

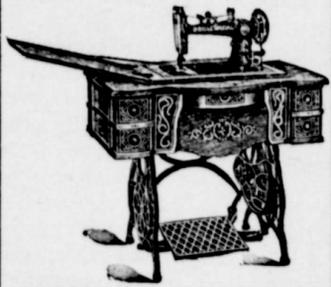
The Grapeland Messenger.

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GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, OCT. 24, 1918

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10 Days Special on Sewing Machines



\$35.00 Machines for \$27.50
\$27.50 Machines for \$21.90

Light running, ball bearing, all parts guaranteed for 10 years; full set of attachments. If you are thinking of buying a machine it will pay you to see our line.

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We Supply Every Need

Furniture

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Men's and Boys' furnishing goods

"If it's worth having you'll find it here."

BRING US YOUR PRODUCE AND COTTON

W. H. Long & Co.
 THE VALUE GIVING STORE

OVER THE TOP

Grapeland's quota of the Fourth Liberty Loan was \$60,000 and for a time it looked as though she would never reach the top. On Saturday, the last day, quite a number who had not subscribed came to the rescue with substantial subscriptions and with a few others adding to their already subscribed amounts, went over the top with \$66,700. Every man and woman has a just right to be proud of Grapeland and surrounding communities. President Wilson earnestly requested an over subscription and got it. Uncle Sam will continue to need funds and it is hoped that every one who can, will continue to invest in War Savings Stamps.

The total subscriptions received by the two banks were: The F. & M. Bank, \$36,400; the Guaranty State Bank, \$30,300.

TO THE VOTERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

I desire to call to your attention a matter of unusual importance, which is coming up for decision at the General Election in November. I refer to the proposed Amendment to the State Constitution, Article VII, Section 3, to be voted on, providing for free text-books for the children in the Common Schools of this State.

The advantages embodied in the provisions of this bill must be obvious to every friend of public education. Free text-books are regarded as an essential element of any free school system. The measure is not only popular among the leading educators of Texas, but is favored by our political leaders as well, it having been endorsed by the Democratic Convention in Waco, September 4th. The matter of furnishing free text-books in schools is in no sense an experiment; many States have enacted similar laws while many cities and communities in this State have also adopted the practice wholly or in part.

We must all concede that the school is the most potent agency in the world today controlling the destinies of mankind. Victory, when it finally comes, will make the world safe for Democracy. The Russian Revolutionists sought liberty and free government, but their pathetic ignorance and lack of training and enlightenment have thus far cheated them of these desirable blessings.

Every measure enacted for the improvement of public education but strengthens the foundation of our Democracy for which our sons are today battling beyond the seas.

Let every loyal citizen ponder well the destinies bound up in this decision to be rendered on election day, and vote this Amendment.

Very Respectfully,

E. Winfree, County Judge,
 Houston County, Texas.

666 cures Headaches, Bilousness, Loss of Appetite, or that tired aching feeling due to Malaria or Colds. Fine Tonic.

IMPROVEMENT NOTED IN INFUENZA STAGE

Washington Oct. 21.—Improvements in the influenza situation in six states was shown by reports received by the public health service, but twenty-seven other states reported the disease still spreading, with many additional cities and rural districts affected. Conditions apparently were worse in Pennsylvania, where it is estimated 350,000 cases have occurred, with probably 150,000 in Philadelphia. For the first eighteen days of October 14,805 deaths were reported in the state.

In army camps a slight increase in both influenza and pneumonia cases were reported Sunday, but a decrease was shown today, with 3,007 influenza cases and 768 pneumonia cases, the lowest figures reported since the epidemic became general in the camps. For the forty-eight hours ending today at noon new influenza cases totaled 6,666, pneumonia 2,079 and deaths 919.

These figures brought the total of influenza cases since Sept. 13 to 290,055 and deaths from all

cases to 15,072.

States reporting improved conditions today to the public health service were Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Tennessee. New cases in all these states are decreasing.

Many new cases were reported in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Virginia, Wisconsin, Utah and Washington.

DIED

The death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, near Creath, and took from their home their beloved daughter, Miss Jessie. At the time of her death she was employed as a teacher in the Pennington school. We hope and trust that our loss will be her eternal gain.

A Friend.

Our idea of an optimist is a person who thinks he can do as he pleases on earth and then enjoy the consequences of a fuel famine in the place where he will go after he dies.

For the Needs of the BOY

A boy likes to "dress up" as well as a man or woman. Give the boy a square deal and treat him right by being as good to him as you are to yourself. You can't expect a boy to be satisfied with clothes made over out of his pa's old ones. It isn't treating him right nor does it reflect credit to his parents. Give him what he deserves---

A Nice Suit of Clothes

A Good Looking Hat

A Good Pair of Shoes

Some Nice Shirts

Collars and Neckties

Give the boy these things that he desires and he will not be so ready to "run away from home" as many boys do when they reach the ages of fifteen and sixteen. Its your duty--don't shirk it.

We can dress your boy up from head to foot at a price that will be lower than you think. Bring him in and let us fit him up. We thank you.

McLean & Riall
 DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

PENALTIES IMPOSED BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION FOR VIOLATION RULES

D. Aron, 224 East Sixth street, retail grocer, Houston, violation of rules governing sale of wheat flour and excessive charges for same. Place of business closed for two days and required to pay \$50.00 to Army Recreational Canteen.

Kleber Baking Company, Dallas, Texas, penalized for violation of baking rules by failure to use required amount of substitutes. Required to pay \$250.00 to the Red Cross and close place of business for two days.

Clay County Oil Company, Henrietta, Texas, has been penalized by the Food Administration for buying cotton seed at Henrietta at a lower price than it was paying elsewhere at the same time in Texas. The mill was required to pay \$400 to the Red Cross.

I. Tobias, egg commission merchant of San Antonio, Texas, has contributed to the drouth sufferers' relief fund the sum of \$250.00 as evidence of the fact that in purchasing from his principals eggs which had been shipped to him on consignment he intended no violations of the rules of the Food Administration.

The U. S. Tea and Coffee Company, Houston, has been fined \$25.00 to be paid the Red Cross for violation of Fair Price Lists in the sale of corn meal.

For violating the rules of the U. S. Food Administration and for disobedience of the order of the Federal Food Administration for Texas, to discontinue seed operations pending action on their case, the license of the Farmers' Gin Company, Mabank, Texas, owned by W. E. Butler, has been suspended for the period of thirty days, beginning midnight Wednesday, September 25.

Because he took sugar allotted to him as a retailer and used it in the manufacture of soft drinks, Joe Moley of Orange, Texas, has been required by the Federal Food Administrator to pay \$200.00 to the Red Cross rather than endure the sting of an "unfair order."

Since April 20, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, the licenses of the wholesale firms of Walker-Craig Company and George McConigle Company of Brownsville, Texas, have been revoked because of violation of the rules and regulations of the U. S. Food Administration. On September 18, 1918, Herbert Hoover, the U. S. Food Administrator, authorized Administrator Peden to reinstate these two firms and immediately they were restored to their status prior to the revocation of the licenses.

The New Gin Company, Greenville, Texas, is a corporation operating gins at several points in Texas. Its license was recently ordered suspended for a period of thirty days by Administrator Peden for violation of Rule 3 of the rules regulating the Cotton Seed Industry. That rule forbids the payment of different prices by licensees for cotton seed in the same zone on the same day.

Upon reviewing the facts in the case of the U. S. Food Administration vs. J. E. Adair, retailer at Cooper, Texas, charged with having sold flour and sugar in violation of the regulations, the Enforcement Division finds the dealer guilty of the charges, and in lieu of an "unfair order" instructed that the dealer shall pay to the Red Cross \$100.00 and suspend the operation of his business from September 16 to September 20, inclusive.

John Behman, a retail grocer at Corpus Christi, Texas, has been closed for a period of fifteen days by order of the Federal Food Administrator because of violation of the rules of the Food Administration.

Because the Austin Oil Manufacturing Company paid different prices for cotton seed in the same zone on the same day, the firm has been penalized \$500 to be paid the drouth sufferers' relief fund.

Arthur Wolford, a retail grocer, Port Arthur, Texas, has contributed to the Red Cross \$25.00 in lieu of having his supplies cut off for violation of the sugar regulations of the U. S. Food Administration.

A. Renhault, retail grocer, Houston, Texas, because of excess profits on wheat flour, has been required to close his store for two days.

Gilbreath's grocery, 841 Tulane avenue, Houston, Texas, has been required to close its place of business for two days because of excess profits on flour.

The Milwaukee Delicatessen, Houston, Texas, has agreed to pay \$25.00 to the Houston Chapter of the Red Cross for overcharging on canned food commodities.

The grocery firm of A. J. McBride, Houston, Texas, has been penalized \$5.00 and costs of investigation for excess profits on flour and the sale of rice as a substitute.

SUGAR SAVINGS SHOWN IN RETURNED CERTIFICATES.

Sugar certificates to the amount of 21,890 pounds have been returned to the Food Administration by hotels and restaurants of Texas covering July and August allotments, being unused parts of the allotment based on two pounds for every ninety meals. This amount represents an actual saving. A ca-

and will use the same. The merchant at the time of purchase that he has these substitutes on hand. The merchant makes a written statement to the farmer that he will substitute at the time of purchase. It is not necessary to sell substitutes at the time of purchase. It is not necessary to sell substitutes at the time of purchase. It is not necessary to sell substitutes at the time of purchase.

OF FLOUR TO FARMERS' RULES GOVERNING SALE

odd sizes will be discontinued. of the containers by adopting three standard sized cans. All small and large sizes will be discontinued. Manufacturers of syrups and molasses will aid in conserving the use of flour in this way entirely. For the 1918 pack, but the 1919 pack will be handled in this way entirely. use of small tins. It is somewhat late in bulk packages so as to conserve the flour, so far as possible, will be sold of these two commodities. unitary act of the larger distributors. up. This action grows out of the vol- ent stocks of the containers are used non-metallic containers, as soon as pres- tor 15 by consent of the manufac- in cans will be discontinued after Oc- tember 15 by consent of the manufac- turers of spaghett and macaroni.

Seed Wheat at McLean & Riall's.

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AIX-LES BAINS "SOME DUMP"

Douglas D. Elliman, the real estate operator who finds time to serve on the War Personnel Board of the Y. M. C. A. and aid in the recruiting of men over fighting age to do the work which the "Y" has undertaken in co-operation with the Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board and other organizations, was in Aix-les-Bains soon after the "Y" had taken over that resort to make a leave and rest camp for American fighting men who needed relaxation after serving in the trenches.

"We didn't know exactly how some of the boys would feel in the midst of such splendors as the famous casino, for instance. A few of us were standing in the rotunda, with its marble floor, expensive statuary, decorated ceiling, etc., when a private entered. We had been trying to figure out just what would happen when this private should appear. Here he was, and we waited breathlessly.

"The soldier, a member of the Fighting 69th of the 165th Division, had a large size cud of tobacco in one cheek, from the off corner of his mouth a trench perfect was tilted belligerently. His hat was draped carelessly over one ear. Squinting from the eye on the other side, the newcomer made a casual inspection of his surroundings. Still we waited.

Then, his appraisal finished, that New York boy removed his cigar from his lips, blew forth a cloud of smoke, sent a stream of tobacco juice spurting after it, and ejaculated:

"Some dump!"

"History will not record the name of that fighting man, but he surely did relieve the minds of a committee of novices engaged in a pioneer war work. Aix-les-Bains has more than justified its selection and the purpose behind that selection. The boys who spend their leave there carry back such glowing reports that their fellows immediately cancel their arrangements to go to Paris, and go instead to a resort where the temptations are eliminated, and where they may be assured that they will find congenial recreation and return to their military duties more efficient fighting men."

OLD CLOTHES

Take off your hat to the Grapeland man who is dusting up last year's overcoat and putting it in shape for service this season, and smile upon the man who has half-soles hammered on shoes that he'd be ashamed to hand to a framp if the war wasn't going on. For Uncle Sam needs every ounce of wool he can get, and the fellows up at Chicago who have cornered the hide market are not going to let leather return to a decent price until the doors of Leavenworth prison stare them in the face.

We'll have much greater need to economize this winter than last, and while for the sake of health everyone is expected to dress comfortably it will be a disgrace and an utter lack of good sense for anyone to dress extravagantly. There will be nothing so vulgar as to pay undue attention to "fashion" as regards costume.

In every other country on earth all people, whether rich or poor, are thankful if they possess a supply of old clothes and they regard it as patriotic to bring to light discarded things and leave the new wool crop for army use. This is no minor affair, but a deadly serious one. Last year one hundred of our boys died in camps because cold weather overtook them before the Quartermaster's Department had got their winter uniforms and overcoats ready.

Civilians will have to buy many articles of dress; but it will help all trades, including the clothing trade itself, if every man, woman and child gets as much wear as possible out of garments already in hand.

PENNIES

The old adage, "Save your pennies," is hard to practice these times, when everything runs to uneven cents, and a penny comes in handy to make out the price without giving the dealer too much advantage.

Possibly the government realized this when it coined 528,000,000 pennies during the past year and put them into circulation. That is a "pile" of copper when it is counted out, but it is all needed in the price-making market. The old custom in Grapeland of dropping all pennies into the baby's bank stopped some-time ago, and it will possibly not be revived until the war is over and the high cost of things is regulated.

There is nothing that a nickel buys nowadays unless a few cents are added to it, so that the little five-cent piece has become but an humble servitor in the buying world and the penny is the necessary collaborator when a purchase is made.

All of which leads up to the fact that the best way to save pennies now is to keep them in circulation. If the Treasury Department had not realized this it would not have coined the largest copper output in the history of the United States. It behooves us all to be "penny-wise" and to cut out the "pound foolishness" of the old adage that has served us so long and so well.

WANTED

To buy a cheap pony horse. See me Saturday at Kennedy Bros. W. T. Bridgen.

LIBERTY BOND BUYERS

The two banks report the following additional subscribers to the Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds since the previous list was printed:

- Roy Brewton, \$50.
- Mrs. R. B. Edens, \$50.
- J. C. Oliver, \$100.
- Mrs. V. M. Anthony, \$50.
- W. R. Wherry, \$250.
- W. H. Wall, \$200.
- Mrs. Minnie Gaines, \$50.
- Curtis Walling, \$100.
- Dr. C. L. Cromwell, \$50.
- J. J. Knobel, \$50.
- W. H. Holcomb, \$1,000.
- J. F. Matthews, \$50.
- J. D. Sloan, \$50.
- G. L. Sreetman, \$50.
- Dr. W. D. McCarty, \$500.
- W. P. Grounds, \$50.
- M. P. Herod, \$500.
- Z. W. Weisinger, \$50.
- W. W. Gilbert, \$50.
- A. B. Spence, \$500.
- J. C. Cunningham, \$200.
- J. A. Bean, \$50.
- J. M. Murray, \$3,000.
- W. J. Starkey, \$100.
- E. G. Walling, \$50.
- Mrs. C. A. Walling, \$50.
- W. E. Kerr, \$50.
- Jack Beazley, \$50.
- C. P. Daniels, \$50.
- J. W. Murchison, \$50.
- J. L. Beard, \$50.
- W. F. West, \$500.
- C. A. Campbell, \$50.
- J. L. Steadman, \$50.
- W. L. Moore, \$50.
- Louis Herod, \$100.
- E. E. Holcomb, \$50.
- T. S. Cook, \$100.
- P. W. DuBose, \$50.
- Mrs. Minnie Boykin, \$100.
- Mrs. Omega Marshall, \$50.
- Meely Robinson, (col.) \$100.
- Jim McLean, \$1,000.
- J. H. Powell, \$50.
- J. L. Wall, \$50.
- Frank Hatch, (col) \$50.
- Wade L. Smith, \$500.
- W. H. Dotson, \$50.
- J. E. Elliott, \$200.
- T. H. Leaverton, \$500.
- Homer Jones, \$200.
- P. E. Weisinger, \$50.
- W. S. Walter, \$1,000.
- J. T. Raines, \$50.
- T. S. Kent, \$100.
- J. A. Bynum, \$50.
- J. H. Kolb, \$100.
- B. L. Keen, \$200.
- Fred Bridges, \$50.
- O. Caskey, \$50.
- O. Z. Bean, \$100.
- W. R. Brown, \$50.
- J. O. Edington, \$50.
- J. T. Wilson, \$100.
- W. O. Teems, \$100.
- Joe Cook, \$100.
- C. L. Haltom, \$50.
- Geo. Moore, \$50.
- J. E. Hollingsworth, \$50.
- Henry Guenther, \$50.
- A. E. Murray, \$500.
- C. C. Smith, \$50.
- J. W. Howard, \$200.
- Geo. Calhoun, \$2500.
- J. R. Chaffin, \$50.
- W. M. Weisinger, \$50.
- D. M. Jones, \$50.
- O. N. Davis, \$250.
- J. N. Mosely, \$50.
- O. Z. Bean, \$50.
- G. F. Salmon, \$50.
- A. L. Thompson, \$50.
- P. L. Fulgham, \$150.
- Luther Dotson, \$50.
- T. J. Dotson, \$100.
- J. E. Bishop, \$250.
- S. Adams, \$100.
- W. P. Chiles, \$100.
- Wiley Bridgen, \$50.
- W. F. Murchison, \$100.
- E. N. Clark, \$50.
- J. B. Clark, \$50.
- Alton Lively, \$100.
- S. N. Boykin, \$100.
- J. H. Gaines, \$50.
- W. H. Long & Co., \$1,000.
- J. M. Owens, \$250.

- J. F. Durnell, \$50.
- Frank Allen, \$150.
- G. B. Kent, \$200.
- T. Tarkelson, \$50.
- T. J. Lucas, \$50.
- Total, \$36,400.00.

YOUNG FOLKS HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ECONOMIZE

Pick scraps of time from the dallars; earn while you learn by taking a money back guaranteed course of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Business Law, Business English, Business Arithmetic, Salesmanship, Advertising or Business Writing through our correspondence department. We secure satisfactory results or refund tuition. All tuition paid on correspondence course is credited on personal course if the student desires to finish in our school. In other words, the instructions received in the correspondence department costs you absolutely nothing where a scholarship is bought later for personal work. Many find it to their advantage, even where they intend to take personal work later, to first enroll for correspondence work and utilize their spare moments until they are ready to enter since it costs nothing extra. This often saves them a couple of month's time and board in school on personal work, and enables them to leave college and accept a good position two months earlier. Others take the correspondence course, finish it and accept a position without entering school.

We use our original copyrighted methods. We make every subject practical and interesting from start to finish; give every lesson personal attention and a personal reply. Our courses are practical and interesting by correspondence. We have taught hundreds successfully, and know we can teach you or we would not guarantee to refund your money. Why continue wasting your spare moments? Turn them into knowledge and make them earn you dollars and serve your country. You can't afford to idly dream away your time while your country is calling for help to handle the increased office work caused by this World War.

For full particulars and a free lesson fill in and mail to Correspondence Department Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name
Address
Send free lesson in a course of

Let McLean & Riall show you a CRESCENT COOK STOVE.

Our observation is that the older a man gets the more he realizes that it doesn't make much difference if his socks do wrinkle at the ankle.

Kiddy Kars the kind you can adjust for children of all ages at Darsey's.

D. M. Jones of Percilla, a valued friend of the Messenger, called in Saturday and left some extra fine pears for the boss. The office devil is not allowed to bet, but he is willing to wager his hat that if the editor was allowed to come in contact with them, he would have to stay in bed a week longer than he otherwise would.

Men's Overcoats and Suits at McLean & Riall's.

The Thrift Car

Overland

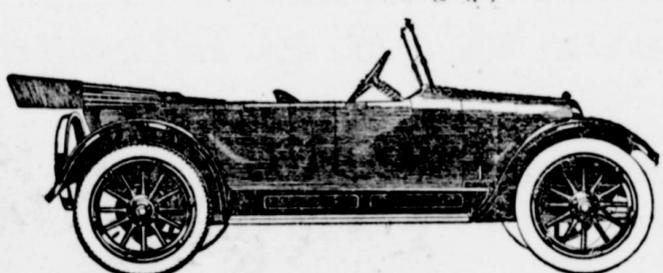
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There are five things to consider when you buy a motor car—

Appearance
Performance
Comfort
Service
Price

Owners who have bought the Overland Model 90 have not been worried about any of these things.

Remember this when you decide to buy your car.



J. E. TOWERY
[CROCKETT, TEXAS]

FOR SALE
12 1-2 acres of land with good house, near the town of Grape-land. We will sell your land if you will list it with us. We have buyers now who want places. See us if you wish to sell or buy real estate.

Davis & Edens.

Get a good 42 pound cotton mattress for \$3.50 at McLean & Riall's.

**CITY
BARBER SHOP**
DENSON & WALTON
Proprietors

Shop on Main Street next door to Guaranty State Bank

Your Business will be Greatly Appreciated

Laundry Agency
Basket leaves every Wednesday and returns Saturday.

ITCH!



Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ring worm, and Tetter, and is sold by the druggist on the strict guarantee that the purchase price, 75c, will be promptly refunded to any dissatisfied customer. Try Hunt's Salve at our risk. For sale locally by

WADE L. SMITH

Too many bad tempers are classified as nervous dispositions.

A TORPID LIVER KILLS ENERGY

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

WADE L. SMITH

INDUCTION OF REGISTRANTS WILL PROCEED

The News has received a letter from reader at Scottsville, Texas in which he says:

"I would like to read your editorial opinion on the likelihood of the registrants of September 12, from the present status of the war conditions, being inducted and sent to camp for training and service. I am one of them."

Doubtless the peace propaganda of Germany has led many of the registrants of September 12, and of former registration periods, to speculate as to their position. The News can see but one reasonable thing in the situation, and is confident that the authorities at Washington take the same view of it. This is that all preparations for indefinite continuation of the war must precede just as if there were no proposals of peace coming from Germany.

Every rule of warfare and every dictate of good sense and sound judgment will impel the Government to continue to prepare the war program just as it has been outlined up to the very moment of signing peace protocols.

This theory has the support of history and of precedents set by wise leaders in the past. To

recede in any respect from the program of preparations would be a strategic blunder. We are not near peace. We may not even be near to negotiations for peace. But after formal negotiations shall have begun, which will not be for some time, preparations for continuing the war will proceed as planned.

Not only the men subject to military service, but all the citizens charged with other service, including conservation of materials and supplies and the financing of the war, must proceed now as they have in the past, preparing for indefinite war. Any other procedure would be to weaken our morale and prolong the struggle for absolute victory that alone can end the war. That victory may be had around a council table, but it is more probable that it will be on the soil of Germany; and the latter theory is the only one that the United States can consider until the former shall have been fully accomplished.—Dallas News.

SAVINGS STAMPS WILL BE ISSUED FOR 1919

The United States government has decided to continue the war savings plan throughout the year of 1919, and when the new stamp is issued those who hold the maximum of \$1,000 maturity value of the present issue will be permitted to purchase \$1,000 of the next issue.

The money used for war savings stamps is used for the identical same purpose as money paid for liberty bonds. Both are plans to obtain money to carry on the war. The wealth of the nation is pledged as security for the payment of both the bonds and the stamps. The real difference, however, is that the owner of a war savings stamps can sell back to the government the stamp at its full cash price, with interest added, but with the bond, if forced to sell, he must take the market price.

The war savings stamps is the first obligation the government will pay, because it matures in about four years. As a matter of fact, the war savings stamp is virtually a savings bank where the owner receives 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, has the satisfaction of knowing that he is helping finance and win the war, and has the best security on earth. The popularity of this form of investment is growing as the people begin to understand the stamps special value. It has, therefore, been decided to continue this plan throughout the year of 1919.

FROM J. O. RITCHIE TO HIS FATHER

September 11.—Somewhere in France. Mr. N. W. Ritchie, Dear Father: I am writing you one more time. I am well and doing fine and hope this will find you the same. I have been up at a quiet front. Not much fighting except a little artillery. I am back now for a rest for some time.

How are your crops. I hope they are good. I have not heard from you since I left Camp Travis (Mr. Ritchie's letters failed to reach his son). You should see this place they call France. Some parts are beautiful, but some parts are desolate. I am playing a part in this great war. I am Automatic Gunner and its a very delicate job, but it

is not an easy one by any means. I went out on No Man's Land the other day. Will tell you about it when I get back home, and from all views it won't be long.

Well, I hope this will get through alright. Write soon.

From your boy,

James O. Ritchie.

Co. A. 360 Inf., American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Following is a letter written to Mr. Ritchie from the Captain of the Company in which J. O. Ritchie was serving:

American Expeditionary Forces, France, Sept. 23.—Mr. N. W. Ritchie. My Dear Sir: It is no easy task to inform you that your son, James O. Ritchie, Co. A. 360th Inf., was killed in action September 12, 1918. He was in charge of an automatic rifle and we had gone over the top in a rush driving the enemy from their trenches. A few machine guns remained, however, and it was in trying to clear these out that your son met his death. He stuck to his gun and was killed by machine gun fire bravely doing his duty.

If every American soldier acquitted himself as did your boy that day, this war would be not long and peace would be not far distant. I thought the particulars regarding your son's ending might be welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Chester E. DeLano,

Capt. 360th Inf. Commanding Company A.

SERVICE UNDER FIRE

An American doughboy, asked to tell what, during the fighting at Chateau Thiery in which he participated, impressed him most, said:

"I was flabbergasted of course by the rain of Hun machine gun bullets, and was surprised when I turned over what I supposed was a dead Hun and found he was only playing possum, and I was a wee bit excited when I tumbled into a pit on top of two dead German snipers. But the climax to my Chateau Thiery fight experience came just as we had finished mopping up the town from which we drove the Huns.

"I was faint from hunger and thirst, and was wondering how long it would be before I could find the "makins" of a smoke, when should come along but the Knights of Columbus truck with hot chocolate, coffee and best of all cigarettes! My first hot bite, hot drink and a real smoke at Chateau Thiery, I will never for get them."

A big line of Boys' Pants, all sizes at McLean & Riall's.

Do not neglect the warnings of nature. If your appetite is poor, breath bad, tongue coated, you will be sick unless you take steps to put your system in good condition. Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy you need. It purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and regulates the liver. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Mrs. J. F. Mangum, wife of County Attorney J. F. Mangum, Crockett, died Sunday night with influenza. The Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Kiddy Kars develop your child with plenty of exercise. See them at Darsey's.

MAKING BOTH SIDES Of the Dollar Count

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LOCAL NEWS

666 cures Malarial Fever.

5 lb. bucket of good coffee—\$1.00 at Wherry's.

You can get \$1.25 worth for \$1.00 at Wherry's.

Better get your Syrup Cans now at W. H. Long & Co's.

Arland Gainey from Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., is home visiting sick folks.

Farmers can get flour without buying substitutes at Wherry's.

Dr. Sam Kennedy has received notice to report at Ft. Riley, Kan., in fifteen days for service.

Plenty of Syrup Cans at W. H. Long & Co's.

Mrs. Fayette Craig was buried at Ash Sunday, having died with pneumonia Saturday night.

Prof. Travis Mitchell is home from A. & M.

666 cures by removing the cause.

Mr. Joe Yarbrough was called to Sour Lake Saturday morning on account of the illness of his son, Eugene, who was reported to be very sick with pneumonia.

Dr. C. C. Hill has sold his home and moved his household goods to Crockett with the anticipation of leaving soon for the war. During his absence his family will make their home in Crockett.

It will be to your advantage to see the SPECIAL BARGAINS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD at WHERRY'S.

Mrs. Bruce Morehead died Monday night with influenza, interment taking place in Guice-land cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

If you need a Cook Stove, we will save you money.
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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Baker have the sympathy of the Messenger in the loss of their son, Oran, who died Tuesday night with pneumonia, interment taking place Wednesday afternoon at Parker cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lacy of Crockett spent Sunday afternoon in the city.

666 contains no alcohol, arsenic, nor other poisonous drugs.

Arthur Guic who has been attending school in Tyler is home again.

Ladies' and children's Liberty Coats at Wherry's.

Miss Rena Ross Richards who is taking a business course in Tyler, is home on a vacation.

Renew your subscription before your time expires.

Wylie Caskey of Palestine was here on business a few days last week.

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William McLean, who has been attending school at Tyler, is at home

When the breath is bad and the appetite disordered, Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy needed. It purifies the stomach, liver and bowels, sweetens the breath, promotes vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Johnny Ballew, who had been in training at Camp Travis, San Antonio, died at that place and his remains were shipped to Grapeland, arriving here Thursday night, October 17th. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Denson Springs. He leaves a mother, Mrs. S. C. Ballew, and three brothers. The Messenger joins their many friends in extending sympathy and regrets in his untimely death.

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There is an apparent improvement in the "Flu" situation in Grapeland at this writing. While there has been quite a number of cases in the city most of them have been of a mild form, only two deaths having occurred thus far where pneumonia followed. It is not known yet whether school will resume its duties Monday or not.

The Messenger wishes to thank its readers for their leniency during the illness of the "boss," as we have heard but little complaint. The Editor is doing nicely and hopes to be out in a few more days. Until that time the office devil will continue to have a good time.

BARB WIRE CUTS AND WOUNDS

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Mr. Dock Jones of Madisonville has accepted a position with the Messenger and will operate the Linotype in the future.

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Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

Mr. C. R. Hatchell, who has been conducting a restaurant on the East Side, left for Crockett Monday, where he will open up the City Cafe on East Side of Square. He wishes to thank his friends for their liberal patronage while in Grapeland and asks that when in Crockett they will call on him.

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WHAT THE U. S.

NAVY HAS DONE

Washington, Oct. 21.—Construction of the North sea mine barrage against submarines, laying of an oil pipe line across Scotland, establishment of naval aviation stations from the Spanish border to the English channel and other details of the work of the American navy in foreign waters were given to the public Monday by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who recently returned from a visit to Europe.

"The American people seem to have very little idea of the extent of our naval activities abroad," said Secretary Roosevelt. "The tendency is to think merely of the conveying and patrol work our destroyers and other vessels are doing and the presence of our battleships with the British fleet. But important as this is, it is only a part of our activities and there are dozens of other things of importance of which little has been said."

The building of the North sea mine barrage was one of the biggest things ever accomplished in ordnance work, Mr. Roosevelt said. In turning out material for it, a number of plants in this country were kept busy for months. Several American bases were established on the British coast to lay and handle the mine.

To save haulage of oil, the American Navy has undertaken to construct a pipe line across Scotland.

"All the way from the Spanish border clear around the English channel," said Mr Roose-

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velt, "we have established aviation stations so spaced that the entire coast line is covered by seaplanes and dirigibles. These stations were built almost entirely by our sailors. At each station there is an average of from 200 to 300 men. This aviation force and our patrol vessels have been doing such splendid work that for the past six months there have been practically no sinkings within 50 miles of the French coast. We hope to extend this patrol zone to 100 miles."

In Northern France, in cooperation with the British and Belgians, Secretary Roosevelt said, there had been established what is known as the northern bombing group composed of a number of aviation units which did much to prevent the Germans from again using Zeebrugge and Ostend as submarine bases.

An American naval force cooperating with the British at Gibraltar is patrolling the At-

lantic in that vicinity, and is acting as convoy to vessels going to and from Italy, Greece and Egypt. There is a flying school with several naval aviation units on duty in Italy, while in the Adriatic is a large group of submarine chasers.

Each naval base has its hospital, Secretary Roosevelt said, and in Scotland an entire watering place has been taken over by the Americans for use as a hospital.

"Conditions have vastly improved from what they were last year," said the secretary, in referring to the submarine menace "but we can not afford to let up in our activities for one single second. In regard to the respect which U-boats have shown for international law, you have but to ask any officer or man in our own or in the British or French navies. They will tell you of and prove to you great numbers of actual cases where the Hun has violated every rule and principle of humanity."

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HERE'S THE RESULT

When you lock your machine in the garage on Sunday, Mr. Grapeland Man, do you stop to think what it means to General Pershing? Possibly you have not given it a thought, merely passing it up with the belief that the few gallons of gasoline you save isn't going to lesson the length of the war the millionth part of a second.

But every time you and the other fellows keep their cars idle on Sunday you purchase for General Pershing 5,000 machine guns, at a cost of \$250 each. You've also saved enough gasoline to send him 2,800,000 hand grenades, and enough to pay for 35,784 completely equipped rifles which the American infantryman carries when he goes into action. Can't you see what a slaughter of Huns results for leaving the little old rambler in the garage on Sunday and spending the day where your neighbors can renew the old-time acquaintance they had with you before you bought "the boat?"

The fuel administration says that on the second gasless Sunday observed in this country Americans saved 5,000,000 gallons of gasoline. Valued at 25c a gallon this means a saving in one day of \$1,250,000. To that extent with which, by saving, we can carry on the war by means of current abstinence from gasoline, we shall be better off when the war is over. The moral which the Treasury department points out as a result of the gasless Sunday is that it is important in our conduct of

the war to pay as we go as far as possible by making a little sacrifice, a sacrifice which does not injure us in the least but, on the other hand, teaches us the valuable lesson of economy and saving.

Over the top \$6,700.

Grapeland has again done her patriotic duty.

Grapeland backs the boys 'over there' while they front the kaiser. *

Laugh, and your friends laugh with you—sneeze, and you and the "Flu" germs have it all to yourself.

The other day we heard a Grapeland girl say that the happiest days of her life were the three years she was 18.

Not only must America feed her allies, but from the looks of things it won't be long until we'll be feeding all the Huns

We would also like to call the attention of every Grapeland citizen to the fact that another way to give the Hun fits is to save fruit pits.

After some Grapeland girls have tried every other way to win a proposal they take to standing at the side door with a kitchen apron on.

Forgive the man who was unable to buy a Liberty Bond. But denounce openly and cuss unceasingly the man who was able to and didn't.

Don't complain about the little Grapeland girl who is taking piano lessons at home. Think how much worse it would be if she was learning to beat the bass drum.

At \$1.00 per head the Grapeland boys at the front are entitled to 3,700 extra Huns. But honestly we wouldn't give six-bits for their chance when Uncle Sam's boys get in behind them good and strong.

SOLDIERS READ TO LEARN

The American soldier isn't satisfied to return home knowing no more than when he became a part of our great national army. For that reason the Library War Service of the American Library Association has found it necessary to purchase nearly 600,000 books on mechanical, technical and scientific subjects to meet the demand for information reading matter.

SOLDIERS LEARNING ENGLISH

It has been discovered that there are thousands of men in our National army who cannot speak or read English. For that reason the Library War Service of the American Library Association has established classes in English in nearly all of the big training camps. There is a heavy demand for books, and even "First Readers" are on the list of books asked for and—of course—supplied.

Another thing we like about the navy is that the sailors can pull their trousers over their shoes without wiggling their feet.

COTTON GINNED

There were 18,470 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1918 prior to September 25th, as compared with 17,723 bales ginned up to same date last year.

TEN THOUSAND

We have not the means of verifying the estimate of the brewers that 10,000 saloons in this city will go out of business next month be cause of the Executive ban on beer, but the figure is round and fascinating and suggestive.

Ten thousand bartenders would be welcome in essential industry, if not in the army.

Ten thousand hardwood bars could be turned into gun stocks, ship's furniture and peace conference tables.

Ten thousand sets of mirrors placed in the cantonments, would add to the joy of the man putting on his first suit of olive drab.

Ten thousand brass footrails would be received by the shell factories with loud cheers.

Ten thousand groups of "private stock" bottles could be used as ketch-up containers.

Ten thousand bungstarters could be adapted to shipyard use for the driving home of wooden keys. One of these interesting weapons might be sent to the Historical Society.

Ten thousand slates, after careful washing, could be used in schools.

Ten thousand vacated saloons—what would be the increased value, in money alone, of the buildings in which they now nestle?—New York Sun.

There will be five columns to the ballot this election. These will be as follows: Democratic, republican, socialist, independent and one blank column. Two state parties heretofore on the state ticket have disappeared. These are the prohibition party and the socialist-labor party. We can see no use for an independent ticket with no candidates and for a blank ticket with no candidates, certainly one of these columns would suffice. The election this year comes on November 5. Only a small vote will be polled no doubt. There are several important constitutional amendments to be voted on at this election.—Memphis Herald.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the recent illness and death of our beloved son and brother, and for the many beautiful floral offerings sent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dorsey and family.

A burning sensation in the throat and chest means bad digestion; and digestive trouble is the starting point for many serious diseases, particularly kidney disease. Better take Prickly Ash Bitters and put your stomach and digestion in sound condition before serious trouble begins. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

FOR SALE

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**AUTOCRACY MUST GO, IS
REPLY TO BERLIN**

President Wilson answered Germany's peace proffer with a note declaring anew that there can be no peace with a German Government controlled by a military autocracy and no thought of an armistice while German atrocities continue on land and sea.

When the time to consider an armistice comes, the President said, the military advisers of the United States and the allies will be consulted and no military advantage of the armies fighting the central powers will be lost.

The official interpretation of the note as openly expressed was:

"Autocracy must go."

President Wilson's reply was vigorously applauded when read to the Senate immediately after it had been made public. The Senate had remained in session late in order to receive it.

The official text of the German note agreeing to accept President Wilson's fourteen points was received today. The official text of the President's reply follows:

"The unqualified acceptance by the present German Government and by a large majority of the Reichstag of the terms laid down by the President of the United States of America in his address to the Congress of the United States on the 8th of January, 1918, and in his subsequent addresses, justifies the President in making a frank and direct statement of his decision with regard to the communications of the German Government of the 8th and 12th of October, 1918.

"It must be clearly understood that the process of evacuation and the conditions of an armistice are matters which must be

left to the judgment and advice of the military advisers of the Government of the United States and the allied Governments, and the President feels it his duty to say that no arrangement can be accepted by the Government of the United States which does not provide absolutely satisfactory safeguards and guarantees of the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the armies of the United States and the allies in the field.

"He feels confident that he can safely assume that this will also be the judgment and decision of the allied Governments.

"The President feels that it is also his duty to add that neither the Government of the United States nor, he is quite sure, the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated as a belligerent will consent to consider an armistice so long as the armed forces of Germany continue the illegal and inhuman practices which they still persist in.

"At the very time that the German Government approaches the Government of the United States with proposals of peace its submarines are engaged in sinking passenger ships at sea, and not the ships alone, but the very boats in which their passengers and crews seek to make their way to safety; and in their present enforced withdrawal from Flanders and France the German armies are pursuing a course of wanton destruction, which has always been regarded as in direct violation of the rules and practices of civilized warfare. Cities and villages, if not destroyed, are being stripped of all they contain not only, but often of their very inhabitants. The Nations associated against Germany can not be expected to agree to a cessation of arms

while acts of inhumanity, spoliation and desolation are being continued, which they justly look upon with horror and with burning hearts.

"It is necessary, also, in order that there may be no possibility of misunderstanding, that the President should very solemnly call the attention of the Government of Germany to the language and plain intent of one of the terms of peace which the German Government has now accepted. It is contained in the address of the President delivered at Mount Vernon on the Fourth of July last.

"It is as follows:

"The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly, and of its single choice, disturb the peace of the world; or, if it can not be presently destroyed, at least its reduction to virtual impotency."

"The power which has hitherto controlled the German nation is of the sort here described. It is within the choice of the German nation to alter it. The President's words just quoted naturally constitute a condition precedent to peace, if peace is to come by the action of the German people themselves. The President feels bound to say that the whole process of peace will, in his judgment, depend upon the definiteness and the satisfactory character of the guarantees which can be given in this fundamental matter. It is indispensable that the Governments associated against Germany should know beyond a peradventure with whom they are dealing.

"The President will make a separate reply to the Royal and Imperial Government of Austria-Hungary."

FOR SALE

Split posts of mulberry, oak and bois d'arc.

A. N. Edens,
Grapeland, Route 3.

NOTICE IN PROBATE.

The State of Texas, To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county, greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Houston county, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas; To all persons interested in the estate of J. N. Parker, deceased, you are hereby notified that R. A. Parker, administrator of said estate, has this day filed in said court his second annual exhibit of the condition of said estate, and which said exhibit will be heard by said court on the 4th day of November, A. D., 1918, at the court house of said county, in Crockett, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said exhibit should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, Texas, this 9th day of October, A. D., 1918.

A. E. Owens, clerk county court, Houston county, Texas.

By W. D. Collins, deputy.

[Seal]

**GEO. E. DARSEY
WRITES FROM FRANCE**

With the American Expeditionary Force, July 7th, 1918.

Dear Papa: Since writing on the fourth we have been still enjoying the Fourth for we have had practically nothing to do but lay around and enjoy ourselves. And we are taking advantage of it now as we expect to be hitting the trail pretty soon and when we do, our work will begin in earnest and I will be glad of it, for then we will have more of a definite program ahead of us and we will be doing what we came over here to do.

We are having some real summer weather now and it gets pretty warm in the day time but we have good pleasant cool nights and the sleeping is fine. I saw a musical comedy company at the Y. M. C. A. last night and it was a real good show. We had a picture show a night or two before that and some kind of entertainment every night.

While in town the other day I took advantage of the opportunity to take in the sights in a very large cathedral and it was well worth the trip. It was built in the earliest part of the 17th century and contained some very fine old statutes as well as some large stained windows. Of course I could not understand all I saw but I enjoyed it anyway, especially a trip into the tower, for from there, we get a good view of the city and harbor.

While going to town the other afternoon at about four thirty, my friend and I stopped at the gate to show our passes and while there, an officer of some Algerians who were used in camp as workers here, recognized the symbol on my ring and although he could not talk to me, I could understand that he was a Mason. This impressed me very much for an Algerian would be the last person that I would ever think would recognize a Mason. As a rule these people are of a low class but this man, appeared from his dress and appearance, to be of the higher class. They are French Colonists and are used as camp workers throughout this country because they are not good fighters with guns. They fight with a kind of knife and are very vicious but have an idea that when once they are given the command to charge, that they must keep on going, so they proved to be very easy "cannon fodder" for the Germans and since the French cannot handle them at the front, they have placed them in the camps and they seem to suit their work very well. They are very picturesque in appearance for they always dress in flashy colors and always wear a bright red turban that can be seen a good ways off. When we first saw them, we thought they were Turk prisoners until we noticed they were unguarded and since learned that they were Algerians.

I met a boy at the show last night from Waco, and although I did not know him, he knew a friend of mine from McGregor and also knew some of the Lorena people. The other day on the boat going to town, I ran across a boy from Camp Johnson that I had not seen since I left there. I meet some one I know almost every day or so.

France certainly celebrated the Fourth to a finish and I see from the papers that England did too. It seems odd to think

of England celebrating the anniversary of our declaration of Independence from her. I also saw where they had a twelve hour parade in New York which I certainly would like to have seen for it seems like New York can do things more to a finish than anywhere else and we will never forget our stay there. The rest of our train were very jealous of us and we were mighty lucky in that we were having a good time while they were suffering Florida heat and Camp Upton restrictions. We were only at Camp Upton two or three days while some of them were there about three weeks.

I am proving to be a very poor speaker of French but I am learning gradually. I guess that is because we have found several places in French restaurants and fruit stands where at least one of the clerks speaks English and we naturally flock to them. Anyway, English is good enough for me, rather American, as an Englishman is about as hard two understand as a Frenchman, for we, as well as they, talk a good deal of slang which is different as well as the accent. I know a man who is in a restaurant who speaks Spanish and since I know a good bit of book Spanish, we can understand each other very well. Our adopted boy is picking up English right along and we learn a bit from him but he is kept so busy teaching all of us for any one person to get much benefit from him. I know another Frenchman working in a restaurant and also who used to work in the McAlpin Hotel in New York City so I always try to catch him when I eat down town away from the Y. M. C. A.

I must close now and go get supper. I think I will get to see an old convent which is near by and a large cave in the next day or two and I will tell you about them if I go to see them. I am still keeping well and feeling fine. George E.

MEAL AND HULLS CASH

Hereafter all meal and hulls will be strictly cash on delivery. We have to pay cash and the price we charge is regulated by the government, and the margin of profit is too small to permit of any risk.

J. W. Howard.

It may get so some time that the bridegroom will expect the bride's trousseau to consist half of dry goods and the other half of canned goods.

FOR SALE

A 5-passenger Ford in first-class shape, new casings all round, new cushions, new wheels. Part cash, balance good notes. 2t

M. E. Bean.

Bring in your old Panama hats and have them cleaned and reblocked. They look as good as new. Have that winter hat reblocked before you lay it away. 6-tf

M. L. Clewis.

As a general thing, the stout woman's idea of heaven is a place where a corset feels like a kimono.

NOTICE TO ALL

I have bought the City Meat Market and will keep all kinds of fresh and packing house meats, bread and cheese, and will deliver all orders promptly. I will do my best to merit your patronage. J. B. Lively.

CANNED GOODS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THE ARMY

Canners of tomatoes, corn, peas, salmon, and string beans have been notified by the U. S. Food Administration that the requirements of the U. S. army, navy and marine corps will take the following percentage of the 1918 pack:

Tomatoes: The navy and marine corps will take 33 1/3 per cent of the packs of Delaware and New Jersey, the army will take 33 1/3 per cent of the packs of all other States.

Corn: The navy and marine corps will take 25 per cent of the canned corn packs of Maryland, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania; the army will take 25 per cent of the packs of the other States.

Peas: Allotments for 25 per cent of the total pack of 1918 have been made.

Salmon: The salmon canning industry has been instructed to reserve for the government 65 per cent of their total packs of red, medium red and pink salmon; 55 per cent of the total pack of Chum salmon, and 20 per cent of the total pack of Stockeye salmon.

Beans: The string bean packers have been instructed to reserve for the government 25 per cent of their total packs of green and wax beans.

It will be understood that such reservations are made from the stocks of commercial canners and home packs are not referred to whatever. One of the principal elements entering into the federal campaign to have housewives put up canned vegetables was to lighten the home drain on stocks of canned goods originating at the canners. Every can or jar of tomatoes, peas, corn and beans put up in the home gives from a fourth to a third of a can to the army, navy, and marine corps.

SUGAR CERTIFICATE NOT NEEDED FOR FARMS AND LABOR GANGS.

Farmers and foremen of labor gangs working on construction work, as well as managers of other temporary camps, who are feeding 25 persons or less per day, hereafter are not required to make application for sugar certificates at the Houston office, Federal Food Administration for Texas. Administrator Peden advises that they may purchase sugar in accordance with the two-pound rule (that is, two pounds of sugar for each person per month). District or County Administrators may issue special permits to such people allowing them to purchase sugar in larger quantities than two or five pounds.

If any grocer needs additional sugar after honoring these permits, the Sugar Department at Houston will issue certificates to cover amounts of sugar delivered on these permits, providing the request for same comes through the office of the District or local Administrator.

ABOLISH TIN CONTAINERS FOR CHOCOLATE AND COCOA PACKS.

Chocolate and cocoa manufacturers have signified to the Food Administration their willingness to effect substantial savings in tin and steel by packing their products in containers made of other material, as set forth in resolutions adopted on September 6, at a conference in Washington.

Manufacturers will adopt new containers not made of tin or any other metal as soon as present stocks are used up, which must not exceed a period of five months at most. These contain-

ers will be square or oblong instead of round to save packing space.

It was further recommended that cocoa and chocolate, sweetened or unsweetened, in powdered form, shall be put up in packages not smaller than one-half pound, or in packages of one, five, ten, twenty-five, fifty or one hundred pounds, and barrels and cases. This eliminates certain sizes and will effect a saving of labor and material.

WOMEN ENLIST IN BATTALION OF LIFE

Sunshine Division of Home Service Rivals Battalion of Death in Real War Work.

Russia's Battalion of Death made its women immortal by death-defying action at the front. America's Battalion of Life bids fair to merit immortality by its life and strength giving action in the home trenches, connecting directly with the men who go over the top.

A new kind of women's army has come into being. It is called the "Sunshine Division." It started under unusual circumstances. Margaret Woodrow Wilson, the president's daughter, known for her patriotic war service; her aide, Major Oakes, and a small group of friends, including Miss Marjorie Brown of Atlanta, Ga., daughter of one of the leading men of the south, and a relative of the president, were discussing women's part in the war and the importance of enlisting the effort, talent, and activity of every woman in the country. The need of organization and direction of that time and talent not already devoted to definite war work was recognized, and out of the discussion came plans for conserving the patriotic effort of every patriotic woman, and more especially the young women of the country. The "army" to be recruited was designated the "Sunshine Division." Its scope of service is limited only by the ability of the enlisted women to serve, and there is no woman ineligible for service except she who is already doing her utmost to help win the war. Particulars are available from Maj. A. P. Oakes, now stationed at United War Work headquarters, Dallas, Tex.

REMOVAL OF I. & G. N. RAILROAD

Regional Director Bush of the railroad administration has signified, from his St. Louis office, his approval of the early removal of the general offices of the I. & G. N. R'y from Houston to Palestine.

It is admitted that there will be some delay, owing to the difficulty of obtaining in Palestine an office building suitable to the needs of the railroads.

It is understood the plan agreed upon does not call for the removal of all the general office force, at one time, but rather a gradual removal of the offices and clerks so that there will be no serious interruption of work. —The Houston Post.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The following rules issued by the War Industrial Board have been mailed out to all the newspapers:

Rule No. 2 says: "Publishers may continue subscriptions after date of expiration only unless subscribers are renewed and paid for."

The publisher of a country weekly newspaper who refuses to or for any reason fails to follow the rules prescribed will very likely be put out of business through his inability to secure paper at all, as the mills and jobbing houses are under pledge to the government not to supply said publisher paper.

Rule No. 3 says: "No publisher may give free copies of his paper; except for actual service rendered; except to camp libraries and huts or canteens of organizations; except to the library of congress and other libraries which will agree to bind for permanent keeping; except to government departmental libraries which use said publications in their work."

Suggestions for the Clothes Buyer

You young fellows are learning more today than your text-books can teach you; you're learning how to serve your country; how to economize; how to save. You can make your clothes do double service for you if you follow these simple rules.

- 1 Don't buy clothes until you actually need them. Cleaning and pressing will make your clothes give longer service.
2. See that when you spend your money for a suit or overcoat you get the good materials and fine tailoring that guarantees you long wear.

We offer you Hart Schaffner & Marx suits and overcoats as the solution of your clothes problem. The quality in them means long service for you; the opportunity to save for yourself and to conserve materials and labor for the government.



Your Kind of Clothes!

- STYLISH, MANNISH DESIGNS
- WEARABLE, PLEASING FABRICS
- FINE TAILORING —CORRECT FIT
- GUARANTEED SATISFACTION

You'll be sure to like the big, substantial clothing values and uniform quality our Curlee Clothes offer you.

Wool and Work Shirts

You will save on your purchase of wool and work shirts if you will buy your next shirts from us, for we are offering shirts below actual wholesale cost. These are great values and we ask that you see them.

Shoes that are Better

In buying shoes you can use no better judgment than selecting from our stock, for we are selling shoes for less money than they would cost us to replace them. These shoes are all high-class, all-leather shoes that will please. See them and you will buy your next pair from our stock.

Ladies' and Children's Coats

We have received a big shipment of ladies' and children's coats and now have them on display, and we will be glad to show you these new and pretty styles.

Hosiery

When you think of hose, think of Ironclad, and you have covered the situation thoroughly. See the good values in Ironclad that are being shown at our hose counters.

KENNEDY BROTHERS THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY