Jim Wells County Chapter of Red Cross Makes Enviable Record for Work Accomplished During War

Jim Wells county chapter of the American Red Cross has made an enviable record for service during the war. When it was first proposed to form a chapter, officials at Red Cross headquarters almost scoffed the idea, declaring that not enough members could be obtained.

But an organization was perfected June 5, 1917, with a membership of 245. It has been increased since that date until it has 951. About $12,000 has been raised for Red Cross work in the county. Many subscriptions were pledged and they are now being paid in monthly installments.

The junior work organized in the schools in the county has done good work. The home service department department under Mrs. Felix Hobbs has accomplished considerable for families in distress. Mrs. J. L. Brown is chairman of the nursing activities.

Officers of the chapter are: Mrs. P. A. Price, chairman; Mrs. George Adams, vice chairman; Mrs. Hobbs Bateman, secretary; R. M. Boerum, treasurer.

Mrs. Kempe Chairman of Publicity

Chairmen of the standing committees are: Mrs. Joel Williams, membership; Mrs. J. L. Brown, finance; Mrs. George Clark, extension; Mrs. P. A. Kempe, publicity; Mrs. James Grimes, auditorium; Mrs. Felix Hobbs, home service; Mrs. George Adams, junior; Mrs. F. P. Anderson, nursing; Mrs. T. W. Taylor, military relief; Mrs. George Kennedy, conservation.

The branch chairmen are: Mrs. Joe Lexington, Premont; Mrs. John Dale, Orange Grove; Mrs. Mary Lee Allen, Sandia; Mrs. P. H. DeBlanc, Mathis.

A resume of the work accomplished shows: Sewing, 115,855 articles; knitting, 4,881 articles; comfort kits, 7,061 complete, 11 sweaters completed, 41 men sweaters, 455 articles, old clothes gathered and shipped, 1,516 pounds; miscellaneous articles shipped to boys in France. It is said that the foregoing report does not include much of what has been done, but it was impossible to gain the statistics collected to date.

Jim Wells county had the honor of securing the first American war orphan, the story of which follows:

County Gets First War Orphan

After searching the country it has been found that the first American War orphan to come under the care of the American Red Cross is a child of the Southwestern invasion. The home of Francisco Diaz, the orphan were Mexicans and he lives in Jourdan, Texas.

Francisco Diaz was born in Mexico, 1918, so that he now has a call on orphan when the war was on. Then his father, a native of Mexico and a citizen of Texas, joined the American army. Soon after his father was killed in Champagne, France.

The president of Texas Red Cross received a note from Jourdan, stating a child was left in Mexico and was supposed to be homeless. Mrs. Hobbs set up in the home of Herman with the orphan. Then she sent to the Red Cross in Chicago asked that $15 be sent and a home was found for the boy. The home was ready and the Red Cross had been called upon.

Very soon after the boy was in the Red Cross Home he was placed in Wells Fargo's care and was accompanied with the Red Cross representative until he was turned over to the Jourdan guardian. The Home Service Department of Jim Wells county had the guardian to get the boy's papers, but it was found he was not to be found for 6 months. The first war orphan that the Red Cross had been called upon.

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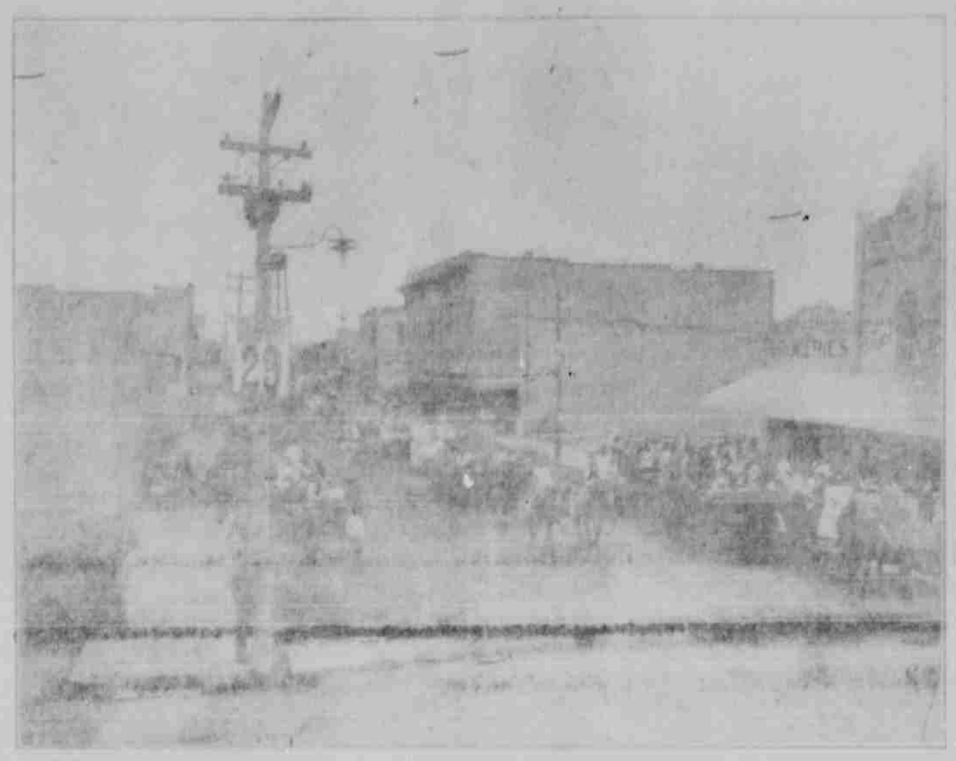
To make the story full it is necessary to state that the boy's mother is an American and her son is an American and [illegible] father is an American and [illegible] his life in the [illegible] abroad from disease in [illegible] some other cause resulting from the war. The sum of $15 is now being augmented by the mother of the boy from a member of the junior Red Cross, making the sum he earned now in the bank [illegible] $25.00. On Monday a check for this amount was sent to the president of the Texas Red Cross, as is to be administered according to the laws of Texas.

A Street Scene in Alice



TWO ALICE BOYS MAKE SUCCESS AS TRADERS IN JERSEY COWS; ALSO AGENTS FOR THE CALLER

Two of the liveliest business men in Alice about town, if age counts for anything, are Lewis Vandiver, 9 years old, and his brother, Hubert, 11 years old. Lewis and Hubert have been trading in Jersey cows for the last three years.

Are they successful? Well, just read what these boys have done during the last three years, and they would put the average man to shame with his patriotism for war activity.

When Hubert was only seven years old he bought the first Liberty bond ever sold in Jim Wells County. Bonds were novelties in war days back in June, 1917, but ever since then the two Vandivers have followed the value of Uncle Sam's securities. They have invested their savings in Liberty bonds and War Savings Stamps and are the proud possessors of about $500 worth of them now.

EXPERT JUDGES OF JERSEY COWS.

The lads trade Jersey dairy cows and have become expert judges of them. Once they purchased three cows and while they were driving them down the road they met a party who bought them at an advance of $10 apiece, enabling them to clear money and having spent their two days.

Hubert and James believe in backing up their capital, for they realize that is the way to make profits. They have now about 30 head of Jersey cows and heifers. Just a few days ago they placed some cows in a car shipment to a city in Louisiana. These lads rent their own pastures.

The boys are practical gardeners and the Vandivers have one of the best gardens in Alice. James is in the first grade at school and Hubert is in the third grade, and both are among the leaders in the classes.

AGENTS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER.

The boys are agents for the Houston Post and Chronicle and The Corpus Christi Caller. They have built up a good patronage from Alice residents and they don't beg for subscriptions. They sell the newspapers upon their merits and the needs of the customers for them.

The lads have a splendid demand for The Caller during the last few days, since it has become generally known that the paper carries good stock reports and beats the competitors into the city by several hours.

Lewis Vandiver, a brother, who is five years old, has been assisting in the paper work lately. He delivers them promptly to customers while the other boys are in school. He has been delivering them on a commission basis for his brothers and has saved considerable money. He opened his first bank account last week, depositing $15. Lewis also owns a cow.

LIBERTY LOAN DRIVES GO OVER IN JIM WELLS

Residents of Jim Wells county showed their patriotism to the government by subscribing liberally to the four Liberty Loan campaigns and it is predicted that the fifth or Victory drive will be a success.

There was little organization for the first loan, but County Judge Lucas Hewitt served as county chairman in a rather informal way. The bankers and customers largely handled the loan matter.

JIM WELLS COUNTY LAND IS PREDICTED TO JUMP IN VALUE

Defense Council In County Does Excellent Work

COUNTY EXEMPTION BOARD WORKS HARD DOING WAR DUTIES

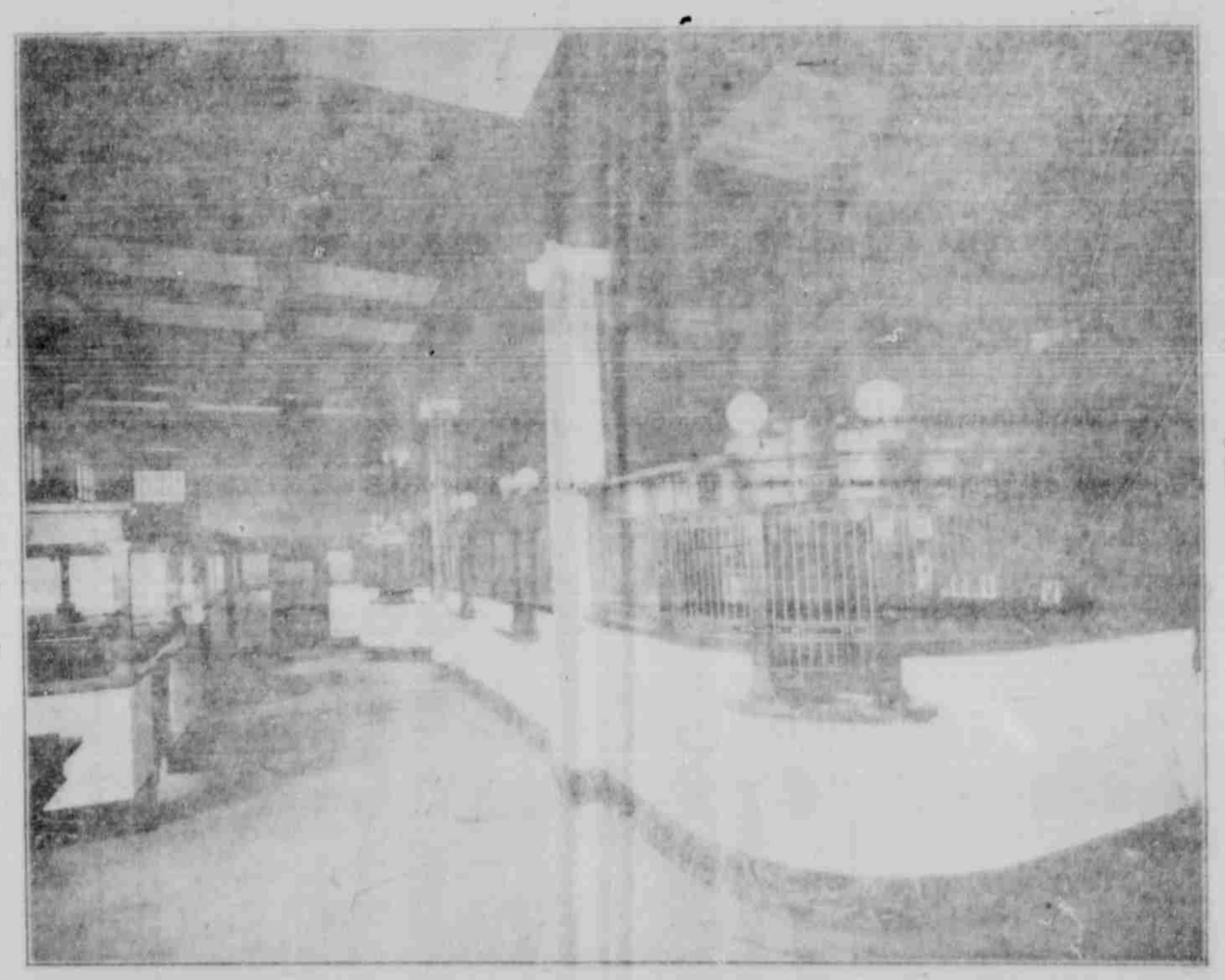
Not a Single White Man in Jim Wells Failed to Report for Duty

Vinson Will Deliver Literary Address at High School in Alice

P. A. PRESNALL, President — Wm. ADAMS and FELIX HOBBS, Vice-Presidents — R. M. BOERUM, Cashier — T. H. CLARK, Active Vice-President

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

ALICE STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY



RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	$673,689.90
Real Estate (banking house)	22,500.00
Other Real Estate	7,340.66
Furniture and Fixtures	8,765.00
Cash and Exchange	282,908.84
Total	$995,204.40

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	102,967.36
Deposits	732,237.04
Bills Payable	60,000.00
Total	$995,204.40

At Close of Business April 22, 1919

On the strength of the above statement of our condition, we solicit your business

Four per cent paid on time deposits

Directors:

W. W. Jones, Wm. Adams, Chas. Hoffman, Robt. Adams, P. A. Presnall, T. H. Clark, Felix Hobbs