

# THE SLATON SLATONITE

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## War Relics Train Will Visit Slaton Next Thursday Noon

Appearing in the Slatonite this week is a descriptive article of the War Relics train that will visit Slaton next Thursday, Oct. 10th, from 1.00 o'clock p. m. to 2.30 o'clock p. m., just an hour and a half. You must be there on the dot to see this train, and if you are not there you will miss the biggest thing of the year. All the business houses will close and it will be a holiday for an hour and a half while this train is here. Read the article in the Slatonite and then don't forget to be at the train.

### Saving All the Feed Crop

Dock Powell got a letter from C. C. Barnes of Tahoka, Texas, this week, the man that is advertising to thresh maize here this fall, saying that he could thresh and shread the stalk at the same time, so that the stalks could be baled. Every little bit of feed will bring money this year, and the farmers of Terry are going to save it.—Brownfield Herald.

A local authority on weather observation stated this week that unless it frosts tonight (Oct. 4th) there will not be any frost before the dark of the moon, which comes on Nov. 2nd or thereabouts. He says he has been watching frost dates in this country for years and he never misses it.

Stanbery Alderman, manager of the Western Telephone Company, of Big Spring and F. N. Coach came to Slaton Monday to check in Mr. Coach as manager of the Slaton Exchange. Mr. Coach succeeds J. H. Reynolds. The Slatonite is printing a winter issue telephone directory for the Slaton Exchange.

R. L. Fletcher of Coahoma was in Slaton for several days during the past week invoicing the property of the Slaton Exchange of the Western Telephone Company for the government. You will understand how thoro the government work is when we tell you that Mr. Fletcher had to invoice even the screws that hold the telephone box to the wall of the building. Not the smallest article that goes with a telephone is left out.

### M. D. Jones Announces

#### Opening of Everybody's

The announcement is made in the Slatonite this week of a new store to occupy the double front on the north side of the Square, the building which M. Olim has had for the Grand Leader store for several years. Mr. Olim has closed the Grand Leader business and is moving this week to Amarillo to enter the wholesale dry goods business.

The new store will be known as "Everybody's," and the manager is M. D. Jones who has been occupying the Shopbell building this summer. Read his announcement.

## Fourth Liberty Loan Drive at Slaton Starts With Rush

The Fourth Liberty Loan Campaign was inaugurated in Slaton Saturday when a patriotic meeting was held at the Movie Theater, following the parade from the school house. The outstanding feature of the parade was a goat led under this banner: "We've got the Kaiser's Goat." Two boys guarded the Kaiser—we mean the goat—with genuine army rifles. Robert Sledge in his navy uniform led the parade with a large American flag.

Rousing addresses were made at the theater by the Hon. Percy Spencer of Lubbock, by A. B. Robertson, R. J. Mrrray and R. A. Baldwin and the Rev. T. C. Willett for the Boy Scouts. Liberal subscriptions were made, the list having been headed by A. B. Robertson who purchased \$10,000 worth of bonds. Monday night Slaton had raised half of her quota for this loan.

### A Day Away from the Office

As H. D. Talley left Slaton Monday morning on his rounds to visit the road work being done in his commissioner district, the Slatonite editor begged the privilege of going with him. First we drove west fifteen miles to where the county has the steam grader at work on the big lake on the Lubbock-Tahoka road. The fill thru this lake was over 1,300 feet long and yet the steam

grader plowed up a roadbed and threw up a big high grade across it in three days. That steam grader eats up the earth and throws it around in a way that is truly astonishing.

Next we drove to Lubbock and the writer went around to see Editor Jas. L. Dow of the Avalanche. We found his shop busy and Dow was just trying to get his nerve back after having the scare of his life one day last week. The store adjoining the Avalanche office caught fire and burned until the building and the contents were a total wreck, altho the fire department had the fire under control before the walls fell in. The Avalanche, thanks to the splendid work of the fire department, got by with nothing more than a badly charred wall in one place on the north side. While the danger was greatest there was much excitement about that print shop and if Dow didn't get a few grey hairs in his head it is surprising. Only a little over a year ago he lost his entire plant from a fire that started in another building, and he replaced the plant with a new one that is one of the best in West Texas and a plant that Lubbock can truly be proud to own. And to come near losing that one by fire was enough to make any man nervous. Dow said that he couldn't afford to have those fires visit him so often; if they kept on they would bankrupt him. We are glad with him that his magnificent plant was not burned in the fire last week.

Next Mr. Talley took the writer over to the canyon north of Slaton to see what kind of a road is being built thru it, and after a few hours spent in following him around those hills locating that road we came home and haven't been worth a continental since except to use linaments and try to recuperate wasted energy. He said he was showing us the new road, but we told him if there is anything there that looked like it might be made into a road then we were a liar by the clock. Speaking seriously, tho, the road is progressing finely and it will be a magnificent highway when it is opened for travel. Going out from Slaton the road enters the canyon and by going around a hill, between two hills, thru a few hills, around another hill and performing various and other sundry stunts to get by nature's obstructions it puts you thru a loop the loop and honeymoon glide and you suddenly find that you have by a nine per cent grade migrated from the Plains several hundred feet to the valley of the canyon. And then you go two miles straight north across the level floor of the valley, crossing two bridges over two creeks, and leave the canyon by another long nine per cent grade. It will be a fine highway for farm wagons and tourist cars both, but if anybody thinks that it is isn't a man's job to build that road all they have to do is to go over it and see what Talley has in front of him. Go out and inspect it and see what kind of a job it is.

The one thing that impressed us on the trip was the wonderful amount of splendid crops that are being harvested over the Slaton section. A few of the finest grain crops that we have ever seen will be put up right here this year, and there are very few farms that haven't lots of feed. The cotton of course is open before frost comes, and the early cotton is coming to the gins every day now.

Tablets, pens, pencils, ink and erasers at the Slaton Drug Store.

## Get What You Pay For.....

A MAN SAID recently: "I do not mind paying a good price for real value, but I certainly object to paying a high price for a poor article."

You may feel that way about clothing. You know it isn't possible to keep up quality standards at former prices. You are willing to pay enough to get good values but you want to be sure to get value.

## Hart, Shaffner & Marx Clothes That Save

are the fine, high class, guaranteed values you want. We guarantee satisfaction with them; they are all wool.

These splendid suits and overcoats are a real economy. They last long; you don't have to replace them soon; they save money for you and materials and energy for the nation.

If you don't need clothes, it's patriotic not to buy new ones, but if you do need clothing come to us and get guaranteed quality.

## ROBERTSON DRY GOODS COMPANY

The Dependable Store

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes

The Laymen of the Baptist Church of Lubbock will conduct a Laymen's Meeting at the First Baptist Church of Slaton next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and will furnish their own music.

## WE INVITE YOU

To do your banking business with us

Call and see us

## THE SLATON STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

C. M. McCULLOUGH, President CARL RIPPY, Cashier  
A. L. ROBERTSON, Vice Pres. WALTER FOWLER, Asst. Cash.

## SHELF AND HEAVY

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Let Us Supply You

## FORREST HARDWARE



**THE BANK  
IS THE PLACE FOR IT.**

Banks are the safest place after all. No use in storing money in home chests or in out of the way corners. If anything happened to you, the money would not be found at your home. If fire happened to your house the money would be consumed. If thieves broke in the money would be assumed by them.

The bank is the place for it. Bank with the

## THE FIRST STATE BANK of Slaton

J. S. EDWARDS, President J. H. BREWER, Cashier

# OPENING OF 'EVERYBODY'S'

## A STORE FOR ALL

We are pleased to announce to the people of Slaton and the South Plains that we have leased the splendid double front store that has been occupied by the Grand Leader and we are opening there a store that will be known as

# "EVERYBODY'S"

We are putting in there a fine new stock of merchandise and expect to carry a complete line of Dry Goods, Furnishings and ready to wear, and we invite you to call and see us and inspect our new lines of merchandise, and ask the prices.

We are sure that you will find that we can serve you in the best possible way, and the prices will be low compared to present market quotations.

Make EVERYBODY'S your watchword in the dry goods line. Choose EVERYBODY'S for your favorite shopping place. Select EVERYBODY'S for your home store.

We solicit and will appreciate your patronage.

# EVERYBODY'S

M. D. JONES, Manager

SLATON, TEXAS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Advertising Rates among the locals 10c per line each issue.

Read the Want Ad column.

Mrs. S. Bowman, nurse. Telephone No. 32.

Prescriptions carefully compounded from pure drugs at the Slaton Drug Store.

Allan W. Payne was in Dallas last week shopping for the Robertson Dry Goods Company.

Stop at our fountain and relieve that tired feeling. A cold drink here will carry you thru a hot day.—Slaton Drug Company.

The Rev. F. A. Whiteley attended the Baptist Panhandle Sunday School Convention at Amarillo last week.

Supt. F. J. Evans of the Slaton Division moved to Slaton this week from Clovis. He will live in the Albert Ewing residence.

Headquarters for stationery for the school folks. Papers and writing material. We can supply you. Teague's Confectionery.

E. M. Dumas of Big Spring is in Slaton invoicing the property of the Western Telephone Company plant here for the government.

H. A. Johnston received word last week that his son, Eddie, who has been stationed at El Paso for several months, is now located at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

Wm. B. Mathis, a Santa Fe conductor at Belen, N. M., visited his sisters, Mrs. J. W. Hood and Miss Sallie Mathis, in Slaton this week. He is away from work on a vacation.

The quarterly meeting of the Federated Missionary Societies will be held at the Methodist Church next Monday afternoon. Social Service will be the topic for the study hour.

J. W. Hoe has remodeled and refurnished the interior of the office of the Panhandle Lumber Company, making it quite an attractive place. The walls of the office are finished in Beaver Board.

Regular choir practice at the M. E. Church for the winter will be resumed this week on Friday night. All who will assist in the singing are urged to be at the choir practice every Friday night.

Jim Robinson, Jr., was in town Monday with a car load of water-melons and when the reporter asked him what he might be doing with them he replied that he was still paying election promises; that he promised the Santa Fe shop boys a treat, and he was down to make good. Guess those boys didn't enjoy those melons, eh, what?

W. P. Bain left a melon at the Slatonite office Tuesday that looks to us like it might be something in the gourd line, but he says it is a winter cantaloupe, that it will keep nicely all winter in a cellar or store house, and the longer it is kept the better it gets. This is the first winter cantaloupe that we have seen raised in this section.

A son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Willett on Monday morning, Sept. 23, 1918.

Fresh candies, pure ice cream, correctly mixed cold drinks and choice cigars and tobaccos at Teague's Confectionery. A parlor for the ladies and children.

See A. L. Hoffman at the Covington Second Hand Store. Buys and sells new and second hand furniture. Handles the Watkin's line of medicines, extracts, flavors, etc.

H. W. Mathis, call boy for the Santa Fe Railway at Clovis, N. M., was in Slaton over Sunday visiting his sisters, Miss Sallie Mathis and Mrs. J. W. Hood. From Slaton he went to Lockney to visit his parents for a few days.

Every fellow was shivering last Friday like it was really cold weather and wondering why he couldn't find ice on the water buckets. The thermometer registered only 48 degrees, a long way from a frost. The cool weather was the result of heavy rains over some portions of the Plains.

WANT ADS

Wanted, For Sale, Lost, Found, Etc.

Classified Advertising Rates: One Cent per word for first insertion; Half a Cent per word for each subsequent insertion.

FOR SALE, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and furnishings. Am leaving the city and everything is for sale at a sacrifice price. It will pay you to see me. Terms if desired. Walter Fowler, at Slaton State Bank.

SIDEBOARD, WARDROBE and davenport for sale at a very low sale. Call and see at the residence. Mrs. H. A. Hannam.

WANTED—HEMSTITCHING and picoting. First class work. All orders given prompt attention. Mrs. Lena McElroy, Box 808, Lubbock, Texas.

STRAYED—ABOUT A MONTH ago, black pig, 6 weeks old, about 30 pounds. Reward for recovery. Notify Slatonite office.

SOME NICE HOUSEHOLD furniture and furnishings. For sale at a low price. See M. Olim at the Grand Leader.

FOR SALE OR TRADE, FOUR room frame house in Slaton. Practically new, cost \$1,250.00, well finished inside and out, good well in yard. Will sell, part cash, balance easy terms, or will trade for land of near equal value, improved or unimproved, and pay difference in cash. LAND MUST BE GOOD AND WELL LOCATED, and priced right. See H. D. Talley, Slaton, or write me at Whitesboro, Texas. J. W. Carey.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR light keeping at the Cannon Rooming House.

BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE lots (12) in Slaton will be sold in one or more sales. Easy terms if desired.—Hugo Seaberg, Raton, N. M.

Pay your Slatonite subscription before the price advances.

School children can get all the tablets, pens, pencils, ink, etc., they need at Teague's Confectionery.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Whiteley will attend the fifth Sunday Meeting of the Brownfield Baptist Association at Three Lakes Church in Lynn County next week.

The commissioners court last week recreated and reestablished the boundary lines of the voting precincts of the county. There are now twenty one voting precincts.

Mrs. L. P. Imboden and her boys are moving to Wichita Falls, Texas, this week to join Mr. Imboden there and make their home. L. P. is railroading at Wichita Falls.

The Rev. Jos. Reisdorff came home last week from Amarillo. He started for Missouri a few weeks ago but is so feeble that he decided not to make the trip. He is feeling very weak this fall.

There appeared a most excellent article recently in the Literary Digest and it was entitled, "The Laborer is Worthy of His Hire," and referred to the work of the church pastors of this day. It is quite long for a paper without a linotype to handle but is so good that we will print it if we can possibly get to it.

Be sure to read the announcement this week regarding the plan to provide all soldiers with their home paper, and if you want to give the soldiers of Slaton a lift once a week cast in your mite to this fund. The plan is taking all over the United States, and Slaton can hardly afford to be a slacker in this most splendid movement.

B. F. Gerdis was up from Sinton, Texas, last week shaking hands with old friends and looking after business interests. Mr. Gerdis formerly owned the Lynn farm. Mr. Lynn incidentally has one of the finest crops on the South Plains this fall. It is said by many to be a bumper crop. He will have between twenty and thirty bales of cotton.

Messrs. Ben T. Brown, Cléve Glover, Bill Duncan and R. B. Haynes, of Tahoka, were in Slaton early Sunday morning. Mr. Brown holds a position in the First National Bank of Tahoka, Mr. Glover is manager of the West Texas Gin Co., Mr. Duncan is an expert mechanic in the Bradley Auto Garage, and Mr. Haynes is Editor of the Lynn County News.

Presbyterian Preaching Notice

The Presbyterians will have preaching services at the Movie Theater on the second and fourth Sundays in each month, conducted by the Rev. A. E. Faust. Hours 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

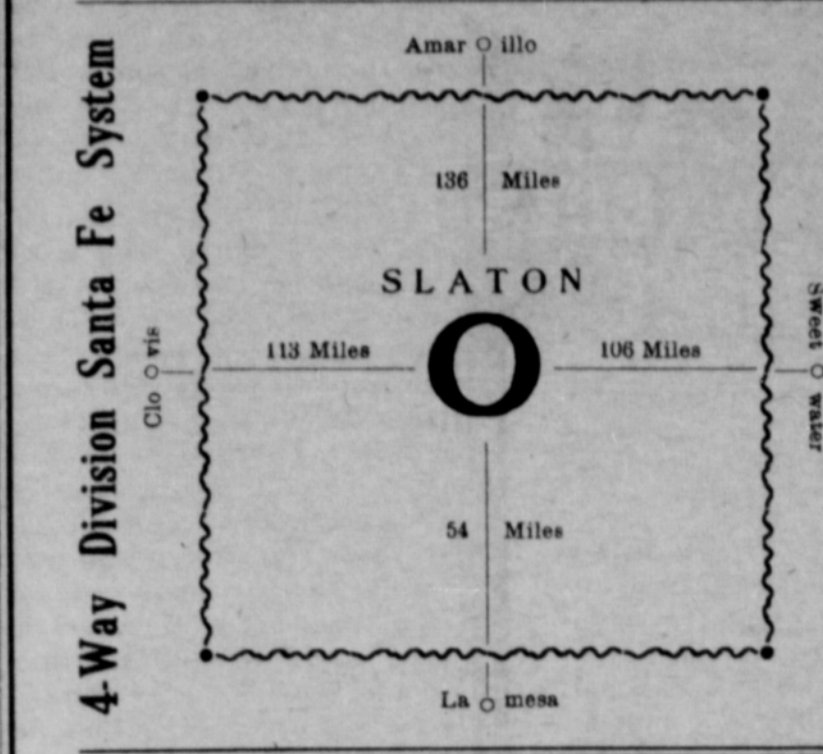
Rally Day for Boys and Girls Club Work

On Saturday, Oct. 26th, there will be held in Lubbock a Club Day Rally for the purpose of giving the members of the Club Work an opportunity to exhibit specimens of their work for the past year.

The rally will be in the nature of a basket picnic, which all Club members, their families, and the public in general are cordially invited to attend. However, only the boys and girls between the ages of ten and eighteen years of age, who are regularly enrolled as Club Members, and furnish a complete record of their work, will be permitted to enter the contests for premiums.

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SLATON A SOUTH PLAINS DIVISION TOWN  
Founded and Owned by the Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway Co.



LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

BUSINESS SECTION AND RESIDENCES BUILT

3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 30 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 700 residences under construction and completed.

SURROUNDED BY A FINE, PRODUCTIVE LAND

A fine agricultural country surrounds the town, with soil dark chocolate color, sandy loam, producing Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Cotton, Wheat, Oats, Indian Corn, garden crops and fruit. An inexhaustible supply of pure free stone water from wells 40 to 90 feet deep.

Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway Townsite Company, Owners  
THE COMPANY OFFERS for sale a limited number of business lots remaining at original low list prices and residence lots at exceedingly low prices. For further information address either  
**R. J. Murray & Company** Local Townsite Agent, Slaton, Texas  
**Harry T. McGee** Local Townsite Agent, Slaton

offer on the following exhibits First prizes \$1.00, second prizes 50c. On Pig (not including Sow and Litter); Sow; Litter (Minimum limit 3 pigs); Baby Beef; Lamb.  
On poultry, first prize 50c, second prize Ribbon, for cockerel, for pullet, \$1.00 for the best pen.  
Field products \$1.00 first prizes and 50c second prizes on Milo Maize (best ten heads); Kaffir (best ten heads); Feterita (best ten heads); Peanuts (best bunch); Sudan (best bundle); Corn (best ten ears).  
SEWING.  
For the best Uniform, consisting of towel, holder, cap, and apron. First prize, \$2.00; second prize, \$1.00.  
For the best exhibit consisting of uniform, home-made fireless cooker, home-made flytrap, and home made drier for fruits and vegetables, including the required quantity of canned vegetables and a complete record of tenth acre crop. First prize \$3.00, second prize, \$2.00.  
For the best individual exhibit of canned, dried, pickled and preserved products (must all be the work of club member herself) first prize \$2.00, second prize \$1.  
Canning, first prize 50c, second prize ribbon, on Tomatoes, Chowchow, Tomato catsup, Chilli sauce, Tomato paste, beans, grapes, apricots, peaches, cherries, pears, apples, plums, berries, beets and okra.  
All exhibits must be in by ten o'clock A. M., in order that the judges may begin their work. Places have been arranged for all animals and poultry at the old wagon yard, one block south of the square.  
All other exhibits will be placed in the Chamber of Commerce and Department of Agriculture room at the Court House.  
Be sure to have your exhibits neatly and orderly arranged before turning them in to the committee. This is very essential in order to save time, and your work will make a better showing.  
All club members who expect to enter these contests are requested to send in their names, giving kind of exhibit, to the County Agent, or the Home Demonstration agent, within the next 10 days.  
Carroll Thompson, Agricultural Agent.  
Milie M. Halsey, Home Demonstration Agent.

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We Are Fully Equipt to Charge Batteries and Have Had Excellent Success With the Work  
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Repairing, Supplies and Accessories  
**Lee Green & Company**  
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**Anything for the Little Ills of Life**  
We have a full supply of the dependable remedies for the little things that bother occasionally and can meet your every requirement. Call on our stock.  
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**SLATON SLATONITE**  
Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas

Issued Once a Week on Friday Morning  
By L. P. LOOMIS  
Owner, Editor, and Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION, THE YEAR \$1.00

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**BITTER, BUT A GOOD TONIC.**

There is a certain element in this town that has knifed the paper for some time. We have never knowingly done anything to these people personally and have made quite a sacrifice of our business and feelings to try to get along with them and we can't figure what they expect to gain by such conduct.—Lamesa News.

Oh, pshaw! It takes jolts like that, Brother Smith, once in a while to keep us down on terra firma. We get in a narrow way and begin to think that we are the candy kid and the town couldn't live one week without us, and we love everybody and everybody loves us, and we get chesty and begin to look over the tree tops instead of along the sidewalk where people just as big as we are stay; and that is the time the life saver comes along and mops upon us, takes the egotism out of our system, and shows us that we are just human after all, and that we have to get down out of the air and dig like a sonuvagun if we expect to rustle enough nickles for the meager allowance of groceries that Hoover apportions to us. So don't get disheartened; learn to expect the pickles along with the honey. Cultivate a taste that bankers for these changes occasionally and and you will see how monotonous life would get without a full grown swat that knocks your heart limber every so often.

**AN AROMATIC SUBJECT.**

Up at Slaton the other day one of the citizens killed a young polecat and brought it down on Main Street. A number of business men got into an argument as to the identity of the animal and they had to look it up in an encyclopedia to settle the dispute. Evidently the polecats in Slaton are losing their odor.—Post City Post.

Something is radically wrong with our friend Loomis' town. Either those people have lost their sense of smell, or polecats and snakes have become so common in Slaton that they do not attract even the least attention from the smelling viewpoint. In the matter of the aforesaid "polecat" we are surprised that Loomis could not tell the specie without going to a dictionary. He is supposed to be an authority on snakeology, and he should have broadened his vision. The next time those Slaton folks are in doubt we suggest that they take their varmints alive.—Lockney Beacon.

At first reading we took it that the Post editor was referring to human skunks about Slaton losing their odor, but a second reading changed the impression. We have too many other duties now to start a kindergarden class in natural history for editors who have ridden broncos over the plains and have never learned the animal life that is peculiar to this section.

True, we have seen a few snakes crawl around on their bay windows and rattle out hot time with the jingalings that ornament their tails, as a warning to country editors, but we confess a lack of inside information about the red snake that coils up in a thin stemmed decanter and winks at editors who quaff the broth from it glistening sides and rejoice that it is nothing but Bevo.

We are surprised at the Post editor entering in for natural history. He recently enticed the mayor of Slaton down to Post to give him a little physical culture

training in the aristocratic game of golf, and incidently cleaned up on the mayor in the seventh green, whatever that may be, but didn't explain how he found anything green enough for a golf course. After eliminating the mayor in the seventh green, he comes to us for natural history; and he knows that checkers is our weakness.

Which variance on the part of the two editors makes us seriously doubt whether they would know a polecat if they met it in the road, nose or no nose. The polecat doesn't possess the exceedingly virulent, hair trigger automatic squirtgun that the skunk is so proud of, consequently cannot permeate the circumambient atmosphere with the high test aroma that the skunk delights to entertain with, and which science details as ammonia refined to the Enth degree.

So the fellows who were anticipating that a skunk odor would arise from a polecat were disappointed. Authorities state that the ferret is only the true polecat—not the skunk—domesticated, and in its domesticated state is often made a pet about the home for catching rodents. Don't try to rob the skunk of the exclusive honor that is the sole pride of his existence and the only means of his defense, the ammonia trajectory that he carries in his hip pocket.

Recently some Red Cross money was stolen from the ladies and other petty thieving was reported. The local officers took up the investigation and report that all matters of this nature have been traced to juvenile delinquents and that they have been given an opportunity to correct their misdeeds. The thievery has all been traced and if the offenders do not mend their ways they will find themselves on the way to a reform school.

Albert D. Lambeth of Slaton was reported in the casualty list Monday morning as among those severely wounded at the battle front in France.

**TALKIN' ABOUT US.**

The Slatonite is seven years of age. Editor Loomis is a very interesting writer and is giving his people a spicy and newsy local paper.—Plainview News.

**Soldier Boys Letters  
Mostly From France**

**From Luther Witt in France**

Somewhere in France,  
August 24th, 1918.

Dear Folks:  
I am in a little old town, and some of the houses seem to have been here for centuries. We are all tickled to death the way the Allies are going. They are certainly going thru the Huns lines. Don't believe the goal is very far off. The people of France are tickled more than we are. They can't realize why WE are so happy. We go down the streets whistling and singing and they look at us so funny.

I went up to a home with a major the other night to play some American music; they had never heard any. They were astonished when I began playing some rags; they say, "They are crazy." But I played all the classical pieces I could think of and they were astonished again. Guess they didn't think America could play like they can. I really can't say much for French music, but they do have a great deal of artistic playing or music, just like they say. They have no harmony to their music at all, just a bunch of triplets and staccatos and runs, etc. They seemed to enjoy a little harmony. They were pleased with "Convent Bells," "Il-Trovatore," but the rags really tickled them.

I think the Americans have it on them for music as well as everything else I have been able to see. Don't think they will

ever catch up. Nearly all their carriages have only two wheels. They wear wooden shoes. They wash with a club like as if they were mad at the cloths, the old Dutch style of washing. But we get our washing done very cheaply.

Take everything in general, this country is very interesting; glad I had the chance of coming and hope that I will see more of it, and I guess I will. I've gained five pounds since I came over; never felt better in my life. Write often to  
Your loving son,  
Luther M. Witt.

**From Roy Bassenger in Virginia**  
Camp Eustice, Virginia,  
Sept. 18th, 1918.

Dear Mother and Home Folks:  
Well, we have moved at last. I am feeling o. k., all but a cold. It's beginning to get pretty chilly up here at nights, and it sure does rain a lot here. We are working every day, even worked all day Sunday, and it pouring rain as hard as it could all day.

The camp is on the edge of a large swamp and we drink water that's been treated with chloride of lime, and it is sure nasty tasting stuff. We were two days and nights on the road and never got off the train but once. I was so tired when we got here I could hardly walk. Our captain told us that we were scheduled to leave soon.

We will start to drilling again soon, and the next drilling will be with the gas mask. We have only six seconds to put the mask on after the gas is turned on. The soldiers have to breathe some of the gas to see how they can stand it.

I will have to close as we haven't our lights fixed up yet and the Y. M. C. A. was so crowded I couldn't get in there. Word came here from General Pershing the other day that it would be heaven, hell or home by Christmas.

Your son,

Roy Bassenger.

There are four Bassenger brothers in the army.

**From Chas. Graves in the Navy**  
U. S. Steamship  
Sept. 18, 1918.

Dear Mother:

We are about one day from New York and have had a fine trip so far. We are bringing back some Red Cross nurses and wounded soldiers. They are as happy as they can be. We stayed just five days across the ocean before we started back. We didn't get any liberty in France this trip as there is some kind of disease over there, and they were afraid to let us go ashore.

It certainly is pretty over there, everything looks like a picture, even the way towns are laid off. The next time we go the chaplain is taking a party to Paris, and I intend to go if nothing happens. The town we landed in is built on a hill and there were two shades of green on the grass. It sure did make it look pretty at a distance. Would give anything in the world if you could have seen it.

If we get liberty next time I will get some postals and send them to you. The sea is as calm as a piece of glass and we are making about 27 knots an hour. I can hardly wait until I get into New York.

Twenty days today I haven't had my feet on dry land, and it will be one or two days yet.

We had a little ruff sea going over and nearly all of our soldiers were seasick. We had some negro troops aboard, and they wouldn't sleep any on the way over looking for subs. Some of them were nearly dead when they arrived.

Am sending my best regards to all. The ship rolls and makes it awfully hard to try to write. Hoping to hear from you soon. I am, lovingly your son,  
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**From R. T. Williams at Camp Jos. E. Johnston, Florida**  
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Sept. 8th.

To My Slaton Friends:  
I will write a little note this evening to the good old Slatonite, the best little paper in the West, as all the Slaton boys with the colors will agree with me, for the news we get from it is better than a letter from home.

We are having lots of rain down here in the piney woods and when the sun comes out it gets real hot, but I am leaving real soon. Perhaps by the time this reaches you I will be in England. I received a nice sweater from Mrs. Shoppell and I thank her very heartily for it. The Red Cross is the greatest thing that can be with the army, and they treat the boys royally. The Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross are fine things for holding up the morals of the army. We have a nice Y. M. C. A. here and it is a pleasure to go there. Something doing at the Y. M. C. A. every night. The ladies of Jacksonville come out every night and put on home talent plays that are splendid productions. The Y. M. C. A. furnishes us our stationery, and has a big fine library with all kinds of books to read.

We have plenty to eat and a good place to sleep. Our barracks each hold about 200 men. We have good clean mess halls that are inspected every day and kept sanitary. The boys are in the best of health and rearing to go. There are only two patients in the hospital. There is less sickness in the army than ever before, and the doctors are right on the job. I have never been on sick call since I have been here.

I read Ed Nowels letter from France and it was a good one.

I long to be with my friends in France. They give all the boys the gas test before they send them across. We are going to get Kaiser Bill soon and the Stars and Stripes will wave over Berlin,

and we will have Kaiser Bill on K. P. Best wishes to all.  
As ever,  
R. T. Williams.  
Tee's brother, Tate, is a private in Camp Dixie, N. J.

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