

The Snyder Signal

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LAST LIBERTY LOAN GOVERNMENT CALL

COMING IN APRIL, THE VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN

The name of the next war loan will be "the victory Liberty loan," Secretary Glass announced today. The exact date in the spring when it is to be floated has not been fixed. The honor flag of the loan will bear a blue "V" on a white field surrounded by a red border, the "V" indicating both five and victory.

About 80,000 German helmets, captured by General Pershing's troops and some new ones taken from the housewives behind the lines, and some battered relics of the battlefields, have been ordered by Frank T. Wilson, director of Liberty loan publicity for distribution in the fifth Liberty loan campaign.

This Victory bond is pictured to be the last war bond issue and it is necessary to raise about \$6,000,000,000 to meet the expenses of returning the soldiers to their respective homes.

The Scurry county quota will be announced fully ten days before the campaign begins. Extreme methods will be pursued to sell the required amount.

Be ready to do your part—don't be a "slacker."

Watch for further announcements from time to time.

J. P. Chambliss, Chairman, Scurry County Bond Campaign.

Program for the Parent-Teachers' Meeting.

At the North Ward Wednesday January 22, 1919.

Song: First grade.

Reading: Anna Bell Underwood

Reading: Ruth Miller

Song: Fourth and Fifth Grade

Reading: Harold Chapel.

Adjournment.

President being absent, vice president, Mrs. Westbrook, took charge of the meeting.

There were four new members enrolled: Mrs. J. A. Miller, Mrs. James Holcomb, Mrs. Chanton and Mrs. Jim Ketter.

Business plans were discussed for the next meeting.

A reading will be given on "How the hours out of school should be spent." By Mrs. Miller.

Also one on "Play ground recreation" by Mrs. Holcomb.

We want to insist on every mother that possibly can to attend these meetings, and try to make them interesting. The exact date for the meeting next month will be published in the Signal later.

Mrs. Jim Ketter, Sec.-Treas.

Womans Missionary Society

Met with Mrs. H. G. Towle Monday the 20th. This was a most inspiring meeting. The Missionary Voice program was beautifully rendered, being followed by special music and solo.

The hostesses, Mrs. Towle, Mrs. Emmitt Johnson, Mrs. McMullan and Mrs. Boren served refreshments to the members and a number of guests. Following is a list of new members: Mrs. Dixie Smith, Mrs. W. M. Wagner, Mrs. Jim Ketter, and Mrs. Paul Brumley.

The program for Monday 27th: Song, "Lead on O, king eternal." Bible Lesson, Intercession, Mrs. Curantte.

Prayer, That the century movement may succeed.

Talk on Centenary Movement, Mrs. Waddill.

Face to Face with the task of teaching Africa the Christian religion, Mrs. Emmitt Johnson.

Business, Mrs. C. C. Higgins.

List of selected committees: Membership Committee: Mrs. Joe Strayhorn, Mrs. Ed Harris, Mrs. W. T. Manry.

Social Committee: Mrs. H. G. Towle, Mrs. Dixie Smith, Mrs. Paul H. Brumley.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Robt. H. Curantte, Mrs. R. L. McMillan, Mrs. Charles Bartlett.

Supt. Publicity.

Methodist church services.

Last Sunday was another good day at the Methodist church, fine crowds and fine interest. Let us make the services even better and more enthusiastic next Sunday in order to do so you must attend. If you have an interest in the church or want to see it grow, show that interest by being present.

Sunday school at 9:45 and preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. G. S. Hardy, will preach at the evening hour, 5:30, and you are especially urged to be present, to hear and get acquainted with the new elder.

The first quarterly conference for this year will be held while the elder is here.

THE PICTURE SHOW OPENED IN SNYDER

Our people were greatly relieved last Monday night when the Cozy Theatre opened for the season.

Mr. John H. Crawford came to the rescue of the people of Snyder and Scurry county by opening the movie house here, and Monday night the building was crowded to full capacity.

It took considerable nerve to open a theatre at this time on account of the drought conditions, but Mr. Crawford has faith in the oil prospects, as well as the coming back of western Texas, hence this enterprise should receive the full support of our people especially until the city and county fill up and things become more prosperous.

Let's all turn out and enjoy the show.

For the present Mr. Crawford will only install one machine, but we will soon adjust ourselves to this condition.

Mr. Crawford has many attractive features booked for future shows. See his advertisements in the Signal today.

Amusement Column

Coming soon at Cozy Theatre "America's Answer."

Also "Under Four Flags."

These pictures are supervised by Geo. Creel of the U. S. Government and are actual scenes taken on the battle front by Uncle Sam's men. These films are owned by the government and the proceeds go to the war fund. Admission usual prices.

ROMANCE WELDED WITH THE BIG WAR

Both romance and war are welded in interesting scenes in "To Hell with the Kaiser," a tremendous screen production at the Cozy Theatre. This Screen Classic, Inc. master drama has been built along intimate dramatic lines rather than the spectacular and a romance with an American hero and heroine runs parallel with the expose of the Kaiser's machinations toward the conquest of the world. Saturday matinee and night.

"To Hell with the Kaiser!" This exclamation has been said, either silently or aloud, by patriotic Americans and lovers of decency everywhere! Everyone agrees that the monster of Europe is not fit to live anywhere else!

But in this multiple-reel Screen Classic, Inc. feature, the expression is taken literally. The Berlin beast is actually shown in "the hot place." How he gets there, and what becomes of him after his arrival, form an interesting part of this wonderful picture.

It is only a part, however, mingled with events now historical and tender romance and vivid drama. A family of Americans living in Europe are among the leading characters, and are instrumental in bringing about the tremendous denouement. Alice Monroe demands dire penalty for the fate that overtakes her little sister at the hands of the dastardly Crown Prince.

"To Hell with the Kaiser" is the greatest arraignment of Prussianism and the Hohenzollerns ever made. It is America's challenge to bestiality and "rightfulness."

Paramount Pictures, Mary Pickford in Joanna Enlists, coming Saturday, January 25.

FEDERAL LAND BANK INTEREST NOW DUE

February interest payments of the Federal Land Bank are now due and many members are promptly paying same. Those who have not paid should see me at once as reimbursement must reach the Houston bank prior to February 1.

J. P. Chambliss, Sec.-Treas. Snyder, Texas.

A Comrade Writes of Death of Carroll Porter.

Dec. 5, 1918. Veterinary Hospital No. 8. Somewhere in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Porter. Dear unknown friends: I have felt it my duty to write to you ever since the death of Carroll, but as several of my friends have written, I had failed to do so, but as several are writing tonight I'll add a few pages.

Carroll and I had been together ever since we went to the training camp and I was never with anyone that I thought more of. Carroll was a man in every respect. I was with him until just a few hours before he died. I was not so sick as he and a few others so they moved me into a different ward.

He was feeling bad a few days before he was sent to the hospital but no one here, nor even he himself thought of him taking so bad so soon or not ever at all, he took the influenza and pneumonia set up all at the same time and he only lived I think four days. I was very close to him, only about three feet between our cots and the nurses and doctors did everything in the world that could be done for anyone but they could not save him. I talked to Carroll quite a little and he told me that he didn't believe he would live many days, just after he came in the ward where I was.

He said he wasn't afraid to die, only he had so much rather die at home.

He was unconscious several hours before his death.

There are about 18 of the boys from this unit buried at the same place where Carroll is buried. He was put away nice, and I was back over there a few days ago and some French women had put fresh and pretty flowers on his grave. His grave is marked with a small slab with his identification tag tacked on it and his grave is number 164.

I live at Claude, Texas, and how I hope to be back there some time soon although it may be several months and I hope some day to meet you both and tell you more of Carroll's noble life and death as a soldier. With the deepest sympathy for you both, I'll close.

Your friend, Pvt. Roy R. Hunter. Vet. H. P. No. 8, A. P. O. 792. A. E. F.

Lyday Says F. C. Is Clean.

In order that the general public might know the facts concerning the story to the effect that the Farmers' Union received large sums of money from the liquor interests of Texas during the last two or three years, D. E. Lyday, president, issued a statement Monday reviewing the history of the organization since he became president in 1917. The statement includes letters exchanged by Lyday and the Dr. A. J. Barton, formerly editor of Home and State.

"I desire to state that not a single cent has been collected from any source outside our membership for any purpose whatever since I became president of the organization on August 15, 1917, and I challenge any reputable citizen to produce evidence to the contrary."

Senator Herlsberg of San Antonio has introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment to increase the salary of Governor from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Another proposition is to decrease the number of representatives and pay them \$1200 for the first year and five dollars a day for extra sessions in the second year. Both these measures ought to be adopted. Now kick.

Thursday was an ideal day to promote heartily activity.

Born in Snyder January 17, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bartlett, a girl.

If you are going to buy oil stock, make careful examination and try to find companies that have something on which to base the proposition.

Mrs. Maude Marshall of Fort Worth is visiting in the city.

Another Oil Investor.

We have seen scores of fellows who are suspected of being plungers in the oil game. Some want to deny it. Others want nothing said about it. They are on a still hunt for fortune. If they come out to the good, they may tell it. If their dividends never come they prefer to nurse their disappointment and keep it from men. We have heard, however, of one investor who admits that he has fallen a victim to the embroiled enticements to put his hard earned money in oil, that is our friend W. L. Forrester. He says he held back for a long time, but finally tumbled and pulled the cork under at the first jerk. He put in all he had. He didn't have enough to buy a well already gushing nor even the controlling stock in an organized company. This fact is, Jerry just had thirty cents and he invested that in a bottle of castor oil, and really thinks he paid all it was worth.

Resolution for 1919.

Mr. Editor: I am so glad that so many good people are making resolutions, because if we never resolve to make an improvement on the past we will never get any better and goodness knows there is room for improvement with most of us.

If every good man and woman and boy and girl would just resolve that they will try to get everybody else to grow better for this year and keep and practice that resolution there would be many better people at the end of the year than they are now. I tell you if people in Scurry county would all unite and just push and pull for everything that tends to lift their neighbor and their neighbor's children up to a higher and better and purer life, we would see a difference in the Christian citizenship of our environment. I know we have as good a citizenship as can be found anywhere, but it can be made better. I know we are not all as good as we could be, for there are some people in Scurry county who have enough of the nature of the devil in them to start a little hell most anywhere. But it is easier to prevent crime than it is to cure the criminal, so let us do our best to make everybody better and we will be better ourselves and others will be better.

Suppose that we could get every body in Scurry county to become regular attendants on the preaching service and on the Sunday school service and on the prayer meeting service in Scurry county, during 1919. I tell you every husband would be better to his wife and the wife would be better to the husband and children would be better and there would be more people converted to Christianity this year than ever in any year before this and people could be so much happier and better. Of course some few can not attend the services but they are excusable on account of sickness. We should visit them more than many of us do.

Say, Mr. Editor, do you know that you are in a position to do untold good by just turning say one half of one page of your valuable paper to be used for good religious short articles, said articles not to be of a wasp like nature with a lance in hand, for there are enough things upon which we can all agree until Christ comes again; which is much nearer than it was nearly 2000 years ago, without writing on things upon which we do not agree.

I believe I'll put it to a vote: All who favor asking the editor for half a page to be devoted to short articles on religious subjects, that will tend to make people better, let it be known by raising the right hand in our imagination we see the hand of every Christian and some who are not Christians favoring this wonderful move. Thank you. All who oppose it by the same sign.

Only one and he has not paid his subscription.

Now in conclusion, let's all do all the good we can to as many people as we can and in as short a time as we can, and as little harm as we can. Let's make the welkin ring for the Lord, let's have a Sunday school in every school house in the county.

A. Largman.

OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN SCURRY COUNTY

OIL DEVELOPMENTS ARE IN INFANCY IN TEXAS

Development for oil continues thru out the state with marvelous results. Every day great progress is made, even beyond the expectation of men who have been in the game for years. Vast fortunes are being built by thousands among the "common people" who have toiled a life time, merely making a living. The outcome cannot now be predicted, but one thing is certain—a revolution is being brought about along financial lines, which, a few months ago, seemed impossible.

It takes energy, brains and money to bring about this much needed change. Luck doesn't accomplish much without effort. The stories appearing in Dallas News should be read with diligence and comprehension. They contain much valuable information, especially for small investors.

Emmett Johnson has made a discovery that his ranch, about 20 miles northwest of Snyder, contains an laenglass mine. He left a sample of the formation with the Signal this week, which confirms the belief that the treasure is there.

A message from Dr. L. E. Smith, who went to Pecos, Reeves county, several months ago, that his company has "spudded in" for a deep test in that section. Dr. Smith says things are coming alive in that county and that developments are going on thick and fast. He has opened an oil lease exchange which keeps him busy as a Cranberry merchant. Reeves county has had oil prospects for several years.

A. G. Webb, an oil booster, with holdings south of Snyder, states that he will soon have an expert at work here. He makes this statement: "Don't get discouraged Scurry county may yet furnish another Burkburnett."

The Local Situation.

Oil men are here from Brownwood and Waxahachie familiarizing themselves with the local conditions of oil development. These men have been expected to arrive for some weeks but various causes prevented their appearance.

The Oklahoma-Snyder Oil and Refining company officials have been unusually busy this week. An individual inspection and ratification of every lease assignment of the company was commenced last Friday morning and this tedious task was being finished last night when the Signal went to press. Pursuant to agreement, representatives of the Oklahoma-Snyder Company have authorized the statement that actual operations will begin in the Dunn field early in the coming week. Apparently there are no obstacles in the way and all parties concerned seem to concur on this opinion.

There has been considerable activity in the Snyder Oil Lease Exchange this week, and considerable land has been listed at from \$1 an acre up. There has been some inquiry regarding royalty assignments.

Dee Hull has been working in oil business at De Leon. He is at home this week, but is going back, leaving his family here for awhile because of the difficulty in getting a residence there. Whenever a town gets well into the oil game the people soon fill up the living space.

Jeff Massey says advertising pays. He advertised a horse for sale last week. The Signal carried the ad Friday morning and he sold the horse Saturday.

The Signal gratefully acknowledges obligation to Representative M. E. Rosser for copies of House Journal of the 36th Legislature.