unexpected but welcome addition to our circle is Mr. Whistling Dick, an old friend of mine for whom I fully vouches. The waiter will lay another cover at once. Mr. W. D. will join us at supper, during which function he will enlighten us in regard to the circumstances that give us the pleasure of his company."

For the next ten minutes the gang of roadsters, six in all, paid their undivided attention to the supper. In an old five-gallon kerosene can they had cooked a stew of potatoes, meat and onions, which they partook of from smaller cans.

Whistling Dick had known Boston Harry of old and knew him to be one of the shrewdest and most successful of his brotherhood. He looked like a prosperous stock drover or a solid merchant from some country village. He was stout and hale, with a ruddy, always smoothly shaved face. The four other men were fair specimens of the slinking, ill-clad, noisome genus.

After the bottom of the large can had been scraped and pipes lit at the coals two of the men called Boston

aside and spake with him lowly and mysteriously. He nodded decisively and then said aloud to Whistling Dick:

"Listen, sonny, to some plain talky talk. We five are on a lay. I've guaranteed you to be square and you're to come in on the profits equal with the boys, and you've got to help. Two hundred hands on this plantation are expecting to be paid a week's wages tomorrow morning. Tomorrow's Christmas and they want to lay off. Says the boss, 'Work from five to nine in the morning to get a trainload of sugar off and I'll pay every man cash down for the week and a day extra.' They say: 'Hooray for the boss! It goes.' He drives to Noo Orleans today and fetches back the cold dollars. Two thousand and seventy-four fifty is the amount. I got the figures from a man who talks too much, who got 'em from the bookkeeper. Now, half of this haul goes to me and the other half the rest of you may divide. Why the difference? I represent the brains. It's my scheme. Here's the way we're going to get it. There's some company at supper in the house, but they'll leave about nine. They have just happened in for an hour or so. If they don't go pretty soon we'll work the scheme anyhow. We want all night to get away good with the dollars. They're heavy. About nine o'clock Deaf Pete and Blinky 'll go down the road a quarter mile beyond the house and set fire to a big candlefield there that the cutters haven't touched yet. The wind's just right to have it roaring in two minutes. The alarm 'll be given, and every man Jack about the place will be down there in ten minutes fighting fire. That

lazily upon convenient lumber and regarded Whistling Dick with undisguised disfavour.

"Dis planter chap," Dick said, "wot makes yer 'tink he's got de tin in de house w' m'?"

"I'm advised of the facts in the case," said Boston. "He drove to Noo Orleans and got it, I say, today. Want to change your mind now and come in?"

"Naw, I was just askin'. Wot kind o' team did de boss drive?"

"Pair of grays."

"Double surrey?"

"Yep."

"Women folks along?"

"Wife and kid. Say, what morning paper are you trying to pump news for?"

"I was just conversin' to pass de time away. I guess dat team passed me in de road dis evenin'. Dat's all."

Dinner, two hours late, was being served in the Bellemeade plantation dining room.

The talk of the diners was too desultory, too evanescent to follow, but at last they came to the subject of the tramp nuisance, one that had of late vexed the plantations for many miles around. The planter seized the occasion to direct his good-natured fire of rallery at the mistress, accusing her of encouraging the plague.

"I don't believe they are all bad," she said. "We passed one this evening as we were driving home who had a face as good as it was incompetent. He was whistling the intermezzo from 'Cavalleria' and blowing the spirit of Mascagni himself into it."



"Merry Christmas!" cried the Bright-Eyed Girl.

"I'll leave the money sacks and the women alone in the house for us to handle."

"Boston," interrupted Whistling Dick, rising to his feet, "tanks for de grub yous fellers has given me, but I'll be movin' on now. Burglary is no good. I'll say good night and many tanks fer—"

Whistling Dick had moved away a few steps as he spoke, but he stopped very suddenly. Boston had covered him with a short revolver of roomy caliber.

"Take your seat," said the tramp leader. "I'd feel mighty proud of myself if I let you go and spoil the game. You'll stick right in this camp until we finish the job. The end of that brick pile is your limit. You go two inches beyond that and I'll have to shoot. Better take it easy, now."

"It's my way of doin'," said Whistling Dick. "Easy goes. You can depress de muzzle of dat twelve lacher and run 'er back on de trucks. I remains."

"All right," said Boston, lowering his piece, as the other returned and took his seat again on a projecting plank in a pile of timber. "I don't want to hurt anybody specially, but this thousand dollars I'm going to get will fix me for fair. I'm going to drop the road and start a saloon in a little town I know about. I'm tired of being kicked around."

Boston Harry took from his pocket a cheap silver watch and held it near the fire.

"It's a quarter to nine," he said. "Pete, you and Blinky start. Go down the road past the house and fire the cane in a dozen places. Then strike for the levee and come back on it instead of the road, so you won't meet anybody. By the time you get back the men will all be striking out for the fire, and we'll break for the house and collar the dollars. Everybody cough up what matches he's got."

Of the three remaining vagrants, two, Goggles and Indiana Tom, reclined

she told me. Ketch de burns down de first and den sen a relete core to get out of soke youres truly.

There was some quiet but no maneuvering at Bellemeade during ensuing half hour, which ended in a disgusted and sullen tramps being captured and locked securely in an out-house pending the coming of the morning and retribution. For another result the visiting young gentlemen had secured the unqualified worship of the visiting young ladies by their distinguished and heroic conduct. For still another, behold Whistling Dick, the hero, seated at the planter's table feasting.

The planter vowed that the wanderer should wander no more, that his was a goodness and an honesty that should be rewarded and that a debt of gratitude had been made that must be paid, for had he not saved them from a doubtless imminent loss and maybe a great calamity? He assured Whistling Dick that he might consider himself a charge upon the honor of Bellemeade, that a position suited to his powers would be found for him at once.

But now, they said, he must be weary, and the immediate thing to consider was rest and sleep. So the mistress spoke to a servant, and Whistling Dick was conducted to a room in the wing of the house occupied by the servants. To this room in a few minutes was brought a portable tin bathtub filled with water, which was placed on a piece of oiled cloth upon the floor. There the vagrant was left to pass the night.

By the light of a candle he examined the room. A bed, with the covers neatly turned back, revealed snowy pillows and sheets. There were towels on a rack and soap in a white dish.

Whistling Dick set his candle on a chair and placed his hat carefully under the table. After satisfying what we must suppose to have been his curiosity by a sober scrutiny, he removed his coat, folded it and laid it upon the floor near the wall, as far as possible from the unused bathtub. Taking his coat for a pillow, he stretched himself luxuriously upon the carpet.

When on Christmas morning the first streaks of dawn broke above the marshes Whistling Dick awoke and reached instinctively for his hat. There he remembered that the skirts of Fortune had swept him into their folds of the night previous, and he went to the window and raised it to let the fresh breath of the morning cool his brow.

As he stood there certain dread and ominous sounds pierced his ear.

The force of plantation workers eager to complete the shortened task allotted to them, were all astir. The mighty din of the ogre Labor shook the earth, and the poor tattered and forever disguised prince in search of his fortune trembled.

The December air was frosty, but the sweat broke out upon Whistling Dick's face. He thrust his head out of the window and looked down. Fifteen feet below him, against the wall of the house, he could make out what a border of flowers grew, and that token he overhung a bed of soft earth.

Softly as a burglar goes, he clambered out upon the sill, lowered himself until he hung by his hands alone and then dropped safely. No one seemed to be about upon this side of the house. He dodged low and skinned swiftly across the yard of the low fence. It was an easy matter to vault

A bright-eyed young girl who sat at the left of the mistress leaned over and said in a confidential undertone: "I wonder, mamma, if that tramp we passed on the road found my stocking. And do you think he will hang it up tonight?"

The words of the young girl were interrupted by a startling thing.

Like the wraith of some burned-out shooting star, a black streak came crashing through the windowpane and upon the table, where it shattered into fragments a dozen pieces of crystal and china ware.

The woman screamed in many keys, and the men sprang to their feet.

The planter was the first to act. He sprang to the intruding missile and held it up to view. "It's loaded," he announced.

As he spoke he reversed a long, black stocking, holding it by the toe, and down from it dropped a roundish stone wrapped about by a piece of yellowish paper. "Now for the first interstellar message of the century!" he cried, and, nodding to the company, who had crowded about him, he adjusted his glasses with provoking deliberation and examined it closely. When he finished he had changed from the jolly host to the practical, decisive man of business. He immediately struck a bell and said to the silent-footed mulatto man who responded: "Go and tell Mr. Wesley to get Reeves and Maurice and about ten stout hands they can rely upon and come to the hall door at once. Tell him to have the men arm themselves and bring plenty of ropes and plow lines. Tell him to hurry." And then he read aloud from the paper these words:

To de Gent of de Hous:

Dere is five tuft hoboos xcept meself in de vaken lot near de road war de old brick piles is. Dey got me stuck up wid a gun see and I taken dis means of communication. 2 of der lads is gone down to set fire to de cain field below de hous and when yous fellers goes to turn de hoos on it de hote gang is goin to rob de hoos of de money youo gotta pay off wit say git a move on ye say de kid dromp dis sock in ler rode tel her merry crismus de same as

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There was some quiet but no maneuvering at Bellemeade during ensuing half hour, which ended in a disgusted and sullen tramps being captured and locked securely in an out-house pending the coming of the morning and retribution. For another result the visiting young gentlemen had secured the unqualified worship of the visiting young ladies by their distinguished and heroic conduct. For still another, behold Whistling Dick, the hero, seated at the planter's table feasting.

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But now, they said, he must be weary, and the immediate thing to consider was rest and sleep. So the mistress spoke to a servant, and Whistling Dick was conducted to a room in the wing of the house occupied by the servants. To this room in a few minutes was brought a portable tin bathtub filled with water, which was placed on a piece of oiled cloth upon the floor. There the vagrant was left to pass the night.

By the light of a candle he examined the room. A bed, with the covers neatly turned back, revealed snowy pillows and sheets. There were towels on a rack and soap in a white dish.

Whistling Dick set his candle on a chair and placed his hat carefully under the table. After satisfying what we must suppose to have been his curiosity by a sober scrutiny, he removed his coat, folded it and laid it upon the floor near the wall, as far as possible from the unused bathtub. Taking his coat for a pillow, he stretched himself luxuriously upon the carpet.

When on Christmas morning the first streaks of dawn broke above the marshes Whistling Dick awoke and reached instinctively for his hat. There he remembered that the skirts of Fortune had swept him into their folds of the night previous, and he went to the window and raised it to let the fresh breath of the morning cool his brow.

As he stood there certain dread and ominous sounds pierced his ear.

The force of plantation workers eager to complete the shortened task allotted to them, were all astir. The mighty din of the ogre Labor shook the earth, and the poor tattered and forever disguised prince in search of his fortune trembled.

The December air was frosty, but the sweat broke out upon Whistling Dick's face. He thrust his head out of the window and looked down. Fifteen feet below him, against the wall of the house, he could make out what a border of flowers grew, and that token he overhung a bed of soft earth.

Softly as a burglar goes, he clambered out upon the sill, lowered himself until he hung by his hands alone and then dropped safely. No one seemed to be about upon this side of the house. He dodged low and skinned swiftly across the yard of the low fence. It was an easy matter to vault



Feasting at the Planter's Table.

this, for a terror urged him such as lifts the gazelle over the thorn bush when the lion pursues. A crash through the dew drenched weeds on the road side, a clutching, slippery rush up the grassy side of the levee to the foot path at the summit, and he was free.

A small, ruffled, brown-breasted bird sitting upon a dogwood sapling began a soft, throaty, tender little piping in praise of the fiew which entices foolish worms from their holes, but suddenly it stopped and sat with its head turned sidewise, listening. And the little brown bird sat with its head on or side until the sound of whistling die away.

# Merry Christmas

We extend Merry Xmas and  
Happy New Year wishes

TO ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS

As the Old Year is drawing to a close we wish to express our appreciation of your valued patronage for 1917

We express our thanks not only in words of gratitude. We express our appreciation by being fair, by treating everyone alike, by making it possible for Floydada to have—

## A Store that Saves You Money

We still have some ready to wear at extraordinary Closing Out Sale Prices.

Big assortment of all kinds of playthings—Balloons given away free with purchases of toys all week.

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Free balloons to all children accompanied by adult Saturday and Monday. Be sure to bring your children.

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### CAMOUFLAGE

On the permanent staff of the Natural History Museum in London there are a few little wooden ducks, Roger Pocock says in an article on "The Art of Concealment." They are dressed in gray flannel, and each housed in a glass case with a gray flannel background. No. 1 duck is dressed in plain gray flannel and you can see her plainly at a hundred yards, because of the dark shadows cast by her neck and body, as well as by the brightness of her back. No. 2 duck is slightly whitened underneath to counteract the shadows, and slightly bronzed on top to counteract the light. Even at six feet the show case appears to be empty. There is no sign of a duck. No hawk, no fox, no sportsman with

a scatter-gun and a small dog could possibly discover or kill the invisible duck unless she moved, or made foolish quacks to guide her enemies. A great many years ago I wrote to the lords of the admiralty imploring them to go and see the invisible duck who could teach them priceless lessons in the art of concealing battleships and cruisers. They promised faithfully, so I have no doubt they called and left their cards.

Am I giving away a secret, or letting cats out of bags? From all I hear the British Navy of today can show the invisible duck that she is a mere beginner in the art of camouflage. In the current number of Puck you may see a tramp steamer impersonating a German sausage works. That is a joke, but the British fleet delights in

playing practical jokes on the Germans. You may have noticed, for example, that the U-boat campaign is not a complete success, and that the British Lion does not as yet sit up to beg for mercy.

If you would study camouflage by land go look at the wild animals. See how the tawny lion and striped tiger are painted to resemble the tall yellow bunch grass of the jungle. The giraffe is painted with a quaint diamond pattern exactly like the flickering lights among the acacia trees on which he feeds. Tife leopard, the jaguar and all spotted cats, the spotted deer, and the dappled horse are painted to imitate light under a shady tree. The pig is patched pink and brown like the sunlight, and the shadow of the denser woods. The ele-

phant is painted a hazy brown like the great trees of the densest forest. So all the wild beasts are colored for concealment in their natural landscape, while many of the mchange their clothes with the seasons, wearing white for the snowy winters, brown for the torrid summer. In exactly the same way our British armies are clothed in tawny dun for the tropics, and in khaki for the warfare in temperate regions.

The khaki blends exactly with the grasses and timber of Northwestern Europe. As for the German field-gray, it is a capital imitation of the shadows cast by woods or entrenchments on a sunny day, and blends very nicely either with rain or fog. The horizon blue of the French armies tones well into average landscape. All are useful colors. In the early part of the British made one mistake. The service cap was kept taut and smart with a wire hoop inside the rim of its flat top. So stretched the cloth reflected sunlight and presented a fine target for enemy marksmen, until we found out what was wrong. Then we removed the wire, and the cap was no longer a target. When during air raids, our men get the order "to stand fast" the army is almost altogether invisible at 2,500 feet.

In the old days our bell tents made excellent targets for heavy artillery, being visible at a distance of many miles. Now all of them are painted with a special sort of distemper, and the bolder the patches, the stronger the colors, the better. Strong painting breaks the contours of any object and so not only tents, but guns, limbers, wagon covers, and huts are made to look just like the patched and broken ground of camps and roadways. Beyond such elementary trifles in camouflage the writer may not go—with discretion. But the thing is certainly a wonderful and complete art, today.

At the present time poor Fritz is sorely puzzled. Even when we let his aeroplane observers enjoy a peep at our lines the things that they see are not really there at all, while the guns they can neither see nor photograph are playing havoc with the fond ambitions of the superman.

One must own that Fritz is artful himself, but the British Army, like the Navy, has many a merry jest at the expenses of the bewildered enemy.—The Christian Science Monitor.

Hesperian Ad Liners Get Results.

## We Are Glad

TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE GOOD BUSINESS WE HAVE ENJOYED SINCE COMING TO FLOYDADA AND WE WISH FOR EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

W. H. SEALE  
Dry Goods  
AT GAMBLE BROTHERS OLD STAND

### Germany's Pledge to America

No. 1 (July 8, 1915).—"The Imperial Government repeats the assurances that American ships will not be hindered in the prosecution of legitimate shipping, and the lives of American citizens on neutral vessels shall not be placed in jeopardy."

No. 2 (September 1, 1915).—"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

No. 3 (October 5, 1915).—"The orders issued by His Majesty the Emperor to the commanders of the German submarines \* \* \* have been made so stringent that the recurrence of incidents similar to the Arabic case is considered out of the question."

No. 4 (May 4, 1916).—"In accordance with the general practice of visit and search and destruction of merchant vessels recognized by international law, such vessels, both within and without the area declared as

naval war zone, shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives, unless these ships attempt to escape or offer resistance." All of them ruthlessly broken.

TEMPERATURE GOES FROM 4 BELOW TO 61 ABOVE  
Casper, Wyoming, Dec. 14.—From Artic temperatures to summer weather was Casper's experience today. At 6 a. m. the thermometer recorded 4 below. At noon it was thawing. At 4 o'clock the mercury was again nearing the zero mark. Tonight it is 61 above zero.

W. T. Foster, of the southwest part of the county was in town Tuesday transacting business. Mr. Foster is among those who have sons in the army. He has two sons in the cavalry, one at Fort Bliss and the other at Fort Sam Houston.

### McCOY SCHOOL

Pastor Wm. Pearn will preach at McCoy School House on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Last call to Christmas Shoppers

THREE SHOPPING DAYS  
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Home Furnishings make most appropriate gifts. Don't worry longer about what you should give. A visit to our store will save you worry.

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Including Axminster, Topestry, Velvet, Krex Congoleum and Fibre Rugs.

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Would give the most year round pleasure to the House Wife

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Are most appropriate gifts. We have many different designs from which to choose.

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Make this a Merry Christmas for the home... Buy at

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## GIFTS FOR ALL FROM YOUTH TO AGE

This store is Santa Claus Headquarters for persons who desire presents for either Youth or Old Age. You will find here the many things which appeal and make presents for which the giver will be remembered longest.

The wide range of selections both as to price and variety, will make your shopping a pleasure here.

We wish each and every one a Right Merry Christmas.

Floydada

TOM B. TRIPLETT, DRUGGIST  
Phone 215

Texas

**REDUCE FOOD CONSUMPTION**  
**Food Administration Will Recommend**  
**Reduction of Sugar Consumption**  
**and "Simple" Living**

Washington, Dec. 13.—A sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a porkless day and one wheatless and meatless meal a day will be recommended to householders in a new kitchen card soon to be put out by the Food Administration. Observance of wheatless and meatless meals will be asked in addition to the wheatless and meatless days called for now.

The normal consumption of sugar in the United States has been more than seven pounds a month for each person. A statement on food conditions was given out today.

"The food situation in Europe," the statement says, "is far graver than when the preliminary survey of the food supply of the world for this year

was made. We have an abundance for ourselves, and it is the policy of the Food Administration, by the prevention of exports, to retain for our people an ample supply of every essential foodstuff. The harvests of our allies have proved less than we had contemplated and the great curtailment of shipping by the submarine during the last few months has further prevented them from access to remote markets.

"Beyond the demands of the allies there is a call upon us by the friendly neutrals for food, and if we can not, at least in part, respond to these neutral calls, starvation on an unparalleled scale must ensue.

"Food has taken a dominant position in the war and we must ask the American people to sacrifice far more than we at first thought necessary. We have exported the whole of the surplus of wheat from this harvest, after reserving to ourselves an amount sufficient for our normal consumption of

seed and flour until the next harvest, and therefore the amount of wheat flour that the United States can contribute to mix with the war bread of our allies during this winter will be simply the amount that our people reduce their consumption, month by month.

"The allies today ask us for 25 per cent more meats and fats than we consider our monthly production permits us to send them without trenching on our own supplies, or, on the other hand, unless we can consume less. Due to the shortage in shipping, our available sugar supplies must be less than normal from the present time forward.

"Every particle of diminished consumption by the American people is one particle more for the soldiers, men, women and children of our allies and for the starving people in other countries. This is a personal obligation upon every one of us toward some individual abroad who will suffer privation to the extent of our own negligence.

"If we are to reduce the consumption of the few products which we should export abroad, we will need to eat a larger portion of many different foodstuffs which we can not export. We must not waste any foodstuffs. In this emergency only the simplest of living is patriotic."

**ODDS AND ENDS OF WAR**  
**NEWS BOILED DOWN**

"Godmothering" of soldiers and sailors is not officially sanctioned. No postmaster's pay will be increased during the war, according to an order by the Postmaster General.

The Red Cross has asked for pumps to be used in France, to take the place of those destroyed by retreating Germans.

Many officers of the Marine Corps and the Navy are members of a class receiving instructions at Washington, D. C., in defense against the use of gas.

The woman's committee of the Council of National Defense has arranged to furnish a badge to every woman who registers to work in cooperation with the committee.

In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock (coin and bullion used as money) held by the United States has increased from one-fifth to more than one-third.

The retail price of milk in England has been advanced from 14 to 16 cents a quart. The sale and use of cream has been prohibited, except for invalids, infants, and for butter making.

Work of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense has already been started in Porto Rico, and plans now made include its introduction into every Territory of the United States.

A nation wide campaign for economy in the use of coal in steam plants has been undertaken by the Fuel Administration. The Bureau of Mines is conducting the campaign, with the help of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

At a children's hospital recently established by the American Red Cross in France, an average of 350 boys and girls are being examined each day. In connection is a dental dispensary located in an old kitchen, with a dental chair improvised from a wine barrel.

In its campaign for the saving of coal the Fuel Administration declares the average American home is superheated. Eminent American physicians are quoted as saying that a room above 68 degrees Fahrenheit is too warm for health and exposes the occupants to catarrhal diseases and pneumonia.

Among the speakers to be heard in the war conferences, which are to be held in every state in the Union during the next few months, are Secretary McAdoo, Secretary Baker, Vice-President Marshall, Henry J. Allen, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Bishop Charles D. Williams and Lieut. Paul Perigord, of the French Army.

More than half of the 1,250 colored men who completed the course at the reserve officers' camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, have been commissioned as officers in the Army. Nearly 100 colored physicians and surgeons have received commissions as officers in the Medical Reserve Corps. A full fighting force of 30,000 colored soldiers, including representatives in all branches of military service will constitute the Ninety-second Division, to be detailed for duty in France under Gen. Pershing.

**RED CROSS GIVES**  
**MILLIONS TO NEEDY**  
**SICK AND WOUNDED**

**FRENCH SOLDIERS AND THEIR**  
**FAMILIES RECIPIENTS OF**  
**AMERICAN HELP.**

**U. S. SOLDIERS SAFEGUARDED**

Dental Ambulance, Canteens, Rest Stations and Recuperation Camps Among Comforts Provided for America's Fighters.

The American Red Cross, which will launch its Christmas membership campaign Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, to obtain 2,000,000 new members in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, has just completed a gift of \$1,000,000 to needy sick and wounded French soldiers and needy families of soldiers.

Twenty dispensaries in the American army zones have been established to care for the civilians and to improve health conditions in the section before the arrival of more American troops.

A dental ambulance is being provided by the Red Cross at a port in France for the use of this country's soldiers and sailors, while a nurses' service for the American army's use also has been organized.

The American Red Cross hospital distributing service sends supplies to 3,423 French military hospitals and is laying in a large stock for future needs. The Red Cross surgical dressings service supplies 2,000 French military hospitals and is preparing immense supplies for the United States army.

Ten Canteens in Operation.

In cooperation with the French Red Cross, the American organization is operating at the front line 10 canteens and is planning to establish 20 more. Twelve rest stations will soon be made ready for this country's troops at important railway centers, also recuperation camps at suitable places.

An artificial limb factory is being established near Paris and special plants for the manufacture of splints and nitrous oxide gas also are being erected. A movable hospital has been contracted for in four units, accommodating 1,000 men. A recreation center is being operated in connection with hospitals and diet kitchens.

A casualty service for gathering information regarding wounded and missing and a medical research bureau has been inaugurated by the American Red Cross in Europe.

Children's Refuge Opened.

At a point in the war zone a children's refuge and hospital has been opened. Here several hundred children have been gathered to keep them away from danger of gas and shell fire. At another point the Red Cross has established a medical center and a traveling dispensary to accommodate 1,200 children.

Infant welfare stations are to be opened in connection with each dispensary in the nation-wide system planned by the Rockefeller Foundation.

While the Red Cross is making ar-

rangements for the families through the use of beds and shelter, extensive relief work is being carried on in four of the most devastated regions to return the families to stay through the winter.

Training Disabled Soldiers.

Barracks also are being provided for the training of disabled soldiers, and the Red Cross expects soon to establish for them experimental agricultural stations.

Relief for the Belgians also is being organized on an extensive scale, for both children and grown persons. The American Red Cross is aiding the Queen in her work for the children and is assisting in the support of hospitals and other work for the relief of Belgian soldiers.

The transportation department, with a personnel of 400, handles the supplies and furnishes automobiles for use in the Red Cross work. There is an organized force at every port in France and it is able to handle about 350 tons of supplies daily. Four hundred motor car vehicles are in use, 250 of which are trucks. In addition, the organization is preparing to operate a motor bus line through Switzerland from Germany to the French border to aid in transportation of repatriates and exchanged prisoners.

American Red Cross emergency relief given thousands of Italian refugees by the expedition from France arrived just in time, according to advices received at headquarters in Washington from Maj. Murphy, in charge of relief work in Italy.

The cablegram announced that \$20,000 was given the American Consul at Venice for immediate use for refugees in Venice, Chioggia and the Littoral. Twenty thousand dollars additional was provided in case a new situation arises. Five thousand blankets and food supplies were asked for refugees at Rimini. Venice, the message said, is the crucial point, both because of the sentiment attaching to the city and on account of actual, imperative need. The more prosperous elements of the population, including workers in the industries, are reported as having left the city, and the remaining 15,000 families are receiving relief.

Forty-six carloads of assorted material have been shipped from France. Substantial purchases of supplies have been made in Europe. A warehouse has been established in Rome. Condensed milk has been distributed to children and sent from Genoa and Milan.

One or more soup kitchens have been organized and are operating in Rome, Ancona, Ravenna, Genoa and Milan. Two hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated to aid needy families of soldiers at the front.

# To Our Friends And Customers

WE EXTEND A HEARTY CHRISTMAS GREETING AND WISH FOR EACH AND EVERYONE MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE SEASON.

**PRICE--GOEN**  
**Dry Goods Co.**

# A Word of Thanks and A Pledge

The patronage which the THEATRE GOING PEOPLE of Floydada and surrounding country have given our show during the past year has been gratifying and at this season we take particular pleasure in expressing our appreciation.

We have expended much money and time, during the year making our show a better one and more worthy of greater patronage. We have now a film service which we believe no other show in a town of equal size is giving. This service includes first-run pictures of Stars of the first magnitude, whose plays are produced by the greatest producing companies in America.

And this advertisement is our pledge that we shall not lessen our efforts during the coming year to make the hours you spend here hours of real enjoyment—our aim to offer the best every night of every week, meriting a continuous and growing attendance.

# Olympic Theatre

**DON'T FALL FOR "WOEFUL STORIES" THEY SAY**

Washington, Dec. 14.—The war department has warned the public not to "fall for" published stories of men in training camps being "unhappy, lonesome and without food." In issuing the warning an instance was cited where a paper published a story of a man in camp who was in need of food and who had never received a piece of mail since he had been in camp.

The result of the article was that hundreds of women sent him special delivery letters, boxes of candy, cakes and "sweet" letters. The "lonesome" one, who could not read, spent the day having his friends read the mail to him. Investigation found that the man had been rejected by the army and had refused to leave the camp.

Erick Posey left Wednesday for El Paso where he will enlist in some branch of Uncle Sam's service.—Lubbock Avalanche.

The Hesperian and Dallas Semi-weekly News, \$1.75.

**The Old Hen's Lament**

The old hen sat in a cedar tree,  
 And said, "nobody cares for me.  
 My food is what I find about,—  
 I hunt for it till I'm frazzled out.  
 My shelter is the starry sky  
 I watch the planets sailing by  
 Until my eyes grow weak and dim  
 Then take a fresh grip on the limb,  
 And wish the morning would come.  
 My owners says I'm on the bum.  
 He wants an egg each other day,  
 And thinks I ought to sing and lay.  
 I wish he had to sit out here,  
 And live on pickets all the year.  
 I'll bet a copper, by jink,  
 He wouldn't lay an egg from till  
 spring!"

—Author still unapprehended.

**Sequel**  
 A hen walked out in the chicken yard  
 And listened to a rooster crow,  
 Then turned her back and scornfully  
 said,  
 "I lay infertile eggs, you know."

She strode to a filter cooled with ice,  
 And turned the spigot awry.  
 Then took a drink of the germless fluid  
 For the day was hot and dry.

She picked up a piece of oyster shell  
 With a dainty, lady like peck,  
 Then ate her meal, prepared by a chef,  
 To prevent germs of limberneck.

She clucked to the maid to make her  
 nest  
 With disinfected hay,  
 And turn on the fan for a cooling  
 breeze  
 While she prepared to lay.

The inspector examined the eggs with  
 a lens,  
 Then attached his label—neat,  
 So the Circle could get a dollar apiece  
 For each egg their customers eat.

H. E. Edwards spent the latter part of last week at Hereford on business.

## Governors of 5 States Appeal to Citizenship of Southwest to Enroll in Red Cross Ranks

We, the Governors of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, realizing the imperative necessity for united effort to shorten and win this most righteous of all wars, appeal to the citizenship of the Southwest to enroll itself in the ranks of the American Red Cross.

During the week of Dec. 17 the American Red Cross will add ten million new members to its roll of patriotic, self-sacrificing, determined Americans. Men, munitions and the spirit of the great American Red Cross will preserve those ideals for which we are fighting and secure a just and lasting peace. The service which the Red Cross is rendering and will render throughout the duration of the war is of incalculable value. It is not less an army than the army in khaki which will impose itself between us and our security and the deadly shell fire of the enemy. And the army in khaki will fight with greater vigor and enthusiasm in the knowledge that fifteen million American men and women stand behind it ready to relieve the suffering and anguish caused by the diabolic instruments of warfare and ready to protect the loved ones left at home.

The work done thus far by the American Red Cross in France and Belgium has stiffened the morale of the French soldiers and given them new heart by reason of its relief work among the civilian population of our allies. The suffering families of the soldiers are being ministered to by agents of mercy wearing the insignia of the Red Cross and the consciousness of this fact has strengthened the men in the trenches to bear the burden during the tedious period of our preparation. Every French, British or Belgian soldier retained in the trenches during this critical period means the saving of at least one American life. We must let our boys know that we are keeping guard over the homes which they are leaving and that the Red Cross stands ever ready to protect and safeguard the wives, mothers and children of the men who have gone to fight, in this the greatest struggle the world has ever known between autocracy and democracy. Membership in the American Red Cross is synonymous with good citizenship.

We urge every person, man, woman or child not now a member of this greatest of all humanitarian organizations, to become a member before Christmas eve and place in his window with a lighted candle behind it a red service flag as glorious emblem of the fact that the occupants of that house have enrolled in an army not less determined, not less ready to do its share than the army in khaki on whom we are relying so confidently.

Join the American Red Cross, the most powerful ally of our fighting forces, during Christmas week, so that the announcement on Christmas morning of a membership of 15,000,000 may show to our enemies that we are a united and undivided people and that, therefore, our cause must prevail.

(Signed) F. D. GARDNER,  
 Governor of Missouri.  
 ARTHUR CAPPER,  
 Governor of Kansas.  
 R. L. WILLIAMS,  
 Governor of Oklahoma.  
 WILLIAM P. HOBBY,  
 Governor of Texas.  
 CHARLES H. BROUGH,  
 Governor of Arkansas.

**\$900,000 MORE IS GIVEN TO NEAR EAST RELIEF**

The War Council of the American Red Cross announces the appropriation of an additional \$900,000 for relief work in the Near East, through the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. This appropriation is to cover relief work for the remainder of the war and makes a total of \$1,800,000 which the Red Cross has appropriated in Western Asia.

The committee is carrying on relief work not only in Asia Minor and portions of Armenia and Syria in the Ottoman empire, but also in a large section of Armenia, Russian Caucasus, Persia and Mesopotamia and portions of Egypt into which the refugees have fled in large numbers.

Save in food, in service, in clothes, in luxuries, but not in money. Give it to save the wounded, the suffering, our friends, our country.

# TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS



It is a genuine pleasure to reflect upon the mutually pleasant relations we have had with our customers and friends during the year which is drawing to a close, and at this Holiday Season we wish to express our appreciation of the Good Will extended to us in the past, and our sincere wish is that the New Year may bring to each of you Happiness and Prosperity.

**C. Surginer & Son**  
 Phone 24 Floydada, Texas

**NEWS OF LOCKNEY**

**From the Beacon**

**Good Roads Delegates Visit Lockney**  
 Tuesday night good roads delegates from the Floydada Chamber of Commerce visited with the Young Men's Business Association of Lockney and went into a thorough discussion of the good roads situation in Floyd county. The Ozark Trail is a matter that is commanding the attention of our people, with a fair chance of securing same. Recently our county commissioners attended the Ozark convention in Oklahoma, and they came back much enthused in the matter of good roads for this county.

A good roads association has recently been organized in Floyd county and a campaign for membership will soon be under way, and it is the desire of those having the matter of good roads at heart to have every taxpayer in Floyd county to become members.

Those attending the meeting Tuesday night as guest of the Y. M. B. L. were: Judge E. P. Thompson, Commissioner Roy Brown, G. A. Linder and

Gus Herberg.

**Ran Over by Automobile**  
 crossing on Main Street between John Sam's and the Reeves Grocery Company, Mr. Jones, who conducts a restaurant, was ran over by a car driven by S. C. Wise. Mr. Wise was going west and Mr. Jones was walking south. Mr. Wise honked his horn but Mr. Jones did not hear it and waited too long to get out of the way of the car. The driver thought that the man on foot saw the car and would step to one side, until it was too late to turn the machine so as to miss the man.

Mr. Jones was badly bruised, but not seriously hurt. He has been doing nicely and will soon be able to be out on the streets. The car passed clear over his body, and it was fortunate indeed, he was not killed outright.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cocherham have this week moved to their place south of Floydada.

An old maid of Plainview was asked what she wanted for Christmas, and

she remarked that she would like to have a pair of sox filled.—Lockney Beacon.

**Good Shipment of Turkeys From Lockney to New York**

The Lockney Produce Co. this week purchased one of the nicest shipments of turkeys that has been shipped from here at any time this year.

Mrs. Womack, of near Sand Hill, sold to Mr. Wilkinson yesterday afternoon 190 turkeys at 19 cents a pound which brought her a little better than \$400 for the bunch. Mr. Wilkinson went down last night from here with an auto truck and scales, the turkeys were weighed at the home and paid for with very little trouble and no extra expense to Mrs. Womack in bringing them to town.

Mrs. Brumley, who lives near Floydada, also sold and marketed 74 turkeys here on the same date, which brought her \$171.50.

Over \$100 worth of turkeys have been shipped out of Lockney this past week and every one has kept plenty for brood turkeys for another year.

Miss Emma Waller returned Monday from several days visit with her nephew, Madison Ayers, who is in training at Camp Bowie. Miss Emma reports the boys all looking fine and seemed to be enjoying camp life.

**VERNE NELSON SAYS THEY ARE STRICT AT P. M. C.**

Verne Nelson in a letter to T. H. Edwards, writes that discipline at Peacock Military College for boys is very strict. He recently entered that school with Clarence Snodgrass and Rip Snodgrass. His letter to Mr. Edwards says that all of a fellow's time is taken up with some form of work or play and that there's no cursing or smoking allowed. If a student does either or gets as many as fifty demerits he has to work it out on the woodpile or stay in the guard house for a certain length of time.

Verne seems well pleased with being in the military academy.

**Quits in Favor of the Kaiser**

The devil sat by a lake of fire on a pile of sulphur kegs; his head was bowed upon his breast, his tail between his legs; a look of shame was on his face, the sparks dripped from his eyes—he had sent his resignation to the throne up in the skies. "I am down and out," the devil said—he said

it with a sob—"there are others who outclass me and I want to quit my job. Hell isn't in it with the land that lies along the Rhine. I'm a has been and a piker, and therefore I resign; one ammunition maker with his bloody shot and shell knows more about damnation than all the imps of hell. Give my job to Kaiser Bill, the author of this war—he understands it better a million times by far. I hate to leave the dear old home, the spot I love so well; but I feel that I'm not up to date in the art of running hell.—Walt Mason.

**B. B. Greenwood**  
 LAWYER  
 FLOYDADA TEXAS

Don't Fail Read the Ads in this Issue

**FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER!**  
**Our Message to the Housewives of Floyd Co.:**

Don't worry over the Christmas Dinner. We have solved your problems. Here you can find suggestions that will make preparations for Christmas a delight rather than a drudgery. We have:

**FOR THE CAKE:**

- CITRON
- LEMON PEEL
- ORANGE PEEL
- SEEDED RAISINS
- DATES
- CANNED FIGS

**NUTS:**

- BRAZIL NUTS
- WALNUTS
- ALMONDS
- PECANS
- COCOANUTS
- WALNUTS

**Fresh Vegetables of All Kinds**

Including Turnip Greens, Mustard Greens, Radishes, Carrots, Spinach, Celery, Lettuce, Fresh Tomatoes, Cabbage, Turnips, and Sweet Potatoes.

A full line of high grade chocolates and candies for the Christmas Stockings.

We have some real bargains that will appeal to the Thrifty Shopper.

**Seales's Sanitary Store**

Phone No. 35 Floydada, Texas, Cash

We Wish  
 OUR  
**Friends  
 And Customers**  
 A Merry  
**CHRISTMAS**

**THE MARTIN D. G. CO.**  
 "The Store with the Goods"

# THE BEST PLACE TO BE WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES IS AT HOME—

## HAVE YOU A GOOD HOME?

If you want a new house, or to make an addition, we can assist you in planning, and finding what the cost will be

We have a large stock of everything in the lumber line, which was bought before the car shortage came on, and we are selling at moderate prices.

We thank our many customers and friends for their patronage during the past year, and invite you to call on us often in the coming year.

**A. G. McAdams Lumber Co.**  
J. P. Dodson, Manager

### The Hesperian Want Ad Department

#### LOST MULE

Two years old about 14 hands high, brown mare mule with white spot on top of neck where collar works; blocky. Alcorn raised mule. Bring mule in or notify me and I will pay for same. F. M. Price, Floydada, Texas. 30-2tp

#### Remember, Christmas is Coming

Plainview Nursery is already here with a good supply of Christmas trees for you. Also fruit trees and shade trees, also ornamental stock. 40-2tc.

For marble monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 9-4f

**FOR SALE**  
Good Jersey milch cows with young calves. See R. Carter. 40-2tp

We have several good black land farms in Hill and adjoining counties we can trade for good farm or ranch property in Floyd County. If you have anything to offer see us at our office over the First National Bank. 16-4tc. **FAWVER & CHRISTIAN**

Just received a car of the Peacemaker Flour, the flour that won 17 first premiums. Collin's Grocery Company. 41-1tc

That present you have been puzzling your head about just what to get come to Stephen's Store they will give you a few suggestions and help you out of your trouble. A splendid line of medium price presents. 41-1tc

Burrows hauls anything, any time, anywhere. Phone 20 or 165. 29-4tc

Toy houses, dogs, ducks, fire engines, banjos, trucks, pistols, wagons, banks, trains. All this and more at Stephen's Store, southwest from square. The new store in the new Griggs building. 41-1tc

#### HOUSE MOVING

See W. M. Colville for house-moving. 37-4tc

#### LARD CANS

10 gallons for.....75c  
8 gallons, for.....65c  
6 gallons, for.....50c  
**BROWN BROTHERS.** 41-2tc

My office will be closed during the holidays from Monday, December 24, to Friday, December 28. Dr. I. W. Hicks. 41-1tp

Pack's Cash Grocery is headquarters for fine candies and Christmas fruits. 40-1tc

**DINING ROOM TO RE-OPEN**  
The dining room at the City Hotel will re-open January first, after having been closed for some three weeks. Come around and begin the New Year by eating with us. J. A. CALLIHAN. 41-1tp.

Fresh vegetables carried in stock at all times, if it is anything in eatables you want call 88. Collin's Grocery Company. 41-1tc

**LOST, Strayed or Stolen**—coming two year old, fawn color heifer. Strayed from my place first of August. Reward for return or information. W. A. GOUND. 41-3tc

Dolls! dolls! dolls! At Stephen's Store. All sizes. All prices. Big dolls, little dolls, old dolls and young dolls. Don't forget at Stephen's Store S. W. of square in the new Griggs building. 41-1tc.

#### FOR SALE

Burbon Red turkeys. Good stock. B. L. Williamson, 7 miles east of Lockney. 39-3tp

**FOR SALE**—8 sections good smooth Plains land in Deaf Smith County, two wells on the tract, a fine ranch proposition. Price \$11.50 an acre, one-fourth cash, balance one to five years, or will sell from one section up at this price and on same terms. Crum & Winn, Friona, Texas. 41-1tc

#### FOR SALE

Buff Leghorn Cockerels. 281 egg strain. Took two first and two second prizes at county fair. Phone 117. Mrs. S. B. McCleskey. 41-4tc

Have you seen those nice manicuring sets at Stephen's Variety Store? They are certainly pretty and worth the money at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. 41-1tc.

We now have in stock a fine line of candy, apples, oranges and all kinds of nuts. Be sure and call us for anything in this line you need for Christmas. Phone 88. Collin's Grocery Company. 41-1tc

Buy Christmas Candies and fruits at Pack's Cash Grocery. 40-1tc

3370 acre ranch, all fenced and cross fenced, 400 acres in cultivation, 7 room house, well watered. Easy terms, price \$17.50 per acre, write or see Wm. Miller, Happy, Texas. 40-4tc.

**REAL ESTATE BARGAINS**  
Farm lands ranging in price from \$15 to \$35. Possession and wheat given in many cases. See or write O. J. Huggins, Silvertown, Texas. 38-4tc

For first class shoe and boot repairing bring your work to North Side Repair Shop. O. R. Eastwood. 26-4tc

#### DON'T FORGET

That fine line of candies for Christmas at the Pack Cash Grocery. 39-2tc

**Christmas Fruits and Candies**  
We have a very well assorted line of Christmas candies and fruits. Our line of candies is specially well assorted for the kiddies' Christmas stockings. Pack Cash Grocery. 39-2tc

If you are interested in a good fresh, clean stock of groceries, a fine location, also 10 acres improved with 5-room house, well, barn and other out houses, one mile east of court house, see C. W. Boothe at Griggs-Boothe Grocery, South Main St., Floydada, Texas. 39-3tc

#### 320 ACRES

First class plains land, 95 per cent tillable, located 12 miles east of Crosbyton, price \$20.50 per acre.

182 acres improved land 3 1-2 miles east of McAdoo, on McAdoo-Dickens road, 90 acres in cultivation, good new improvements, price \$30 per acre. I will take a good residence (as part payment) in Floydada, or one-fifth cash an dgood terms on balance, on the above described property. Come and see it. E. A. Ellis, McAdoo, Texas. 40-3tp

You will miss a treat if you fail to see the fine fruits and candies being shown for the holidays at Pack's Cash Grocery. 40-1tc

For cheap farm and ranch land in Farmer, Deaf Smith and Castro counties, see, Crum & Winn, Friona, Texas 38-4tp.

#### TURKEYS FOR SALE

Battleship bronze. Very best. None better. Toms \$7.50; pullets \$4.50; hens \$5.00. L. D. Hooks, Wellington, Texas, Route 3. 39-4tp

Stephen's Store buys eggs and pays a good price for them. 41-1tc

Racket goods, Xmas goods and lots of them at Stephen's Store. 41-1tc

#### PUBLIC SALE

1 Mitchell Six auto truck levied on to satisfy judgment will be sold at the court house square Floydada, Texas, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, December 22, 1917. Cor to be sold to highest bidder. Great bargain in car. 41-1tc.

320 acres 12 miles of town, 175 acres in cultivation, 4 room house, 1 mile of good school. \$27.50 per acre. \$2,000 down. Ratliff & Johnson. 40-2tc.

#### FOR SALE

160 acres of improved land 7 miles of Floydada, 1-1-2 miles of school. \$34 per acre, easy terms. Ratliff & Johnson. 40-2tc

#### LOST

Happ Crank between Fairview and Floydada, finder please leave at Main Garage, Floydada, Texas. 41-1tp

#### FOR SALE

A girl's bicycle in good condition, can be seen at Dr. Childers residence. 41-1tc.

Buy the genuine Rose Auto Pump and your pump troubles are done. Sold and guaranteed by Brown Bros. 41-2tc.

If you want a good price for your eggs take them to Stephen's Store. We pay cash or trade. 41-1tc

#### LOST

A gold lavalier chain on Main Street. Finder please return to Miss Carrie Grigsby. 41-1tc

#### WANTED TO BUY

Second hand show case. Write me if you have anything. O. L. Cunningham. Ellen Texas. 41-1tp

#### FOR SALE

A five year lease on 1 section of land at \$1 per acre. Will make the price right. See J. D. Beck, Floydada, Texas. 41-4tc.

Price and quality considered we save you money on Building Hardware auto supplies and harness. Come and see for yourself. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

Don't overlook those fine candies and fruits at Pack's Cash Grocery. 40-1tc

See S. E. Rush this week for nice wheat straw. Phone 208-F13. Four miles north east of town. 41-1tc

#### FOR SALE

1916 Model Ford touring car. See G. C. Tubbs. 41-1tp

#### FOR LEASE

640 acres of raw land for five years and a good Rumley engine with 8 plows No. 1530 oil pull. All goes. Ratliff & Johnson. 40-2tc

Our stock of groceries is the most complete in Floydada. Our prices are always right. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

Reasonable charges, quick service. That's Colville Transfer. Phone 81 or 178. 6-4f

Want a trunk hauled? Just phone Burrows at No. 20 or 165. 29-4tc

Supreme Auto Oil 50c per gallon, 5 pound cup grease 60c. Brown Bros. 41-2tc.

Transfer and hauling at any time of day. Just phone 81 or 178. Colville Transfer. 6-4f

80 acres of land 1 1-2 miles south of Floydada for sale. Price \$3450. \$1250 cash, balance 1 to 5 years. See Alva Raper. 39-3tp

We are still in the land business on the south side. List your land with us if its for sale. Hollums & Warren. 39-4tc.

**FOUND**—Small amount of money. Call at Martin Dry Goods Co. and describe. 41-1tc

We appreciate your patronage and treat you right. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

**FOUND**—Ladies pocket book. Owner call at Martin Dry Goods Co. 41-1tc

Sands & Maddox will buy your produce and pay the highest market price at all times. 36-4tc

Burrows calls for passengers anywhere in the city. Phone 20 or 165 29-4tc.

**TOWN LOTS** for sale, southwest part of town. Easy terms. See J. D. Price. 41-1tc

Let us save you money on Highest grade auto supplies. Brown Bros. 41-2tc.

**FIVE PASSENGER FORD** for sale cheap. Allen & Johnson. 39-4tc

Our guarantee is to satisfy and we leave it to you. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

Hauling of all kinds. Burrows does it. 29-4tc

Largest Swift Jewel Compound \$2.00 each. Brown Bros. 41-2tc

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere. Phone 141. 4tc

Lard cans. See Mitchell Bros. 34-4tc

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS—GUARDIANSHIP

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

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Floyd State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS—GUARDIANSHIP

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To All Persons interested in the welfare of J. B. Bishop, Baird Bishop, Eddie Bishop, Tommie Bishop and Bernice Bishop, Minors, Mrs. Jennie Bishop has filed in the County Court of Floyd County, an application for Letters of Guardianship of the Estate of J. B. Bishop, Baird Bishop, Eddie Bishop, Tommie Bishop and Bernice Bishop, which will be heard at the next Term of said Court, commencing the Third Monday in January A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in the Town of Floydada, Texas at which time all persons interested in the welfare of such minors may appear and contest such application should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Floydada, Texas, this 14th day of December A. D. 1917.

(Seal) **TOM W. DEEN,**

v5  
Clerk County Court, Floyd County, Texas.

By **LOLA WALLING,** Deputy.

41-3tc

Anent the American Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, which is to be inaugurated throughout the nation Monday, Dec 17, continuing until Christmas eve, national headquarters announces that the organization already is assisting in the care of Belgian orphans who were carried by their captors into Germany and who are beginning to be released. The first groups, consisting of 500 children each, have been received back into the Allies' territory.

These homeless children, sick and under-nourished, all between 4 and 13 years of age, will receive the best possible care from the American Red Cross, which recognizes in them Belgium's hope for its coming generation.

Twenty miles from Limoges, in the southern center of France, on a hillside of a little town called Troche, stands the famous monastery of Grande Chartreuse, unoccupied at present. There roses bloom the year round. Permission was given to use this place for the Belgian children, and it was rented from the government by the Red Cross, which supplies the funds for the work, while the personnel and management are provided by the Belgian committee. In this monastery the Red Cross hopes to bring back to life and vigor these children, in whom lies the hope of Belgium.

#### TWO OBJECTS ARE SOUGHT IN FRENCH RELIEF WORK

The American Red Cross assumes that the work done by the organization with the French must fill fundamentally two requirements:

First—That all activities contribute to the successful conduct of the war.

Second—That they relieve suffering caused by the war.

Work done with the civil population may have a more important bearing on the military situation even than work done with the forces, for men in the field will be able to carry on their work better with the knowledge that those left at home are being taken care of.

If the American people can get a real picture of the misery among those who have been and are being driven out of their homes and dumped in poverty upon other parts of the country, oftentimes ill or mutilated, they will gladly do all in their power to help.

#### Special Aid to Italy.

The American Red Cross responded promptly to the emergency created by the Italian retreat. The War Council, in a telegram to Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page, promised every effort which the Red Cross could make would be applied immediately to the relief of Italy.

#### New Uniforms for Nurses.

Owing to the limited laundry facilities in France, it has been decided that American Red Cross nurses will base hospitals and other military hospitals in France shall wear gray forms instead of the usual white.

# Pyrex Glass Cooking Ware

AN IDEAL XMAS GIFT, USEFUL AND LABOR SAVING. WE HAVE CASSAROLE, ROUND AND OVAL BAKING DISHES, PIE PLATES AND UTILITY PANS.

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# O. P. Rutledge

"THE STORE OF SERVICE."

U. S. GOVERNMENT WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

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pounded quarterly, on War-Savings Certificates paid in the same way as the interest of Liberty bonds?

A. No. The Liberty bond interest is paid every six months, but the interest on the War-Savings Certificate accumulates and is paid to you in one sum on January 1, 1923.

Q. Why isn't the interest paid in the same manner on both War-Savings Certificates and Liberty bonds?

A. It would be very complicated and expensive to pay interest every six months on \$5 stamps and for that reason the United States Government retains the interest until January 1, 1923, at which time it pays you the compound interest and the principal, amounting to \$5, the face value of the War-Savings Stamp.

Q. Shall I sell Liberty bonds to buy War-Savings Stamps?

A. No. The security behind Liberty bonds and War-Savings Certificates is the same. Keep your Liberty bonds and War-Savings Certificates but buy War-Savings Stamps also.

Q. Is the money received from War-Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps used for the same purpose as the

money received from Liberty bonds?

A. Yes.

Q. Should I take money out of the savings bank to buy War-Savings Stamps?

A. No. You should save as much as you can every day and buy Thrift Stamps and War-Savings Stamps with these savings.

Q. How did Congress authorize these War-Savings Certificates?

A. By act approved September 24, 1917.

Q. How large an amount of War-Savings Certificates can be issued under the present law?

A. \$2,000,000,000.

Transfer

Q. Can I sell or transfer my War-Savings Certificate to anyone?

A. No. The certificate is not transferable and is of value to the owner only, except in case of death or disability.

Q. Should I sell my Thrift Card to anyone?

A. No. Your Thrift Card has your name on it and should be filled with sixteen 25-cent Thrift Stamps and exchanged at a post office, bank, or other authorized agency for a War-Savings Stamp.

Registration

Q. Should I register a War-Savings Certificate?

A. Yes, if you wish to secure payment in case the certificate is lost.

Q. Am I required to register it?

A. No.

Q. Where can I register it?

A. At any post office of the first, second, or third class, subject to such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Q. When can I register?

A. At the time of purchase or any later time.

Q. Is there any charge for registration?

A. No.

Q. Can I register Thrift Stamps or my Thrift Card?

A. No.

Q. Can I register a War-Savings Stamp that is not attached to a War-Savings Certificate?

A. No.

Q. Can I register a War-Savings Certificate for anyone else?

A. No.

Q. Should a married woman use her own or her husband's name when registering?

A. Her own—Mrs. Mary Brown, not Mrs. John Brown.

Q. Suppose a married woman wishes to surrender her War-Savings Certificate which is registered in her maiden name?

A. She should sign herself Mary Jones, now by marriage Mary Brown.

Q. If I have five War-Savings Stamps on my War-Savings Certificate and have it registered and I put one more stamp on, must I have it registered again to have protection on my sixth stamp?

A. Yes. Each stamp must be registered.

Loss

Q. If I lose some detached Thrift Stamps, can I get my money back?

A. No. These stamps are of value to the bearer, just as postage stamps are.

Q. If I lose my Thrift Card, what can I do?

A. Be sure to put your name and address on the Thrift Card, so that if the finder drops it in any post-office box without postage it may be returned to you.

Q. Is an unattached War-Savings Stamp of value to anyone who finds it?

A. Yes. For this reason you should attach it to your War-Savings Certificate at the time of purchase. You should write across the face of the Stamp your name and the number of your certificate.

Q. If a registered War-Savings Certificate is lost or destroyed, what should I do?

A. If it is not returned to you within a reasonable time, report it to your Postmaster where you had the certificate registered.

Q. How do I get my money back if my registered War-Savings Certificate is lost?

A. By applying at the post office where you registered it.

Payment at Maturity

Q. Where does the United States Government pay the \$5 on January 1, 1923, for each War-Savings Stamp attached to a war-Savings Certificate?

A. At either the Treasury Department in Washington or at any money-order post office after ten (10) days' notice.

Q. Where is payment made if the certificate is registered?

A. At the post office where the certificate is registered.

Payment Before Maturity

Q. If it is necessary before January 1, 1923, to have money for my War-Savings Certificate, how can I get it?

A. If it is not registered, take it to any money order post office and it will be redeemed after ten days' written demand, as prescribed by the rules of the Post Office Department. If registered, take it to the post office where registered.

Q. What do I get for each War-Savings Stamp attached to my War-Savings Certificate if I surrender it?

A. The amount is indicated on the table, which is printed on the back of each War Savings Certificate.

Q. Can I surrender my Thrift Card for Cash?

A. No.

Q. If I must have money on my Thrift Stamps, how can I obtain it?

A. By filling the Thrift Card and exchanging it for a War-Savings Stamp, which has a redeemable value.

Q. Is the post office the only place where I can surrender my War-Savings Certificate before its maturity and get my money back?

A. Yes.

Q. How much notice must I give the post office?

A. Ten days' notice.

Q. If I should find it necessary to surrender my War Savings Certificate for cash, what rate of interest would I receive on my investment?

A. A little less than 3 per cent. The value of a stamp for each month is shown in the following table:

Month	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Jan	\$4.12	\$4.24	\$4.36	\$4.48	\$4.60
Feb	4.13	4.25	4.37	4.49	4.61
Mar	4.14	4.26	4.38	4.50	4.62
April	4.15	4.27	4.39	4.51	4.63
May	4.16	4.28	4.40	4.52	4.64
June	4.17	4.29	4.41	4.53	4.65
July	4.18	4.30	4.42	4.54	4.66
Aug	4.19	4.31	4.43	4.55	4.67
Sept	4.20	4.32	4.44	4.56	4.68
Oct	4.21	4.33	4.45	4.57	4.69
Nov	4.22	4.34	4.46	4.58	4.70
Dec	4.23	4.35	4.47	4.59	4.71
January 1, 1923	\$5.00				

Q. If I have registered a War-Savings Certificate in one city and I move to another, do I have to go back to the city where registered to get my money?

A. No. You may, by applying to the postmaster where your certificate was registered, have your registration card transferred to any post office you may designate.

Q. Can I write my name on a stamp to identify it?

A. Yes.

Information

Q. How large is a Thrift Stamp?

A. It is slightly larger than a two-cent postage stamp and green in color. What size is a Thrift Card?

A. Contains spaces for 16 Thrift Stamps and, when folded, fits the pocket. It is 4 by 8 inches in size.

Q. How large is a War-Savings Stamp?

A. It is about the size of four postage stamps and green in color.

Q. How large is a War-Savings Certificate?

A. It is a folder, size 4. by 8 inches,

containing 20 spaces for War-Savings Stamps.

Q. Where can information be obtained regarding War-Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps?

A. At post office, banks, or other agencies, or by addressing the National War-Savings Committee, Washington, D. C.

J. W. Kerby and family left Saturday for their new home at Belview, Texas, where Mr. Kerby recently bought land after selling his farm here.

THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the day before Christmas, when all through the store

A large crowd of shoppers was feeling quite sore;

They'd put off their shopping until the last minute.

And found to their sorrow that they were not in it.

They elbowed each other in manner quite rude

And seemed with the holiday spirit imbued;

The things that they wanted they found had been sold

And couldn't be purchased for silver or gold.

The clerks were all peevish, bedraggled and worn,

And wished that old Santy had never been known:

The late Christmas shoppers—they wished them no harm—

But hoped they would fracture a leg or an arm.

'Twas the day before Christmas, when all through the store

A large crowd of shoppers were feeling quite sore;

They should have bought early, the fact was now plain.

But watch 'em next Christmas—they will do it again.

—EXCHANGE.

A. N. Burgan was a business caller at the News office yesterday and stated that his new house west of the city is now completed and the family is moving in this week. Mr. Burgan moved to Randall County from Floyd county a few weeks ago.—Randall Co. Nws.

Hesperian Ads Pay.  
Do your Christmas shopping early.

Miss Jessie Green, teacher in the Lockney public schools, was here Saturday visiting with home folks.

Geo. A. Lider, wife and daughter left Saturday morning for Dallas, where Mrs. Lider will visit several weeks. After a short time spent there Mr. Lider will go on to Austin on official business, returning probably this week.

S. D. GREER IS MADE TRUSTEE SUCCEEDING DOCTOR ODE

At the last regular meeting of the trustee to succeed Dr. I. C. Oden, who district S. D. Greer was appointed trustee to succeed D. I. C. Oden, who has moved to El Paso.

Sam Goslee returned Thursday from a visit with friends at Fort Worth.

# The Cost of Giving Gifts

This Christmas may have mounted so high that by the time you get through buying for all your relatives and friends, and the sweetheart or wife, you may have run out of money with which to buy that new suit or overcoat for yourself.

## Don't Be Despondent!

Over a small matter like that, however, for there's a way out. We can take the old suit or overcoat and make it look like new. By our process of cleaning and pressing we take all the gasoline spots out of the clothes, give them that new effect with the "bright" spots removed, and make you feel like a new man when you put the old suit on again. Good clothes help a lot and if you just must have that new suit or coat, we have the samples and the experience in the tailoring game to fit you out best.

## Smith & Morris Tailoring Co., And Laundry Agency

Floydada, - - - Texas  
WE CALL FOR CLOTHES AND DELIVER. PHONE NO. 100

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Have had 25 years experience with Floyd County Lands and land titles. List your land and town lots with me if for sale or lease; and give me your abstract of title work. Office South East Corner of Square.

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

SAXON "SIX"—Five Passenger Touring Car \$1010.00 delivered. SAXON "FOUR" \$450.00 Delivered—See

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

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IF YOU USE THE ORIGINAL KANSAS GERM FREE VACCINE

250,000 CALVES

Have been immunized, not one afterward died from this disease.

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and your protection

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Dr. M. F. Husky

PHONE 65

## 4 O'Clock is the Hour Dec. 24th the Day Reagan's Garage the Place

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock will be the last day you can get tickets with purchases at our garage for the

## LADIES' PLUSH COAT DRAWING

How many tickets do you have? Be sure to list them all so that you won't have to spend much time looking through, and be sure to bring your tickets and be on hand at the hour, because if the first number called is not held among those present another number will be called, until a duplicate number is found to be there.

Tell your friends, and don't forget the hour of the drawing,—Christmas Eve Day at Four o'clock.

## Reagan's Garage

JUST WEST OF POST OFFICE, FLOYDADA, TEXAS

E. P. Parrish has returned from Louisiana where he has been the past several weeks with horses and mules for the market.

J. A. Moore returned Friday from a stay of some weeks in the northwest panhandle where he has been looking after land and cattle interests.

**MUST HAVE MORE MEAT**

**Why Backyards and Farms Must Raise More Chickens, Ducks and Geese**

Because of the war the meat reserves of the world are diminished. The herds of live stock in Europe have been reduced by slaughter made necessary in order to feed the armies. Our own meat production in the years just preceding the war was barely sufficient for our own uses. And yet we are now called upon not only to feed ourselves, but to feed Europe to a large extent. And we must do it if we win the war.

Where will we get the meat? You can do your part, on your farm and in your backyard by producing more poultry—increasing the supply of eggs and chickens, geese and ducks. Our total number of beef animals can not be increased with sufficient quickness. Several years are required to build up cattle herds. Hogs can be increased considerably in a year. They can be increased faster than any other meat animal. But poultry can be doubled in a year. It offers the fastest and cheapest possible source of meat increase. That is why it is so important that everyone help in poultry production next year.

The more poultry and eggs we produce the more poultry and eggs we will eat. The more of that food we eat the less beef and pork we will need or want—leaving that much more to go to Europe. Thus we do indirectly the thing we can't do directly. By poultry production we get quickly more meat to win the war, although we can not increase in that time the number of our meat animals.

Get some good hens. You will help win the war. You will reduce your own cost of living. You will turn waste into food. Get some good hens.

**THE ENTRE NOUS CLUB**

On Thursday evening, December 6, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Holloway very royally entertained the "42" Club at their lovely home on West California Street.

A business meeting was held and Mrs. Holloway was elected president and Mrs. Linder vice president for the ensuing term.

The first interesting feature of the evening was a contest in which Joel Chandler Harris, the author of the well known Uncle Remus Stories, figured conspicuously. The tally cards were effectively sketched in pencil with appropriate scenes of Brer Rabbit, the Tar Baby, etc.

The tables were then arranged for the games of "42", at the close of which it was found that Mrs. Massie was the "lucky" winner of high score.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Glass of Rosebud, served a delicious two-course luncheon consisting of bouillon, hot pecan buns, stuffed dates, stuffed celery, and banana whip.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Linder, Mr. and Mrs. McClesky, Dr. and Mrs. Massie, Mr. and Mrs. Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Glass, Misses Erick, Davis, Moorhouse, Messrs. Ramsey, Blaylock, and Wilson.

The next meeting of the club will be announced later. —A GUEST

C. A. Wofford, of Lockney, was in Floydada Monday transacting business.

**BORN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Max Rippe, of Coneo, Saturday, December 15, a son.

**COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION**

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It may be a fact that your local stores are not as large, or as handsomely equipped as some of the big stores, but you will agree with me that your merchants cannot possibly enlarge or improve their business beyond the extent justified by the amount of patronage accorded them.

If you are interested in bringing about better local shopping facilities it is squarely up to you and other residents of your community, to patronize home merchants, insofar as possible, where it will circulate in various channels for the improvement of the community.

There are only two possible reasons why a person should remain in any certain town or community: their duties demand it, or they simply like to live there. Isn't this true in your case?

In either event, it is to your distinct advantage to do everything in your power to assist in improving local conditions. The community belongs to you and your neighbors, and you are necessarily governed by conditions as they exist.

A prosperous community is in every instance a desirable place in which to live, as it affords its residents advantages and conveniences to the extent of its prosperity, which invariably is limited to, and controlled by the amount of local commercial activity.

**LARGE CROWD ATTENDS RED CROSS SERVICES**

**Initial Day of Christmas Campaign Drive Nets Much Enthusiasm**

The Christmas Drive for 1,000 members of the Red Cross in Floyd County by Christmas Day began Sunday, when all the pastors of the various churches called the attention of their membership to the opportunity for help now presented, and the day culminated at Floydada in a Red Cross Rally Service at the District Court Room, where Pastor Wm. Pearn of the Christian church, made the address of the evening, which was heard by a monster gathering of people, and at which time a number of Christmas members were added to the already growing list of membership.

Rev. Pearn enlarged on the work the Red Cross is doing and on the tremendous work it has yet to do, both at home and abroad. In order that the Red Cross may do adequately the things that are expected of it by the nation it must have help and much help and not only thousands but millions of active and contributing members.

The enthusiasm of the evening was added to when it was determined that volunteers would be available for a canvass of practically all homes in Floyd County, and Monday morning these began their work, six autos taking various directions from Floydada in an attempt to obtain the membership that is asked of the county,—and if possible exceed it.

The opportunity, as explained by leaders in the movement, is an opportunity for service for every home. Those who can help in an active way are asked to do so. Those who cannot can at least help with their money. It is a work which requires giving and more giving of service and money and goods.

**158 PERSONS GET COAL FROM CAR FRIDAY**

Another car of coal received in Floydada Thursday night and distributed by B. F. Yearwood & Son Friday proved an event. It was the fourth car received within the month, after the town had been out of coal for more than two weeks. It helped to alleviate the shortage in several homes, 158 persons sharing in the car to the extent of from 400 to 1,000 pounds each. The car was exhausted by noon.

Local dealers are urging that persons who have coal enough to run them even for a short period do not ask for coal from the cars which are received, in order that those who face an actual shortage may have an opportunity to supply themselves.

**MISS SABRA THAGARD DOING "BIT" FOR RED CROSS**

Miss Sabra Thagard, daughter of Mrs. Addie Thagard of this city, who is this year teaching expression at Duke, Oklahoma, is doing her "bit" for the Red Cross at that place.

On Thursday evening of last week she and her expression class gave a recital, the proceeds from which were given to the Red Cross and will stage a play on Saturday evening of this week for the same benefit.

W. A. Callaway and family left last week for Hereford, where they will make their home. Mr. Callaway has been living southeast of Floydada in the Antelope Community for some years. He has bought land near Hereford.

**TEXAS LAND VALUES NEARLY THREE BILLIONS**

Austin, December 8.—Total property valuations or wealth of Texas for 1917 is \$2,871,744,269, which is an increase of \$123,433,494 over 1916, according to the tax rolls in the comptroller's department. The total tax for 1916 was \$13,748,310,775. The total tax for 1917 is \$18,234,271, which is an increase of \$4,484,271 over the previous year.

Land values increased \$31,176,689, while the acreage in the state decreased 5,136,945 acres. The increase in railroad mileage during the year was only 21.86 miles.

The following is a summary of the assessed property valuations of the state for 1917.

Land assessed in acres, 159,814,738 acres, valued at \$1,156,973,174, compared with 164,951,675 acres in 1916, a decrease of 5,136,945 acres and increases in value of \$31,176,689.

Town lots, \$696,164,008, an increase of \$30,176,927 over 1916.

Horses and mules, 1,934,738 head, valued at \$79,632,412, increase of 52,618 in number and \$412,510 in value.

Cattle, 6,172,208 head, valued at \$109,777,067, an increase of 22,976 in number and \$12,106,706 in value.

Jacks and jennets, 12,282 head, valued at \$712,480, decrease of 852 in number and decrease of \$58,020 in value.

Sheep, 1,436,487 head, valued at \$4,176,208, decrease 196,773 in number and increase of \$393,768 in value.

Goats, 1,125,788 head, valued at \$2,338,676, decrease of 167,673 head and increase of \$24,033 in value.

Hogs, 1,031,806, valued at \$4,025,992, increase of 36,421 in number and an increase of \$745,155 in value.

Vehicles of all kinds, 607,565, value \$41,537,658, increase of 240,602 in number and increase of \$9,380,455 in value.

Goods, wares and merchandise, \$110,171,152, increase of \$8,551,748; materials and manufactured articles, \$18,048,139, increase \$9,645,326; manufacturer's tools implements machinery, \$33,745,898, increase \$1,411,255; steam engines and boilers, \$13,284,173, increase \$2,146,100.

Amount of money in banks, \$6,040,527, increase \$732,254; amount of credit in banks, \$4,156,059, increase \$178,220; amount of money other than banks, \$4,774,293, increase \$1,215,643; amount of credits other than banks, \$43,667,234, increase \$1,054,973; amount of money on hand or on deposit, \$24,507,927, increase \$6,425,972; value of bonds and stocks, \$1,654,750, increase \$299,466; amount of value of shares of capital stock, \$2,018,270, increase \$624,149; value of property of all corporations, \$14,797,352, increase \$6,181,504; miscellaneous property, \$68,019,691, increase \$4,013,358.

State and national banks, 240,917 shares, value \$74,985,041, increase \$7,112,583 in value and same number of shares.

Railroads assessed in miles, 15,614, value \$145,379,464, increase 21.86 miles and decrease of \$2,176,798 in value; value of rolling stock, \$31,679,373, decrease of \$861,783; intangible assets, \$145,578,459, decrease of \$7,817,156.

City railroads and interurbans, 1,124 miles, value \$12,052,613, increase \$1,614,592; steam boats and pipe lines, 2,740, value \$11,361,381, increase \$900,188; telegraph and telephone lines, 22,383 miles, value \$10,928,109, decrease of 5,161 miles, and decrease of \$418,081 in value.

1917 tax rolls, total value \$2,871,744,269; total tax, \$18,234,271.

1916 tax rolls total value \$2,748,310,775; total tax, \$13,748,310,775; increase, total tax, \$4,484,250.

1917 tax rolls, total value \$2,871,744,269; total tax, \$18,234,271. Supplemental rolls for for back years, total value \$1,651,822; total tax,

\$5,770. Total, \$2,873,296,161; total tax increase, \$18,240,042.

**C. S. JONES BUYS HARDWARE BUSINESS AT DIMMITT**

C. S. Jones has bought a hardware business at Dimmitt, in Castro County and is making arrangements to move to that place about January first to take charge.

He is well pleased with conditions there and expects to do a good business at Dimmitt. He was formerly in the hardware business here for some years.

**RANGER VISITS FLOYDADA**

Byron B. Parrish, of Austin, Texas, Sergeant in the Texas Ranger Service, was here this week on a visit with his brother, E. P. Parrish and family.

This is Mr. Parrish's first visit to Floydada since shortly after 1900. At that time he was here on official business with ex-sheriff E. C. Henry.

**\$219.06 WORTH OF SAVINGS STAMPS ARE SOLD**

Postmaster F. P. Henry had sold a total of \$219.06 worth of War Savings and Thrift Stamps up to Monday noon. This is an increase of practically \$100 during the week since last report. It is a very small beginning for the large amount which the government hopes to sell in Floyd County.

**BLACK LOSSES SUPPLY PREVENTED BY CUTLER'S BLACKLEG PILLS**

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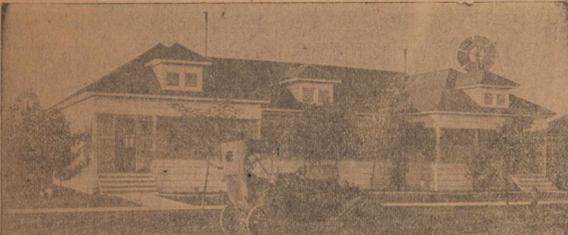
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**If You Want to Sell Vendor's Lien Notes**  
Or get a loan on your farm or ranch see us. We can get you the money. We have been making loans in this County four years and have secured money on all applications. Interest rate eight per cent. If your land is for sale we have the buyers. Abstracts furnished on short notice.  
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**JACK RABBITS**

State Department of Agriculture Says They May be Turned Into Source of Revenue

State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas.—The Jack Rabbit, now a pest in many parts of the state, can be converted into a source of large revenue. Their meat is nutritious, savory, may be served in many ways and their pelts are in demand at satisfactory prices.

During the very high price of meat the use of rabbit meat will be economical both for local consumption and for shipment to northern and eastern markets.

They may be caught in large numbers on the plains by co-operative community drives and shipped in carload lots to cities to be sold direct to consumers or to be placed in cold storage for future use; or they may be caught or killed by individual hunters and shipped to smaller towns for immediate use.

The National Provision Company, 215 South 8th Street, Waco, is in the market for both jack rabbits and cottontails by the dozen or in carload lots. They give the following suggestion on how to dress, pack and ship rabbits:

If rabbits are caught in traps or pens, they should be killed by hitting them on the head behind the ears with a heavy stick. Next cut the jugular vein on each side of throat and hang the animal up, head down, to bleed. While bleeding you should proceed to dress it as follows: Remove the paunch and entrails by cutting a slit down the middle of the belly, beginning at the breastbone. Take out the paunch and entrails, but leave the lungs, heart, liver and kidneys in place. Do not remove head, feet, or skin. After dressing wipe out all blood with a damp cloth. Then let the carcass hang until the animal heat escapes and you are then ready to pack and ship. In warm weather use ice and ice-pack the same as fish. In cool weather pack in boxes about the size of egg cases or orange boxes. It is best to pack with partitions or slats between each layer so that the air can circulate freely.

This Company writing under date of November 16, 1917, to Mr. E. W. Cole, Director of Markets, State Department of Agriculture, says:

"We have arranged to open buying stations at Eamesa and Henrietta, Texas, and will open others at Amarillo, Sweetwater, Abilene, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, and Enid, Oklahoma.

"We especially want to get in touch with those in communities where they have rabbit 'drives' and where we are guaranteed a minimum of 2,000 jack rabbits in two or three days time, we will contract to buy them f. o. b. nearest railroad point to the drive and have a representative on the ground to receive and pay for them."

It is suggested that those, who intend to "pull off" rabbit drives in the near future, get in correspondence with the above firm so as to have their buyers present who will take all the rabbits killed and pay the cash for them.

In hunting rabbits it is better not to shoot them with a shot gun as that reduces the value of the meat. Shoot them in the head with a rifle, when possible.

**MISSIONARY NOTES**

The society was asked to meet at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. N. W. McCleskey, Monday, December 16th at 2:30 for the purpose of installing officers for 1918.

After assembling we were first asked as a society, to select the memorial windows for Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCarty in the new Methodist Church. Mr. McCarty had made the society a present of \$72 last year on Mrs. McCarty's birthday and \$100 this year. We decided to use the money for memorial windows. The society voted to take a window at \$110. The Juniors, under Mrs. Robbins, had raised this last year \$120, had given \$100 toward the church building and wanted to use the remainder in memorial windows for Catherine Callihan and Geraldine Newell. The windows for each are \$25. Mrs. Robbins could not be reached over the telephone, so the society decided to select them. Our society wanted to help \$22 on the windows. We think Mrs. Robbins and the children deserve a great deal of praise and encouragement for this year's work.

The society selected for our next year's book, "An African Trail," written by Jean Kenyon MacKenzie. It is said that God made Africa and then went away and forgot it, because we were so slow in opening our missionary work. The book begins with the first missionary to Africa and continues to the present day. Mrs. D. D. Shipley is to be our teacher this year. We ask every woman who is interested in humanity to lend her encouragement by presence, prayer and will prepared lessons. Why should we not have 40 women in our class this year?

we have never had a better class nor more interesting or better prepared than last year under Mrs. MacKenzie's leadership. Let's make a special effort to outstrip what we did last year in every department. You do not have to be a member of the society or belong to any certain church to be a member of the class. Our book is inter-denominational. The Presbyterian Board has selected the same book for their study this year. We hope to visit them and they us during the year as has been done the past year. Both societies get good from our coming together.

The following women have been appointed as captains for the circles: Mrs. N. W. McCleskey, Mrs. Wilson Kimble, Mrs. Wooten, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Hughes. Mrs. S. B. McCleskey was made captain of the free will offering circle.

We had as a guest Monday grandmother Andrews and she was a benediction to all.

We were served by the hostess with delicious refreshments. She was assisted by Mrs. Triplett, Miss King and little daughter, Muriel.

As a climax to a full afternoon the society was presented by little 6-year old Muriel McCleskey with a \$16 check given her by her father and mother to be donated as a Christmas Gift for a bed for Albert Downen at the Waco Orphanage. This is the boy this society is clothing at the orphanage. We gave her a rising vote of thanks.

The society has met all its obligations for the year.

—PRESS REPORTER.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good little boy and I want that little drum Christmas.  
Orval Eastwood.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little crippled girl nine years old. I have been crippled one year the 20th of last October. I am going to school learning fast and I want you to bring me a big sleeping doll, set of dishes and a little stove and be sure and don't forget my little sister, Georgie, she wants a big teddy bear and don't forget mama and papa. Be sure and bring us lots of nuts and candies. You will find the cakes on the table ready for you.  
Your little friend,  
Vio Pitman.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl seven years old. I want you to bring me a big doll a set of little dishes and lots of good things to eat. Please don't forget to bring me a pair of little red mittens. Dear Santa, please don't forget my little baby sister, Zora, she wants a big sleeping doll with a long dress and a little doll wagon and lots of candies and nuts. Santa, please don't forget mama and papa.  
Yours truly,  
Maudine Pitman.

Dear Santa:  
We are two little boys and 9 years old. Please bring us a little wagon and a little bank, and please bring us some fruit, candy and nuts. This is all we want this time.  
Your little friends,  
Preston and Sidney Bartlett.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a foot ball and a cow puncher's suit and an air gun and some roman candies and fire crackers. Bring little brother a glass pistol with candy in it and a red ball, too. I have been a good boy and don't fight brother much.  
Your friend,  
Chas Elden Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you would bring me for Christmas, a foot ball and a bicycle. I wish you would bring me some nuts candy, fruits and all kinds of fire works and some thread and knitting needles. I am a boy but I can be a girl and knit any way.  
Your loving friend,  
Roy E. Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:  
This is Russel King, if you have any rocking horses or tricycles I believe I would like to have one as I have a little brother—Raymond—and we need something to play with.  
Lovingly yours,  
RUSSEL.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will write you a few lines this morning as it is too bad for me to go to school. I have to go 4 miles. I want you to bring me some fruit, candy and nuts, and a big doll. Brother Moine wants a rain coat, a pair of over shoes and a pair of fwarm gloves. Don't forget my little brother, Johnnie, and little Macill James.  
Your two little girls,  
Marie and Minnie Lea Carothers.

Fred Baker, son of Mrs. A. S. Baker, who formerly resided west of Floydada a few miles, is now in the navy training for service. He is at Great Lakes, I

**NEWS OF CAMP TRAVIS**

Privates Guy J. Shaffer and Harry R. Stanley, both of Floydada, now in training at Camp Travis were appointed first class privates in their battery on the first day of this month. This appointment entitles them to an increase in pay, and it also shows that these men are making good as soldiers and that they have attained the first step in the line of promotion.

Richard O. Thompson, of Floydada, Texas, has recently been rendering a very beneficial service in Battery C 345th Regiment Field Artillery to which he belongs by assisting in educational advancement of other members of the Battery who have not heretofore had advantage of school training.

The soldiers of Camp Travis know that Christmas is coming, and so do the employes of the big postoffice that handles the mail that is sent by, or sent to the soldiers of this big camp. To the end that the things sent the soldiers at Christmas time may be delivered in the best possible manner, the following rules should be followed: Under the general caption of "Eats" all sent should be packed to stand the trip. Food packed in such flimsy containers as a shoe or hat box, is food wasted, if sent through the mail. Only the heaviest kind of cardboard, or better still, light weight wooden boxes should be used in packing eatables.

Don't send liquids through the mail, unless in liquid proof containers. Glassware must be in wood or double faced corrugated paste board boxes, well packed.

It is absolutely necessary to place the correct and complete address on every package. This address must be legible, and it must show the organization to which the soldier belongs. An address of simply "Mr. John Smith, Camp Travis, Texas," is almost worthless, for there may be several John Smiths. But "Private John Smith, Co. A, 359th Inf., Camp Travis, Texas," enables the postoffice authorities to locate the party for whom the mail is intended at once. It should be remembered there are less than a dozen cities in Texas with as large a population as Camp Travis and it takes the strongest kind of co-operation on the part of all parties to insure that mail matter reaches the soldier it was intended to reach.

The postoffice authorities permit requests "Do not open Until Christmas," or words to that effect to be placed on the outside of packages. The name of the sender should also appear.

But above all see that Christmas greetings are well packed. Send them early. Insurance rates are reasonable and articles of value should be insured against non-delivery. The postal authorities are anxious to give the soldiers the very best possible service. This can be done only with the active and intelligent co-operation of the folks back home.

The fight against disease at Camp Travis never ceases night or day. Every little thing that will be of assistance in this guard against ill health is given prompt and thorough attention. Just to show to what ends this fight is being carried, a General order has been issued by Division Headquarters requiring all barbers employed at the various shops in the camp to wash their hands with soap and water before attendance upon each man. Towels used in a barber shop on one man, must not be used again until they have been laundered. All shaving cups and shaving brushes must be scalded after each shaving.

Incidentally it may also be stated that in many of the organizations, a flat rate of \$1.00 a month per man is made, which entitles the soldier to receive two shaves per week and two hair cuts per month. This arrangement is not compulsory, but the cheapness of the service has induced practically whole companies to enter into such an agreement. It may also be mentioned that since beginning life at Camp Travis, the general desire for neatness and cleanliness in many of the soldiers has grown with rapid strides. A well trimmed head of hair and a cleanly shaven face are more in keeping with the uniform than a stubby growth of beard and a collection of disheveled hair. No man can be a good soldier in every sense of the word and be slouchy in his personal appearance.

For the benefit of those who may visit relatives and friends at Camp Travis it should be stated that the best time to come to San Antonio is on a Saturday. The next best time is on a Wednesday. The reason for this is that on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays the soldiers not on duty—such as guard or the like—are free to do as they like. The same is true on Wednesday afternoons. There is so much to learn that all other time of the soldiers is practically taken up in training. Christmas furloughs will be very few and given only in exceptional cases. War is no respecter of holidays or feast days and every moment must count for advancement in the making of a soldier.

**"HALF AND HALF" VARIETIES OF COTTON POOR SELLERS**

Abilene Dealer Urges That "Half and Half" Varieties be Tabooed in West Texas

The Hesperian is in receipt of the following article on "Half and Half" varieties of cotton from Geo. Finberg, widely known cotton factor of Abilene:

"It is a very important proposition for the coming crop to consider most carefully theselection of the cotton seed that is to be planted. There are a number of early producing seed known in the cotton world as "half and half" that is absolutely unmerchantable and untenderable on any contract in the world.

A vigorous campaign was started two years ago against "half and half" variety, as it had proved very disastrous to any territory that had planted it and the minute that it becomes known to the world that "half and half" cotton had been planted in certain territories, it was absolutely impossible to sell that territory's cotton, for within 1-2 to 2c a pound of the better staple varieties. This penalty would naturally make anyone realize that it would be foolish to plant the "half and half" variety, as it would cost the county hundreds of thousands of dollars in loss of price on account of having that very inferior variety which is worthless to 90 per cent of the spindles of the world, as it is absolutely impossible to adjust spindles to that short a staple.

"The value of good staple cotton has been well demonstrated this year that it pays to plant it regardless of the cost or price of the seed, and it is very important to the whole western country to buy the very best seed obtainable of the variety known as the East Texas or North Texas staples. In other words, it would be foolish to try to plant long staples because that requires a low climate and lots of moisture. There is lots of seed in North Texas and East Texas that would be adapted to this country, and the value of the staple would increase the selling price of cotton from \$5.00 to \$15.00 a bale, so it is quite evident that this good staple will be worth so much to the country that it would pay to handle it at any price.

"I is quite important that this is not overlooked in considering the planting of the next crop, and steps ought to be taken immediately to obtain the very best seed possible with a view of raising the standard of West Texas cotton instead of lowering it much worse than it has been this year.

"It has been considered by eastern and Southern Mills as absolutely impossible to get any cotton from western Texas that is not almost valueless. This is brought about by the fact that they consider that the staple was worthless so it is evident it is going to be absolutely necessary to raise the standard of the staple by buying good seed and the urgent necessity of same should be given most careful thought."

**McCOY NEWS**

McCoy, December 18th.—Xmas is very near at hand. We are afraid it will be dull on the account of so many cases of lagrippe.

Rev. G. W. Tubbs filled his regular appointment here Sunday and delivered some fine sermons.

Mr. Hurst entertained the young folks with a singing Sunday night. A large crowd attended.

Mr. Reynolds and family left for their new home in Fannin county last Thursday. We hope they will be well pleased with their new home.

Mr. Jim Dier left for New Mexico last Wednesday to see his sister.

Misses Clyde and Ila Carpenter of Center spent Sunday with Bud Jackson and family.

S. E. Lowrance and wife have just returned home from a visit to see her mother in Knox county.

Miss Vivian Manning of Floydada spent Sunday night with her brother, Vincent Manning.

The ladies of this community met at W. E. Smith's last Thursday evening and organized a Red Cross society. We want every one to come and join and help us out. Let's be patriotic.

Messrs Otis Murry and Willie Hulcey left for New Mexico last week.

There of J. E. Hammit's children are sick with the Lagrippe.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. John McSpaddin, a daughter.

**TEMPERATURE GOES FROM 4 BELOW TO 61 ABOVE**

Casper, Wyoming, Dec. 14.—From Arctic temperatures to summer weather was Casper's experience today. At 6 a. m. the thermometer recorded 4 below. At noon it was thawing. At 4 o'clock the mercury was again nearing the zero mark. Tonight it is 61 above zero.

W. T. Foster, of the southwest part of the county was in town Tuesday transacting business. Mr. Foster is among those who have sons in the army. He has two sons in the cavalry, one at Fort Bliss and the other at Fort Sam Houston.

**BROWN BROS.**

WISH YOU, ONE AND ALL,  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

OUR GUARANTEE IS TO SATISFY AND WE LEAVE IT TO YOU

**BROWN BROS.**

**AUTO MAIL LINE  
FLOYDADA—ROARING SPRINGS DAILY**

**OFFICIAL SCHEDULE:**

Leave Floydada	Leave Roaring Springs
8 a. m.	1:30 p. m.
Arrive Roaring Springs	Arrive Floydada
11:30 a. m.	6 p. m.

RATES: \$3.00 EACH WAY

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**PERSONS IN DRAFT AGE MAY ENLIST YET**

New Rule Says Registrant Must be Inducted Into Service Through Local Board, Though

Washington, Dec. 17.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today issued to governors new rules under which men of draft age may join the colors at their own request. White men only may be accepted and they may enlist only in the infantry, signal corps, medical corps and quartermaster's department. Supply conditions are such, General Crowder said, that no men can be accepted in the coast artillery, field artillery, cavalry or engineer's corps.

Volunteer enlistments in the regular army by men of draft age ended at noon last Saturday, and they may be inducted into service now only through their local boards.

General Crowder's telegram specified these camps to which men accepted to the special services open to them may be sent.

Aviation section, single corps to Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas; Land division, signal corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Medical department, to medical officers' training camp, Fort Riley, Kansas; by local boards west of the Missouri river and to the medical officers' training camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., by boards east of the Mississippi; quartermaster corps, Camp Joseph E. Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.; ordnance department, Raritan Depot, Raritan, N. J.; infantry to Fort McDowell, Calif.; by local boards of Pacific coast states, and to Camp Green, Charlotte, by all other boards.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Pastor Wm. Pearn will preach at the Christian church on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.  
Bible school at 9:45 a. m.

On Monday night a Christmas tree entertainment will be given at the church.

**HARMONY HOME TALENT TO PRESENT PLAY AT LAKEVIEW**

Home talent of Harmony School District will present the play, "A Kentucky Belle" at Lakeview School Auditorium on Saturday evening of this week, according to the announcement made recently.

The play has been presented very successfully at Harmony and also at Starky, the Starky presentation having been made on Saturday night last.

Proceeds from the evening's entertainment are to be divided between the two schools.

**MRS. T. H. BENTON'S GRAND-MOTHER DIED WEDNESDAY**

Mrs. Noah Hubbard, grandmother of Mrs. T. H. Benton, of this city, died Wednesday morning at 6:30 at a Fort Worth Sanitarium. This information was received by Mrs. Benton in a telegram from her mother, Mrs. W. E. Buckley Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hubbard had been in poor health for some years and had spent the last two or three years in a sanitarium.

**WILLIAMS-RAPER**

A wedding of great interest in the Prairieview neighborhood was that of Miss Nellie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams, and Lester Earl Raper, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Raper, of Floydada, which took place at the bride's home Sunday afternoon at two thirty o'clock, December 9th. Reverend A. B. Roberts, of Plainview, performed the ceremony.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a white serge dress, neatly trimmed, with accessories to correspond.

Immediately after congratulations were extended to the couple, the entire crowd left for church at Prairieview. They will make their home in the Prairieview community.—Plainview Evening Herald.

R. E. Warren left Tuesday for Wolfe City where he will spend the holiday season.

**OUR WISH IS THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS MAY BE FULL OF JOY AND PEACE.**

And that it may not be disturbed by a loss by fire.

**But Be Careful**

Because there are always more fires during the holiday season than at other times. At least be safe. Get your fire insurance policy today. We know how to take care of our customers and represent a number of the strongest OLD LINE COMPANIES.

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