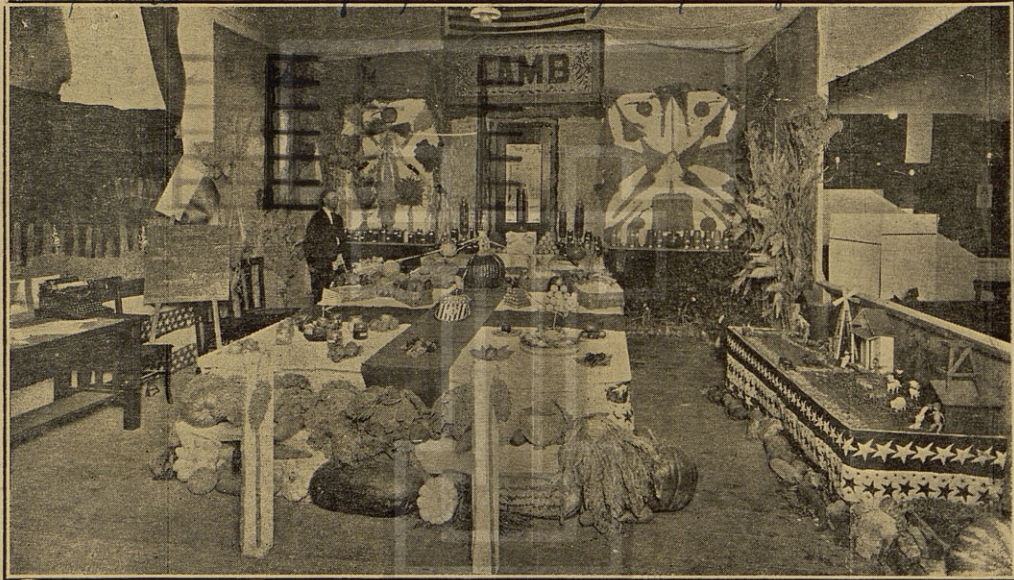


if this does not show up any better. Everything is in patriotic colors.



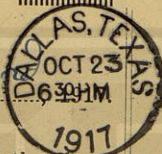
Lamb County Exhibit, State Fair, 1917. Arranged and decorated by Campbell J. Duggan, Littlefield, Texas.

Have been too busy to write. Am enjoying things here but lots of work. \$100000 exhibit. I am delighted. I have been to 7 fairs. will be here next Monday

Post Card

Message

Dallas, Texas, October 23



Dear Sister:

I am enjoying myself immensely at the State Fair, and wish that you were with me to see the many wonderful and interesting exhibits, especially the EXHIBIT from LAMB COUNTY, which is one of the most attractive booths in the Agricultural Hall. It contains 116 varieties of products fresh from the gardens, fields and orchards of Lamb County, which is in the Shallow-water Belt on the South Plains, on Main Line of the Santa Fe Railroad.

You should communicate at once with the Commercial Club, Littlefield, Texas, if you want to get in on a special offer made to the first 25 Texas farmers who will make their permanent homes in Lamb County. Lovingly,

Benjamin Wason
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My dear Sister:-

This is the very first opportunity I have had to write to you although I have thought of you daily and wanted to write. I returned home Wednesday morning and since that time I have been as busy as busy can be and am not caught up yet with my work. I was mighty glad to get back home and to a comfortable bed and home, but I can truthfully say that I enjoyed every minute of my stay in Dallas. The people I was thrown in contact with were the very nicest and best, and everybody was so considerate and kind, that it made me take a new lease on life. I worked harder than I ever worked before, but it was all so different from what I have been used to, that I got along O.K. Took good care of my self and did not even have a head ache. That Dallas water was awful, but I did not drink anymore of it than I had to. I had room and board near the Fair Park. Did not stay with Freeman and Tab but two nights and took supper with them the night I left. Freeman was awfully busy too, and Tab had a house full of company all the time, but I did not have time to visit anybody. Had dozens of invitations from friends to spend nights and take meals, but I simply could not leave the booth long enough to do it. Saw some dandy plays. Took Tab, Freeman and Mrs. Shipp to the Matinee the day I left to see "Her UnBorn Child". It was dandy we thought. Also saw Al Wilson in a Military play and I cried through most of it it was so sad and true to life. I attended two swell banquets, at one of which I heard a big man lecture on the work of the National Y.M.C.A. He had been over the waters two years in actual service. It was great, but awfully scary. Several friends asked about you. I met so many old friends, some I had not heard of for years. The picture on the card does not do the booth justice as it looks so crowded and the colors do not show up well, but so many people thought it the prettiest booth in the bldg. With the experience I have this year, I hope to win higher premium another year if I am still pegging away at this job another year.

Benjamin was over one day. He looked fine. I stopped by to see him on my return and he took me around the camp and explained things to me. He is worked too hard as he is the only stenographer in his Co. but he hopes to get relief soon. He has nice quarters. The boys are well treated and everyone I talked to during the Fair with one or two exceptions are well pleased with army life. I do not think it half so bad as we imagine. I only wish I were there, and if it were not for my debts that I could not pay if my income is cut off, I would be there now.

I hardly understand what you mean in your letter, for I can't believe that Vernon is not sending you money each month. I do hope that you will get along O.K. up there and continue to spend the winter there and get a new interest in life. Vernon should be able to keep you up alone and I am sure that he would give you anything under the sun you wanted or needed if he knew what it was. I have never heard from him and don't

even know his address. Am sure that he is getting splendid experience in his work. From all accounts, Ed seems to be doing well in school, and I trust that he will stay with it until he gets through.

I do not know how Freeman is getting along financially as he never discussed his business with me, but I do know that he is as busy as a man can be. All look well and happy. Tab was the sweetest thing to me, and if she had not done my shopping, I could never have had my booth ready by opening day. It is almost impossible to get anything one wants in Dallas now, so we had a time. She also came out and tied the ribbon bows for me and assisted in various ways. I tried to express my appreciation of her services in various ways, and left them a lot of good stuff to eat when I left.

Gladys is doing splendidly. Think she is entirely recovered from her troubles. We have new stenographer and she is staying with us. We have German girl we are paying \$14 per month, and the two boarders pay \$30.00 each, so we are coming out a little ahead each month. If the boarders will pay for extra fuel, light and the grocery bill, we will be satisfied.

I have an old man assistant in the P.O. and am paying him only \$25 per month, but of course will have to pay more. He does pretty well, but there is room for improvement. I am trying to get the Dept. to allow me clerk hire as there is so much to be done in the office and I am getting so little out of it. The office has recently been designated Central Accounting office and has to supply all offices in the country with supplies, receive their reports, audit their accounts etc. so that is making a great deal of extra work. Also expect to get rural route established right away. I trust that you may be able to stand your Exam. O.K. If there is any help I can be to you, let me know what it is. Of course I could not give answers to questions, but if there is anything that is not clear to you, I could explain it to you. If this office ever pays enough to justify it, I would like so much to have you here, but you could never expect more than \$75 per month as clerk. About 10,000 office assistants are wanted in Washington, D.C. now since the young men have been taken away and the least salary they start out on is \$1000 per annum. I am sure that you could qualify for a good job up there. Inquire of your postmaster at Decatur and get information. I don't want you to ever have to live in Stamford again for you would be miserable, and I know Mother will never stay at one place long at a time, so I think it best for you to get a good position somewhere and make your way and you will be happier. Call for the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission at the Post Office, and he should be able to give you definite information as to the particular position suited to your ability etc. Do this at once and see if you can't locate something worth while.

It is now 1 P.M. and I have put up the mail and kept P.O. since starting this letter, so it is not so very well connected. Must get some dinner and I think I will feel better inside as I am mighty hungry. I can't get enough sleep nor enough to eat since my return.

Love and best wishes to you and Vada.

Affectionately,

What is your correct address?