

## LIBERTY LOAN--OVER THE TOP

The Liberty Loan Committee has done yeoman service the past week. At the close of business Wednesday evening the amount had reached \$41,700 at Merkel, the full quota being \$50,000, which the committee hopes to complete by Saturday night.

Trent went over the top last Sunday and now has \$700 to the good. Doubtless she will raise some more yet. This is fine and the Trent people are to be congratulated.

Both banks here have worked hard and unselfishly on the proposition. The total subscriptions through the F. & M. Bank so far amount to \$30,300; the Farmers State Bank to \$11,400.

Following are the amounts subscribed the past week:

Jas. M. Blackburn	50
F. A. Polley	50
G. Glenewinkel	50
J. J. Toombs	50
Mrs. J. J. Toombs	50
Tom Toombs Jr.	50
E. P. McMillen	50
Austin Robertson	50
Sam Swann	50
Margorie Bland	50
Ona Faye Bland	50
Lucile Guitar	50
Fred Guitar Jr.	50
W. D. Hutcheson	50
R. T. Cannon	50
J. G. Hale	50
Wm O'Brian	50
John Sears	350
W. A. Hellums	100
R. A. Ensminger	100
J. M. Byrd	100
Owen Ellis	50
J. A. Patterson Jr.	50
Isabel Propst	50
J. S. Bond	50
Chas Mershon	150
Mrs. E. L. Rogers	50
J. R. Curb	50
G. D. Harris	50
U. T. Ritchie	50
J. P. Ritchie	50
T. Winters	50
T. F. Lassiter	50
J. R. Lamar	50
J. C. Mason	50
C. F. McCoy	50
Minnie Massey	50
Mary Massey	50
Hugh R. Grayson	50
Willie B. Toombs	200
Z. V. Moore	50
Gabrel J. Jones	50
Lee D. Williams	200
W. T. Curb	50
W. G. Leach	50
G. A. Guthrie	500
L. H. Toombs	50
J. R. Toombs	100
H. Holland Teaff	100
R. C. Goode	50
W. N. Farris	50
W. L. Blair	50
C. A. Higgins	50
J. E. Higgins	50
Jas H. Williams	100
W. H. Sewell, Abilene	50
M. P. Latimer	50
J. P. Sublett	50
Name withheld	700
Julia Martin	50
Lula May Boaz	100
Mrs. J. E. Boaz	200
J. E. Boaz	200
G. R. Holloway	50
J. W. Grafford	1000

M. E. Parker	50
Woodman Circle	50
W. O. Boney	100
Mrs. Una Darr	150
A. D. Wilson	50
R. B. Wells	100
Mrs. Annie Grafford	50
G. P. and J. G. Bradley	100
J. G. Sadler	50
Mrs. Nannie A. Keith	1000
G. W. Cox	100
Harry L. Merritt	50
B. E. Dalton	50
Sam Butman	500
G. F. West	500
C. M. Largent	5000
F. H. Dennis	50
W. H. Laney	50
Warren Bros	50
U. L. Blackburn	50
Jno Blackburn Jr.	50
A. W. Hunter	500
A. R. Toombs	50
Mrs. J. R. Campbell	50
H. E. Campbell	50
Mrs. Jennie Tucker	50
W. P. Browning	50
H. D. Clark	50
J. H. Riney	50
J. B. Ferrier	200
Mrs. J. B. Ferrier	100
H. D. Derstine	100
J. W. Moore	50
V. N. Ellis	50
J. L. Baker	50
Emil Salge	50
W. P. Moore	100
S. A. Coats	50
A. Yates	100
Mrs. A. U. Burns	50
Miss Rennie Mae Burns	50
J. S. Burns	100

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Clerk District Court	J. N. Routh
For County Judge:	E. M. Overshiner.
	H. Rob Keeble.
For County Clerk:	H. Holland Teaff.
	Henry R. Hicks.
	J. D. Hilton
	J. L. Mingus
	G. R. Pain
	Miss Fannie Tippett
For County Attorney:	W. E. Martin.
	W. H. Sewell.
For Sheriff:	J. T. Dodson.
	John Bond.
For County Treasurer:	Austin Fitts.
For Tax Collector:	G. B. Tittle.
For County Tax Assessor:	John H. Vance.
For County School Supt.	J. S. Smith.
	C. E. Sims
For Commissioner, Precinct 2:	T. R. Lassiter.
	Sam Butman, Jr.
	J. L. Banner.
	E. D. Coats.
For Public Weigher at Merkel:	J. M. Garrett.
	H. M. Mayfield.
	James Patterson, Jr.
	W. R. Britton
Justice Peace, Precinct No 5.	W. W. Wheeler.
Jones County Candidates	
County Clerk:	T. L. Lollar
For Sheriff:	T. P. (Tom) Hudson
For Tax Collector:	W. C. Cutrell.
Merkel School District, Trustees	G. M. Sharp.
	Bob Martin.
	E. N. Brown.

## Graduation Exercises of the Senior Class 1918 Merkel High School

Wednesday, May 1, 8:30 P. M.  
At The Cozy

Song	Glee Club
Mystic March	Mrs. Lytton Howard
Hypnotic, Salutatory	Hugh McRee
Clairvoyant, Historian	Bessie Tucker
Mystic, Reads Signs of Time—Song, Motto, Color, Flower	Beulah Walker
Trance, Medium, Gives Message	Bourdon Smith
Seer, Gives palm readings	Edna Watts
Trance, Lecturer, Valedictory	Julia Martin, Virginia Duckett
Address	Supt. R. D. Green
Presentation of Diplomas	R. M. Parker

## A SOUTHERN CINDERELLA

### PROGRAM

Madame Charteris, an old Aristocrat	Myrtle Reeves
"The Pride of Seventy Years Will Not Bend"	
Enid Bellamy, a Southern Cinderella	Ora Bryson
"This Life Seems to be a Dream"	
Miss Rosie Winterberry, Famous Settlement Worker	Essie Tucker
"Better Break Your Word than Break Your Heart"	
Miss Johnnie Bell Randolph, a Little Coquette	Ona Fae Bland
"Three Strins to a Bow"	
Katherine Hawk, an English Nurse	Dixie Howard
"Leave it All to Me"	
Caroline Hawk, Her sisler, an Adventuress	Edna Watts
"But if it Should be Found Out"	
Mammy Judy Johnson, a Black Widow	Virkinia Duckett
"A Widow Four Times Removed"	

At Opera House Monday evening at 8:30  
In the interest of the Red Cross  
Admission 15, 25 and 35c  
Tickets on sale at Grimes

Anxious to do their "bit" the High School Seniors, with the able assistance of Mrs. J. G. Hale, are donating their efforts entirely to the Red Cross. The play is a beautiful one, touching the aristocracy of the beloved Old South. Those who attend will be contributing to one of the army's strong arms, the Red Cross, will give encouragement to the splendid efforts of our own dear girls and will share in an entertainment well worth the time and price.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR RENT—Large, cool office room for \$5.00 a month, over Woodroof-Bragg store. See the Merkel-Mail.	SEEK OR TRADE—For milk cow or young stock, work mare and mule. Mrs. Causseaux.
FOR SALE—Two good milk cows; one fresh. Apply to Merkel Mail Office.	WANTED—Sacks, 13¢ for 2-bu. sacks and 20¢ for 5-bu. sacks. E. L. ASH.
FOR SALE—Tomato plants. Phone 234.	FOR RENT—Farm for rent. Apply to S. F. Haynes.
ICE CREAM	LOST—On road between Abilene and Sweetwater on April 22, 1 34x4 non-skid Goodyear casing and rim. Finder please notify Mack Murphy, Sweetwater, Tex., and get reward. t1c.
NOTICE	FOR SALE—Six good jersey milk cows, all fresh. Cash or good note. W. H. Stamps, Trent, Texas., Route 1.
Don't forget to bring your chickens, turkeys ducks, geese, guineas, eggs, butter, beeswax, hides, friers, towsacks, old iron, bonec rags and the like to W. P. Duckett and get the cash for all you bring. Thank you in advance. W. P. Duckett.	Another car of corn rolling. Leave your order with The Anchor Mercantile Company.
Land For Trade	Varnish, paint and enamels at A. B. Barrow & Co.
I have a good farm of 160 acres in Red River County, also 108 on the Coast, near Brownsville. Will trade for land out here. If you want to trade see me. J. C. Mason. t2p	TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

TRENT LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS	Neil T. W.	50
List of subscription to the Third Liberty Loan at Trent. Our quota was fixed at \$10,560.	Ragan T. E.	100
Anderson Bros.	Ross L. W.	200
Archer J. T.	Brown J. A.	50
Beckham C. T.	Beckham Mrs. C. T.	50
Bowers J. E.	Billings Mrs. B.	50
Bowers Mrs. J. E.	Buford W. A.	100
Bright James	Churchwell Mrs. J. C.	50
Dingle Mrs. B.	Henderson Miss Eugenia	50
Donnell T. C.	McRee J. A.	50
Dowdy J. W.	Collins T. J.	1000
Johnson W. W.	Adrian L. E.	1000
Johnson R. B.	Armour W. J.	50
Knox J. W.	Bishop L. R.	50
Lester Mgs. H. L.	Elsberry J. M.	50
Mangum E. L.	Estep E. C.	100
Mangum Mrs. E. L.	Graham M. C.	50
Massey E. D.	Joanson G. C.	50
McLeod R. W.	Mashburn J. F.	100
McRee R. B.	Boyd F. G.	50
McRee Mrs. R. B.	McLeod N. L.	50
McRee Mrs. Nannie	McLeod T. R.	100
McRee R. B. Jr.	Robinson C. S.	50
McRee Cecil	Watkins G. H.	100
Peterson H.	Total	\$11,200.00
Pribble L. W.	We have 40 boys in service from Trent and vicinity. —L. E. Adrian.	

Patriotic Fraternity	Invocation	Eld. W. G. Cypert
At a meeting of the Woodman Circle Friday it was decided by a vote to purchase a \$50 Liberty Loan Bond, donate \$15 to the Red Cross and \$10 to the Cemetery fund.	Our Grammar School	Class
I desire a full house next Sunday morning again; thanks for a full house last Sunday—C. S. Cameron.	Salutatory	Mary Proctor
	Our Class Colors	Carval Tucker
	Instrumental Solo	Nell Holloway
	The Rose	Rosie Laney
	Voices of the Woods	Class
	Class Fortune	Eula Mae Ayers and Harry Me
	Song to the Flag	
	Valedictory	
	Presentation of Diplomas	

### FOR COUNTY JUDGE

H. Rob Keeble is out for County Judge of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July. Mr. Keeble has long been a resident of Taylor County, and is known as "true blue" in every nook and corner. He has been so busily engaged in the War Saving Stamp and Liberty Loan campaigns that he has had little or no time to devote to his candidacy. Earnest, energetic and faithful in all his undertakings, he is deserving of full consideration at the hands of the voters. He is a patriotic, Christian gentleman, and, if elected, promises to serve all the people to the utmost of his ability.

### SIMS FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

C. E. Sims has announced for County Superintendent of Public Instruction of Taylor County. He has rightfully acquired a reputation of great perseverance and is a man of marked ability, full of worthy ambition, gradually working his way to the front through the dint of his own efforts. Though a young man, he is capable to a high degree the honor sought. Those who know him speak of him in the most glowing terms as a Christian gentleman of the highest type. We bespeak for him due consideration on the part of the voters of the county.

### FOR COUNTY CLERK OF JONES COUNTY

T. L. Lollar of Anson announces in this issue for county clerk of Jones County, subject to the Democratic Primary next July. Mr. Lollar is 28 years of age and has lived in Jones county 26 years. He has had five years actual experience as deputy clerk in the office of the county clerk. He is efficient in all the details that pertain to the office, is highly recommended by all who know him and has a large acquaintance over the county. He is a Christian gentleman and believes in the moral uplift of the community. As a young man, full of worthy ambition, he is deserving of the support of the voters of the county and we bespeak for him their full consideration.

Asa Sheppard left Sunday night for Dallas where he will remain a month, taking a course in embalming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark of Clovis, N. M., visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Walker of Blair.

T. A. Johnson, Lee Cox, J. T. Browning, Mr. Frazier and C. S. Cameron motored to Anson, Monday, to attend the Methodist District Conference convening at that place. They returned Wednesday reporting a great time.

Miss Mamie Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Parker has accepted a position with the Cockrell abstract and real estate firm of Sweetwater, leaving for that place Wednesday evening. Miss Parker taught there the past year.

## NEXT WEEK'S COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises for the public school will start Sunday. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday night at 8:45 o'clock, by Rev. J. C. Burkett of Abilene. Everybody invited to attend.

Monday night the Seniors will give their play, "A Southern Cinderella," at the Cozy, in the interest of the Red Cross. The curtains will go up at 8:30. Tickets are now on sale at the Grimes Drug Store.

Tuesday night at the Methodist Church at 8:45 a program will be rendered by the music class of Mrs. Lytton Howard, assisted by the Merkel orchestra and Miss May Burkett, soprano. There is no admission and everybody is invited to attend.

Graduating exercises will be held at the Cozy on Wednesday night, the program for which appears elsewhere in this issue. There is no admission and every one is cordially invited to be present. Prof. R. D. Green of Abilene is to give the address.

The Seventh Grade will have their graduating exercises on Thursday night at the Cozy, starting at 8:30. No admission is charged and a general invitation is extended to all to attend.

### TRENT RED CROSS PLAY

"The Womanless Wedding," to be given by the Red Cross at Trent at 8:30 p.m., April 27, in the school auditorium, is looked forward to with eagerness on the part of the people of Trent and surrounding country. The price of admission is 15 and 25 cents, which we think would be all right if Dr. W. H. Watkins had planned to play the part of the bride and Eleck Williamson the part of groom, but as it is just to be reverse, we think the price of admission should have been at least 50 cents. My, we would almost give a dollar to see Eleck play the face all painted and powdered part of a coy bride with his and an atmosphere of aroma playing around him from the result of spilling a bottle of perfume over the delicate tapestry of his wearing apparel and to hear the dear girls say, "Oh, don't she look sweet." By the way, Eleck, looks like you would take pity on a poor editor and send him a season ticket.

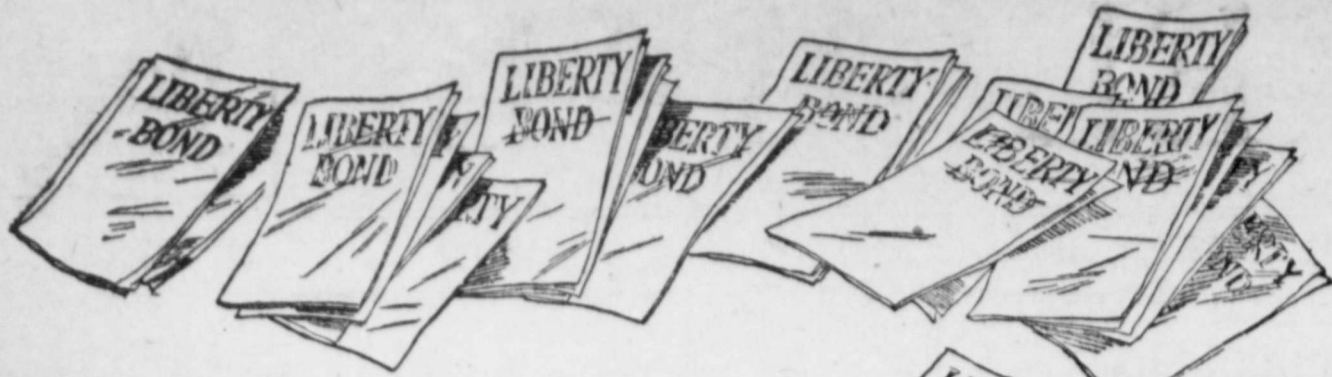
There is to be a goat roping contest in the afternoon on the school ground, the admission to which is 10 cents. We don't know what relation this has, if any, to the wedding, but somehow we wonder if Eleck has not already got the poor doctor's goat. At any rate, there is going to be a packed house. Everybody invited.

The Abilene and Sweetwater Boy Scouts plan to be in Merkel Friday night at the Cozy, with view of organizing a local team. Everybody invited to be present at 8:30.

## Graduation Exercises of the Seventh Grade

Thursday night, May 2, 8:30 P. M.  
At The Cozy

Invocation	Eld. W. G. Cypert
Our Grammar School	Class
Salutatory	Mary Proctor
Our Class Colors	Carval Tucker
Instrumental Solo	Nell Holloway
The Rose	Rosie Laney
Voices of the Woods	Class
Class Fortune	Eula Mae Ayers and Harry Me
Song to the Flag	
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You are asked to spend wisely—to buy only the things honestly needed to maintain your health and efficiency. This is intelligent thrift. The Government asks it of you as a war measure :

## Bonds Are Not A Burden, But A Blessing

Thrift requires the exercise of restraint and self-denial—qualities without which you cannot achieve the success in life which it is your ambition to achieve and for the lack of which you are likely to suffer in later years.

*The money you acquire by thrift you are asked to loan—not give—to your country. It will come back to you when you may need it far more than you do now, and you will be paid interest for its use.*

This war is a frightful thing, but it may prove of inestimable benefit to you, if it teaches you the good habit of thrift.

**Help Your Country and Yourself by Investing in Liberty Bonds**

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## LOCAL NEWS

J. B. Ferrier has purchased \$300.00 worth of Third Liberty Loan bonds. He said he came here three years before the T & P. railroad was built. He said his opinion of the war was that everybody should put his shoulder to the wheel and push hard. Hurrah for Mr. Ferrier. Would that we had more like him.

Another home talent play will be given at the Cozy in interest of the Red Cross, April 29.

T. L. Lollar of Anson, a candidate for county clerk of Jones county, was visiting in Merkel Saturday, meeting citizens of that county in the interest of his candidacy. Mr. Lollar is a young man, full of energy and ambition, and we freely predict that he will give his opponents a run for their money.

Send in those spring clothes and have them cleaned and pressed to look like new ones. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Judge J. F. Lindsey of Anson, who is in the race for re-election as county judge of Jones county, was a visitor in Merkel last Saturday in the interest of his candidacy. He met a number of Jones county citizens. The Judge is a splendid fellow and is making a strong race.

Don't forget to go to W. P. Duckett with your eggs. He will buy everything.

C. L. Tucker and J. J. Russell are at work at Ranger, having been there a couple of weeks.

Be sure and figure with us before you buy your bran and oats, Bob Martins Grocery Company.

Mr. Allday returned from Ranger Thursday, the 18th, right sick.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps.

Mrs. Jane Lee and two daughters, Sallie and Mittie, of Rising Star visited her niece, Mrs. R. L. Moore, Thursday night, leaving Monday morning for Colorado.

Try our prices they can't be beat, because we sell for cash. CASH is the leaven that brings the prices down. E. L. Rogers.

Dr. Emery Reed of Benton, Ill., now in the army training camp at Waco, as First Lieut. in Medical Corps, visited his cousin, Mrs. R. L. Moore, last Saturday and Sunday. He was accompanied by Jim Lee of Rising Star, another cousin. Sunday morning Mrs. Moore, and little son, Ira, joined them on a trip to Colorado, where they visited other relatives. While there they went picnicking at Seven Wells. The visitors returned with Mrs. Moore Sunday evening, spending the night and departing for their respective homes Monday morning.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps.

Misses Eva Williams, Alma Sheppard and Lillian Allen, and E. Q. Warren and Frank Hart visited at the home of John Pate, Southwest of town, last Sunday, spending part of the day on the mountain.

Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples.

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It always allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price 25 cents. For sale by all Dealers.

**Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured** by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, 15c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.



## Your Bond May Bring Him Home in Safety

The supreme tragedies of war are not enacted on the battlefield, but in the home.

Above the shouts of command and encouragement, the roar and shock of the great guns, and all the swelling tumult of battle which bear the husband and father to a hero's grave and a martyr's glory, there rise the weeping of the bereaved wife and the cries of little children deprived of a father's love and care.

American fathers are now on the battlefronts of France. Many must fall; how many depends upon us who remain safely at home.

**A single Liberty Bond will help to save a soldier's life, your soldier's life, and bring him home in safety to those who hold his life far more precious than their own.**

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For **PATRIOTISM**

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For **ECONOMY**

**"Actions speak louder than words - Act - Don't Talk - Buy Now"**

WHEN IN ABILENE EAT AT

## The Metropolitan Cafe

JACK GILSTRAP, Mgr.

One per cent of Gross Receipts donated to the **RED CROSS**

**WHY EAT ELSEWHERE**

**A TEXAS WONDER.**

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months

treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

**DRAUGHON'S**  
PRACTICAL  
*Business College*  
ABILENE, TEXAS

Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.



**YOUR FATE UNLESS WE WIN THIS WAR—  
BUY YOUR LIBERTY BOND TO-DAY**

**Burton-Lingo Company, Lumber**

**BECKHAM BOYS WRITE.**

Following are extracts from letters of Hubert and Winslow Beckham to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham of Trent:

Got a letter from Hubert on April 8 that was written March 24, taking it 15 days to come over.

Just do what you think best with my money. Am sure we will have a chance to invest in liberty bonds here real soon. I'm sure this third liberty loan will be oversubscribed. It's a sight how people are getting stirred up. We will be "coming through the rye soon."

I just simply went wild, dad when I received your telegram about the boys coming. I had intended going to Boston, where 500,000 people will take part in a parade to start off the third liberty loan, but was too glad to stay and meet the boys. I went to the dock to meet the steamer "Providence," anchored alongside across the turbulent waters at Long Island Sound and Naragansett Bay. With my heart pumping, beating, plunging and rearing like the wild waters of a mighty river, I scanned the topmost part of the crowd all alert only to see my pal, Lee's bald head towering above those of comrades like a mighty giant who had conquered the whole world and wept because he had nothing else to conquer. With my voice screaming like that of a night hawk, I screamed that one magic word, "Bill, my own!" After a bear-like hug, we released, only to be caught in another by Ernest. Fred and Hosea came out in about five minutes. I walked back to the station with them. On Sunday Andrew and I went down to detention camp to see the boys. They have their suits and are well. Lee, Ernest and Fred are in the same shack; Hosea and an Abilene boy and Mr. Hall's boy of Merkel are in the same one; all of them 60 yards from me, and Andrew 200. We all eat at the same place, but where there are 3000 to 3500, we don't get a chance to see each other often.

Honest to you, I'd give a dollar for a glass of that "yellow" cow's milk, the milk we get at restaurants here is nothing but flour and water mixed. When I get back there is going to be "no mo" milk sold and we are going to milk all the cows on the place. Get me? We still get up at 5, so that's 4 o'clock, so you can just fix my bed, 'cause I'm going to sleep 14 hours daily until I catch up.—Winslow J., Newport, R. I.

Would have been glad to have heard Bro. Pender. He is fine. I heard him several times at Simmons.

Glad you gave my check to pastor and B. O. H., and at any time things come up, donate some for me, for there is no chance so far as I know to contribute to causes on this side.

Be sure to tell me of Felix Jones' case, or if you have evidence in papers, send me one.

One thing sure, the meatless days wont effect you much for fryers are your main standby at this season and they don't count in meatless days, or would not if I had a chance at one on such a day.

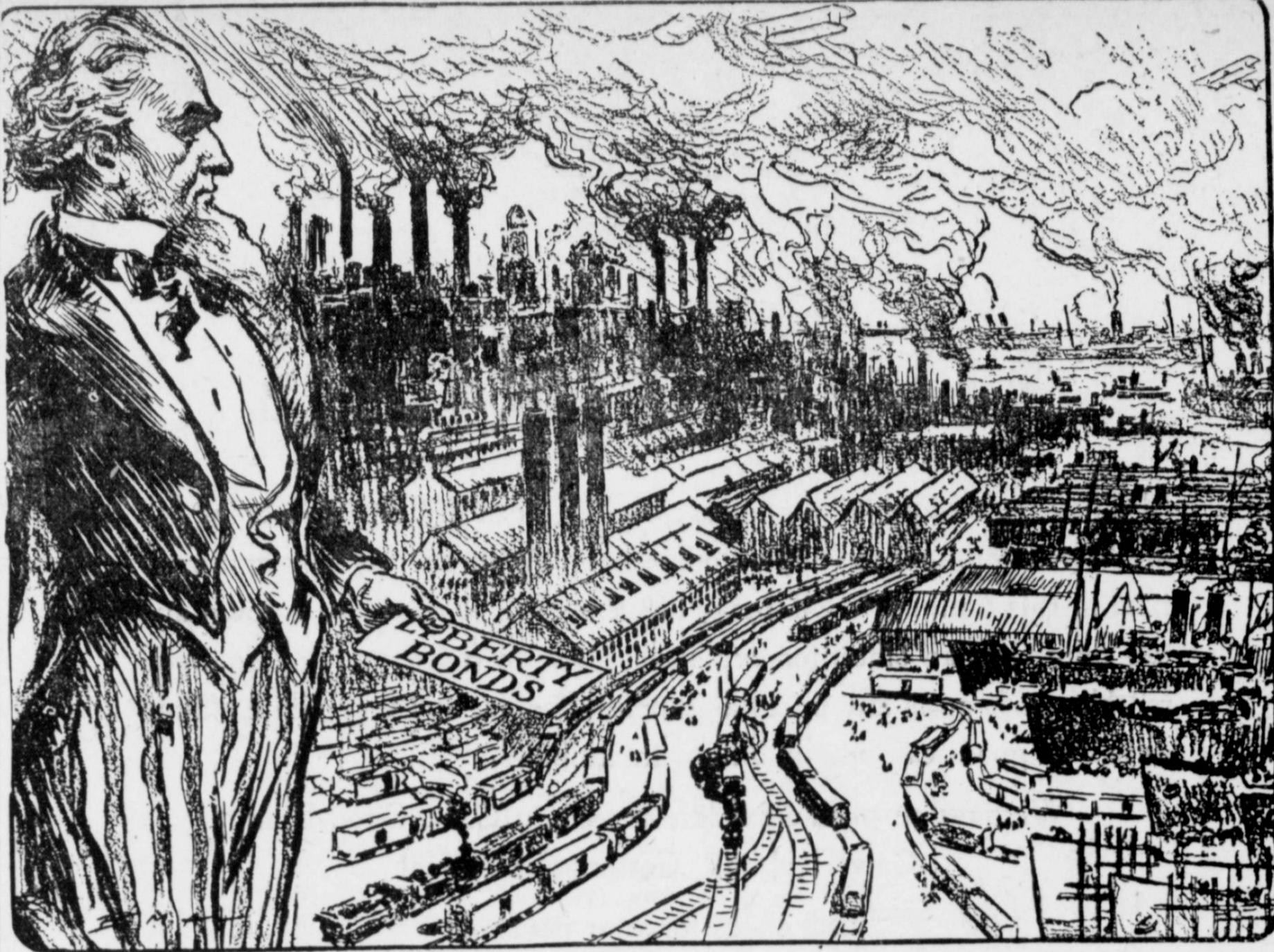
Of course you hear from press reports that the great and murderous struggle started afresh on March 19 Looks as if the deciding factor is near at hand. Kaiser Bill does not care to wait for more of our boys to cross. We know the right will win and are hoping for an early date of same.

Glad you purchased some W. S. S. for me. Will come in nice when I come home, if I am broke.

Sorry to hear of Uncle Billy Johnson's accident. Do hope he doesn't suffer much.—Hubert W., from Somewhere.

**For Bilious Troubles**

To promote a healthy action of the liver and correct the disorders caused by biliousness Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Try them and see how quickly they give you a relish for your food and banish that dull and stupid feeling.



# Where Your Money Goes

**WE** are now building more naval and merchant ships than we have constructed in the last generation.

We are building a vast fleet of airplanes, and enormous supplies of artillery, motor trucks, machine guns, rifles and ammunition. We are feeding, clothing and training an army of a million men, and preparing for a million more. We have loaned billions of

dollars to our allies to be spent in the United States.

From the shipyards of the Pacific to those of the Atlantic; on our farms and in our mines, mills and factories in every State in the Union; back of the firing lines in France, where men are training, camps are being erected and railroads built, billions upon billions are being expended for labor, for transportation, for materials and supplies of every description.

The mind can hardly conceive the sums of money required for our war preparations. Yet these expenditures are absolutely essential.

We must win the war quickly if possible; we must carry it on for years if necessary. We must do the job with American thoroughness, let the cost be what it may.

**Remember, when you invest in your Liberty Bonds, that there is immediate, urgent, imperative need for every dollar you can spare.**

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## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

**A DEPLORABLE DEATH**

Coming as a climax to a long period of suffering, Mrs. L. J. Renfro is alleged to have fatally shot herself just above the heart at her home Saturday afternoon with a thirty-two Colts. She lived only a few moments after the fatal shot was fired. She was about twenty-five years of age. Her husband was at his place of business at the time and had no cause to expect that her state of mind was such as to nerve her to despera-

tion. Her sister was hanging out clothes at the home at the time and hearing the report of the pistol, was afraid to enter the house. A neighbor ran over and went in immediately, finding Mrs. Renfro on the floor with a bullet hole through her breast.

Just before the tragedy took place Mrs. Renfro apparently was in a happy state of mind. The shooting came as a distinct shock to relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at the residence at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, Rev. C. S. Cameron

officiating. Interment was made immediately afterwards in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Renfro was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones, who live in the Canyon, about twenty miles south of Merkel. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely going.

In this case particularly we are moved to the greatest sympathy. From all reports the marriage life of this young couple was happy and their hopes reached out gloriously in

to the future. Then came disease, and with it despondency that hovered over the young woman with a pall that would not lift. Doubtless in a moment when reason wavered, when the unreal flashed its panorama before her clouded mind, she did the desperate thing that can never be changed. To the heart-broken husband we extend our warmest sympathy.

E. L. Rogers the spot cash grocer. Where the \$ buys the most.

## LOCAL NEWS

Rev. Albert Vinting, of the Baptist Seminary at Ft. Worth, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. While here he visited his uncle, E. N. Brown, and family a few days. Rev. Vinting said he was surprised to see so heroic a people as he found in this section. He is much pleased with the spirit of the West.

Another car of corn rolling, Leave your order with The Anchor Mercantile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark and J. M. Brown left Tuesday morning for Ft. Worth, Dallas and Corsicana to visit relatives and attend to some business. They are making the trip in their car and will be away about a month.

We weigh our oats to you; don't guess at them. Bob Martin.

T. W. Clark, principal of the school at Noodle, writes that the school is out and that he has accepted a position with the Anson Plaining Mill, at Anson, during the summer and fall. The Mail follows him to his new address.

The SHUMAN system sells the goods, because it "delivers the goods" and marks the prices down, E. L. Rogers.

Misses Ruby and Dovie Teaff, Mrs. Meador and W. S. J. Brown accompanied Rev. Albert Vinting to Abilene Monday to show him Simmons College and other institutions of interest in that city.

A complete stock of up to date groceries for sale cheap, at E. L. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxendale, of Ranger visited their daughter Miss Uva, who is attending school here, this week.

Everything in feed and seed line. G. M. Sharp.

Miss Dota Garoutte returned last Saturday from an extended business trip to East Texas. She expects to leave in a few days for a trip to West Texas.

Hooverize and keep your clothes cleaned and pressed. Best service by Mrs. C. L. Cash.

On April 29 another Red Cross play will be given at the Cozy by home talent.

Watch the SHUMAN system mark the prices down at E. L. Rogers.

E. Q. Warren was in Dallas on business last week. He says it is mighty hard to get good coal and that the future coal supply is not at all heavy. The government is urging the purchase of coal now for the winter months.

See us before you buy your oats and bran. Bob Martin.

W. H. Stamps Route 1, Trent, will leave in a few days for Sweetwater or Strawn under the employ of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company.

Take anything you have to sell to W. P. Duckett. He will buy it.

Walter Leach, son of Rev. A. J. Leach, of Loraine, visited R. L. Bradshaw and family last Monday and Tuesday.

If you want good bran see G. M. Sharp.

Miss Louis Stamper, whose home is in Pecos and who is teaching in Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns Friday and Saturday.

Goods as good as the best, and cheaper than the rest. — L. Rogers.

Curley White of Hills visited Mr. and Mrs. T. G. last Monday and Tuesday.

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## The Merkel Mail

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Buy a liberty bond and we'll see whose are God's chosen people, we will see who rules the world, we will give you a taste ere long of the wine of your own vintage

W. A. McSpadden, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. fund, reports that he only lacked \$1.00 collecting the entire subscription of \$1100, subscribed at Merkel some months ago. This is a splendid record, and yet our people are making so many good records that it is by no means out of the ordinary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen left a few days ago for California, where they may possibly make their home.

Buy a new refrigerator from Barrow's Furniture Store.

Will Brown came in Wednesday morning from Camp Bowie to visit relatives and friends a few days.

Linseed oil, turpentine and floor oil at A. B. Barrow & Co.

Nice Red Cross Sum.  
The Trophy Train gave an occasion for a Red Cross free-will offering. As a result \$71.45 was donated to that organization. It is likely that this sum will be invested in liberty bonds.

See the new pretty cedar chest at A. B. Barrow & Co.

TO VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

Two years ago C. E. Sims offered himself for County Superintendent of Public Instruction of your county; but being practically a stranger in some sections of the country, and also

## Well "Armed"?



When company comes there is no time to waste—no chances to be taken—so mother sees that there is always a can of

### CALUMET BAKING POWDER

on hand. Cakes, pies, doughnuts, muffins and all good things to eat must be dressed up in their best taste and looks.

Then, too, her reputation as a cook must be upheld—and she "stakes" it on Calumet every time. She knows it will not disappoint her. Order a can and have the "company" kind of bakings every day.

Calumet contains only such ingredients as have been approved officially by the Food Authorities.

Buy when you buy it. Use when you use it.

lacking sufficient time in which to make a close canvas, he was defeated. This did not shake his determination, in the least, he felt that he would become your choice when you came to know him better. For this reason, he has waited patiently two years for another opportunity to present his claims.

He now comes before you again, strengthened by experience and more able to make an efficient officer than ever. His qualifications are beyond question, and his successful experience in school affairs for many years, makes him a man well worth your consideration.

That you may know more of the man for whom you are asked to cast your vote, read below a short sketch of his life.

This young man was born in Eastland County, July 23, 1884, of poor but honorable parents. As they were not financially able to give him the opportunities that he desired, he determined to make them for himself and worked his way through school. He often did the janitor work or the chores about a private home for his board and room. By his rigid economy, grit, energy and determination, he gradually brought himself upward and bettered his condition. At the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville during the session of 1907-8, he did two years' work in one. Later he graduated at the North Texas Normal at Denton, receiving a state permanent certificate. Since then he has had training in the University of Texas and one term in Simmons College. These things he accomplished for himself without the least assistance from anyone. He can, therefore, be classed as a selfmade man. He has been teaching for several years in Taylor County, and his life is absolutely beyond reproach. —Contributed.



# GROCERIES

We have just added to our line a complete stock of Staple Groceries and are in position now to supply your wants in most anything you may need in this line. We will make deliveries free to any part of town and will appreciate an order, for we shall strive to please you and send you reliable goods at as low prices as can be afforded, and they will be found as low as goods can be sold on legitimate basis.

We have on hand a full line of feed, in Corn, Oats, Bran  
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Call on us for your needs in

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"I wonder if they care, back home"

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# The T. L. Grimes Drug Store



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### Entertains School Room.

Last Friday afternoon the Fifth Grade in the public school was entertained by their teacher, Miss Emma Houston, with a picnic at Huddleston's Pasture. Parties furnishing cars and accompanying the children were Mesdames Amy and John Sears, R. O. Anderson and Elder Price Bankhead and James O'Brian. There were about forty-five present.

The crowd left the school building promptly when school was out. On arriving at the pasture, the children first tried climbing the mountain, and engaging in numerous other rural sports. Mr. Bankhead then took the boys off to a fine swimming hole, where some of them had the courage to take a plunge. A good rain there recently had filled all the ponds and the trees were green and everything was inviting. Such games as hide and seek, jumping the rope, etc., were indulged in. After spending about two hours in such merriment, they gathered around a very inviting luncheon, which was served by a committee of the girls, after grace had been said by Elder Bankhead. The behavior of the pupils was so splendid as to receive the universal commendation of the elder people present. Miss Houston was assisted in entertaining by Miss Mary Eula Sears. The return trip was made at a late hour, every one voting "the time of their lives."

### Sargeant Smith Honored

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton gave a supper Wednesday evening in honor of Sargeant George Smith of Camp Travis. Those "lucky" enough to accompany him, also enjoyed a most appetizing supper.

Thursday evening Miss Ruby Jones gave a supper in honor of Sargeant Smith. The Smiths', Jones' and Miss Ona Hamblett enjoyed a most delicious supper.

Several early morning breakfasts and kodaking outings were enjoyed by Sargeant Smith and his friends during his visit home. While duty called him back, and he was anxious to respond to the call, yet his time here was all too short. However, it was an occasion that he will think of often when he gets on the other side. Good luck and promotion, rapid and merited, is our earnest wish for him.

Glass, glass, glass, all sizes. A. B. Barrow & Co.

### A Delightful Social

Tuesday night a delightful entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett. There was a large attendance, and music and various interesting games furnished a amusement for the young folks. Those in attendance were: Misses Eura Allen, Lorena Dry, Josie Smith, Lillie Ayers, Anna May Costephens, Stella Watts, Flossie Cypert; Messrs. Sargeant George Smith, Milam Pike, Mason Pee, Judson McRee, Sidney Coats and Frank Cork.

Varnish, paint and enamels at A. B. Barrow & Co.

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# Just a Word to The Buying Public!

In times like these every man, woman and child should be loyal by saving, producing more and wasting nothing. Dry Goods are a necessity, but should be bought with the object in view of making dollars count for most. Keep in mind at all times that the cheapest price does not always mean the most economical. For your consideration we quote a few prices that will assist you greatly in making your purchases for the coming summer months.

## Footwear For Men

The very latest styles in Oxfords in all the new leathers and lasts.

Havana Brown English & straight last, **\$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50**

Genuine Kangaroo, English and straight last, worth wholesale today \$6.35 and \$7.00, our price **\$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50**

Black and tan vici and gunmetal Oxfords in both lace and button at **\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5 and \$6**

Also have several dozen pairs of Oxfords and Shoes, your **Choice \$2.98**

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"La Camille"  
The Front-Lace Corset with the  
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## Footwear for Women

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### BOOTS

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### CHURCH NEWS

**Sunday School Report**  
Attendance Collection  
Methodist 131 \$2.95  
Baptist 118 2.65

**I. C. E. Program for April 28**  
Topic, The Power Of The Cross in City Slums, Luke 14: 15-23.  
Leader, Bourdon Smith.  
Slums of Sodom, Gen. 18:20-23, Louise Warren.  
Light for The Slums, Prov. 6:20-23, Russel Pike.  
Jonah In The Slums, Jonah 3:1-10, Lillie Pratt Sears.  
The Cleansing Stream, Ezek. 47:1-12, Roy Moore.  
The Roman Ghetto, Acts. 28: 16-24, Wallace Bragg.  
The transforming Message. 1 Cor. 2:1-5, Willie Stephens.

**Program of B. Y. P. U. April 28**  
Subject, Homeless and Near Homeless Churches.  
Leader, Miss Ruby Campbell.  
Scripture, Psalm 122.  
Introduction, Leader.  
Song, Prayer, Song.  
The Homeless Church Cannot Build Rapidly, Willie Stevens.

Some of he Things a Homeless Church Cannot Do, Mrs. Walter Jackson.  
Special Music, Miss Ruth Boden.

The Homeless Church Cannot Properly Support Its Pastor, Miss Ola Sharp.

What The Denomination is Doing for the Homeless Churches, Miss Pearl Thornton.

Methods of Raising the Million Dollar Fund, Miss May Lassiter.

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### THE TROPHY TRAIN

The Trophy Train stopped in Merkel last Monday evening. More people came out to see it than we thought were in all of this great Merkel country. The officials said it was one of the largest crowds they had witnessed. As they had only one hour and thirty minutes to stay here, the officials were afraid they could not handle the crowd, so it developed that the throng were accorded the privilege of mounting a freight car, passing its length and stepping off on the ground. The coaches were not opened.

However, the ardour of patriotism was greatly in evidence. A response was made to a call at the train that reached \$2500, which was in addition to about \$40,000 that had already been subscribed. Again and again, we are amazed, gratified beyond expression, at the brave and noble people all over this country. People who have given until it hurts, people whose hearts are with their country first, last and all the time, people whose deepest sorrow is that they are not able to do more.

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**Lieut. Parker Writes.**

Following is an extract of a letter from Lieut. Parker on the U. S. S. Arkansas, to his father, R. M. Parker, with references gathered from reading the Merkel Mail, of which he is a subscriber:

U. S. S. Arkansas, c/o Post Master, New York City April 5, My Dear Dad: To-day I have reached my twenty-second birthday. Mothers letter and the hankerchiefs came yesterday and I appreciated them very much, especially since I was greatly in need of hankerchiefs, and also greatly in need of a letters.

To know that your friends named their little baby for me does me too much honor. I'm

sure the poor child couldn't help it though mothers and fathers always take advantage of little shavers and name them before they are old enough to know for whom they are being named. Just tell him that after he sees me, if he still doesn't like the name or the man he was named for, then I will give him the option of changing it. Tell him all so that he must work hard at everything he takes hold of because every one with that name before him has done so, and it is a good name to have.

I've been reading the reports of your teams, debating clubs, and in fact about every thing that happens in your school. I notice where you are having a bond election for voting money to meet the state in building up the High-way through Merkel. It is one of the best moves you have taken and you have my best wishes for its success. The only way to start improvements is to start at the very root of things and that is with good roads. Get the roads and the rest will take care of itself for a while until enough money comes in to start something else I see too where Merkel is in expectations of successful oil fields. As an impartial observer, Dad, what do you think of the prospects? Would you advise me to put a little spare cash into a thing of that sort? From what I can make out of it in the newspaper reports and in looking over the proposed plan of organizing a home company to look after it I rather thought there might be something to it after all. Write me what you think of it. Burrus.

The president and secretary of the Tucker Oil Company of Dallas will be here Saturday to look after oil leases secured in the Trent community by C. E. Whitaker, with view to early drilling.

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## Do You Think "This Never Could Happen?"

That is what the farmers thought in Northern France. If we do not win the war it *may* happen here.

## Invest in Liberty Bonds

and help end the war on the other side of the ocean, and thus protect your home, your town and your country from invasion and destruction.

### Sanders Drug Store

THE HOME OF PURE DRUGS



## FEATHER YOUR NEST

WHEN you invest your money in Liberty Bonds you are not giving money to your country. You are making the safest investment in the world, and your money will come back to you, with interest, at a time when you may need it far more than you do now. And remember—

*Every Bond You Invest In  
May Save a Soldier's Life*

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If you shiver in frosty weather, if you have cold hands and feet, if colds are stubborn and frequent, then your blood may be thin and impoverished.

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has been correcting this condition for nearly fifty years. It possesses rare powers for creating natural body warmth, for charging summer blood with winter richness and strengthening both throat and lungs.



The Norwegian cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our own American laboratories which makes it pure and palatable.  
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### BUY COAL NOW

Wiley Blair, Federal Fuel Administrator for Texas, advises all users of coal to lay in their supply during the summer months. There will be a coal famine this fall and winter. It will pay every one to look into this matter. The people ought to make an effort to buy now and thereby co-operate with the war department. We ought not to demand heavy shipments of coal this fall and winter, when the battleships and steamers will be so much in need of this article.

### HIGH-PRICED FOWL

A fine cock was sold in Trent last Saturday for the magnificent sum of \$30.00. A hen brought \$10.25. The fowls were placed on the block in the interest of the Trent Red Cross by Mrs. Watkins and were bid in by Luther Ross. Mrs. Watkins called at the Mail office last Monday, while down to see the Trophy train, and stated that the hen had strayed away from a neighbor and took up at her house and the neighbor gladly gave her consent that it be donated to the Red Cross. The cock was raised by H. D. Simson, she said, who told her he would be glad to have her donate it to the Trent Red Cross, while he brought a mate to it to Merckel to be auctioned for the Red Cross here. The one he brought here came to \$4.00. It is strange that there should be such a difference in chickens from the same brood. Now the people of Trent appreciate fine chickens a great deal more than do the people of Merckel, or else they have caught an atmosphere of patriotism that the people of Merckel are seeking after. We are glad to see our neighbor city falling in so loyally behind their Red Cross. They are getting down to work up there. They appreciate their splendid boys who are at the front and mean to stand behind them to the utmost. The good women of all this country are determined not to be slackers in this stressing time and we glory in their patriotism.

### CLYDE NICHOLS DEAD.

Clyde Nichols, twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nichols of Union Ridge, died last Friday from a combined attack of pneumonia and blood poison. Burial took place Saturday at Potosi.

In the hearts of the parents and friends there is an aching void. The bright little fellow was called away before he knew of the full vision of life and its mighty purpose, and for the loved ones we extend our full sympathy. Now their kinship with the beyond binds them more closely with that indissoluble relation to eternity. Somehow we must know that it is best and bend in submission to the divine will.

### MONDAY

ALL MEALS  
WHEATLESS

USE NO BREAD CRACKERS,  
BUTTER OR BREAKFAST FOODS  
CONTAINING WHEAT



## The Honor Flag



HONOR FLAG  
3rd LIBERTY LOAN  
HELP OUR COMMUNITY  
TO WIN THE RIGHT  
TO FLY THIS FLAG.

Every Country or Community can win the right to fly the Flag shown above, by over-subscribing their quota to the Third Liberty Loan.

Doubt may arise in the minds of some people as to whether a flag can be won by a county only, or by a particular community. The feeling of the Government about the matter is that where a town or city is large enough to have a separate quota assigned to it, that city or town can have an Honor Flag for itself. For instance, the County Executive Committee will assign a separate quota for Denison and Sherman in Grayson County, Texas. This illustration will give some idea of how the matter will be arranged. The rules governing the question of what communities shall have the right to earn and fly an Honor Flag must necessarily be somewhat elastic. You may be sure of one thing: that wherever a community determines to go "Over the Top" with the Third Liberty Loan, provision will be made by the Federal Reserve Bank, as agent for the Government, for recognition of the patriotism of that community by awarding an Honor Flag.

The Honor Flag measures 36x54 inches. It has a red border and a white center, and three vertical blue stripes. As an additional Honor emblem, a blue star, to be sewn into the white field of the Flag, will be awarded to communities every time they increase their quotas by a hundred per cent. In other words, if a town's quota is \$100,000, it will be entitled to an Honor Flag when its subscriptions reach this amount, and when the subscriptions reach \$200,000 it will be entitled to one blue star.

Every bank will be supplied with window cards 7x9 inches, which will show a reproduction of the Honor Flag, and have a space for the subscribers name. The subscriber will write his name on the window card and display it in his residence or at his place of business.

The raising of the Honor Flag in any community, should be made the occasion of a great patriotic demonstration, and be made one of the greatest events in the life of the community.

In many communities there will be used in connection with the Honor Flag system, the "Honor Roll." This will give a list of the names of subscribers to the Third Liberty Loan. The list will be placed in the most prominent position in town, outside of the Liberty Loan headquarters, or possibly the postoffice in smaller communities, and the list will be added to frequently and kept up to date. Every man who values his self-respect and the opinion of his neighbors will want to have his name appear on the Honor Roll.

There is not a single county in the whole of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, or a single city or town large enough to be given a separate quota, that will not earn the right to fly this Flag eventually.

The one question before the people in any community is whether they will at once spring to the aid of their country, or whether they will wait and come in at the last moment.

The value of service depends largely upon its promptness. What kind of service is your community going to render to the Government—a quick, willing one, or a grudging one?

Your whole community has been enlisted in the army of the United States that is to win this war. Be good soldiers—obey orders promptly. Your orders are "Over the Top, Civilians! Over the Top With the Liberty Loan."

# WRIGLEYS



Helps  
teeth.  
breath.  
appetite.  
digestion.

"Give it to me, please. Granddaddy."

"Why Bobby, if you wait a bit for it you'll have it to enjoy longer!"

"Poo-poo! That's no argument with WRIGLEYS 'cause the flavor lasts, anyway!"

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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.

## How Do Your Sacrifices Compare With These?

THE American boy who goes to war gives up the position which means so much to his future, or the little business which has just begun to show promise of success.

He severs home ties; gives up home comforts; leaves behind parents, friends, wife or sweetheart.

He faces the probability of being obliged to take up life anew when he returns; of losing all the advantages which years of hard work have won for him.

He faces the possibility of coming back incapacitated for earning a living, and of being dependent upon his friends or upon charity.

He faces the possibility of never coming home at all.

Facing these things, he goes to France to fight for us who remain safely at home—and when the moment comes for him to go over the top—he GOES!

What will he think, how will he feel, if we complain because we are asked to make a few sacrifices for him—sacrifices so insignificant when compared with his?



Show him that to invest in Liberty Bonds is not a SACRIFICE but a PRIVILEGE—an appreciation of his sacrifice!

And When You Buy—Buy!

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### Light On German "Kultur."

At the instance of Senator Robinson of Ark., there is reprinted in the Congressional Record a remarkable letter from a Prussian girl to a girl friend in Switzerland. The writer of the letter was Katie Hamel, daughter of the state councillor of architecture of Prussia. It is interesting because it was not intended for publication. It reveals the fanatical belief in the superiority of German ways and ideas which is instilled into all Germans through the schools, the churches, books, newspapers and all possible mediums. But the letter speaks for itself, and here it is:

Franfort, on Oder, July 20, 1916

My Dear Louise: The contents of your last letter would have hurt me had I not known that your thoughts of our glorious war resulted from sheer ignorance. You are in a country rendered effeminate by the influence of old-fashioned ideas of liberty, a country which is at least two centuries behind ours. You are in need of a good dose of Prussian culture.

It is evident that you, a Swiss girl, with your French sympathies, cannot understand how my heart, the heart of a young German girl, passionately desired this war. Speaking of it some years ago, my father said to us: "Children, Germany is getting too small for us; we shall have to go to France again in order to find more room." Is it our fault if France will not understand that more money and land are necessary for us?

And you reproach us that our soldiers have been very cruel to the Belgian rabble, and you also speak of the destruction of Rheims, and of the burning of villages and towns. Well that is war. As is every other undertaking, we are past masters in the making of war. You have a great deal to learn before you can come up to our standard, and I can assure you that what has been done so far is a mere bagatelle compared with what

## CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Si: Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl... my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me... but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable... I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

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will follow.

As a matter of fact, there is but one race worthy of ruling the world, and which has already attained the highest degree of civilization. That race is ours, the Prussians; for though we Germans in general are the lords of the world, the Prussian is undoubtedly the lord par excellence among the Germans. All other nations, and among them, unfortunately, the Swiss, are degenerate and of inferior worth. That is why I have always been so proud of being a true Prussian.

Yesterday, again, our pastor explained to us convincingly that our first parents, Adam and Eve were also Prussian. That is quite easy to understand because the Bible tells us that the German God created us all after his own image. If then, all men are descended from Adam and his wife, it follows that only Prussians, or at least

Germans, ought to exist in the world, and that all who push on and prosper ought to belong to us. You must admit that that is logic, and that is why our motto is, "God with us, Germany above everything."

You know now why we wished this war. Is it not shameful that other nations, who have no right to existence on the earth, wish to diminish our heritage? We are the divine fruit and the others are only weeds. That is why our great emperor has decided to put an end to all these injustices and to extirpate the weeds. Do you understand that now? I remain, your school friend. Katie Hamel.

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.

### IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND

In memory of our dear friend, Z. T. Lamar, who departed this life, April 10, 1918. Loved in life in death remembered:  
His busy hands are folded now  
Upon his peaceful breast,  
A calm repose sets on his brow,  
His dear heart is at rest,  
His dear eyes are softly closed,  
No more to shed a tear,  
His pallid eyes express repose,  
A sweet smile lingers there.

No more his tones in accents soft,  
Fall on our listening ear,  
No more his welcome face we greet,  
The burdened soul to cheer,  
His gentle spirit strong and pure,  
Yet seems to linger near,  
So quick to feel another's woe  
And soothe another's care.

Dear faithful heart, forever still,  
No more to suffer pain,  
Thus may we bow to heaven's will,  
For we shall meet again.

He sleeps in Jesus' loving arms,  
Secure upon his breast,  
Where pain and parting ne'er disturb  
The saint's eternal rest.

We are thinking of you, dear friend,  
We are thinking of the past,  
Of the lovely days spent with you last,  
The midnight stars are beaming  
Upon a silent grave,  
Where sleeps the friend so dear to us,  
The one we could not save.

The hours are sad and lonely  
Since we have laid him away,  
The weary days we have lingered  
Around his silent grave,  
And his people know they miss him,  
Their souls are filled with grief,  
For their dear loving son,  
Whose stay with them was brief.

We miss his quiet words  
Since he has passed away;  
The tears we've shed,  
Though in secret they flow,  
Shall long keep your memory,  
Wherever we may go.  
—By Two Friends. Baird, Texas, April, 12.

### Boschee's German Syrup.

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectoration in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

### IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD

Deaths silent hand the links of life have riven  
But in the realms of light their soul lives on  
Safe, now, upon the pearl strewn beach of heaven  
Beyond the golden gateway of the dawn.  
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About their flower strewn graves, wild winds sweeping

### FOODS TASTE BETTER COOKED —TOBACCO TASTES BETTER TOASTED

Since the day of the caveman, who liked his meat raw, civilization has learned a lot about the scientific treatment of the things we eat.

Naturally none of us would now prefer to have our meat raw, our potatoes as they come from the ground, our coffee unroasted.

And naturally follows the great discovery recently made by The American Tobacco Co.—that tobacco tastes better TOASTED!

This wonderful new idea—simple like all great inventions—was first used in producing the famous LUCKY STRIKE Cigarette—made of toasted Burley tobacco.

Burley has a mellow flavor, entirely different from the tobacco usually used for cigarettes. It is a pipe tobacco and LUCKY STRIKE Cigarettes taste like a pipe.

# Bevo

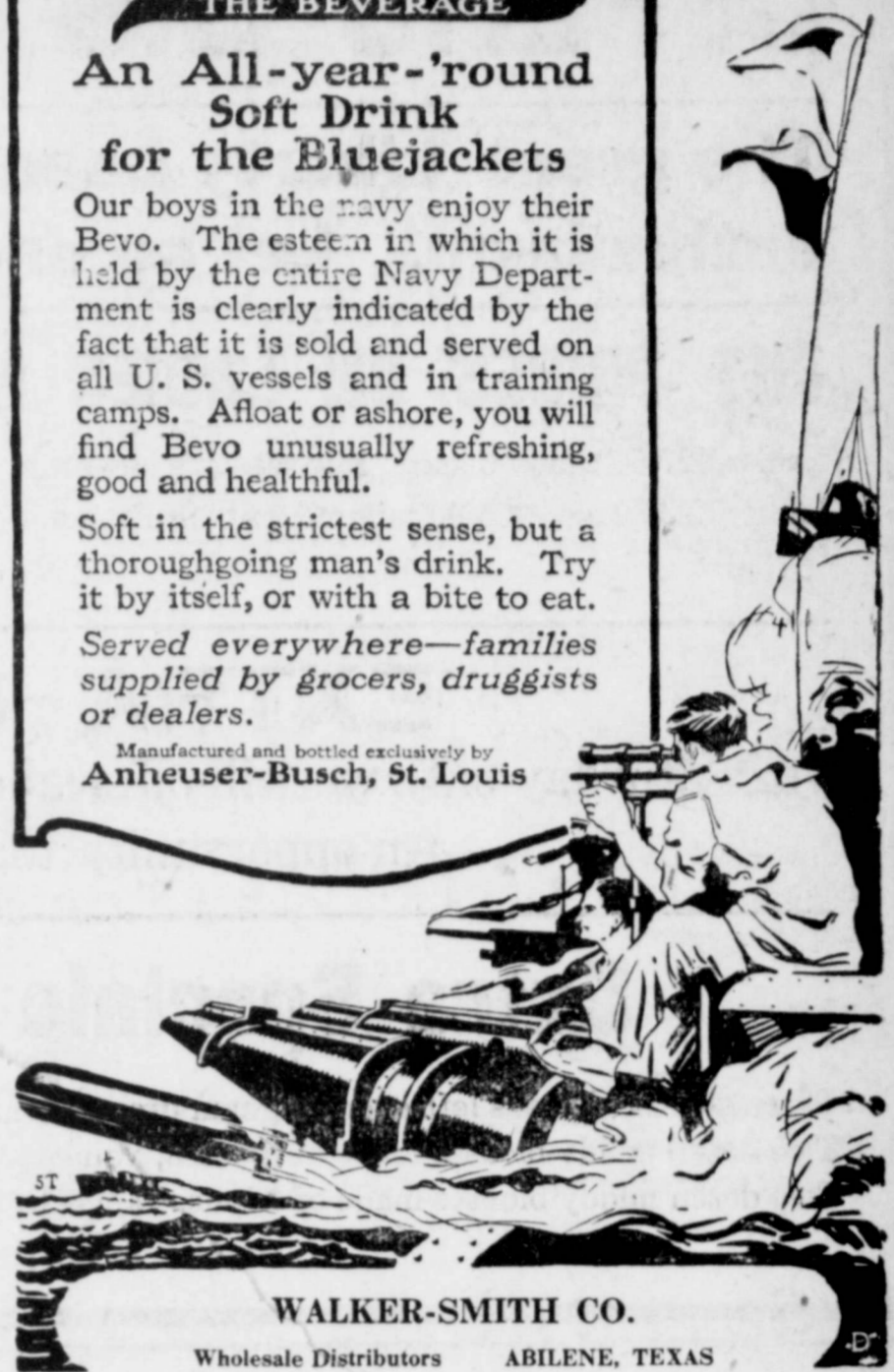
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## An All-year-'round Soft Drink for the Bluejackets

Our boys in the navy enjoy their Bevo. The esteem in which it is held by the entire Navy Department is clearly indicated by the fact that it is sold and served on all U. S. vessels and in training camps. Afloat or ashore, you will find Bevo unusually refreshing, good and healthful.

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## You Just Try NR For That Indigestion

Get your organs of digestion, assimilation and elimination working in harmony and watch your trouble disappear. NR does it or money back.

### One Day's Test Proves NR Best

The stomach only partly digests the food we eat. The process is finished in the intestines where the food is mixed with bile from the liver.

It must be plain to any sensible person who realizes this, that the stomach, liver and bowels must work in harmony if digestive troubles are to be avoided or overcome.

This fact also explains why sufferers from indigestion, also suffer more or less from headaches, biliousness and constipation.

If you are one of the many unfortunate persons who cannot eat without suffering afterward, if you are constipated, have bilious spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, variable appetite, are nervous, losing energy and feel your health slipping away, take this advice and get a box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) right today and start taking it. Give it a trial for a week or two

and just see how much better you feel. See how quickly your sluggish bowels will become as regular as clock work, how your coated tongue clears up and your good, old-time appetite returns. See how splendidly your food will digest and how your energy, "pep" and "ginger" revive. Just try it.

You take no risk whatever for Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is only 25c a box, enough to last twenty-five days, and it must help and benefit you to your entire satisfaction, or money returned. Five million boxes are used every year—one million NR Tablets are taken by ailing people every day—that's the best proof of its merits. Nature's Remedy is the best and safest thing you can take for biliousness, constipation, indigestion and similar complaints. It is sold, guaranteed and recommended by your druggist.

T. L. GRIMES, Merkel, Texas



NR Tonight—Tomorrow Feel Right Get a 25c Box

Will wail no soft sad dirge to you and me  
But softly tell above where they lie sleeping  
In voiceless whispers of souls set free,  
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But in the dawning of some glad tomorrow  
They will stand and wait upon a shining shore  
And welcome home the loved ones left in sorrow  
When this short fleeting life at last is o'er.  
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Here hearts re rent and last goodby's are spoken,  
And pain and sorrow blot the fruitless years,  
By open graves, once happy homes are broken,  
And still cold hands are wet with bitter tears,  
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But when our weary feet shall cease to wander  
The restless life is ended and we land  
Safe in our Gods eternal home up yonder,  
Oh! then at last we all will understand,  
Juanita.

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

Do You Sleep Well?  
To be at his best a man must have sound, refreshing sleep. When wakeful and restless at night he is in no condition for work or business during the day. Wakefulness is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Try a dose of these tablets and see how much better you feel with a clear head and good digestion.

Buys Liberty Bonds  
Quincy Payne, the colored shoe shiner at the City Barber Shop, bought a \$100 Third Liberty Loan bond and paid all cash. Quincy is a good, patriotic negro, and says if Uncle Sam wants him to go and fight, he is ready. Quincy has the right motives. How many white men who are able are doing their duty as is Quincy?

FOR CONSTIPATION  
Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation. Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. 25cent. For sale by all druggists. A Healing Salve"

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## OFFERS BIG VALUES FOR LIGHT PURSES

The great Liberty Loan is being subscribed throughout the country with enthusiasm. Let no one feel exempt, be a true American and buy a bond

### CUT PRICES ON LADIES NEW SPRING SUITS AND COATS---HERE'S THE EVIDENCE

Ladies \$27.50 tailored suits, this season's newest styles .....\$21.75  
 Ladies \$22.50 and \$25.00 tailored suits in Eton and Belt effects at .....\$19.75  
 Ladies \$20.00 tailored suits, big values .....\$15.75  
 Ladies \$22.50 and \$25.00 spring coats in gaberdine, poplin & taffetas ..\$19.75  
 A few left-over Coats and Suits at HALF PRICE

### EXTRA SPECIALS IN MILLINERY

For Saturday only we will offer about three dozen ladies and misses trimmed hats at the price of.....\$1.00  
 An opportunity that will not pass your way again this season. Don't miss it.

### Extra Specials in Shoes, Dresses and Middy Blouses

Three dozen childrens left-over gingham dresses, values up to \$2.50 ..... 98c  
 Two dozen middy blouses made of galetea, values to \$1.50, choice..... 89c  
 Two dozen middy blouses made of lnene. values to \$1.00, choice..... 49c  
 Table of ladies pumps and oxfords, black, tan, white, values to \$4, at...\$1.95  
 Table of ladies pumps and oxfords, worth \$2.50 and \$3, while they last...\$1.45  
 One lot misses pumps and oxfords, worth \$1.50 and 1.75, while they last... 95c  
 One lot misses pumps and oxfords, worth \$1.25, while they last at..... 69c

Quata and Paluine Barrow are just up from a severe attack of pneumonia.

C. H. Making of Kansas City, Mo., was in town last Wednesday looking over the Lagent herd with view to purchase.

H. L. Propst, A. C. Rose, W. T. Sherrill and Davis Beasley left in Mr. Propst's car for a trip to Plainview, Tulia and other points last Tuesday morning. They left with the inten-

tion of remaining away about five or six days.

Grady Collins, Arthur McMur ray, Louis Erwin and Jim Winters leave today for Camp Travis, to enter training.

H. F. Groene arrived in Mer kel Wednesday morning. He has been running a picture show at Camp Bowie untill recently, but closed down a short time ago.

### LOCAL NEWS

Roy Cogburn, who has been with Swift & Compny at Abilene has been transferred by the company to Cisco. He leaves today.

Varnish, paint and enamels at A. B. Barrow & Co.

A school teacher not so many miles away bought \$300 worth of Liberty bonds a few days ago. Another teacher bought \$150 at one time, and more at another time. Both are women: neither show great evidence of means, but lived with patriotism, they are willing to do their "bit."

Buy a new refrigerator from Barrow's Furniture Store.

The music class of Mrs. Lytton Howard will render their program at the Methodist Church Tuesday night.

Wall Paper; we have a big stock. A. B. Barrow & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas and family moved to the Nubia community the past week.

See the new pretty cedar chest at A. B. Barrow & Co.

Pearl Maud Gilliland, of Roscoe, sixteen years of age, won first place in Senior Girls Declamation at Abilene at the meet last Friday and Saturday. Her subject was, "Why we are at war." She goes to the State meet in Austin in May. She formerly lived here with her parents. Her grandmother, Mrs. Picklerel resides here now, and Miss Gilliland visited her following the meet.

Linseed oil, turpentine and floor oil at A. B. Barrow & Co.

Allen Cade of Camp Bowie was a visitor to homefolks and friends at Shiloh the forepart of the week.

Glass, Glass, Glass, all sizes. A. B. Barrow & Co.

Whooping Cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy. It is excellent.

Mrs. W. R. Floyd Dead.

After a lingering illness of several years, death came last Tuesday afternoon to Mrs. W. R. Floyd, on the Hester farm, about two miles from Merkel. She was about 48 years of age. Burial took place Wednesday afternoon in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Floyd leaves several children to mourn their loss. We greatly sympathize with the family in their bereavement, for who can take the place of a mother.

The tenderness of her touch is gone, but her influence lives to steer growing minds to a higher eminence.

Mrs. Floyd's two brothers, Messrs. Harrison of Anson, attended the funeral.

Lacking In Patriotism. The Merkel Mail:

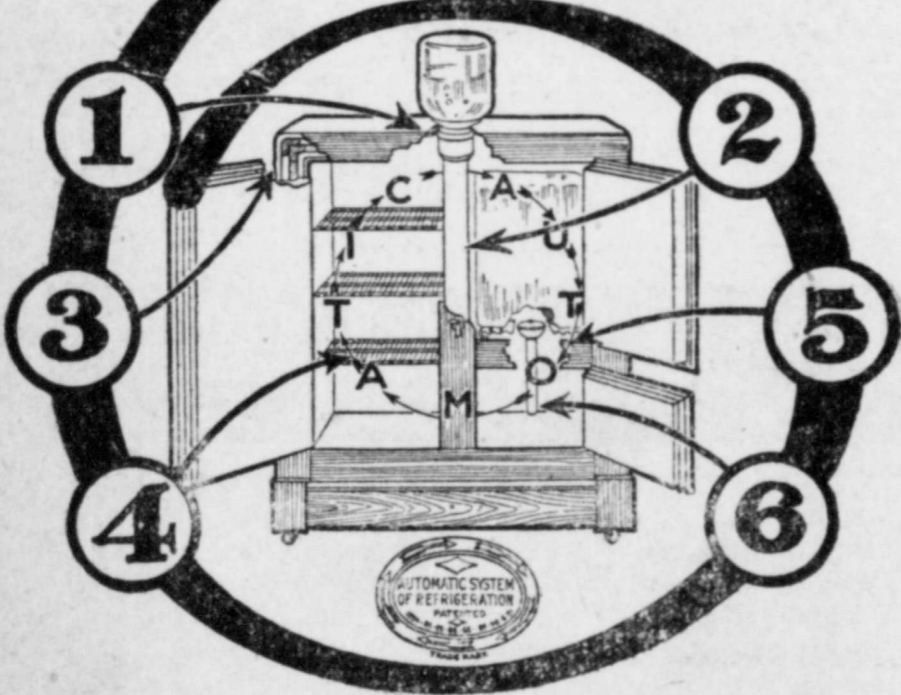
We are having all sorts of strange things to contend with. There is a thriving little city in this county, and among the first to subscribe its quota on liberty bonds. This little city

has a modern school with several teachers and not a single one has bought a liberty bond, to the knowledge of any citizen of this place. This seems a shame on our community, and an embarrassment to our school board. If they could hear Capt. Mauldin lecture, and then refuse to buy, their money ought to be confiscated, and the men put in the front lines.

A Taylor County Citizen.

Glass, glass, glass, all sizes. A. B. Barrow & Co.

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I am handling that "GOOD GULF GASOLINE"  
 Will also appreciate your Tire Work  
 Free Battery Service

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