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RECKLESS AUTO SPEEDING

Baird has been exceedingly fortunate in never having had any serious auto accident, but if something is not done to check reckless driving on the streets, which is practically an every day occurrence, there is danger of some serious accident.

We understand that County Attorney Surles is going to take a hand in the enforcement of the speed law. It is as much a violation of the State law to speed on the streets of a town as on a public road. Better slow up a bit; most of you are violating the law and know it, don't you? Do you know that if a serious accident occurs because of your reckless driving, in which some person is killed that you might have to answer to a charge of murder. The auto is a great convenience and pleasure to those who own them, but the streets of Baird and other towns is not the place to show the speed of your car.

MODERN WOODMEN ORGANIZE

The Modern Woodmen was organized a few days ago and the following officers were elected: C. Gates, Consul; Sam Gilliland, Adviser; T. J. Caldwell, Banker; W. D. Chisenhall, Clerk; — Peterson, Escort; Frank Buckels, Watchman; — Jarrett, Sentry; N. O. Burson, Past Consul; Mr. Jones, Jarrett and Frank Buckels, Trustees.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN RED CROSS ORGANIZATIONS

The local Red Cross Chapter has received notice that it is desired that each county have a recognized chapter so that each county may get credit for the work done. To get this each county must have at least 500 members within 60 days. The Red Chapters in Callahan county are now auxiliaries of the Abilene Chapter and all donations sent in are credited to Taylor county. Surely there are 500 and more men and women in Callahan county who are enough interested in the great work being done by the Red Cross to become members and aid in the work. The membership fee is \$1.00 per year and for \$1.00 you get the Red Cross Magazine. The great work that is being done by the Red Cross can hardly be estimated. Remember that within the past few weeks a large number of boys from our own county have responded to the county's call and are now in training to do their part in the war that is being so desperately fought across the sea, and within the next few days many more will join them. There will be vacant places in many homes in Callahan county and it would hardly be reasonable to hope that all will return, but wherever they go, should illness or misfortune happen them, they will be cared for by the Red Cross, No matter what part of the county

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, Aug. 12, 1917.
Methodist Sunday School.

Number present 106
Collection \$5.58

Presbyterian Sunday School
Number present 107
Collection \$3.75

Christian Sunday School
Number present 96
Collection \$4.00

Chapters read 724
Total Attendance 309
Total Collection \$13.33

THE PURPLE CROSS

Two Philadelphians have organized an Association called the American Association of the Purple Cross. The object is to embalm the bodies of American soldiers who fall in battle in France and return them to their relatives after the war. The plan is endorsed by the American government and House Bill No. 5410 if enacted into law will carry out the plan. Write your senator or representative in congress to support the bill. It is worthy of all consideration by the government.

Texas, Oklahoma and Old Mexico Maps, 50c at THE STAR office.

CALLAHAN COUNTY BOYS WIN AT LEON SPRINGS

The following Callahan county boys won commissions in the National Army at Leon Springs: Harold D. Austin, 2d Lieut. Infantry; Eugene Bell 2d Lieut. Infantry; Owen Keele, son of I. R. Keele, Oplin, 2d. Lieut. Infantry; Meade F. Griffin, son of Fred Griffin, formerly of this county, now living at Tulia, was awarded a captain's commission. Here is hoping that every one of the boys will win undying fame on the battlefields in Europe and help smash the German Kaiser so flat he will never again be able to break the peace of the world: Harold Austin arrived on the Sunshine Special yesterday evening on a furlough and will be at home about ten days.

METHODIST SERVICES

Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, Presiding Elder, will deliver his lecture on "Methodism" at the Methodist Church next Sunday night. Every member of the church is earnestly requested to attend. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Sensabaugh is one of the oldest preachers in the North-west Texas Conference and will interest you.

Otis Bowyer, Jr., of Dallas, came in last week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bowyer, Sr.

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you may live in send in your membership. If you have a local chapter give your membership to them, if not send it to Mrs. F. S. Bell, President Red Cross Chapter, Baird.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUND HOUSE

We understand that some improvements are being made at the Round House. A new 90 foot "turn table" is to be put in and the Round House will be extended back 20 feet. These changes are made necessary by the larger engines which are to be used on the road.

THE DRAFT BOARD.

The Board begin its second session yesterday, though in order to expedite matters a number of those in the second call who were anxious to appear before the board were examined during the early days of the week. Thirty one men were accepted yesterday, and Judge Russell informed us that he felt sure the full quota, 101, would be secured out of the 300 men in the second call. The examinations will end on Saturday. A large crowd of young men were at the Court House this morning waiting their turn to appear before the examining board.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox visited in Fort Worth the first of the week.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning at the regular hour. Everybody invited to come, there will be special music. Come let us honor God with our service. There will be no service Sunday night.

R. A. Scranton will begin a revival meeting at Rowden Friday night.

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HOME TOWN HELPS

FENCE COMING INTO ITS OWN

Discarded From One End of Country to Other, It is Now Being Revived in Many Suburban Colonies.

The great American fence is coming again into its own. Time was when every home everywhere gained a sense of seclusion with the aid of post, picket or paling, but in recent years these have been converted into firewood from one end of the country to the other. Suburban development and the broadcasting of the "home beautiful" idea had much to do the evolution.

In nine cases in ten the change was for the better. The fence had deteriorated. From a work of art, in many instances designed by the architect of the home it inclosed, it became a matter of unsightly "pickets," and finally a solid, forbidding, ugly affair of boards, often unrelieved by any effort at decoration whatever.

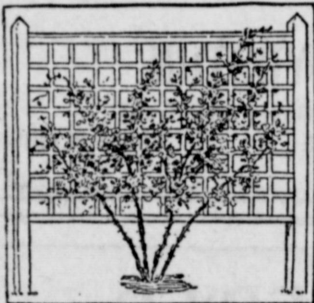
A new interest in the fence, however, is developing. It is manifest in many famous suburban colonies in the North, it has spread westward to wage war with the universal hedge.

The revival grows out of the fact that few appreciated the decorative possibilities of the fence. The white-washed array of pickets, the forbidding hideousness of the vertical rows of knotted boards, the equal unloveliness of iron spikes were not representative of the idea. They were a degeneration born of an era of utilitarianism. They deserved the ban that came to be placed upon them. The fence rejuvenation has nothing to do with either type. And yet the fence that is coming into its own again is not new. It is a revival from the best era of typical American domestic architecture when the justly famous "American Colonial" type was evolved upon English foundations, but with an admixture of originality which still makes the product noteworthy for distinction and beauty.

TRELLIS WORK GARDEN AID

Pergola Requires Taste and Judgment and Easily Becomes a Failure From an Artistic Standpoint.

An all-summer flower garden in a lot 25 by 50 can be planted for \$15—or for much less than that if only an-



Rose Trellis to Form a Screen.

nials are used, or perennials raised from seed. The skillful use of lattices and trellis work is of great aid. The pergola requires taste and judgment, for effective results, and it easily becomes a failure, from an artistic standpoint.

These are merely suggestions. The subject, discussed in all its phases, would fill an encyclopedia. Some very helpful books have been written for persons interested in flowers, and for a detailed knowledge of the subject, as well as for specific instructions and suggestions, one can with profit turn to these works for guidance and for avoidance of needless mistakes—and the beginner in gardening will make blunders enough, at best.

Suggestions for Home Builders.

Few persons in planning the location of a house take into consideration the necessity of having the rooms so placed as to make them as comfortable as possible. Little heed is paid as to which way the lot should face and on which side of the house certain rooms should be placed. Careful attention to what are considered for the most part as immaterial points in building location and design is very important and results in satisfaction after the house is built.

The lot should face either south or west and whatever else is done the house must suit the ground on which it is built. The dining room is a great factor, worthy of consideration, and it should be so planned as to have south or east exposures. If so located it will be warm in the morning sun and at other meals will be sheltered from the hot sun.

Overplanting of Streets.

There is no sort of tree grown that should be planted on streets as close as 25 feet to each other. It is not desirable, in any case, that a green tunnel should be built or that green walls at street sides are desirable or admired by any. The individuality of a tree is one of its strongest traits or points of character and it should have ample space in which to develop its natural form and outline. Thirty-five feet should be fixed by law as the minimum distance, and any street will, in a few years, be well embellished if one sort of tree is uniformly planted at distances of 50 feet apart.

Horticultural Points

GETTING APPLES TO MARKET

Small or Family Packages Successfully Used by Eastern Growers—Many Packing Plans.

Several Eastern apple growers were very successful last winter in marketing apples in small or family packages. Some sold direct to the consumer, while others sold to retail stores and fruiterers or consigned to commission dealers. One grower put practically his entire crop in half-bushel peach baskets which were handled by a commission dealer. He used 3,500 baskets, which sold at 75 cents to \$1 each. The results in each instance were generally profitable and satisfactory.

Several styles, types and sizes of packages were employed. Some used cartons holding 12 or 15 apples in individual compartments, like egg boxes. One big grower used a similar type of box holding either 50 or 100 fruit. These are made with compartments of four sizes and are especially adapted to supply fruiterers with fancy apples, peaches, etc. Apples were shipped successfully in them from Massachusetts to California.

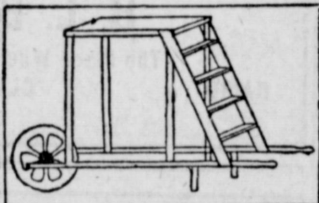
A popular family package is one holding a peck of fruit. A western Massachusetts grower used many of them and sold them at 50 cents direct to retailers who got 65 cents for the same. He supplied them daily as needed, making deliveries each morning and taking orders to be packed and filled the next day. In this way there was no shrinkage or loss for the retailer to stand.

PORTABLE LADDER IS HANDY

Often of Great Advantage in Spraying Trees, Picking Fruit and in Pruning Work.

In spraying trees, picking fruit and in pruning the orchard it is often a great advantage to have some sort of portable ladder. Here is the plan of one declared to be very satisfactory:

It works on the principle of a step-ladder that will always "stay set," and which may be taken from tree to



Portable Stepladder.

tree with a minimum amount of labor. The illustration explains the construction of the ladder fully. Anyone using a barrel-pump sprayer without a tower attachment will find it particularly valuable. It will enable him to throw the spray upon the topmost branches.

CUTTING THE SPRAYING COST

Ways of Reducing the Expense is to Buy Materials in Quantities and Use Substitutes.

Buying in quantities and the use of substitutes offer ways of reducing the cost of spraying materials, which has increased markedly since last year.

An important saving usually can be effected in the consolidation of orders for insecticides from a neighborhood or their purchase through fruit growers' associations or other co-operative buying organizations.

The importance of this saving is realized when it is remembered that the difference in cost of certain insecticides, as arsenate of lead, in small packages at retail stores over the cost in larger quantities from manufacturers or jobbers often is 100 per cent.

INNER WORKINGS OF A TREE

Heart Wood is Useless Except for Giving Stiffness—Descending Sap Builds New Wood.

The heart wood of a tree is useless except for giving stiffness to the stem; the sapwood carries the ascending sap; the cambium or inner layer of bark carries the descending sap, and the outer bark is useless except as protection. Only the descending sap builds new wood.

ATTENTION TO SMALL FRUITS

Should Be Placed in Shade Soon as Picked—Sun Injures Flavor and Keeping Quality.

Strawberries and all other small fruits should be placed in the shade as soon as picked. The sun will injure their color, flavor and keeping quality if allowed to shine on them for any length of time after they are removed from the vines.

SPACE ECONOMY IN HOUSE PLANS

Modern Dwellings Have Very Little Waste Room to Catch the Dust.

BEDS DISAPPEAR IN CLOSETS

Design Described Here an Example of Architectural Ingenuity—Stucco and Brick Blend Well in Decoration.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

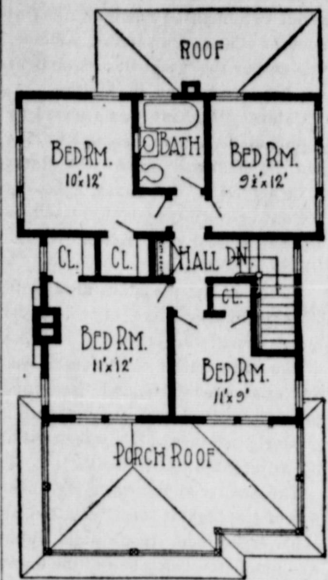
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 487 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

There are two methods of designing a house so that it will have sufficient capacity to meet the needs for which it is required. One method is to proportion the size of and number of rooms to the special requirements of the case. The other is to utilize certain of the space for two or more purposes and thus obtain the same results with a lesser actual floor area. Home equipment designed for the purpose of saving space has been and is being developed with success because of the fact that its need is urgent, calling forth the efforts of exceptionally ingenious men to meet the need.

Suppose, for instance, we consider how it may be possible to realize the same utility out of a house of three rooms which might be expected of a house of five rooms. Naturally, this requires that two of the rooms in our three-room house be so constructed and equipped that each will successfully provide every useful quality of the corresponding room which has

of space in favor of the scheme, even if these closets are made fairly large.

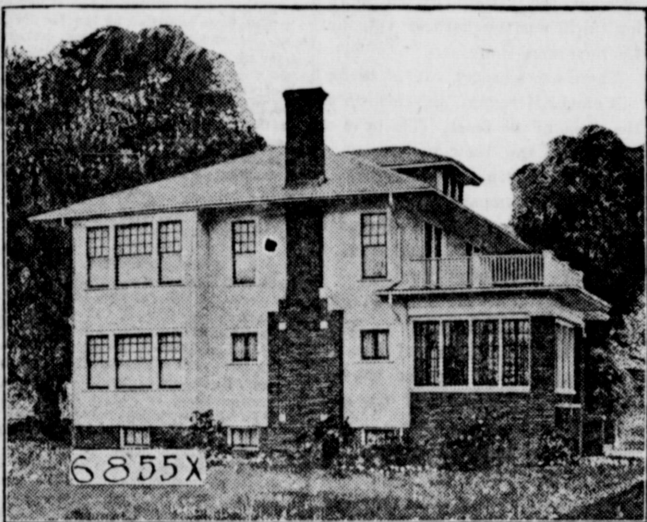
This three-room house will not have space on the main floor which can be used for storage purposes. The basement is not a suitable place for the storage of certain articles, and so the attic space must be utilized. It hardly seems like good design, when space economy is the object, to take up quite



Second-Floor Plan.

a considerable amount of floor space with a stairway to the attic which, it is probable, will not be used a great deal. There is a solution to this problem also. The movable stair is being manufactured for just such use. It is built into the attic floor, has a neat appearance from the floor below, is strong, substantial and serviceable and is very easy to operate. All that can be seen from the floor below, when the stair is folded up, is a carefully finished panel of wood, which is finished to match the trim in the room where it is located.

We have mentioned only a very small house in connection with these



been eliminated from the five-room design—in addition to its ordinary use, which must not be interfered with.

Of all the rooms in the average house, the bedrooms are actually used fewer hours than any other rooms. Consequently, if the bedrooms can be eliminated, a maximum saving of space is accomplished. How may the living room and the dining room of our three-room house also be used to serve as two bedrooms? The problem has been solved in the disappearing bed. During the daytime, the living room

space-saving articles of home equipment, because the results obtained by their use in a very small house is very striking. Their application to the larger houses is just as effective, if not so striking. Any house might have one or more disappearing beds installed as a substitute for the extra bedrooms. Houses having sun parlors are not yielding the fullest return on the investment unless the sun parlor is also serving as a sleeping porch.

The type of building which is selected will determine largely to what degree economy of space can be carried into the design of the house itself. Perhaps the greatest capacity per square foot of ground within the foundation walls is possible with the so-called "square" type of house. A house of this type is very easily divided up into rooms without necessary loss of useful space. Furthermore, the appearance of the square house is altogether pleasing, as may be seen from a study of the accompanying perspective view.

In the design illustrated, the walls of the house proper are finished with stucco, while the sun parlor, porch, chimney and foundation wall above the grade are built of brick. In a house of this size the combination of stucco and brick is striking. The color and texture of the brick surfaces may be selected with the object of producing the effect which is most pleasing to the owner, and the stucco is capable of various treatments to bring out the desired effect.

The rooms are arranged in a very pleasing manner. In the large reception hall an open staircase is built. Double doors lead off to the living rooms. In the main living room a brick fireplace and two bookcases are the most attractive features. Glass doors having an ornamental window on each side are placed between the main living room and the sun parlor. These two rooms give the house a splendid basis upon which a model home may be founded.

The dining room and kitchen are connected by a pantry built out from the rear wall of the house between these two rooms. The arrangement is very convenient.

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Some people are so bitterly opposed to war that they prefer to and do fight their own countrymen rather than fight the enemy. The sooner this class is rounded up and deported or imprisoned the better for the country.

The name of Joseph W. Bailey, Jr., son of former Senator Bailey appears among the list of officers granted commissions in the U. S. Army at Fort Meyer, Va. Young Bailey did not get his commission as First Lieutenant of field artillery by favoritism, but by going through the severe training necessary to win it on his individual merits. Lieut. Bailey's residence is given as Gainesville, Texas.

Mississippi has the distinction of being the first state in the Union to find a grand jury indictment against a European sovereign. The grand jury at Meridian, Lauderdale county has indicted the German Kaiser, charging robbery, arson, murder, plotting, bribery and conspiracy against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi. Public sentiment of every civilized nation on earth, except the three governments, mere satellites of Germany, leagued with her in the disturbance of the peace of the world for conquest, has long ago rendered the some indictment.

Charles Edward Russell, socialist, who went as a member of the commission to Russia, says peace talk now by the allied nations against Germany is all in the interest of Germany. He is quoted as saying that every peace speech in congress is worth more than a thousand soldiers to the German Kaiser. Most of those who are so urgent for peace in this country are said to be German sympathisers. It really looks that way. Look at Senator Stone, of Missouri and La Follette, of Wisconsin. Both opposed the war and both are doing everything they can, short of treason, to aid the German government by opposing everything to raise a large army and laws to aid the country in the war.

Some congressmen, very few we are glad to know, are so child like and simple that if our country does have to enter the war in earnest they would have our soldiers use blank cartridges lest they injure some of the enemy. Why not do like the Chinese used to do, arm our soldiers with tom toms and stink pots. The tom toms to make a noise and the stink pots to make the enemy sick. Would not LaFollette and W. J. Stone make heroic figures charging the enemy with say, LaFollette beating a gong and Stone armed with the latest improved Chinese stink pot. The great danger with these two men in the army is that they might use their ancient Chinese weapons on their own men at the front, just as they are doing in the senate now.

The absurd notion that it is a disgrace to be drafted into military service of one's country is generally giving away to the idea that the draft law is the best and it is no discredit for one to be conscripted, drafted or whatever you call it. If so, then every soldier in France and Germany are disgraced, because every soldier in both nations are drafted into service. It is the same way in Austria and Italy. There is no discount on these soldiers, they are as good as the world has ever produced. Had England did as our government has, passed a conscript law at the beginning of the war it would not have required two and a half years to muster an English army. Readers of THE STAR remember that we did not favor the draft law, but

we now see the wisdom of it. The law plays no favorites and the "slacker" has little chance to stay at home while his more patriotic neighbor volunteers to risk his life in battle for his country. The U. S. draft law was the hardest blow Germany ever got and we have an idea this is one reason why some in this country opposed it. They do not want Germany licked. The draft law will do in 12 months, for this country what it required England two and a half years to do, put an effective army in France. Had England passed a conscript law in Aug. 1914 in all probability the war would have ended this summer. England's delay in raising an army no doubt prolonged the war.

The Constitutional Amendment, known as the Reclamation Amendment, is of the greatest importance to all Texas. The object of the law is to reclaim overflowed lands; to store up the flood waters of the state for irrigation, etc. We are afraid the amendment will be defeated because the people do not understand it. Some claim that one might have his land included in a district and have the tax to pay without receiving any benefit. This was the effective argument mainly used some years ago to defeat a similar amendment, and thus prevented the people combining their capital in an irrigation district and make themselves secure from drouths. Had the people of West Texas been able to store up the flood waters the past years the present drouth would not have proven so disastrous, in which hundreds of people have lost everything they had. Don't vote against the amendment without investigating it. It is the best plan ever offered the people to secure irrigation and to prevent floods in our creeks and rivers.

The Merkel Mail says that fighting on the streets of Merkel is too common and must be stopped in short order. What is the matter with the people—not Merkel in particular—but the whole world? War, contention, strife and bitterness seems to effect mankind the wide world over. There must be some malign influence in the world that causes men to destroy each other. What is it? Let the learned psychologists of the earth tell us what is the matter and the remedy. Nation is rising against nation, most of them for the past two years, however, are arraying themselves against Germany. The Kaiser has let loose the furies that threatens not only to ruin his own government, but involve the whole world. Let Americans that are so all fired ready to scrap, enlist in the army to fight Germany and they will get fighting enough to make Quakers out of them for the balance of their lives.

This is no time for us to be offering any unfriendly criticisms against the President. Now above any other time we ought to stand together as one solid mass. A house divided against itself cannot stand, but in unity there is strength. We have been living under the protection of the American flag all these years and now in emergency we must stand by it and fight for it. It is hoped that unfriendly remarks will cease to be heard.—Venus Express.

Well said, well said! None of us wanted war with Germany, and President Wilson did everything possible save sacrificing national honor to avoid war. Some who were most severe in their criticisms of President Wilson because of his seeming dilatoriness and his frequent notes, now are among his most severe critics because of the war. This is both unfair and unpatriotic. Readers of THE STAR know that we were never "hog wild" over Wilson, but when it came to war or a cowardly back down by America, Wilson had the wisdom and courage to sever diplomatic relations with Germany and put the matter of peace or war up to congress. Remember that President Wilson did not declare war, congress alone has power to do this. Congress almost solidly, regardless of political affiliations, endorsed President Wilson and promptly declared war against Germany. Regardless of what one's opinion about the war is, it is our duty to stand solidly by the president.

BARBECUE WAS WAY UP IN G

Company I and 200 Friends Enjoyed Barbecue Given by Merchants

The barbecue and dinner given by Colonel C. W. and Mack Merchant to the members of Company I and about two hundred friends Friday at noon at Camp Parramore, Abilene, was one of the greatest occasions of the kind ever given in Abilene.

Colonel Merchant was assisted by a staff of very able men and women and the meal was one of the finest to be served in West Texas. Among the out-of-town friends were Judges Ely and Russel and Editor W. E. Gilliland of Baird. Judge J. M. Wagstaff, always interested in the welfare of the United States army, who is also a member of the state board of defense, was master of ceremonies, and discharged the duties incumbent upon him in a masterly manner. He was assisted by Adjutant R. A. Eubank.

The quality of the barbecued beef was of the highest order, cooked by experienced men, the animal which was butchered being one of the finest in Colonel Merchant's herd.

The members of Company I marched in single file in review before the visitors and took their places at tables specially reserved for them, presently one of the most inspiring spectacles which the people of Abilene have had the privilege of witnessing. No finer set of young men can be found in Texas than the members of Company I. They report camp life as agreeing with them and the company is fast being brought into shape, three hours of drill daily being the order of the camp. Friday morning's drill was the hardest yet, but the boys were delighted.

There was a hearty vote of thanks to Colonel Merchant and his son at the close of the feast. The boys of Company I and their relatives and friends were keenly appreciative.

After the Company had finished a most hearty meal, Lieut. Eubank called "Attention" and Judge Wagstaff introduced Rev. C. W. Hearon, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city.

Rev. Hearon in his usual pleasing oratorical manner told the boys of the spirit of generosity of the men who had made this section of Texas possible, saying that Col. Merchant was the ideal type of men. The speaker paid a tribute to young manhood which this company was composed of, saying "We are proud of you, proud of the spirit which you have manifested. Every mother and father who has a son in this company should feel honored."

Lieut. Eubank in the absence of Capt. Wagstaff who is attending the war college at Washington, thanked the people of Abilene for the many kindnesses shown the boys in camp and especially Col. Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Merchant for the excellent spread and treat. Lieut. Eubank said: "It is the intention of every member of this company to go into Germany, kill three Germans, and we all want to come back home and again shake hands with Col. Merchant, who has been like a father to many of us."—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones, Miss Norma Lee Lones, Mr. and Mrs. John Lones and Miss Ruth Leonard left Tuesday morning for an auto trip to Fort Worth and Tishomingo, Okla., where they will visit relatives for two weeks or more.

PIANO CLASS.

I will open my studio on Monday, Sept. 10th at the residence of Mrs. A. B. Chambers, near the Public School building and will be glad to receive the patronage of my former pupils and any others who contemplate taking piano lessons.

Wren Foy

RESOLUTIONS.

Mistletoe Temple No. 51, Pythian Sisters, extend our deepest sympathy and love to our beloved Sister Meyer in her sad hour of sorrow in having to give up her beloved husband, Harry Meyer. We can only point her to the great God of Love in this sad hour, until she is called to the great beyond where partings are no more forever.

Mrs. Will Johnson
Mrs. E. C. Fulton
Mrs. Lee Estes
Committee.

PIANO CLASS

I will begin my piano class at the opening of public school, studio at Mrs. Eberts. I will appreciate the patronage of all my former pupils and any others.

Sincerely,
Lora Franklin

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White and sons, Braden and J. L. are visiting in Stamford this week, they will also visit their daughter, Mrs. Ira Pratt, at Big Springs before returning home.

MUSIC CLASS

I wish to announce to my friends and former patrons that I will teach piano and violin at my home in west Baird, beginning when the Public School opens.

35-5t. adv. Mrs. V. E. Hill.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Callahan
By virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Honorable County Court of Callahan county, on the 14th day of June 1917, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of J. F. Campbell versus S. B. Penticost, No. 436 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in September 1917, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan county, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: S. B. Penticost tract of land being 160 acres out of the 240 acres of land out of Section No. 160 G. H. & H. R. R. Survey and which said section of land is fully described in patent from the State of Texas to J. W. Jones, Oct. 4, 1884 and recorded at page 427, Vol. E. deed records of Callahan county, Texas. Said section containing 640 acres, the north-east 160 acres of which is hereby conveyed to E. E. Penticost levied on as the property of S. B. Penticost to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$244.50 in favor of J. F. Campbell and costs of suit.
Given under my hand, this 6th day of August, 1917.
J. A. Moore, Sheriff.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN DELINQUENT TAXES.
The State of Texas, County of Callahan
By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Callahan county, on 14th day of May 1917, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of State of Texas versus Marlin Smith and J. Rathmel No. 1340 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in Sept. 1917, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan county, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: Lot 4, Block 15, in the town of Oplin, Texas levied on as the property of Marlin Smith and J. Rathmel to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$76.47 in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.
Given under my hand this 23rd day of July 1917.
J. A. Moore, Sheriff.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN DELINQUENT TAXES.
The State of Texas, County of Callahan
By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Callahan county, on 14th day of May 1917, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of the State of Texas versus Unknown Owners, No. 1367 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in Sept. 1917, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan county, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: Lot 6 in Block 14 in the Newlon Addition to the town of Baird, Callahan county, Texas. Delinquent for the years 1889, 1890 to 1896, 1901 to 1908, 1910 to 1913, levied on as the property of Unknown Owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$9.32 in favor of the State of Texas and costs of suit.
Given under my hand, this 23rd day of July, 1917.
J. A. Moore, Sheriff.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN DELINQUENT TAXES.
The State of Texas, County of Callahan
By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable Dist. Court of Callahan county, on the 14th day of May 1917, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of State of Texas versus Unknown Owners, No. 1371 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in Sept. 1917, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan county, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: 2 acres out of F. C. Catonet, Sur. 2, Abst. 112, levied on as the property of Unknown Owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$19.90 in favor of State of Texas and costs of suit.
Given under my hand, this 23rd day of July 1917.
J. A. Moore, Sheriff.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE

IN DELINQUENT TAXES.
The State of Texas, County of Callahan
By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable Dist. Court of Callahan county, on 14th day of May 1917, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of State of Texas versus Unknown Owners, No. 1339 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in Sept. 1917, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan county, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: Lot 5 in Block 15 in the town of Oplin, Texas. Delinquent for the years 1911, 1912 and 1913 levied on as the property of Unknown Owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$43.88 in favor of State of Texas and costs of suit.
Given under my hand, this 23rd day of July 1917.
J. A. Moore, Sheriff.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN DELINQUENT TAXES.
The State of Texas, County of Callahan
By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable Dist. Court of Callahan county, on 14th day of May 1917, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of State of Texas, versus Unknown Owners, No. 1354 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in Sept. 1917, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan county, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit: Lots 17 and 18 in Blk. 27 in town of Putnam, Texas. Delinquent for the years 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, levied on the property of Unknown Owners to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$54.36 in favor of State of Texas and costs of suit.
Given under my hand, this 23rd day of July 1917.
J. A. Moore, Sheriff.

Clean-Up Summer Sale

On All Summer Suits and Panama Hats for Men

We are determined to clean up all Summer Suits and Panama Hats for men. Our stock of Cool Cloth and Palm Beach Suits is complete, and are just what you need for the next two and one-half months. The prices at which we are offering the above are very attractive. Come early before the stock is broken.

New Goods

Our buyers are now in the eastern markets selecting new goods for fall and winter and the advance shipments will begin to arrive soon and we will be glad to have you come in and look the stock over.

B. L. BOYDSTUN

The Place Where Most People Trade

BAIRD CLYDE CROSS PLAINS

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We carry at all times a full line of fresh staple and fancy Groceries and are prepared to supply you with the best. We also carry all kinds of Fresh Meats, which makes it very convenient to order your Groceries and Meat at the same time and have all delivered at the same time. Prompt and careful attention given all orders.

E. M. WRISTEN

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A Billion to Help Business and Farming

The funds gathered into the Federal Reserve Banks now aggregate over \$1,000,000,000. This vast sum was not accumulated to earn profits for private interests, nor can it be controlled by private interests. Its purpose is to assist its member banks, of which we are one, in helping the farmers and business men and to make general banking conditions as sound as possible.

If you are not yet one of our depositors and getting its benefits and protection, drop in and talk it over with us.

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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