



# THE MERKEL MAIL



VOL. 30—NO. 39

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1918

8 PAGES

## OIL DEVELOPMENT IN SIGHT

The oil men came in force this week and for days had their heads close together. We are all full of suspicion, but not a word was passed. They just can not risk us with even a whisper. Guess it is because we are like a woman (man you mean) and are just bound to tell everything.

Being on the Building Committee of the Council of Defense, it became our privilege to issue a permit for the timbers for the derrick. That is one of the secrets, but we are telling it. We thought we would obtain further information, but just as soon as they got the permit they hiked themselves to parts unknown, and we'll bet a penny that today they are in the forests of Arkansas, with their coats off, feeling trees for the derrick timbers.

Now you fellows who have been cutting all sorts of didoes about wanting your leases back, threatening suits and balling out the oil, just hold your peace for a few days. Oh yes, some of you could have already had a rig on the ground and there are several ways it could have been better. Yes, there is thousands of loose acres down in the canyon, but we haven't seen any material going out that way. We don't know if actual operations are about as near at hand here as anywhere in this section. The Tye proposition is very little ahead of us.

We don't know if the drill has been purchased. We don't know if the timbers have been bought, but we do know that the government will not stand in the way of the timbers, that they have a permit, that they are away at this time, and that it is within the realm of possibilities for a car of material to arrive any day. They stoutly claim they will not lose their sixty-day leases, and we firmly believe they will not. So if any of our citizens expect to have heart failure on not being able to get their leases back, we would advise them to make preparation for the end now.

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

### SCOUTMASTER APPOINTED

Rev. E. E. Dawson has accepted the place as scoutmaster here. He proposes the organization of a patrol in each of the churches of the city. He feels that the church is the natural place for the organization.

This organization taboos the smoker, holds up morality and reverence toward God and man. We heartily endorse its principles and hope to see every available boy in Merkel lined up under its banner. It fills a need not otherwise supplied. We know that its principles are right and we are for them with all our might. We are against taking a boy away from parental influence unless he is to be greatly benefited thereby. The scout offers the boy practical educational, moral and religious advantages. Let us all join in and help them to the utmost.

### CLOSING NOTICE

In compliance with the Request of the War Industrial Board to conserve light and fuel we will close our Stores at 8 P.M. until further notice.

Sanders Drug Store  
T. L. Grimes  
Merkel Drug Co.

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The churches of the city will have Thanksgiving services at 7 o'clock p. m. on that day at the Methodist church. The committee will endeavor to have a full program for our next week's issue. Representatives from the different religious organizations of the city are expected to make short talks. Efforts will be made to obtain an out of town speaker for the occasion. Nothing will be left undone to make the meeting a profitable one to all, and it is urged that every one plan to be on hand.

One of the objects of the meeting is to start a collection to take care of those in want. No one will be expected to give heavily, but if every one will do his part, we can easily take care of the needs of our unfortunate people for a time. It is planned to systematize the charity work, so that all of it may be done through committee and go to worthy causes. Don't stay away from the meeting in order to miss the collection, as a committee will doubtless be appointed to make a house to house canvass to see all parties not represented at this meeting.

The program committee is composed of T. G. Bragg, chairman; J. W. Wheeler and W. M. Elliott.

## BIG SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

The United War Work Campaign local committee has arranged for a big service at 3:30 Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene is to be the principal speaker. Every hearer will be charmed by his vigorous and patriotic message.

Special music will be provided that will prove pleasing and interesting to the attendants.

The United Drive is on for \$170,500,000 for the seven big Welfare organizations that are working among our soldiers and sailors. The well-being of our men is involved in this drive, and every true patriot will be present at this service if not providentially hindered.

The Drive starts here locally next Monday. Let every soul get into it.

The Campaign slogan is, "Seven in name, but one in Aim."

We have had Seven Big War Drives, and Merkel has gone over the top with its quota in every case. Our quota in this is \$1,234. Will we reach it?

### WELL, I RECKON SO!

R. L. Bland is the general chairman of the Drive and will be assisted by nineteen men and women.

### Quickly Grown Maize

B. N. Billingsley brought in a couple of bundles of maize, grown on Mr. Gray's place four miles north of town, that has developed since the first rain, three weeks ago. The maize would do credit to a good year. Mr. Billingsley stated that if frost stays off a couple of weeks he will make a fine second crop.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Do not imagine that because other cough medicines failed to give you relief that it will be the same with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Bear in mind that from a small beginning this remedy has gained a world wide reputation and immense sale. A medicine must have exceptional merit to win esteem wherever it becomes known.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

W. O. Boney wants to make you that Loan on your farm.

## HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS CAPTURED

### Powerful Austro-Hungarian Army Routed by Numerical Inferior Force

Washington, Nov. 4.—Three hundred thousand Austrian soldiers and not less than 5,000 guns have been captured by the victorious Italian armies before the armistice went into effect at 3 o'clock this afternoon, said an official dispatch tonight from Rome. This included all captures since the offensive began on Oct. 24th.

The soldiers of the once powerful Austrian army, the dispatch said, continued to flee in disorder. Since the offensive started sixty-three Austro-Hungarian divisions were put out of the combat by fifty-one Italian divisions, three British and two French divisions, with Czech-Slovak units and an American regiment.

"The war against Austria-Hungary, which was conducted under the high command of His Majesty, the King of Italy, with an army inferior in number and with still inferior means since the 24th of May, 1915, has come to an end," said the dispatch.

"With unshakable faith and inimitable valor, the Italian army waged a continuous and hard war for a period of forty-one months and won the stupendous battle begun the 24th of October and in which were engaged in their entirety all the resources of the enemy.

"So far the enemy has in our hands 5,000 guns. The soldiers of what used to be one of the most powerful armies in the world are now fleeing in disorder and without hope, from the valleys which they had invaded with truculent confidence.

"On Oct. 31, after having overcome on strongly fortified positions, the resistance of powerful enemy rear guards, our troops consisting of fifty-one Italian divisions, with Czech-Slovak units and an American regiment, put out of combat sixty-three Austro-Hungarian divisions.

"The rapid and most daring advance of the 29th army corps to the city of Trent, precluding the retreat of the defeated enemy troops pressed from the west by the 1st, 6th and 4th army corps, determined yesterday the complete crumbling of the Austrian front.

"From the river Brenta to the sea, irresistible impetus of the 120th, 12th and 80th army corps pressed inexorably the enemy retreating across the plain. The Duke of Aosta is advancing rapidly at the head of his invincible third army, anxious to return to the old positions which he had once heroically conquered.

"The Austro-Hungarian army is destroyed. It has suffered heavy losses in the tenacious resistance during the first days of the offensive and in the pursuit it lost an enormous quantity of material and artillery.

"In Albania our advance guard has occupied Scutari."

### REJOICING IN VIENNA

Geneva, Nov. 4.—Vienna was delirious with joy when it was learned that an armistice had been declared. The streets were soon crowded with men and women and children, crying and embracing each other.

The general opinion is that food will follow peace.

The report that Emperor Charles has abdicated aroused little interest. The Austrian press is attempting to claim the population, emphasizing the fact that the armistice terms are of a most severe nature and involve great sacrifices to the empire and the people.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Austria-Hungary, the last and most powerful ally of Germany, passed out of the world war today under terms of abject surrender.

Not only have the armed forces of the once powerful Austro-Hungarian Empire laid down their arms, to await the end of the war and peace terms dictated by the allies and the United States, but Austro-Hungarian territory is open for operations against Germany. Even the munitions of the former ally are to be used against the Kaiser's army if refusal to accept conditions now being prepared for them make prolonged fighting necessary.

London, Nov. 5.—The Germans are retreating on a seventy five mile front from the River Scheldt to the River Aisne.

With The Allied Forces in France and Belgium, Nov. 5.—The Allied lines this morning were about one mile and a half from Ghent, toward which the Allied troops continued to press.

With the American Army on Sedan Front, Nov. 5, 6 p.m.—The American Army has thrown formidable force across the Meuse to the east bank. The enemy resistance here has been broken to the point of demoralization and the Americans are pushing northward toward Stenay.

By this afternoon the enemy was in full retreat northward. He was offering little opposition and the roads toward the north were seen to be full of the fleeing enemy.

### DANGEROUS

As winter is coming on us, a pole or wire may be broken by winds and sleet, so remember yourself and especially train your children not to touch any wire that is broken and lying on the ground, not even a Telephone wire as it may be lying across a HIGH VOLTAGE electric line, there could be enough power in the innocent looking wire to kill every MAN, WOMAN, CHILD, COW and PIG in Merkel in an instant.

We will appreciate it if you will phone us day or night if a pole or wire is seen on the ground. 1t2c.

Merkel Power Co.

### THE ELECTION IS OVER

We had an extremely quiet election last Tuesday. Merkel went Democratic. The old Ferguson standbys did not flop over to the Republican party, as some of our friends seemed to think. We knew they wouldn't. We knew they were men of backbone and would stand by their primary pledge.

On the face of the returns there is great doubt as to whether the house will retain a majority for the Democrats and there is some doubt as to the result in the senate. It can not be construed that this is a slap at Wilson, however. Many people concede that he is stronger than his party. No criticism, it seems, can be brought against his war policy. It is believed that the republicans will stand by him just about as faithfully as the democrats. Doubtless the loss of the house, if such eventually proves to be the case, is caused by high income taxes and tariff. This is a long and bitter war. We favor the income tax as against an overwhelming tariff. We believe that in the end this phase of legislation will win.

Expected seed oats by Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

## UNITED CHARITY OF MERKEL

The United Charities of Merkel has perfected organization. A meeting was held at the Commercial Club rooms last Friday night and the following officers elected:

J. T. Browning, chairman; Walter Jackson, vice chairman; H. F. Groene, secretary; Wm. Elliott, treasurer.

Constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following committees appointed:

Browning and Groene—Cooperation.  
Bragg, Elliott and Wheeler—Thanksgiving services.  
Walter Jackson—Publicity.

The membership is composed of the pastor and two members from each church, a member of the City Council, the Mayor, the Chairman and Secretary of the Commercial Club and the City Marshal.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved by The United Charities of Merkel in its initial meeting that the business men of the town be asked to co-operate with this organization, and that they do not contribute money for charitable purposes except through this organization for the reason that this organization is primarily for their protection.  
H. F. Groene, Sec."

The charity work of the city is to be done through one channel. Through this method, those who take advantage of different means of obtaining charity will be investigated. The movement is not for the purpose of doing less charity, but is for the purpose of doing more effective charity. The business men propose to give nothing to any charitable solicitation unless approved by a committee of the United Charities. Mendicants who ply their trade without question will now have to apply for a permit. If this organization means anything, it means a help to the merchants, and they seem glad to stand by the principles advocated. A poor widow in town might be in distress and yet would not make her needs known and continue in need; a brazen mendicant can collect a nice sum any day. This organization will help us deal justly with those in need, and save us from imposition.

## A POULTRY EXHIBIT SATURDAY

The fine poultry raisers of the great Merkel country expect to be on hand with their choice birds Saturday. They are all urged to come early and get the exhibit in shape for the day before the crowd begins to come in. It is claimed that every exhibitor who showed last year will be here and many more besides.

It is a well known fact that the Merkel poultry is the very best grown anywhere. They always take the prize wherever shown.

Then, again the Merkel people are not satisfied with anything short of the very best. If they were they would move to a more congenial climate. Why just to make one crop that can not be excelled in any country on the globe, they willingly endure a couple of year's drouth.

There is no expense attached to the exhibit and there is no limit placed upon the exhibitors. If you have something you want to show, just bring it along. Don't wait for an invitation. You are free to exhibit and you are welcome.

### A HUMANE MOVE

Every business man in Merkel has agreed to close his place of business for one hour during the funeral of any soldier, his wife or child in the local cemetery, and further, to attend the funeral if possible. We commend the move.

### NOODLE NEWS

There are a few cases of the "flu" in our community yet.

The farmers are all busy sowing wheat.

W. N. Farris is just recovering from a spell of influenza.

Mrs. A. B. Ely and daughter, Bertha, visited Bill Ely and family the past week.

J. C. Thompson, family and also his sister, Ruth, returned to Paducah after a visit with relatives.

A. C. Salbee entertained the young folks with a party on last Saturday night.

Odell Herring returned to Paducah last week after a few days stay with his parents.

Otto Bicknell happened to a painful accident last Saturday, when he fell and broke his shoulder bone. He is reported improving nicely.

Schools opened Monday with a good attendance.

Helen Thompson is visiting her brother, W. C. Thompson at Stamford.

Miss Kate Askins of Hodges is visiting relatives here this week.

Uncle Gabe Holmes is on the sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery.

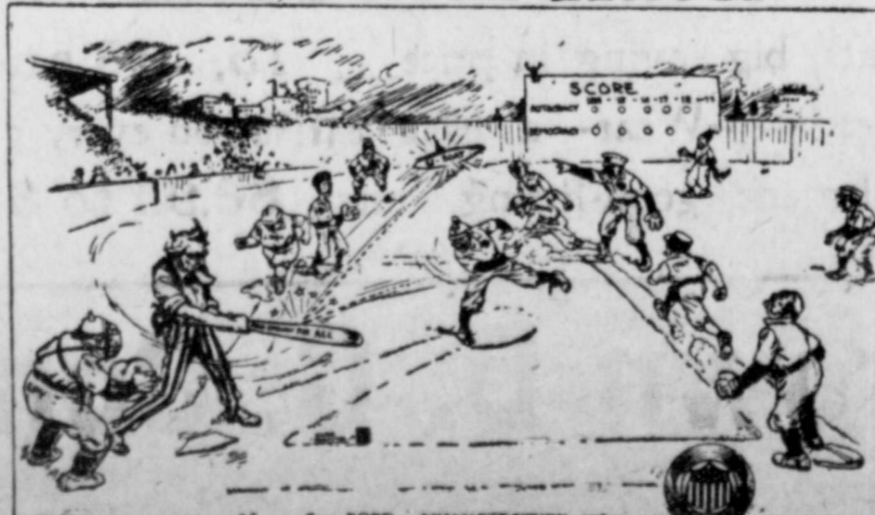
Mrs. J. W. Bicknell received word last Thursday that her father, T. A. Robertson of Ala., was very sick with pneumonia. She left immediately for that place.

Tom Blair is in the hospital at Fort Bliss seriously ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Blair and Mrs. E. M. Harris left Saturday night to be at his bedside. The family is momentarily expecting news of his condition being better or worse. It is hoped that he will improve rapidly.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Boney at once.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendricks and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mashburn and three children left Monday in their car for Colton, Cal., where they will reside in the future. These good people have resided here for the past 15 years.

## The Pinch Hitter



It was tightening of the American belt that made this hit possible. The game is won if we keep it up.

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

☛ You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

☛ This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund  
\$85,000.00

### SHILOH NEWS

School was to begin here this morning, but was postponed on account of the sickness of one of the teachers, Miss Mattie Jones, of Hebron, who is suffering with influenza.

Sick in this community are Mrs. W. K. Kirk and Mrs. John Lawler's two children.

Cotton is about all picked and the children are ready for the school days.

Ernest McCright and Joe Green were in Merkel Saturday. J. W. Tiner was in Merkel Saturday.

Several of our young men have received cards notifying them to be ready to go to work for their country.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Condor and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Green were the dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Hayes Wheatly, Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elige Howell, a fine baby boy, last Tuesday. Mother and boy doing nicely.

Efford Brown and Ernest McCright made a business trip to Anson Monday.

Mrs. Fred Dupree and children came in last week from Ranger. They visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson a few days, and then moved to Merkel where she will make her home.

Mrs. Ernest McCright is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cox, of Golan this week.

Floyd Grayson left Sunday for a trip in West Texas.

Miss Alice Brown visited Miss Maude Green Sunday.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### W. C. CAMERON WRITES

Dear Father—You have no idea how much one appreciates letters from home. Some how the shells seem to burst a little further away, (or else they don't sound so murderous) when a fellow is carrying a new letter from home. Of course a letter is still fresh after the fourth reading. I can't complain, for my mail comes more regularly than I ever dreamed it would.

I am well and never felt better in my life.

I'm working in the ambulance station at the front and believe me we are having a warm time. The German shells are bursting and their little "infinitesimal allies" on the inside. It is said "that a fellow doesn't make a good soldier until he gets a couple of divisions of 'cootes on him."

A negro soldier said, to me the other day "You can talk about your crosses for bravery and de victorian cross, etc., but de cross dis nigger wants is "across de ocean." He is right about it. The Americans are fighting to end the war and get across the ocean.

With lots of love for all.  
W. Clarence Cameron, 358  
A. C. 15 San Train. A. E. F.

Thos. Wagley Brown of Denver is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown and family. He will remain here awaiting his call to service.

### 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.



# PAY W. S. S.

## Pledge Week OCT. 24-31

☛ It's your time to charge the Hun lines. That W. S. S. pledge you made is due and payable to the United States government

### OCTOBER 24-31

☛ We have the War Savings Stamps here for you. Our services are yours in Uncle Sam's service.

This Govt. Advt. Patriotically contributed by

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

### LOCAL NEWS

Jas West and Dee Grimes were in Sweetwater one day this week. While the latter was being entertained by very attractive company, the former contented himself by taking a nap in the ear. Suddenly he was rudely aroused with "show your registration card." He stammered out that it was locked up in a safe at Merkel. He was then asked if he knew any one there. He said: "Is this Dallas or Fort Worth." When told it was Sweetwater, he couldn't think of a soul he knew in that town. He was then hauled before the exemption board, where he was mum. One of the board members slipped out and phoned a party he knew from Merkel, and his identity was established. It is not known if he waited for Dee. He now says he does not like Sweetwater. He carries his registration card on a red silk cord about his neck.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Miss Alma Wells is spending a few days with her brother in Brownwood. He will leave for service in a few days.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

Ona Fay Rose has been right sick with the influenza, but is much improved.

### GLYCERINE MIXTURE FOR APPENDICITIS

Merkel people can prevent appendicitis with simple buchothorn bark, glycerine, ect., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. One spoonful flushes the entire bowel tracts so completely it relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant, pleasant action of Adler-i-ka surprises both doctors and patients. Leaves stomach clean and strong. Sanders Drug Store. adv. 2.

# REAL SNAPS FOR YOU

Mens dark grey stripe Moleskin Pant	\$2.50
Mens dark grey stripe Moleskin coat	4.50
Mens medium heavy ribbed underwear suit	1.25
Mens full weight, best ribbed union suits	1.90
Boys full weight, best ribbed union suits	95c & 1.00
Ladies full weight, best ribbed union suits	1.45
Ladies medium weight ribbed union suits	1.25
Girls full weight (taped with buttons for bloomers) ribbed union suits	1.00

Some Odds and Ends of one-piece Underwear for boys & girls, ribbed fleeced, small sizes, each **25c**

A dandy Percalé, lights and darks 19c

Lots of Hosiery for men, boys, ladies and misses at one-third less than wholesale price to-day

Kirschbaum suits for men	\$20, \$25 and \$30
Over Coats, big saving in price	15, 18 and 20
Ladies Ready-to-Wear---a GOOD SAVING on every garment	
Boys well-made, good-fitting suits	\$6.95 to \$11.85

## The Brown D. G. Company

### LOCAL NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell and little son, Paul, have been visiting his mother, Mrs. E. A. Campbell, and sister, Miss Ruby, for the past week. Rev. Campbell occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. He dealt eloquently with the last words of Jesus, "It is finished," to a large and appreciative audience.

W. O. Boney can get you a loan on that farm mighty quick. Better see him now.

Mrs. J. M. Arnett, of Dallas, is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes, of French Pasture.

I will buy anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. W. P. Duckett.

Hooverize, and get your children's winter underwear at A.L. Jobes. Save half.

Miss Elsie Sharp is just recovering from an attack of the "flu."

Why not take a business education and be of some help in winning the war. The Merkel Business College can give you the very best training in shorthand and typewriting to be had. A new class is just starting.

Miss Girlie Howard is on the sick list.

Peanut oil at G. M. Sharps.

### Soldiers Christmas Packages

Acting under Government instructions the following Red Cross committee will act in connection with the local Post Office in examining and mailing all the holiday packages to soldiers!

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kimmins, Mrs. Lytton Howard, Mrs. John Morgan, Miss Jewel Pate.

One package to a soldier, and that limited to 3 pounds.

No packages mailed after Nov 20th.

Mrs. H. C. Williams, Chairman Local Red Cross.



# The Merkel Mail

Published Every Friday Morning by  
THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC.  
WALTER JACKSON, Editor and Manager

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR  
TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel  
Texas as second class mail matter.

Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL, who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.



--- This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war ---

There are several dangerous open wells in Merkel that ought to have attention. One especially comes under our attention. It is a dug well, deep and caving all around the top, right across the street, north of the school building, where hundreds of children of all ages pass daily. Should a tragedy occur no one will claim responsibility. This is a matter that should have immediate attention. The owner of the lot is responsible, the city marshal is responsible, the city council is responsible. This particular well has no fence around it. A little definite order now might save a tragedy. Many little fellows have been observed to walk up and peep over the curb. It is a positive danger, a real menace to life and serves no good purpose.

We have contended that our home merchants would deal more justly with the people than would the catalog house. Some of our good friends took us to task; some of are married to the catalog house. But we knew that we were right, and when we know that we are right, we must stand our ground, even if the bottom of hell breaks loose. We sometimes find a man so set in his ways that he will not listen to reason. Now we challenge any man or woman to visit our local stores and find them higher than the catalog house. We challenge them to find the catalog house within 10 or 15 per cent of the local merchant.

Now some people seem to delight in doing business with strangers. A prominent citizen recently placed a loan with an out-of-town individual when he could have received the same accommodations here. But such is life. Now Mr. Catalog House, Patron, go right along and don't get "fitting" mad. We are trying to help you.

It is high time for us to count our blessings. Rains have fallen and we have a fairly good season in the ground. Wheat is being sown all over the great Merkel country, and in many places it is up nice and soon will be ready for pasturage. This is a mighty wise step on the part of the people. They may expect to get pasture though the winter and perhaps make a good crop too.

Then again the oil prospects are better than usual. It begins to look like the oil people are going to get busy quickly. The only thing that could make us feel better in this regard is the striking of a gusher. We can afford to wait for that much desired blessing a little while. It would be too good to obtain so much at once, since we have starved and died up so long.

Then again and best of all and

far sooner than the most sanguine expectations of our people, the war is hurriedly coming to a close. Fighting days are now numbered in small denominations. Heroically the allies held their ground until they wore the enemy entirely out. He is fading away, Turkey, the Sick Man of Europe, has bit the dust; Bulgaria fell by the way side; Austria-Hungary is out of the fighting, and now the boys are all on base for a home run, and if something is not done in the way of unconditional surrender quickly, there will be a merry tattoo beating steadily against the walls of Berlin.

We have waited a long time, but now it looks like we have all got a smile coming. Let us be optimistic at any rate for a little while, even if the drouth and the war and the oil men go against our wishes in the future.

## PEACE

That magic word flies over the wires just as we go to press. Oh, what sweetness in its sound! It is the thing we have been fighting for, and our glorious armies have won. Not a home in all this land, even in the wide, wide world will fail to rejoice tonight. Let us hope it is so and that cruel war will never more mar the brotherhood of men.

### PEACE IN SIGHT

Berlin (Via London), Nov. 6. —An official statement issued here today says: "A German Delegation to conclude an armistice and take up peace negotiations has left for the Western Front."

Enough said. Dire straits is known to exist within the German ranks. The above is taken to mean that an unconditional surrender is in sight. The history that is being made today is bewildering. We can hardly keep up with it. We can but conclude that God lives and Liberty is won to the world.

**Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic** destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

Keep your clothes new by having them cleaned and pressed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

**Sick Headache.** This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.

Cowfeed at G. M. Sharp's

**About Croup.** If your children are subject to croup, or if you have reason to fear their being attacked by that disease, you should procure a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and study the directions for use, so that in case of an attack you will know exactly what course to pursue. This is a favorite and very successful remedy for croup, and it is important that you observe the directions carefully.

Let us sell you your groceries. Full stock at all times. Crown Hardware Company.

J. D. Gaither of Sweetwater was a visitor in Merkel this week

Why not look at that 160-acre farm 15 miles north of Merkel. It is a big bargain at \$26.50 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy** Do not imagine that because other cough medicines failed to give you relief that it will be the same with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Bear in mind that from a small beginning this remedy has gained a world wide reputation and immense sale. A medicine must have exceptional merit to win esteem wherever it becomes known.

# Closing-Out SALE

## BEGINNING NOVEMBER 9 CONTINUING TEN DAYS

I am going to close out my entire stock of ready-to-wear goods, consisting of

### Youths Suits, Coats and Vests

### Mens Pants, Overalls, Shirts Underwear, for both children and grown-ups. Hats, Caps, Shoes and Notions. Also a lot of nice Ladies Furs at

## Less Than Half

what they will cost wholesale.

These goods must sell, regardless of prices. You can buy goods cheaper here than ever before in Merkel.

Will also give cut on Groceries

# A. L. JOBE

## CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

**WANTED** A man with small family to do farm and ranch work. Good wages to the right man. See C. M. Largent.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

**A Halloween Party.** Last Friday night Leoel Merritt entertained a number of girl friends with a Halloween party at her home. The guests appeared in full spook attire. For some time they played various games and then, in company with the witch, Mrs. Merritt playing this role, they went "spooking". They all report a delightful time. Refreshments were served.

Touch typewriting and Pitman shorthand taught at the Merkel Business College in the shortest time possible.

Cold weather is coming. Better bring in your clothes and have them cleaned up. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

**For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness** Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-POS 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.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Plenty corn and corn chops at G. M. Sharpe's

**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

**The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak**

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

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

### HONOR ROLL

Following is a list of our boys who are in Uncle Sam's service.

Willie Leo Miller, Trent.  
Lester Earl White.  
G. C. Hodges.  
Z. T. Lamar.  
Jas. Coleman Wasson, Noodle.  
Oran Edwards  
L. E. Perkins, Jr.,

Will Cox.  
Sydney Cox.  
John Kyle Blair.  
Wm. A. Bond.  
John Clyde Bond.  
Luna W. Tittle, Jr.  
Jas W. Mayfield.  
Ora L. Mayfield.  
Birt Mayfield.  
Paul McMurray.  
Ulric Forrester.  
Andrew Archer.  
Roy Adams.  
Britt Baker.  
Fauss Banner.  
Edgar Breeze.  
W. B. Brown.  
Arthur Derrington.  
Frank J. Ferrier.  
De Gorcus.  
Wm. R. Green.  
James F. Holloway.  
B. Jobe.  
Pete Meek.  
F. O'Brien.  
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.  
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. (Doc) Hall  
R. O. Stevens.  
Tom Smith Martin.  
Leland L. Martin.  
T. J. Bird.  
R. E. Harris  
Robert Rainbolt.  
Lee Raymond Campbell  
Euleuss McNees.  
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.  
Elmer Dunn, Trent.  
Will E. Smith, Trent.  
Leldon Goode, Noodle  
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  
Guy Bradley, Stith.  
Guy Sibley, Trent.  
Wm. Wills.  
Sam H. Rosson, Trent.  
Claude Rosson, Trent.  
Alfred Wesley Costephens.  
Ulyses McNees.  
W. Clarence Cameron  
Vessie E. Browning.  
Clyde Garrett.  
Bailey Frazier.  
John Coomer.  
Bailey Frazier.  
Leo Shepard.  
Frank Millican.  
Dem Rusk.  
Q Rusk.

### PROFESSIONAL

—D-E-N-T-I-S-T—  
Dr. F. N. Reynolds  
Office Hours 8—12 AM; 1—5 PM  
Over Woodroof-Bragg's Store.

**DR. J. E. ADKISSON**  
Physician and Surgeon  
Hours From 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Office over City Barber Shop  
Phones: Of. 163, Res. 187. Nov 9

**DR. MILLER**  
Over Woodroof-Bragg Company  
Physician and Surgeon  
Eyes Tested and Glasses  
General Practice

**W. W. WHEELER**  
Real Estate, Fire, Accident and  
Tornado Insurance Agent.  
Notary Public.  
Office over City Barber Shop.  
Merkel — Texas

**G. W. JOHNSON**  
Insurance—Notary Public  
Over Woodroof—Bragg's Store.  
Merkel — Texas

**W. P. MAHAFFEY**  
Attorney at Law  
Merkel and Abilene, Texas  
Merkel Office in rear Farmers  
State Bank. 22Sept17

**PATE BARBER SHOP**  
Skillful Operators—The Very  
Best Service.  
PATE & SON  
Anchor Building, Next to P. O.  
Merkel, Texas.

**SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS**  
The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
CITY BARBER SHOP  
CHAS WEST Proprietor

**SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS**  
The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
CITY BARBER SHOP  
CHAS WEST Proprietor

**SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS**  
The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
CITY BARBER SHOP  
CHAS WEST Proprietor

**SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS**  
The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
CITY BARBER SHOP  
CHAS WEST Proprietor

**SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS**  
The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
CITY BARBER SHOP  
CHAS WEST Proprietor

W. P. Banner.  
M. G. Russell.  
J. M. Tucker.  
David M. Floyd.  
Dee Ash.  
Lake J. Renfro.  
H. B. Strode.  
Dr. Wm. M. Gambill.  
Vernon Sublett.  
Yates Brown.  
Dean Robinson, Trent.  
Orville Foster.  
Clyde Foster.  
Jodie Bright, Trent  
Barney A. Garrett.  
P. M. Hutchins.  
Roger F. Haynes.  
O. S. Burns.  
Roger V. Wells.  
Jas. Parker Sharp.  
Will Brown.  
Judson McRee.  
Frank Hart.  
Albert Vessell. Trent  
Jim Skillern, Trent.  
Denzil Cox.  
Lee Tipton.  
Jim Burfind  
Homer Tye.  
Roy R. Coats.  
Denzie Cox.  
Lee Tipton.  
Jas. Dent Gibson.  
Roy R. Coats.  
Sydney B. Coats.  
Chas. F. Thornton.  
Albert Vessell.  
Jim Skillern.  
Fred B. Deutschman, Noodle  
Will Merritt.  
Louis Swann.  
Arl Sharp.  
John T. Morgan.  
Frank Cook.  
Will Brown.  
Joel Counts.  
Homer Laney.  
Mason Pee.  
Sam J. Gafford.  
Joe Owen.  
Wm. Cox.  
Owen Ellis.  
Stanley King.  
J. O. McMurray.  
Joe Gunn.  
Bowie H. Floyd.  
Martin Gold Riggans.  
Nall Perkins.  
Ralph Bigham.  
DeWitt T. Johnson  
Russell T. Johnson.  
B. Martin.  
Homer L. Easterwood.  
Bourdon Smith.  
Loring Hamblet  
Allen Eason  
Houston Parker.

# DO NOT LIST WITH US UNLESS YOU WANT TO SELL

If you do not mean business, then don't waste our time, for we must be about the other fellows business.

## Exclusive Listings Only

Not a week passes but that we close up more deals than any other real estate firm in Taylor county. Bargains go first

### IF YOU HAVE A REAL BARGAIN, SEE US

☐ If you want to buy, why not go to a firm that has the inside on bargain listings and who can deal with you squarely in the open. You know that now is the time to buy. The protracted drouth has kept prices on real estate down. There is land not one whit better than we have listed that is selling for \$200 an acre and up in counties not many hundred miles east of here. The very land that can now be bought at a bargain will bring twice the money after the first good crop.

☐ And then—OIL—just remember that, please.

☐ Suppose you had a little acreage in or adjacent to the oil property, wouldn't you go to bed with a sweeter dream, knowing that the possibilities of profit, success, riches were in your hands? Investigate some of our "Pots" in which the reputable citizens have taken shares. You can invest \$50, \$100, \$500, or any amount you wish, with us and we will place it in land worth the money for farm purposes, and then if oil is found you are on velvet. What other proposition will guarantee the return of your investment like this? We have land from \$25 an acre up to \$50. The minute the drill starts it will be worth \$100 an acre and up. Any party wishing to invest will please call or write. We wouldn't misrepresent any feature for the sake of the commission. We had rather have good will than the pittance of a commission. We are in business to stay, and openly and above board refer any one to any business man or other party in Merkel or surrounding country.

☐ Procrastination will silently steal away the opportunity that is yours. Now is the accepted time. Be wise and conquer now the obstacles that will later stand between you and the coveted success that may be yours. Only a small investment may bring you fabulous returns.

No. 326

**160-ACRE FARM**—About 6 miles southeast of Merkel, 30 acres in cultivation, 80 per cent good tillable land, 5-room frame bungalow and new small out building. Price \$27.50 per acre. Good terms.

No. 327

**1120 ACRES**—The very best big farm proposition in all the country. 640 acres in one body, all prairie, with about 350 acres in cultivation, only about 60 acres not tillable. Black hog-wallow land. Four ordinary box rent houses and numerous out buildings, well and good windmill, fine water, concrete tank holding about 500 barrels with trough in connection and float valves. Another tract contains 320 acres, 176 in cultivation, with good house and first-class improvements. Two other tracts of 80 acres each. Any of these tracts are for sale, with exception of the 320 acre tract, which is for sale provided the balance is sold. Price of this land is \$22.50 an acre with the most liberal terms. If entire tract is purchased, less price will be considered. Land is owned by early settlers who picked it years ago. Hardly a better place can be found. It lies about 14 miles southwest of Merkel.

No. 325

**WELL IMPROVED FARM**—328 9-10 acres, 136 in cultivation and balance in pasture, all good tillable land, dark sandy soil, located on rural route about 2½ miles southeast of Merkel. 4-room bungalow, 2 porches, 2 small barns, concrete floor in barn, water piped into lot, 1 windmill, 2 wells, fine water, good new fences of 3 and 4 wires. All improvements made in 1916. Will take \$35 an acre, \$3500 cash and time on balance. Notes against place amount to \$4700, eight annual payments at 6 per cent interest. Will take second lien against place at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include wash house, smoke house, building for blacksmith shop, etc.

No. 312

**UNEQUALED BARGAIN**—320 acres, 180 in cultivation; 6-room house, 3-room house and out buildings. \$1100 loan on place for 5 years. Three-quarters of a mile to good school and Methodist and Baptist churches; 16 miles north of Merkel, and about 11 miles of Sylvester on Sweetwater creek. There is some rough land, but this is an exceptional bargain, as the owner will take \$17.50 per acre for quick sale. This place must be turned

within 60 days. This land is not many miles from the leased district, and just as soon as a derrick goes in, it will be worth double the price asked.

No. 313

**A FINE FARM**—190 acres, 15 miles north of Merkel, almost midway between Sylvester and Trent; 135 acres in cultivation, practically every acre the very best of farming land; 4-room house and 3-room house, good well, creek water, 3 separate fields, 3 pastures. \$35 per acre. There are many desirable advantages to this farm. Exceptionally easy terms. Must be sold at once.

No. 314

**NICE SMALL PLACE**—Must go at once. Fifty acres, 3-room boxed house and weatherboarded, near Blair. Within two miles of railroad station and only a few miles from Merkel. Price is \$2250, with little over half cash, and balance on reasonable terms.

No. 315

**160 ACRES NEAR TRENT**—Well improved farm 1¼ miles west of Trent. This is a good buy. In a well settled community of farm owners, adjacent to the very best school and churches in the country. Price is very reasonable. Lenient terms given. Same party also owns a couple of splendid residences in Merkel at reasonable prices. Royalty alone in 60 days may be worth twice the price of the farm.

No. 316

**TWO FARMS**—340 acres and 240 acres, owned by same party. Will sell either or both. Of the 340 acres, 120 are in cultivation, balance in pasture, of which about 100 acres are rough. Property fronts on rural route, has two sets of improvements. The price of this land is only \$17.50 an acre. Some trade will be considered. One third must be paid down and the balance will have terms at your own making. This property is 17 miles northwest of Merkel and 11 miles of Sylvester. Good schools and good churches near. The 240 acres can all be cultivated, except about 5 acres. 100 acres of this plot is in cultivation. The price of this plot is \$20 per acre, and a cash payment of \$2000 will be accepted, the balance to be paid at your own terms. Both these places make an exceptionally good buy. Possession can be given at any time.

No. 317

**147½ ACRES NORTHEAST OF MERKEL**—This

farm is four miles northeast of Merkel. 100 acres are in a high state of cultivation, lying in a valley, and is one of the most productive farms in all this country. The place fronts on public road, where a nice elevated gravel plot forms a noll for the residence, a box house containing 7 rooms and two galleries. There is a good well and windmill, fine water, fair out buildings. This place is listed for quick sale at \$30 an acre and is well worth the money. See us at once.

No. 318

**A HOME**—324 acres in the best part of French Pasture, 136 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture. The soil is a dark sandy loam, located on Route 4, 5 miles out of Merkel. All improvements are new. Cash payment required is \$3500, balance on easy terms at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include modern bungalow, smokehouse, blacksmith shop building, barn with cement floors, etc.

No. 321

**HOUSE AND LOT**—Modern 5-room house. Frontage about 133 feet on corner. Windmill, hydrants, shed. No better bargain in Merkel.

No. 323

**MUST SELL QUICK**—120 acres about 6 miles southeast of Merkel at \$25 an acre. 50 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture; all good land. Not leased but adjacent to leased territory. All cash.

No. 324

**800-ACRE FARM & RANCH**—Over 300 acres in cultivation, balance pasture; about 100 acres rough land. 5-room house, 4 good rent houses 1 windmill, 4 wells and hand pumps, fenced and cross fenced. Land very best in country, about 15 miles south of Merkel. Price \$25.00 an acre; cash payment of \$5000, with terms on balance to suit convenience of purchaser. On rural route, phone line and near church and school.

No. 311

**160-ACRE FARM**—This land lies 15 miles north of Merkel. 100 acres are in cultivation; all good land, except a little rough land which is in pasture. Two good wells, plenty of wood, good 5-room house with hall and porch. Church and school within 1½ miles, and 11 miles of Sylvester and Trent, on Sweetwater creek. This land can be turned at \$27.50 per acre for quick sale.

# MERKEL REALTY CO.

W. O. BONEY

J. T. BROWNING

WALTER JACKSON

MERKEL TEXAS

# BIG SPECIAL SALE

AT WOODROOF-BRAGG'S

## For Saturday and All Next Week

We will sell our entire stock of Ready Trimmed Hats and Ready-to-Wear at less than wholesale cost. This is a chance to make money, as money saved is money made. Price range too numerous to mention here on ready-to-wear but a look will convince you.



### Selby's High-Grade Shoes Reduced

\$11.00 Grey Kid Boots	\$9.95
9.50 Grey Kid Boots, cloth top	7.95
8.00 Grey Kid Boots, low heel	6.45
8.50 Brown kid boots, cloth top	6.95
8.00 Brown calf boots, low heel	6.45
7.50 Brown cloth top boots, low heel	5.95

### Some Extra Specials on Millinery

\$8.50 to \$10.50 Trimmed Hats at	\$6.95
6.50 to 8.00 Trimmed Hats	4.95
4.50 to 6.50 Trimmed Hats	3.95
3.50 to 4.00 Trimmed Hats	2.95
One lot Trimmed Hats	1.45
One lot Chiffon Veils	1.35



1 table loaded with Ladies Shoes worth to \$3.50 at \$1.95  
 One lot mens \$1.50 heavy cotton Sweaters at 75c  
 1 table Childrens Shoes, sizes 3½ to 8, worth to \$1.50 at 95c

We guarantee to save you money on your winter underwear and hose. Let us have the pleasure of showing you. We give Profit-Sharing Coupons till January 1st

# The Woodroof = Bragg Company

STORE OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE

## LOCAL NEWS

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, of Sweetwater were visitors in Merkel Friday. They made the trip in their car.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

W. W. Mashburn left for California Saturday. The Mail follows him.

We try always to please. Bring your old clothes to me. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Elizabeth Stamps of Sweetwater was a pleasant visitor with Mary Rogers last Sunday.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Miss Leola Norris has been very sick with influenza for the past two weeks.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have anything to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. B. W. Freeman and son, Birt, of Paducah, Ky., are here on an extended visit to Mrs. Freeman's sister, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, and brothers, F. A. and L. E. Sanders.

### WE BUY OLD FALSE TEETH

We will pay up to \$21.50 per set (broken or not). Send now. Cash sent by return mail. Package held 10 to 15 days subject to sender's approval of our offer. Highest prices paid for Old Gold Jewelry, Gold Crowns, Bridges, Platinum and Silver.  
 United States Smelting Works, Inc. 1084 Goldsmith Bldg., Opp. Post Office, Milwaukee, Wis. Aug 23:20.

**Boschee's German Syrup.** will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, soothe 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.

### A Double Grief.

Miss Alice Burns was called to Post the past week on account of the serious illness of her brother and his wife. She left on the first train and by the time she arrived there her sister-in-law was dead and her brother died in a couple of days. This young couple left three little children, which makes the double departure more pathetic. We sympathize with Miss Burns and her family and friends in this hour of great sorrow.

### Sleep and Rest.

One of the most common causes of insomnia and restlessness is indigestion. Take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest better and sleep better. They only cost a quarter.

### J. M. MOORE WRITES

I am still tracling in search of my company. I have been practically all over France and some parts of it three and four times. I ought to be satisfied I guess, as I am getting plenty to eat, and a place to sleep, and doing nothing but traveling. I have not been sick a day since I have been here. I got to see Rosco the other day, and he had gotten his thumb knocked out of place, but I don't think it bothered him much. Sgt. J. M. Moore, A. E. F. A. P. O. 759.  
 W. O. Boney is still making farm loans, better hurry.

### FRANK BEAUREGARD MILLIGAN, WRITES

The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach: Tours France, Sept 6, 1918. Dear Walter and Joice—I am fine and enjoying the French climate fine, although it is a bit cool at present, but don't think it gets so very cold in this part of the country, but winter is now drawing near. I am still in the Telegraph Office, but have not yet been assigned to any telegraph job. It requires a good Typist to handle these jobs and all the men here almost are strictly Commercial operators, and you know I am not very good on copy with the mill. I like the place fine. It sure is a pretty place with such beautiful scenery all around. I am very busy keeping record of messages handled here. I have an eight hour shift, and have been working from 8 o'clock to 4 p.m., but have changed today and will now work second trick. How do you like the way our boys and the allies are gaining on the Huns now? I think it looks pretty good from the good news we receive every day. Do you know where Dewey Harrison is now? He may be over here somewhere. I would like to run across him. I expect if he is over here he is working some of these hot wires. He could get plenty of work to do if he was here. We had quite a bit of speaking and entertainment at the 'Y'. The British and Americans and even some Chinese laborers over here in France came to help out the good work. It seems a little strange to be among strange people, speaking so many different languages, but I guess we will all be glad when we get back to the States and can hear nothing but our own languages. What has become of Harry? Is he in the army? Well I have a live job here, but don't know just how long I will be here, for you never know where you are going to be, or how long you are going to stay. 1st Class Prvt. Frank Beauregard Milligan, 34th Service Co. Signal Corps.

### ONE WEAK SPOT

Many Merkel People Have a Weak Part and Too Often It's The Back. Many Merkel People have a weak spot. Too often it's a bad back. Twinges follow every sudden twist. Dull aching keeps up, day and night. Backache is often from weak kidneys. In such case a kidney medicine is needed. Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys. For backache and urinary ills. Merkel people recommend the remedy. Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, says: "An attack of the grip several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pain. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family, I used them. They reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I haven't had any of that trouble since." Price 60¢, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. West had. Foster Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N.Y.

### Harold Lee Wasson Dead.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wasson again on November 2 and relieved the suffering of little Harold. He was four years old. He was first taken with diphtheria, then influenza, which soon developed into pneumonia. Harold will be greatly missed in the home circle, as he was such a devoted child. Weep not dear ones for he is at rest and for you Heaven is made sweeter and brighter. He was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery on last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Cameron assisted by Rev. W. K. Horn conducted the funeral services. To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy. A Friend.  
 Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

LET ME LIST YOUR

## REAL ESTATE, LEASES AND ROYALTIES

Will give you the best of service

T. E. RAGAN Merkel, Texas

## Government Says Buy Coal Now

A coal famine will follow this fall. Our ships are to be supplied at any cost. You save money and insure your coal supply by buying now.

WARREN BROS. All Orders C.O.D

## Specialty in Farm Loans

Inspector on the ground—Quick Service

Real Estate and Fire Insurance

W. O. BONEY West of Farmers State Bank

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure

Prevent Influenza by purchasing your preventics from us.

MERKEL DRUG CO.