



# THE MERKEL MAIL



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## THE LATEST FLOUR REGULATIONS

Realizing that the rules requiring that consumers who buy Wheat Flour shall at the same time, buy an equal number of pounds of specified substitutes, works a serious hardship on those farmers who have an ample supply of home grown substitutes, and that many farmers have grown these substitutes upon the urgent request of the Government, the following modification on the said rule in its application to farmers is hereby authorized, effective Feb. 15th:

Retailers may sell to their farmer trade 70 per cent of their normal requirements of wheat flour, without substitutes, provided the farmer furnishes the retailer a written statement that he has in such written statement a list of such substitutes showing approximate quantities.

This is the only exception made to the pound for pound rule and applies only to the farmers having on hand his home grown substitutes.

However, a farmer or other consumer must not purchase or use over 70% of his normal requirements of Wheat-Flour each month.

Example:

If in February 1917, he consumed 100 pounds of Wheat-Flour, in February 1918, he must not consume over 70 lbs.

If in March 1917 he consumed 100 pounds, in March 1918, he must not use over 70 pounds. So on, month by month.

The retailer in selling the consumer must explain this rule and assure himself that it is being strictly lived up to.

It is desired and strongly urged that the retailer confine his sales of Wheat-Flour to his regular established trade and not seek new customers. Unless the retailer pursues this course he will later find that he is unable to secure a sufficient supply of Wheat-flour to take care of his regular customers, as a retailer can only buy and distribute 70 per cent of his normal supply.

E. A. Peden Fed. Food Adm. for Texas.

## MERKEL WINS FIRST GAME PLAYED IN CONTEST

The Merkel High School basketball team played their first scheduled game in the run for county championship last Friday afternoon with Union Ridge. The Merkel team was victorious with a score of 38 and 7.

Merkel High School is anxiously waiting for its next scheduled game, which will be with Trent, on Saturday 23rd. They are also looking forward, with a feeling of anxiety, for the time when they will again meet Union Ridge, which will be in the near future.

## RUSSIA STILL AT WAR

The report that Russia and Germany had made peace was a little premature. The German army is now moving on Russia. While Russia can hardly do much fighting, still it will require a considerable German army to take care of that part of the map. Petrograd is the object now of the German army but that city is quite a distance away from the occupied Russian territory.

## RED CROSS NOTICE.

Anyone who has not received his Red Cross receipt and who has paid his dollar, see W. A. McSpadden at his office or Wallace Bragg at Commercial Club.

Joe Owen left Monday for Amarillo, where he has accepted a position with the railroad.

## NOTICE ROAD BOND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given of a road bond election to be held within and for Road District No. 2, Taylor County, Texas, on the 30th day of March, 1918, in accordance with the following order of the Commissioners Court of said county:

Abilene, Tex. Feb. 13, 1918. "Order of Commissioners Court Ordering Bond Election For Road District No. 2."

On this day was presented to the court the petition of M. Armstrong and others asking for a road bond election for Road District No. 2. And it appearing to the court that said Road District No. 2, has been heretofore laid off and defined by metes and bounds by order of this court made and entered on the 11 day of Feb. A. D. 1918, and that said petition is signed by more than fifty resident property tax paying voters of said district, and that there is a necessity for said road bond election in order to provide funds for the construction, maintaining and operating of macadamized graveled and paved roads and turnpikes and in aid thereof and that there is a necessity for such roads in said district. It is therefore ordered at this a regular session of said court, all commissioners and the county judge being present that an election be held on the 30th day of March, 1918, within and for Road District No. 2, said county, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District shall be issued in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and to mature at such times as may be fixed by the commissioners court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining of macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes and in aid thereof, and to determine whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the taxable property of said Road District to provide a fund for the purpose of paying interest on said bonds and the redemption of said bonds. Said Road District No. 2, is particularly described by metes and bounds in the order of said court dated Feb. 11, 1918 which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said metes and bounds being as follows, viz:

Beginning at the intersection of the N. line of Sec. 58, Blk. 19, T. & P. Ry Co. surveys with the west line of Taylor County Texas, thence north with the west line of said county to its N. W. cor. Thence East with the North line of Taylor County to its intersection with the west line of the David Bruce Sur. No. 135; Thence southward along the west line of David Bruce sur. to the N. E. cor. of Jose Gabo sur. No. 128; Thence southward along the east line of Jose Gabo Sur. and the east line of the John McSherry Sur. No. 129 to the S. E. cor. of Shelly's Subdivision No. 4 of said McSherry Sur. Thence westward along the south boundary lines of subdivision Nos. 4 and 3, Shelly's, and south boundary line of Drummond's subdivision and south boundary lines of Rister's subdivisions Nos. 7, 5, and 4 and M. B. Toole's sub. of said McSherry sur. to west boundary line of said sur. Thence northward to N. E. cor. of Willis Avery Sur. Thence along the north boundary line of said Avery sur. to its N. W. cor. Thence continuing in same direction across N. B. Teaff sur. to east line of W. R. Willis League; Thence southward along east line of said Willis sur. to S. E. cor. of Henry Sayles Jr. Subdivision No. 29 of

said W. R. Willis sur. Thence westward along the south boundary lines of subdivisions Nos. 29, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, and 21 of the said Henry Sayles Jr. Subdivision to the W. B. line of said Willis sur. Thence westward along the S. B. line of Sub. No. 11 Grimes County School Land League No. 146; Thence northward along W. B. lines of subdivisions Nos. 11, 10, and 1 of said league No. 146; Thence westward along N. E. lines of said League No. 146 and S. B. line of Sur. No. 4, Blk. 18, T & P. Ry. Co. surveys to S. W. cor. of said sur. No. 4; Thence northward along W. B. line of said Survey No. 4 to its N. W. cor. Thence westward along the N. B. lines of sur. Nos. 5 and 6 Blk. 18, T. & P. Ry Co. surveys to the N. W. cor. of said sur. No. 6; Thence Northward along the E. B. line of Sur. 62, Blk. 19, T & P Ry Co. sur. to its N. E. cor. Thence westward along the N. B. lines of Secs. Nos. 62, 61, 60, 59, and 58, Blk. 19, T & P Ry Co. Surveys to the place of beginning.

All resident property tax paying voters of said Road District No. 2 shall be entitled to vote at said election which election shall be held in conformity with the general election laws of this state and Art. 628 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, the general election laws governing where no special provisions are made with reference to road bond elections. The polls shall be opened at the following places, and the following persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, viz:

Election Prec. No. 6, City Hall, Merkel, W. O. Boney, Presiding Judge; J. Van West, Henry West and J. J. Stallings, Assistants.

Election Precinct No. 11, School House Trent, T. J. Williamson, Presiding Judge; C. T. Beckham, W. A. Abbott, and E. D. Massey, assistants.

Election Prec. No. 20, Tye-Merkel at S. Y. Reese, Residence; J. B. Thomas, Presiding Judge, S. Y. Reese, assistant.

The qualified property tax paying voters of said Road District shall vote at their usual voting places in their respective precincts, except those who reside in election Prec. No. 26, Blair and who are embraced within the bounds of said Road Dist. No. 2, shall vote at City Hall, Merkel.

All voters voting at said election who desire to support the proposition of issuing the bonds and levying the tax shall have written or printed on

## CLASSIFIED ADS

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

**STEAM VULCANIZING**—Modern equipment, experienced, work guaranteed. Location in building with Henry Rose. E. B. Robbins.

**COTTON SEED**—I have arranged for some good East Texas cotton seed, that will cost you about \$1.65 per bushel f. o. b. Merkel. If you are interested see me at once. G. B. Brown.

**FOR SALE**—One car of nice clean oats, clean of Johnson grass, cheaper than you can get them anywhere else. See J. H. Craig or W. T. Curb. 15t2p

**COTTON SEED**—About 1000 bushels pure Mebane cotton seed direct from Lockhart community, at \$2.25 a bushel. W. H. Laney. 15t4

### NOTICE

We buy and sell second hand Fords. See us if you have a second hand Ford for sale. Merkel Motor Company.

**LOST**—Cloting sample black Suit case was placed in a Dodge Car last Wednesday by mistake. Finder will please return to L. J. Renfro, Tailor Shop.

**FOR SALE**—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

**FOR RENT**—Choice business building, 50x65 feet; rent reasonable, on best business street Full details at Merkel Mail of-

Fresh shipment typewriter ribbons just received at Merkel Mail office.

**FOR RENT**—Cheap. Wagon Yard with water conveniences, good lots, Camp house, stable, Feed barn.—See A.C. Boney tfc

**FOR SALE**—A few good shoats at my place 13 miles south of Merkel.—J. S. Touchstone. 2tp.

**FOR RENT**—8-room house with lights, water in house, bath, close in. 5-room house east front 2 lots, lights windmill, plenty of water for garden good location. 4-room house close in well located. W. O. Boney. tfc

### WANTED

We pay cash for second hand Fords. See us before you sell. Merkel Motor Company.

Bran and shorts, G. M. Sharp.

**FOR SALE**—New and second hand Ford. See W. E. Lowe.

**TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER**—At Merkel Mail office.

their ballots the words: "For the Issuance of Bonds" and those opposed to the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Issuance of Bonds."

A copy of this order signed by the county judge of said county shall serve as a proper notice of said election and the county judge is directed to cause said notices to be posted and published as prescribed by law. Passed Feb. 13, 1918 at a regular session of the commissioners court in testimony of which witness our hands on said date."

Now therefore, I, E. M. Overshiner, County Judge of said county in pursuance of said order hereby order said election to be held at the time for the purposes at the places by the officers and in accordance with the stipulations and provisions of the foregoing order and issue this notice which shall be posted and published as prescribed by law.

E. M. Overshiner, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUR RATES

For District offices	\$8.00
For County offices	8.00
For Precinct offices	6.00
For City offices	3.00
Subscription price, 1 year 1.00	
Always Cash in Advance.	

For Clerk District Court  
J. N. Routh

For County Judge:  
E. M. Overshiner.

For County Clerk:  
H. Holland Teaff.  
Henry R. Hicks.  
J. D. Hilton  
J. L. Mingus

For Sheriff:  
J. T. Dodson.  
John Bond.

For County Treasurer:  
Austin Fitts.

For County Tax Assessor:  
John H. Vance.

For County School Supt.  
J. S. Smith.

For Commissioner, Precinct 2:  
J. M. Toombs.  
T. R. Lassiter.  
Sam Butman, Jr.  
J. L. Banner.

For Public Weigher at Merkel:  
J. M. Garrett.  
H. M. Mayfield.  
James Patterson, Jr.  
W. R. Britton

G. M. Sharp visited his father at Stephenville the past week.

## THE INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

The purpose of the Interscholastic League is to foster in the schools of Texas the study and practice of public speaking and debate as an aid in the preparation for citizenship; to assist in organizing, standardizing, and controlling, athletics in the school of the State; and to promote county, district, and State interscholastic contests in debate, declamation, spelling, essay writing, and athletics.

Merkel high school will enter the Interscholastic League this year in the following

Senior declamation contest, (both boys and girls.)  
Junior declamation contest, (both boys and girls.)  
Senior spelling contest.  
Junior spelling contest.  
Essay writing.  
Senior athletic contests, both boys and girls.  
Junior athletic contest, (boys only.)

The county has been divided into four districts for convenience. The winners in two districts will contest with the winners in the other two districts in a County Meet, April 5, and 6, held at Tuscola. The winners in the county meet will participate in the District Meet, and the winners in the district will meet in final contest at Austin, Texas, some time in May. Many valuable prizes are offered for efficiency in all these lines.

The boys and girls of the Merkel high school are co-operating nicely in helping to bring their high school up to a recognized standard among the leading educators of Texas, and the South.

The forward steps taken by the Merkel School Board and the good people of the city have made possible for the teachers and pupils to obtain and foster a standard second to none in the Central West. So let's work together as one man for the very best results possible in educational matters. The co-operation of the patrons and friends of education in the Merkel Independent School District is doing much to help in this great educational uplift.

I desire to thank every individual who has, in any way, contributed to the building-up of the educational interests to that consummation that makes it possible for the school authorities to give a splendid system for Merkel.

Respectfully yours,  
R. H. Parker, Superintendent.

## SPELLING MATCH

A very interesting spelling bee was held last Friday and Saturday between the Fourth and Fifth grades. The list of words consisting of 100 demons, selected as words misspelled more frequently than any other words in the English language. The words were given out by the teachers, Miss Houston of the Fifth grade and Miss Campbell of the Fourth. The Fifth grade won, two left standing on the winning side.

The Sixth and Seventh grades will spell against each other soon and the winning grade will then contest with the Fifth.

The last scholar left standing on the Fourth Grade side was Opal Patterson, on the Fifth grade Beryl Tucker and Iris McClary.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Meador a fine 11-pound girl last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Meador is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown. Mother and baby are doing nicely. The little miss was given the name of Edith Madaline before she was many hours old.

## THE JONES TRIAL IN PROGRESS

The Jones murder trial is in full swing. W. G. Clark proved to be the States star witness. He repeated practically the same testimony as has heretofore been given publicly. A strong case was built up by the State's witness. Rebuttal testimony is now being given.

The greatest sensation developed thus far, was the arrest of W. G. Clark by officers from Cottle county. It was alleged that the arrest was primarily for the purpose of murdering Clark. The Cottle county officers were arrested with Clark at Ysleta and returned to the jurisdiction of the court at El Paso.

Thomas A. Morrison of Colorado was also arrested at Ysleta on the charge of conspiracy against Clark. He has brought suit against the officers of El Paso county for \$100,000 damages, alleging that the officers conspired to ruin his reputation.

T. J. and Millard Coggin refused to testify, contending that the testimony given by them might be used against them later. They were excused. A great deal of time has been taken up by the defense in an effort to prove an alibi for Jones on the night of the Lyons murder, May 17, 1917.

Both sides have rested and arguments of counsel are under way. The case will likely reach the jury today.

## SPLENDID JUNIOR RED CROSS

Through the diligent efforts of Superintendent Parker, the chairman of the Junior Red Cross work, and his able corps of teachers the following splendid record was obtained:

Miss Alma Wells' room, 18 new members, 7 old members, 110 per cent.  
Miss Lillian Allen's room, 13 new members, 10 old members, 142 per cent.  
Miss Lorena Dry's room, 19 new members, 1 old member, 80 per cent.  
Miss Emma Houston's room, 32 new members, 9 old members, 150 per cent.  
Miss Hattie May Smith's room, 8 new members, 5 old members 83 per cent.  
Miss Amber Lewis's room, 20 new members, 5 old members, 103 per cent.  
Miss Ruby Campbell's room, 16 new members, 7 old members, 109 per cent.  
Mrs. Shppard's room, 8 new members, 17 old members, 140 per cent.  
Miss Alice Burns's room, 9 new members, 5 old members, 100 per cent.

All the old members had previously paid \$1.00. The percentage is arrived at by adding the proceeds of the old members to the proceeds of the new, getting an average on the 25 cent basis and comparing it with the number of pupils in attendance. Out of an attendance in the grades mentioned of 357, 209 are members of the Red Cross. This is a splendid record, made in a remarkably short time.

Services at the Baptist Church  
Dr. Sandefer, President of Simmons College will occupy the pulpit, morning and evening, next Sunday, at the Baptist church. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutcheson of Trent died last Tuesday and was buried at Merkel Wednesday afternoon.

Post office will be closed today, Friday, 22nd, account of Washington's birthday.



Statement of Condition  
**The Farmers State Bank**  
 Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business Dec. 31, 1917

**RESOURCES**

Loans .....	\$241,224.22
Banking House .....	9,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures ..	3,950.00
Liberty Bonds and Thrift	
Stamps .....	2,817.11
Interest in Guar. Fund....	3,003.57
<b>CASH &amp; EXCHANGE.....</b>	<b>128,507.98</b>
Total .....	\$388,902.88

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock .....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus Fund and Profits	
(Earned) .....	33,697.66
<b>DEPOSITS .....</b>	<b>320,205.22</b>
Total .....	\$388,902.88

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

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Entered at the postoffice at Merkel  
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Won't it be a long ways between drinks after the Legislature meets?

Plant your war garden early. Vegetables will be refreshing after a season of wheatless, meatless, eatless days.

We are hard up for news. We have no rain to report, and this week, not even a new candidate to announce.

Reports from the front now say that Germany is preparing for one powerful attack upon the allies. This does not alarm us, as it is our opinion that she made this attack at the beginning and has never let up.

Under the supervision of B. F. Johnson, who has the work in charge, a committee will be in Merkel at 2 o'clock, next Tuesday afternoon, to speak on the food situation and "How to Win the War." It is urged that our citizens turn out to hear the addresses, which will be made at the Red Cross rooms. This is a matter just now that vitally concerns every one, and it will go a long way in getting some misleading reports straightened out. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Why not join the shorthand and typewriting class that has just been started in Merkel? Best of facilities offered. Prices right. Merkel Business College.

**For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness**  
 Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN**. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

**LEGISLATURE TO MEET**

Governor Hobby has issued a proclamation convening the Thirtyfifth legislature in session at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 26. Following are the principal subjects submitted. Provide a dry zone within ten miles of military camp of instructions.

Provide that each case of selling liquor constitute a felony. Regulation of commercialized vice.

Make it a felony to ship or sell intoxicating liquor into the dry zone.

Relief for the drouth stricken portion of the State.

To enact an adequate and uniform depository law for the State.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**

Your druggist will refund money if **PAZO OINTMENT** fails to cure any case of itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Willie Joe Largent left for Wichita (Kan) Fat Stock Show last Tuesday with a bunch of show cattle. Before returning he will make Kansas City, Oklahoma City and the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. C. M. Largent will leave the latter part of the week for Wichita.

**Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System**  
 The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, **GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC**, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

The Commercial Club has just placed orders for some red top cane and feterita seed. Those who will need these seed should place their orders now.

Choice hay at G. M. Sharps.

J. M. Boney of Springfield Mo. came in last Tuesday night on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boney, and also his brother, W. O. Boney and family.

Cowfeed and oats G. M. Sharp

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**

Take **LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine**. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

S. C. Sharp and daughter, Miss Nettie of Moundville, Ala., cousin of G. M. and J. P. Sharp, are visiting them in Merkel.

G. F. West, V. Pres. J. T. Warren, Pres. Thos. Johnson, Cash.  
 Henry James, V. Pres. Will S. Merritt, Asst. Cash.



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 OVER \$50,000.00**

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We invite your account and will  
 extend every loan accommodation  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

J. T. Warren G. F. West  
 C. P. Warren Henry James  
 Thos. Johnson

**LOCAL NEWS**

J. S. Robertson came in Friday from Ashby, in south Texas, where he has been for the past six weeks. He returned a few days ago and says he will likely be away sometime.

Mush Bread and Stone's cake at The Anchor Mercantile Co.

Dr. J. T. Pue, who has been in Brownwood for sometime, was home the past week. Mrs. Pue visited him in Brownwood recently.

Mrs. A. E. Brown and Mrs. Alvah H. Hutchins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks, left for Hurley, N. M., several days ago. They go to join their husbands who are employed in the copper smelters at that place.

Plenty shorts, oats, bran, cow feed, cotton seed meal and sacked corn at Crown Hardware Co.

Private Urban Shanon of Merce has been recommended as Corporal and soon will be wearing chevrons. Shannon deserves the promotion, and soon will help trim the new rookies in shape.

Incubators at the Anchor Mercantile Company.

J. H. Madderra and little son returned from Albertville, Ala., to make their home at Blair. He says they have been having plenty of rain over there, but that there is no place in the world equal to this great Merkel country.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. Letha Burns Banner and mother, Mrs. W. L. Burns arrived Saturday night from Dallas, where Mrs. Banner underwent a serious operation at the St Pauls Sanitarium. She stood her trip home as well as could be expected. Mrs. Banner's many friends rejoice in having her home again and pray for her speedy recovery.

Get your garden tools and water hose at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

**New Goods are Here**

New Gingham  
 New Percales  
 New Suitings  
 New Shirtings  
**SEE**  
 New Kimona Silk  
 New Plaid Silks  
 New Stripe Silks  
 New Waist Silks

**New Romper and Work Pant Cloths**

See our Khaki Overall for Men at **\$1.45**  
 See our Pin Check boys Overall at **65c**

**Ladies new Waists, Dresses and Middies**  
**New Boots and Oxfords for Ladies**  
**New Hosiery, Ties and Shirts for Men**

**WE HAVE THE GOODS  
 AT THE RIGHT PRICE**

--- CASH TALKS ---

**The Brown D. G. Comp'ny**

Plenty of shorts, oats, bran, cow feed, cotton seed meal and sacked corn at Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dupree, and daughter, Miss Mertie left the past week for California, where they will make their future home. This is a splendid family and their presence in Merkel will be greatly missed by their numerous friends.

Plenty of shorts, oats, bran, cow feed, cotton seed meal and sacked corn at Crown Hardware Company.

H. R. Horton, who lives eight miles north, was in Merkel last Tuesday for the first time in several weeks, having just recovered from a very severe attack of pneumonia.

Plenty of shorts, oats, bran, cow feed, cotton seed meal and sacked corn at Crown Hardware Company.

Rev. D. J. Dodd of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel a day or two the past week.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps. Miss Valrie Dye visited in Abilene the past week.

Plenty of shorts, oats, bran, cow feed, cotton seed meal and sacked corn at Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. A. C. McGee, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings, for a couple of weeks, returned to her home in Fort Worth last Tuesday morning.

Seed oats, at G. M. Sharps.

Si. Hamm who has been at work in Fort Worth for the past several months, is a visitor at home for a few days.

We are handling the Stone Cakes. You know the quality at The Anchor Mercantile Co.

**DRAUGHON'S**  
 PRACTICAL  
*Business College*  
 ABILENE, TEXAS  
 Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms need our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.



## Protecting Your Children

The long, hard school term drains the vitality of growing children and you wonder why they are listless, puny and pale. Every school child will show marked improvement in health and growth if given

# SCOTT'S EMULSION

Its rich, uniform cod liver oil gets into their blood and gives them vim, snap and zest. It creates strength to resist school sicknesses, overcome pinched faces, sallow complexions and dull eyes. High authorities have established again and again that cod liver oil promotes growth and energizes the body and brain.



The imported Norwegian cod liver oil always used in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which guarantees it free from impurities. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

## The Double Standard Oil and Gas Company

CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00  
Full Paid, Non-Assessable

\$100.00 INVESTED IN OIL HAS PAID \$40,000.00  
AND IT MAY DO SO HERE

Wages Never Made a Man Rich, But  
A Small Investment Has

Stock Selling at 10c a Share

\$20 buys 200 shares; \$50 buys 500 shares; \$100 buys 1000 shares. If desired, send 2c a share cash and 2c per share each month. Five per cent discount for all cash.

Figure what it means if it advances to \$1.00 or \$10.00 as others have done.

Our holdings are in Wyoming, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, Colorado, Texas, where wells produce as high as 10,000 barrels daily. One 100-barrel well will pay \$72,000.00 a year, which would enable us to pay 4 per cent a month dividends on stock issued, as 50 per cent of net profits are to be paid in dividends to stockholders.

We are selling stock to increase holdings, drill wells and pay dividends. Buy now before it advances.

WM. F. REYNOLDS, Secretary

GENERAL OFFICES

830 Seventeenth St., Boston Building, Denver, Col.  
Phone Main 3937

Salesmen Wanted. Send for free oil map and literature

## TOUCHSTONE REACHES CHINA

(Continued from last week)  
The ten days from Honolulu to Yokohama were spent in sleeping, eating, deck games and small talk. Nothing to do but get acquainted with the passengers. I made good use of the time, but did not get acquainted with all of them. The Japanese War Commissioner, headed by Vis-Count Ishii was on board. The Count is a very pleasant, easy mannered sort of man, as I think all really great men are, in fact none of the party, which included a great general and a rear-admiral or two, seemed to be much inclined to "show off". There was also a party of Russians on board purporting to be representatives of the government, but they didn't appear to be such distinguished men as the Japanese. I made the acquaintance of a very aristocratic old Spanish gentleman who spoke very good English. He was on his way to Manila to look after business interests. At my table were a young doctor and wife on their way to India for mission work. They were of Swedish descent, but good Americans just the same. There was a young lady missionary going to the Philippines, also at our table, was a Greek gentleman and an American who are in the tobacco business in Shanghai. Among other passengers I got to know very well were another man and wife going to India for their third term of missionary service, the wife of a Y. M. C. A. secretary in Japan—I met him after I got to Japan. There was a French army officer who has served since the beginning of the war and is incapacitated for further service in the trenches. He had several stripes on his sleeve to indicate the important battles in which he had participated. I never made his acquaintance till we got on the smaller boat where all the passengers were Japanese out half a dozen of us. He had some interesting things to say about real conditions; the barbarity of the Germans, etc. but this is not a letter on the war.

We arrived at Yokohama on Monday Nov. 26 and were ashore and past the customs officials by ten o'clock. A young fellow from New York and myself 'paired' for the railway tour in Japan, as neither of us cared to travel alone and besides we could save a little that way. Yokohama is just a large commercial city like we had both seen, and so a ricksha ride over the city before noon was all we wanted there. Riding in a rubber tired ricksha with a husky Japanese coolie pulling you at a good six miles per hour trot is quite a novel mode of locomotion. My pal said he just could not keep from smiling. I enjoyed it some myself. In the afternoon we went to a village about an hour away—distance in the orient is measured by time—to see one of the famous bronze idols, the Kamakura Buddha, or Dibutus, as the Japanese call it. This is the one that is illustrated in all the geographies, and is really a wonderful work of art. It was cast in sections and then welded together. It is fifty feet in height. There is a pretty good sized room inside which is used as a place of worship. There is a Buddhist monastery in the park that surrounds this image. We returned to the city, got some supper, and went on to Tokio that night in order to get an early start sightseeing next morning. The railway station at Tokio is the largest, most convenient and best looking one I have ever seen. In fact I was told by New Yorkers, who think New York has the best of everything, that the Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad in New York City is the only one in the world that really surpasses this one. Never having been to New York I could not dispute this.

(To be continued.)

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Sunday School Reports

Methodist	158	\$4.02
Baptist	120	1.80

### Singing at Trent.

The Trent Singing Class will meet in regular session at the Baptist Church, Trent Sunday, Feb. 24. Come R. B. Johnson, Pres. Miss Maud Nalley, Sec.

L. A. and M. Baptist Society Subject, Evangelism and Enlistment.

Leader, Mrs. E. A. Campbell. Song, Take the Name of Jesus Bible Study, Leader.

Prayer. Evangelism, Mrs. Swann. Music, Mrs. Regan. Army Evangelism, Mrs. Jobe. Song, Evangelize the World. Lilliputian Heresy, Mrs. Ensminger.

Work of the Night is Coming Prayer for our Country.

### Interesting Debate

The debate held at the Christian church the past week between Elder Price Bankhead and Rev. Slape assumed considerable proportions. As evidence of the interest aroused the house was entirely inadequate to take care of those who came to hear the discussions. Both debators acquitted themselves creditably.

### Epworth League Program

Topic—The Power of the Cross in Asia.

Leader—Wallace Bragg Open Discussion, Members. Interest Manifested in Evangelistic Services in China, Miss Lillie Ayers.

News from Japan, Miss Julia Martin.

A Cheering Word from India, Miss Annie M. Costephens.

Facts of Medical Progress, Roy Tucker.

Some things Dr. Willard Price Saw in Asia, Cecil Newberry.

Song. Benediction.

### B. Y. P. U. Program, Feb. 24th.

Song, Prayer, Scripture, Ps. 36.

The Work of the Pastor and Laymen as Evangelists, Wallace Bragg.

Home Board Evangelism conserves the Doctrines and Ideas of the New Testament, Claud Riney.

The Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Frank Counts.

Home Board Enlistment, Mamie Ellis.

Special Music, Ruth Holloway

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### MULBERRY

Mrs. Roy Isom was the guest of Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee Chancy Sunday afternoon.

Miss Iera Daniel of Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel.

Robert Brittain of Clyde was in our midst a day or two this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley spent Sunday with Mrs. Koehlar.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bird and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anderson, and Miss Myrtle Anderson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Martin Sunday.

Mrs. D. W. Martin of Tye spent Tuesday night with her daughter Mrs. Aron Horton.

J. D. Daniel and family motored to Abilene Monday.

Mr. Shepard and family have moved from the Robert Brittain place to the home recently vacated by Clint Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Chaney visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitescarbough Sunday.

John Burns and family spent

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Sunday with his brother, Jim Milburn Warner, and the recitations by Miss Ruth Wells were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served.

A number of our people attended the funeral of Mrs. Rob Martin at Tye Friday.

Rob Martin and mother and Rev. Carpenter and wife of Tye spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin.

Some of our people are attending the Bankhead-Slape debate at Merkel.

The musical at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Allen Saturday night was attended by a number of our people who reported a jolly good time. Besides the numerous musical

numbers rendered the Solo by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carter spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Prather.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel visited the former's brother, Matt Daniel Sunday.

Since the sandstorm of last Friday other windy days seem calm.

JUANITA (Editors Note) This splendid news letter reached us too late for publication in last weeks issue.

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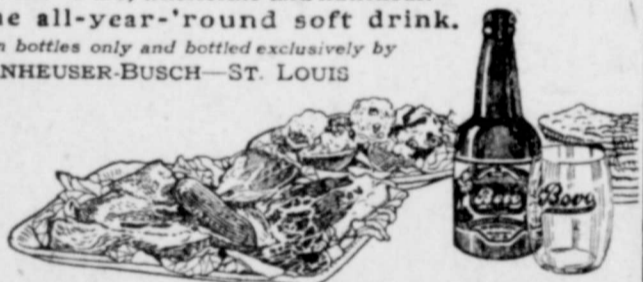
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In honor of Earl Zuccarello of Pulaski, Tenn., who has been visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, for several days, a social was given there last Tuesday evening. About 21 young people of the city gathered and enjoyed various games until a late hour. Refreshments consisted of a chocolate course. Every one had a delightful time.

**SEVENTH-GRADE ENTERTAINED**

Last week the Seventh Grade was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, by their son, Harry. Various games were played and refreshments enjoyed.

Those present were: Misses Girley Howard, Alva Wheeler, Ruth Newberry, Lula May Boaz, Marie Proctor, Myrtle McDonald, Margaret and Hazel Bridgman, Rosie Laney, Ina Fay and Evelyn Barbee, Palace Meeks, Roxie Sharp, Nellie Holloway. Messrs. A. J. Mann, John Wheeler, Hollis Haynes, George Groene, Newton Cobb, Davis Jones, Roy Brown, Vestal Hicks, Will and Harry Merritt. A nice time was reported by all present.

**Seniors Are Entertained.**

February 7th the Senior class of M. H. S. met at the home of Miss Julia Martin, and were most delightfully entertained.

Various games and well selected music added much to the enjoyment of all. The spirit of "school days" was not lacking, however, for many good jokes and merry laughs were spent, and the happy little company lingered long after "duty of the morrow" called for them.

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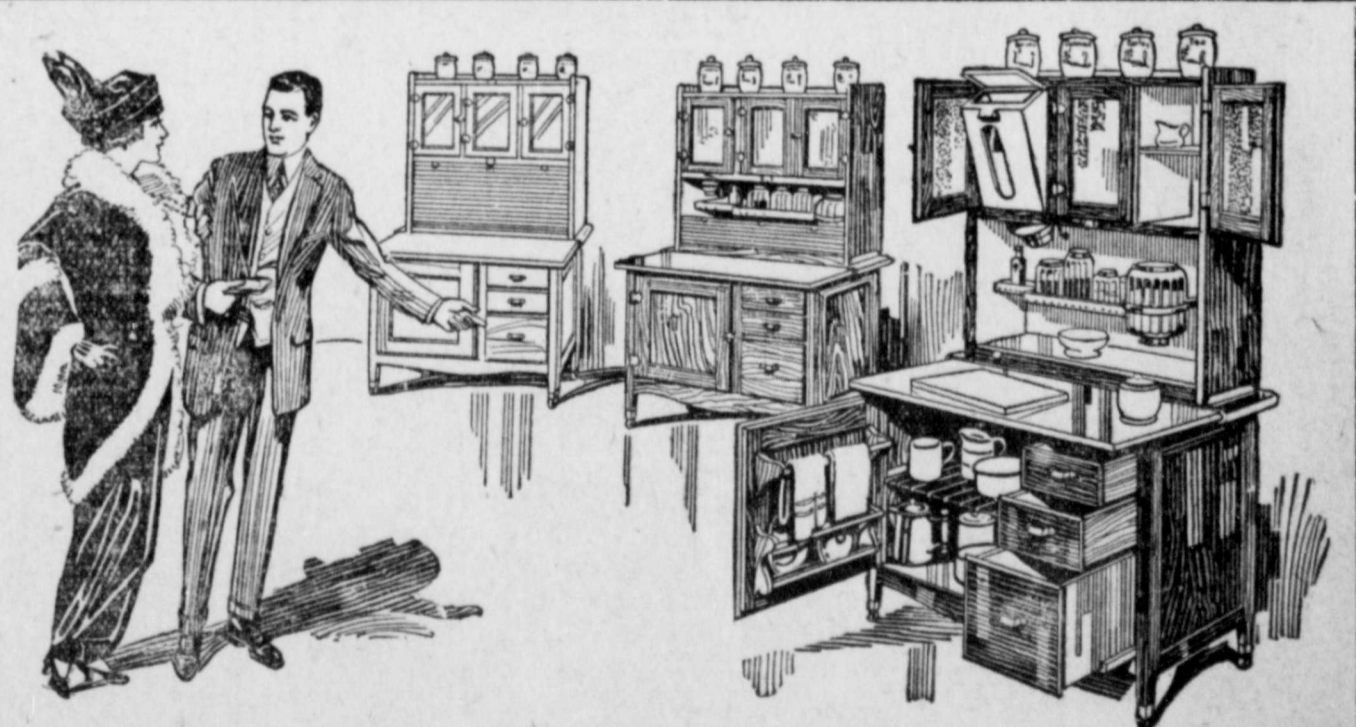
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