

Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Install it deep.—George Washington.

THE SAN SABA STAR

A great deal of talent is lost in this world for want of courage.—Sidney Smith.

W. D. COWAN, Proprietor

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BULLETIN OF SELECTION BOARD

1. The "Master List" of the serial numbers of registrants of last month as determined by the drawing at Washington recently has been received, and from which this Board has obtained the order numbers of all such registrants of this jurisdiction. Serial number 1 was the 1298th in the drawing and this county it takes order number A78 and is held by Champion Travis Crawford, San Saba. Serial number 1028 (the highest in this jurisdiction) was the 4512th drawn and it takes order number A311 and is held by James Oliver Deeds, Holt. The first serial number drawn, 322, was taken from the bowl by President Wilson, and as a fitting coincidence he drew a number that applied to every local board in the county; hence, serial number 322 is order number A1 in the list of every board. In this county this number is held by Marion Martin Burleson, Richland Springs. Order number A1028 (the highest in the county) is held by William Nathan Hudson, Richland Springs, whose serial number is 353. The order numbers of all registrants of the Class of September, 1918, will be prefixed by the letter A.

2. The time for accomplishing individual induction into the S. A. T. C. has been extended to the 30th instant. Hence, we have received since the latest bulletin an individual induction order relative to Marion Taylor Burleson, post office, Richland Springs, and this registrant is now in the military service of the country in the branch just mentioned.

3. The Act of Congress approved August 31, 1918, entitled "An Act amending the Act entitled An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States, approved May 18, 1917," extends the scope of the Selective Service Law to the Navy and the Marine Corps, providing in this regard as follows:

"Sec. 4. That all men rendered available for induction into the military service of the United States through registration or draft heretofore or hereafter made pursuant to law, shall be liable to service in the Army or the Navy, and the Marine Corps, and shall be allotted to the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps under regulations to be prescribed by the President: Provided, that all persons drafted and allotted to the Navy or the Marine Corps in pursuance hereof shall, from the date of allotment, be subject to the laws and regulations governing the Navy and the Marine Corps, respectively."

Hence it will be seen that registrants hereafter will be drafted for service in the Navy and the Marine Corps as well as in the Army. The Provost Marshal General will from time to time make calls upon the several States to furnish selected men for service in the Navy or the Marine Corps in addition to calls for selected men for the Army.

4. The War Department, through the Provost Marshal General's Office, has directed all Local Boards to organize at once Boards of Instruction within their respective jurisdictions by appointing the members and selecting the officers of such boards. The main object of such boards is "to put the selective service men into camp willing, loyal, intelligent, clean and sober; and thus to fit them better for rapid progress in becoming soldiers; and to accomplish this systematic personal instruction given beforehand

to each selective by members of a local committee of reputable citizens in each board area acting under auspices of the Local Board." The Board of Instruction for this county, therefore, has been organized accordingly. Its officers are: R. C. Sloan, Chairman; Prof. W. W. Hart, Vice Chairman and Captain; A. V. Riley, Secretary; Dr. E. C. Beaumont, Physician; and Dr. E. D. Greer, Chaplain, all of San Saba, Texas. The remainder of the members appointed on the Board are: J. H. Baker, Clarence Gosch, Judge W. V. Dean, J. K. Rector, Jr., N. C. Walker, W. N. Ellis, R. W. Burleson, E. H. Miller, J. T. Taylor, J. A. Sloan, George E. Gaines, W. T. Hardy, Nat Long, C. B. Lambert, Joab B. Harrell, and M. E. Millican, the post office of all the foregoing being San Saba; J. Miller and John H. Kavanaugh, Richland Springs, Arthur B. Taff and G. S. Gray, Cherokee; W. J. Millican, Bend; R. L. Havins, Bowser; W. G. Locker, Holt; Alonzo Parks and J. D. Edmondson, Locker; M. D. Terry, Hall; Doc D. Jones, Algerita; W. W. Weever, Fredonia; E. G. Beckham and Cicero L. Smith, Mercury (Northwest).

With the main object of the Board as stated above in mind, the public will immediately appreciate the great importance and high value of the work the Board is engaged in. Just as soon as detailed instructions regarding the work are received by the Board it will take up forthwith its duties. We feel safe in predicting that the citizens of the county, including registrants accepted for service, will give this newly created Board the same indispensable co-operation that has been given ourselves. Upon receiving this character of co-operation, the Board will be able to accomplish the beneficial results that all Instruction Boards in counties similar to this one as to size, population, and conditions are expected to by the government.

5. The two local newspapers are carrying this week an article furnished by the new Board that should command the close attention of all our citizens.

SAN SABA COUNTY SELECTION BOARD. San Saba, Texas, October 22, 1918.

THE MEANING OF THE DRAFT

The Board of Instruction for San Saba County, recently organized, authorizes the publication of the following:

Notwithstanding that the Selective Service Law has been in effect for over a year and has been administered with entire success, there are quite a number of people who even yet possess an erroneous understanding of the Act and who, therefore, have a wrong attitude toward same, and there are also many people who, believing in the Selective plan for the raising of a national army, have never informed themselves as fully as they should regarding the basic features thereof. The former class of citizens regard a man selected for service the same as a man conscripted for service, and they believe that the vast majority of men who have been drafted into the army today would never have voluntarily entered the service, and they believe that at the end of the war the soldier who volunteered for service will be due greater honor than the soldier who was drafted under the provisions of the Selective Service Law.

The attention of both these classes

of citizens is called to the following excerpts from advance copies of a booklet entitled "The Call To Arms" that is being supplied to Boards of Instruction. It is understood that a sufficient quantity of these booklets will later be furnished such boards for distribution among all registrants of their respective jurisdiction who are in Class 1 and who have been found to be fit for general military service and who are awaiting their call to the colors. In the meanwhile, such registrants may find a copy of the booklet for reading at the office of the nearest Local Board.

President Wilson's Message to Soldiers

"You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest interest and with the deepest solicitude not only by those who are near and dear to you but by the whole nation besides. For this great war draws us all together makes us all comrades and brothers, as all true Americans felt themselves to be when made good our national independence. The eyes of all the world will be upon you, because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom. Let it be your pride, therefore, to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but what good men you are, keeping yourselves fit and straight in everything and pure and clean through and through. Let us set for ourselves a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to it and then let us live up to it and add a new laurel to the crown of America. My affectionate confidence goes with you in every battle and in every test. God keep and guide you!"

"Democracy is not unlike other human institutions: it will not stand merely by its own virtue. If it lacks loyalty, courage, and strength to defend itself when attacked, it must perish as certainly as it possessed no virtue whatsoever. Manhood suffrage implies manhood service. Without the acceptance of this principle, democracy is merely an imposture.

"I prefer National Service to Conscription, not because I shrink from the word Conscription, but because National Service has a wider sweep. The greater includes the less. It is not only military duties the State is entitled to command its citizens to perform unquestioningly in times of danger; but also civil duties. Under conditions of modern warfare it is not only armies which need to be disciplined; but whole nations. The undisciplined nation, engaged in anything like an equal contest with a disciplined nation, will be defeated."—Olivier, "Ordeal by Battle."

The Meaning of the Draft

The selective draft is the most democratic way of raising an army. Some do not think so. They are mistaken. This chapter aims to show wherein they are mistaken. It will try to make clear, first, that the draft of today is not to be confused with the draft of the Civil War; second, that in no other way could an army be assembled with the necessary dispatch and at the same time not disturb those industries which must be kept going in the interest of the war.

The Civil War Draft and the Present Draft

In the Civil War the draft was resorted to only when the volunteer system had been exhausted. Thousands of men had responded to President Lincoln's repeated calls for volunteers. But the time came when the need was greater than the voluntary response. The supply of willing patriots was exhausted. But an additional number of men was needed to prosecute the war. The draft law was enforced, therefore to bring into the army those who should serve but for some reason or other refused to volunteer.

The situation today is not like that of the Civil War. Then the draft was a last resort. Then many men had persistently refused the volunteer system, allowing their more patriotic fellows to bear the burden of army life. Today no man has resisted the volunteer system, for that system has not been tried. True, men could, and within certain age limits, may now, enlist. But right at the start America decided to raise an army not on the volunteer basis but on the selective draft basis. War was declared April 6. The draft law was reported in the House thirteen days later.

Today every man is selected as a patriot and not as a "slacker." The draft reflects on no man's patriotism. In the Civil War a man could hire a substitute. A man was wanted—any man. Today particular men are wanted and there can be no substitutes. "No body can take My place in this war."

The Principle of the Draft

Briefly put, the principle of the draft is this: all young men physically fit and ranging in age from twenty-one to thirty, inclusive, are liable to military service. Whether or not they will be called rests entirely with the government. They themselves have no choice. When first suggested, this method of selection was opposed. It seemed too radical a departure from our traditional military policy, which has been that of voluntary service. The draft, it was predicted, would meet with strong objection from a democratic people and by noble-spirited youths would be counted as little better than an insult. Could they not be trusted to respond of their own

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TEXAS STATEWIDE PROHIBITION IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Austin, Tex. Oct. 23.—The Texas statewide prohibition law was today declared unconstitutional in a majority opinion by the court of criminal appeals. One judge dissented. The attorney general stated that a motion for rehearing would be filed.

Comptroller H. B. Terrell also states that he will issue no permits to sell intoxicating liquors until the motion for rehearing is disposed of by the court of criminal appeals. Ten days are allowed for the filing of the motion, and technically the state remains dry until the motion is passed upon. However, it is understood that some who have not redeemed their licenses will open saloons immediately and take chances of being prosecuted if the new trial is granted and the law held constitutional. None of the larger cities of Texas will be affected by the decision as the ten mile zone law prevents the opening of saloons in them. This law becomes effective immediately. A law which went into effect at the same time as did the statewide law prevents the issuing of licenses of saloons outside of incorporated cities and towns for retailing liquor. However, wholesale houses, selling not less than a gallon may open in any wet territory.

The case involving the constitutionality of the Texas statewide prohibition is that of Experte F. Meyer, of San Antonio. Meyer was arrested in Bexar county on a charge of selling intoxicants after the law went into effect. The case was never tried in district court as Meyer came to the court of criminal

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appeals with a writ of habeas corpus and was allowed bond by this court. On July 19, 1918, the case was submitted on brief and oral argument to the court of criminal appeals. Since that time it has been under the advisement of the court.

Vinton, Tex. Oct. 23.—Three hours after the news was received that the Texas statewide prohibition law had been declared unconstitutional, a saloon opened for business here in a hay barn. The proprietor is said to be the only man in El Paso county who did not cancel his license when the state wide law went into effect, and will have the only saloon in the county.

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SOLDIERS CHRISTMAS PACK AGES

The following Committee will have charge of the Christmas packages going to the Boys Over Seas.

San Saba, J. G. Holder, Richland Springs, J. W. Munsell, Cherokee, Mrs. R. W. Daily.

All wishing to send a box to a Soldier Over There should confer with the above named committee.

— Pay the President. —

W. A. Buchholz and daughter Miss Rosalie of Castell are guests of Mr and Mrs. D. R. Keyser this week.

— Pay the President. —

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Speegle returned this week to their home in Bartlett after spending a week in the hospital and other

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The Court of Criminal Appeals has handed down a decision declared the state wide prohibition law unconstitutional. Everything that Kangaroo bunch of puritanical purists did in the 36th legislature was unconstitutional, but what can the legislature do when a long haired man is running for office—even the sacred documents of the whiskey coming in for a return for part of that \$77,000 Hobby spent in his rotten campaign. The honest prohibitionist of the State were hoodwinked into believing they had prohibition, and now a court dominated by Hobby and his bunch, say the law is unconstitutional. As old Abe Lincoln remarked: "You can fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." The only reason the zone law was not touched on by the court was because it was recommended by the federal government as a war measure, and would have been enforced by the Federal authorities whether or not the state legislature had gone through the form of enacting the zone law. We are sorry the court has opened this matter up again. It should have remained in force like all the other unconstitutional matters passed by the 36th legislature, at least until the end of the war.

..... Pay the President

COOPERATIVE BUYING GROWS MORE POPULAR
The Star has been a consistent advocate of cooperation in marketing and buying by the farming class as well as cooperation in everything else pertaining to the farm. It is with no little degree of satisfaction now that we see the things advocated working out so well when put to the test.

Cooperative buying was not considered by the farmers of San Saba county until a little over a year ago. About that time our county agent undertook to inaugurate cooperative buying and selling by organizing the farmers for this purpose. The good that has been accomplished can hardly be estimated because the farmers have found out that they can order feed and buy things that they use as cheaply as the dealer can and save considerable money to each of those cooperating. The cooperative spirit is increasing rapidly now.

It has never been the idea of the Star that farmers should enter into a conspiracy to take legitimate trade away from the local merchant, because this

would put the local merchant out of business and work a hardship upon the very man the cooperation was intended to help. There are many bulky things the farmer can buy cooperatively in car load lots and save for himself considerable money and not injure the local merchant very materially. Then he may do the same thing with commodities he has for sale. In this work, however it is very necessary to have a man to direct the efforts of inexperienced men and supervise the undertaking. Our county agent has proven that his services are valuable along this line as well as other lines.

A few days ago the Star editor took occasion to inquire into the amount of cooperative buying being done in San Saba county this fall. To those who have not looked into the matter it is astonishing what has been accomplished along this line. Many individuals who never before bought anything cooperatively have bought their winter feed together and are many dollars better off by so doing. Richland Springs community has taken the lead in this cooperative work among the farmers and we are informed from a reliable source that in the last 30 days the Farmers Marketing and Buying Association has bought over 1,000 bushels of oats, for members, to say nothing of other feeds purchased. Buying in car loads enables them to get the feed considerably cheaper and then they can take the advantage of the half rate on freight allowed to the farmers and ranchmen of the drouth stricken section. No feed dealer is allowed to have the half rate, hence with even a moderate profit the dealer will be very much higher on his prices than that obtained by buying cooperatively. In other words the farmer gets his feed cheaper than the dealer can buy it.

Cherokee comes next in importance of cooperative buying and has bought a number of cars of cotton seed cake, hay, shucks and other feed. The cashier of the bank there, Mr. Arthur Taff, is doing a great work in connection with the county agent assisting in the buying of feed cooperatively. San Saba, we are sorry to note, is not taking to the idea so rapidly and has bought but few cars of feed cooperatively this fall. What little cooperative buying has been done has had a wholesome effect, however, in controlling local prices, and in this way it has benefitted every man who has bought feed from any source.

The officers of Richland Springs Farmers Marketing and Buying Association are, Tom Garrett, President and Henry Hart, Secretary. The San Saba officers are, Hugh Miller, President, J. T. Taylor, Vice President and James L. Murray, Secretary. All those wanting to buy have to do is to make arrangements for paying for the things ordered and give the order to the secretary who will file the order and when a car is made up order it shipped. A car of wheat and one of corn and another of feed oats are being made up at San Saba.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS
We are looking every day for the load of stove wood and the bushel of potatoes and the Thanks giving turkey ad a few fryers in fact most anything a poor editor's family can use. We have tried to be easy on you during the drouth, but now it has rained and we are sure you all feel better. We are always ready to rejoice with you in times of prosperity and mingle our tears with yours in time of trouble. So we pray do not neglect us.

The Star has just finished printing the sixth edition of the Eureka Songster by Capt. Wm. J. Wilson. The book contains 60 pages and is filled with a choice selection of sacred and patriotic songs. Most of the verses were composed by Capt. Wilson. Capt. Wilson is remarkably preserved both in mind and body for one of his age. He is 90 years young and is as active as a man many years his junior.

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- For Lieutenant-Governor—W. A. Johnson, of Hall County.
- For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—Nelson Phillips, of Dallas County.
- For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—T. B. Greenwood, of Anderson County.
- For Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals—O. S. Lattimore, of Tarrant County.
- For State Treasurer—John W. Baker, of Crosby County.
- For Attorney General—C. M. Cureton, of Bosque County.
- For Railroad Commissioner—C. E. Gilmore, of Van Zandt County.
- For Comptroller—H. B. Terrell, of McLennan County.
- For Commissioner of the General Land Office—J. L. Robinson, of Travis County.
- For Commissioner of Agriculture—Fred W. Davis, of Cooke County.
- For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Annie Webb Blanton, of Denton County.
- For United States Senator—Morris Sheppard, of Bowie County.

ILLNESS IS BARE ESCAPE FROM DISASTER FOR WOMEN WORKERS

Washington, D. C.—Women workers in Governmental offices have found illness, when anything like severe, a misfortune, if not a disaster. The critical period has come when they have recovered sufficiently to be discharged from a hospital, but not strong enough to return to work.

Until the War Council of the Young Women's Christian Association opened "Vacation Lodge," at Cherrysdale, Va., they were compelled to regain their strength in cramped quarters of a rooming house, and it has proven a slow process. Now, when they have been discharged by the nurses, they are taken to the country for a rest, and the result is they return sooner and stronger to their work in the great offices fronting the capitol, and take up again their part in the war struggle of the nation.

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- Judge Criminal Court of Appeals—Harry Wurzbach, Seguin.
- Treasurer—J. Allan Myers, Bryan.
- Attorney General—U. S. Goen. EL Paso.
- Railroad Commissioner—George W. L. Smith, Henderson Rusk County.
- Comptroller—W. G. McClain, Waxahachie.
- Commissioner of Land Office—J. L. Hickson, Gainesville.
- Commissioner of Agriculture—D. H. Merrill, Leon County.
- Superintendent of Public Instruction—Albert A. Lindsey, Wood County.
- United States Senator—Webster Flanagan, Henderson, Rusk County.

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 All notices for entertainments where an admission fee is charged, inserted at regular advertising rates. All obituary notices over ten lines will be charged for at regular rates. The last forms of the Star go to press at 4 o'clock Thursday evening and to get position all ads should be in as early as possible.

LODGE DIRECTORY

Alpha Lodge No. 204.
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 Meets every Thursday evening at Odd Fellows Hall. All sojourning brethren are cordially invited to meet with us.
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County News

Items of Local Interest Gathered by Star Correspondents.

To Our Subscribers
 If you do not find a letter from your locality it is a disappointment to you as well as to us. We would like to have a correspondent from each locality in the county. Write us for stationery, and get your letter in by Tuesday. We will pay you 50cents per column for your correspondence.
 Pay the President

CHEROKEE
 By Daffodil.

Emmet Kuykendall and J. L. Hillman returned Thursday from Dallas, where they are attending a commercial school.
 Louis and Clarence Boatman of Junction are attending the college here.
 Richard Lawrence of Willow City has entered college here.
 Marvin Burke made a business trip to San Saba Saturday.
 Miss Ruby Edwards of Valley Springs is the guest of Miss Bonnie Kuykendall.
 Misses Marguerite and Johnny Lee Daily of San Saba were guests of their grandmother, Mrs. R. W. Daily last week.
 R. L. Fishback left Sunday for Fort Worth.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bagley have received word from their son, Marvin, who had his legs crushed. He is reported improving and his recovery is anticipated.
 Miss Lucile Barber has returned from an extended visit to New Mexico and other points in the West.
 School has re-opened with Mrs. Senterfitt as principal. Mrs. Chas. Simpson is teaching in Mrs. Senterfitt's place.
 Robert Rose and Paul Kuykendall, who are with the National Guard, expect to leave shortly for Orange, Texas.
 Friends and relatives here were grieved to hear of the death of little J. M. the baby child of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holt, who recently moved from here to Alvarado. The little one has been ill ever since they arrived there, and died Oct. 6th. The sincere sympathy of the many friends is with them.
 Mr. Ned Montgomery died Wednesday at his home in Llano. The remains were brought here for interment in the family cemetery north of town. We extend condolence to those bereft.
 Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hanna went to Llano Wednesday to be with Mr. Ned Montgomery and family during his last illness.
 James Walker made a business trip to San Saba Monday.
 Monday afternoon the C. J. C.

and the San Saba High School boys met on the C. J. C.'s gridiron. The score was 18 to 19 in favor of San Saba.
 J. W. McKneely of Babyhead was a business visitor here Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robt Daugherty have moved from Deer Creek to Mrs. Mart, Dickson's place here in town.
 Lester Jones and family and sisters, Misses Lilly Mae and Etta returned Sunday from an extended absence during the summer.
 Well, we are indeed fortunate again in getting another fine rain here Monday night. The gauge measured 1 3/4 inches.
 Relatives here were sorry to hear that little Roy Lee Holt of Alvarado, who had been operated on for appendicitis had to have a second operation, this time for abscess on the liver. At last report they thought that he would recover rapidly now.

PECAN GROVE
 By Aunt Jane

A fine rain fell here Monday night.
 Mr. McCutchen spent the week-end with his family.
 Rev. and Mrs. Tom Rumbo and daughter of Brownwood came in Sunday to visit Mrs. Rumbo's mother Mrs. Mollie Fox.
 Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Favors and Frances Bennett visited Mrs. Luther Owen Friday.
 Miss Lonnie Lackey is visiting her aunt at Harkeyville.
 Miss Myrtle Harris of San Saba spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. C. D. Mackey.
 C. L. Singleton and family have moved to Buckeye, Texas.
 A fine boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther

Owen on the 17th.
 Miss Inez Hardy of Harmony Ridge spent last week with her grandmother.
 Mrs. Almos Brown returned Friday from Camp Travis, she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Boyce of Temple.
 Jesse Lee of San Saba was in our community Sunday.
 R. J. Edwards and family spent Sunday with relatives near San Saba.
 Ernest Pierce visited A. J. Walker Saturday and Sunday.
 Henry Curry is spending this week with his sister, Mrs. Lou Whittenburg near Lometa.
 Miss Annie Armentrout of San Saba is staying a few days with Mrs. Luther Owen.
 Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fox visited in Shaw Bend Sunday.
 W. F. Lackey visited relatives in Cleburne.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Owen came to see their new grandson Monday.
 Edward Johnson of San Saba was a visitor here Sunday.

ALGERITA

The young folks enjoyed a party at the home of Minor Duncan Saturday.
 Farmers are still sowing small grain.
 Jess Yarbrough writes from Camp Travis that he has been sick and confined to the hospital, but is up and ready for training. He expects to leave soon for a training camp in Florida.
 Tom Strickland one day last week happened to a serious accident while unloading cedar. He dislocated the lower part of his spinal column where it unites with the pelvis and severed some of the ligaments He is



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resting very well at this writing.
 Joe L. Brown made a business trip to San Saba Saturday.
 J. D. Hopkins has rented T. S. Browning's farm.
 Our roads are in bad condition and the only way that we can work them is to draft the preachers, elders and deacons into road service and work the roads, while our boys are in France fighting for world democracy.
 A. L. Woods peddles out a beef every Saturday.
 Mrs. Silas Duncan and sons Hardin and Wayne visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lane Sunday.
 Our farmers expect to make a bumper crop in 1919.
 Sherman Lane is in training camp in Deming N. M. He expects to sail for France most any time where he will unite with General Pershing's forces and help whip the devil out of the Germans.
 A number of oil men visited the Cummins well Friday and seemed to be well pleased with the prospects for oil.
 The writer Saturday was on O'Neill's irrigated farm on the Colorado river near Locker and learned that Mr. O'Neill made 1500 gallons of ribbon cane syrup, and had sold 1000 gallons at \$1.00 per gallon. He also gathered one bale of cotton and 200 pounds of seed cotton off of one acre.

—W. S. S.—

BEND ITEMS

This community was visited by another good rain Sunday. This makes four good rains in a short time.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Moore of High Valley were here Tuesday.
 Little Esta White spent Monday afternoon with Ruth Alexander.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cantrell returned to their home in Round Rock Tuesday. They were accompanied by Mrs. D. F. Moore and son Master Martin.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Moore moved to J. C. Morris's place here Saturday.
 W. B. Baxter and daughter, Mrs. Rosie Wild spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Baxter of Lynch's Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jester.
 Messrs. E. E. and James Alexander and G. A. Moore left Sunday for the Llano where they will gather pecans.
 Misses Kittie White and Lena Cates went to Maxwellton Tuesday.

LINDEN VAUGHN
 Little Linden the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Vaughn of Maxwellton died Wednesday. The remains were laid to rest in the Bend cemetery on Thursday afternoon, Elder Woodson Alexander conducting the service. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.
 Mrs. W. M. Jester is visiting in the homes of her sisters, Mrs. C. D. and S. A. Baxter.
 Misses Betsy and Vada and V. O. Millican returned Monday from Corpus Christi.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wild visited Mr. and Mrs. George Byrd Thursday.
 The following attended the Masonic Lodge at Lometa Saturday night: W. M. Jester, S. A. Baxter, B. E. Haywood, S. U. Howard and Bill Millican.
 Bend school suspended on account of the Influenza.
 Mrs. Ella Hunter, nee Miss Ella Cook, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Howard.
 Misses Rena and Thelma Baxter of Little Bend are spending the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. Rosie Wild.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris went to Lometa Wednesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Morris of Rough Creek Crossing were here Friday.

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.
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Red Rust Proof Seed Oats, free from Johnson grass, for sale at —A. L. Hamrick's O.K. Wagon Yard.

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Beginning October 14th, we will gin Wednesday the 16th, and Saturdays only thereafter.
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GIN NOTICE

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If anyone thinks there is no competition amongst the big packers he ought to go through a day's work with Swift & Company.

Let him begin at the pens when the live stock comes in; let him try to buy a nice bunch of fat steers quietly and at his own price without somebody's bidding against him.

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Let him take a trip with a Swift & Company salesman and try to sell a few orders of meat.

Let him stay at a branch house for an hour or two and see the retail meat dealers drive their bargains to the last penny as they shop around among the packers' branch houses, the wholesale dealers, and the local packing plants.

And then, when the day is over, let him have half an hour in the accounting department, where he can see for himself on what small profits the business is done. (Less than 4 cents on each dollar of sales.)

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The spirit of the times is for simplicity. Undue elaboration is not in good form during the stress of war. Richness of material, however, is pronounced, for the simple line the more surely fashion demands beauty of fabric. Colors, for the most part are very subdued, and pile surfaced weaves—from Velours to Silk Duvetyns—appear in Suits and Coats. The Famous Bargain Store styles have been chosen with these times in mind. Everyone must give good service and be appropriate for a number of occasions. We believe that women intent upon the intelligent practice of war time economy will find genuine cooperation in this exhibit of lovely new clothes at

THE FAMOUS BARGAIN STORE

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stobaugh spent Sunday in Brownwood.

—W. S. S.—

Miss Lavera Whitt has returned from an extended stay in Houston.

— Pay the President —
Miss Daisy Burke of Cherokee is the guest of Miss Mina Taylor this week.

—W. S. S.—

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Rainbolt of Cleburne are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cathcart.

— Pay the President —
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardister have returned from Beaumont, where they spent the summer.

—W. S. S.—

Miss Frankie Brown of Cherokee spent a few days with her brother Dor and family this week.

— Pay the President —
Miss Alvina Arhelger who is a student of Kidd-Key, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Arhelger.

— Pay the President —
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Montgomery and Mrs. E. T. Arhelger, returned home in Grand Prairie with relatives.

— Pay the President —
DON'T Throw away your PEACH SEED sell them to—W. R. Harris.

Evangelical Lutheran Services. There will be divine service next Sunday at the Wallace school house beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Everybody cordially invited.
A. W. Gode.

OVER THE TOP

San Saba County went over the top in the Fourth Liberty Bond sale by a good margin.

In the nation the sales were over subscribed several million.

OLD TIME

Next Sunday morning at 2 o'clock the time will be changed back to the hour that was in vogue before the daylight saving time went into effect.

THE RAINS

It has rained so often and so bountiful the past two weeks, it is difficult to say which was the best, but it is safe to say San Saba County has received 8 inches of rainfall the past two weeks and it has fallen in such a manner that most of it went into the ground. San Saba County people will feast on turnip greens and turnips this winter.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that Will Davidson & Sons, the post office address of whom is San Saba, Texas, did on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1918, file their joint application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which they apply for a permit to appropriate from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas sufficient water for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, and to be diverted from the San Saba river, in San Saba county, Texas, by means of a pumping plant to be located on the Wm. Jones Survey No. 19, in San Saba County, Texas, distant in a Westernly direction from San Saba, Texas, five miles, and situated on the South bank of the San Saba River in San Saba County, Texas, said diversion to be only between October 1 of each year and April 1 of the year following, application being for a seasonal permit.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are out of the Wm. Jones Survey No. 59, in San Saba county, Texas, consisting of 103 acres.

A HEARING on the said joint application of the said Will Davidson & Sons will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at its office in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said state, on Thursday, November 14th, A. D. 1918, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of said Board in Austin, Texas, this the 11th day of October, A. D. 1918.

W. T. Potter,
C. S. Clark,
John A. Norris,
Board of Water Engineers.
Attest: James Hays Quarles
Secretary.

ANNIE MAY MAAS

Little Annie May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maas died at Temple Saturday Oct. 19, 1918. The remains were brought here and laid to rest the following day.

The whole community extends condolence to the heartbroken parents.

FRANCIS CHADWICK DEAD.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chadwick have received the sad message that their son Francis who had been suffering from a severe case of Influenza, had passed away Sunday, October 20, 1918, in Petersburg West Virginia. The remains are being sent here for interment.

May He who gives and who takes away, comfort the heartbroken parents in this great sorrow. We extend our sincere sympathy to the grief stricken family.

THOMAS CARLTON GUNTER

Died at Charleston, West Virginia October 17, 1918.

The remains were brought here for burial and entered at the Odd Fellows cemetery, October 22nd. Elder J. T. Whitt officiating. Deceased leaves a wife and two children and numerous relatives. re join the community in extending our sincerest sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

A CARD OF THANKS

I take this means to thank the dear friends of Brownwood and loved ones of this place who so kindly administered to my darling husband, Olgar, during his last illness and death. Likewise do I wish to thank those dear ones who so tenderly laid him away; the kind minister, Rev. Liles and the good ladies who placed the those lovely flowers on his last resting place. "May God's richest blessings rest on each one of you" is the prayer of his grief stricken wife.

Mrs. H. O. Gunter.

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When your food does not digest well and you feel "blue," tired and discouraged, you should use a little HERBINE at bedtime. It opens the bowels, purifies the system and restores a fine feeling of health and energy. Price 60c. Sold by—The Corner Drug Store.

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—W. S. S.—
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If you buy your Farm Machinery, Wagons etc. from G. A. Arhelger, The John Deere line.

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Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of San Saba county,
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. W. Coffee, Wm. Hedges, G. M. Thompson and Carl R. Peugh, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of San Saba County. to be holden at the court house thereof, in San Saba, on the Second Monday in November A. D. 1918 the same being the 11th day of November A. D. 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 8th day of October A. D. 1918 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2199 wherein W. E. King and R. M. Ward are plaintiffs and W. W. Coffee, Wm. Hedges, G. M. Thompson, M. A. Goff and Carl R. Peugh, are defendants and said petition alleging suit on two promissory notes, dated Feb. 1st 1916, executed by W. W. Coffee, payable to the order of W. E. King. First note for \$1,575 due five years after date, drawing ten per cent interest per annum and all past due interest to bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. Second, note for \$775.00, same date, same interest, due on or before two years after date, both notes given for purchase money for 230 acres of land, parts of surveys Nos. 418 and 421, originally granted to Johann Kempnick, situated in San Saba county, and described by field notes in deed from W. E. King to W. W. Coffee of same date with said notes, and recorded in Deed Records of San Saba County; In said deed and notes it is expressly provided that Vendor's Lien is retained to secure their payment, and that the note for \$1,575.00, shall have a first and superior lien to the note for \$775.00, which is secured by a second lien.

The said note for \$1,575.00, was transferred by W. E. King to R. M. Ward on Feb. 7th, 1916, together with the vendor's Lien securing same. The said tract of land was conveyed by defendant W. W. Coffee to Wm. Hedges and G. M. Thompson, in Dec. 1916, who assumed payment of the aforesaid notes; Said Wm. Hedges and G. M. Thompson, conveying to M. A. Goff, on March 19th, 1918, by warranty deed; That M. A. Goff, conveyed to Carl R. Peugh, the same land on May 25th, 1918, by special Warranty Deed.

That nothing has ever been paid on the \$775.00 note, and only one years interest on the \$1,575.00 note; That one years interest is past due on the latter note, which defendants though requested have failed and refused to pay, and plaintiff Ward has elected to declare the whole note due, and the \$775.00 note being past due, the owners have employed Rector and Rector to bring this suit and agree to pay them ten per cent attorneys fee stipulated for in said notes.

They bring this suit against the defendants W. W. Coffee, Wm. Hedges, and G. M. Thompson for their debt, principal, interest and attorneys fees, and against all the defendants for foreclosure of their lien and for costs.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under my Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in San Saba this, the 8th, day of October A. D. 1918.
John H. Moore, Clerk, District Court, San Saba County.

..... Pay the President
Will Ashby appreciates your trade and will treat you right.
—W. S. S.—

Bring your Eggs to The Model Bakery. Highest price paid.

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We are well equipped to do your work and work only good mechanics.—G. A. Arhelger.

—W. S. S.—
..... Pay the President
Will Ashby wants to sell you your next bill of groceries.
..... Pay the President
Bring your Eggs to The Model Bakery. Highest price paid.

THE MEANING OF THE DRAFT

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free will to a call to arms?

But events proved that criticism like these were born of shallow thinking. On registration day this country witnessed a remarkable thing—the quiet acceptance of conscription on the part of ten million men of military age. It was the triumph of reason. They saw that both justice and common sense required that we reverse one of our most fixed habits as a nation. They came the first draft, and its complete success made evident the wisdom of the change. Two things stood out clearly, namely, the purpose of the draft and its thoroughgoing democracy. Let us take the latter first.

The Democracy of the Draft

1. An Obligation Not Open to Choice. Service in time of war is not a voluntary matter but an obligation, an obligation that goes with one's very citizenship. If a man is qualified to bear arms, it is not an open question whether or not he shall fight in defense of his country. Democracy means more opportunity. It means equal obligation as well. Those who would enjoy the benefits of liberty must share in the protection of liberty. With every privilege there goes a responsibility. The requirement of military service, therefore, ranges itself alongside those other compulsions to which we all admit—the compulsion to keep the country solvent by taxes, healthy by sanitary laws, and intelligent by enforced education. Surely, the preservation of her freedom belongs in the same high order of things. In conscription, the government simply takes all this for granted. She assumes that her man power is, by every right, at her disposal.

2. All Classes Are Affected. Another reason why the draft is democratic is because it affects all classes alike. War is no longer left to the adventurous, to those inured to hardship, or those peculiarly sensitive to duty and quick to respond to the demands of patriotism. The task is more evenly and fairly distributed throughout society. The brave and timid, the inclined and disinclined, the employer and the employed, the university graduate and the unschooled, the millionaire and the day laborer must share the same rations, sleep side by side, dig trenches together, and fight and fall elbow to elbow. With what democratic effect too! What leveling of distinctions, what strengthening of brotherhood, what increasing appreciation of those basic human qualities which it often takes a war to make plain that all possess! Then, too, under the new system the losses are no longer confined to what is generally the best element in our national manhood with posterity the heaviest loser. The casualties in the French army, where universal service is required, represents a "perpendicular loss," that is, a loss of a part of each section of society from the highest to the lowest in human value. On the other hand, the casualties in the British army under the volunteer system represents a terrible "horizontal loss"—a loss of the bravest and best of Great Britain's manhood. The "slackers" are spared to FATHER the next generation.

3. Under The Draft There is No Real exemption. There is no exemption from service, but only exemption FOR service, for greater service which a particular person can render in another direction. He may do no actual fighting, but we cannot too often be reminded that there are soldiers elsewhere than in the trenches, and more truly can it be said of this than of any previous war, An army can no longer detach itself from the rest of a nation's life, march off into some province and there wage its battles alone. Present warfare is like the swifter beating of an excited heart; social system. It involves the mobilization of the whole nation. "We must all speak, act and serve together." Everyone has his role to play, certain duties to perform, certain sacrifices to make; and the farmer in the fields providing food, the worker in the factory making munitions, and the clergyman in the pulpit shaping thought and moulding public opinion, all may say: "I too am a soldier in the good cause, and my country is dependent upon me as well as upon her fighting force in the field for the successful conclusion of the conflict."

The Purpose of the Draft

1. It Saves Time. In warfare time is an important factor. By means of it, along with the complete military preparation, Germany figured on striking a swift, effective blow before France and England could gather their resources in men and munitions in sufficient strength to oppose her. Had it not been for that uncalculated interruption of Belgium, who shall say but that the world would have had its greatest and bitterest lesson on the value of time? Now once more, after years of struggle, with the Allied forces depleted and well-nigh exhausted, the question of time grows significant and the cry comes to us from across the seas, "Speed up America!" The problem, therefore, which faced the United States government in the spring of 1917 was this: How can the largest number of citizens be trained in the shortest possible time? The answer has already been given: "By conscription." The government knew that sooner or later, when the greatness of the emergency and the issues at stake became plainer, we would do our duty. But weeks and months might elapse before the necessity of a man's volunteering would dawn upon him. The government could not wait so slow a process. An army millions strong had to be organized forthwith, and time was too precious to lose while judgments matured and consciences were quickened.

It Makes for Higher Efficiency.

The state is enabled to tell each man of military age just where he can best of all serve his country. This was not the case under the old system of enlistment. A man was granted the right of choosing the branch of service he desired to enter. It might be a division that appealed to him most but which was least in line with his abilities. But now a man puts himself unreservedly in the hands of the government. Every effort is made to place him where he can give the best account of himself and by the use of his special talent serve to greatest advantage. It may be any one of a score of places. It may be within sound of battle or separated by three thousand miles of sea from the awful fury. At great price and with much blood did England learn wisdom as to the best way of raising an army. During the opening weeks of the war, coal miners, farmers, skilled mechanics indiscriminately hurried to enlist. In a few months the Allies were threatened with collapse through coal shortage and the absence of skilled workers. The United States from the start saw the wisdom of allowing indispensable mechanics to cripple the machinery of industry by enlisting. Many would have done so under the old system when men were often hypnotized or shamed into volunteering against better judgment. Under the present arrangement, the decision is left with the government. Thus the individual who with best advantage might be left where he is to do the fundamental sustaining work, is relieved from the odium among his fellows which might be his if, of his own will, he avoided strictly military service.

3. It Helps a Man to do His Patriotic duty. The draft removes restraints from certain men who otherwise might not feel free to leave either family or abandon civil pursuits. It thus works both ways, keeping some men at their tasks and releasing others for work of greater moment. Society places many bonds on its members. The big majority are held to a certain routine of living by economic and social necessities. Some of our finest young men are tied down by business or home obligations which cannot easily be ignored. Strong, influence, it may be, is exerted to convince them that they "at least ought not to serve. At such juncture, by the draft system, the government steps in and assists that man to do the larger duty. An impartial board considers with care each particular case. Having decided that a man should serve it clears the way for his doing so. Take, for instance, a case like this: here is a young man whose family is dependent upon him for support. However patriotic that young man is, he is held to that responsibility. It would be difficult for him to break away and enlist. His conscience would condemn him; perhaps his relatives would, very likely his community would. But the draft calls that man to a service which he is perfectly willing to render, and at the same time provides for the protection and support of his dependents. He can now go with a clear conscience. Society can offer no criticism, for it has called him to a special service. With society's assistance he has been enabled to break certain of society's bonds and do his duty without reproach. There are many variations of the illustration. Whatever the circumstances may be, however, it is a fact that the draft clearly defines the duty of many men and leaves no questions. That is a decided benefit. With some men duties seem to balance at times, and they find it hard to decide. The draft assists man out of such a dilemma.

Summary

The foregoing may be summarized as follows:

1. The selective draft reflects on no man's patriotism.
2. Particular men are wanted for particular places.
3. There can be no substitutes.
4. The principle of the selective draft is that citizenship carries with it an obligation to help defend the country.
5. By this method, all classes of society are called upon to contribute to the fighting forces.
6. There is no exemption FROM service, but only exemption FOR service in another direction.
7. By using the selective draft time is saved in raising an army.
8. A higher efficiency, both in the fighting forces and the sustaining forces, is promoted.
9. The selective draft helps a man to do his patriotic duty.

"Yesterday Amerira was a nation. Today America is an army of one hundred million persons."

—G. O.—

NOTICE

I will give \$25.00 reward to ascertain who is tearing my water gap down on Buffalo Creek on the Llano road.

L. W. Barker.

—Pledge the President—

Fresh Groceries arriving daily at Will Ashby's.

..... Pay the President

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We will buy any quantity of good cedar posts from 6½ ft. to 12 feet in length and pay top price of 160 percent on yard prices delivered on our yard at Lometa. This is fine chance for the winters work and price is unusually high.

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