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ADD TWO NAMES TO McCULLOCH CO. WAR HONOR ROLL

In the published list last week of the McCulloch county boys, whose names were to be placed on the county's Roll of Honor, two names were omitted. The Standard appreciates having its attention directed to these names, and we are sure the information is likewise appreciated by Mrs. S. W. Hughes, who is compiling the list, and by whom it will be forwarded to the State Council of Defense. The State Council proposes to publish the complete list of heroes from the State of Texas, and, quite naturally it is important that McCulloch county's honor roll be complete. If any other names besides those published should properly be placed on the county honor roll, kindly forward them at once either to The Standard, or to Mrs. S. W. Hughes, Brady, Texas.

Added to the list published last week are the following:

Wounded in Action.
Raleigh P. Ake, Brady, Texas.
Luther B. Snodgrass, Stacy, Texas.
Raleigh P. Ake is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ake of Brady, and was a member of the increment entrained here on September 19, 1917. He was a member of Co. H, 144th Infantry, in the famous 36th Division, and was wounded on October 3, 1918, by a high explosive shell, one fragment entering his left thigh and another the right foot. He has been in the hospital since, or was at the time he last wrote, on December 15th. He thought then he would sail for home almost immediately, but no news of his arrival in the U. S., or departure from France has so far been had.
Luther B. Snodgrass is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snodgrass of the Stacy community. He took part in two big drives, and was wounded in the right arm on November 2nd. At last reports, he was convalescing in a hospital, and was hopeful of being among the first casualties to be returned home.

Board Files. The Brady Standard.

COMMISSIONERS VOTE TO RETAIN CO. AGENT BLACK

At the regular monthly meeting of commissioners court this week, W. S. Symonds of Bryan, district farm demonstrator, appeared before the court to take up the matter of the retention here of B. D. Black, government emergency demonstration agent, for another year. Figures were presented to the court which showed that in addition to the work done by Mr. Black as demonstration agent, he had been the means of enabling the farmers and stockmen to save \$15,500 already by securing for them reduced freight rates on feed. When shipments now enroute are received, this total will be swelled to \$19,830. The court was asked to appropriate \$800.00 towards Mr. Black's salary for the ensuing year, the balance of his salary being paid by the federal government. Failure of the court to make up the county's portion of the salary would, of necessity, mean the withdrawal of Mr. Black's services, and his transfer to some other point.

The commissioners acted promptly in the matter by voting unanimously to appropriate the \$800 necessary to retain the services of Mr. Black.
Other business completed by the court up to Thursday morning included the allowing of \$20 per month to Mrs. Ethel Floyd, a pauper.
The resignation of J. R. Hill as Constable Precinct No. 4 was accepted and the office declared vacant.
The monthly report of S. H. Mayo, county tax collector, was examined and approved.
H. R. Hodges, county tax assessor, was allowed the sum of \$100 per month for the first six months of the year, for his services.

CITY TAXES DUE.
City taxes are now due and payable at the office of the City Secretary. Penalty will be added for non-payment, after February 1st.

JACK WIGGINTON,
City Secretary.

BIGGEST SNOW STORM IN THIRTY YEARS STILL FALLING

The greatest snow storm McCulloch county has ever witnessed, is falling as this article is written late Thursday afternoon. Snow has been falling continuously for the past thirty-six hours, and out in the open country the snowfall is estimated at between 15 and 18 inches. The snow has been falling heavier today (Thursday) than ever, with no sign of abatement. Telegraph service was interrupted at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning, the wires evidently being broken down by the heavy snowfall. While the morning train arrived on schedule time, railroad service threatens to be interrupted, which would cut Brady entirely off from the outside world until weather conditions improve.

Many Brady and McCulloch county citizens of long standing state they cannot recall any snow that in any way approached the present one for depth and duration. However, the proverbial "old-timer" assures us that something like thirty years ago, the snow lay to ever greater level on the courthouse square than at present.

The spell of weather followed several mild, sunshiny days that dried up the roads and warmed up the earth, and enlivened things in general. Winter grain, which had been bitten to the earth by the freezes, were revived and were started on new growth. On Monday the weather became cloudy and threatening, with indications of falling temperature. However, Tuesday a slow, drizzling rain fell, the precipitation being about three-tenths of an inch. Wednesday morning a little sleet storm was soon changed to a snow storm, and the snow has been falling continuously since. While the warm and moist earth caused the snow at first to melt as fast as it fell, yet, by actual measurement, there was a ten-inch snowfall on the level Thursday morning at nine o'clock. During the day, the snow has melted more or less, so that the total fall can only be estimated.

While the rain and the snow is adding to the wonderful season already had, the roads promise to be impassable when the thaw comes. Also, in the meantime, operations in the oil fields have had to be abandoned. Cattle exposed to the storm are also suffering considerable, for while the temperature has scarcely been below the freezing point, yet the scarcity of feed and the difficulty of getting feed to the cattle will cause much suffering among them.

On the whole, though, the future benefits will by far outweigh the present hardships.

WESTERN OIL CO. \$300,000.00 ORGANIZATION, TO DEVELOP COAL, OIL, MINERAL LANDS

The records in the office of County Clerk W. J. Yantis, show the filing of papers recording the organization of a \$300,000.00 corporation under the name of the Western Oil Company, the object of the corporation, it being stated, being "for the purpose of leasing and developing coal, oil and mineral lands. The corporation was originally formed in the early part of December under the name of the St. Angelus Oil & Gas Co., by R. L. Harwell of Runnels county, W. M. Hemphill, L. B. Benzley, G. P. Mitcham and W. W. Sayers of Tom Green county, with a capital stock of \$10,000.00, the headquarters being designated as San Angelo, and the corporation to exist for 25 years.

The amended charter changes the name to the Western Oil Company, increases the capitalization to \$300,000.00, and names Brownwood as the headquarters of the corporation.

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1701 Griffin St., Dallas, Texas.

M'COLLOCH OIL FIELD GROWING AND EXPANDING

The remarkable story of the rapid growth and expansion of the McCulloch county oil field, may be seen at a glance in the statement that since the 1st of the year contracts for the drilling of some fifteen wells have been announced. This action speaks more eloquently than words the opinion that oil men and drillers have of the McCulloch county field. At the rate of progress being made in the drilling of these wells, the oil production will soon have reached such proportions as to warrant the building of a refinery, and this project is already being considered and planned by capitalists of North Texas and Oklahoma.

The present spell of bad weather has put a stop to practically all operations in the county, but the first few days of pretty weather will see greater activity than ever.

Contractor H. H. Beagle last Monday spudded in on the well for George F. King and associates. This well is located on the line of Surveys 401 and 402, and the striking of oil here would bring the oil field right at Brady's back door, since the location is just one mile southeast of town.

The Lowry Oil Co., who only last week announced their location on the Carl Schmidt Survey No. 99, lost no time in getting their rig on the ground and set up, and last Monday spudded in on Schmidt-Lowry well No. 1. The company proposes to drill at least three wells, and if oil is secured, they expect to contract a number of others. Their location is just 3/4 of a mile north of the Tucker shallow field. Messrs. G. C. Cobb, secretary and treasurer of the company, and R. L. Reed of Mineral Wells, who is one of the stockholders, were here the latter part of last week, and were most enthusiastic over the project. They stated that with McCulloch shallow oil at 4 1/2 gravity, Ranger had nothing on the local field, and even Pennsylvania deep oil could not beat it. Mr. Cobb expects to spend a good part of his time looking after the company's interests here, and Mr. Reed also expects to make frequent visits to the field.

Bevil & Baker also had their rig placed on the ground on Survey 1165, and expected to spud in the first of the week on their well No. 1.

Tucker Oil Co.'s well No. 5 is the best yet brought in, and while on the drill, pumped around 40 barrels oil per day. However, it is difficult to give an accurate estimate of the production of this field, since the 1 1/2 h. p. Monitor engines are entirely inadequate to do the pumping, and the wells fill up more rapidly than they can be pumped. Manager W. F. Roberts, Jr., states the company is now arranging to install a regulation pumping equipment, and it is certain that this will double the present production of the wells.

The Tucker Co.'s well No. 6 was last Saturday spudded in just 200 ft. east of well No. 5.

A. W. Cooper had a fishing job at 175 feet in his well on Survey 1104, which is an offset to the Tucker shallow wells. At last reports the lost bit had not been recovered.

The Liberty Oil & Refining Company, which is drilling on Survey No. 1066, lost a bit Saturday, but recovered it in a very short time. The bit has been taken to Ranger for repairs.

The Prairie Oil & Gas Co. well on Survey 89, which has been shut down by reason of the contractor being unable to carry out the contract, again resumed operations the first of the week. The company has bought the rig, and Field Manager H. D. Keenan has taken personal charge of operations. A dwelling is now being built for Mr. Keenan, and he will make his headquarters at the well.

J. W. Waymire this week ran up against a combination of bad weather and mishaps that proved too much for him. With one of his crew laid up for repairs on account of a broken leg, another down with the "flu," and two others, who were in Brownwood getting repairs, stalled in the mud with their truck, he was, of necessity, forced to shut down. The well stands at 380 feet, and operations will be resumed as soon as the weather permits.

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C. S. and W. B. Thomas spent the early part of the week here on business in connection with their drilling contracts in the county. Mr. Thomas expressed complete satisfaction with the way work on his Whiteland and Salt Gap wells was progressing, and, everything considered, found matters fully up to his expectation. He was gratified to find so many other strong companies had followed his footsteps by entering the local field and which gave proof that while he was the pioneer here, his judgment had not been faulty. Mr. Thomas stated that the Salt Gap well would be ready for operation by Wednesday of this week. Necessarily the weather forced a postponement of operations for the present. Mr. Thomas also stated that operations on the well contracted by him at Salt Gap would be begun at an early date.

Burford & Brimm Oil Co. has completed their new derrick for well No. 2, 3/4 of a mile southeast of the location of well No. 1, and will be ready to spud in when the weather improves. The Globe, or Fidelity Oil Co., four miles southeast of Mercury, which has been experiencing financial difficulties, will be taken over by a new company and operations will be resumed at once, it is stated on good authority.

LADIES, READ THIS!

Have just received another shipment of the famous Phoenix Hose—the kind you all know and like so well. Best on the market—that's why we sell them. Nuf Sed. Kirk, the Tailor.

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TINY ONE-POUND MIDGET MARVEL OF COUNTRYSIDE

This is not a fairy tale, nor an editor's pipe dream—it is merely an exemplification of the old but trite saying "Truth is stranger than fiction."

Mr. and Mrs. George Elkins of the Lohn community are the proud parents of an infant son, who, when dressed up in his Sunday clothes, weighs just one pound.

Mr. Elkins was in town Tuesday, and confirmed the statement. The tiny mite of humanity was just eleven days old Tuesday, and, Mr. Elkins stated the attending physician pronounced him perfect in every way, and with a good chance to "grow up" into a useful and honored citizen.

It is difficult to describe such a mere atom, but some idea of the size of the tiny midget may be had from the statement that a silver dollar just completely covers its face. Its voice, in proportion to its body, is so tiny that one is unable to hear it cry unless one's ear is close to its face. In order to find it, a light must be kept burning all night, as the mother or attendants cannot tell when they have it in their hands, so little is its weight.
Mr. and Mrs. Elkins live on the S. H. Mayo farm, six miles north of Lohn. Since the advent of the midget, their home has been the mecca of hundreds of visitors, who have come to catch just a glimpse of this greatest marvel of the age.

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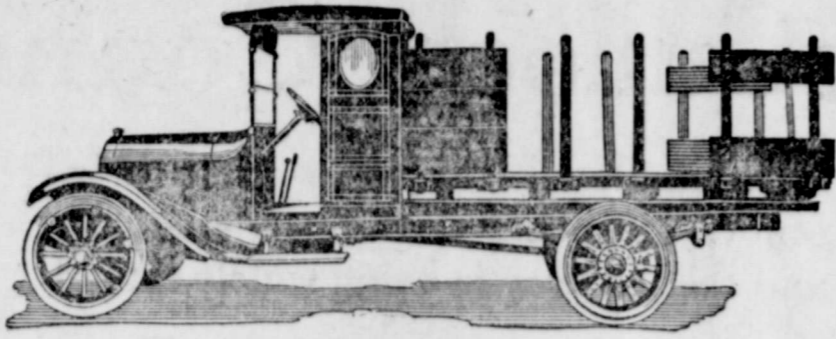
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To accomplish this, we invite and request the help of every citizen—make this work of building, your work—and make this paper your paper, that success may be universal with us all.

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BROWN BROS. FINANCIAL LETTER

Does the Texas farmer realize what a wonderful opportunity he now has with the war over and the three years' drouth broken?

So many men will be released from the army and from work in war activities that the price of labor must fall. On the other hand everything the farmer can grow, either live stock or farm products, must bring record-breaking prices. There can be no doubt of this because we have the facilities for shipping and the European countries are on the verge of starvation.

This means a greater export business than America has ever dreamed of and it will bring about a great era of prosperity for the producer.

What effect will this have on the money market? Will money be scarce or plentiful? We may rest assured there will be plenty of money for all legitimate enterprises but it will be in great demand and therefore interest rates will likely continue high. It will take a long time to pass through the period of reconstruction. In shifting from a war basis back to a pure business basis many changes must take place in all business activities. The wisdom of our national administration insures that this will be worked out along the most practical possible plans but the expense for the next few years must continue to be enormous.

An immense amount of money will be necessary to pay interest on the debt created by Liberty Bond issues.

Increased demand for food and consequent high prices of same will result in the cultivation of new land and farm improvements and the manufacturing of farm implements. This is the time to purchase land either for farming or stock raising. No man need wait for fear of scarcity of labor because it will be plentiful and at reasonable prices.

This is the time to get a new start in business and the man who starts in business of production stands the best chance of success. What the world needs is food and clothing. We have always had too many merchants, traders and market manipulators. What we want is production with direct transportation to the consumer. Profits of the "middle man" should be reduced. In times like these when food and clothing are so scarce we can get along with mighty few "middle men".

"The farmer who realizes what opportunities he has at present will put forth the greatest efforts of his life. He should do this, not simply from a selfish standpoint of personal gain but from a patriotic and humane impulse to relieve the great sufferings abroad and in foreign lands."

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**RUSSELL OIL WELL IS
READY FOR DRILLING.
HOLE NOW AT 3430 FEET.**

Brady Sanitarium 1 25 20
Drilling will be resumed in the Russell oil well Thursday, according to statements made by parties who are keeping in close touch with the work, and workmen who are here from the well today verified such reports.

For some time the drillers have been working hard to clear the hole of three hundred feet of casing which blocked the drilling progress. It was necessary to drill through this casing, or by underreaming open up the hole. This has been done and the drill will be started to work again.

The hole is now 3430 feet deep, and it is the purpose of the company prosecuting the drilling to go to a depth of four thousand feet, and if oil is not found at that depth, another well, and probably two, will be drilled in that territory.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

"As a laxative, and for stomach trouble, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a wonderful remedy. I suffered greatly from indigestion and found relief after using one bottle."
(From a letter to Dr. Caldwell written by Cecil Fitzgerald, 829 14th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.)

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BROWNWOOD WANTS BETTER PULLMAN SERVICE

The citizens of Brownwood are awake on the job. They are not satisfied with the Pullman service that city is receiving, and they are calling on the proper authorities to operate another Pullman between that city and Fort Worth and to extend it to San Angelo, giving the people in this section of the country, and who wish to travel north the benefits of a through sleeper to Fort Worth. At present citizens in Ballinger who wish to go to Fort Worth, or points north, must wait until they get to Brownwood before they can get sleeper accommodations, and the travel is so heavy between Fort Worth and Brownwood that people from this section are deprived of sleeper accommodations. This is a matter our people should be interested in and should cooperate with Brownwood.—Brownwood News.

**WILENSKY BROS. DISSOLVE
PARTNERSHIP—H. WILENSKY
PROPRIETOR BRADY STORE.**

The firm of Wilensky Bros. was this week dissolved. H. Wilensky acquiring full management and proprietorship of the Brady store, and R. Wilensky retiring. In the transaction, R. Wilensky acquires the interest of H. Wilensky in the Menard store, and will be associated with the third brother, Ike Wilensky, in conducting the store at that place. As soon as the weather permits, and he secures a suitable dwelling in Menard, he expects to move his family to that place to make their home there.

The firm of Wilensky Brothers was established in Brady something like eight years ago, and from a small beginning has grown to one of the leading establishments of its kind in the city. The store carries a large stock of goods, and has enjoyed a very satisfactory business all through the years it has been established. The Menard branch of the firm, was opened something like two years ago, and, like the Brady store, has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity, until now it takes rank equal with the store in Brady.

H. Wilensky will continue the Brady business under his own name, and announces that "Buy for Less, and Sell for Less," will continue to be his watchword, and he invites the patronage of both old and new customers.

If you have some clothes that need cleaning, and want an extra nice job done, don't hesitate to send them to us. We have an expert on the job, and our work is sure to please. KIRK, the Tailor, Nuf Sed.

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PAGE OF INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS OVER IN FRANCE

The Standard has been asked several times in the past week or two, if we would care to publish letters from soldier boys, and in answer, we would say we are always glad to have letters from soldier boys for publication, when such letters are of general public interest. Inasmuch as every citizen is greatly interested in the customs, scenes and descriptions of sights overseas, and more especially in accounts of battles and the general warfare that our boys have experienced, we believe we are safe in asserting that 99 out of 100 letters written by the soldier boys contain something of interest. So send us your letters—we are glad to give them space, and our readers will be glad to read them. Of course, it must be understood that we omit anything of private nature, or such parts as are only of personal interest.

THRICE WOUNDED—ONCE BY PIECE SHELL OVER HEART— ODOM MARTIN WRITES.

To be in the thick of the fiercest battles of the war, to see comrades fall, dead and wounded, all about him; to be wounded three times himself, once by a piece of explosive shell in the left shoulder just half an inch over the heart—to experience all this, and still live, is the remarkable record of Odom Martin, member of the 6th Marines, who writes his father at Day, Arkansas, the following interesting letter concerning his dramatic experiences:

"Dear Father:

"Today is Dad's day, and each soldier that has a father will write him a letter today. I can thank the Good Lord that I am one that has a father. I have heard several of the boys say, 'I can't write today, for I have no father.'

"I don't know what to write, but I can tell much more than I have been telling, so I will start at the first.

"We landed in Brest, France, November, 12, 1917; stayed there about a week, from there we went to Bordeaux. We stayed there just about two months. It is the third largest city in France. I sure did like to stay there.

"We went from there to Chaumont La Ville. That was a small town near the front, where they put us through. We went out to drill rain or shine. I didn't think that I would ever live through it.

"From there we went into a sector of the Verdun front. Well it was pretty quiet there at first, but we soon lived things up. That is the front where I was wounded on the first day of April 1918. I got a piece of high explosive shell in my left shoulder. It went in right over my heart, only missing it about one half inch. It went in 5-7-10 C. M.

"I traveled around quite a bit from one hospital to another. First I was in a French hospital. They treated me fine. Then I went to Chaumont and from there to a summer resort, Vichy. That sure is a pretty place. I went from that place back to Bordeaux and finally back to my company.

"Then I was in the big battle of Chateau-Thierry from the first day of June until the sixth. Father, that was one of the biggest battles the Americans were ever in. It was the bloodiest battle that I was in. You can't imagine anything like half as it really was. I lost lots of my best friends. In fact nearly all of them. I was behind a rock with two other boys, when I was wounded and they were both killed. I think I am one of the luckiest Marines that ever lived. I have been in places that I didn't see any chance for my life at all, then came out all O. K. Lots and lots of times when they were shelling our front lines with those big old six and eight inch shells, I would say, 'Well I will never live through this. I can't for they are hitting close, and every shell is getting nearer.' Well, all I could do was lie there in a little hole and tremble. I thought of every thing I ever did in my whole life.

"Well, I will get back to where I

was wounded. I was hit with a small piece of shrapnel in my leg, and also a large piece in my side. It broke two ribs, but did not go through my flesh. The concussion wounded my back and left leg. I was then put in B 2 class and remained there for about two months. During that time I drove a motorcycle and a Dodge car. I forgot to tell you what hospitals I was in. I was in one in Paris.

"While I was in B 2 class I got paid. I had six months pay coming, so they gave me a ten day's leave.

"Well I went to the American leave area, which was Aix-Les-Bains. It is one of the most historic places in France. I saw lots of wonderful things. I wouldn't take anything for that trip. I can tell you lots when I get back.

"I also visited another large place, Lyons. I think France a beautiful country, as I have seen most of it, altho I wouldn't want to live here. There are some real old historical places here. I was in one place that was most beautiful on the inside. It was erected in 1125.

"Well I will get back to the fighting part now. I was in the battle of Champagne, pulled through without a scratch, altho I would not have given very much for my life several times.

"Then I started in the last big drive that finished the war. I was a gain lucky or unlucky, whatever you want to call it. I was wounded in my left leg with a piece of a big shell. I am getting along fine now. Am still in the hospital. I don't know when I will be able to get out. The name of this town is Conriedville, and it is a summer resort.

"Well Dad, I guess I had better close.

"I wish I could give each of you a Christmas present, but am so far away I will not try to.

"I haven't heard from home in several months. If I could get a letter that would be all I could wish for.

"I guess that I will be home in a few months. Hope so anyway.

"Well, Father, give my love to mother and the children.

"I hope you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"Your loving son,
"Corp. Odom P. Martin,
"82 Co. 6th Marines,
"American E. F."

FOWLER McSHAN WRITES HIS FATHER THAT HE WAS THEN STATIONED ON MOIRE RIVER

O. A. McShan is in receipt of a letter from his son, Fowler, dated November 30th, stating he was then stationed on the Moire river, and that he was quartered in a hotel which had been occupied for years by the Germans. He stated there were some of the finest crops around there he had ever seen, and that they had evidently been planted by the Germans, as no one appeared to claim them. Fowler made his last visit home in June of the past year. In July he was sent overseas, where he has been a member of the 344th Brigade, Field Artillery of the 90th Division. According to his letter, he had no idea when he would be returned home.

McCULLOCH COUNTY BOY WHO SERVED IN TWO WARS WRITES OF HIS EXPERIENCES

John F. (Fred) Irvine is a McCulloch County raised boy—and the only young man from McCulloch County who served both in the Spanish-American and the great World's War. Irvine was a conductor in the employ of the Northern Texas Traction Co. of Fort Worth until he resigned to become a member of Ambulance Co. 359 of the 90th Division. He wrote to his father, Rev. J. A. Irvine on "Dad's Day", November 23 from Stenay, France as follows:

"Dear Dad:
"As to-morrow is Dad's Day, a day set apart for every soldier to write his dad, I will give you a sketch of my stay in France.

"We left New York June the 28th on the English transport, Moieto, and after a thirteen days sail, which was anything but a pleasure, we landed in Liverpool. After a few days rest in England, crossed the Channel to Harve, France where we remained for two days. Here I received a much needed bath. We next went to a small village in the southeast of France, Busseau, where we received training until we went to the front. The training received there, however, was not worth a darn, for when we got into actual service, we had to do the best we could. From there we went to Montaville on the St. Mihiel front, the front where the Americans made the first all American drive. Dad, it was hell and I was in the very middle of it. Bombed from above, fired upon by guns of all sizes, intermingled with gas, it became an inferno of raining hell-fire. That gas is surely bad when you get a good dose of it. After twenty-eight days of service on this front, we went back and rested ten days. Our final service was then rendered on the Muse-Argonne front where we made a record, staying on this front until the armistice was signed.

"I had several narrow escapes, which I will tell you about when I see you again which I hope will not be long. We start for Germany in a few days as an army of occupation, and then from there home.

"Hoping you are all well, I am,
"Your son,
"John F. Irvine,
"Amb. Co. 359, 315 Sanitary Train,
"A. E. F."

ERNST TETENS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT MAJOR—90th MADE SOME REPUTATION.

The following letter, dated at Marville, France, November 24, 1918, has been received by home folks from Ernest Tetens of the Lohm community. He gives a brief, but interesting account of his experiences.

"I received your welcome letter a few days past and was intending to answer sooner, but we have been on the move continually since the armistice was signed.

"You remember that we had taken over a portion of the Saint Michiel Sector on August the 24th, which we held until the 13th of September at 5:30 a. m. when we went 'over the top' and advanced about 5 kilometers, our objective by 3:00 P. M. We dug some holes in the side of a steep bank in an old rock quarry where we remained all night, and believe me, Fritz gave us a baptism of H. E. and gas shells. I was slightly wounded on the night of September 25th, in the right arm, although not enough to be evacuated. This night I shall never forget.

"On the 27th of September, we were relieved and hiked to Toul, about 40 kilometers. We remained there a few days, and then were transferred to the Verdun front. We rode in trucks all day before we reached our destination.

"We remained in reserve until the night of October 30th, when we took over a sector of the Argonne front. On November the 1st, we went 'over the top' and believe me, this was some real war, but we put the Dutchmen on the run, and they are still running.

"Our Battalion was again holding the front lines on the night of November 10th with orders to go 'over the top' at 5:30 a. m., but the order was rescinded during the night. What for, the boys knew not until up in the morning, news reached them that Germany signed the Armistice, and that hostilities would cease at 11 a. m., and they did cease. The last shot I heard was 3 minutes of 11:00.

"I am only giving you a brief account of myself, since in action. If I should go into detail, it would require a book to contain it all. So I will wait until I see you.

"I am proud to say, that the reputation the 90th made for itself in the States, and retained through shot and shell over here, gave it a place in the army of occupation, for the troops that are to march on to Germany. So we are on our way. Just

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When I will be home I could not say, but I hope soon. Then I can tell you all about this fire-works celebration we had over here.

"I was very much surprised today, in being promoted to Bn. Sgt. Major of the 3rd Bn.

"With love to all,
"Your son,
"Ernest."

NOTICE FOR BIDS FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Chapter No. Eleven, Section One, Article 2440, of the Acts of the 35th Legislature, that the commissioners court of McCulloch county will receive bids from any banking corporation, association, or individual banker in this county that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of this county. Said bids to be filed with the County Judge of McCulloch county on or before the second Monday in February, being February 10th, 1919. Said bids to be in the form of a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest said bidder offers to pay on the funds of the county for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository.

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County Judge, McCulloch County,
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CAPT. BELMONT SAMMONS MAKES BRIEF VISIT WITH FATHER HERE ON TUESDAY

Capt. Belmont Sammons was in Brady Tuesday for a brief visit with his father, W. W. Sammons. Capt. Sammons had just received his discharge from the air service in England, and his promotion from Lieutenant to Captain came just prior to his receiving his discharge.

Belmont is one of four illustrious brothers, all originally Brady citizens, and each and every one of whom has risen from the ranks to that of a commissioned officer. For the past eleven months he has been stationed in England, where he was an instructor in the ground school at the aviation field.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents.

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

H. K. and T. L. West and Willie Browning of Lohm, left Saturday night for Burk Burnett to work in the oil fields.

Friends of the family will be pleased to know that Mrs. W. F. Roberts, Jr., is doing nicely at the local sanitarium, and it is thought she will be able to return to her home at Lohm the latter part of next week.

CONSTIPATION

And Sour Stomach Caused This Lady Much Suffering. Black-Draught Relieved.

Meadowville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would grip me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before. I heard of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I found it just what I needed. It was an easy laxative, and not bad to swallow. My digestion soon improved. I got well of the sour stomach, my bowels soon seemed normal no more griping, and I would take a dose now and then, and was in good shape.

I cannot say too much for Black-Draught for it is the finest laxative one can use."

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