

## THE GROWTH OF A GREAT SPIRIT

We have treated cotton chopping by our business men as rather a joke. It was with levity that we talked of their shouldering the hoe and putting it to use. We find we were mistaken. We take it all back. We have witnessed a scene that reaches to the very paths of the soul and stirs the kinship of humanity from its very depth. We rejoice in being a part of a society of citizens that responds to a brother in need and lends him a helping hand. It is an impulse of noble thought in action.

Monday evening about 50 business men went out to the cotton field of Bob Russell, who is greatly handicapped in his crop as a result of several operations, and hoed out from 20 to 25 acres. They went out in cars after the stores were closed, and it seemed that all of them enjoyed the experience. They helped a man in need, and did it at little inconvenience to themselves.

Tuesday evening about 25 of the business men went out to help the family of John Burns, who recently died, and hoed a couple of hours. The little children were diligently plying the hoe, when the business men arrived to give them assistance. It made every man feel good to know that he could help these little fellows, who are striving so nobly to fill the vacancy caused by the death of their dear father. Their step-grandfather, Mr. Prather, is standing by them nobly, and a little assistance of the kind given them Tuesday evening will help them through.

Doubtless other trips of like nature will be made in the near future. They feel good over having done a duty, and we are reminded that this is undefiled religion, "To visit the widows and orphans in their affliction and keep yourselves unspotted from the world."

### HELP CHOP COTTON

As we go to press the business men of Merkel are departing for the cotton patches of the Great Merkel country. They propose to do a little to help at this time when labor is so scarce that nearly every woman and child is at work in the field. About 100 men agreed to go out. About half of them go to fields of their own selection, usually those of near-akin. The rest, about 50, were allotted by drawing to the fields. So many requests were made for hands that it was impossible to send hands to every field, so the committee placed the names in a hat and drew them out, sending choppers to the first drawn. It was thought that this was the only fair way to deal with the proposition. The following business houses sent men into the field:

We, the undersigned will close up Thursday, June 6th, and offer our services to the farmers of the Great Merkel Country on this day:

- Cozy Studio, 2.
- Merkel Mail, 1.
- Merkel Power Co., 2.
- Anchor Mercantile Co., 10
- G. M. Sharp, 3.
- W. P. Duckett, 1.
- A. B. Barrow & Co., 2.
- Farmers State Bank, 5.
- Sanders Drug Store, 2.
- The Star Store, 4.
- Merkel Motor Co., 2
- E. L. Rogers, 2
- J. T. Dennis, 4.
- F. H. Dennis, 1.
- Y. C. Dennis, 1.
- J. M. Dry, 1.
- Grimes Drug Store, 1.
- Woodroof Bragg Co., 2

- F. & M. Nat. Bank, 5.
- Bob Martin Co., 1.
- Brown D. G. Co., 3.
- Merkel Drug Co., 2.
- City Barber Shop, 3.
- E. G. Turner, 1
- G. E. Sanders, 2.
- A. C. Boney, 1.
- Ira Armstrong, 1.
- Jno B. Bell, 1
- Geo. Brown, 1.
- E. L. Ash, 1.
- J. T. Dorsey, 1.
- Merkel Lumber Co., 1.
- A. L. Jobe, 1.
- Crown Hwd Co., 4.
- H. M. Rose, 2.
- T. G. Ferguson, 2.
- Ben Pilcher, 1.
- Warren Bros., 2.
- H. C. Floyd, 1.
- J. M. Meeks, 1.
- Chas. Stephens, 1.

### Urgent Need For Y. M. C. A. Workers.

Recognizing the urgent need for overseas workers under the banner of the Army Young Men's Christian Association, Gov. Hobby of Texas has issued the following statement to his people urging able-bodied men above draft age and under fifty years to volunteer their services to this cause:

My attention has been called by representatives of the War Work Council of the Young Men's Association, who were my guests last week, to the pressing need for men in France, which need has been expressed through Gen Pershing and Ambassador Sharp. It gives me great pleasure to lend my influence and support to this worthy organization in its attempt to meet this demand. In addition to the regular work of the association, which demands men specially trained for religious, educational and athletic work, General Pershing has turned over to this organization the entire canteen business for the American Expeditionary Forces. This action of General Pershing has increased tremendously the need for men who are expert accountants, bankers, merchants, trained transportation men, and general all-round business men. I am anxious that Texas shall do her part in sending men who are equipped to do this service. It offers a splendid opportunity for those who are anxious to serve the country in this critical time but who are kept out of the army on account of the age limit. No men are taken for this service who are under 31 years of age or over 50. They must be men of good character, men who are thoroughly sympathetic with the war aims of the Nation, and men who are willing to serve cooperatively with the organization overseas. Because I am not able to attend the matter myself, I have asked Thomas W. Currie, 2200 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas, if he will not act as my personal representative to receive all correspondence from those who are interested in offering my frank judgment that there are hundreds of men prominent in business affairs of importance in this State who ought to offer themselves immediately for this branch of the service.

### MAIL NOTICE

Mail intended for local delivery should not be put in Mail boxes on the streets, as this mail is taken by the night watchman and mailed on the trains at the depot. Postmaster.

The American who buys a Liberty Bond and forthwith sells it has performed only half a service for his country. To buy bonds and then sell them immediately tends to make the war burden of the country heavier instead of lighter, as it decreases the market value of the bonds.

## Plan Your War Garden Now, Save Time and Money.



HELP INCREASE OUR EXPORT FOOD STOCKS

IN CITY and country more war gardens are needed this year than ever before. Patriotism prompted 2,000,000 Americans to plant gardens last year, according to estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture. Transportation facilities of the nation will be strained this year hauling munitions of war and foods for the Allies. The surplus food created by home gardens will help in the railroad problem. And the nation will eat less of the goods we must export—wheat, meat, fats and sugar. Every boy and girl that helps with the garden is helping win the war. Leaflets of instruction in garden making may be secured from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, upon request, without charge.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**COUPONS ARE CASH ON DELIVERY. THE ICE MAN HERE TO PAY FOR YOUR COUPON BOOK THE END OF THE DAY YOU PURCHASE. YOU WILL DO US A GREAT FAVOR IF YOU WILL HAVE THE MONEY READY FOR HIM WHEN HE DELIVERS YOUR ICE OR COUPON BOOK IN OUR ICE BUSINESS WE DON'T KNOW MR. "CHARGE-IT". NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER 6:30 P. M. OR ON SUNDAY**  
MERKEL ICE CO.  
ICE

**WANTED**—Woman to keep house for man and children. Apply at Merkel Mail office. 7tf.

**FOR SALE**—Petigreed Duroc Pigs, \$7.50 and 10.00 each. J.T. Warren. 30t2c

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

### SUNDAY

ONE HAZAR WHEATLESS

USE NO BEARD CRACKERS. ENTER IN BREAKFAST FOODS CONTAINING WHEAT



PATRIOTS

### GERMAN DESTROYER ACTIVE

One of the surprises of the week was the activity of one or more German destroyers on the Atlantic coast. About 15 vessels have been destroyed, attributed to this source. Considerable consternation was created in shipping circles. Doubtless the Cyclops mystery can now be unraveled. Several lives have been lost; though as reports are being received daily of rescues, it is not yet known

as to the extent of the loss of life.

The seas are being scoured for the offenders. It is thought, however, by the officials, that the danger is past for the present, as doubtless the craft or crafts have returned to their base.

F. A. Sanders left Sunday for Beaumont to join his wife, who is taking treatment under a specialist. He expects to be away a couple of months.

### CONTINUES TO RAIN

Refreshing showers have fallen over the great Merkel country this week. Nearly one-half an inch has fallen in Merkel, about an inch in portions of the Canyon and good rains west and northwest. In many places it has been too wet to work for a couple of days.

As a result, crops are moving ahead and looking fine. Everybody is busy with the plow and hoe. Cotton choppers are in great demand and are being paid as high as \$2.00 a day and board. Every assurance so far foretells a good crop. If we can only continue to get rains a month or two longer, the country will be healed.

The Treasury Department looks to the War Savings Campaign to underwrite the entire financial program of the war. Every loan to be floated in the future depends upon how well the lesson of thrift is learned. Are you a good student? War Savings Stamps give the answer.

Unless you own your limit of War Savings Stamps and unless you are buying them to the hilt of your ability, you are not performing the functions of a good American and you are letting the best opportunity you ever had for prosperity slip away.

Which side of the fence are you on? Do you own War Savings Stamps or are you taking your patriotism out in flag waving? There is little difference between extravagance and Benedict Arnoldism.

A War Savings Stamp buys 160 cartridges. How many have you sent to France?

A number of American soldiers lost their lives in Flanders to day. Were you responsible? Take a look at your War Savings Stamp book and then give the answer.

### 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.  
H. Rob Keeble.
- For County Clerk:  
H. Holland Teaff.  
Henry R. Hicks.  
J. D. Hinton  
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.

## BIG GERMAN DRIVE CONTINUED

Almost with bated breath we await the news from the front. The reserves of Germany are being hurled in mighty force against the allied lines. At one point the Germans have reached the Marne. The wedge has been driven with the utmost precision, but at the cost of thousands of men. It seems that the German army hoped to break through at this point and make a dash for Paris, while a wedge being driven with less success at another place seemed to have for its object the coast cities. The allied lines still hold.

For days the news filtered in that the allies were still given ground, but with the news was always coupled the fact that no fear was entertained. A feeling of doubt gained credence, however, and everywhere people anxiously awaited every new phase. Tuesday morning the allied armies began their offensive and reported that nowhere were the Germans making gain, and in many places they were giving ground with terrific slaughter.

Just when the day was the darkest, when the offensive was strongest, there was a rift in the clouds. The Americans held the lines in front of Cantigny, which was in German hands. They attacked this place, capturing and holding the city, taking 200 prisoners and killing and wounding large numbers of the enemy.

General Foch's reserves are going into the fight. Late reports indicate that Germany has reached her farthest point. American soldiers are being hurried to the front. The recruits of the allies are growing rapidly, and it will not be long until a counter-offensive will be undertaken of such proportions that the German army must crumple.

Paris, June 4.—American troops thrown into the battle on the western side of the Champagne salient have stopped the German advance near Neuilly wood and in a dashing counter attack have thrown back the Germans, the war office announced today.

On the Marne front German troops which had forced a passage of the river were driven back again by French and American troops.

The battle continued with the greatest violence between the Aisne and the Oureq. The Germans captured Pennant. Further south the French lost a little ground.

Between the Oise and the Aisne the Germans last night were prevented from making any progress.

American troops are fighting with the French, in holding up the new German rush and already have begun to make their presence strongly felt.

One force of Americans put into the battle on the important front between Ourcq and the Marne, not only stopped the enemy advance into Neuilly wood between seven and eight miles northwest of Chateau Thierry, but carried out what the French official statement characterizes as "a magnificent counter attack," which threw back the Germans north of this wood.

On yet another front—that running east and west along the Marne—the American forces co-operated with the French in hurling back a German battalion which had crept over a foot-bridge to the south bank of the river. The Germans sustained a heavy casualty and lost 100 men in prisoners.

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

At Close of Business May 10, 1918

<b>RESOURCES</b>	
Loans .....	\$250,990.89
Banking House	
Furniture and Fixtures ..	13,000.00
Interest in Guar. Fund ....	3,003.57
Stamps, Bonds and Cert. . .	11,339.69
<b>CASH &amp; EXCHANGE</b> .....	<b>47,938.45</b>
Total .....	\$336,272.60
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Capital Stock .....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	34,732.54
<b>DEPOSITS</b> .....	<b>237,022.48</b>
Rediscounts .....	29,517.58
Total .....	\$336,272.60

The above statement is correct.  
 R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

**BUY WAR SAVING STAMPS**  
**DONATE TO THE SECOND RED CROSS**  
**WAR FUND**

**CORRECT MAIL ADDRESS TO THE SOLDIERS**

Because the Navy Department has experienced a great deal of trouble in the last few months with mail that has been insufficiently addressed and with packages containing easily damaged articles and those improperly packed and wrapped, postmasters are hereby directed to exercise care in the acceptance of packages for individuals serving in the United States Navy.

Postmasters will not accept for persons in the Navy Service packages containing fruits or perishable foodstuffs, and they will require that all packages be securely wrapped, strongly tied, and plainly addressed, preference to be given to packages inclosed in strong and suitable boxes or wrapped in sacking, bagging, or cloth, sewed for examination.

In addressing mail, senders should be informed that as the whereabouts of men in Navy are not known to the postmaster at New York, letters simply addressed "John Doe, care of Postmaster, New York," cannot be dispatched to destination. Each letter or package should bear the full name of the addressee, the branch of the service he is serving in, such as Navy, Naval Reserve, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, his rank or rating, if known, and the name of the vessel or station on which he is serving. This information to be in addition to the required address, "Care Postmaster, New York."

The fullest publicity should be given to the information contained in the foregoing in order that the public may be able to address and prepare mail properly before it is brought to the post office for examination and mailing.

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.**

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

**GOVERNOR HOBBY SPEAKS IN ABILENE**

Governor W. P. Hobby will speak at Sweetwater on June 17 and at Abilene on the night of June 18 Judge King announces. The place of the speaking will be announced later.

**SUN ECLIPSE SATURDAY**

The moon will cause a total eclipse of the sun Saturday afternoon, about 5:32 o'clock and lasting for one hour. This is said to be the present generation's only chance to see a phenomenon.

Eye specialists are warning the people against attempting to gaze at the sun without the use of a smoked glass. You run a risk of suffering a serious impairment of the vision before you realize it.

It is easy to fix up a piece of smoked glass, by taking a small piece of window pane and hold it over a coal oil lamp or other flame which produces a thick soot. Make sure that the film is thick enough to exclude the more violent rays of the sun.

**NEGROS CALLED TO SERVE**

Washington, June 5.—Mobilization of 40,000 negroes for general military service has been ordered by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The negroes are to entrain on June 25 and will mobilize from twenty states.

Three thousand of the number will be from Texas and will be sent to Camp Travis at San Antonio.

**Advertised Letters.**

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Carey, Lora.  
 Loftin, Minnie.  
 Jones, Lola  
 Mathis, C. H.  
 McGhee I.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on June 19, 1918.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster.  
 Merkel, Texas.

**Our Uncle Samuel**

Is going to Know Where We Stand

On June 28th we will be called upon to meet at designated places and say then and there how much we will invest in War Saving and Thrift Stamps by next December 31st.

**He is Going to Get Our Number**

He expects every man and woman to do their duty. Let's get ready for this great campaign of saving and perform the duty cheerfully.

**THIS BANK**

keeps War Savings and Thrift Stamps on hand for sale at all times.

**LIBERTY BONDS**

for sale from our own vaults. Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps are the best investments in the whole world. Let's be thrifty, helpful and patriotic.

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

Thos. Johnson, Cashier

**LOCAL NEWS**

Mrs. G. J. Jones returned last Friday from a visit to Nevada.

Car of hay at G. M. Sharps Store

Sam Butman left Wednesday for Fort Worth with two cars of goats and hogs.

Car of Bran, Corn, Oats and mixed feed just arrived at the Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Ova Hurst of Lockhart, Tex., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. N. Teaff and family.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Roy Eckerd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eckerd, is very low with pneumonia.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Misses Fanny and Mamie Moore and their brother, Ranson, of Fort Worth spent a few days the past week with their mother and family.

Car of Bran, Corn, Oats and mixed feed just arrived at the Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. Pucket, mother of Mrs. Wills, is very low, and not expected to live. She is 82 years of age.

Plenty of cow feed and cotton seed meal at Bob's Martins Grocery Company.

Miss Mamie Ellis left this week to enter the Summer Normal at Simmons College at Abilene.

All sorts of junk is bought at W. P. Duckett's.

R. J. Adcock left Wednesday for an indefinite stay in Weatherford and Dallas.

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.

**Brown D. G. Company's Standard Merchandise**

**STANDARD OVERALLS**

\$1.70, \$1.75 and \$1.85

**STANDARD UNDERWEAR**

50c, 65c 75c, \$1 and \$1.25

**STANDARD SHIRTS**

95c, 1.25 and up to 2.50

**STANDARD SHOES**

\$2.50 to \$8.50 per pair

**STANDARD**

Shirting, Gingham, Bleached and Brown Domestic, Hosiery Towels and Gloves

**PRICES LOWEST POSSIBLE**

**The Brown D. G. Company**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Save by keeping your clothes clean. First class service guaranteed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Kate Henderson of Coleman is visiting Miss Virginia Swafford and Mary Mayfield, a few days. She is on her way to Canyon Normal.

Will pay 17 cents a pound for all hens brought in this week. W. P. Duckett. tlc.

Plenty of cow feed and cotton seed meal at Bob Martins Grocery Company.

Miss Etel Henry of Comper left Monday night for the Normal at Canyon.

Car cow feed and cotton seed meal just arrived. See us Crown Hardware Company.

Misses McNeese leave at once for the State University at Austin.

Go to Rogers for fresh groceries.

Miss Gladys Haynes of Abilene was a visitor to homefolks Sunday.

Mrs. Lobbing of Montana is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hamblett.

J. M. Garrett returned last Friday from Ranger and Caddo, where he has been at work for about six weeks.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Misses Ruby Campbell and Irene Swann spent Tuesday with Miss Emma Houston of Abilene.

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

Floyd Holloway and Riley White of Camp Bowie were visitors to homefolks and friends the past week. Both are well and looking fine.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

**THE SUMMER GARDEN**

It is now time for the vast army in the increased food and feed production campaign to consider the summer garden, provided they have not already done so. Vegetables are difficult to grow during the summer months without a little water, especially in the sandy location; however, there are vegetables which will produce throughout the summer in nearly all sections of Texas.

The Tepary, Pinto, Pole, Snap Pole Lima, Henderson Dush and Texas Speckle Bean will grow and produce beans in most sections of Texas, except the extreme south. The cowpeas, such as black-eye and Lady pea, will also produce a crop. For greens: the swiss chard and New Zealand Spinach will produce in nearly every section of Texas; Okra, late corn and the vine crops such as cucumbers, water melons, cantaloupes and pumpkins will grow and produce food in all sections of Texas. The pepper, tomato, egg plant and sweet potato can also be planted to produce summer food in most all sections of Texas.

The watering or irrigating of the vegetable garden has been a problem with most people of Texas. One of the best methods of putting on the water is by running it down a furrow as close to the plants as possible. When this method is used, the soil should be stirred before irrigating. This stirring will permit the land to take up more water.

Where the garden is small and there is only a few plants to irrigate, a small receptacle such as a can, with holes in the bottom placed near the plant can be used to great advantage. This method is not practical when there is a large field to irrigate.

After irrigating, the land should be stirred as soon as possible. Irrigation without cultivation has been the ruination of many growers. If the soil around the roots has plenty of moisture, it is not necessary to irrigate. If the soil, when compressed on the palm of the hand, adheres, irrigation is not necessary.

Raise everything you can to help whip the Germans.

**Goes Over Top Again.**

Warren Bros., by governmental order, the only coal dealers in Merkel, went out a few days and sold a car of winter coal in a short time. The orders reached nearly 90,000 pounds, for above the amount in the car. Mr. Warren was gratified greatly at the result. He predicts a big coal shortage this fall, and the government says buy now.

ADVERTISE—If its lost the Mail may find it. Several lost articles have been returned to the owner lately. Use the classified columns when you have anything to sell. Sales are being made daily through these columns. State your wants through these columns, and the people will know about them.

**REMEMBER**



That we have every facility for turning out neat printing of all kinds. Letter heads, bill heads, office stationery, etc., furnished at the lowest prices first class work will permit.

**For Weak Women**

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

**TAKE**

**CARDUI**

**The Woman's Tonic**

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . .," writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

**All Druggists**

J. 70



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

**Carper-Smith Wedding.**

Friends of Miss Ruby Smith were much surprised to learn that she was married on May 29 at Roswell, N.M., to Earnest Carper, a ranchman of that city. They will make their home in Roswell.

Mrs. Carper was formerly milliner at Woodroof-Bragg Co. She resided in Merkel a couple of years. She has a host of friends here who wish her bon voyage on life's journey.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**B. Y. P. U. Program June 9.**

Prayer, Walter Jackson. Scripture Reading, John 1: 11—Miss Olive Teaff.

Leader, Miss Edna Swann. The Union of The Vine and Branches, Miss Girlie Howard.

Mutual Dependence of the Vine and Branches, Miss Dovie Teaff.

Piano Solo, Miss Ruth Holloway.

The Fruitful Branches, Miss Alva Wheeler.

The Work of the Vine Dresser, Miss Mamie Ellis.

Withered Branches, Frank Counts.

Special Music, Mrs. Meadow. The Broken Branch, Miss Mayberry.

Song. Business. Prayer.

We have just closed a great meeting at our church. More than thirty professions and 40 additions to the church. We should be able now to render better service to our Savior. We will have services at the usual time. Sunday School at 9:45. a. m. preaching at 11 o'clock. League's at 3 and 4 o'clock. Evening service at

**THE BEST Photographic Work**

at the same old prices

The Cozy Studio

**A GOOD SHOW**

Every Saturday Nite

The Cozy Theatre

8:45 o'clock.

Every body invited to all the services. You are welcome. C. S. Cameron, Pastor.

Mesdames J. T. Browning, H. A. Sanders, E. W. Permitter and H. C. Williams, and C. S. Cameron and J. T. Browning, C. S. Cameron all attended the Northwest Texas Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. C. at Sweetwater this week.

Miss Ruth Vaughn of Roscoe visited Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy a few days this week.

**Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.**

James H. West is busy after hours raising a war garden. He says he got a late start, but is getting there, never theless.

Don't forget to go to W. P. Duckett's with your poultry and eggs.

C. T. Beckham and family attended the address by Rev. Geo. Truitt at Simmons College on Tuesday.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno T. Morgan of Baird came up Saturday to visit Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Calvert. Mr. Morgan left Sunday going to Austin, where he has accepted a position. Mrs Morgan will remain for a few weeks.

Dr. M. Armstrong writes from New York. He is attending the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital, acknowledged as one of the greatest medical centers in this country. The doctor says: "This is a fine place to learn medicine." The doctor has been there about three weeks and expects to reach home about June 12. We must hereby conclude that even a doctor does not know it all. It matters not what profession a man is in there is something new showing up every day and it is his duty to keep abreast of the times.



**DO YOU** know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to **ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER**

Mrs. R. A. Martin and Julia, left Wednesday to visit her brother near Sweetwater.

Little C. S. Cameron Jr. of Sweetwater is visiting his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Cameron.

If you want your cleaning done right, send your clothes to Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Lorena Dry left Sunday night for Denton, where she will attend the summer normal.

R. A. Burgess, who is principal of the High School at Plainview, was a visitor in Merkel a few days ago. He was principal of the High School here last year and has many friends here who were glad to see him. He will spend the summer at Lubbock.

Plenty of cow feed, oats corn, bran and mixed feed now on hand at the Crown Hardware Company.

Asa T. Sheppard received a letter from the Texas State Board of Embalming, Austin, stating that his grades enabled him to practice embalming. His license will be furnished at once. Mr. Sheppard recently took a special course in Dallas, and is to be congratulated upon the success that has so early accompanied his efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston returned home from south Texas last Saturday. He says this country looks much better than where he left.

**DO YOUR BIT**



I want to offer an apology to the voters of this precinct, and yet, perhaps, no apology is due. We have all been greatly blessed with rains and every man has been working hard to get his crop in shape. The government wants us to cultivate the soil and raise more food. I may have neglected my campaign somewhat, but it has been in the interest of raising food. I am as busy as a cranberry merchant and I know you are. I intend to see every one, but will seek a more convenient time. I do not think you would treat an interruption at this time, very kindly, and appreciating the great value of your time I will not call upon you for the present. In the mean time, I hope you will give my candidacy due consideration. I will greatly appreciate the support of every man and woman eligible to vote in this precinct.

Very respectfully yours, **SAM BUTMAN**, Candidate for Commissioner of Precinct N. 2.

Rev. Bickley and family returned home at Midlothian on Monday.

**WANTED**—Good milk cow. See Mrs. Causseaux. 7t1.

H. M. Rose and family will leave in their car next week for a visit to Stephenville, where they will remain several days.

Rev. Switzer left Friday for his home at Baird.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

Marion Johnson leaves Sunday for a visit to his grandmother Johnson at Waldrip, where he will remain about 10 days.

Plenty of cow feed, oats corn, bran and mixed feed now on hand at the Crown Hardware Company.

E. L. Rogers has been playing delivery boy this week. We bet he will strike before long.

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The "Liberty Bond"—it is as strong as all the banks, all the farms, all the mines, all the factories, all the lands, all the people, and all the power of the strongest nation in the world.

Car cow feed and cotton seed meal just arrived. See us Crown Hardware Company.

E. N. Brown, J. W. Wheeler and Rev. Tatum attended the address of Dr. Truett at Simmons College last Tuesday morning.

**Many Opportunities Open For Specialists in War Department**

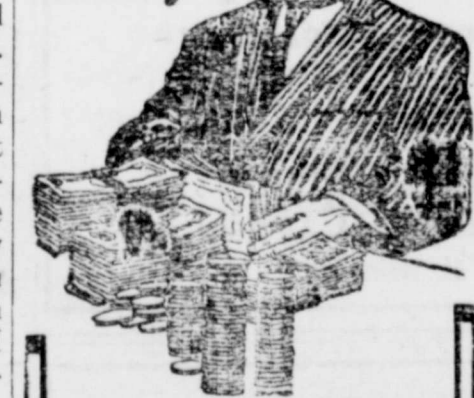
There is a list of 137 occupations where the demand for men in the War Department constantly exceeds the supply.

A pressing need exists in the Army for men experienced in handling mules, and before all future needs are met a recruiting campaign may become necessary. No difficulty has been experienced in getting men who can buy and handle horses, but blacksmiths are scarce.

There is a constant demand for butchers, and cooks are greatly needed. In several technical branches, particularly the Engineers, men for the higher positions are plentiful but the workers for ranks are scarce. Experienced mechanics, those familiar with automobiles are always in demand.

More interpreters than can be used have applied for positions with the War Department, and applications for commissions as Army chaplains are also in excess of the need. The excess totals thousands in each case. Clerks for general work are plentiful, but there is demand for specialists. At present there is a surplus of dentists and pharmacists.

**Counting Your Money**



will occupy your entire time when you become a regular advertiser in THIS PAPER. Unless you have an antipathy for labor of this kind, call us up and we'll be glad to come and talk over our proposition.

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**AMERICAN AIRMEN TELLS OF EXPERIENCES**

A Committee on Public Information representative in London says:

There are no better sportsmen in the world than the allied airmen, and American aviators now fighting in Europe always play a fair game, as they learn it from the allies. F. P. Magoun, a former Harvard student, now a member of the Royal air force, recently wounded, tells how the lives of German observers escaping from balloons have been spared.

"We caught three Hun balloons above the allied grounds in a mist, which prevented their gunners seeing us," said he. "It was a cinch. You should have seen them hustle out their parachutes and abandon the balloons. As they came falling down through the air we circled about closely but, of course didn't open fire, as that's against the rules of the game. As soon as they touched ground they took cover like rabbits."

Magoun is the only American in his squadron, having joined in February of last year. He has bagged five German planes. While carrying bombs for low attack in the recent offensive he received a bullet through his left arm, but managed to return to his own lines. Magoun tells of a companion in his squadron who had one of the luckiest escapes during the war. He was put out of action 1,000 feet in the air when a bullet perforated his gasoline tank. He was rendered unconscious by the fumes and his machine took a nose dive to the earth, but he escaped without a scratch.

A section of the Royal air force operating in the Ypres salient has lost its only American member, who had been with the squadron only 10 days when he went on a bombing raid at low elevation. He was hit by a machine-gun bullet and his plane fell in flames. He was taken prisoner.

The efforts of newspapers to promote good feeling between the people of England and the thousands of Americans received official backing when Sir Randolph Baker, member of Parliament, offered to take charge of the American troops welfare department of the British Government. His plans contemplate a continuous program of healthful recreation in every American rest camp and training in England.

**THE MAN WHO FAILS**

The man who fails is the sort of a chap. Who is always looking around for a snap. Who neglects his work to regard the clock; Who never misses a chance to knock.

He is grouchy and slow when work begins; When it's time to quit, he jokes and grins. He's always as busy as busy can be.

When he thinks the boss is around to see. He believes that a "pull" is the only way By which he can ever draw bigger pay; And he sulks and growls when he sees his plan Upset by the "push" of another man.

He's on his job when he draws his pay; That done, he soldiers his time away; While the men who tackle their jobs with vim Keep pushing and climbing ahead of him.

For the man who fails has himself to blame, If he wastes his chances and misses his aim; He'd win if he'd used his hand and wits; The man who fails is the man who QUILTS.

—Charles R Barrett.

Cleaning and pressing done promptly. Mrs. C. L. Cash.



## National and Local Meat Business

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### MULBERRY NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Aron Horton visited Mr. and Mrs. Clint Allen Saturday night, reporting an enjoyable session with the ice cream freezer.

Misses Frankie and Maggi Lee Chaney spent the day with Mrs. Alice Martin recently.

A number of our people attended the Red Cross play at Stith Saturday night.

Misses Martha Bird and Goldie Anderson, who have been in school at Abilene are home again.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Author Old of Hawley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley.

Miss Pearl Old who had spent the week with Mrs. Billingsley returned with her brother.

Mrs. Mattie Warner, who has been sick for some time, has gone to the home of her sister, Mrs. Mack Herod.

Mrs. D. W. Martin, of Tye, has gone to Philadelphia to visit her sons, Smith and Le-land who are in training there.

Misses Clara Daniel and Martha Bird will leave for Abilene one day this week to attend the Normal.

News is scarce this week, but then that shows that the farmers are at their jobs.

Crops are looking well.

After the 1917 drouth we'll always have a better appreciation of green growing things—just any thing. Even thrifty looking weeds look good this year. There are plenty of them, looking pert and sassy now, but we have not yet seen any "Merkel business man" looking for the job of extermination, and we have an idea he will show up, with a hoe on his shoulder, about the time that Messrs. Sears and Roebuck arrive.

JUANITA.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions.

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### DR. GAMBILL LEAVES

Dr. Gambill, a young and popular dentist, who has resided in Merkel for some time, has received notification from the War Department to be ready for his call about June 15. He tendered his service to Uncle Sam several months ago. He does not know where they will station him. Mrs. Gambill will leave for an extended visit to relatives in a few days, and later will go to where the doctor is stationed.

Dr. Gambill has built up a good practice since coming to Merkel, and has many friends here who regret very much to see him and his good wife and baby leave, but as he goes in a good cause, we bid him God-speed, and trust that his return will not be greatly delayed.

### Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank the good people of Merkel most heartily for their great kindness in giving their time to chopping out my cotton. It is a kindness I will never forget, and I hope to be able some time to repay the favor.

Bob Russell.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's.

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

## Take Care of Your Tires

America's greatest need is for ships—more ships.

Every available vessel is being utilized in government service.

Many ships that have been carrying rubber from Sumatra and Brazil have been taken for active transport duty.

This will necessarily force a temporary curtailment of tire production.

So, make the most of the tires you have.

Use good tires.

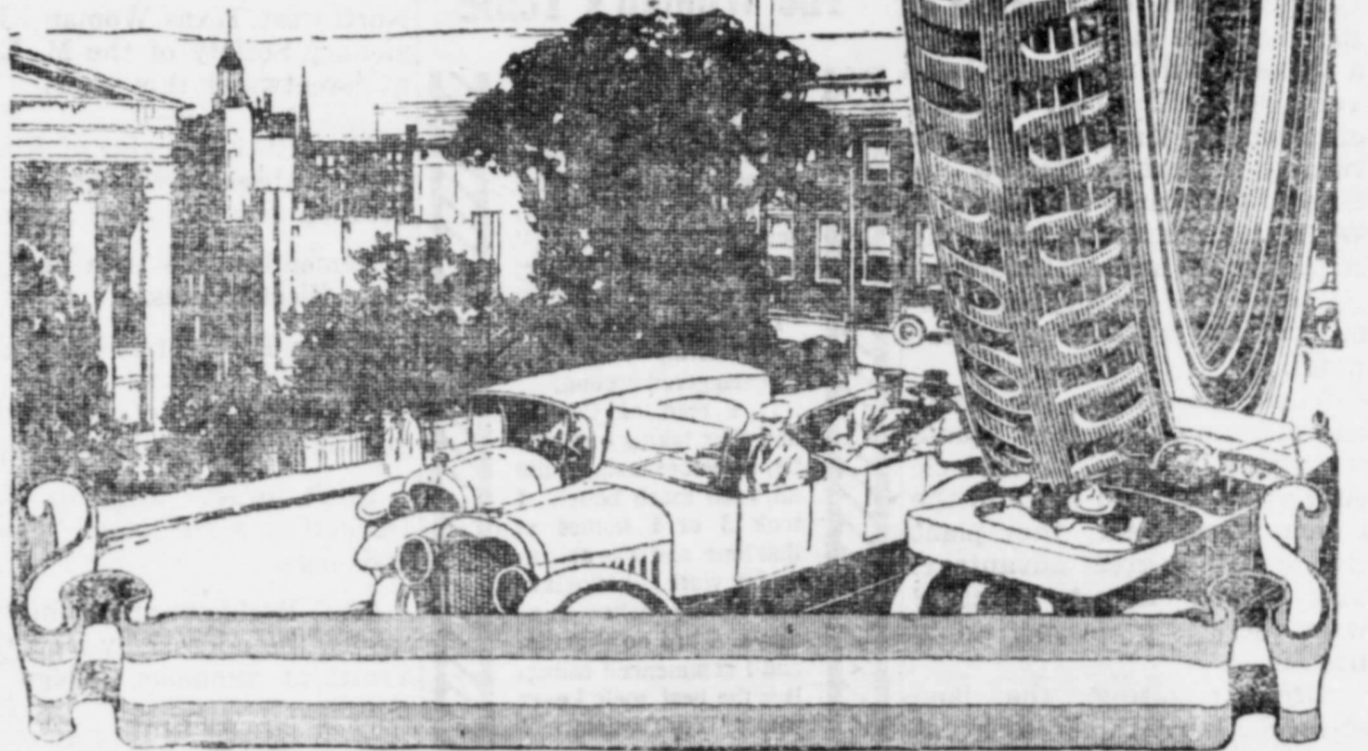
Take good care of them. Keep them in perfect repair. See that they are properly inflated.

Increase their mileage by careful driving. Keep out of car tracks and away from bumps. Don't scrape the curb or apply brakes too suddenly.

Get every mile your tires have in them.

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### T. & P. TIME TABLE

#### Eastbound

No. 2 Sunshine Spec. 8:20 a. m.

No. 4 Through Train 10:15 a. m.

No. 6 9:55 p. m.

#### Westbound

No. 1 Sunshine Spec. 9:55 p. m.

No. 3 Through Train 5:18 p. m.

No. 25 5:24 a. m.

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G. C. Hodges.  
Z. T. Lamar.

Ulric Forrester.  
Andrew Archer.  
Roy Adams.  
Britt Baker.  
Fauss Banner.  
Edgar Breeze.  
W. B. Brown.  
Arthur Derrington.  
Frank J. Ferrier.  
De Gorus.  
Wm. R. Green.  
James F. Holloway.  
B. Jobe.  
Pete Meek.  
F. O'Brient.  
Herbert Ricker.  
Paul Stamford.  
Bill Sheppard.  
Paul Turner.  
George White.  
L. B. Wells.  
Riley White.  
L. Powers.  
Emzi Burroughs.  
Thos Bearden.  
Jas. Brown.  
Emmitt Grimes.  
L. M. Hutchins.  
Chester A. Duncan, Trent.  
John T. Morris, Trent.  
Joe L. Evans, Trent.  
W. W. McElmurray, Trent.  
Hubert J. Swan, Trent.  
John Moore, Merkel.  
Lieut B. B. Brown  
Chester Hall.  
Stuart Grimes.  
Jas. Clyde White.  
Lloyd Shepard.  
L. A. Dudley.  
Robert Vernon Boring.  
Sherley King.  
O. A. Horton.

Ira Huss.

Archie Rose.  
Fred Harrell.  
Chas. C. Jones.  
Glen Thompson  
Roscoe Sharp.  
John Ware.  
John D. Dudley.  
John Edward Hunter.  
E. M. Harris.  
George Smith.  
Geo. N. Reynolds.  
J. H. Rister, Tye.  
Wayne Abernathy, Trent.  
H. W. Beckham, Trent  
Dee H. Donnell, Trent  
Hollis Brown, Trent.  
Royce Dowdy, Trent.  
Robt. B. Parker.  
Frank E. Smith  
Luther Grimes.  
W. L. Diltz, Jr.  
William B. Tarpley.  
N. D. Teaff, Tye.  
Arthur E. Windland, Tye.  
James O. Dulin.  
Kirby L. Vidrine.  
Leonard Morrison.  
Joseph A. McMurray.  
Rufus H. O'Neal.  
Willie E. Pool.  
Ennis Grimes.  
Charley Fitzgerald.  
Berry Forrester.  
Joseph A. Pruitt, Trent  
John T. Mattingley, Noodle.  
Reuben C. Hall  
Henry D. (Doe) Hall  
R. O. Stevens.  
Tom Smith Martin.  
Leland L. Martin.  
T. J. Bird.  
R. E. Harris  
Robert Rainbolt.  
Lee Raymond Campbell  
Euleus McNeas.  
John P. Gibson.  
Leonard Wills  
Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.  
John Rex McClain.  
O. R. Burns.  
Joe Thomas Hartley.  
John Robert West.

Robert Grady Collins  
Jim F. Winters.  
Arthur McMurray.  
Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.  
Fred Pribble, Trent.  
Ernest Massey, Trent.  
Lee Massey, Trent.  
Hosea Winn, Trent.  
Skyler Dunn, Trent.  
Limer Dunn, Trent.  
Will E. Smith, Trent.  
Jas. Harmon Peterson.  
W. Clarence Melton.  
Dalton Blackmon, Trent.  
Otto Blackmon, Trent  
John W. Hassey, Trent  
Roy Stevens, Trent.  
Spurgeon Scott, Trent  
Robert W. Kelly.  
Jno. Earnest Costephens.  
Wm. Roy Costephens.  
Jake Eason, Noodle.  
Henry Eason, Noodle  
Leldon Goode, Noodle  
Guy Bradley, Stith.  
Guy Sibley, Trent.  
Wm. Wills.  
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Claude Rosson, Trent.  
Alfred Wesley Costephens.  
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Vessie E. Browning.  
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Rufus McLean.  
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Vernon Simpson.  
Dr. Robert I. Grimes.  
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Guy Bradly.  
Cecil McRee, Trent  
Clayton Hall, Trent.

**SOME QUIET NIGHT WORK.**

Last Thursday night parties unknown secured the automobile owned by Dr. Williams, carried it to the center of town, locked it to the flag pole and stripped it in yellow all over. Owing to reports it is alleged that this act was committed after the doctor had refused to subscribe to the Liberty Loan campaign and join and help the Red Cross. The car was removed well up in the day Friday morning by the Doctor.

The doctor has since joined the Red Cross and states that it is his desire to assist other branches of the work to the extent of his ability.

The deed stands for itself. We have no comments to make. Sufficient it is to say, however, that since the affair quite a number have joined the Red Cross, and we further might hint that there is little excuse for any man or woman staying out of this organization; and some day they will be embarrassed by being asked why.

It is to be hoped that few overt acts will occur. It is further to be hoped that every man and woman will fall into line and stand as one man in this great fight. It is no time to criticize our government, our president, our methods, but it is a time when we all should strive to do that which is appointed unto us to do. Some are giving up their own flesh and blood, and subscribing heavily besides. If every one will just do his duty well, we veritably believe that our community will permit no overt act to occur, and that a harmonious people will have but one purpose for the present, and that is to win the war.

Joe Sisk, an old time Merkel boy, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent the forepart of the week. He was a printer for the Merkel Daily Telegram while here, but is now an M. D.

Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster returned a few days since from the Port Lavaca country, where he has considerable farm interests. He reports everything lovely in that section. Crops are extra fine. They have been away several months.

Roger Hamblett who has been at work in Ft. Worth several months, is visiting friends and homefolks a few days.

**TRENT NEWS ITEMS**

The closing exercises of our school was well attended.

The rain, which fell Thursday and Saturday nights was very fine for the crops. We had begun to need a rain very much.

Dee Dowell who has been in training for some time has a discharge and is again with the homefolks in Trent.

Miss Floy Leoman who is employed in Ft. Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leoman.

Miss Gertrude Dowdy, who has been attending school at Abilene is at home again as the school has closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel visited in Trent Sunday.

J. A. Hamner and granddaughter, Miss Clara Rallins are visiting friends and relatives in Trent. They will remain through the summer.

Prof Odor, who has been superintending our school since Roy Scuddy resigned, left for his home in Abilene a few days ago.

Mrs. Dr. Copeland is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrain.

Miss Eula Johnson is spending a few days at home. She has been attending school at Denton and will return to that place to attend the normal.

Miss Odessa Moon of Breckenridge is visiting friends at Trent.

We had another good rain Monday.

**The Doctor Away From Home When Most Needed**

People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like pain in the stomach, and bowels, colic, diarrhoea require prompt treatments, and have in many instances proven fatal before the medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now—it may save life.

Dr. J. E. Adkisson, with Dr. J. M. Estes of Abilene, is taking post graduate course lectures and clinics in Chicago, Ill., and Rochester, Minn. Dr. Adkisson is taking special work under the celebrated Dr. Ben Morgan in painless child birth and interinal medicine, with surgical diagnosis at the West Side Hospital, and Post Graduate Medical School. He is also attending the American Medical Association in Chicago, which convened June 5 and runs until June 9. He expects to reach home about June 15. It is commendable in our doctors that they are to be satisfied with nothing short of the very best in order that they may serve the people better all the time.

**Chronic Constipation.**

Perhaps you have never thought of it, but this disorder is due to a lack of moisture in the residual matter of the food. If you will drink an abundance of water, eat raw fruits and take lots of outdoor exercise, you may be able eventually to overcome it entirely. In the meantime use the most mild and gentle laxatives. Strong and harsh cathartics take too much water out of the system and make a bad matter worse. Chamberlain's Tablets are easy and pleasant to take, and most agreeable in effect. Give them a trial.

Lieut. Frank E. Smith, a former pupil of Miss E. Love Hawkins at Merkel, Texas, left Monday after spending a few days with the Hawkins family.—Huntington (Tenn) Democrat.

Roy Sheppard of Camp Bowie visited homefolks and friends Saturday, returning on Monday night. The boys are returning their extra belongings and perhaps will leave at once.



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It is characteristic of folks after they pass the allotted "three score and ten" to look back over the days that are gone and thoughtfully live them over.

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I believed that a preparation to produce the best effect must first tone the liver, then act on the stomach and entire alimentary system. If this was accomplished, the medicine would produce a mild, but thorough elimination of the waste without the usual sickening sensations, and make the user feel better at once.

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London, June 5.—Few communiques issued by the French contained a statement like this: "The Germans may read their certain doom in the spirit and skill of the Americans in the fight at Veully. During the past week the transport of the American troops across the Atlantic has been quicker than we dared hope for. Better still, the quality of the officers and men has astounded the most competent military judges. Germany will find herself in the last great fight faced by troops equal to the best Europe has ever produced."

**National War Savings Day**  
 That I may show just now he stands, every tax-payer and wage-earner in Texas will be authoritatively summoned by President Wilson to meetings to be held at designated places on June 28th. President Wilson has designated June 28th as a National War Savings Day, and the Government on that day will receive from every adult tax-payer and wage-earner a pledge stating the amount he will save and invest in War Savings Stamps during the year.

As the burden of attending these meetings has been placed upon the individual, and as it is necessary on this day to pledge the \$91,000,000 War Savings quota for Texas, the Government is desirous that as much publicity as possible be given to National War Savings Day.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, June 4.—In an encounter between an American patrol and a party of seventeen Germans on the Luneville front early today three of the Germans are reported to have been killed.

Another patrol destroyed an enemy concrete observation post.

German guns and airplanes were most active on the Luneville sector today. The artillery showered the area behind the American lines with explosive, sarapnel and gas shells to a degree unknown for many weeks.

Four German airplanes crossed to some distance behind the American lines. They were attacked by American aviators but succeeded in escaping. There were numerous other air combats.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS

- Anderson, Jack.
- Ash, Jack.
- Ashby, Joe Ben
- Adcock, Moretta.
- Armstrong, William.
- Allen, Mary.
- Ash, Floy.
- Ashby, Mary Ellen
- Adcock, Elmer.
- Angus, Maurine.
- Ash, Eros.
- Brown, Eela.
- Browning, Hollis.
- Brown, Madden.
- Brown, Lester.
- Barrow Quota.
- Brown, Annie Marie.
- Brown, Newell.
- Burns, Jewel.
- Browning, Brooks.
- Brown, Viola.
- Brown, Inice.
- Beene, Juanita.
- Bridgeman, Margarette.
- Barrow, Juanita.
- Boaz, Fannie Bell.
- Bradley, J. M.
- Bond, Lera.
- Burns, R. L.
- Brown, Sallie.
- Bratcher Allen.
- Bradshaw, Amy.
- Boaz, J. E. Jr.
- Bond, Gaston.
- Bridgeman, Sidney.
- Braune, Wanda, Tye, Rt. 1.
- Cook, Grace.
- Curb, Byron.
- Campbell, Ouida.
- Compton Robert.
- Cook Geraldine.
- Calloway Cleo.
- Cox, Elba.
- Craig, Lillian.
- Counts, Larnar.
- Childress, Alleen.
- Coats, John. D.
- Curb, Evelyn.
- Cox, B. F.
- Cade, Finus.
- Cobb, Billie.
- Childress, Harold.
- Cox, Mary.
- Childress, Willie.
- Dye, Claude.
- Daniels, Myrtle.
- Dennis, Chariton.
- Dennis Lola
- Daniels, Jewel.
- Derrington, Claude.
- Elliott, Roy.
- Ely, Eldon.
- Ely, Ira Lee.
- Frazier, Lorena.
- Garrett, Iris
- Giles, Lewis.
- Gross, Scott.
- Gross, Erma May.
- Giles, Roy.
- Garrett, Roy.
- Giles, Fred.
- Guitar, Fred.
- Guitar, Lucille.
- Hand, Nira.
- Haynes, Buster.
- Hutcheson, Mary.
- Hand Dallas.
- Hamm Mildred.
- Holloway Velma.
- Holloway, Mildred
- Hogg, Lucille.
- Hutcheson, Floyd.
- Highsmith, Maude.
- Hargrove, Horace.
- Jackson, Vena May.
- Jackson, Ona Lee
- Jackson, Ava Dee.
- Johnson, Marion.
- Jones, Ruth.
- Jordon, Oma
- Jordon, Thelma.
- Kelly, Clarence.
- King, Stella.
- Lamar, Cleo.
- Lamar, Minnie Maude.
- Lamar, Nellie, Lou.
- Laney Rosa.
- Lasater Bernice.
- McConnell George.
- McConnell Homer.
- McDonald Bell
- McDonald, Foy Lynn
- McRay, Loyce.
- McNees, Mable.
- McSpadden, Lynn
- McSpadden, Van Hines.
- Mann John.
- Mathews, Odger.
- Mayfield, Robert.
- Mershon, Otto.
- Moore, Delphin.
- Meeks, Ernest.
- Meeks, Flora.
- O'Briant, James.
- Owens, Durwood.
- Owens, Lucille.
- Patterson, Clesby.
- Patterson, Coma
- Patterson Opal.
- Patterson Orpah
- Pilcher Jessie
- Poll Dalbert
- Proctor, Hattie
- Proctor, Mary.
- Proctor, Tobert.

- Pue, Marie.
- Rister, Louis
- Rister, Vrick
- Rogers, Mary.
- Russel, Annie Lou.
- Russell, Nina Belle
- Rainbolt, Hazel
- Rose, Cleburne
- Richie, Godie
- Richie, Faye
- Roberts, Helen.
- Roberts, Max.
- Rice, Edwin.
- Robins, Roy E.
- Sharp, Clarence
- Sharp, Dallas
- Sherrell, Arnold
- Sherrell, Marvin
- Smith, Buford.
- Smith, Mary Ellen
- Smith, Victor
- Stamps, Elizabeth
- Stamps, Leiland
- Stevens, Jessie May
- Swafford, D. N.
- Swafford, Dot.
- Swafford, Himalo
- Swafford, Max
- Swafford, Mildred
- Sublett, Nina Fae
- Teaff, Winnie Murle
- Tipton, Bunk
- Tipton, Maurine
- Thomas Wilbur
- Toombs Cullen
- Toombs Ena
- Tucker, A. J.
- Tucker, Burnis
- Tucker Buryle
- Tucker Carvel
- Tucker, Roy.
- Walker, Bell
- Walton, Ruby
- Wells, Ruth.
- Wells, Weldon.
- West, George
- West, Melba
- West, Weston
- Westenhiver Bessie
- Whitaker, Barton.
- Williams, Everett
- Williams, Olan
- Wills, Hoyt.
- Witcher, Aurdy
- Woodard, Nora
- Woodroof, William
- Williams, Otis
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### WHAT LINCOLN SAID

I will study and prepare myself and then some day my chance will come.

Success does not so much depend on external help as on self reliance.

I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.

I am always for the man who wishes to work.

I say "try." If we never try, we shall never succeed.

### Lame Back Relieved

For a lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application.

Rev. C. S. Cameron is well pleased with the revival which has just closed. There were 30 or more professions and 40 additions to the church and several more expected.

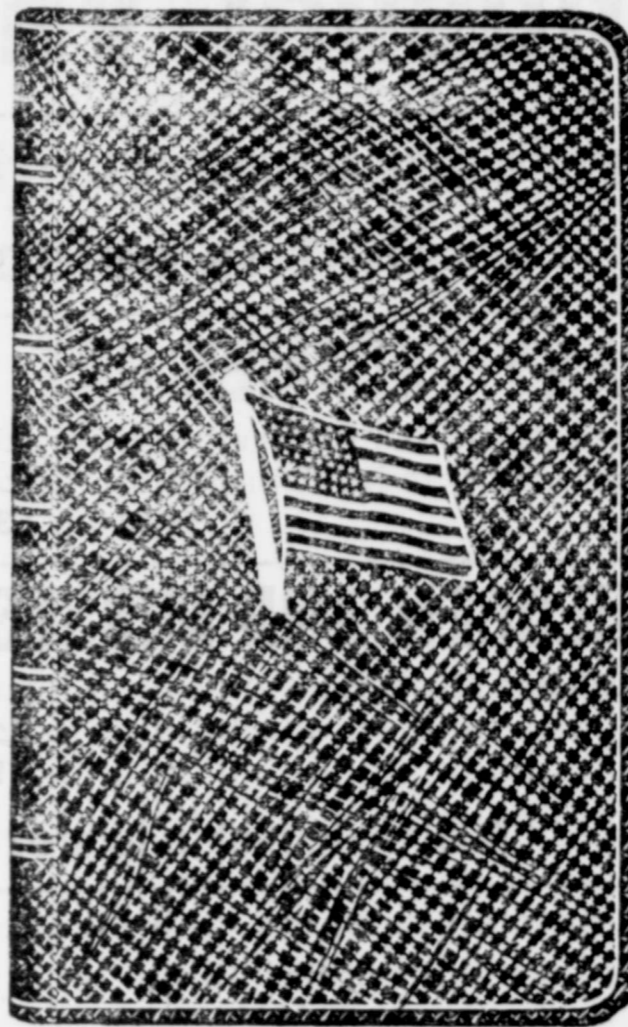


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## THE HEROISM OF MERCY

By OPIE READ



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Out of the crash of nation against nation arises a Christ-like sympathy, and the insignia of its tenderness is the cross of red. It is the only remaining glow of a Christian hope. It is religion under shell fire. It is a sigh set to the music of sympathetic action. If a man who speaks truth should say to you, "With the use of five dollars you can save a useful life, alleviate a hundred nights of pain," you would grant him the money. You would not feel that you had lost, but gained.

This is what the Red Cross says to you: "Give of your safe and secure substance and I will sooth pain. I will gather up men, heroes who have been shot to the earth, and housing them I will nurse them back to life. For myself I ask no recompense. My reward is my conscience. My applause is restoring man to his family."

Hearing these words and feeling that they are true, would you hesitate to open your purse, whose contents were gathered in times of peace?

The Red Cross appeals to you personally. To you it opens its merciful heart and begs you for assistance. The cutting down of one luxury a day would mean a soothing tenderness on the red fields of France.

## Obituary of Mrs. Ayers.

Mrs. Sarah Isabella Ayers, was born December 23 1843. In Lincoln Co. Tennessee. She was converted and joined the Methodist church under the ministry of Rec. J. C. Moore, an honored minister in the M. E. C. S. who now resides in Sweetwater, Texas. Just before the civil war she was married to Ben Rees in Lincoln Ten. To this union was born one child S. Y. Reese, who resides now at Tye Tex, who continued to reside with his mother to the date of her death. Mr. Reese having deceased in 1863. Sister Reese married the second time to W. W. Ayers, he departed this life Aug. 4, 1896.

To this union was born six children, as follows. R.A. Ayers, W. C.; J. K.; Mrs. Ellen Askins, Mrs. Sallie Bell Newton, and Mrs. Ethel Vandlingham. The last named departing this life in 1899, leaving one child, who was raised by his grandmother, the subject of this notice.

She came to Taylor Co. in an early day, and settling in the Tye community, she was present at the organization of the Methodist church at Tye, and hence was a charter member of this church of which she was an honored and useful member. Sister Ayers was active in all church work in her active day and was grieved when age and infirmity came upon her. She was a fine type of a christian beloved by all her neighbors, she was especially an angel of mercy to all about her in time of sickness and trouble no matter what kind of weather, it was never too severe—no night too dark to keep her away from sick beds of her neighbors regardless of church affiliations.

Moreover sister Ayers was a good mother and loved her family with a devotion which knew no bounds—always considerate, she clung to her children with a tenacity known only to truest motherhood. She taught er children how to pray to God and trust in Him at an early age, so much was this true, that if any one of them fail to meet her in the Eternal city, it will not be any fault of their mother.

Sister Ayers was ill for many months, but she bore her suffering with such a christian fortitude and with such a sweet resignation, that those of her loved ones and friends about her had no doubt as to where she was going when departing this life. She was perfectly conscious almost to the last moment of her life. She was granted the glorious privilege of the presence of having all her living children about her in her last days, and also her only living brother, Mr. A. J. Young of Merkel, Texas.

But Sister Ayers has gone from us, but she is not dead, she lives and to day she is in the arms of Jesus Christ in whom she plighted her faith in her early life. Do not weep dear children and loved ones, as those who have no hope. Be ye faithful to the Christ she served so well and so long, then in that sweet day of deliverance you shall see your blessed mother again. Rev. C. S. Cameron, Merkel, Texas.

Dr. Robert Grimes writes to homefolks from Somewhere in Franch. He likes the looks of the country. He still holds his captainship. He says the very best of food is served. His company is prepared to take care a large number of patients.



### BLOOD-BREAD

Others are giving their blood. You kill them in the war—save life if you eat only what you need and waste nothing.

A LETTER FROM FRANCE

The following interesting letter from Lieut. F. M. Hamblet, who belongs to the Aviation Corps now in France, to his uncle J. B. Hamblet of Merkel speaks for itself:

We have plenty to eat all the time and real good meals. I eat at the Red Cross Officers Mess and it seems like home in that we eat out of real china plates, have silver knives, forks and plenty of food. There are women that serve the meals and of course they keep everything spotlessly clean. These women are to be admired, for they pay their own expenses over here and have the hardest kind of work to do, and yet they seem cheerful all of the time. Whenever I feel bad, I think of the Red Cross women, how they work, how little pleasure they have and what expense they have to stand to do what they are doing. Somehow, the sight of American women around makes everything feel more home like and comfortable. There is a serving room run in connection with the Red Cross and they patch up the coats and pants, or sew on buttons when the men bring them in. There is a club room for officers nicely furnished. They have nice easy Morris chairs, writing tables, card tables, chess and checker boards to play on; all the leading magazines of America and a fairly good library and a piano, for there are always some men who can play. I understand the enlisted men have one fixed up the same way but larger, as there are so many more of them. There are two Y. M. C. A.'s on this post, but have been in only one. They have a large amusement hall and writing rooms for men and officers and have canteen to sell small articles that it is impossible to buy at the quartermaster's department. Everything is done to make the men happy and contented. The spirit of the men has increased 100 per cent above what it was when I first came.

The above extract from Mr. Hamblet's letter shows that money spent for the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. is money spent for a good cause.

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HONOR ROLL FOR NUBIA

The people of Nubia are preparing an honor roll of those who contributed to the Red Cross Drive. Owing to the farming rush they are unable now to furnish a complete list of the contributors. They will post all the names they have at the Nubia church, and if any are left off, the committee requests that the names be furnished so that they can be added. The total amount subscribed was \$165 cash and \$8.75 pledged, divided as follows:

Elm Grove School and Prairie View School, Mrs. J. T. Perry, solicitor; Cliff Perry Captain; \$32.

IXL School District, Miss Eva Casey, solicitor; R. L. McLean, captain; \$45.

Butman School District, Mrs. J. T. Latimer, solicitor; Miss Majorie Butman, team captain; \$45.

Nubia and White Church, N. S. Blackburn and Geo. Crow, solicitors; R. L. Stanley, team captain; \$51.75.

J. H. Dew was campaign manager of the district, and with his able workers was able to go

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### CHILDREN AND MISSES

Children's and Misses Hats—Straws and fancy shapes, two dozen on a table, values to \$2.00 choice ..... **98c**

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Georgette Crepe Pattern Hats, all the newest styles and colors; values to \$12.50, your choice for Saturday ..... **HALF PRICE**

### LADIES TRIMMED HATS

One lot ladies trimmed hats on a table. These hats were cheap at \$4.00, your choice for Saturday ..... **\$2.98**

### All Colored Flowers and Trimmings at Half Price

**Extra Specials in Ready-to-Wear Section**  
5 dozen children's gingham dresses on a rack, sizes 6 to 14, values to \$2.50 ..... **98c**

6 dozen ladies' dresses, consisting of voiles, lawns, white embroidered dresses, gingham and percales, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$10, choice ..... **98c**

### Don't Overlook our Bargain Shoe Table

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over the top with colors flying.

Miss Lottie Butman, who acted as secretary, furnishes the following names of those who gave to the Red Cross at a meeting at Nubia on Sunday, May 19:

Sam Butman	.....	\$10.00
A. W. Hunter	.....	5.00
J. B. Richie	.....	5.00
C. W. Simpson	.....	2.00
Harry Riney and wife	.....	2.00
A. Mathews	.....	2.00
Davenport	.....	2.00
John Latimer	.....	2.00
A. L. Stanley	.....	2.00
T. A. Johnson	.....	2.00
R. O. Anderson	.....	2.00
Sam Swann	.....	2.00
B. S. Butman	.....	1.00
Eunice Simpson	.....	1.00
Geo Hunter	.....	1.00
Roy Stanley	.....	1.00
Bordeg Reynolds	.....	1.00
Troy Stanley	.....	1.00
Rufus Johnson	.....	1.00
John Neighbours	.....	1.00
John Hunter	.....	1.00
J. T. Browning	.....	1.00
W. A. McSpadden	.....	1.00
R. L. Bland	.....	1.00
R. M. Parker	.....	1.00
Walter Jackson	.....	1.00
Eulis Rishey	.....	1.00
Mrs. Elizabeth and family	.....	1.00
J. C. Porter	.....	.50
Casey Boy	.....	.50
Alice Books	.....	.50
Ray Reynolds	.....	.25
Annie Tucker	.....	.25
Bardeg Reynolds Jr.	.....	.25
Mami Reynolds	.....	.25
Author Coats	.....	.25
Mary Reynolds	.....	.25
Bennie S. Butman	.....	.25
Oren Neal	.....	.25
Mary Butman	.....	.25
Ross Martin	.....	2.00
Wallis Martin	.....	.25
Thermon Jenkins	.....	.25
Sam Butman Jr.	.....	2.00
O. L. McDaniel	.....	1.00
E. H. Cordell	.....	3.00
William Butman	.....	6.00
M. P. Latimere	.....	3.00
Margie Butman	.....	1.00
Mrs. Sam Butman Sr.	.....	1.00

J. T. Howard left Wednesday for a ten days vacation, and will visit relatives in Haskell, Hillsboro and Dallas.

YOU ARE THE JURY

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To carry out the program of nation economy demanded of the American people by the war they must adopt scientific and systematic methods of economy. Spasmodic and periodic saving will not fulfill the demand upon us.

One method that has been proposed and has the approval of the Treasury Department is for every American to pledge himself to economize and save, and with the saving at definite periods purchase specific amounts of war-saving stamps.

We must give our Nation, we must give our men in arms, all the strength and support possible. To do this we must cut our own demands on the labor, material, and money of the country to the limit, and increase to the limit the supply of money, material, and labor available to the Government. All of our energies and resources should be devoted to the winning of the war, and to accomplish this we

must economize, save, and lend to the Government.

A definite systematic plan of saving, strengthened by resolve and a pledge to save and lend to the Government, will be productive of the best results. The savings plan campaign is now on. Every patriotic American should take a pledge to save and keep the pledge.

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THE HOME FIRES

It is all very well for us to sing "Keep the Home Fires Burning" on the march and in camp, but we should not let our efforts stop at that. To be sure, the song is meant largely for use at home, but there is a lesson in it for us as well. By our letters, first of all, we can do a great deal to keep the home fires burning, and burning brightly.

We know how welcome are letters from home when they arrive in this part of the world. Few of us realize how doubly and trebly precious are our own letters when they arrive in the States. To the burdens of war which the good people at home are bearing—and they are no light burdens—is added that most poignant one, of which we young and healthy and busy, are hardly aware. That is the burden of anxiety; the anxiety of people kept in the dark about our lives and fortunes, the anxiety of people preyed upon by

doubts and fears and rumors, the anxiety of people who love us with unfathomable devotion.

Keeping the people nearest us well informed about our health, our interests, our pastimes, our progress is no less a duty for all of us than is the more immediate duty of keeping ourselves fit to strike at the enemy. We all have cheerful experiences, amusing experiences, heartrending experiences; why not write and tell the people at home about them? Why not share our joy in life with them, and dispel their anxiety?

We can all do it if we try, and at very little effort. By so doing we will do more than sounding oratory or tinkling press-correspondence can do to "Keep the home fires burning." "The Stars and Stripes, Published in France.

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Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child quits nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

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Guide for Voters in Primary  
Here are some dates for you Democratic Politicians and voters that you might not be sure of.

The following calendar gives a schedule of official political happenings for the next few months in Texas:

June 3—Last day on which applications for places on Democratic primary ticket will be received from state candidates.

June 10—State executive committee meets to draw for places.

June 15—Last day to file for the county offices.

June 17—County executive committee meets to draw for places and fix assessments of candidates.

June 27—Registration of women voters at tax collector's office begins.

July 12—Registration of women ends.

July 27—Democratic primary.

Aug. 3—County executive committee meets to canvas returns.

Aug. 3—County convention meets.  
Aug. 19—State committee meets to canvas returns of the primary.  
Aug. 24—"Runoff" primary for state and district officers who did not receive a majority vote in the July primary.  
Nov. 5—General election.

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